



The ELKS Call



Vol. 40, No. 11

Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

February, 2023

Exalted Ruler's Message



What a start to the New Year at The Huntsville Elks Lodge! We've come off a successful 2022 and are launching straight into 2023! Many of us just returned from The Alabama Elks State Convention where a record breaking attendance included 33 of you the membership! I'm hopeful that all learned more about Elks Lodges around our State as we networked. We definitely came together as one to represent Huntsville well, including the new white polo Elks logo shirts you so proudly wore. I appreciate all that drove that distance and bore the expense to represent Your Lodge!

I encourage all to start renewing your memberships very soon. Your support and your attendance to Our Lodge is important to us all. I want each of you to think of that Elk you hung around with or possibly sponsored to be an Elk. Reach out to them if you haven't seen them, they're your friends, they are your Elk family and ask them to meet you down at your Lodge Club this coming week. Retention of new members is so important. If they don't feel the warmth of your brother and sisterhood they don't feel at home. Let's change that right after you read this. Pick up the phone and call them and get them back to the Lodge to meet you!

Being a part of The Elks goes well beyond The Lodge Club walls. We are a fraternal organization that makes a huge unseen difference in our community. Be a greater part of The Elks, volunteer to serve on a committee, participate when "we need help" emails go out. If you'll get involved beyond the bar stool, you will find a whole new world of actually being an Elk. Those members that have been around awhile and yes you've served over the years. Please get back into Your Lodge. Your presence, your knowledge is sorely missed and we wish you to come back home!

Officers, which include the Secretary and Treasurer along with Five Year Trustee nominations are February 14th at the 7pm Lodge Meeting. Elections of Officers and Trustee are February 28th at the 7pm Lodge Meeting. Wish to enter into leadership or know someone you know? Now is the time to not only participate in the elections of your leadership, but to get involved yourself and run for office. If you're not willing to cast a vote, are you willing to let others elect them for you? Have a voice and be heard in one of Your Lodge's most important meetings of the year!

Call to action! We need a list of volunteers willing to assist with our upcoming Veterans Community Service Project. We've finally determined a great group to support after our initial organization folded. We are in the planning stages now and when there's a call to action I hope you'll respond, just like these veterans did for us all. I call upon our own HSV Elks Veterans to get involved as well, you know the issues many veterans face. Everyone please sign up on a list that your Lodge Club Staff will have behind the bar. 33 members traveled to a convention this month, can 33 Elks volunteer to serve our veterans this month?

I have been proud to serve The Huntsville Elks Lodge this past year as your ER!

Fraternally Grateful,
Mike A. West, Exalted Ruler Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

House Committee

Taxes and bills have been paid.

HC appreciates everyone working together to keep your lodge number one in Alabama, keep up the good work. Check your calendar for upcoming events and activities!

Your House Committee:

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

Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023

- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart



Happy Birthday

February Birthdays:

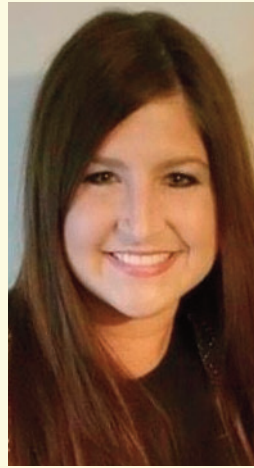
- 1 Kathy Pierce
- 2 Ken Coulter
- 3 Wayne Lamon
- 5 Mike Fulton, Curtis Hall, Philip D. Radzinski, Chester West, Janice West
- 7 Karl Peterson, Larry D. Pridmore, William H. Russell
- 8 David Lee
- 10 Robby Chandler, Ken Gawronski, Jason Healy, Tom Ryan
- 11 Susan Johnson
- 12 Doug Lumpkin, John Worley, Marvin Yost
- 13 Scott Retzler
- 14 Johnny Burks
- 15 Gary Lunsford, John Milligan, Sherry Ray O'Dell
- 16 Nancy Dugas
- 17 Brian Allen, Gordon Day
- 18 Jim Duncan
- 19 Jay Lockridge
- 20 Michael Innes, Barbara Schulze
- 22 Joel Ratcliff
- 23 Sam Givhan
- 24 Briana Teague
- 26 Carol Codori, Charles Hopper, Andrea Mastin, Sherry Retzler
- 28 Billy Carlton, Mike Davis, Marcus Huber

Grant Committee 2022-2023

Grant Committee:

- Christy Johnson
- 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

Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are \$113.00 through 31MAR2022! If you have not paid your dues for this current year please do so or you will become "INACTIVE". There are 40 members who have not paid.

You should start seeing your Elks invoices for the new fiscal year in the mail soon!

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.

We have 40 delinquent members. Please remember that only member's 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.

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.

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
- Kevin Butler
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey

FEBRUARY 2023

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 Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	4 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
5 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Membership Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	9 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	11 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
12 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	14 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nominations for New Officers	15 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	16 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	17 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	18 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
19 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	20 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed No Meetings	22 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	23 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	24 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	25 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
26 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	27 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	28 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Election of New Officers				

February Special Event:

Mardi Gras Festival

Saturday, February 18th from 6PM-9:30PM

Dinner and DJ Music w/\$5 cover charge.

Please see flyer for more info!

The Bulletin Board

Only caps that screw on will be accepted from now on.

No flat plastic lids or caps that DO NOT screw on.

Holy Family extends their deepest appreciation for Elks Lodge 1648 contributions to their cap collection.

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings

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

February 9: Hometown Heroines (Betty Bolte)

March 9: Stopping Hood - The US Navy in the Tennessee Campaign (Greg Biggs)

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: 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)

January 26: Thoughts on the Lost Cause Myth, Part 1 (Emil Posey)

February 23: Thoughts on the Lost Cause Myth, Part 2 (Emil Posey)

March 23: Antietam, Part 1

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

Left to right: Michelle Siminski, Jimka Vaughn, Teresa Prestridge, Suzanne Fordham, Kelly McManus, David Garner



Elk of the Year

Greg Welzyn



Officer of the Year

Sally Ann Culver

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



2023 ELKS MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL Saturday, February 18th !

- * Dinner at 6:00; DJ Music from 6:15 to 9ish.
- * Food will be provided by those attending (please bring a dish that will feed at least 6 people).
- * A sign-up sheet will be at the bar.
- * There will be a \$5 cover charge.
- * Cajon/Creole food is suggested.

Some options below:

Entrees: Red beans/rice; gumbo; muffulettas; jambalaya; mini crab cakes; wings; other.

Vegetables: Collard greens; turnip greens; other.

Starches: Corn bread; hush puppies; Cajon Mac and Cheese; other.

Desserts: King cake; pecan pie; key lime pie; King Cake Beignets; bread pudding; other

Other: Deviled eggs

\$25 Elk Bucks to the gaudiest and most flamboyant mask or outfit.
Judging begins at 8pm.

A decorating group is meeting Wednesday, February 8, at 1pm.

