

Auburn-Opelika Elks Lodge #1834

The *Wapiti* Newsletter

January 2021

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# THE STATION OF THE EXALTED RULER

## Exalted Ruler's Message

First, I must apologize for my tardiness in sending the ER Message for January.

**Happy New Year!** While not received on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>, my wish to each of you and your families is for 2021 to be a healthy and happy year! This wish doesn't expire, it is in full force for every day of 2021!

We finished up **2020** with...

### Grants:

- An ENF Beacon Grant was received, completed, and the Final Report approved just before Christmas for our Veterans at Tuskegee...
- An ENF Gratitude Grant was written, approved and final report submitted for the Big House Foundation Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Santa and our Lodge Members enjoyed hosting the families and children!
- An ENF Spotlight Grant was written and approved after Christmas (and just before the deadline) for the purchase of computer and related equipment for Mercy Medical Ministries. We are awaiting the check from the ENF for presentation to the Ministry.
- An AEA State Grant was approved to replace an inoperative refrigerator and provide additional kitchen equipment at Christian Care Ministries in Opelika. The equipment was ordered and arrived during the holidays... We have an award presentation scheduled at the soup kitchen on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Over **\$11,228.00 in ENF grants were distributed in our Community this year.** This is in addition to our local charities and Scholarships.

### New Year's Eve:

Thank you to all who attended and brought finger foods. I believe all enjoyed the band and had a good time!

### 2021:

Looks to start out as a trying year with folks limiting involvement and trying to stay healthy and awaiting a promised vaccination...

Unless shuttered by the Governor, we will continue Lodge meetings on Monday nights. Based on our current attendance at or around twenty members, we have the space to social distance. We will continue to have a meal before the meeting.

The Club will re-open on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM. Additional opening times will be based upon attendance and requests of the members. *Football Saturdays were sparsely attended but the Club was open each Saturday this past Fall as promised.*

We will have karaoke the fourth Friday of January, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Club. We will open at 4:00 pm with Karaoke starting at 7:00 pm.

### A/C Update:

All new electrical connections have been completed. **Air Con** is working the week of Jan 4<sup>th</sup> to finish rewiring thermostats and complete their final installation steps... Looking forward to having this project completed the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**John Findley**, Exalted Ruler

# From Our Secretary

**NOTICE:** Thank everyone for their donation to Camp Ascca by buying raffle tickets to the \$10,000 drawing. There are still plenty of tickets that have not been turned in as sold. Please continue to sell your tickets. Due to the cancellation of the Mid-Year Convention in January, the drawing for the \$10,000 will be held at the annual Convention in June. I have a few extra tickets if you need them. Just call me at 334-301-1330. Where else can you have a chance at winning \$10,000 for only \$1? Also, for our State Project and a very good cause.

We have 216 members and 29 delinquents. **PLEASE those of you that are delinquent, pay your dues.** We do not want to drop any more members for nonpayment. If you are having a hardship and cannot afford the dues, please let me know.

I hope everyone had a great Merry Christmas and 2021 will be full of good health and happiness.

*Carolyn Coburn*, Lodge Secretary

## January Birthdays

Date			Years Member
03	Joe	Bradshaw	13
03	William	Havron	21
03	Robert	Phillips	47
04	Dewel	Knowles	2
05	Richard	Radford	25
06	William	Trant	39
07	William	Crew III	47
08	Mathew	Bufford	14
10	Robert	Cannon	32
11	Gary	Spillman	33
12	James	Moody	1
14	James	McClain Jr	43
14	Jeffrey	Steiger	3
15	Harold	Cooper	15
15	Michael	Gloss	41
16	Johnny	Prince	45
17	Jessie	Sanders	21
18	J T	Taunton	31
28	Tim	Barber	20
29	David	Kastner	36



Brother Andy Daugherty is shown delivering the boxes of food items our Lodge 1834 Elks members collected during our food drive to New Birth Outreach in Valley, AL.

New Birth Outreach is a 12-month faith-based discipleship ministry designed to provide a safe place for men and women who are recovering from drug addictions and life's challenges.

Thank you to all of our members who contributed food items to this drive!



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*Hal and Rose Karaoke*

*In the club for your enjoyment. . .*

*January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021*

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