



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

2021 has gone by too fast. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you didn't make it to the Elks Christmas party and dinner, you missed a great time. The employee Christmas party was great as well. The House Committee waited on and served the employees' dinner. ER Mike Davis and Chairman of the House Committee Billy Herndon presented to the employees their Christmas bonuses. The winner of the wheel barrel was Tom and Peggy Rathz. I want to thank all the members who contributed and helped with both parties.

All the grants have been expended for this year. Recipients of these grants included kids from the Harvest Youth Club, Boys and Girls Club, Tut Fann, and Stand Down Huntsville. New ideas for grants in 2022 are being considered by the Grant Committee. If you have ideas for other recipients, please speak to the Grant Committee or drop your ideas in the secretary box located in the club.

Your help is needed for ongoing maintenance in the Lodge. Several items have been completed in the restrooms and kitchen and others are still in progress. We have established a Maintenance Committee. If you would be available to help, please contact any House Committee or Officer.

ER Mike Davis and Leading Knight Mike West will be attending the Alabama Elks Mid-Year State meeting in Orange Beach, January 13-16, 2022. Everyone is invited to attend.

At the first Lodge meeting in February, nominations for 2022 all Exalted Ruler, Chair Officers, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees will be formally entered as a candidate for office. The second Lodge meeting in February voting will take place for the nominees.

The Elks have started Recruiter of the Month award. This will begin in January 2022.

Please come to the Lodge meetings to stay informed of all happenings and to voice your opinions and concerns.

Please remember to thank the Lodge employees for their service and their dedication for working and helping to keep our Lodge open during the Covid outbreak. We could not stay open without them.

Covid is still spreading throughout our community. If you feel sick, please respect your fellow Elks by staying home.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE, AND PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR!

Elks Care, Elks Share,
Mike Davis, Exalted Ruler

House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid, and we are ending 2021 on a great year! House Committee is excited about 2022! Our lodge is lucky to have a tremendous new team of members with great ideas for events and activities not only for our members but to raise money to donate back to the community. As always...feel free to bring any questions or concerns to the House Committee for discussion. We're reaching out to all members new and old to get involved and make a difference! Thanks and Happy New Year!

Your House Committee:

Billy Herndon, Chairman
Janice West
David Burkett
Ed Limback
Peg Rathz
Pat Edwards
Greg Welzyn

Grant Committee 2021-2022

The Gratitude Grant Final Report has been submitted for approval.

Your Grant Committee,

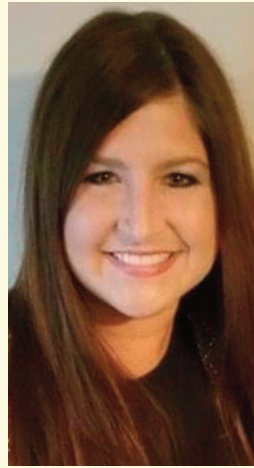
- Pam Holden, Chairman: Spotlight, Impact, Promise, Gratitude Grants
- Ed Limback, Chairman: Beacon and Freedom Grants
- Nicole Anderson
- Tom Rathz
- Peg Rathz
- Cathy Kulas
- Mike West

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2021-2022 grants this year please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Happy Birthday

January Birthdays:

- 1 Greg Jennings
- 2 William Borgos, John Davis
- 4 Walker McGinnis
- 5 Roy H. Turner
- 6 Anneliese Bonds, Bradford Sterling
- 7 John M. Henriksen, Barbara Tran
- 9 Helen Grabney
- 10 John Heath
- 12 James Boyle
- 15 Shaun Canter
- 16 Bill L. Nettles
- 20 Thomas Barthel
- 22 Edward Limback, Tom Rathz
- 23 William Frazier
- 24 Patricia Lamon
- 25 Kevin Butler, Roger Davis, Mark E. Pullen
- 26 Gerald L. Jerry Bredeson, Larry Woodruff, Sherry Yarbrough
- 27 Vaughn R. Honeycutt, Alan Peterson
- 28 Gregory Barrett
- 29 Sally Anne Cos
- 30 Beth Wright
- 31 Mila Young



Secretary's Corner

Currently our lodge has 33 "delinquent" members for fiscal year 2021-2022. If you are delinquent, please pay your dues so that you don't become inactive for non-payment.

Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 will start going out in the mail sometime in February so be on lookout.

Please remember that only members current on their dues may enter the building and they cannot sign in "delinquent" members as guests.

Annual dues for 2021-2022 Year are \$108.00.

Spouse cards are \$5.00

Replacement cards are \$5.00

Payments can be made when you come in. Please put your payment in the Secretary's Box on wall to the left of double glass doors.

Secretary hours are on Tuesdays and some Wednesdays from 5pm-7pm at the Elks Lodge and always by email at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Nicole ♥

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.

Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net

Phone 256-508-2834.

Elks Lodge Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis
Leading Knight - Mike West
Loyal Knight - Kathy Pierce
Lecturing Knight - Cathy Kulas
Secretary - Nicole Anderson
Treasurer - Stan Cannon
5 Year Trustee - Phillip Towry
4 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott
3 Year Trustee - Jay Lockridge
2 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello
1 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon
Chaplain - Sally Culver
Esquire - Peggy Rathz
Tiler - Janice West
Inner Guard - Scott Stokes

Audit and Financing Committee 2021-2022













The committee is preparing for the Lodge's quarterly audit to occur in January. Please welcome our newest Audit committee member Alan McClendon.

- Kathy Chesser
- Katherine Evans
- Alan McClendon
- Lenny Johnson
- Tom Rathz

Mike Kessler
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
mwkessler53@charter.net

JANUARY 2022

Please remember it is your responsibility to help keep our lodge healthy!
Please wash your hands often and practice social distancing ☺

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Years Day Open 2:00 p.m.
2 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials! 	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	8 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
9 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	11 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials! 	14 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	15 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
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23 / 30 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	24 / 31 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	25 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	27 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials! 	28 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	29 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 

Veteran's Corner

A request from Tutt Fann are some goodies below that Elk Members can bring to the lodge for donation.

- Little Debbie Snacks (nutty bars, oatmeal pies, etc.)
- Hostess Snacks (powdered donuts, twinkies, cupcakes)
- Mini can Coke products
- Rice Crispy treats, Cracker Jacks, chocolate bars and candies like M&Ms, etc.

Thanks,
Ed Limback

Membership Committee

Please welcome our newest Membership committee member, Drenda King. We have several new applicants and there will be interviews, orientation, and initiations coming up soon.

Sallyanne Cos
Drenda King
Cathy Kulas
Sally Culver
Julie Schenck-Brown
Michelle Ullman
Peg Rathz
Tom Rathz

The Bulletin Board

Shout out to the members who helped decorate the lodge with Christmas decorations this year!

Lisa Ratliff, Julie Brakefield, Kathy Chesser, Peg Rathz, BJ and Michela Johnson, Joan Speegle, Steve Yearick, Janette Jones, Cathy Kulas, and Kathy Henly

Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps (medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.) for the Impact Grant.

Please keep donating as it is helping our schools with funding for equipment and supplies!

Pictured below are some pictures of our members volunteering to help with children's Christmas bags for Harvest Youth Club and the Boys and Girls Club.



The attached photo was a donation to Tut Fann from the Oktoberfest fund raiser. The check was presented by Greg Welzyn and his wife, Rachel, Barbara Stokes, Ed Limback, and representatives from Tut Fann.



Please welcome our new members!

Pictured left to right: Thomas Barthel, Andrew Staton, Shaun Hess, Alan McClendon, Wes Marion