



The ELKS Call



Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello fellow Elks members. We are celebrating the Fourth of July, the celebration of our country's freedom. It's time to reflect on our history and on our flag. We recently had a wonderful Flag Day Ceremony that was enjoyed by many. Thank you to all the volunteers that made that possible and all of those that attended.

We just completed a successful golf tournament. Our annual golf tournament grew in size this year, thanks to the tenacity of your Golf Tournament Committee. Thank you to each of you for your continued support of your Lodge each year. Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors, and all of the volunteers within our lodge that made this event possible.

We have much work to do in our lodge in the coming weeks and months. We need volunteers to step forward to assist in our community service projects. We will meet and surpass our achievements of this past year. There's so much value in being a member of the Elks. The value is far beyond the lodge club. It's hands-on and boots on the ground in our community service to those that are underserved.

There will be a very special announcement made this fall in regards to a fifth grade class that will be attending Space Camp in 2024. This was made possible by the most generous trust, established by Elk Elmer Hargis. Mr. Hargis had a vision of children and space. His vision continues to live today through our lodge and through fifth graders today and over many years.

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful lodge for which we can all enjoy. It has been the centerpiece of Huntsville Elks Lodge since the early 50s. Spend time when at your lodge next time and walk the hall leading to the lodge room. I hope you will all join in this year to make our lodge better for those that come after us all.

Remember, freedom is not free. There has always been a price to pay for our freedoms. Let us celebrate all together as Elks family in the celebration of our lodge and that of our country. God Bless America!

Mike A. West
Exalted Ruler
Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

Elks Lodge Officers 2023-2024

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: Louis Tumminello
4 Year Trustee: Mary Cannon
3 Year Trustee: Phillip Towry
2 Year Trustee: Jan Abbott

1 Year Trustee: Jay Lockridge
Chaplain: Sally Culver
Esquire: Peggy Rathz
Tiler: Kevin Butler
Inner Guard: Tom Rathz

House Committee

Bills against the Club are paid and current. A new pool table has been installed in the game room. The dishwasher in the kitchen had minor repairs. The HC supported the Golf Committee by helping with the food for the after tournament luncheon at the Lodge on June 24. New glassware has been purchased for the bar. The Club is open on Independence Day, but no HC Meeting. Again, thanks to those Members who help with the Club operations and special events. Members with ideas or concerns regarding the Club may submit them in writing or appear at a HC Meeting which are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30.

House Committee:

Chair: Greg Welzyn
Alt Chair: Pat Edwards
Ed Limback
Todd Lester
David Grimes
Matthew Danner
Janice West



Happy Birthday

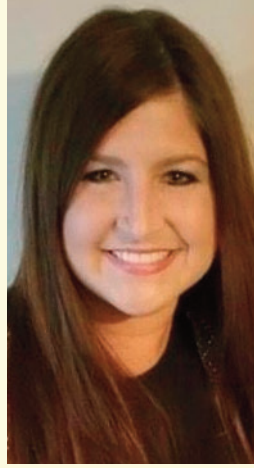
July Birthdays:

- 1 Kenneth Mitchem
- 3 Sally Culver
- 4 Dorsey Uptain
- 7 Harold A. Newlander
- 8 Scott Morgan, Gwendolyn Scivally
- 9 Shaun Hess, Rodney Reyna
- 10 Mark Loeb
- 11 Steve Yearick
- 12 William McClure, Barry Moorer
- 13 Charlotte Bailes, Lisa Smith
- 14 Charels Crute, Phillip P. Towry
- 15 Robert Costello, Kelly McManus, Larry Stewart
- 17 Adam Pearsall
- 20 Julie Brakefield, William Johnston
- 21 Michael Deegan, Gregory Welzyn
- 23 Patrick Lane
- 24 Martha Schamberger
- 25 Butch Bailey III, Claud Honeycutt Jr., Kurt Lineback, Joe Lougheed, George Mahoney Jr.
- 27 Robert Yarbrough Jr.
- 29 Jack Bean, Fraser Sparkman
- 30 Todd Lester
- 31 Jacob Cangelosi

Grants

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2023-2024 grants this year, please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Secretary's Corner



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.

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 or you can pay online at <https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

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.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Elks Membership Committee conducts interviews and orientation on the first Tuesday of every month. We especially enjoy it when current Elks attend the meetings as they are instrumental in helping the applicants understand our cardinal principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. And since the strength of our Lodge depends on our members, please consider proposing a friend for membership the next time you stop in.

Thank You,

- Drenda King
- Kevin Butler
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey
- Tracy Swayne
- Jeffrey Swayne

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

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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 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
2 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open NO BAR BINGO	4 Independence Day! Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m.	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	8 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
9 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	11 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed NO MEETING	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m.	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	14 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	15 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
16 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	17 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	18 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	19 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m.	20 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	22 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
23 / 30 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	24 / 31 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	25 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em! 6:30 p.m.	27 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	28 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	29





Plastic caps collection is now canceled.
Thank you to all who collected for the schools!

The metal tabs from aluminum cans are still being
collected for the Ronald McDonald House!

**Register for an Elks.org account!
Visit Elks.org home page
and
click the "Register" link in the upper right-
hand corner of the page.**

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

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

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)

July 27: TBD
August 24: TBD
September 28: TBD
October 26: TBD
November: No Meeting
December 14: TBD



Please welcome our newest member
Debbie Citrano is pictured with her cousin, Sam Tumminello.

From the 2023 Golf Committee

The 2023 Huntsville Elks Lodge Golf Committee would like to thank our Corporate and Hole sponsors listed below. Thank you also to all our Elks Lodge volunteers that helped pull this together and of course the participating golfers. Together we had another successful Golf Tournament raising over \$7,000 for charity within our Huntsville community.

Corporate Sponsors

Fountain, Parker, Harbarger

Gomez Research Assoc, Inc.

HAPPI Health

Madison Beverage, Tennessee Valley Fence & Valley Equipment

Vali, Inc.

Hole Sponsors

Alpha Insurance - Carli Foscue

Attorney at Law - Tom Ryan

Bentley Buick, GMS, & Cadillac

Bevel, Marian

Bishop's Bar & Grill - Sheila Bell

Burlison, Robbie

CAN I PLAY THRU - Billy Carlton

Cannon, Stan & Mary

Coach Hopper

Culligan Water - Tommy Harper

Farris, Bobbye

First Federal Mtg. - Brenda Johnson

Hall-Aaberg, Gwenda

Horn, JoAnne

Hughes, Cyndi

IMO David Hughes & Sarah Morrison

IMO Randy Speegle - Joan Speegle

Jane Salon

JRW Construction - Mike West

Kulas, Cathy

Lakeside Services Appliance Repair

Lisa's Lounge

Lockridge, Jay

Lyman, Kent dba Music & Games

Madison Golf Center

McDonald, Russ & Kelly

Miree, Lucia

Quick, Walter M.

Reed, Sarah

Roberts, Roscoe

Rollins, Bunky

Salon Central -Kathy Young

SC Solutions

Shadrick, Ron & Pat

Tile & Stone Market - Jim Buchanan

Towry, Nancy

Towry, Phillip

Tweedy, Mary

Wagon Wheels Liquors

Zeriss Realty-Mike Davis