



THE "Wapiti" NEWSLETTER



May 2021

Greetings!

I asked that **Bill (Niemeyer)** delay the **Wapiti** this month so the **Board of Directors** could meet concerning the opening of the pool. Please see the article on the Swimming Pool Update included herein. It will be necessary for our members to help with the pool this year.

Thank you to **Sister Julie (Stanley)** and **Girl Scouts of Troop 7372** for organizing and conducting an **Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 3rd; also, to our members who contributed over 700 candy filled eggs... Scouts from **Troop 218** set up an information table to explain what the troop was doing! **Eddie and Hal** represented the Lodge, passing out applications and information, and chatting with parents about our Lodge as the kids scooped up the eggs... In all, it was a gorgeous spring afternoon and enjoyed by all!

Troop 218 presented the **Eagle Scout Award** to **Jackson Stoker** on Sunday, April 18th. Congratulations to **Jackson**, his parents, **Lee and Linda Stoker**, and to **Scoutmaster Joe Higgins** for pulling **Jackson** across the finish line.

The **World Famous 1834 Cooking Team** outdid themselves again, Friday night the 23rd by serving a Shrimp basket and the trimmings in the Club. Thank you to **Eddie, Howard, and Hal, et al** for their culinary efforts. **Bennett** had the Club humming with assistance from **Ms. Donna (Ward)** and later members **Hal and Rose (Bufford)** delighted everyone with karaoke in the Club. Our regulars were in attendance, as well as, several out-of-town Members from Dothan, Fairhope, and Alexander City Lodges.

Your Lodge hosted the **DD (District Deputy, Grand Exalted Ruler's) Clinic** for **DDGER George Camp**, on April 24th. Thirty-five Elks attended from the six Lodges in the **South District** to learn of requirements as set out by the Grand Lodge for running a Lodge. I believe all enjoyed coming to Auburn-Opelika Lodge!

The last week of April, **Scouts and parents from Troop 218** held their **Annual Boston Butt Cooking** with pick up on Saturday, May 1st. All breathed a sigh of relief when the **170** butts were picked up!

Coming in May:

We missed our **Mother's Day Observance** last year due to the pandemic... Please mark your calendars for **Sunday afternoon (Mother's Day), May 9th at 2:00 PM** and join us to celebrate our moms. It is truly a beautiful service.

Saturday, May 15th and Saturday May 22nd, we will be getting the Pool and Lodge spruced up and ready for the summer. Please grab your gloves and don your work clothes! **We will start at 8:30 AM...** Lunch will be provided. If you can't make it one of the Saturdays, please come the other!!!

And, **Luau is Friday night, May 28th**. See the ad... gate opens at **6:00 PM**. Come kick off the summer!

Finally, the Lodge (no meeting) and Club will be closed May 31st for Memorial Day.

There are many opportunities to help around the Lodge, Club and pool. Whether it is assisting in the Club, helping spruce up the Lodge, pool, or exercise room, signing up to pull a shift at the Tiki Hut, working on a ENF Community grant, or, bringing or cooking a meal for Monday nights – **there is something for you to do at your Lodge...** Won't you consider lending a hand?
CU@Lodge!

Fraternally,

John Findley, ER



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Secretary's Message

From the Desk of the Secretary:

Summer HOT is here. Hope you all will enjoy our pool this year. The water is so inviting and the Luau will be fun on May 28 for the opening,

We have 197 members at this writing with 47 delinquents. PLEASE!!! Pay your dues and get off of the Delinquent List posted on the Bulletin Board.

Hope to see you at the AEA Convention June 3-6 at Grand National, Auburn, AL.

Carolyn Coburn, Lodge Secretary



| Day | FirstName | LastName | YearsAsElk |
|-----|-----------|----------|------------|
| 07 | John | Meetze | 16 |
| 07 | Julie | Stanley | 2 |
| 10 | Timothy | Barber | 3 |
| 11 | Lee | Cobb | 38 |
| 11 | Ernie | Cope | 31 |
| 11 | Douglas | Johnson | 21 |
| 13 | James | Starr | 51 |
| 14 | Wayne | Reuter | 31 |
| 15 | Michael | Rivers | 12 |
| 18 | Joe | Higgins | 35 |
| 19 | Vance | Guthrie | 16 |
| 25 | Dan | Sawyer | 12 |
| 26 | Dorothy | Cope | 13 |
| 27 | Brad | Adams | 14 |
| 27 | James | Warman | 57 |
| 28 | Eddie | Ward | 30 |

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*“Not for the star-crowned heroes
The men that conquer and slay,
But a song for those that bore them,
The mothers braver than they.”*



M. A. De Wolfe Howe

The Lodge will hold in tribute and remembrance, a ceremony in honor of our Mothers on Sunday, May 9th at 2:00PM in the Lodge Room.

This is a public ceremony and all are invited to attend.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|    | | | | | |  <p>Troop 218 Butt pick-up at Scout hut Closed</p> |
| <p>2</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>3</p> <p>4:00 Club open 6:00 Board Mtg 7:00 Lodge Mtg</p> <p>All Members Welcomed</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>  <p>Closed</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>7</p> <p>4:00 Club open</p> | <p>8</p> <p>VE Day, WWII</p> <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>Mother's Day Service 2 pm</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>10</p> <p>4:00 Club open 6:00 House Commit 7:00 Lodge Mtg</p> <p>All Members Welcomed</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 218 6:30 Ballroom</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>14</p> <p>4:00 Club open 7:00 Karaoke</p> <p>Hal and  Rose!</p> | <p>15</p>  <p>Lodge Spruce-up 8:30 am till...</p> <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>17</p> <p>4:00 Club open 7:00 Lodge Mtg</p> <p>All Members Welcomed</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>20</p> <p>SCV Restaurant 5:00</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>21</p> <p>4:00 Club open</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>24</p> <p>4:00 Club open 7:00 Lodge Mtg</p> <p>All Members Welcomed</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>28</p> <p>4:00 Club open 6pm—12pm Pool Opens Luau & Karaoke</p>  | <p>29</p> <p>Tiki Hut Opens</p>  <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Club Closed No Lodge Meeting</p> |  <p>Karaoke With Hal & ROSE Friday, May 14 and 28</p> | | | | |

Swimming Pool Update

We attempted to have a Pool Committee meeting to set up to run the Pool for the summer on Wednesday, April 28th. Three members attended the meeting. With this amount of participation, it would not be fair to those few members if we were to try to open and staff the pool/Tiki Hut for the summer.

The Board of Directors met on Monday night, May 3rd, after the regularly scheduled Lodge meeting. The opening of the pool was discussed. The Board would like to see the pool and Tiki Hut opened but **all agree that assistance from the members who use and enjoy the pool** is required to make this happen.

Please understand:

- Pool Hours are 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM (except on Mondays).
 - All posted pool rules continue enforce.
- To purchase a pool pass (\$125.00 for summer 2021), **all Lodge dues must be current.**
- To use a pool pass for entry into the pool, **the member or their spouse must be present** with a current membership card (or spouse's card).
- Guest fees will be enforced this year.
 - Adults who enjoy the pool as guests of members, after 3 visits, should be asked to join the Lodge as members.
- A signup sheet will be posted to help with cleaning the pool **once** per week.
 - Vacuuming the pool and trash removal to the dumpster takes approximately 3-4 hours.
 - Vacuuming the pool should be done prior to opening the pool at 10:00 AM, to be able to see what needs to be cleaned.
 - It is best that vacuuming be completed toward the end of the week for the pool to be clean for Saturday and Sundays.
- We are required to staff the Tiki Hut with volunteers and will ask for persons to sign up and work a four or eight hour shift on Saturdays and Sundays each weekend.
 - **If no one signs up and works – the Tiki Hut will be closed.**
 - Volunteers may ask to see a membership card along with a pool pass when coming to the pool. Understand the volunteer may not know who you are and they are doing as asked.
 - Volunteers working a shift are in charge and their requests should be complied with.
- Tiki Hut shifts are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
- **No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the pool** due to our ABC license requirements.
 - Members and /or guests who are **found with alcohol not purchased from the Club (Tiki Hut)** will be asked to surrender their membership card and leave the premises. The member may then come to the next House Committee on Monday evenings to seek the return of their membership card.
 - When the Tiki Hut is open, you are expected to patronize the Tiki Hut for your snacks and drinks, etc. Do **not** bring in food/drinks during the hours the Tiki Hut is open.
 - Alcoholic beverages purchased at the Tiki Hut must be consumed at the pool.
 - When the Tiki Hut is closed there should be no alcoholic beverages at the pool.
 - You may continue to bring food/soft drinks/water when the Tiki Hut is closed.
- The Pool will be **closed on Mondays** for treating the water.

The above is essentially how the pool/Tiki Hut has operated for the past several years but the Board of Directors note that it has been increasingly difficult to secure volunteers to operate the pool. Your cooperation is expected.

We hope you have a wonderful summer!



For you ladies, your best
 MuuMuu or Island's dress
 is definitely appropriate...

For you guys, your loudest
 Hawaiian shirt, shorts or
 suit, will do nicely!

The Tiki Bar will be open!!

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the need.

One pint of blood
saves three lives.



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**Elks Lodge- Auburn
Blood Drive**

Saturday, July 3rd

10a.m.-4p.m.

In the Bloodmobile

1944 Opelika Road, Auburn

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