



# Decatur Elks Lodge # 655



**March 2021  
EDITION**

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The month of March has finally arrived which is a bittersweet time for me in the land of Elkdom. It is the last month of the Elk year and my term as Exalted Ruler will be coming to an end. I want to thank the officers, trustees and all the members who have served the lodge. You did an amazing job and our Lodge has benefited from your leadership, dedication and hard work. I look forward to supporting our incoming Exalted Ruler, Joe Webber and his first lady Margaret. They, along with the officers, will guide our Lodge for the next year. I know Joe and his team will exceed all of our expectations.



I wish to thank each and every member of the Lodge for your efforts, support and accomplishments over the years. I will not use any names as there are many, but I THANK YOU for all you have done and continue to do. It has been an honor to serve the past two years. We have so many great people who dedicate their time volunteering and making donations, which enables us to support our veterans, our youth and our communities. I've met a lot of great people through my journey who have had an impact on my life and who I am. All of you have impacted and have supported me through this journey. I appreciate all of your efforts and love in supporting the Lodge.

Finally, to my wife, Shelia. You were the perfect "First Lady" as you represented our Lodge with Grace and Beauty. You made the good deeds and charitable work of the order fun for everyone. You endured the Good, the Bad and the Ugly! You were by my side the entire time as a supporter and voice of reason. I know times were not always easy, but you never wavered. Your Love, Strength and Wisdom are an inspiration to me. As I have said many a time, I am a better person because of you.

Exalted Ruler

Mike Childress

**Decatur #655**  
**We Give Back**  
**to Our**  
**Community**



**\$2.3 Million Dollars Raised**  
**Become A Member!**

**DECATUR ELK #655**  
**2020-2021 OFFICERS**



Exalted Ruler	Mike Childress
Leading Knight	Larry Easterwood
Lecturing Knight	Joe Webber
Loyal Knight	Tommy Austin
Secretary	Susan Smith
Treasurer	Pam Hardin
Esquire	Lester Collins
Tiler	Tommy Willingham
Chaplain	Shelly Martin
Inner Guard	Bobby Bassham

**TRUSTEES**

One Year	Joe McCulloch
Two Year	Ronnie McKee
Three Year	Tommy Garner
Four Year	Ralph Caudell
Five Year	Jim Norton

*Happy Anniversary*

- 03 Eddie and Anita Lewis
- 04 Malcolm and Faye Pyatt
- 12 Lester and Denise Collins
- 15 Harry and Lisa Peyton
- 16 Joseph and Shelly Durbak
- 25 John and Dora Babchak
- 25 Charles and Debra Bryant
- 31 Jimmy Don and Shirley Haney

**March Birthday's**

- 01 Henry Bragg
- 01 Gale Herring
- 02 Sam D. Tune
- 03 Brandon C Puckett
- 04 Bobby R. Bassham
- 04 Derrick Cummings
- 04 C H Dykes
- 06 Rick Johnson
- 07 Dustin Hans Dickens
- 10 Jason Bobby Howard
- 11 Ed Lubiniecki
- 12 Christopher Armor
- 12 Floyd Bost
- 12 Martha Jo Caudell
- 12 Roger Hardy Cooper
- 13 Myra Cunningham
- 13 Rick Svarney
- 16 Lisa Foster Peyton
- 17 Donald B. Harmon
- 18 Joanne Svarney
- 20 Julie A Collier
- 20 Hank Little
- 21 Nicole Moore
- 21 Teresa L. York
- 22 Cynthia A. Thomas
- 25 Alan Lansdell
- 26 Waylon J. Pace
- 28 Sharon Garner
- 31 Terry J. Narmore



# MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS



## Karaoke



Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Come join the fun and sing your favorite song solo or with a group!



Men just want to have fun!



## DART POKER

Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

\$5.00 per person

Proceeds go to Decatur Elks Scholarship Funds

1st place 30% Proceeds  
2nd place 20% Proceeds

## PER HORSE RACE

Friday, March  
26<sup>th</sup>

\$5.00 per race

## ST PATRICK'S DAY



## CELEBRATION



Wednesday, March 17

Irish Beer Stew  
\$5.00 per Bowl



Bar Bingo  
\$1.00 per card

GREEN BEER



# SHOOT OUT

Friday, March 19th

\$5.00 per Ticket

on a chance to win **\$500.00**

Proceeds go toward the Emblem Club Scholarship

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## Installation of Officers For 2021

Sunday, March 21 @2:00pm

Refreshments will be served

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## Dart Tournament Winners!



Congratulations to Josh Dolfi and Shelia Childress for winning the dart tournament on Friday, February 19th. We raised \$100.00 toward our Elks Scholarship! Thanks for all those who participated.

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## Booze Bucket

Congratulations to Lisa Peyton for winning our booze bucket on February 12th! We raised \$647.00 toward our scholarship funds. Nancy Morgan won the Valentines Basket. We raised \$164.00 for the Emblems Scholarship funds. Thank you for all who helped to contribute for a good cause!

# THANK YOU !

## DECATUR ELKS AND EMBLEM MEMBERS

Mike and I would like to thank all our Elks and Emblem members for your time, talent, support, help and expertise for the past two years. **WHAT A SUCCESS!** These past two years have been so much fun and rewarding. Without your help we would not have accomplished all we have done. It takes a whole team to make events happen. You made them happen no matter how crazy you thought they were.

I would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** for your commitment to our lodge. Your generous contributions helped make our vision a reality. We have gotten to know and meet so many of you at the lodge. You are considered our extended family and the lodge is like our second home.

You have supported and participated in all of my crazy games and fundraisers and made them fun and successful. Together we have raised over \$6,000.00 toward Decatur Elks scholarships and enough to reach our goal for the ENF capital. Meeting the ENF capital per member, we have been able to receive all the grants available to us through the Grand Lodge. These grants have gone for such good cause for our community during these difficult times.

Margaret and Joe Webber will be installed on March 21st as your new Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We know they will do a wonderful job and you will continue to support and help them as you have us. They have many great activities and events planned for the upcoming year. Mike and I will be around the lodge to help and support in any way we can.

Mike and I would like to invite you to join us for an appreciation dinner on Friday, March 26th. Again thank you for allowing us to serve you as your Exalted Ruler and First Lady for the past two years.

Your First Lady  
Shelia Childress

Thank you!

Thank you!



You are Invited  
to an  
Appreciation Dinner  
Friday, March 26  
@6:00pm  
Decatur Elks Dining Room

Menu

Spaghetti

Chicken Alfredo

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert



**Given by Mike and Shelia Childress**

We will be showing a slide presentation of all our events and activities for the last two years! Citizen, Officer and Elk of the year will be announced.

Hope to see you there!

# Decatur Elks #655 Scholarship 2021

This year Decatur Elks is giving a scholarship for seniors that is a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter, (this includes step children) of an Elk member of Decatur #655. The monetary amount will be determined on the number of applications we receive. Below is a list of qualifications required to apply. You may pick up an application from the bar or use the one below.

## Eligibility

- Must be a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter (step children are included) of a Decatur Elk #655
- Must be a high school senior
- Deadline: **April 1st 2021.**
- Must be going to attend a University, Jr. College or Vocational Technical College
- Include two letters of recommendation that you are a student in good standing and of good character. Cannot be a relative.
- Write a 150 word or less cover letter, stating any special need or circumstance in which this scholarship will be particularly helpful.
- Application and all required parts must be mailed to:  
Decatur Elks #655 Scholarship  
2625 Centron Dr SW Decatur, Al 35603

## 2021 Scholarship Application

### Personal information

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Decatur Elk Member you are related to: \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer/Work Experience or School Activities:( may include a Resume or on another sheet of paper)

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### Clubs and Organizations:

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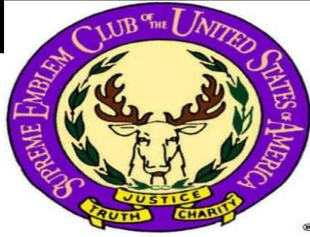
### Grade Point Average/Transcript

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

**Cover letter. Please state a summary of any special need or circumstance in which this scholarship will be particularly helpful. 150 words or less typed or handwritten**

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

# From the Emblem Club



Greetings my friends,

I hope that you and your loved ones are still doing well. With the drop in COVID cases and the increase in shots, it looks like things are slowly getting back to normal. The pandemic has certainly taken its toll but there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

We had a good meeting in February and attendance was back up. As I stated in the January newsletter, the officers in place agreed to serve another year, but we needed to elect First and Second Guards. We had that election at the meeting. Renae Ingram was elected First Guard and Holly Little was elected Second Guard. They are both new members. I greatly appreciate them stepping up to fill the vacancies.

The Emblem state convention has been scheduled for April 22-24 in Tuscaloosa. We will be at the Capstone Hotel. If you are interested in attending, please try to attend our March meeting. We usually room together to save money. We can make reservations after we know how many will attend.

Nancy Tapscott is going to be installed as the new State President at this convention. I am so proud of her and I know that she will do a great job. I have expressed to her that we, as a club, and I personally, will do anything that she needs help with. Best wishes Nancy, it was a long time coming. She was supposed to be installed last year, but the convention was postponed due to COVID.

The Elks will install their new officers on Sunday, March 21. Our club is going to provide refreshments for the installation. If you have a special recipe that you would like to make, please let me or Shelia Childress know.

As information, we are still able to meet our financial obligations even though we have no money coming in now. This is because of the hard work that you did in the past, and the way we managed our money. Hopefully BINGO will open back up as the pandemic gets under control. I appreciate all your hard work in the past and look forward to working with you again.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 7 o'clock. If you're comfortable getting out, please join us.

## March Birthdays

- 17 Jennifer Grissom
- 26 Lori Speegle
- 30 Betty Parsons

## March Anniversaries

- 3 Anita & Eddie Lewis
- 12 Denise & Lester Collins

Emblem Love,  
Nancy Morgan



Celebrating Denise Collins Birthday!

# March 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 <i>Corn Hole</i>	4	5 <i>Karaoke</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i>	6
7 <i>left/right/center</i> <i>3 ball pool</i>	8	9 <i>Investigation</i> <i>7pm</i> <i>Emblem Meeting</i> <i>7:00pm</i>	10 <i>Corn Hole</i>	11 <i>Elks Meeting</i> <i>7:30</i>	12 <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>Dart poker</i>	13
14 <i>left/right/center</i> <i>3 ball pool</i>	15	16	17 <i>Corn Hole</i>	18	19 <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>Shootout</i>	20
21 <i>Installation</i> <i>2:00pm</i> <i>LRC</i> <i>3 ball pool</i>	22	23	24 <i>Corn Hole</i>	25 <i>Elks Meeting</i> <i>7:30</i>	26 <b>PER HR</b> <i>Appreciation Dinner</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i>	27
28 <i>left/right/center</i> <i>3 ball pool</i>	29	30	31 <i>Corn Hole</i>	<b><u>Lodge Hours</u></b> Tues— Fri and Sunday 3:30pm till 10:00 Saturdays open for spe-		

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