



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and for 2017 to be even a better year than 2016. Thanks goes out to Bob Gamble, Randy Morris, Huff Sanders, and Billy Carlton. They did a beautiful job laying the new flooring in the game room. Everybody needs to see it and thank them for their hard work. I would also like to thank Michael Hepler for getting us the big discount from Lowes on purchasing the materials.

As most of you know, December was a very busy month for us at the Huntsville Elks Lodge. We had a calendar full of events starting with our annual Memorial Service. We had a beautiful service, and I thank all of those who helped in the preparation, conducting the service, and those that contributed to the nice meal we had that followed. This year we commemorated 13 of our fellow Elks from Lodge 1648.

Following the memorial, we hosted our annual Children's Christmas Party. Phyllis, Nicole, Mary, JuLee, along with a team of several others, used our annual State Grant plus raised some more money and put on a great event. In addition to the Harvest Youth Club, we invited the Huntsville-Madison County Boys and Girls Club to participate. I am very excited about adding the Boys and Girls Club to the Harvest Youth Club as children's programs we will support in the upcoming year. Counting both groups with the addition of our own Elk children/grandchildren, we had over 65 children participate, and we donated more than \$3,000 in gifts that were requested by each club. These gifts are of the nature that they will keep on giving throughout the year (i.e. TV, Electronic Games, Balls and Supplies...). The "extra" gifts were then donated to the Downtown Rescue Mission children, thus allowing four different groups of children to benefit from the generosity of our Elks Lodge.

And guess what? We did not stop there! Next we had our soon-to-be annual event, the Family Christmas Party. Michael Hepler and his team did a wonderful job. Levoy Smartt won the Turkey Cook-off contest and is the 2016-2017 Elks Lodge "Turkey of the Year". The food brought by everyone was a feast, and the games and DJ were a perfect way to wind up a great night of fun, brotherhood, and sisterhood. After that, Marry Cannon hosted her annual Dirty Santa and Dinner. There were more than 40 participants, and the food was tremendous as well. The Employee Christmas Party was held the same night as Dirty Santa, and I believe they all had a great time. Wheel Barrel tickets set a new record with Stella Musick winning this year. Jay Lockridge was not completely left out of the winnings this year, as he won the wine basket.

Please note that on January 14th, we will be hosting our annual "Hoop Shoot". This year we expect to have at least 40-plus children participate, thanks to the Harvest Youth Club and the Boys and Girls Club. This will take a lot of volunteers so see April for the details and get signed up.

As we enter the winter doldrums of January and February, I would like to take this slow time and work hard at getting new members. We will be hosting an Open House, February 4th, to invite potential members to attend. Our State President, Mike Thrasher, as well of other special guest will be attending. I hope to have a nice "meet and greet" followed by a power point presentation about the contributions we make to our community and the fun times we have together. Please be thinking of who you can invite. If we finish strong, we could be the only Elks Lodge in the state to have a close, positive membership increase verses membership loss ratio. If you would like to help in planning, please see me.

In closing from the Lecturing Knight:

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

Please remember this as you took an oath to do so.

Fraternally,
Buzzy

From Your House Committee:

Taxes and bills against the Club are paid and current, and the inventory of the Club and kitchen for December is completed. April Wiggins is now the Club Operations Manager; she has many years of Club experience and is a welcome change. Repairs were made to the soft drink dispenser along with the mug freezer being replaced with a new one, thanks to ER Byrom negotiating a deal for it. The Club is in process of replacing the keg cooler with a new one as well, and we now have a replacement wine cooler. The HC supported the Lodge Members' Christmas party, Dirty Santa and Employees' Christmas party. Thanks to those Members who joined in on the Annual Wheelbarrow Raffle as it provided the bonuses for the Club staff. Stella Musick won the Wheelbarrow and PER Jay Lockridge won the Wine Draw. ER Byrom conducted a workshop on the Point Of Sale system for Officers and HC members on December 11. The HC recognizes Member Danita Hall and HC Member Di Wilson for volunteering to operate the bar on Christmas Eve so Club Staff could be off. PER Brenda Miller and others held the annual Christmas morning Eggnog event at the Club and was well attended. Our next Members' Breakfast is January 7th from 9-10:30AM. Our December Breakfast served 84 Members and Guests; join in for this great event. The HC thanks those members who donate their time to Club operations. Submit in writing any ideas, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the agenda at a HC meeting which is every Monday at 5:30PM. Thank you all.

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

House Rules Highlight

Quorum: Although Club business may be discussed at any meeting of the House Committee, no vote shall take place unless there is a quorum of members of the House Committee present.

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table

Thursday, January 12
Civil War Round Table, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 26
Civil War Little Round Table, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Remember the BLOUNT HOUSE

Donations Always Needed

List of Items Posted in Club

(See Betty Mahone or Gwenda Hall for Details)

LODGE HOURS

Monday and Saturday Open 4:00

Tuesday - Friday Open 10:30

Sunday Open 2:00

SECRETARY NEWS . . .

Replacement Card \$5

Current Stats:

Active Members 612

Candidates 6

Delinquents 56

"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 Ruth Lavine recovering from shoulder surgery.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy Awards Contest Begins:

Do you know a high school senior who is the child or grandchild of an Elks Member? Encourage them to apply for the Legacy Awards contest. Applications are online now.

To learn more, visit enf.elks.org/Leg for information and to access the application. Legacy Awards applications are due online by February 3, 2017, at 11:59 A.M. Central Time.



Karaoke on the MOVE

Saturday Nights

6:00-10:00

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day From 11:00-1:00: Black-eyed Peas, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Bloody Mary's, Mimosas Bar Opens at 1:00	2 Open 4:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 Trivia 6:30	3 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30	4 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	5 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	6 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	7 Open 9:00 Monthly Breakfast 9:00-10:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
8 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30	9 Open 4:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 Trivia 6:30	10 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 LODGE MEETING 7:00	11 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	12 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00 Civil War Round Table 6:30	13 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	14 Open 4:00 "Hoop Shoot" 2:00 Boys and Girls Club on Seminole Drive Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
15 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30	16 MLK Day Open 4:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 Trivia 6:30	17 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30	18 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	19 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00 Indoctrination / Orientation 6:00	20 Inauguration Day Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00 Mid-Year State Elks Convention	21 Open 4:00 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00 Mid-Year State Elks Convention
22 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30	23 Open 4:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 Trivia 6:30	24 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 LODGE MEETING 7:00	25 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	26 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Civil War "Little" Round Table 6:30	27 Open 10:30 Jells Lunch 10:30-1:30 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	28 Open 4:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
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UPCOMING . . .

February 4th
Huntsville Elks Lodge 1648
"OPEN HOUSE"
Membership Drive

Mardi Gras Dinner and Party
February 25th - 6:00 p.m.

Casino Night - Watch for Date and Time

Happy Birthday

January Birthdays:

- 01 - Greg Jennings, Charles David Presley, James B. Schrimsher, Phillip E. Wilbanks
- 02 - John P. Davis
- 03 - Richard Darden
- 04 - Wayne R. Gwynne, Walker McGinnis, Ernest F. Rhodes
- 05 - Jerry Byrom, Teresa O'Malley, Roy H. Turner
- 06 - Anneliese M. Bonds, Duane Willis
- 07 - John M. Henriksen
- 08 - Tom Hardy
- 09 - Helen Grabney
- 10 - John Heath
- 11 - Donna M. Theriault
- 15 - Shaun Canter
- 16 - Roy Braswell, Bill L. Nettles
- 17 - Janice Schuckman
- 19 - Doyal J. Hyatt
- 20 - Suzanne G. Byrom, Walter B. Smith
- 21 - George T. O'Toole LM
- 22 - Edward M. Limback, Cynthia Tippet
- 24 - Patricia Ann Quick
- 25 - Mark E. Pullen

- 26 - Jerry L. Bredeson PER, John R. Conway, Joe G. Tidwell, Heide Williams, Larry Woodruff, Sherry Yarborough
- 27 - Nancy L. Cunningham, Gregory D. Gray II, Alan D. Peterson
- 28 - Gregory K. Barrett, Lee Roy Cunningham, James J. Wojcik
- 30 - Robert E. Cramer, William F. Porter, Beth Wright

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** or **pman1504@gmail.com**

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

Interested in booking an event?

Club's New Email Address:

bpoe1648manager@gmail.com

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 costs.

Lodge Officers 2016-2017

- Exalted Ruler – Jerry “Buzzy” Byrom
- Esteemed Leading Knight – James Miller
- Esteemed Loyal Knight – Patrick Mickel
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Kimberly Tippet
- 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

Honored Member's Dinner will be compliments of the Lodge. Guests of Members are invited at regular dinner price (\$10.00) for each attending. Guests who are Lodge Members should complete and return this form with payment to the Lodge Manager or Phyllis Mann, identify their host and the meal they would like. **THE HONORED MEMBER MUST ARRANGE MEAL PURCHASE FOR ANY NON-MEMBER GUESTS. ALL FORMS MUST BE IN BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

November, December, January Birthdays

For Honored Members:

I will attend the Birthday Celebration **JANUARY 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** as a Guest of the Lodge.

Name _____ Member Number _____

I am enclosing payment for the following dinners for my spouse and/or non-member guests at \$10.00 each.

Number of steaks _____ Number of chicken _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

For Honored Member's Guests:

I/we will be attending the Birthday Celebration as a Guest of _____

Guest's Name _____

I am enclosing payment for the following guests at \$10.00 each.

Number of steaks _____ Number of chicken _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____