



The "Wapiti" Newsletter

July 2021

Wow, June has flown by and it's the middle of the summer already!

The World Famous 1834 Cooking Team began the month by cooking Thursday evening, June 3rd, for the dignitaries for the **Alabama Elks Association** who held their **Annual Convention at the Marriott, Grand National** in Opelika. The dinner was a hit with all! Thank you to our members who helped cook and serve.

Nine Brothers and Sisters from Auburn-Opelika Lodge attended various functions at the **AEA Convention** throughout the weekend of June 4, 5, and 6th. We got to hear and see reports from other Lodges at work around the state, a beautiful Memorial Service for our departed brethren, and the awarding of Scholarship presentations to young people from throughout our state who have just graduated high school and to hear their plans for attending College and beyond. Your Exalted Ruler was honored to receive the State ER of the Year award at the convention banquet. I believe all came away appreciative for Elkdom in Alabama!

The Camp ASCCA ticket drawing was held at the Convention. Winners from around the state, include **Richard Sanders**, winner of the Grand Prize of \$10,000.00. The Grand Prize ticket was sold by **Tuscaloosa Lodge #393**. The \$2000.00 winner was **Jasper Elks Lodge #2571** and the \$1000.00 winner was **Jerry Burnette** of Alexander City, AL.

Back home, the **Tiki Hut is open each Saturday and Sunday**. Come out and enjoy a chargrilled hamburger and/or dawg and your favorite beverage while you relax beside or in the pool. In addition to Saturday and Sunday (July 3rd and 4th respectively), **the Tiki Hut will be open** for your enjoyment on **Monday July 5th** and will have a DJ (**Brother John Pruitt**) to play your favorite tunes. Come out and enjoy the music and your pool.

Hal and Rose continue to wow the Club crowd on the second and fourth Friday evenings of the month in your Club at 7:00 pm. Please support your Club!

The World Famous 1834 Cooking Team is back again at the end of the month cooking for their annual Butts and Stew Sale. **This sale is our primary funding source for our local scholarship program at Southern Union**. Please see **Chaplain Julie Stanley** or one of our Lodge members to obtain tickets for the best stew and butts in East Alabama! Pick up begins at 10:00AM on Saturday July 3rd at the Lodge BBQ Pit.

Also on July 3rd, from 10:00-4:00PM, **please support the LifeSouth Blood Drive** in front of the Lodge. It only takes a few extra minutes when picking up your Butts and Stew **to give the gift of life!**

A committee of PERs (Past Exalted Rulers) met in early June and proposed changes to our By-laws. They will be presented for first reading on June 28th. A second reading, discussion, and a final vote will be held on July 12th. See the announcement letter and proposed updates included in this copy of the Wapiti.

Please congratulate our new members: **Whitney Davis, Lauren Woodley, Perry Risler, and Candice Neese** who were initiated on June 28th. We welcome them to our Lodge.

Also, at our meeting on June 28th, we presented Auburn-Opelika Lodge Local Scholarships of \$1500.00 each to **Meagan Cotney of Daviston, AL** and **Laura Lumpkin of Roanoke, AL** for Fall 2021 at Southern Union and a \$1500.00 for scholarship to **Max Caldwell of Opelika, AL** for Fall 2021 at Auburn University.

There is **NO meeting on Monday July 5th**. **Blake (Epperson)** and I will be representing your Lodge at the Annual Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa the 4th through the 7th. We both will be back for our next regularly scheduled Lodge and Board meeting on July 12th.

I hope each of you has a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!

Fraternally,

John Findley, Exalted Ruler

Secretary's Message

This is already a hot summer. Hope everyone is fortunate enough to stay cool.

As of this writing, we have 35 delinquents. Those 35 will be dropped from membership on September 30, due are not paid. Please get your dues in. If you know of a past member who would like to be reinstated, during the months of June and July you can reinstate for \$1 plus prorated dues til April 1, 2022. Try to convince them to reinstate.

Our new billing system still has some kinks to work out but hopefully, all problems will be solved and it will work smoothly. I hope no one has been inconvenienced.

If you haven't been to the Lodge lately, please pay us a visit.

Carolyn Coburn
Lodge Secretary



July Birthdays

DOB	FirstName	LastName	YearsAsElk
06	Len	Jones	36
07	Joey	Hawkins	22
14	Robert	Holley	43
14	John	Rand	19
16	Ray	Cavender	29
16	James	Parham Sr	44
16	Cecil	Yarbrough	52
18	Jeff	DeRamus	28
18	Louie	Hinkle	41
20	William	Starr	61
21	Ronnie	Alligood	11
21	Herschel	Rowland	43
28	Wallace	Powell	23

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The local Elks Lodge #1834 awarded scholarships of \$1500.00 apiece to 3 deserving candidates for the 2021-2022 academic year. Recipients were: Max Caldwell, Meagan Cotney, and Laura Lumpkin. Pictured are Meagan Cotney (Southern Union), John Findley, Exalted Ruler, and Max Caldwell (Auburn University). Not pictured is Laura Lumpkin (Southern Union).



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July

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BBQ Pickup

Elk's Independence Day BBQ

The #1834 World Famous Cooking Team is back...

And they will be cooking for Independence Day. So, before you folks go out of town for the 4th, stop by the BBQ pit and pickup your favorite:

- Boston Butt - 8-10 lbs. (\$35.00)
- Brunswick Stew (\$11.00/qt. \$37.00/gal)



Pick up will be Saturday morning July 3rd from 10:00 AM until 2 PM at the Elks BBQ pit behind the Stereo Shop. Follow the signs around the circle and you order will be delivered to your car... no need to exit your vehicle...

To be an Elk, ask an Elk !!!



Hal and Rose Karaoke

In the club for your enjoyment. . .

July 10th and 24th, 2021

Club opens at 4:00 PM

Karaoke at 7:00 PM



See you at the Club!



Auburn-Opelika Lodge #1834
1944 Opelika Road
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June 28, 2021

Greetings!

A committee of the PERs (Past Exalted Rulers) met and proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Auburn-Opelika Lodge #1834. The proposed amendments were presented to the Board of Directors on May 24, 2021 and approved for presentation to the Lodge as a motion to amend the By Laws (first reading), the same evening. The motion was tabled for a final vote on June 7, 2021.

The motion was read at the regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on June 7, 2021 and the proposed changes were reviewed individually by Board Chairman Blake Epperson with members present and discussed. The members voted to adopt separately each of the changes.

Pursuant to Section 17.060 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, on June 28th, we will vote to reopen the motion to approve the changes to the bylaws of Auburn-Opelika Lodge #1834, due to the requirement to notify all members in writing by US Mail or email via The Wapiti ten days in advance of the vote for the proposed changes.

A motion will be again be proposed June 28th to amend the Bylaws (per the attached synopsis) and will be laid upon the table for a final vote on July 12th, 2021, at which time the motion to amend the bylaws will be taken up.

Fraternally,

/S/ John W. Findley, Jr.

John W Findley, Jr.

Exalted Ruler

Attachments: Proposed Changes to the Bylaws and House Rules of Auburn-Opelika Lodge #1834

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of Auburn-Opelika Lodge #1834

Proposed changes are in **Green**

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES

~~Sec.9. The Lodge shall pay for the registration package for each member and spouse attending he mid-winter and/or annual meeting of the State Convention. The Exalted Ruler or their designated representative, the Esteemed Leading Knight, The Esteemed Loyal Knight, The Esteemed Lecturing Knight, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Secretary shall be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts up to two (2) nights lodging at the convention hotel and for items not included in the registration package, up to thirty five (\$35.00) dollars per day towards food, gratuities, parking, and tolls upon presentation of receipts. The mileage allowance shall be paid at the Grand Lodge rate per mile in effect when the travel occurred and be based on the standard mileage table established by the Secretary and based on Yahoo Maps direct routing round trip from Lodge to the convention city location.~~

Sec.9. The Lodge shall pay for the registration package for the Exalted Ruler or their designated representative, the Esteemed Leading Knight, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors (and their spouse/s) for their attendance at both the Mid-Winter and/or Annual Meeting of the State Association.

These officers shall be reimbursed, upon presentation of receipts, for up to two (2) nights lodging at the convention hotel and for items not included in the registration package, not to exceed thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars per day (towards food, gratuities, parking, and tolls). A mileage allowance shall be paid at the Grand Lodge rate, per mile, in effect when the travel occurred and be based on the standard mileage table established by the Secretary. Mileage will be derived from a standard web mapping platform (i.e. Google Maps, etc.) and will be based on direct routing, round trip, from the Lodge to the convention city location.

ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES

~~Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$100.00, all of which should accompany the proposition.~~

~~The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$100.00, all of which should accompany the proposition.~~

~~The Lodge shall have a reduced initiation fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the months of May and June.~~

Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-first birthday shall be \$100.00, all of which should accompany the proposition.

Section 2.

a) REGULAR LODGE DUES

~~All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: semi-annually, in advance, on the first days of April and October in each year, unless the Member chooses to pay the full year's Lodge dues on or before April 1st~~

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable annually, in advance, on the first day of April in each year.

b) (d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

~~Each Associate Member shall pay an annual fee in the amount of \$0.00 in advance.~~

Each Associate Member shall pay an annual fee in the amount of **\$20.00** in advance.

Section 4.

~~During the months of June and July of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a Member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be one (1) dollar.~~

~~The lodge waives reinstatement fees for military members as allowed by GLS Section 14.310.~~

~~During the two (2) consecutive months of May and June of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a Member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of due shall be one (1) dollar. If application is made within sixty (60) days of the date on which he is dropped from the rolls, he may be reinstated as a Member in good standing.~~

~~If the balloting shall result in rejection of the application, reinstatement shall be refused, without prejudice to a future application after a lapse of six months thereafter.~~

Section 4.

A Member becomes delinquent if annual dues are not paid by April 1st and may be reinstated to regular membership by paying their dues with no penalty no later than May 31st.

A member who is delinquent during the two (2) consecutive months of June and July of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge shall be one (1) dollar. The Member must also pay a proportionate share of the current dues, prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new Member, together with any indebtedness owing to the Lodge or Club. The application must be voted upon.

If application is made after July 31st and prior to September 30th, the Member shall pay to the Lodge a reinstatement fee of \$60.00, and in addition thereto, a proportionate share of the current dues, prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new Member, together with any indebtedness owing to the Lodge or Club. The application must be voted upon.

If still delinquent after September 30th, the member shall be stricken from the rolls for non-payment.

Section 6.

~~A Member delinquent and owing at least five months' dues to the Lodge shall be dropped from the rolls any time during the month of March each year without the vote of the Lodge thereon. The effective date for dropping the Member shall be not later than March 31, provided the delinquent dues are not paid.~~

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The procedure to drop a delinquent Member shall be as follows:

~~(a) Any time during time during the month of February each year, the Secretary shall give notice by first class mail informing the Member that such Member may be dropped if dues are not paid within 30 days of mailing the notice.~~

(a) Any time during the month of February each year, the Secretary shall give notice by first class mail informing the Member that such Member will be declared delinquent if dues are not paid no later than March 31st.

- ~~(b) At the time the Secretary gives notice to the Member, the Secretary shall post a list of all Members given notice on the Lodge Bulletin Board and report the posting of the list at the next Lodge Meeting.~~
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ARTICLE XIII: BILLS AGAINST THE LODGE

~~Section. 3. The Treasurer may designate a specific member of the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable), or chair officer, subject to Lodge approval, to sign Lodge checks in the Treasurer's absence. Any such designee shall be bonded in the same amount as the Treasurer. This Lodge approves the above provision: No.~~

Section. 3. All Lodge checks require dual signature. In the Treasurer's absence, any two members of the Board of Trustees may sign checks. Each Trustee shall be bonded in the same amount as the Treasurer (\$25,000.00).

This Lodge approves the above provision: ~~No.~~ Yes

HOUSE RULES

- Members must have paid their dues to entitle them to club privileges and must produce their membership card upon request. Dues are payable on or before April 1 ~~and October 1~~ of each year.
- Smoking will not be permitted anywhere inside the lodge facility. ~~with the exception of the gaming room and the lounge.~~



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Elks Lodge- Auburn
Blood Drive

Saturday, July 3rd

10a.m.-4p.m.

In the Bloodmobile

1944 Opelika Road, Auburn

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ALL DONORS MUST PROVIDE PROPER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

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Alabama Elks Association Annual Convention

Alabama Elks Association

Annual Convention – Marriott Grand National (Opelika)

June 4, 5, and 6th, 2021

Notes of interest:

- Auburn-Opelika Lodge was awarded a certificate for exceeding the ENF (Elks National Foundation) goal of \$4.80. Our Lodges' total giving for last year was eighth in the State at \$10.07 per member.
- An AEA State Scholarship was presented to an Auburn High student, **Seth Walker**, by Brother **Chuck Barber**.
- Auburn-Opelika Lodge received a State Association grant in the amount of \$2500.00 to be used in our local communities. We are looking for a project at this time and will report how we will make use of the funds.
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Seth Walker receives an Alabama Elks Association Scholarship in the name of Auburn-Opelika Lodge #1834 from Chuck Barber at the Annual State convention at the Marriott at Grand National.



Seth Walker is an outstanding student and accomplished young man both at Auburn High School and the State of Alabama. He scored a 33 on the ACT and has a grade point average of 4.39. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and was a section leader in the Auburn High Band for two years.

Seth has been granted the Auburn University, "Spirit of Auburn" Presidential Scholarship.

His mother, Caceilia, was most proud of Seth when he served as President of the Auburn High Music Honor Society. While president, Seth lead an effort which raised over 1000 pounds of food during the pandemic for the needy in Lee County, Alabama.

We, as Elks, were proud to award Seth a Alabama Elks Association State Scholarship to attend Auburn University in the fall.

Charles R. Barber

State Elks Scholarship Committee Member