



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Greetings to All,

I am excited to be back from the 2017 Elks National Convention held in Reno, NV on July 16th thru July 19th. The meetings and trade show allowed me to gain a lot of very useful information and Suzanne and I had a great time seeing our fellow Alabama Elks and meeting other Elks from across the country. I have left several copies of each day's events at the Lodge. Please feel free to read each one. They are very informational.

During our travels, we had the opportunity to visit two other lodges, Napa Valley Elks Lodge #832 and the San Francisco Elks Lodge #3. These visits totally reinforced how great it is to be from the south and how great our lodge is. It is very apparent the west does not understand Southern Hospitality. We arrived at the Napa Lodge at approximately 5:30 pm. As we walked in the front door we were greeted by a gentleman who immediately told us they were closing and everyone was tired from having to take care of all the Elks that came over from the convention. After I told him we were from Alabama he immediately began a negative conversation about AG Jeff Sessions. We were never offered a chance to look around much less a guided tour. The next afternoon we arrived at the San Francisco Lodge and even stayed at the hotel they own located above the lodge. This lodge has unbelievable architecture and a very historical presence in Elkdom and San Francisco. At one time, it occupied the first five floors of the building. Upon our entrance to the lounge I immediately noticed the bar tender doing shots with the patrons and she was not very eager to serve the stranger in the house. After we tendered our business I informed her that she had not given me the appropriate change. She went and got her manager. I told him it was no big deal and not to worry about it. He immediately got me the correct change and told me he was not worried about it they would get their money back before the night was over.

My point is this. I am very proud of how our Lodge treats visitors. Our members and staff are very hospitable and if I am there someone always takes me to where they are seated. We always offer the visitor(s) an opportunity to tour our facilities and make sure they are satisfied in their needs. We are a great example of Elkdom and Southern Hospitality, be proud of yourselves.

Now back to business:

We will be hosting the **"Wood Pickers"** on the patio this month. This a local band that is a great show. The purpose of the event will be to benefit Merrimack Hall and their dance programs for children with special needs. Please be watching for the date. You do not want to miss it.

I would like to plan our annual picnic for September 16th. Alabama is playing Colorado State and Auburn is playing Mercer. If anyone would like to volunteer to chair the event please let me know as soon as possible. I will also place a sign-up list behind the bar. Last year we had almost 200 people attend and a fun time was had by all. We need to get a committee put together this week.

Please thank Jack Rogers for all the hard work he is putting in to cleaning and removing the tarnish from the Memorial in the Lodge Room. It is truly beginning to shine as it should. There are still projects on the wall waiting for adoption. These are not very hard jobs and will go a long way in helping our facility. I would like to thank Bob Gamble and his team for their hard work on the patio. They have extended the deck, added a step for safety concerns and repainted the whole patio floor area.

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To stay up-to-date on events please make sure you check your email and the newsletter calendar. A large wall calendar has been placed immediately outside the manager's office that has all our posted info for both the LODGE and the Club and is kept up-to-date.

ROLL TIDE!!!!, War Eagle and Go Vols >>>practice starts soon and kick off is less than a month away.

In closing from our Ritual:

Fidelity is of supreme importance, for only while we remain faithful to our Obligation will we act toward one another with Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love. It is the duty of the Exalted Ruler to preside with impartiality, and it is the duty of the Members, under their Obligation, to assist in upholding and maintaining the honor and dignity of the Order and of this Lodge.



House Committee:

Taxes and bills against the Club are paid and current. Club kitchen inventory for July was completed on schedule. For Independence Day, 40 butts were sold for the annual Lodge Fund Raiser Butt sale. Butts were cooked by members Billy Herndon, Jim Ruple, and Pat Edwards. On Independence Day the HC hosted a cookout on the patio. On July 6th veterans from Tut Fan State Veterans home had dinner at the Club. Thanks to Ted Moon (ER of the Fayetteville Lodge) for providing Karaoke on July 1 and July 8. Members Bob Gamble and Huff Sanders remodeled part of the covered stage on the patio on July 9. A guitar player performed in the Lounge on July 14. A painting class was hosted by Connie Loughed in the Lounge on July 17. Several members cleaned the patio deck and Bob Gable resurfaced it. Member Bill Abbott is helping with the Club Karaoke. Member Bill Kling donated an Eagle statue to the Club. The Lodge fire equipment provider inspected the fire suppression system on July 31. Repairs were made to the fire alarm sensor in the Lodge hallway and are in progress for the HVAC unit in the Lodge Hall. Bruce Ricker and member Michael Hepler did repairs to the bar stools. On July 27 a book signing was held for "Pets for Vets". The HC thanks those members who volunteer their time to help with Club operations. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better our Club, in writing or appear at a HC meeting which are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Thank you all.

HOUSE RULES HIGHLIGHT, Club Operations: D. Access to the Club: (1) Access to the Club will be by key card only. Visitors or guests will enter through designated entrances where they will identify themselves and their host member. They must be escorted at all times by their host member of the Lodge.

Your House Committee

Pat Edwards, Chairman, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Johnson, Billy Herndon, Cathy Kulas, Di Wilson

**BRAND NEW
AIR CONDITIONER
ARRIVING
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS
FOR THE
LODGE ROOM!**

2017-2018 Officers

Exalted Ruler – Jerry “Buzzy” Byrom
Esteemed Leading Knight – Patrick Mickle
Esteemed Loyal Knight – Nicole Anderson
Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Angie Ezell
Secretary – Dianna Wilson
Treasurer – John Bell
Chaplain – Bob Richmond
Esquire – Michael Hepler
Tiler – Jan Abbott
Inner Guard – Randy Speegle
Trustees –
1 Year - Louis Tumminello
2 Year - Mary Cannon
3 Year - Randy Morris
4 Year - Phillip Towery
5 Year - Mike Davis



SECRETARY NEWS . . .

We currently have 611 members with 76 of those being delinquent. Our “lapsation committee” of Nicole Anderson, Pam Willoughby and Jan Abbott have been contacting these members to see if we can get them back into our Lodge/Club. Every member is important to us and we hope that you will come back and join us in the many “happenings” in the Club and Lodge. We currently have four awaiting initiation and one reinstatement.



Our “Grant Think Tank” will be working hard in August to get the “Impact Grant” completed. We will send out an email to let you know when we will have the next meeting. Wayne Tucker is gracious enough to chair this task for us once again.

We now have these great pins for sale. You may purchase these for only \$5 each. What a great way to “show your Lodge pride”, please contact the ER or Secretary to purchase.

“ADOPT A VET” will be coming again this month. Look for the **TABLE** exhibit in the Club. For info, contact **Ed Limback** or **Di Wilson**. Help us make these needs a reality for our Veterans.

Sickness and Distress:

Jeannie Richmond, wife of PER Bob Richmond, is in rehab after having pneumonia, please remember her in your prayers. If you know of anyone that is ill or in the hospital, please let us know. You may contact the Club, the Secretary, or Bob Richmond.

Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout, (author unknown).

Bob Richmond, Chaplain



As part of the “**BEACON GRANT**” through our ENF (Elks National Foundation), we were able to have a group of our Tut Fan Veterans down to our Lodge for dinner in July and we will be having them again on August 3rd. Please come down and visit with these great people and help us show them that Elks Care and we never forget them. Ed Limback, along with some Rolling Thunder members, do a great job with these Veterans. He has a great surprise coming to them in August. This is something that they have been requesting for quite some time.

Happy Birthday

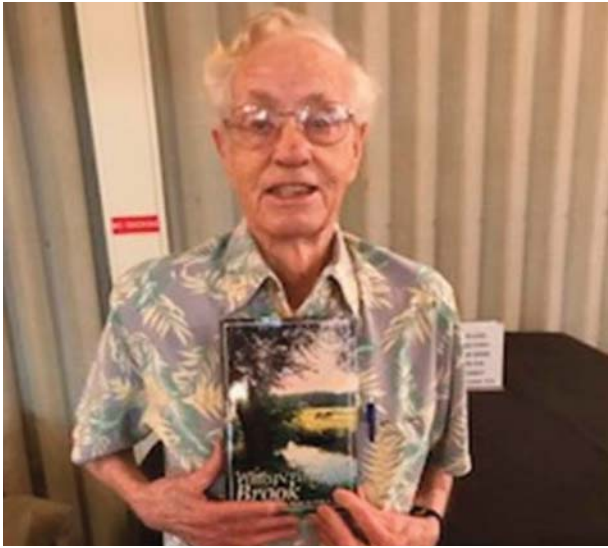
August Birthdays:

- 01 - Mary K. Cannon
- 04 - John C. Key, Stephen Blake Mann, Beth Mumaw
- 06 - Bobby W. Berry, James M. Wright
- 07 - James M. Segrest, Steve Simmons
- 08 - Alanson B. Smith, Harold F. Swanson, Gary M. Veese
- 09 - Tommy Baker, Ann Walker
- 10 - Anne Adam Bourquec
- 11 - William R. Cooper
- 12 - Jim Parker, Emil L. Posey, William Donald Wilhelm
- 13 - Eddie L. Coker
- 14 - Bobby Bonds
- 15 - Hannah R. Mann
- 16 - Mary Ensinger Harriger, Rick Maze
- 18 - Jason Britt, Timothy Greenlee, William W. Hopper
- 19 - Warner A. Davis, Wayne Tucker
- 20 - Michael R. Ferguson
- 21 - Charles Le Roy Solomon
- 22 - Tim McNeese, Glenn R. Watson
- 23 - Robert Bukivac, Charles E. Hall, Richard Raleigh Jr., Michael Recio
- 25 - Michael M. Brooks
- 26 - Edgard W. Agesen
- 27 - Patrick A. Edwards, Myra Haythorn, Wendal D. Payne, Chad Steed
- 28 - Terry W. Culver, Walter T. Harper III
- 29 - Dan McAllister, Thomas A. Sharp
- 30 - John R. Bell PER HLM, Charles Gaffeo, Michela Johnson, Ronald L. Neece
- 31 - Dolores D. Huber

Our “GRATITUDE GRANT” through ENF, was used at the Harvest Youth Club for our “Drug Awareness” program. Thank you Leading Knight Patrick Mickle for making this happen with the help of HYC Melvin Allen and his staff, Elk Volunteers, ER Byrom, Di Wilson, Cathy Kulas, Pam Willoughby, Bob Gamble, Chad Gilreath, Seth Lund, Mat Bradford and his son. This is a great learning experience for these children, (and us) as well as a fun-filled day.



CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE is hosting the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration Beer, Bourbon and BBQ event at the Huntsville Depot, Museum & Roundhouse on August 19th, 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Advance registration, www.tvcwrt.org. Cost: \$30 under 21; \$40 over 21; \$45 after August 5th, and \$50 walk-up. There will be Brew, BBQ by Dr. BBQ and music by five local bands. The TVCWRT is partnering with Early Works Family Museum and Downtown Huntsville to help fund the repair on the Huntsville Depot Museum. Our own “decorating committee” of Michael Hepler and Pam Willoughby will be doing the decorations.



WE HAVE A PUBLISHED BOOK AUTHOR IN OUR MEMBERSHIP: Congratulations to Keith Allen on his book "Whispering Brook" a collection of short stories.

CORN HOLE



Top: Ray Galyean, Rodney Reyna
Bottom: Kevin Wilbourn, Chad Gilreath

5 Ways to Keep You Informed . . .

Email, Online Newsletter, Social Media,
Lodge Meetings, Wall Calendar (Outside Managers' Office)

If you are not receiving the weekly Elk emails
please send
your name and current email address to
samjt3@yahoo.com -
we'll add you to the list.

The Elks Call newsletter entries
MUST be received by **25th of the Month**

Entry address: **bpoe1648@gmail.com** or
diwilson1648@gmail.com

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Interested in booking an event?
Club's Email Address:
Elks1648@knology.net

Newsletters are no longer mailed;
a limited number will be placed at the bar.

Please reserve these copies
for those Members not receiving email.
If you know of a Shut-In Member,
kindly take a copy of the newsletter to them...

*If we all help out,
we can save money for the Lodge by
avoiding postage.*

Needed:

Cocktail and Formal Dresses,
especially the larger sizes.

These will be used by ladies
at the military ball.

Must have by end of September.
Contact Cathy Hooper or Lodge Secretary.



Sunday - 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Happy Hour All Day on Sunday</p>	<p>Happy Hour Monday - Saturday 4:00-6:00</p>	<p>1 Open 3:00</p>	<p>2 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30</p>	<p>3 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Special: Country Fried Steak and Gravy TUT FAN VETS Here</p>	<p>4 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open Steak, Chicken, Pork Chops, Catfish Queen of Hearts 8:00</p>	<p>5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 7:00-11:00</p>
<p>6 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30 TEAM HEPLER</p>	<p>7 Open 3:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30</p>	<p>8 Open 3:00</p>	<p>9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30</p>	<p>10 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Chicken Buffet Civil War Round Table 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak or Chicken Queen of Hearts 8:00 Guitar Player / Patio</p>	<p>12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 7:00-11:00</p>
<p>13 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30 TEAM MICKLE</p>	<p>14 Open 3:00</p>	<p>15 Open 3:00</p>	<p>16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30</p>	<p>17 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak Tips and Gravy</p>	<p>18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chops or Catfish Queen of Hearts 8:00</p>	<p>19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 7:00-11:00</p>
<p>20 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30 TEAM EZELL</p>	<p>21 Open 3:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30</p>	<p>22 Open 3:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00</p>	<p>23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30</p>	<p>24 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Meat Loaf/Veggies Little Civil War Round Table 6:30</p>	<p>25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chops or Catfish Queen of Hearts 8:00</p>	<p>26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 7:00-11:00</p>
<p>27 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30 TEAM ANDERSON</p>	<p>28 Open 3:00</p>	<p>29 Open 3:00</p>	<p>30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30</p>	<p>31 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Dinner Special Shrimp Boil</p>		<p>September 2nd Alabama vs. Florida State Auburn vs. Georgia</p>



Don't forget to check the new bulletin board in the club hallway for things going on in the CLUB and the **LODGE**. Keep up-to-date by checking this board, sometimes things don't make the newsletter, but will be on the board.

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These banners were displayed at the dinner/Calcutta and at the golf course.
Please support these businesses that support our tournament.

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Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night

**Saturday Nights
7:00-11:00**

