



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

I know we can all agree, January has been a cold, snowy and icy month. Looking forward to warmer and longer days. Not too much longer.

Your Board of Directors and House Committee have been meeting and setting our 2022 goals. They are also discussing the maintenance of the Lodge. The men's bathroom is complete and some of the outside lighting has been repaired. Some maintenance still in progress is the smoke filters.

In membership, we had three initiations on February 25th. We also had eight who were balloted and will be initiated in March. Don't forget at the Lodge meeting on February 8th, we will be accepting nominations for new Officers. Voting for the new

2022 Officers will be at the Lodge meeting on February 22nd. Everyone is encouraged to come cast your vote. Meetings start at 7:00.

At the Elks Mid-Term Convention, we voted on receiving the ENF Grant money of \$2,500 early this year. All other restrictions will stay enforced. The Mobile Lodge won the Camp ASCCA drawing for \$10,000 and \$1,000 prize money. The Cullman Lodge won the \$2,000 prize money. Stark Laney of Dothan, Mr. Morgan of Decatur and Mike Davis of Huntsville Lodge won 1st place in the golf tournament. Our trophy prize was a cupcake. New Camp ASCCA tickets for 2022 are now available for purchase. Please see any Officers or Bartenders.

All grants have been completed and reports of each grant have been turned in to the Grand Lodge. New Committees are being formed in the next few weeks. Any members who would be interested in serving on a committee please contact any of the current Officers or the Secretary.

Covid is still wreaking havoc in our community. Please respect your fellow Elks and stay home if you are sick. For more information on safety procedures, please go to the CDC website on corona virus.

Members, please attend your Lodge meetings each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Your participation is valuable to the success of our Lodge.

Elks Care, Elks Share,
Mike Davis, Exalted Ruler

House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid. Your House Committee is continuing to work with lodge on improvements and safety issues for the enjoyment and security of our members. We are looking forward to this upcoming year and are excited about events and activities to come. Please remember to bring any questions or concerns to any of our twice monthly meetings.

Your House Committee:

Billy Herndon, Chairman
Janice West
David Burkett
Ed Limback
Peg Rathz
Pat Edwards
Greg Welzyn

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.

Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net

Phone 256-508-2834.

Audit and Financing Committee 2021-2022

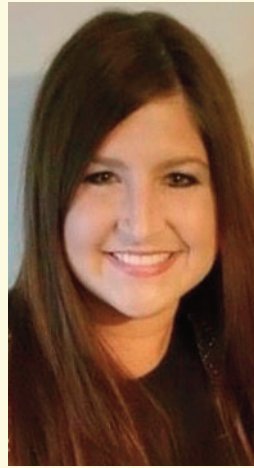
The committee is preparing for the Lodge's quarterly audit to occur in January. Please welcome our newest Audit committee member Alan McClendon.

- Kathy Chesser
- Katherine Evans
- Alan McClendon
- Tom Rathz

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays:

- 1 James W. Miller Jr.
- 2 Ken Coulter, Kathy M. Pierce
- 3 E. Wayne Lamon
- 5 John Mike Fulton, Curtis J. Hall, Philip D. Radzinski, Chester H. West, Janice West
- 7 Karl Peterson, Larry D. Pridmore, William H. Russell
- 8 David Lee
- 9 Pamela Willoughby
- 10 Robby L. Chandler, Kenneth Gawronski, Jason M. Healy, L. Thomas Ryan
- 11 Mike Jankowski, James Edward Thompson
- 12 Doug Lumpkin, John Thomas Worley, Marvin L. Yost
- 13 Scott Retzler
- 14 Johnny Burks
- 15 Gary Eugene Lunsford, John Milligan
- 16 Nancy Dugas, April L. Patten
- 17 Brian Allen, Gordon W. Day, Alan C. Jenkins
- 18 James M. (Jim) Duncan
- 19 Steven Jay Lockridge
- 20 Michael Innes, Barbara Schulze
- 21 Russell Whitlock
- 22 Joel Shayne Ratcliff
- 23 Sam H. Givhan
- 24 Rebecca A. Lott, Briana Skye Teague, William N. Towery
- 26 Charles E. Hopper, Andrea Mastin, Sherry Craig Retzler
- 28 Billy Carlton, Michael L. Davis, Marcus Huber



Secretary's Corner

Currently our lodge has 29 "delinquent" members for fiscal year 2021-2022. If you are delinquent, please pay your dues so that you don't become inactive for non-payment.

Check your mailbox! Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are starting to be sent out so be on the lookout!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Dues for 2022-2023 will be \$113.00. This increase is from Grand Lodge and their assessment of adequate funding for the Master Liability Insurance Program.

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 2021-2022 Year are \$108.00.

Spouse cards are \$5.00.

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.

New CAMP ASCCA Tickets are being sold now. When you purchase your tickets, please tear off each ticket individually and do not tun them in stuck together.

Applications for Membership: Lately several new member applications and reinstatement applications have been turned in and the information is incomplete. Going forward, I will not accept any more applications that are not properly filled out. This includes missing information for new member, proposers information, and signatures for all parties on application.

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 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis
Leading Knight - Mike West
Loyal Knight - Kathy Pierce
Lecturing Knight - Cathy Kulas
Secretary - Nicole Anderson
Treasurer - Stan Cannon
5 Year Trustee - Phillip Towry
4 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott
3 Year Trustee - Jay Lockridge
2 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello
1 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon
Chaplain - Sally Culver
Esquire - Peggy Rathz
Tiler - Janice West
Inner Guard - Scott Stokes

FEBRUARY 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 House Committee Meeting 5:30 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	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 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. 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!
13 Open 2:00 p.m. Super Bowl LVI 2022! Kitchen Closed	14 Valentine's Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	15 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	16 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	17 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials!	18 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	19 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials!
20 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	21 Presidents Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	22 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	24 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials!	25 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	26 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials!
27 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	28 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.					

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

Grant Committee 2021-2022

The Gratitude Grant Final Report was approved!
Your Grant Committee,

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

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2021-2022 grants this year please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

The Bulletin Board

Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps (medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.) for the Impact Grant.

Please keep donating as it is helping our schools with funding for equipment and supplies!

Alabama Elks Mid-Year Convention



1st Place Golf Team

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

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

February 10, The Battle of Wyse Fork, NC (Wade Sokolosky)
 March 10, Subject TBD (Philip Leigh)
 April 14, TBD
 May 12, A Very Disastrous Defeat: The Battle of Helena, Arkansas (Gregory Urwin)
 June 9, The Murder of Major General William "Bull" Nelson (Robert Girardi)
 July 14, "Bound for An Indefinite Shore": Abraham Lincoln and the Fort Anderson Flag (Jim McKee)
 August 11, U.S. Grant (Curt Fields)
 September 8, Civil War Cavalry (Rae Whitley)
 October 13, TBD
 November 10, TBD

Little War Round Table Schedule

(4th Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

February 24, The enlisted man narratives of Sam Watkins and Ben Hirst (Curtis Adams)
 March 26, Thaddeus Lowe: Who was he and did he make a Difference in the American Civil War? (Cheryl McAuley)
 April 28, The Hypersane Are Among Us – Reflections on the curious positions of John Brown and Carrie Nation in U.S. History (Jeff Ewing)
 May 26, Fredericksburg Campaign, Part 1 – Setting the Stage (Fred Forst)
 June 24, Fredericksburg Campaign, Part 2 (John Allen)
 July 28, Fredericksburg Campaign Part 3 (TBD)
 August 25, Henry J. Hunt and Edward Porter Alexander– Their Roads to Gettysburg (Emil Posey)
 September 22, From Barbara Fritchie to Lee's Lost Orders – 1862's Civil War in Frederick Maryland (Jeff Ewing)
 October 27, Robert E. Lee's Place in the Lost Cause Myth (Jeff Ewing & Emil Posey)
 December 8, Thoughts on the Lost Cause Myth (Emil Posey)

Welcome Our New Members!



Left to Right: Peter Grant, Jerome Skonieczny, Kerri Spivak

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