



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

April, 2022

Exalted Ruler's Message

We have much to convey so let's get started! I wish to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in allowing me to serve "Your Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648" with your strong support as "Your ER". You also have an extraordinary group of newly elected officers, some that have never served and like me have lots of ideas on moving our Lodge successfully through the years ahead into sustainability by always looking ahead not backwards. Your Officers, Trustees, and PER's will be cohesively working together with a "One Team Approach". Our goal is to reach sustainability through measured and quality growth. Growth through providing an equal entertainment experience with a renovated larger "non-smoking" bar in the Lodge Dining Room. We hear you loud and clear, therefore we are making changes and seeking a return of current members plus new applicants that prefer the clean air environment. Providing special events and live music entertainment on a regular basis that make Lodge #1648 an entertainment destination for you and your friends regularly. This is where you come in! We need you to invite friends and family to "Experience the Elks Family" and encourage guests to visit with you and those that you would sign your name as an individual worthy of Elks Membership.

I mentioned above that we are always looking forward and not backwards. However, we have certain traditions and rituals like "The 11 O'clock Hour" that will once again be the rule not the exception. Rituals will be honored and held in high esteem to show our respect for not only our past but ourselves and our future as "The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks". Although you may notice a more relaxed dress code in meetings, that's on purpose. We wish your attendance to our Lodge Meetings to be relaxed yet reverent, time efficient, informative and a place where you the membership can have your say and have your vote. Again, we all serve you, our members; but the only way that is effective is for you to show up for some Board of Directors Meetings at 6pm and/or The Lodge Meeting at 7pm the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Talk in The Club is good but if you wish real change and want to see a successful and fun Elks Lodge, be a part of the solution, "Help Be the Change!". There are countless committees that are forming and developing goals as we speak. Get involved; put some skin in the game. Ask Secretary Nicole Anderson, or any Officer on how you can be a Committee Member in something that might be of your interest or passion. This is where ideas are born, nurtured, and made reality! We all play a part in future sustainability from every facet mentioned above...we are all in this together!"

Respectfully,
Mike West
Exalted Ruler

House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid. Members new and old stay up to date on upcoming activities and events. We are continuing to work inside and outside on renovations to improve your lodge and meet the needs of our members. Any concerns or issues can be brought to the house committee meetings for discussion.

Your House Committee:

Billy Herndon, Chairman
Greg Welzyn
Mary Cannon
Pat Edwards
Ed Limback
Peg Rathz
Tom Rathz

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.

Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net

Phone 256-508-2834.

Membership Committee

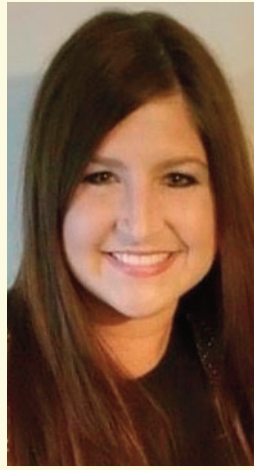
- Drenda King
- Cathy Kulas
- Sally Culver
- Julie Schenck-Brown
- Michelle Ullman
- Peg Rathz
- Tom Rathz

Happy Birthday

April Birthdays:

- 1 Joseph L. Vinson
- 2 Lee Gavitt, Michael Stewart
- 3 James M. Chandler
- 6 Sharon Brown, Joan McWilliams
- 8 Mark D. Payne, Jimmy Brice Ruple
- 9 Robert 'Don' Harbin
- 10 Becky Harris, Michael Hepler
- 11 James L. Baumann, Paul Carter, Pamela Holden
- 14 Richard Morris, Stella Musick
- 16 Billy Herndon
- 17 Richard Flores, Linda Garrett
- 18 Dennis Hanning, Ann Moore
- 19 Ricky Clark, Alan McClendon, Chad Thrasher
- 25 Bobby Shadrack, Stephen Wilt
- 26 Jeff Bagwell, Marshall Corlew
- 27 Jason Johnson
- 28 Angie Ezell
- 29 Mary Jane Anderson, Tiffany Denniston,
George 'Bear' Ellzey
- 30 Robert Bond

Secretary's Corner



Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 will be \$113.00. This increase is from Grand Lodge and their assessment of adequate funding for the Master Liability Insurance Program. Spouse cards and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

As of April 1st, all members who have not paid dues for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$108 were dropped and are now inactive (see delinquent list in newsletter). If you have not paid, you still have a few more weeks. Otherwise, to become a member again you will have to be reinstated. This requires

application to be filled out with a fee and interviewing and balloting. So please, if you are on the inactive list, please get your dues paid ASAP.

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.

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

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 ♥








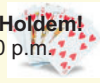

Elks Lodge Officers 2022-2023

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

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

APRIL 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 Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	2 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! Officer Installation 5:00 p.m. Chuckwagon BBQ Country Singer Duane Walker 6:00 p.m. 
3 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	9 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
10 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	11 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	14 St. Patrick's Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	15 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	16 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
17 Happy Easter Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	18 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	19 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	20 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m. 	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	22 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	23 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
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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.



We would like to welcome and introduce to you our new members.

From left to right: Christina Skonieczny, John Hornung, Christy Johnson, Sommer Woods, Chad Thrasher, Nancy Wolfe, and Ken Carpenter



Exalted Ruler Appreciation

Mike West and Mike Davis

**Tennessee Valley
Civil War Round Table Schedule**

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

April 14, John Wilkes Booth and His Sister, Asia Boothe (Lisa Samia)

May 12, Men and Women's Civil War Era Apparel (Bernard and Terre Biederman)

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, Smoke on the Water: Raiders of the Chesapeake Bay (Kellee Green Blake)

November 10, Memory and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion (Thomas Flagel)



Elk of the Year

Mike Davis and Pam Holden

Little War Round Table Schedule

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

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)



Officer of the Year

Mike Davis and Mike West

March 22, 2022

Proposal to amend Section 2.010 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

Section 2.010. Only the rituals prepared by the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Lodge shall be used in opening and closing a Lodge meeting, initiation of candidates, installation of Lodge Officers and institution of a new Lodge. Local Lodges may, through their By-laws, adopt alternative rituals approved by the Grand Lodge for the opening and closing of the Lodge.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

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This Resolution is proposed by the Huntsville, AL Lodge No. 1648.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to add the option of the shortened initiation ritual to the Grand Lodge Statues.

VOTING:

This Motion will be read on the Lodge floor during the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 and voted upon immediately thereafter. Upon adoption by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the membership present at the meeting the proposal will be sent to the Grand Lodge Secretary for presentation at the annual convention to be held July 2022 in Atlanta, GA.

Delinquent Members

Delinquent Members, if your name is listed below, please pay your dues for current fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, or you will be dropped by that date and become an inactive member. The amount is \$108.00. You can mail your check to address below or stop by and put in Secretary Box.

Elks Lodge 1648
P.O. Box 352
Huntsville, AL 35804

James L. Baumann
Bryan Bentley
George Boyd
Nolan 'Teddy' Bragg
Jason Britt
Sharon Brown
Louis Citrano
Jennifer Hajek
Michael Hopper
Mike Jankowski
Alan C. Jenkins
Lila King
John Kvach
Kurt Lineback
Bobbie Lee Nazworth
Anthony Owens
Dan Poole
Roscoe Roberts
James Thompson
Tawanna Vickers
Russell Whitlock
Kevin Wilbourn
Pamela Willoughby
Beth Wright
Terry Yarbrough



Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps
(medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.)
Please save and bring to the lodge.