



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

November is upon us and we are so grateful to all of our Elk volunteers. From the officers and trustees, to the chairpersons and committees, and our Past Exalted Rulers, it works. A special thank you to those spouses that work tirelessly behind the scenes without any fanfare. Without volunteers we could never accomplish the community service projects that we do nor bring the special events you enjoy. Ask how you can help . . . step forward!

Quality membership growth has been a keystone this year and I'm happy to report we are growing rapidly in the last quarter of this year. Remember that your friends, family and coworkers are your greatest resources. Ask them to be your guest and experience all that Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648 offers and does in our community.

Speaking of new members and special events, join our "open to the public special event" on Friday, November 18th at 6pm when we have Huntsville's Hottest Cover Band "347" Live in the Lodge Grand Room. Cover charge is only \$10 per person so we encourage you to invite all your friends to attend. This will be a big event with limited food menu and smoking and non-smoking bars open for your favorite beverages. Purple Elk shirts will be all around the room to help answer any questions and to assist with any membership applications, too.

A highlight last month was our lodge being asked to host Alabama Elks State President Lester Collins and his wife Denise for their first official visit to The North District. We were honored to have been asked to hold "The President's Gala" and I truly believe our lodge will shine bright that evening. Again success comes with volunteers and without each of your efforts that evening would not have been possible.

It being November we all have much to be thankful for. I'm thankful for everyone's support as we've opened up programs that closed with Covid and started so many new ones. Plus, December has some great surprises; stay tuned.

I'm so honored to serve you as your ER and working with such a great team. We will collectively continue to swing for the fence in all we do for "your Lodge!"

It's a great time to be an Elk!
Mike A. West
Exalted Ruler Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

***If anyone still has ASCCA tickets,
please turn them in sold or unsold during the month of November.***

House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid. Your House Committee is really excited and overwhelmed with many members getting involved and participating in lodge events. Oktoberfest was pure awesomeness with proceeds going toward the completion of your patio! Future events are on the books and we encourage all members to find their place and take advantage of the benefits of Elks lodge 1648. Please bring any questions, concerns or ideas for events to your House Committee for discussion.

Your House Committee:

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

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.

Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net
Phone 256-508-2834.

Happy Birthday

November Birthdays:

2 Mason Daniel, Willis Diener, John Tarver, Paula Yates
3 James Gates
5 Nancy Stuart
6 Jeremy Jackson
7 Lorren Bailey
8 William Kling
10 Roger Marcus
11 RE Burns
12 Betty Mahone, Joseph Sottolano
14 Tim Jamieson, Randy Morris
15 Judy Chassay, Richard Oliver
16 Susan Blevins, Russ McDonald
17 Sarah Reed, Nancy Wolfe
18 Bill Abbott, Patti Johnson, Tammy Robertson
19 Greg Gray
21 William T. Blue, Martha Collins, Louie Tippett
22 David Dillingham, Jannette Jones, Lee May, Carl Patterson
23 Linda Bradley, Wendell Deweese, Margaret Duffey, Reynolds John Duncan, James Moore, Kerri Spivak
24 James Adams, Edwin Hall
25 Gwenda Hall-Aaberg
26 Russell Grimes, Rick Schwarze
27 Harry Mensch
29 Stephen Ellzey, Jeremy Hargrove

Grant Committee 2022-2023

Grant Committee:

- Christy Johnson
- Nicole Anderson
- Mary Cannon
- 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



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 43 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.

CAMP ASCCA Tickets are being sold now. When you purchase your tickets please tear off each ticket individually and do not turn them in stuck together. Also, please turn in your tickets and money at the same time.

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 ♥

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

Membership Committee

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

Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023

- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart

NOVEMBER 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 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	5 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
6 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	11 Veterans Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	12 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
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Upcoming Special Events:

Membership Drive

and

Band 347

November 18th

at 6 pm

The Bulletin Board

Volunteers are needed for 125 "Backpacks of Food" for some of our areas most underserved elementary and high school students for their Christmas break. Donations are most welcome as well as hands to pack and deliver these items.

Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps (medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.) Please save and bring to the lodge.

We are still accepting newborn baby items as the demand still continues. Please donate today in the basket in club area or the playpen at North Entry.

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings (2nd Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)
November 10, Memory and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion (Thomas Flagel)

Little War Round Table Schedule

(4th Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)
December 8, Thoughts on the Lost Cause Myth (Emil Posey)



Mike Kessler

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



Please welcome our newest members

From left to right: Craig Brower, Mary Katterheinrich, Daniel Zolynsky