



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

It's been an incredible time to be an Elk in 2022 at Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648. "We held together and got back together after Covid this year." From PER Mike Davis leadership during Covid, we survived and begin to emerge. To your 2022 Officers and Honorable Trustees that continue to guide our strong and sustaining recovery.

I know officially we have committees, however this year there's been incredible teamwork that's forged teams. These teams in every part of our Lodge Activities and The Lodge Club have taken everything to incredible new heights.

From our "ENF Grant Work Teams" that are making our community's underserved veterans, newborn babies and children lives made better for your involvement. To our "House Club Team" that's brought back old activities that you love but also new ones each week. Live music has returned successfully and worked hand in hand with our "Membership Team" with fantastic gains in new membership not only in 2022 but balloted applications stretching into 2023.

We are headed into a special time of year starting with Sunday, December 4th at 1pm in The Lodge Room to hold "Elks Memorial Day" where we honor and remember those absent Elks that come no more... please attend. Holiday festivities with Our Elks Christmas Party, Staff Appreciation Party and Dirty Santa too!

It's the time of year for giving and as we distribute "Backpacks of Food for Children's Christmas" I hope you'll answer the call to assist with packing and distribution. When you're approached about raffle tickets to win "The Golden Wheelbarrow of Adult Beverages", buy them. This is the basis of your Club Staff Bonuses showing our appreciation for their work all year long to make sure everyone has an enjoyable time in The Lodge Club.

I could go on and on and still miss an individual effort or someone that contributes so much to our Lodge teams. But let me stop with just this and a wish. May we all remember "The Reason for The Season" first and foremost. Lastly giving is a large part of the CHRISTmas season. I wish we all give not just of our monies but of your time, "it's not unlimited which makes it the most invaluable gift you can give."

Please think to include "Our Brother & Sister Elks" that are alone during this time of year and make them a part of your family festivities. Extend our brotherhood beyond the walls of our Lodge to your home and firesides.

From Janice and myself along with our entire family, we wish you and yours "Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year!"

Mike A. West  
Exalted Ruler Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

## House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid. Christmas is here and your Elks lodge has several events for December so hope to see everyone. As always all members are welcome to bring any questions or concerns to your House Committee for discussion.

Merry Christmas to all!

### 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.

# Happy Birthday

### December Birthdays:

3 Tommy Battle, Peter Grant  
4 Jeffrey Reed, John Thomas Towry, Paul Turmenne  
6 Belle Kelly  
7 Charles Jones III, William Robinson, Rita Ruple  
9 Michelle Ballard, Anthony Cain, Randy Cunningham  
11 Glenn Davenport, Brandon Rogers  
12 Don H. Carroll Jr., Tommie Flannagan, Thomas B. Reed  
13 Lois Peck  
14 John Knott, Michael West  
15 Angela Parks, Nancy Towry  
16 Nancy Cousins, Andrew Giddings  
17 JuLee Couch, Danny Robinson  
18 Stephen Grimes  
19 James Bartee, Nick Konovodoff  
20 Rena Anderson, Carla Weaver  
21 Raymond Funderburg, Cathy Kulas  
22 Charles Hooper, Julie Schenck-Brown  
23 Katherine Evans  
24 Wanda Sanders  
25 Carl Reed, Duane Wilson  
26 Brenda Buxton, Tommy Dothard  
27 Robert Salinas  
31 Max Anderson

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

## Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023

- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart



## Secretary's Corner

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.

Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are \$113.00.

Club access cards and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

We have 42 delinquent members.

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.

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 ❤



HPD Recognition Dinner

## 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
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey

# DECEMBER 2022

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. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	3 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
4 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	9 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	10 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
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## Upcoming Special Events:

December 4th: Elks Memorial Day, 1PM

December 10th: Elks Christmas Party, 6PM

December 18th: Staff Appreciation Party, 5PM

December 20th: Dirty Santa, 6PM

# The Bulletin Board



*Backpacks for Children Assembly*

Volunteers are needed for  
125 "Backpacks of Food"  
for some of our areas most underserved  
elementary and high school students for their  
Christmas break.

Donations are most welcome as well as hands  
to pack and deliver these items.

New Info for Cap Collecting:  
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.

Cathy delivered 14 bags of caps,  
two bags of cans and a half gallon bag of tabs to  
Holy Family School  
totaling 62,584 caps so far this school year  
equal to approximately 360 pounds.

We are still accepting  
newborn baby items as the demand still continues.  
Please donate today in the basket in club area  
or the playpen at North Entry.

## Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

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

## Little War Round Table Schedule

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

December 8, Thoughts on the Lost Cause Myth (Emil Posey)

Mike Kessler

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



## Please welcome our newest members

*Left to right: Sherry Ray O'Dell, Vicki Adams, Pat King*



*Membership Drive Event*