



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

June, 2022

Exalted Ruler's Message

It's been just 60 days since your Lodge Officers and myself took office and I am amazed! In those few short days there's been amazing work by your new Officers; definitely to include your Lodge Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, and PER's in conjunction with every committee and its members. The blending of new members with tenured members creates a sharing of knowledge that perpetuates forward. It's also produced a positive effect on the injection on new ideas from members. I personally thank each tenured member that is sharing your knowledge for it becomes the very foundation of our continued success in the future.

Ideas are becoming plans. Elks National Foundation (ENF) Grants have been submitted with most already successfully granted. This allows us to go to work; but I'd prefer to say, now comes the fun part! Now we start action planning and execution in providing our community needs as we planned through each grant. It's not just our funding but our Elks Volunteer involvement and many of you have indicated your willingness to assist. We're counting on you . . . more on that next month.

Flag Day is June 11th, at 11am and this year's program in The Lodge Room promises to be one of the best in sometime. Invite friends, family, and especially your grandchildren. It will take an hour or less to learn much of our flag's heritage. June 18th brings our Annual Elks Golf Tournament, and we could use more players. If you or your friends would like to participate contact Louis Tumminello at email: Lrtummo@gmail.com

Lastly, members are returning in record numbers. One of our most popular activities is coming back very soon. Ideas are creating new events that you can hear more about on Facebook, the newsletter, and email. The arbor rebuild is underway along with the non-smoking bar renovation. So, if you haven't visited in a while . . . come on back down. If you have friends or family and you think would enjoy The Elks Family, bring them down!

"It's truly a great time to be an Elk!"

Mike A. West

Exalted Ruler: Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

House Committee

Bills and taxes are paid.

Your House Committee has several events and activities planned for this upcoming summer. Our Lodge has patio improvements and television upgrades going on. Also, our new non-smoking bar and lounge accommodations for all members is in the works.

The HC is ready for the "Independence Day Boston Butt Sale". The sign-up sheet will be in the bar on June 1st.

Details below:

\$40.00 each

Payable at time of order

8 lb. average weight

Sale cut off June 28th at close of business

Pick up is the north lodge door at 5:30 on June 30th

Bring a container when picking up / fresh off the grill and HOT

If purchaser is out of town the HC will store their order in the club refrigerator or freezer on request

See bartender to order (pay at time of order)

Questions: Contact Pat Edwards

Your House Committee:

Billy Herndon, Chairman

Greg Welzyn

Mary Cannon

Pat Edwards

Ed Limback

Peg Rathz

Tom Rathz

David Burkett (Honorary HC Member)

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays:

- 1 Ron Springsteen
- 6 Robert Gamble, Gary Smith, Sommer Woods
- 8 Matthew Danner
- 9 Robert L. Benson, William (Bill) Thomas
- 10 Huff Sanders
- 11 Peter E. Farrell
- 12 F. Stanley Fuller
- 13 Pat H. McIngvale, Cynthia Vandiver
- 14 Christopher Neece, Joyce Nelson, Jimmy R. Pemberton
- 15 Lisa Byrom Ratcliff
- 17 Len Johnson
- 20 Howard Randall Reed
- 21 William H. Mahan
- 22 Fred A. Rodrigue, Larry R. Whitt
- 23 Rex B. Reynolds
- 24 David Mark Holman
- 25 Kenneth Bubba Ratcliff
- 29 Nicole Anderson, Rand Gaylord

Membership Committee

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

Mike Kessler

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

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Secretary's Corner



Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are \$113.00. Spouse cards and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

We have 78 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.

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

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

Freedom Grant is approved and is providing direct assistance to Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf War Veterans Programs.

Spotlight Grant is approved and will be used to assist new mothers and their babies in the successful "Drive-Thru Baby Shower" that are in need of assistance.

Gratitude Grant is approved and will be used to assist two impoverished schools providing well over one hundred "Holiday Nourishment Backpacks" during the Christmas break when school kitchens are closed.

Beacon Grant is pending approval.










Your Grant Committee:

- Christy Johnson
- Nicole Anderson
- Mary Cannon
- 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

JUNE 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 Boston Butt Sale Starts Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	4 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Spe 
5 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	9 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	11 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
12 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	14 Flag Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	16 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	17 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	18 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
19 Father's Day Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	20 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	22 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	23 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 6:00 p.m.	24 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	25 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.

The Bulletin Board

Holy Family School received a \$2000 award for the two thousand pounds of caps collected. The Elks contributed about 800 pounds to this effort. Thank you to all members who brought in their caps.

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

Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023

- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

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

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)

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)



Please welcome our new members

Left to right: Randy Reed left, Jacob Cangelosi, Lynn Benefield, and David Bailey.