



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

January, 2023

## Exalted Ruler's Message



Elk Brothers & Sisters,

Last year was an incredible year here at HSV #1648 with so much live music and DJ entertainment events plus Monday Bar Bingo and Thursday Trivia each week! We ended the year with multiple Christmas parties that were all fun and well attended. What do you say we keep that fun rolling in 2023 as well?

We've had a very successful year in community service projects. Through the efforts of almost 45 of you volunteers, your Lodge fed 200 elementary and high school kids over Christmas break that otherwise would have gone without. We've changed young lives with our continued work with Harvest Youth Club in feeding and equipping their after school educational and summer activities.

We continued support of the underserved young mothers at HAPPI Clinic with newborn baby bags and we hosted the HPD School Resource Officers that protect our children at school - just a few other special things your Lodge has supported this year.

Join me as we now kick-off our Veterans Community Projects. We're forming plans now to assist not only our past war veterans but those from our most recent conflicts. "Freedom isn't free." When you're called upon to serve them, step forward without hesitation, please.

There's elections for all officers coming up in March. I hope many of you will consider running for a position of service, including my own. Leadership is leading from the front in service to your Lodge, our fellow Elks and also to our community. Consider also the new committees that will be forming in March and April 2023 as well. Be a part of the solutions . . . it's easy to sit back and watch. Get in the game!

Looking back over the past year we've sadly lost so many smiling faces and are left with the fond memories of them. But we've also added so many more new smiling faces as new members, always make a point to welcome them. Meanwhile reach out to your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors. You know these people well, propose them for membership. Membership is the lifeblood of your Lodge and we need your participation to have a strong yet quality membership drive in the first quarter of 2023 and beyond.

I encourage all members to attend the first Lodge meeting on January 10, 2023 at 7pm. We are initiating new members that evening. I think it does us all good to hear once again "the obligation" you took when your first became a member. I truly believe it would strengthen all members resolve to hear it again. You're invited . . .

"Happy New Year to all and let's make 2023 one of the best ever!"

Mike A. West  
Exalted Ruler  
Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

## House Committee

Taxes and bills have been paid.

Happy New year to all. Lodge 1648 made several improvements last year, inside and out, with the help of many members putting in their own time to support events and activities. Your House Committee wants to thank all involved. We will continue to improve and are looking forward to more opportunities to make your lodge move forward to 2023! Member involvement is essential to truly acquire the Elks experience. Thanks again!

### Your House Committee:

Billy Herndon, Chairman  
Greg Welzyn  
Mary Cannon  
Pat Edwards  
Ed Limback  
Peg Rathz  
Tom Rathz  
David Burkett (Honorary HC Member)



*Happy Birthday*

### January Birthdays:

- 1 Greg Jennings
- 2 William Borgos, John Davis
- 4 Walker McGinnis
- 5 Buzzy Byrom, Christina Skonieczny, Roy Turner
- 6 Anneliese Bonds, Bradford Sterling
- 7 Lynn Benefield, John Henriksen, Barbara Tran
- 9 Helen Grabney
- 12 James Boyle
- 14 Richard Thomas
- 15 Shaun Canter
- 20 Thomas Barthel, Dana Wilbanks
- 22 Cyndi Hughes, Edward Limback, Tom Rathz
- 23 William Frazier
- 24 Patricia Lamon
- 25 Roger Davis, Mark Pullen
- 26 Larry Woodruff, Shery Yarbrough
- 27 Vaughn Honeycutt
- 28 Gregory Barrett, Kevin Butler
- 29 Sally Cos
- 31 Mila Young

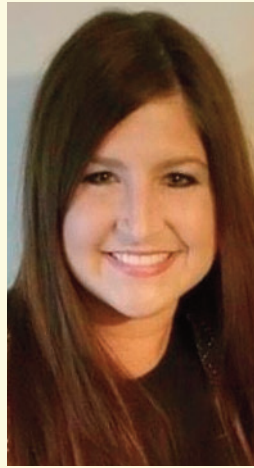
## Grant Committee 2022-2023

### Grant Committee:

- Christy Johnson
- Scott (Barbara) Stokes
- Jerry (Anna) Skonieczny
- Cathy Kulas

\*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2022-2023 grants this year, please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at [nicole-anderson@comcast.net](mailto:nicole-anderson@comcast.net)

## Secretary's Corner



Membership Applications: Members, if you plan to propose someone for membership, please fill out the application in its entirety and include the fee. Many of these apps are coming to the Membership Team not properly filled out and/or no payment. Let's help them run things much more smoothly so we can get them initiated soonest.

Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are \$113.00.

Club access cards and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

We have 44 delinquent members.

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

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](mailto:nicole-anderson@comcast.net)

Nicole ♥

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

*Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.*

*Email [sallyculver@bellsouth.net](mailto:sallyculver@bellsouth.net)*

*Phone 256-508-2834.*

## Elks Lodge Officers 2022-2023

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

## Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023





- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart

## Membership Committee

- Drenda King
- Julie Schenck-Brown
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey

# JANUARY 2023

Please remember it is your responsibility to help keep our lodge healthy!  
Please wash your hands often and if you feel unwell, please stay home.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  	<b>2</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>3</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>No Meetings</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m. <b>Texas Hold'em!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>5</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m. <b>Trivia</b> 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	<b>6</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> <b>Open</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Open</b> 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m. <b>Texas Hold'em!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>12</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m. <b>Trivia</b> 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	<b>13</b> <b>Open</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> <b>Open</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>
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## Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings  
(2nd Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

## Little War Round Table Schedule

(4th Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

## The Bulletin Board

New Info for Cap Collecting:  
Only caps that screw on will be accepted  
from now on.

No flat plastic lids or caps that DO NOT screw on.

Holy Family extends their deepest appreciation  
for Elks Lodge 1648 contributions  
to their cap collection.

Mike Kessler  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
[mwkessler53@charter.net](mailto:mwkessler53@charter.net)



***Please welcome our newest members***

*Left to right: Susan Johnson, David Grimes,  
Cyndi Hughes, Steve Elrod*