



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message



Here we are again, April 1st, we will have a beautiful installation ceremony followed by a great dinner and live band celebration. Here in Huntsville, Elks Lodge ideas are abounding for the coming year, and great weather on the patio. Committees are forming and still seeking members to be involved with many fun community service projects and lodge activities under discussion and planning. So could you get in on the planning, join a committee, and ask me how?

Have a great idea? Just this past week, a large group at a table approached me about their ideas to refinish our outdoor patio furniture. Great ideas must be submitted as a proposal directed to The House Committee and your ER. Proposals take an idea onto paper which can be evaluated for implementation. So, all those exciting ideas I hear in the club or patio put them into a proposal to make them a reality - we need them!

Are you on Facebook or the Huntsville Elks Lodge page? It contains information that needs to feed down to all our members who aren't on Facebook. This year, I need two or three volunteers to create an activity schedule board visible to all mounted to the wall to the right of the Touch Tunes jukebox. Please speak with me if you and a couple of friends would like to do this. Information sharing is so important!

Have you served your Lodge and been a volunteer over this past year? For those that have served, thank you. For those that continue to do another year, I'm very grateful. Your Lodge elected all officers for another year, and special thanks to those non-elected positions within our Lodge Meetings that make everything work.

Membership is a high priority for this coming Elks year. Many of you have recruited that have gone on to take the Elks oath or are in the process. Ask that friend you know or a guest at the Lodge Club that would be a great proposed candidate for Elk's membership. Fill out the application "in full" and ensure you've included the \$50 app fee; place it within the envelope and drop it in the Secretary's mailbox in the Lodge Club.

Membership renewals started April 1st, so your access card only works with your new card effective April 2, 2023. So renew your \$118.00 dues plus significant another access card for an additional \$5.00 by dropping a check within the same mailbox mentioned above. Or USPS mail to Huntsville Elks Lodge, PO Box 352 Huntsville, Alabama 35804. Or online from an email all members will have already received or even click on our Huntsville Elks Facebook page to hit that link. Do it now, please; renewals are the lifeblood of your Lodge.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve all of you great Huntsville Elks members. This year I've had the chance to meet and become Elks friends with many of you. Let's make this another significant step forward in growth and prosperity for our Lodge and all things Elks in 2023-2024.

Respectfully,
Mike A. West

Exalted Ruler Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

House Committee

All bills and taxes are paid.

Hello Spring! We have some old faces and new this year for your House Committee. Upcoming events to watch for are the Installation of Officers, with dinner and music on April 1st. We will also have the Kentucky Derby Party in May. So watch your emails and calendar!

House Committee:

Chair: Greg Welzyn
Alt Chair: Pat Edwards
Ed Limback
Todd Lester
David Grimes
Matthew Danner
Martin Cousins
David Burkett (Honorary HC Member)
Billy Carlton (Honorary HC Member)



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays:

- 1 Joseph L. Vinson
- 2 Lee Gavitt, Michael Stewart
- 3 Tad Britton, James M. Chandler
- 6 Joan McWilliams
- 7 Michael Willett
- 8 Mark D. Payne, Jimmy Brice Ruple
- 10 Becky Harris
- 11 James L. Baumann, Paul Carter, Pamela Holden
- 14 Richard Morris, Stella Musick
- 15 William King III
- 17 Vicki Adams, Richard Flores, Linda Garrett
- 18 David Grimes, Dennis Hanning, Ann Moore
- 19 Ricky Clark, Alan McClendon, Chad Thrasher
- 25 Bobby Shadrick, Jennifer Sickels, Stephen Wilt
- 26 Jeff Bagwell, Marshall Corlew
- 27 Jason Johnson
- 28 Angie Ezell
- 29 Mary Jane Anderson, Tiffany Denniston, George Ellzey
- 30 Robert Bond

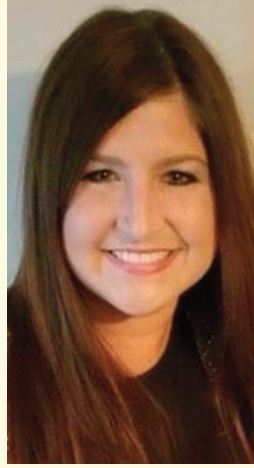
Grant Committee 2023-2024

Grant Committee:

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

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2023-2024 grants this year, please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Secretary's Corner



Locks will be changed on April 2, 2023 and your purple cards will no longer work.

Dues for fiscal year 2023-2024 are \$118.00. Please read your invoice carefully. If you want a card for your spouse, please add another \$5.00 to your check and note it on your payment. Also, we are grateful for ENF donations as well.

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

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 or you can pay online at

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

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.

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.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Elks Membership Committee conducts interviews and orientation on the first Tuesday of every month. We especially enjoy it when current Elks attend the meetings as they are instrumental in helping the applicants understand our cardinal principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. And since the strength of our Lodge depends on our members, please consider proposing a friend for membership the next time you stop in.





Thank You,

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

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

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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
						1 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
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 Open House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	8 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
9 Happy Easter 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 Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	14 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	15 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
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APRIL SPECIAL EVENT

**April 1st: Installation of New Officers with Dinner and Live Band -
Starts at 5 p.m. and cost is \$20 per person to your bar staff.**

Elks Lodge Officers 2023-2024

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: Louis Tumminello
4 Year Trustee: Mary Cannon
3 Year Trustee: Phillip Towry
2 Year Trustee: Jan Abbott

1 Year Trustee: Jay Lockridge
Chaplain: Sally Culver
Esquire: Peggy Rathz
Tiler: Kevin Butler
Inner Guard: Tom Rathz



Please keep bringing in your plastic screw on caps!
No flat plastic lids or caps that DO NOT screw on
can be accepted anymore.

Holy Family School has collected over 73,698 caps
which is approximately 386 pounds!

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings

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

- April 13: "I Will Pay the Sum" - Reflections of Robert E. Lee (Mark Vogl)
- May 11: Behind the Rifle - Women Soldiers in Mississippi (Shelby Harriel)
- June 8: Nashville & Decatur Railroad (Walter Green)
- July 13: Black Confederates (Teresa Roane)
- August 10: Hampton Roads - Civil War Naval Operations (John Quarstein)
- September 14: Lee & Grant (Curt Fields and Thomas Jessee)
- October 12: Fort Pickens vs. Fort Sumter (Michael Acosta)
- November 9: The Sultana Disaster (John Fogleman)
- December: No Meeting

To Honor Our Elk Member U.S. Military Veterans

We're updating our "Elks Military Honors Roll" web page. If you are a veteran, we hope you'll send your information by 28 April 2023.

Provide these three (3) items:

1. Your name (as you'd like it to be published on the Elks web page.)
2. Your military service, (Army, Navy, Marine, etc.)
3. Era, or year discharged or retired.

Submission of this information is also your agreement to have it publicly displayed on our web page.

Send information to Sam Tumminello by email to
samjt3@yahoo.com

Little War Round Table Schedule

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

- April 27: Antietam, Part 2
- May 25: Antietam, Part 3
- June 22: Antietam, Part 4
- July 27: TBD
- August 24: TBD
- September 28: TBD
- October 26: TBD
- November: No Meeting
- December 14: TBD



Please welcome our newest members