



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Hope everyone had a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

As everyone knows Lodge 1648 had a highly successful 2020 audit. Great job to everyone who participated and worked towards our success.

The Lodge Memorial Day will be Tuesday, December 1st. We will be initiating 4 new members, Kyle Anderson, Tammy Robertson, Anthony Cain and Jeremy Jackson. This will be our only Lodge meeting in December.

There will be an Employee Christmas Party on December 19th. Donations to the Wheel Barrel is appreciated. Please purchase your tickets from your bartender. Winner will be drawn that night.

We still have a few Camp ASCCA tickets for sale. Please contact the bartenders or see one of your Officers to purchase. Tickets must be turned in by the end of December.

As you know, we had to close the Club for 4 days. The Club was thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Good job to the employees who are maintaining the daily cleaning. The Club will continue to be a safe environment, but it is the responsibility of the members to keep it that way. The club is open now and doing well. Members should follow all restrictions and please wear your mask when in close contact.

ELKS KNOWLEDGE

Why Elks?? There was a vote taken to decide the name -- "The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes" vs. "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks". The vote was 8 to 7, and the organization became known as the BPOE. The Elk was chosen because members found the "ELK described in a work on Natural History as an animal 'fleet of foot' timorous of doing wrong, but ever ready to combat in defense of self or of the female of the species". This description appealed to the committee as containing admirable qualities for emulation by members of a benevolent fraternity and title "ELK" was incorporated in its report. (Courtesy of Elks.org)

So now you know how the BPOE came to be. It's an interesting history. But what is the organization that is well over 150 years old like today in 2020? Today, we are the premier charitable and patriotic organization in the United States, with over 850,000 members and over 2,000 lodges nationwide.

The Mission of the Elks is, "To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Okay, so in plain English -- the BPOE is often referred to as "The Best People on Earth" plain and simple.

May all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Be Safe,
Mike Davis, Exalted Ruler

House Committee

Taxes and bills against the club are paid.

Happy Holidays!

The Lodge was closed November 16th-20th for deep cleaning and sanitation. Thanks to all for following our safety protocols. Christmas is almost here, and the wheelbarrow tickets are on sale - 6 tickets for \$5.00. The Employee Christmas party will be on December 19th. Thanks to all volunteers for keeping our lounge functions running! We are excited for this upcoming year and looking forward to planning new events and activities for our members. Elks Lodge 1648 is a special place, and we wish to encourage all members to attend our Lodge meetings and get involved.

Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman

David Burkett

Billy Carlton

Billy Herndon

Ed Limback

Peg Rathz

Mike West

Elks Lodge Officers 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis

Leading Knight - Pam Holden

Loyal Knight - Mike West

Lecturing Knight - Cathy Kulas

Secretary - Nicole Anderson

Treasurer - Stan Cannon

5 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott

4 Year Trustee - Jay Lockridge

3 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello

2 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon

1 Year Trustee - Phillip Towry

Chaplain - Sally Culver

Esquire - Peggy Rathz

Tiler - Kathy Pierce

Inner Guard - Brenda Buxton

Happy Birthday

December Birthdays:

- 1 Jonathan Roy
- 3 Tommy Battle
- 4 Jeffrey Reed, John Towry, Paul E. Turmenne
- 5 Ben Vitale
- 7 Charles L. Jones III, William J. Robinson, Rita Teal Ruple
- 8 Nolan Bragg
- 9 Randy L. Cunningham
- 11 Glenn E. Davenport, Carol Vernon
- 12 Don H. Carroll Jr., Tommie Flannagan, Thomas B. Reed
- 13 Lois Peck
- 14 Thomas Floeser, John Knott, Michael West
- 15 Angela Parks, Nancy Towry
- 16 Nancy Cousins, Andrew Giddings
- 17 Charles Brown, JuLee Couch, Danny Robinson
- 18 Stephen Grimes
- 19 James Bartee, William Bell
- 20 Rena Anderson, Thomas Q. May, Carla Weaver
- 21 Raymond Funderburg, Cathy Kulas
- 22 Austin Hamilton, Charles D. Hooper, Julie Schenck-Brown
- 24 Wesley Browning, Wanda Sanders
- 25 Carl D. Reed, Duane Wilson
- 26 Tommy Dothard
- 29 Brenda Buxton
- 31 Max Anderson, Connie Clarke

Secretary's Corner

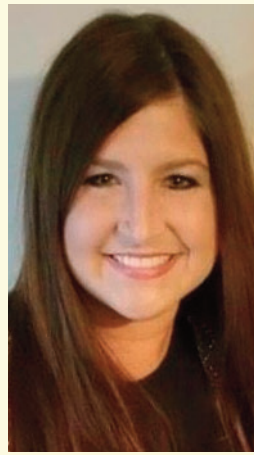
Currently our lodge has 92 delinquent members.

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 2020-2021 Year are \$108.00

Spouse cards and 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.

Grant Committee 2020-2021

We are starting to shop for our vets and the homeless community using the Beacon Grant funds. If you would like to donate any items, it would be greatly appreciated!

Listed below are several items always needed:

Sleeping bags/blankets, canned foods, hygiene products, socks, shoes, warm clothing, feminine products, scarves/jackets/gloves, Chapstick, etc.

Your Grant Committee,

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

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2020-2021 grants this year please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Audit and Financing Committee 2020-2021







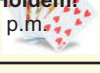





- Greg Welzyn
- Lenny Johnson
- Tom Rathz

Patrick James
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
256-338-2599 patrickajames68@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2020

**Sunday BINGO requires all volunteers and players
to wear a face mask at all times.
NO SMOKING inside the Bingo gaming area.**

**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 House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	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. Liquor Specials! 	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	5 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
6 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed No Meeting	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. Liquor Specials! 	11 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	12 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
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20 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	22 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed No Meeting	23 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	24 CHRISTMAS EVE!	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
27 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	28 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	29 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed No Meeting	30 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE!		

- **Little Round Table on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30.**

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


Honor Our Elk Member U.S. Military Veterans

We are updating our "Elks Veteran Honors Roll" web page. If you are a veteran, we hope you will send your information in by 10 December 2020.

Provide these three (3) items:

1. Your name (as you would 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

Send to Sam Tumminello at samjt3@yahoo.com



HAPPI Clinic Book Drive:
Please help us reach the goal of providing 100 new or gently used books for preschool and elementary children in the community. Book collection ends Saturday, December 5th. The HAPPI Clinic will distribute the books during the holiday season.

Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps (medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.) for the Impact Grant.
We would like to extend our gratitude to Boeing and Republic Recycling Services for sponsoring this program.

BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution, Voting Results

2019 - St. Louis, MO

Ballots Cast - 2989

Number	Description	YES	NO	% Messages
2019-01	To authorize the merger of two or more State Associations.	2477	496	83% PASS
2019-02	To provide a procedure for the merger of State Associations.	2413	555	81% PASS
2019-03	To require the Officers of the Lodge to perform the Ritual during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.	1156	1811	39% FAIL
2019-04	To make sure that no jewels or regalia are worn outside the Lodge room except during special ceremonies.	2478	490	83% PASS
2019-05	To allow Lodges to amend their By-Laws to provide for a different rate of dues for married couples residing at the same address.	834	2126	28% FAIL
2019-06	To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.	1363	1595	46% FAIL
2019-07	To allow caregivers and/or drivers of disabled Members to remain in the Social Quarters during a meeting	2527	440	85% PASS
2019-08	To define a Member in Good Standing and confirm that an Elk who is suspended from Club privileges is still a Member in Good Standing.	2128	840	72% PASS
2019-09	To move the definition of an Unaffiliated Elk to the Definition Chapter and confirm that an Elk whose Membership is suspended in any manner is an Unaffiliated Elk.	2671	295	90% PASS
2019-10	To transfer the responsibilities for membership marketing from the Fraternal Committee to the Committee on Public Relations and Membership Marketing.	2678	291	90% PASS
2019-11	To codify that an Executive Order issued by the Grand Exalted Ruler may suspend a Member's social privileges in the Order.	2682	293	90% PASS
2019-12	To require Lodges to meet at least twice in February, March, and April and to provide an alternative method for Notice for special meetings called for the sole purpose of initiation.	1813	1140	61% PASS
2019-13	To allow District Deputies to be appointed to Districts other than their home District.	1399	1577	47% FAIL
2019-14	To replace the requirement of an Annual Financial Report (audit, review or compilation) with a standardized on-line financial reporting system.	1776	1181	60% PASS
2019-15	To provide how the Board of Director positions in a for profit corporation shall be constituted.	2155	775	74% PASS