



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

It's amazing how far we've come in just thirty days. I want to congratulate all our new officers, trustees, and all the members and their spouses on committees that have come together as one Elks Team. Through their efforts we've accomplished all our grant submittals due at this time. Plus, we are truly swinging for the fence this year for another grant but more on that to come!

We're working on a plan to send not one - but two 5th grade classes to Space Camp booking them in 2023. We've determined those contributions to our community that are working flawlessly like "The Drive by Baby Shower" with Happi Clinic. Continuing support for Tut-Fann dinners but expanding our support to the Gulf War Veterans; many of which are homeless. We've made a difference in our community in past years....this year our goal is to improve upon a great track record of those that served before us.

Starting new programs like "Backpacks for Children" that will feed two impoverished schools this year. Both of which have been sorely left behind. Elks #1648 efforts will be to bridge the gaps in providing food during the Christmas Holidays when schools closed. We're teaming up again with a youth program to replace as many iPads as possible. Replacing the very iPads that Our Lodge gave them over ten years ago.

You'll receive the Elks call for your participation this year. We will need volunteers for contributions of funding, food, baby supplies, and most importantly your boots on the ground and hands involved in Elks #1648 community projects. If there is one thing I've learned is our community depends on our Lodge and the needs continue to grow. We must grow with the needs and challenges. But it won't happen without you. Answer the call to Elks Service...you'll get more than you can ever give, that I promise!

Always with my gratitude,  
Mike West  
Exalted Ruler

## House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid.

Spring is here and your lodge has several events and activities already booked! Watch our calendar and newsletters for time and date. Many improvements are in the works and anyone wishing to get involved can join us at the House Committee meetings. We are looking forward to seeing y'all and want to thank you for supporting your Elks Lodge 1648.

### Your House Committee:

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

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

*Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.*

*Email [sallyculver@bellsouth.net](mailto:sallyculver@bellsouth.net)*

*Phone 256-508-2834.*

## Membership Committee

On Installation night, the Alabama Elks State President, Carl Brown, awarded the Grand Exalted Ruler pin to Loyal Knight Scott Stokes for having at least three new initiates in the past few months. Stephen Grimes also received a pin but was not present. Thanks for the great work.

- Drenda King
- Cathy Kulas
- Julie Schenck-Brown
- Peg Rathz
- Tom Rathz

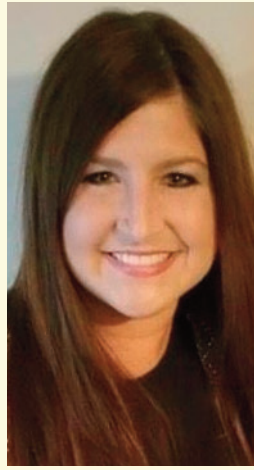
*Happy Birthday*

### May Birthdays:

- 1 Sam Citrano Jr.
- 2 Kathy Chesser
- 4 Thomas Thompson III, Les Thornton
- 5 Doug Smith
- 6 Alethia Birmingham
- 8 Mark Craig
- 10 Ted L. Bullard
- 11 Nona Hopper
- 12 Michael Boysen, Thomas Hartley
- 16 George Boyd, Terry Cagle, Robert Stinson, Mary Tweedy
- 17 Lynn Fournier
- 18 Hal Beach, Gina Spencer
- 20 David Burkett, William Richards
- 24 Joseph D. Henderson
- 25 Joseph Ross, Albert Schild
- 31 Kenneth Adams, Edward Sorden, Scott Stokes, Stephen Walker

Mike Kessler  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
[mwkessler53@charter.net](mailto:mwkessler53@charter.net)

## Secretary's Corner



The locks are changed, and the new "purple" key cards are in use.

Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are \$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.

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, 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](mailto: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

## Grant Committee 2022-2023

Grant Committee 2022-2023: The Freedom, Spotlight, and Gratitude grant applications have been submitted!

Your Grant Committee:

- Christy Johnson
- Nicole Anderson
- Mary Cannon
- Scott (Barbara) Stokes
- Jerry (Anna) Skonieczny

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

## Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023

- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart

# MAY 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
<b>1</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>2</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>3</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Hold'em!</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> <b>Cinco de Mayo</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> Open - 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b>  <b>Derby Day</b> 5:00 p.m.
<b>8</b> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>9</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Hold'em!</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b>
<b>15</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>16</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Hold'em!</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b>
<b>22</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>23</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Hold'em!</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>26</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>27</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b>
<b>29</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>31</b>				

## 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.





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

## **Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule**

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

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)

## **Little War Round Table Schedule**

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

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)