



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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March has arrived and we are one month from completing my first year as your Exalted Ruler. A lot has been accomplished but there is a lot more to do.

The newsletter is a few days late because we wanted to wait until elections were over and let everyone know who the officers will be for the upcoming year. Elections were held February 28th and the following Officers have been elected.

- Exalted Ruler - Jerry "Buzzy" Byrom
- Esteemed Leading Knight - Patrick Mickle
- Loyal Knight - Nicole Anderson
- Lecturing Night - Angie Ezell
- Secretary - Di Wilson
- Treasurer - John Bell
- Trustees - Mike Davis, Mary Cannon, Louis Tumminello, Phillip Towery, Randy Morris
- Esquire - Michael Hepler
- Tiler - To be appointed
- Inner Guard - To be appointed

Congratulations to all the new officers and I am extremely excited to be working with each of you.

Committee Chairs and members will be put together during the month of March. If you are interested in serving on any certain Committee please let one of the officers or me know. These committees are a great way to become involved in our organization and contribute to our local community in all of our great activities.

March is also the last month to get in new members for our fiscal year. We will initiate 21 new members in February and we need to finish the year strong. At this point we are going to be one of the only lodges in the US and the State of Alabama to end with a net gain in membership. Thank you to everybody that brought in new members.

Please come by the lodge and see how the remodeling is coming along. Several areas have been improved and more is on the way. Please keep supporting our different fundraisers so we can continue to make these improvements.

In closing I would like thank all of those that helped me with the "Open House". It took a lot of members and very collective effort to pull this off. I think everyone would agree that it was a great night to be an Elk and a member of Huntsville Lodge #1648.

From Your Chaplain:

**"Enlighten our minds more and more with the principles of our order -
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity."**

Fraternally,
Buzzy

Elks Care - Elks Share

From Your House Committee:

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. Club and kitchen inventory was completed on schedule in February. The HC supported the Lodge with the Open House held on February 4. HC Jason Johnson donated a full size keg to that effort as well. The HC also supported the Lodge with the annual Mardi Gras party. The Club office has a new copier/fax machine. Repairs: Michael Hepler found replacement parts for the bar stools and is in process of repairing them; Shelly Watt made a temporary repair to a leak in the water heater to keep it running until a permanent repair was made; Billy Herndon cleaned all air filters in the Lodge and repaired the outside kitchen exhaust vent; Danita Hall and Secretary Phyllis Mann cleaned the Bingo concession stand; drains cleared in Club mens room; Lodge entrance threshold repaired and Charles Hall mounted new lighting in the buffet table which were donated by Loyal Knight Patrick Mickle. The Club mens room remodel is near completion. The February breakfast served 71. Our next breakfast is March 4 at 9 to 10:30. Join your fellow members and guests for this great Lodge event. The HC thanks those members who volunteer time to help keep the Lounge running. Submit any ideas or suggestions in writing or ask to be on the next HC Meeting agenda. The HC now meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30. Thank you all.

Your House Committee:

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

House Rules

Club Operations
B. Food Service:

(2) No one is allowed access to the kitchen area or the area behind the bar unless they are an employee, officer, House Committee member or a member of the Lodge whose duties requires them to have access.

Administrative:

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

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table

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

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

"Elks of the Month":

April	Cathy Kulas
May	Danita Hall
June	David Burkette
July	Charles Hall
August - September	Gwenda Hall and Batty Mahone
October- November	Randy & Joan Spiegel
December	Michael Hepler
February	t/b/a
March	t/b/a

SECRETARY NEWS . . .

Replacement Card \$5

Current Stats:

620 Members
6 Candidates
49 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:

**Ernie and Judy Rhodes
Ruth Lavine - recovering from surgery**

Happy Birthday

March Birthdays:

- 01 - Denise Hammers, Stephen B. Simpson
- 02 - Keith Adams, Linda S. Bennett, Phillip Cooper, Patrick Dodd Mickle
- 04 - Allen cathey, Allison Edwards Greene, Jennifer Walker Lewis
- 05 - Jerry Michael Nelson
- 07 - William A. Farley
- 08 - James M. Henley, Jr.
- 09 - Jan Robbins Abbott, Steve Casey, Roscoe O. Roberts
- 10 - Kenneth G. Grady, Ruth Lee, Larry J. Overman, Troy M. Wright
- 11 - Braxton D. Butler, Tom Hales, Clarke Edger Moore, Bruce Edward Niemeyer, Joseph F. Rains, Ken R. Williams
- 12 - April Wiggins
- 13 - John J. Carr, William C. House, Gary M. Murfield, Dan Tweedy
- 14 - Walter W. Porter
- 15 - Debby Bonds-Pierce, Seth Lund, Terry G. Yancy
- 16 - Butch Perkins, William Wylie Sammons
- 17 - Carl E. Cory, Bobbie Lee Nazworth, Merritt M. Robbins
- 18 - Dianna "Di" Wilson, Rhett Woody
- 19 - Lynne Horst, George W. Neal
- 20 - Kirk D. Ritter, M. B. Spragins
- 21 - Kathey Pollard Young
- 22 - Keith R. Allen
- 23 - Russell Hollingsworth
- 24 - Bryan Bentley, Rober S. Cannon, James Garner Jr., Barry Johnson
- 25 - Stanley D. Rowe
- 26 - William H. Ray
- 27 - Judy P. Carney, Mark A. Hooper
- 28 - Christine Gould, Lynda Hall, Clay Howard, Kelly D. Stinson, Lillian R. Strickland
- 30 - George W. Neal
- 31 - Byrom O. Goodwin, Ashley Myers Lorino

LODGE HOURS

Monday - Saturday Open 3:00 p.m.

First Saturday Open 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Open 2:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	2 Open 3:00 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	3 Open 3:00 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	4 Open 9:00 Saturday Breakfast 9:00-10:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
5 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 - 7:30 BINGO 5:30	6 Open 3:00 House Committee 5:30 Trivia 6:30	7 Open 3:00	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	9 Open 3:00 Chicken Buffet 5:00-9:00 Civil War Round Table 6:30	10 Open 3:00 Dinner Specials 5:00-9:00	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
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Sunday - 5:30 p.m.

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

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
pmann1504@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.*

Saturday Nights
6:00-10:00



Welcome Our New Members for January Initiation



Front Row, Left to Right: Debra Smith Finley, Sharon Brown, Helen Mitchell, Barbara Plonka, Martha Collins, Kristen Bowen.
Back Row: Corey Mullins, Mike Hawkins, Seth Lund, Stephen Simpson, Dr. David Lee, Johns Carson, Billy Bell, Juergen Kampmeier, Carlton O'Neal, Glen Grady

*Pictures from the Open House Held in February . . .
Lots of Fun Had By All*



We finally made the National Elks Magazine. Be sure to check out your March 2017 edition. Thank You, Wayne Tucker. Wayne's perseverance came through.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Elks Care — Elks Share



Huntsville, AL, Lodge members helped students and staff members at Blossomwood Elementary School plant trees and install plant boxes on school grounds. These activities are part of the lodge's Elks Growing Youth project, which is funded by a \$10,000 ENF Impact Grant. Pictured are (front, from left) students John Sharp, Miles Schmitt, and Kara Hallett with (back, from left) lodge member Jack Bean, volunteer Carolyn Sorden, lodge members Edward Sorden and Phyllis Mann, lodge Impact Grant Coordinator Wayne Tucker, Blossomwood Elementary School PTA representative Marla Mitchell, and lodge member Rebecca Lott.

March 2nd Elmer Hargis Space Camp Award went to Madison County Elementary 5th grade class. 29 students will be attending Space Camp for a week expense free.

