

DECATUR ELKS LODGE #655

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks — Decatur, Alabama

"Elks Care — Elks Share" | "Team Elkdom, Together We Make a Difference"

OCTOBER 2026 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Lodge Officers (2026–2027)

Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight Rick Sides

Loyal Knight Jennifer Hall

Lecturing Knight David Welch

Esquire Mike Kessler

Chaplain Gayle Aycock

Inner Guard Pam Hardin

Secretary Amanda Robinson

Treasurer Kristen Hopper

Tiler Bob Brockman

Board of Trustees

1-Year Trustee Tommy Austin

2-Year Trustee Larry Russell

3-Year Trustee Joe Webber

4-Year Trustee Dave Upton

5-Year Trustee Jerry Riggs

Lodge Hours

Tue–Thu, Sun 3:30p – 12:00a

Friday 3:30p – 12:30a

Saturdays College Football

Mondays CLOSED (BINGO)

ER Kevin Worley resigned, Thursday, September 17, 2026.

His resignation letter was read on the floor of the
Lodge meeting, Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Alabama Elks Association — State President Travel Spotlight

Alabama State President's Travels Continue

2026–2027 STATE MOTTO: "TEAM ELKDOM, TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

As we look back on September and ahead to the months to come, Shelia and I are grateful for the opportunity to travel across Alabama and connect with so many of our dedicated Elks.

We recently enjoyed a wonderful Steak Night at Florence Elks Lodge, as well as the State Nine Ball Tournament hosted by Marion County Lodge. Shelia and I sincerely appreciate the gracious hospitality we have received at every lodge we have visited. The fellowship and warm welcomes have made each stop especially memorable.

We are also looking forward to attending the Rock Revival at Huntsville Elks Lodge during the last week of September. Events like these provide a great opportunity to come together, enjoy fellowship, and support the important work of Elkdom.

Our Camping Weekend at Smith Lake was another wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, have some fun, and, most importantly, raise money for our State Major Project, Camp ASCCA. Events like this demonstrate what we can accomplish when we come together with a common purpose.

This month, our lodge will also have the honor of hosting the statewide Will Lane Stoke in Smoke. We have a great team that has been working hard to ensure our lodge puts its best foot forward for this annual event. It is a true honor to have the opportunity to host this event, and we look forward to welcoming Elks from across Alabama.

Shelia and I are enjoying our travels across Alabama. At every stop, we have the opportunity to meet wonderful Elks and see firsthand the great work being done in our lodges and communities. We are also looking forward to traveling to South Alabama, visiting our lodges there, and attending the Official South District Presidents Visit hosted by Dothan Elks Lodge.

As we continue throughout the year, we remain focused on two important priorities for Alabama Elkdom: growing our membership and reducing delinquency. Our team has committed to conducting monthly reviews of the results and progress of the actions being taken by our lodges to address these two critical areas. By working together, sharing ideas, and holding ourselves accountable for results, we can continue building stronger lodges throughout Alabama.

Thank you for everything you do for your lodges, your communities, and for Elkdom. Shelia and I look forward to seeing many more of you as we continue our travels across the state.

Team Elkdom - Together We Make a Difference!

Sincerely,

Mike Childress

President - Alabama Elks Association

256-797-2594



**State President Mike Childress
& First Lady Shelia Childress**

DECATUR ELKS LODGE #655

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks — Decatur, Alabama

Happy Birthday to Our October Members! 🎃🎂

Oct 01	Pamela B. Hardin
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Oct 01	David G. Ralson
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Oct 04	Rebecca Hooker
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Oct 04	Ginger Letson
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Oct 08	Clifton Raymond Michael
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Oct 08	Jeremy Wayne Morris
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Oct 09	B. Lynn Layton
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Oct 10	M. Dale Deason
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Oct 10	Michael Rogers
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Oct 11	Kevin Worley
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Oct 12	Angela C. Campbell
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Oct 14	Michael Schreck
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Oct 16	Anthony R. Sherwood
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Oct 16	Richard A. Sides
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Oct 17	John Wheat
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Oct 21	Wm Sidney Morris
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Oct 22	Donald Glenn Terry
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Oct 28	William A. Eubanks
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Oct 28	Daniel J. Miller
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Oct 31	Gene Austin Cozart
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Oct 31	Byron Frederick
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If you see these members around the Lodge this month, be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! 🎉

DECATUR ELKS LODGE #655

Fun at the Annual George Kruger Camping Weekend at Smith Lake



Celebrating our 55th Wedding Anniversary with our Alabama Elks friends at Smith Lake!



ALABAMA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION



MONTHLY 9 BALL Tournament



— TO RAISE MONEY FOR — JINGLE JUMP

IN SUPPORT OF THE JINGLE JUMP EFFORTS FOR
STATE PRESIDENT MIKE CHILDRESS



★ ★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ★



TO DATE WE HAVE RAISED

\$456 + \$82

DONATIONS

WE STILL HAVE

7 EVENTS

UNTIL STATE CONVENTION!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY
9/19/26

MARION COUNTY
LODGE

SATURDAY
10/24/26

CALERA
LODGE

SATURDAY
11/14/26

GADSDEN
LODGE

ON THIS DAY WE WILL SCHEDULE
TOURNAMENT
OF CHAMPIONS
WITH THE LODGE WHO HAS
HAD THE BEST ATTENDANCE



CURRENTLY
CULLMAN LODGE
WITH

43

PARTICIPANTS



REGISTRATION
OPENS
11:00 AM



12 DIVISION
STARTS
12:00 PM
(VARY BY DIVISION)



MAJOR
REGISTRATION
ENDS
12:30 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION
CAPABILITY
COMING SOON!



WITH ONLINE
BRACKETS



THIS IS A RACE TO ONE,
DOUBLE ELIMINATION STYLE TOURNAMENT
WHICH DOES REQUIRE DOUBLE DIP FOR THE WINNER.



PLAY HARD. HAVE FUN. SUPPORT OUR ELKS!

WILL LANE STOKE AND SMOKE 2026

WHEN

October 15th—18th 2026

WHERE

**Decatur Elks Lodge 655
2625 Centron Dr
Decatur, AL 35603**

INFORMATION CONTACT

**Kevin Worley <klworl@ascendmaterials.com>
Shelia Childress <sheliachildress@outlook.com>
Ronnie Mckee <rdm52451@bellsouth.net>**

TEAM THEME

**Each team is ask to have a theme name.
Each team member will dress to go with their theme. Decorate your
cooking sites according to their theme.
Prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
Judged on Originality, best dressed, and best decorations.**

Hotel info

**Courtyard Marriott
1209 Courtyard Circle
Decatur, AL 35603**

Please click on the reservation link below to receive a 10% discount:

[Reservation-Link](#)

Camper Spots

Eligibility Requirements

**To be eligible for RV parking consideration, participants must:
Be fully registered participants in the cookoff event with a submitted RV parking request by the published DEADLINE August 1st,
RV assignments will be determined using a random lottery process. With all registered participants., before August 1st.**

THURSDAY

**3:00-7:00 REGISTRATION
5:00 BUCK SHOT
4:00-6:00 PIG HUNT
5600 LRC
5:00—7:00 BEANS N HAM
6:00 POKER
7:00 DJ/KARAOKE
7:00 DART POKER**

FRIDAY

**8:00—10:00 Full Breakfast
10:00 Pool Tournament
11:00 Bunco
11:00-1:00 Lunch (Short Orders)
1:00 Pool Tournament
2:00-4:00 Pig Hunt
2:00-4:00 Concession open
2:00 Poker Tournament
3:00 Corn Hole Tournament
4:00 Pig Race
5:00-7:00 Bake Potato Bar
6:00 Band
7:00 Poker Tournament
7:00 Dart Tournament
9:00 Announcements**

SATURDAY

**7:00 - 9:00 Pancake Breakfast
9:00 Bloody Mary Contest
10:00 Pool Tournament
11:00 Bingo
11:00-1:00 Taco Bar
12:00 Team Meeting
1:00 Poker Run
2:00-4:00 Concession
2:00-4:00 Pig Hunt
2:00 Poker Tournament
2:00 Cake Walk
3:00 Chili Contest
3:00 Corn Hole
4:00 Trivia
5:00-7:00 Chili and Fixins
6:00 Dart Tournament
7:00 Poker Tournament
7:00 Karaoke
9:00 Announcements**

SUNDAY

**7:00 - 9:00 Sausage N Biscuit
Meat turned in:
9:30 Steak
10:00 Chicken
10:30 Ribs
11:00 Butts
11:00-1:00 Short Orders
12:00pm Awards**

DECATUR ELKS LODGE #655

Stoke-n-Smoke Event Donations Needed!



We are three weeks away from our big event: Stoke-n-Smoke! 🔥



Door Prizes & Silent Auction Items

We are currently collecting items for our door prizes and silent auction.

- You can bring these items to the Lodge at **any time**.
- Please take donated items upstairs for setup and storage.



Cakes, Sweets, Pumpkins & Mums

Drop-off Date: Tuesday, October 13th

- **Cake Walk:** We need donations of cakes or any kind of homemade/store-bought sweets.
- **Decorations:** We are in need of pumpkins and mums to decorate the Lodge for the event.

Thank You for Your Support & Generosity!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

Contact Shelia Childress



(256) 565-5390



HALLOWEEN

BUNCO



OCTOBER 27TH

6 P.M.



*Bring food
to share!*



GOOD DICE,
GREAT FRIENDS, LOTS OF FUN!



DECATUR ELKS LODGE



HALLOWEEN PARTY!

★ **FRIDAY, 10/30/2026** ★



COSTUME CONTEST
(BRAGGING RIGHTS ONLY)



**WEAR YOUR
BEST
COSTUME!**



ENTERTAINMENT BY
"BOB AND THE FOG"
8-11 PM

BRING A "SPOOKY" SNACK OR
DESSERT TO SHARE



\$5.00

FOR
MEMBERS



\$10.00

FOR
NON-MEMBERS



GOOD FOOD, GREAT MUSIC, SPOOKTACULAR FUN!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



ELKS
DECATUR, AL

DECATUR ELKS
— ★ ANNUAL ★ —
TRUNK
OR
TREAT

JOIN US FOR A
SPOOKTACULAR
EVENING OF
FUN, CANDY &
COMMUNITY!

ALL CANDY
DONATIONS
WELCOME!

COSTUMES
★ SMILES ★
★ CANDY ★
★ FUN! ★

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31
5:30 - 7:30 PM

SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A
SPOOKTACULAR COMMUNITY EVENT!



DECATUR ELKS

2625 CENTRON DR. SW • DECATUR

OUR ANNUAL

TURKEY SHOOT

SATURDAY,
**NOVEMBER
7TH**
11AM - 2PM

 **\$5 PER ROUND,**
ONE SHOT PER ROUND

 **TARGET DISTANCE:**
30FT - 60FT

 **PELLET RIFLES**
(PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN IF POSSIBLE)

 **SHOOT OFF**
FOR ANY TIES
 **\$20 VOUCHER**
TO FOODLAND
TO WINNERS

I'M NOT
THE
TARGET!

AIM STRAIGHT...
BUT DON'T
GOBBLE ME UP!



GOOD AIM.
GOOD CAUSE.
GOOD TIMES!

★ THIS IS A ★
FAMILY FRIENDLY
★ EVENT. ★

THIS IS FOR THE
**LODGE SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

**FUN FOR
ALL AGES!**



LET'S
HIT THE
BULLSEYE
FOR A GREAT
CAUSE!



Camp ASCCA DONATIONS

ASCCA is an acronym that stands for Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults.

Our State of Alabama ELKs major project is Camp ASCCA. Providing camping experiences for children and adults with disabilities. Camp ASCCA offers 230 wooded acres on the shores of Lake Martin in Alabama. Camp ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in therapeutic recreation for children and adults with both physical and intellectual disabilities.

As our state project money goes to help with the maintenance and new projects for the camp for these children and adults. This Lodge Committee is raising funds to send children and adults that have not attended before the opportunity to attend.

Our Decatur ELKs Lodge 655 is asking for your help in raising funds for this worthwhile cause.

Our lodge has a scholarship or sponsorship program that will pay for a person or persons in our community to attend. Depending on the amount we raise each year will determine the number of children and adults we are able to help financially which is \$825 for one week per camper currently.

We would like to ask each member of our Lodge to make a DONATION of \$15

You can either submit your donation in an envelope at the Lodge

With Attention: Margaret Webber on the envelope

Or

Mail your donation to:

Decatur ELK Lodge #655

PO Box 5827

Decatur, AL 35603

Please Make sure your name is on the envelope somewhere.

We appreciate your support and effort to help us with this scholarship/Sponsorship endeavor.

In the month of June, there will be applications available for this opportunity.

Together, we can show that ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE.

Thank you for your Support !!

Margaret Webber, Camp ASCCA Committee Chairperson

Decatur ELKs Lodge #655

DECATUR EMBLEM CLUB #127

October 2026 Monthly Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Decatur Emblem Club #127 Members,

Happy October! Fall is here, bringing cooler days, beautiful colors, and another wonderful opportunity for us to come together as an Emblem Club family.

Last week, we had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Supreme Emblem Club Convention in Rhode Island. It was truly a memorable experience. We enjoyed visiting and making new friends with Emblem Club members from across the United States, and sharing ideas and experiences with one another.

We learned a great deal about volunteering, community service, and the many ways other Emblem Clubs support their communities. It was inspiring to hear about the projects and activities clubs are involved in, and we came home with new ideas that we hope can benefit our own Decatur Emblem Club.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support, friendship, and dedication to our club. It is because of our members who volunteer their time, participate in our activities, and support one another that we continue to make a difference in our community.

October is a busy and exciting month, and I hope everyone will join us for the activities we have planned. Your participation makes our events more enjoyable and helps us continue our club's work.

Most importantly, let's continue to remember that fellowship and friendship are at the heart of what we do. Please reach out to one another, welcome our newer members, and keep the spirit of Emblem Club strong.

Thank you for all that you do. I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to sharing a wonderful October with each of you.

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy, and beautiful fall season!

With warmest regards,

Kerri Beck

President, Decatur Emblem Club #127

October Happenings

October 13

Monthly Meeting

Location: Elks Lodge

Join us for our monthly Emblem Club meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying an evening together!

October 27

Bunco Night

Come join us for a fun evening of Bunco, fellowship, and laughter. Bring your friends and enjoy a great time with your Emblem Club family!

October 31

Trunk or Treat

We're participating in Trunk or Treat on Halloween! Bring your car and help us hand out candy to the kids. Decorate your trunk if you'd like, and come enjoy a fun Halloween evening with us.

We Hope to See You!

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support and participation. Let's make October a fun month filled with friendship, fellowship, and community spirit!

Decatur Emblem Club #127

Annual Supreme Emblem Club Convention Providence, Rhode Island



Our own Emblem Club that attended: Bev Teter, Lynn Easterwood, Emblem President Kerri Beck, Nancy Morgan and Nancy Kessler

Past Supreme Presidents: Barbara Johnson , 2006-2007, Joyce Alison, 2023-2024, AL State President, Eric Allison, Past Supreme Presidents: Marty Lynch, 2016-2017, Nancy Harris, 2014-2015



Checking out local artwork and spending quality time together off the convention floor.



Taking a break to explore Providence and enjoy the scenery around the city's landmarks.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 PM PER Meeting	2 7:00 PM-11:00 PM Karaoke	3 AU vs Tennessee ALA vs Miss State
4 Lodge Open 3:30pm-8pm	5 5:30 PM Bingo	6 6:30 Bar Games with Gail	7 3:30 PM Pool Players Fellowship	8 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting	9 5:30-7:30 PER Steak Night	10 State Dart Tournament, Roebuck Lodge #79 AU BYE ALA vs Georgia Bulldogs
11 Lodge Open 3:30pm-8pm	12 5:30 PM Bingo	13 5:30 PM Taco Tuesday 7:00 PM Emblem Club Mtg	14 3:30 PM Pool Players Fellowship	15 7:00 PM Board Meeting Annual Stoke n Smoke	16 Annual Stoke n Smoke	17 Annual Stoke n Smoke AU vs Georgia ALA vs Tennessee
18 Lodge Open 3:30pm-8pm Annual Stoke n Smoke	19 5:30 PM Bingo	20 6:30 Bar Games with Gail	21 3:30 PM Pool Players Fellowship	22 DD Visit 7:00 PM Board Meeting	23 5:30 PM PER Horse Racing	24 11:00 AM State 9 Ball Tourn. (Calera Lodge) AU vs LSU Tigers ALA vs TEXAS A&M
25 Lodge Open 3:30pm-8pm	26 5:30 PM Bingo	27 6:00 PM Bunco, \$20	28 3:30 PM Pool Players Fellowship	29	30 Halloween Party, Bob in Fog	31 5:30-7:30 PM Halloween Trunk & Treat AU vs Ole Miss ALA BYE