



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

April, 2020

## The Lodge is Closed Until Further Notice.

Watch email for reopening announcement  
by the House Committee.

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

*If you know of anyone who is ill or has lost a loved one,  
please let us know.*

*Send an email to [bpoe1648@gmail.com](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com)  
or call, text or email me.*

*Nicole Anderson -  
Cell: 256-653-7387*

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

Our thoughts and prayers go out to  
our community, local, state, and federal leaders,  
health care workers and  
all others taking care of us.

Please keep Randy Speegle, Bill Roberts,  
family of Gene Christy (who passed away January 1, 2020)  
in your prayers.



**Your volunteer "librarians" Carolyn Sorden and Carol Codori are again  
asking for your help to keep the bar entrance neat.**

Please:

- Take home your food containers on the book shelves after each Tail Gate. These will be tossed soon.
- Take home your jackets and umbrellas. These will be donated to charity soon.
- Place your book donations on just the top three shelves, so members can see them.
- Wait until the shelves empty a bit, rather than placing new bags and boxes on the floor.

Thank you!



#### April Birthdays:

- 1 L. Michael May, Richard J. Sottolano, Joseph L. Vinson
- 2 Lee Gavitt
- 3 James M. Chandler, Genevieve Patricia Cooke
- 5 Winston Hodge
- 6 Sharon L. Brown
- 8 Mark D. Payne, Jimmy Brice Rupple
- 9 Robert "Don" Harbin
- 10 Rebecca Harris, Michael Hepler
- 11 James L. Baumann, Pamela J. Holden
- 14 Jimmy Agnew, Lonetta T. Dawson, Richard L. Morris, Stella Musick
- 16 Billy P. Herndon, Shane D. Wilson
- 17 Linda C. Garrett
- 18 Dennis E. Hanning, Ann Byrum Moore
- 19 Ricky Clark
- 24 Sandra M. Sharp
- 25 Ann Eslick Blalock, Bobby R. Shadrack, Stephen Wilt
- 26 Marshall Corlew
- 27 Jason Johnson
- 28 Angie Ezell
- 29 Mary Jane Anderson, George Ellzey, Patricia Ann Peterson
- 30 Robert W. Bond

## Secretary's Corner

I have enjoyed being your Secretary this year. It had given me the chance to get to know many of you for which I am thankful. I appreciate all the support and kindness you have shown me during my time as Lodge Secretary. I especially thank Charlie, Michael, Dusty and Stan for all their guidance and patience. And there are several others: Sam, Louis, Pat. Thank you all.

If you are not receiving our monthly newsletter, send your email address to samjt3@yahoo.com. Our newsletter is sent by email. We only mail newsletters to our shut-in members. Also, there are copies available in the Club.

## 2020-2021 Officers

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis  
Leading Knight - Pam Holden  
Loyal Knight - Mike West  
Lecturing Knight - Cathy Kulus  
Secretary - Nicole Anderson  
Treasurer - Stan Cannon  
5 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott  
4 Year Trustee - Buzzy Byrom  
3 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello  
2 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon  
1 Year Trustee - Phillip Towery  
Chaplain to be appointed by ER  
Esquire to be appointed by ER  
Tiler to be appointed by ER  
Inner Guard to be appointed by ER  
Alternate Delegate to Grand Lodge - Buzzy Byrom

Area 3 District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers,

At 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2020, the Governor of Illinois mandated that the State of Illinois will be operating in a "Stay At Home" status. This means that only essential travel and life necessities can take place. With this announcement, I have closed the national headquarters and all employees are to stay at home. As of this moment, this action is scheduled to be in effect until April 7th but this can change on a day to day basis.

As an FYI, many of our staff have the capabilities of working from home and will be. What does this mean when you try and contact the national headquarters? Possibly longer response times; shipping of orders will be minimal; if you call the office, you might not talk to someone but will need to leave a message for a return call to name a few.

DD's I have one request, please forward this email to the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries in your District. Thanks for the assistance and all you do for Elksdom!!

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Brian R. Clatt  
Grand Secretary

# APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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**Tuesday, April 7th - House Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 21st - House Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.**



**Robert L. Duitsman**  
Grand Exalted Ruler

March 20, 2020

*A Fraternal Organization*

All,

Various Local Lodges are requesting information pertaining to being open or closed. As a reminder, Local Subordinate Lodges are Chartered under the 501(c)(8) umbrella of the Grand Lodge and governed by the Constitution, Statutes and Laws of the Order.

The day to day operations are overseen by the Lodge Officers, the House Committee and membership as governed by said Constitution, Statutes and Laws of the Order as well as complying with local, county, state and federal laws, executive orders, mandates, rules and ordinances. Of which, most are different for each Lodge or Lodge location. In instances of this nature, Local Lodges must also comply with any local, county, state and federal public health mandates, directives and announcements as well as using common sense during these trying times.

Attached are suggested recommendations for the Local Lodges to follow and offer guidance on other items. ***For further guidance, assistance and direction, please contact your State Sponsor.***

Grand Lodge hopes each Local Lodge and State Association has implemented the following CDC guidelines on practical ways to prevent the spread of infection:

1. No shaking hands, hugging, knuckle bumps or high fives.
2. Keep a safe distance from others. Six feet when possible.
3. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
4. No soap? Use hand sanitizer (60–95% alcohol based).
5. Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
6. Cover your cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow or a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
7. Stay home when you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Encourage others to do the same.

We all need to keep in mind that the health of our Members, spouses, significant others, friends, volunteers and employees is paramount. Let's be vigilant in our efforts to keep one another healthy!

Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Duitsman".

Robert L. Duitsman  
Grand Exalted Ruler

CC: Advisory  
Endorsed Candidate for GER  
Board of Grand Trustees  
Grand Forum  
Special Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers  
GL Committees  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers  
State Associations: Presidents & Secretaries