

DECATUR ELKS LODGE #655

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Dear Members:

The Alabama State Elks Association State Convention held in Decatur, AL on 2-3 June 2023 was a spectacular event. We honored the outgoing Alabama State Elks Association State President Mr. Lester Collins for the wonderful job he did this past year and installed our current Alabama State Elks Association State President Mr. Robert Norred and the State officers for 2023-2024. Mr. Norred will continue to successfully guide the Alabama State Elks Association. I would like to personally thank those individuals volunteering to decorate the convention venue. The decorations were amazing. Congratulations to Mr. Mike Childress for being appointed as the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler – North District and Pam Hardin for being elected the Deputy Vice President – North District. Elk's Membership at the Alabama State Elks Association State Convention voted to hold the 2024 and 2025 Alabama State Elks Association State Conventions at the Doubletree Hotel in Decatur, AL and it was announced the Alabama State Elks Association Mid-Year State Conventions for 2024, 2025 and 2026 will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, AL.

Please review and familiarize the Decatur Elk's Lodge #655 House Rules. I have included them on page 2. The House Committee is the committee, along with the Exalted Ruler, tasked to deal with member incidents and hearings. The Lodge appreciates good behavior of our members. A worrisome aspect of member behavior is not following the House Rules and bypassing the rules through loopholes.

Let us all be good Elk citizens. I ask all members to reflect on why they sought Decatur Elks Lodge membership and re-pledge their Oath to the Order

As I stated before, I have an open door policy. If you need to discuss anything regarding the Elks lodge, feel free to contact me at 256-303-3383.

Sincerely,

Larry Easterwood

HOUSE RULES
BPO Elks #655
Decatur, Alabama 35603

Members who have not paid their dues by April 1st will be denied access to the Lodge facilities.

1. Members and guests will conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Profanity, loud and or aggressive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action, to include possible suspension from the Lodge and immediate removal from the Lodge by the Bar Manager or House Committee Person on Duty. Action will be taken against any member or guest involved in any such activity. "Conduct Unbecoming an Elk" includes any violation of House Rules and for other personal conduct likely to bring disgrace to the order.
2. The House Committee may grant Associate Membership to members in good standing in other Lodges solely for the use of the Lodge's social facilities. The Associate Member has no right to vote, hold office or become a committee member in our Lodge.
3. Lodge members are responsible for the conduct of their children visiting the Lodge. Minors are defined as anyone under the age of twenty-one. Minors are allowed in the Lodge accompanied by a parent and/or sponsoring Elk any night until closing except on entertainment nights. On entertainment nights, minors MUST leave the Lodge facility by 9:00PM. Parents and Elks will insure minors are not in violation of ABC Board Rules and the Elk's Lodge dress code. Minors are NEVER allowed to sit at the Bar. Lodge members will have priority use of the pool tables unless a prior commitment has been issued.
4. An ATM has been installed for lodge members and Guest to use as needed. The lodge check cashing policy has been revoked, A check will only be accepted for the amount of purchase plus tip and/or dues and for nothing more. No two party checks will be accepted as well.
5. While an Elk is under disciplinary suspension by the House Committee, he/she will not be admitted to the Lodge except to attend Lodge meetings (ten minutes prior to and after the meeting). A member under suspension will not be allowed to consume alcohol beverages during the ten minutes prior to Lodge meeting nor after the Lodge meeting.
6. Lodge social hours will be in compliance with the ABC Board and City Ordinance and will be established by the House Committee.
7. All Lodge property/supplies borrowed from the Lodge must have Trustee, House Committee, or Bartender approval and signed out before removal from the Lodge.
8. Members, Spouses and Guests are required to dress in the proper attire to fit the occasion. For regular Lodge days, appropriate attire, in good repair, is always required. Shirts and/or shorts showing indecent exposure, clothing with offensive language, bathing suits and sagging pants exposing underwear are not allowed at any time. No hats or caps can be worn on formal dance nights. Dress requirements will be announced in the newsletter prior to dances etc.
9. Credit is not available, and all delinquent "tabs" must be paid prior to being served on a scheduled business day.
10. All guests seeking admission must remain at the Lodge entrance until signed in by a Lodge member. A member must sign in all guests except spouse and minor children.
11. Members or Guests cannot bring alcoholic beverages into the Lodge. Any alcoholic beverages taken from the Lodge must meet ABC Board regulation guidelines. House Committee Members or Bartenders can advise on applicable laws.
12. No open alcoholic beverages will be allowed outside the premises with the exception of a designated smoking and or cooking area.
13. NO ONE is allowed behind the bar except the House Committee members and bar employees (except for maintenance and/or inspection purposes).
14. The card rooms are for Members, Members' Family Members, Spouses, Emblem Club members and visiting Elks only.
15. Minors are not permitted to participate in any Lodge pool tournament.
16. These rules are subject to change as directed by the House Committee and with the approval of a majority of Lodge members attending the meeting when a ballot is taken. Any changes to the rules will be mailed to all members along with a date for the balloting. The Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary must approve all changes.
17. All lodge areas inside the building are "no-tobacco use" areas, this includes e-cigarettes.
18. Bartenders and House Committee must not over serve members or guests.

Submitted for Approval August 31, 2022.

Approved

DECATUR ELKS #655

2023-2024 OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Larry Easterwood
Leading Knight	Kevin Worley
Lecturing Knight	Ann Norton
Loyal Knight	Michelle Bracken
Esquire	Rick Sides
Tiler	Bob Brockman
Chaplain	Mike Kessler
Inner Guard	Jeremy Hopper
Secretary	Shelia Childress
Treasurer	Pam Hardin

TRUSTEES

One Year	Ronnie McKee
Two Year	Jim Norton
Three Year	Mike Childress
Four Year	Tommy Austin
Five Year	Joe McCulloch

July BIRTHDAYS

01 Grammer, H Scott
03 McAnear, James C
04 Watson, James A
06 Morgan, Beuce O
07 Amos, Lisa R
07 Grotjahn, Ricky W
07 Hopper, Kristen
07 Mink, Mike
09 Templet, Misty
11 Legere, Donna M
11 Smith, Edmon
12 Kessler, Nancy H
12 McElrath, B Allen
12 McIlwain Jr, Robert M
13 Norton, Jim D
13 Smithson, Jeff H
14 Bryant, Charles F
15 Pearce, Gary
16 Norton, Ann Fudge
16 Speakman, Joel Daniel
17 Baraglia, Donald C
17 Henderson, Larry W
21 Hopper, Harold R
25 Easterwood, Larry D
28 Holmes, Dustin
29 Hopper, Justin Tyler



Lodge Hours

Tuesday—Sunday 3:30pm—12:00am

Last Call is at 11:30pm

Lodge will close at 12:00am

Closing the lodge earlier will be at the bartenders discretion.

Closed on Mondays for BINGO
And Saturdays except for special events.

Kitchen Food Service

Kitchen will be open every Wednesday from 6pm –8pm and every 2nd and 4th-Friday from 5:30-7:30

Wednesday Night Menu 6:00-8:00

Fried Shrimp and Fries \$9.00
Hamburger \$6.00 add Bacon \$1.00
Cheeseburger \$7.00 add Bacon \$1.00
Chicken Sandwich \$6.00
BLT \$6.00 Grilled Cheese \$4.00
Fries \$2.00 Tots \$2.00
Cheese Sticks \$4.00 Fried Mushrooms \$5.00
Fried pickles \$4.00

2nd and 4th Friday Menu 5:30-7:30

Ribeye \$20.00
Hamburger Steak with grilled peppers, onions
And gravy \$14.00
Comes with salad, toast and a side
Sides: Baked Potato, Sweet Potato or Fries
Chicken Fingers and French Fries \$8.00
Grilled Cheese \$4.00
Side Salad \$2.00



FROM YOUR SECRETARY DESK

Greetings Members of Lodge #655:

The Flag Day ceremony was beautiful. Thank you to our Leading Knight Kevin Worley and wife Tina, the Troops, and the Austin High ROTC for executing a great celebration.

Our meeting's this month Thursday, July 13th and Thursday, July 27th @ 7:30pm. Thank you to all who have paid your dues. There are approximately 62 members who still have not paid. If you recognize a name on the delinquent list, please let your fellow members know. Delinquent list is posted on the information bulletin board. Once again, if I don't have your current address, please contact me by phone or email to provide the correct information. This applies to email addresses and phone numbers. When we have all the correct contact information, it helps us to be able to communicate with you better.

Any member who would like to volunteer for any activity or event, please contact me or any Officer of the Lodge. The best way to contact me is by e-mail or text message. I will respond as soon as possible. You will find all the Lodge events and news in the Newsletter, which is available by email, or you can pick up a copy at the Lodge. If you are not receiving your Newsletter, please contact me.

We have Initiated 7 new members since April. Please make them feel welcome in our lodge. We have a total of 318 active members with 62 delinquents.

The Grant Committee and members have voted to use our \$2,500 Alabama trust grant to Circle K boys' and girls' ranch. We will be buying backpacks and back to school supplies for over 200 children in Morgan and Lawrence County. There will be a back-to-school Bash on Saturday July 29th at Circle K. This will be a family style picnic serving hot dogs and hamburgers. With several water inflatables and passing out school supplies. They are asking for volunteers to help on that day. If you can help, please contact Pam Hardin or Shelia Childress.

We have qualified for our ENF Grants! Thank you, members for giving to ENF. The grant committee will be meeting soon on how to use these grants. If you have a project idea for veterans, homeless, children ect... that we could do please contact one of the grant committee members; Larry Easterwood, Shelia Childress, Paulette Thompson, Mike Childress, and Rick Thompson.

Congratulations for Past State President Lester Collins and Wife Denise for a WONDERFULL job this past year! Congratulations to Pam Hardin for being elect as North District Vice President and Mike Childress for being appointed to District Deputy North District.





Come and Play!

Trivia Game

Friday July 21st

7:00pm

Bar Games

Tuesday

July 18th

\$1.00 per card

6:30pm-8:00pm



July 14th

7:30 PM

PER HORSE RACE

Friday, July 28th

\$5.00 per race



Silent Auction for summer baskets

July 28

Money going to Camp ASSCA

Bring money to support this



Joe McCullough, Joe Webber, Kevin Worley, Larry Easterwood and Jeremy Hopper
MEN WON!



Shirley Haney, Michelle Bracken, Joyce Hart, Tana Ridgeway and Kristen Hopper



The new game, Deal or No Deal, was a big success. The first constant was Paulette Thompson. The second one was Joe McCullough and the third was Denise Collins. We were having so much fun that hardly anyone took pictures. The next game will be July 14th. Come enjoy the fun!



Dart Tournament: Jerry Nydam Marshall Co, Joe Webber, Gary Johnson Marshall Co.



Alabama State Elk Dar Tournament will be at the Decatur Elks Lodge on July 29th. If you are interested in playing, registration begins at 11:00 and ladies throw at 12:30 Mixed start at 2:30. Food will be available for purchase. Come support this event.



New Elk Member:
Kelly Jo Moore

Alabama Elks State Convention

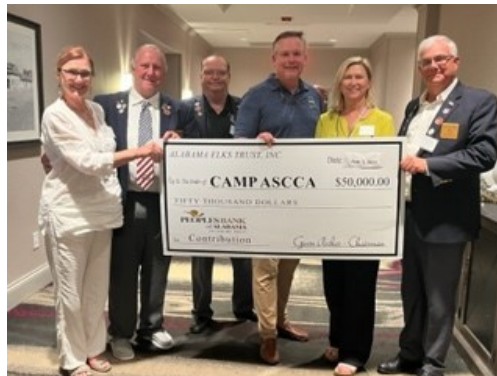


Lester and Denise Collins

Al Elks State President

2022-2023





Mike Childress

Appointed as
District Deputy Grand
Exalted Ruler –
North District

Pam Hardin

Installed as
Deputy Vice President –
North District

Flag Day Ceremony



Larry Easterwood, ER



Jim Norton, Response



Joe McCulloch, History



Elk Officers



Scouts Troop 142 and Austin ROTC



Decatur Emblem #127



Flag Retirement
Two Veterans



Larry Easterwood
Exalted Ruler

Ronnie McKee,
Chairman
Board of Director

From the Emblem Club



Hello everyone,

Boy the weather is going to be about 100 degrees by time you read this. If possible, water the plants at the lodge. Anyone wishing for fall?

There were many Emblem people who attended the Elks convention. We all had a great time. We enjoyed dressing up in Great Gatsby clothes.

We also participated in the flag ceremony put on by the Elks and several Emblem ladies attended. We also provided the refreshments afterwards. Kerri Beck showed us how to make July 4th wreaths. There were several who participated and had fun. Due to an emergency I could not attend. I wished I could have, the wreaths were beautiful.

We need Bingo workers! We've had a couple of ladies who are having problems so they have to quit for now. We have 2 teams that need help. Since we are not working the 3rd we need the first team to work on July 10th . Then if you are working after that, just move your time to the next Monday night .

I know everyone are planning vacations but please find a sub for your kitchen duty. This is our main fundraiser and we money for charities.

Hope to see you at the next Emblem meeting on July 11th. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you are able to help with Bingo. Everyone have fun on vacation and enjoy your summer.

With Emblem Love,

Vicki



July 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

*Lodge open
Tuesday-
Friday and
Sunday
3:30pm -
12:00am*

1

2

3

*No
Bingo*

4

*Lodge
Closed*

5

*Cornhole
Kitchen
Open*

6

7

*Karaoke
8:00*

8

9

*10 Bingo
Door opens
5:00 pm
Play 6:30*

*11 7:00
Emblem
Club
Meeting*

12

*Cornhole
Kitchen
Open*

13

*Lodge
Meeting
7:30pm*

14 7:30

*Deal or
No Deal*

15

16

*17 Bingo
Door opens
5:00 pm
Play 6:30*

18

*Bar
Games
6:30pm*

19 Kitchen

*Cornhole
Bingo Com.
Meeting
6:30*

20

21 7:30

*Trivia
Game
Night*

22

23

*24 Bingo
Door opens
5:00 pm
Play 6:30*

25

26

*Cornhole
Kitchen
Open*

27

*Lodge
Meeting
7:30pm*

28 7:30

*PER
Horse Races
Basket
Auction*

*29 Elks
State Dart
Tourn-
ament*

30

*31 Bingo
Door opens
5:00 pm
Play 6:30*

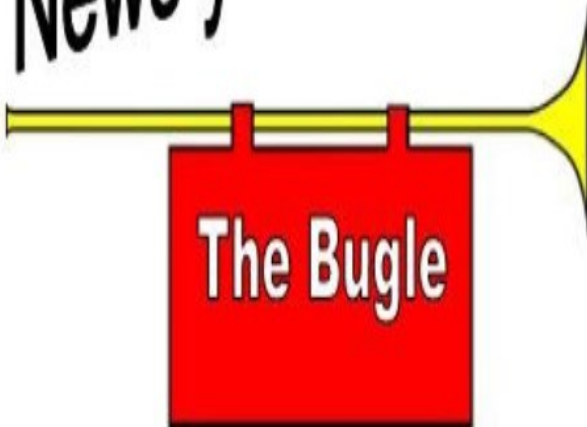
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