



# The ELKS Call



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I hope everyone's year got off to a good start and even gets better as we begin to exit the winter months and spring returns.

One thing I forgot to mention in last month's newsletter was the success of the "HO HO Get Up and GO 5K Race". Kimberly and her team raised over \$2,500.00 with this event. The race size doubled from last year and should even be bigger next year. We will be looking for a new chairperson for the upcoming event so please let me know if you are interested.

Saturday, February 4, promises to be a very fun time for us as we will have something going on all day. Our monthly breakfast will be offered that morning and our Open House will begin at 4:00 pm in the afternoon.

The "Open House" will be a great event for all to attend, and we hope that each of you will bring 3 to 5 guests that could be potential members. From 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, we will have a meet and greet with free food and beverages. From 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm we will be honoring all of our 50+ year members and presenting an Elks Commemorative Pin to each. We will also be doing a presentation about who the Elks are nationally and all the charitable work we do locally. Beginning at 6:00 pm, the Casino will open to include craps, black jack and roulette. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Blake Mann. Cost is \$10.00 per member and guests are free. Happy hour prices will be available to all guests and the members that purchase a ticket.

Also, this month we will be having our annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance. Saturday, February 25, is the date for this event. We'll be having the great New Orleans cuisine we usually have along with the dance tunes. Watch for ticket sales at the bar.

Hoop Shoot was held January 14, and we had over 30 participants making for a great success. I would like to thank April, the Boy's and Girl's Club, and all the volunteers that helped. Look for pictures in the family room. Fun was had by all.

You will notice that our remodeling projects continue to move forward. Bob Gamble, Randy Morris, Billy Carlton, and Charles Hall have completed the card room, and as usual, they did a great job. Charles Crute has teamed up with Carla Weaver along with several volunteers, and work has begun on the men's restroom. You will also begin to see a major painting project start up in the 3 banquet rooms and hallway on the lodge side. Please be patient while these projects are underway. Certain areas may be closed certain days as work is being completed.

I would also like to thank Danita Hall and her team of 18 volunteers who have cleaned all of the family room from top to bottom and have plans to do even more. See Danita to help out.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that nominations for officers will be held on February 14th with elections on February 28th.

From Your Lecturing Knight:

**"Brotherly Love is the foundation and ground work of our Order."**

Fraternally,  
Buzzy

## From Your House Committee:

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. The Club and Kitchen inventory was completed on schedule in January. The walk in cooler has had a total rebuild and is operating normally along with the sensor on the ice maker being replaced and now working properly. A new keg cooler and mug freezer have been added to the bar. The remodeling of the card room is complete; thanks to Bob Gamble and others. The Club now has an additional card reader for the portable cash register, and Charles Hall replaced the dimmer switch for the bar lights. Karaoke has returned to Saturday nights until next season college football begins. A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the Lounge and Lodge rooms. On January 21, the Club had a members' volunteer cleanup day. Volunteers polished all wood work, cleaned filters, replaced some ceiling tiles, cleaned mirrors, cleaned glass shelves, and cleaned chairs and bar stools. A great job! Special thanks to members: Danita and Charles Hall, Billy Herndon, Gwenda Hall, Ed Limback, Charles Crute, HC David Burkett, Carol Codori, Jack Rodgers, Steve and Sherrie Wilt, Karen Medlen, Jack Bean, Cathy Kulas, and HC Di Wilson. January's breakfast was very slow due to weather with only 40 served. The next breakfast is February 4, from 9 to 10:30 A.M. Please join your fellow members and guests for this great Lodge event. The Lodge Open House follows breakfast later that day. Thanks to ER Byrom, the Lodge the floors in the game room and card room have been replaced and look great. The HC thanks those members who volunteer their time to help with Club operations. Submit any ideas or suggestions in writing or ask to be placed on the HC meeting agenda at least 24 hours ahead. The HC meets every Monday at 5:30 P.M. Thank you all.

Your House Committee:  
Pat Edwards, Chairman  
David Burkett  
Billy Carlton  
Di Wilson  
Jason Johnson

### Administrative: Para. D

The lead bartender (Manger on Duty) will act as Club Manager in the manager's absence.

## Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table

Thursday, February 9  
Civil War Round Table, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23  
Civil War Little Round Table, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday Nights  
6:00-10:00



## SECRETARY NEWS . . .

Replacement Card \$5

**Current Stats:**  
620 Members  
6 Candidates  
50 Delinquents

**"KICK THE DOOR DOWN" With Recruitment**

## Sickness and Distress:

*"An Angel shares by being near, the gift of prayer for all to hear"*

If you know of anyone needing to be added to the list, please contact the Lodge or email: bpoe1648@gmail.com

**Bob Richmond, Chaplain**

### Prayers for the following:

**Stan Cannon - recovering from surgery**

**Jimmy Woods**

**Ernie and Judy Rhodes**

**Ruth Lavine - recovering from surgery**

*Our Sincere Condolences Extended to  
Member, Jimmy Woods  
In The Passing  
Of His Beloved Wife and Our Friend,  
Charlene*

## Welcome Our New Members for January Initiation



L to R: Charles Gooch, Bud Gambrell, Jim Askins

## Remember the BLOUNT HOUSE

*Donations Always Needed*

(See Betty Mahone or Gwenda Hall for Details)

# FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day  Open 3:00  Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	<b>3</b> Open 3:00  Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	<b>4</b> Open 9:00 Saturday Breakfast 9:00-10:30 Open House 4:00-9:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
<b>5</b> Open 2:00  Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30  BINGO 5:30	<b>6</b> Open 3:00  House Committee 5:30  Trivia 6:30	<b>7</b> Open 3:00	<b>8</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>9</b> Open 3:00  Chicken Buffet 5:00-9:00  Civil War Round Table 6:30	<b>10</b> Open 3:00  Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	<b>11</b> Open 4:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Karaoke 6:00-10:00
<b>12</b> Open 2:00  Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30  BINGO 5:30	<b>13</b> Open 3:00  HC Mtg. 5:30  Trivia 6:30	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day  Open 3:00  LODGE MEETING 7:00 (Nomination of Officers)	<b>15</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>16</b> Open 3:00  Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	<b>17</b> Open 3:00  Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	<b>18</b> Open 4:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Karaoke 6:00-10:00
<b>19</b> Open 2:00  Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30  BINGO 5:30	<b>20</b> President's Day  Open 3:00  HC Mtg. 5:30  Trivia 6:30	<b>21</b> Open 3:00	<b>22</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>23</b> Open 3:00 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00 Boiled Shrimp Dinner Indoctrination 6:00 Civil War "Little" Round Table 6:30	<b>24</b> Open 3:00  Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	<b>25</b> Open 4:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00 Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance 6:30
<b>26</b> Open 2:00  Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30  BINGO 5:30	<b>27</b> Open 3:00  HC Mtg. 5:30  Trivia 6:30	<b>28</b> Open 3:00  LODGE MEETING 7:00 (Election of Officers)				

## *Big Events This Month*

**"Open House"**  
February 4th, 4:00-9:00

**Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance**  
February 25th, 6:30

**Nomination of Officers**  
February 14th, 7:00

**Election of Officers**  
February 28th, 7:00

# Happy Birthday

## February Birthdays:

- 01 - Debra Harbison Fish, Colter McGaha, James W. Miller Jr.,  
Lola M. Sullivan
- 02 - Ken Coulter
- 03 - E. Wayne Lamon
- 05 - John Mike Fulton, Benjamin B. Johnston, Philip D. Radzinski,  
Jimmy Woods
- 07 - Billie Hughes Foster, Karl Peterson, Larry D. Pridmore,  
William H. Russell
- 08 - George Hunter Payne
- 09 - Phillip Vest, Pamela Willoughby
- 10 - Kenneth Gawronski, Jason M. Healy, L. Thomas Ryan Jr.
- 11 - Michael Darren Wilbourn
- 12 - Doug Lumpkin, Jennifer Suns, Marvin L. Yost
- 13 - Scott Retzler
- 14 - Sam J. Citrano
- 15 - Gary Eugene Lunsford, John Milligan, Robin Steele,  
William Woodall
- 16 - Nancy Dugas, April L. Patten
- 17 - Brian Allen, Linda W. Culver, Gordon W. Day, Alan C. Jenkins
- 18 - James M. (Jim) Duncan
- 19 - Steven Jay Lockridge
- 20 - Sunny Rae Baker, Michael Innes, William C. Rasnake
- 21 - Scott Nelson, Russell Whitlock
- 23 - Sam H. Givhan
- 24 - Rebecca A. Lott, Jerry L. Mullins, Briana Skye Teague
- 26 - Carol Cocori, Charles Hopper, Sherry Craig Retzler,  
Robert (Rob) Schrimsher
- 27 - James Curley
- 28 - Billy Carlton, Gene R. Christy, Michael L. Davis

## 4 Ways to Keep You Informed . . .

**Email, Online Newsletter, Social Media,  
Lodge Meetings**

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](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com) or  
[pmann1504@gmail.com](mailto:pmann1504@gmail.com)**

**Like us on Facebook -  
Elks Lodge 1648 Huntsville, AL**

**Interested in booking an event?  
Club's Email Address:  
[Elks1648@knology.net](mailto: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.**

## Lodge Officers 2016-2017

- Exalted Ruler – Jerry “Buzzy” Byrom
- Esteemed Leading Knight – James Miller
- Esteemed Loyal Knight – Patrick Mickle
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Vacant
- Secretary – Phyllis Mann
- Treasurer – John Bell
- 1-Year Trustee – Mike Davis
- 2-Year Trustee – Louis Tumminello
- 3-Year Trustee – Mary Cannon
- 4-Year Trustee – Randy Morris
- 5-Year Trustee – Phillip Towry
- Chaplain – Robert Richmond
- Esquire – Braxton Butler
- Tiler – Angie Ezell
- Inner Guard – Nicole Anderson

**Nomination of  
Officers  
February 14, 2017**

**Election of  
Officers  
February 28, 2017**

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

# OPEN HOUSE

Saturday February 4, 2017

4:00 - 9:30 P.M.

COME JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES

*\*\*Fun Night for Members & Guests\*\**

- 4:00 Meet & Greet
- 4:00-5:00 Hors d'oeuvres & ELK Presentation
- 5:30 Pin Ceremony (50, 55, 60, 65 Year Pins)
- 6:00-9:30 Casino (Blackjack, Roulette, Craps)
- 6:00 DJ Entertainment/Dancing

Bring 3 to 5 Guests to Showcase Our Lodge

Cost: Member \$10    Guests FREE

Member Tickets and Guest Invitations at the Bar

Huntsville Elks 1648 Presents...

## *6th Annual Mardi Gras Party*

February 25, 2016

6:30-10:00

Delicious New Orleans Style Dinner @ 7:00

Dance to the Music of D.J. Blake

Business Casual OR Festive Attire

\$20 per person – Tickets on sale at the Bar