



The ELKS Call



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Exalted Ruler's Message



It's summer and a big shout out to Pat Edwards and his Elks BBQ team for the 12th year that he's led our Independence Day BBQ Butt Smoking and Sales. That was an extraordinary group of volunteers that worked 13 hours, 6am until the last butt was picked up at 7pm. Never take for granted this delicious BBQ, with 80 butts smoked that hot day. Thanks for all that purchased, your contributions allow us to work in our community.

Speaking of community, we are now on the move in our grants and our community service projects. This year, Scott Stokes is leading up a great group of people on our grants team. Looking forward to continuing our commitment to children with back packs of food, newborn baby bags and more. Watch this fall for the announcement of a schools entire 5th Grade Class going to a week of U.S Space Camp. Plus the expansion of the School Resource Officer appreciation dinner for HPD Officers and MCSD Deputies that protect our children while at school, such important work.

Speaking of Huntsville Police, your Leading Knight Kathy Pierce is currently finalizing your lodge's HPD Lunch Appreciation for all three shifts citywide at this time at the west precinct. Just a reminder that your lodge chose to raise these funds right after the attack on our HPD officers. Officer Crumby who was killed in the line of duty that fateful day and Officer Morin who fortunately survived his severe wounds and lives with today back in uniform. Your Lodge stepped up and raised over \$3000.00 which exceeded the goals that Kathy Pierce had set. Everyone who is interested, we will be delivering these meals over three shifts over twenty four hours, so night owls be at ready.

There are so many things going right in your lodge and it starts with you. Membership is the lifeblood of your lodge. Retention is squarely in the membership committee's sights. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. The membership team will be contacting all of those that have failed to pay their dues, since April 1st. Lodge Club access is denied to anyone without a current membership card. Please catch up so you don't miss a day or night at the club, membership does have its privileges. Thank you to the membership committee, your efforts have not been lost on this ER.

Membership Team will be hosting another open to the public event on Friday, September 15th at your lodge. Live Music, food and beverages just like last year when eleven of you joined our lodge afterwards. This year "Stanley Dan" a hot nine piece band, with horn section, will fill the lodge stage with music. Like last year, we will have \$10 advanced ticket sales and new this year, \$15 day of the show, so buy yours early. Fun times are returning along with everything else!

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House Committee

Bills against the Club are paid and current. A leak above the bar from a clogged drain in the roof mounted HVAC system has been cleared. The weather damaged the POW-MIA flag outside the Lodge and has been replaced with a new one. The HC supported the Lodge with the annual Independence Day Fundraiser Butt Sale. There were 80 butts grilled resulting in \$1,430 to the Lodge after expenses. Volunteers on the grill pit were: non-member Brice Callaway, Member Steve Walker, ER M. West, HC Members: Grimes, Danner, J. West, Limback and Edwards. Special thanks to Sheriff Kevin Turner for the use of the MCSD grill pit. Thanks to the Members who help with the Club operations and special events. Members with ideas or concerns regarding the Club may submit them in writing or attend a HC Meeting which is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30.

House Committee:

Chair: Greg Welzyn
Alt Chair: Pat Edwards
Ed Limback
Todd Lester
David Grimes
Matthew Danner
Janice West



Happy Birthday

August Birthdays:

- 1 Mary Cannon
- 4 Danny Butler, Dawn Hagstrom, John Key
- 5 James Earl Davis
- 6 Jeff Church Jennifer Koenitzer
- 7 Jose Rey, James Segrest
- 8 Stephen Clanton, Forest Knowles, Alan Smith, Harold Swanson, Gary M. Veese
- 11 William Cooper
- 12 Jim Parker, Emil Posey, Larry Don Smith
- 13 Alana Burks
- 14 Bobby Bonds
- 18 Jason Britt, Sandra Martin
- 19 Warner Davis, Michael Izzo, Gary LeVan
- 20 Michael Ferguson
- 21 Susan Coulter
- 22 Tim McNeese
- 23 Robert Bukovac
- 25 Stephen Elrod
- 27 Patrick Edwards, Myra Haythorn, Wendal Payne
- 28 Tommy Harper, John Hornung
- 29 Thomas Sharp, Jerome Skonieczny
- 30 Michela Johnson
- 31 Dee Huber

Grants

Scott Stokes will be chair this year and we are getting ready to start the grant applications process for approval soon!

*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



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
- Kevin Butler
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey
- Tracy Swayne
- Jeffrey Swayne

Mike Childress

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

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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 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 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 NO BAR BINGO	8 Kitchen Closed NO MEETING	9 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 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 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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Special Events Coming Up:

September 15th, there will be a Membership Drive,
a public event, at your lodge.

Cost is \$10 advanced ticket or \$15 day of the event.



Thank you to Sally Ann Culver, Karen Andersen,
Robbie Curry, Lisa Ratcliff,
Nancy Towry and Robert Salinas
for volunteering to work Bar Bingo.
Deepest appreciation to these volunteers
for helping to make bar bingo a
fun experience at the Elks!

Plastic caps collection is now canceled.
Thank you to all who collected for the schools!

The metal tabs from aluminum cans are still being
collected for the Ronald McDonald House!

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings
(2nd Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)
August 10: Hamton 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

Little War Round Table Schedule

(4th Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)
August 24: TBD
September 28: TBD
October 26: TBD
November: No Meeting
December 14: TBD

Register for an Elks.org account!
Visit Elks.org home page
and
click the "Register" link in the upper right-
hand corner of the page.

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

ER, from page 1:

Thanks to Leading Knight, Kathy Pierce for stepping up as your Exalted Ruler while we were out of town. Acting ER Pierce was to have initiated a large group of new Elks on our last meeting held July 25th. Due to unfortunate circumstances beyond her control that was delayed. As your Exalted Ruler, I will be holding those in August and apologies to those that weren't initiated that evening and the inconveniences you encountered. A special thanks to Leading Knight, Kathy Pierce and Loyal Knight, Scott Stokes for stepping up while I've had to be away with family matters recently as well.

Our future at Huntsville Lodge is bright. As we move forward there will be changes that will allow generations to come to enjoy a healthier, more prosperous and orderly lodge. I am appreciative of the two years you've elected me to be your Exalted Ruler. You have my assurance that I stand by to serve in any capacity your lodge decides upon in the future. Meanwhile, buckle up because we've got so much change and good news coming, I don't even have the space to share it. Stay tuned...you don't want to miss any of it!

Mike A. West
Exalted Ruler Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

From the 2023 Golf Committee

The 2023 Huntsville Elks Lodge Golf Committee would like to thank our Corporate and Hole sponsors listed below. Thank you also to all our Elks Lodge volunteers that helped pull this together and of course the participating golfers. Together we had another successful Golf Tournament raising over \$7,000 for charity within our Huntsville community.

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CAN I PLAY THRU - Billy Carlton

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Coach Hopper

Culligan Water - Tommy Harper

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Jane Salon

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Quick, Walter M.

Reed, Sarah

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