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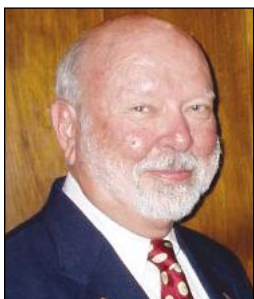
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NCSEA President, Lee Littiken, is ready for the State Parade of Flags at the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 4, 2004.

State President's Message



I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your State President. We are moving along with many good activities this year. On June 27, 2004,

we held our first Membership and Public Relations Seminar for the East and East Central Districts which was hosted by the Kinston Lodge #740. The reviews on this seminar were excellent. We will be holding our next seminar at Hickory Lodge #1654 on Sunday, September 26, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. I request that all Lodges in the West and West Central Districts have at least one representative in attendance. These meetings are great tools to grow and improve your Lodge.

Pat and I attended the 140th Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis in July representing the North Carolina Elks. Thank you for affording us this opportunity. I was appointed Clerk of Election by the Grand Exalted Ruler which was an honor for me and North Carolina. We performed many tasks for the new voting procedure held on Wednesday, July 7, 2004. This new voting procedure worked smoothly and will be used from now on at future

conventions.

George and Marty Wheeler deserve a special thank you for managing the NC Hospitality Room. Thanks to the District Vice Presidents and all the volunteers who helped make our NC Hospitality Room the best.

Our Fall Convention will be held in Southern Pines on October 29-31, 2004. I look forward to seeing each of you at our State Convention. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler James M. McQuillan of Ogallala, NE and his wife Karen will be attending our convention. They are going to be great representatives of our Order of Elks this year. Please make them feel welcome when you see them. Our own Harry Tangen was elected Grand Lodge Treasurer in Minneapolis this past Grand Lodge Session, please show Harry the respect and courtesies that office deserves.

We are working diligently on Membership and Lapsation this year. I ask each of you to obtain one new member and one reinstatement this year. We are half way through our Lodge year, which means you will need to get busy to accomplish this order. I want each of us to make a difference in our Order of Elks this year, working together to continue making this Grand Order of Elks better. Thanks again for your help.

Lee Littiken, President
NC State Elks Association

Harry Tangen Named Grand Treasurer



Harry Tangen became Grand Lodge Treasurer at the National Convention this summer in Minneapolis. Harry moves from being the National Drug Awareness Committee Director, where he served for six years to this new position.

Harry started his Grand Lodge service in 1996 as PGER Gerald Coates's Executive Secretary where he served with great distinction. He was able to demonstrate his organizational skills and his ability to work with Elks all across the county. He first became Assistant Director of the Drug Awareness Committee for one year and took over as the Director following that.

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Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 won four national 1st place awards, Grand Lodge Youth Activities – Best Youth Activities Program and NC State Association Youth Activities – Youth Program, Community Service and Image Award, and Americanism Award, during the 140th Grand Lodge Session held in Minneapolis, MN July 4-8, 2004. Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 Lodge Americanism Chairman PER, Steve Gunter II celebrates their 6th consecutive 1st place Americanism Award. Pictured: Gunter receives award from Michael K. Gordon, Americanism Committeeman during the convention.



Fayetteville Lodge #1081 receives 1st place ALL AMERICAN LODGE Award for Lodges with 300 members or less. Last year Fayetteville Lodge received 2nd place in the ALL AMERICAN LODGE contest. We all should be inspired by their enthusiasm! Pictured: Reed Parks, PER is presented plaque by PGER, Gerald Coates.

Southern Pines Lodge #1692 Hosts Fall Convention October 29-30

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The Mt. Airy Ritual Team includes the following members: Jack King, Mark Alderman, Ted Hulme, Chris Wagoner, Rodney Moore, Tim Eldrige, Wade Hawks, Barry Payne and Marty Dunbar, Coach.

Mount Airy's Ritual Team Competes Successfully

We can all be proud of the job the Mount Airy Ritual team did representing our state in national competition at the Grand Lodge Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 4-8, 2004. The many, many hours spent practicing paid off, Mount Airy placed 6th in the eastern division and 12th in the nation, the highest any team from North Carolina has ever done. Each officer did an outstanding rendition but special honor was given

to Wade Hawks, he scored the highest score in the Inner Guard position and was voted to the All-American Team. Not only did he receive the All-American award, Wade also received The William King award for having the highest score of all the competing officers. It was my honor and privilege to coach such a dedicated team. You are all Champions!

Marty Dunbar, Coach
Mt. Airy Ritual Team

Grand Lodge Presents Four First Place Awards To Sanford Elks Lodge

The Sanford Elks Lodge was presented with four 1st place National Awards at the 140th Session of the Elks National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The convention was held July 4 - 8, 2004. Sanford Elks Lodge received 1st place from the Lodge Activities Committee for Best Overall Lodge Activities Program. The brochure detailed all the activities that are held for members, youth and veterans.

Sanford Elks Lodge received two Grand Lodge awards for Youth Activities – 1st place for Best Youth Activities Program and 1st place for best Youth Activities Program Brochure.

In addition, Sanford Lodge received 1st place for Best Americanism Brochure Contest, which docu-



Displayed on the Lodge Trophy Case are the four National Awards won by Sanford Elks Lodge at the 2004 Elks National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ments all the activities performed to emphasize spirit and pride in being an American. Sanford Lodge has won this first place award for the last six years! This is a great achievement considering all the great events that Elks Lodges perform nationally.

Where Does Your Lodge Stand Today?

Membership 2004-2005

We are now over half way through the current Elk year. What do your membership numbers reveal? Hopefully a gain at this point, even after considering the delinquents you may have just dropped and those you may have to drop in March. If not, now is the time to begin the necessary steps to change the year end outcome, February or March is too late. The main thing is retaining your current members, once that is accomplished ask a former member to reinstate, call your local stray Elks and recruit new members. All of these are avenues to help grow membership. Also stress Grand Lodge incentives to your membership, institute your own incentive program and encourage participation in the President's New Members Bringing in New Members Program.

Membership growth is the number one priority of the State Association this year. We have full support of our State President, Lee Littiken, and the membership committee is totally dedicated to the goal of a net membership gain. We can have a membership gain this year but not without your commitment. We need the support of every Elks Lodge and every NC Elk to obtain this goal. It is our hope this year, that every member of this association will ask one person to join our organization. We as a group can and must stop the declining trend of membership in our great Order.

Also, State Sponsor, Hon. Gerald L. Coates, PGER is requiring all lodges conduct an initiation during the last regularly scheduled meeting in March. This required initiation is to allow all candidates who are eligible for membership into our Order to become an Elk during the current Elk year. So many times we have carried enough eligible candidates over into the next Elk year, that had we initiated them in March, we would have had a gain in membership instead of a loss. Please have this initiation if you have eligible American citizens. This past

year the association lost 178 members. As of March 31, 2004 we had 224 applications on hand, some of which surely could have been members as of March 31, 2004. Let's not make the same mistake again!!

Please remember to send all the names of new members who have successfully met their objectives in our new "THE PRESIDENT'S NEW MEMBERS BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS" program. The names should be sent to someone on the membership committee. Please call if you have any questions regarding this program. This program works!! If for any reason you have not instituted this program in your Lodge, please do so now.

Good luck to you all and please do not hesitate to contact any of us should you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding membership. Thank you in advance for all your work from the State President and the membership committee.

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State Membership Promotes New Program

Scott Pace, NC Elks Membership Chairman, has initiated a new membership program for the state which he introduced at the Spring Convention. Copies of this program have been distributed to all Lodges and the Membership Committee has been briefed on supporting this new program.

To support this effort, State Presi-

dent Littiken and Chairman Pace set up two seminars across the State. The first one was at Kinston Lodge for East and East Central Districts and the second was held at Hickory Lodge for West Central and West Districts.

These seminars focused on the idea that almost everything we do affects membership and Public Relations.

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Message From The President Elect



Thank you for allowing me to represent our NC Lodges as President Elect this year. It has been an honor and a very interesting "learning process." I look

forward to the challenges during the rest of my term.

Under the leadership of President Littiken, the hospitality room at our National Convention in Minneapolis was a large success. Marty and I thank the District vice-presidents and their volunteers who did a wonderful job in helping us to shop, plan food/drink

items and help with the clean up.

I would like to remind our Lodges to have their reports, Grand Lodge Manuals and new candidates ready for the District Deputy's scheduled Lodge visit.

All of you know of the GREAT program our President and his Membership Committee has prepared for each Lodge. They have done their job and now it is our turn to acquire new members. Please do not overlook the "stray" members in your districts and also your own delinquent members. It is past time for North Carolina Elks to show the rest of our Order how we can take an active role in obtaining new members and starting to increase our state membership.

I would also like to suggest each of our Committee Chairmen in the State Association write a program outlining goals for their committees. They should then discuss this with their District Chairmen and encourage them implement it into the Lodge Committees. I did this for eight years for the EDAP and found it a very easy way to get the lodges working to meet the Grand Lodge and State goals. You have the Grand Lodge Committee manuals as a reference guide. If you are already doing this, THANKS, if not, please start. Our Lodges' committee work will benefit and so will the Order.

George W. Wheeler
President Elect

Dr. Tucker Awarded Elks' Highest Honor

At the North Carolina Elks Association Fall Convention held in Asheville at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort the weekend of April 30 "Gus" Tucker, III, Past Exalted Ruler of Brevard Lodge and Past State President of the NC State Elks Association was awarded the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest award the State Association can bestow on a deserving North Carolina Elk.

Dr. Tucker has served the Brevard Lodge, West District and State Association with many accomplishments over the years. While Exalted Ruler, he guided the rebuilding of Brevard's fire-destroyed lodge. He started the State Elks annual Lodge Officers Training Program to assist new officers with their responsibilities to the Order of Elks, and has served with distinction on many lodge, district and state committees.

Gus was educated in Transylvania County schools. He attended Clemson



University interrupted his undergraduate work for a four-year stint in the Air Force. Upon completion of his service, he returned to Clemson to complete his undergraduate degree. Gus graduated from the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He opened his dental office in Brevard in 1975.

Active in the Elks Charitable Trust, Gus has been very active in his church work and serves on his Church Vestry

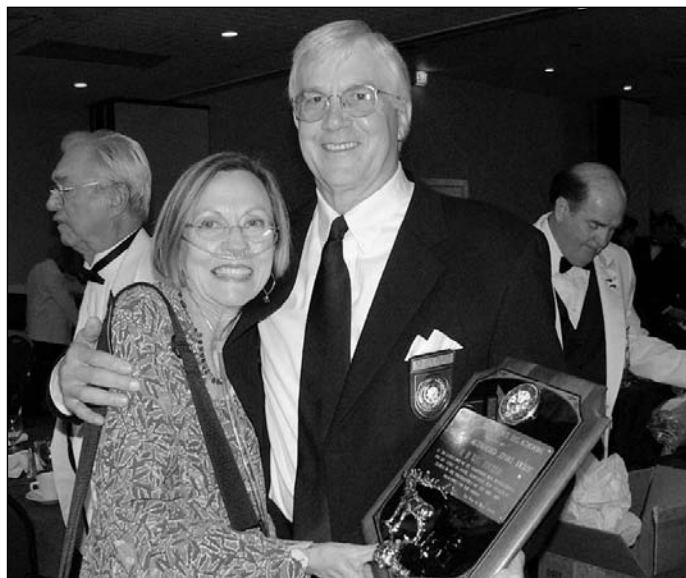
and Foundation Board as well as the Director of Transylvania Endowment Board – an affiliate of Community Foundation of WNC which provides funds to organizations in need, such as the county Library and many others.

He and his wife, Alice, a Hickory native, have been married for 42 years and have four children – Augustine W. "Gus" IV, Helen, Phillip and Saint (deceased). They have six grandchildren – Mary Catherine, 10; Emily, 7; Hannah, 4; Caroline, 4; Jack, 2; and Augustine W. Tucker V, who died of SIDS at 4 months. Augustine W. "Gus" IV is married, lives in San Antonio, TX and has three daughters. Helen is married, lives in Charlotte, and has no children. Phillip is married, lives in Alexandria, VA and has a son and a daughter. He is also a pilot for Air Force Two.

Congratulations to Dr. "Gus" Tucker for his outstanding contributions to his family, his Elks, and his Community.



Pat Russell, Chairman of NCSEA Trustees, congratulates Dr. Gus Tucker after presenting him with the award. Fred Love, last year's recipient of this award, awaits his turn to congratulate Gus.



Dr. Gus Tucker and his wife, Alice, share a happy moment after receiving the Thad Eure Award.

what's happening at the convention

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION FALL 2004 CONVENTION SOUTHERN PINES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 29

8:00 a.m.

Golf Tournament

Southern Pines Elks Golf Course

Shotgun Start – Be at course not later than 8:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration

Southern Pines Lodge

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1:30 p.m.

Charitable Trust Meeting

Southern Pines Lodge

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2:30 p.m.

Advisory Board Meeting

Southern Pines Lodge

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3:30 p.m.

Trustee Meeting

Southern Pines Lodge

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6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Advisory Board Social

Southern Pines Lodge Grill

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7:00 p.m.

Advisory Board Dinner

Southern Pines Lodge Grill

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6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

Southern Pines Lodge Grill

Saturday, October 30

7:00 a.m. - Noon

Registration

Southern Pines Lodge

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7:00 a.m.

ER/PER Breakfast

Southern Pines Lodge

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9:00 a.m.

Business Session

Southern Pines Lodge Room

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10:00 a.m.

Spouse/Ladies Breakfast

Southern Pines Lodge Dining Room

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12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

President's Luncheon

Holiday Inn

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1:30 p.m.

Memorial Service

Southern Pines Lodge Room

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6:00 p.m.

Banquet Social Hour

Southern Pines Lodge

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7:00 p.m.

Convention Banquet

Southern Pines Lodge



MVS Recipients – 2004: (L-R) Daniel Blackburn & Nathan Walsh

North Wilkesboro Announced Most Valuable Student Scholarship Winners

North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge announced local winners of the "Most Valuable Student" scholarship program during the Lodge meeting Saturday morning, June 5. Receiving \$1,000 awards from the North Carolina State Elks Association (NCSEA) were Daniel Blackburn and Nathan Walsh. Both are 2004 graduates of West Wilkes High School and plan to attend Wake Forest University

this fall. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks – USA awards 500 Most Valuable Student scholarships at the national level. Annually, Elks fund \$3.4 million in merit and need based scholarships to deserving students. The Lodge congratulates these young men on their stellar academic achievement and wishes them every success as they pursue their goals in higher education.

"At Risk" Students Rewarded



BPOE scholarship recipients are as follows: Back Row (left to right) Adrian Taylor – North Wilkes, Tiffany Blackburn – North Wilkes, Josh Gunter – East Wilkes, Clayton Sidden – North Wilkes – Front Row (left to right) Hannah Severt – West Wilkes and Brittany Kennedy – West Wilkes.

North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge recently announced local recipients of the Benevolent Partners Of Education – "BPOE" scholarship program. BPOE scholarships are funded at the local level and awarded to Wilkes students in the ninth grade. This conditional scholarship targets "at risk" students selected by school

counselors. BPOE scholarships assure that each student will receive a \$1,000 award upon the successful completion of high school and subsequent acceptance in a two or four year undergraduate program. BPOE scholarships are renewable up to four years. Congratulations to all of our 2004 BPOE scholarship winners.

Elk Scholarships For 2005 2005 Most Valuable Student Contest

Applications should be available to your local high schools starting September 15, 2004.

As in the past you are asked to make photocopies of the material for distribution. The ENF office will ship me a supply of MVS applications, brochures and posters which will be available to you at the state convention in October. Applications will also be available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars starting September 1, 2004, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the ENF office.

In order to reduce costs, manuals were not printed this year. Scoring tables and scoring worksheets were mailed for reproduction as needed. The entire manual can be downloaded from www.elks.org/enf/volunteers.cfm.

2005 ENF Legacy Award

The contest is open to any high school senior who is the child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an Elk who has been a member in good standing for at least two years. Applicants will be judged on SAT or ACT scores, high school transcript, and the Biographical Questionnaire. Legacy Award winners will be announced in late April 2005.

Applicants are no longer required to complete an Application Request Form. The applicant must apply through the related member's Elks Lodge, regardless of where the applicant resides. All parent/grandparent membership information is collected and verified by the Lodge Secretary directly on the Biographical Questionnaire. Membership must be verified before submitting the Biographical Questionnaire to the ENF office.

Biographical Questionnaires, complete with transcript, two recommendation letters and essay, must be forwarded to the Foundation postmarked by January 14, 2005.

Emergency Educational Fund Grant Program

The Emergency Educational Fund Grant program provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education. Grant amounts range up to \$3,000. The grant is for educational assistance only and not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education.

Potential applicants should meet the following eligibility guidelines before they apply.

1. The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good

standing at the time of his or her death, or the Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing before he or she became totally disabled and must continue to be an Elk in good standing when application for assistance is made.

2. The applicant must demonstrate financial need to qualify for a grant under this program.

3. In addition, the applicant must be unmarried, under the age of 23 as of Dec. 31 in the year of application, and attending a U.S. college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours) undergraduate student.

All applications – new and renewal – must be submitted to, and processed by, the Lodge where the Elk parent or stepparent is or was a member. Once the sponsoring Elks Lodge reviews the application, it is submitted to the Elks National Foundation Chicago office for evaluation. Contact me for one of the new forms for 2004-05 academic year. Old application forms will not be accepted by ENF office.

2005 Nursing Scholarships

Application forms for the 2005 Nursing Scholarships will be mailed to each Lodge for distribution to your high schools at the same time as the MVS applications. Extra copies will be available at the Fall Convention in October.

Norman Brewer, Chairman
Scholarship Committee



Magan Gentry is the recipient of the 2004 Roxboro Elks Lodge College Scholarship. Magan is a North Carolina Scholar as well and a Person County Scholar. She will be attending East Carolina University this fall where she will be pursuing a degree in nursing. Her parents are Tim and Jana Gentry of Hurdle Mills.

North Wilksboro Sponsors Quiz Bowl

In front of a large crowd of spectators the Wilkes Central High School quiz bowl team successfully defended their title at the annual Quiz Bowl tournament sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge Thursday evening March 11. Teams from the local area High Schools competed in the single elimination event. In the first round Wilkes Central defeated West Wilkes and North Wilkes lost to East Wilkes. This set up the championship round between Wilkes Central and East Wilkes which Central won by a convincing score of 385 to 95.

North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge congratulates the team from Wilkes Central for their outstanding performance. The Lodge extends its sincere thanks to Moderator – Dr. Ila Baugham, Judges – Walter and Mary McSwain and Dr. Leo Baugham, Timekeeper – Daniel Johnson, Scorekeepers – Jerry Swaim, Kenneth Foster and Greg Fuller, Questions Coordinator – Walter Broyhill. Special thanks go out to Kenneth Foster who was instrumental in organizing the event.

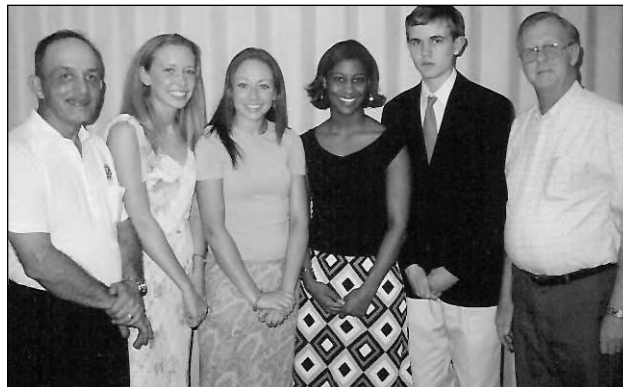
Greg Fuller, PER
North Wilkesboro Lodge



Front Row, L to R: Wade Johnston, Ryan Pruitt, Phillip Compeau, Josh Boyd. Back Row, L to R: Michael Murphy, Emily Wayne, Kathren Bowman, Zach Byrd, Ashton Coffey, T. J. Keller, Phillip Brame. Not Pictured: Phillip Curley and Coaches: Lynn Clark, William Clark and Tim Murphy



CALABASH LODGE #2679 honored seven Brunswick Community College School of Nursing students at a special recognition dinner. Auxiliary President Wendy Voorhees noted that this year's \$7,000 donation brings the total to more than \$60,000 over the past 11 years. Pictured (from left) are Charlette Dressler, Theresa Buck, Shaylene Ball, Crystal Herring, Lori Jordan, BCC's Director of Nursing Connie Milliken RN, Kelly Rodriguez, Nursing Assistant faculty member Bernice Lewis, Travis Rabon and Carolyn Howard, who received a special nursing assistant scholarship award.



CALABASH LODGE #2679 presented scholarship awards totaling \$10,500 to four graduating high school seniors at a recent lodge dinner held in their honor. The award-winning students, two each from West Brunswick High School and North Myrtle Beach High School in SC, plan to major in medicine, law and education. Pictured (from left) is ER Earl Dushane, PER, and the winners of \$1,500 one-year grants, Erica Babson, WBHS; Rheanna Murray, NMBHS; Amanda Stephens, NMBHS; and John Nawara, WBHS, who received a \$1,500 grant for four years, and Scholarship Committee Chairman George Bissett.



CALABASH LODGE #2679 honored their Little League "Mets" at a season-ending awards banquet at the lodge. This special occasion was attended by the team's families, lodge officers, trustees and invited guests. During this inaugural year of the lodge's sponsorship in the Lockwood Folly Dixie Youth League, the 11 & 12 year olds compiled a 3-7 record. Pictured with the "Mets" are (5th from right, standing) ER Earl Dushane PER, (3rd from right, standing) lodge member and Head Coach Mike Kapushinsky and Assistant Coaches Davis Smith and Kem Harmon.

Camp Carefree Wish List For 2004-2005

- The walkway between the cabins and the barn needs to be replaced before camp next year
- 4 and 5 drawer dressers
- New tables and chairs for the dining hall
- New chairs for the pavilion
- We will need help with the labor for replacing our horse fences
- A new commercial riding lawn mower
- We would like to get a Bobcat (used would be fine)
- A new paddle boat
- A new pool table for the Recreation Shed
- A sofa and chair in nice condition for the Recreation Shed
- We need to purchase new footing for under the swing set
- Landscaping around the barn (the bushes we do have need attention and we would like a more unified look)
- Our tennis courts are need of repair
- We would like to do some remodeling at our arts and crafts building to make it a more useful space, we would provide details)
- We would also like to put in a Koi Pond that would provide a nice atmosphere and also serve as an added area for enjoyment for children and adults (it would be placed near the pavilion)



REIDSVILLE ELKS LODGE #1723 recognizes Essay Winner. Amanda Gilmore was the Local and District Drug Awareness Essay Winner. She is pictured above with Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Rockingham County Superintendent of Schools on her right. Arlie Loy, Past State President of the State Elks Association and Bob Gower, NC State Elks Youth Activities Chairman, honor Amanda as well as Dr. Bromenschenkel, Superintendent of Schools for their involvement in the State Elks program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks to the Elks for all their support and hard work. Camp Carefree is a place that takes a lot of caring and giving people to keep us going each year. We are extremely happy that the Elks have been such a great partner to us. I just can't say enough about all the wonderful things that you have done. We are looking forward to many years of partnership with the Elks.

Thanks always

Michelle Richardson, Director
Camp Carefree



WILMINGTON ELKS LODGE #532 Bryan Benoit, Exalted Ruler and Evelyn Bass Hood, Committee Chairman present over \$800 worth of school supplies to Wilmington Police Chief for school kids. This program is designed to help children in need have the necessary supplies for starting back to school.



WILMINGTON ELKS LODGE #532 Past Exalted Ruler, Carl Wilkerson presents two Cape Fear Community College students with scholarship awards.

Veterans Christmas Wish List

NC State Veterans Nursing Homes

It is that time again! After meeting with Faye Shimizu from the Fayetteville Nursing Home it has been determined that the following items are needed for the veterans. If you want to personalize your involvement by helping an individual veteran, let us know. We will have a list of those veterans shortly. The items below will be given "as needed" to the veterans and all veterans will be given at least two gifts for Christmas Day.



1. Used caps with writing on them.
(Please wash them)
2. Used T-shirts with designs on them. The wilder the better.
(Please wash them)
3. New white socks
4. New white t-shirts
5. Hooded sweat-jackets
(large, extra large)
6. Candy
7. Cigarettes
8. Remotes for TVs
9. "Gel" cushion for wheel chairs
(This is a great item for them)

Veterans like 1 & 2 because they are broken in and soft. Items 3 - 8 can be purchased by us with your cash donations. PLEASE BRING ITEMS 1 and 2 to the STATE CONVENTION in Southern Pines so you will not have to mail them. We will gladly deliver them for you. Make checks payable to: Kinston Elks #740 Stub: Donation/ Veterans Christmas

We can not cash checks made out to the nursing home. Any money left over will go into the Veterans' accounts with Ann Knowles and Bob Leonard, State Veterans Service Officers.

Mail to: Fred Love
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Kinston, NC 28504

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Bet/Jack Strickland, 1-252-523-3852, jackstrickland@yahoo.com
betnjack@webtv.net.



North Carolina's District Deputies Grand Exalted Ruler for 2004-2005 began their duties in Minneapolis at the national convention. Pictured are (from left) James Hill, West Central District; Greg Hunnicutt, West District; Ashley Buckwell, East District; and Norman Brewer, East Central District. The first of three District Deputy Clinics were held across North Carolina in August. September will begin DD visits to each lodge in the district. Be ready for these visits and treat your District Deputy with the honors accorded a Grand Lodge member and make him feel welcome in your lodge.

Harry Tangen (from page 1)



Harry Tangen received plaque and crystal Elk in recognition of his years of distinguished service as Director of the Drug Awareness Committee.

Harry and his wife, Jean, have spent countless hours and miles and miles of travel all across this country doing the great work of Elksdom. Past Grand

Lodge Membership Committeeman, John Boyd nominated him for the Grand Lodge Treasurer's position and Harry was elected to office this summer.

Deputy Drug Czar Speaks At Seminar

At the Drug Awareness seminar for State Chairmen, one of the featured speakers was Mary Ann Solberg, the former co-chairman of the Drug Free Advisory Commission who currently works in the Federal Office of Drug Control. Basically, she is the Deputy Drug Czar appointed by President Bush.

Ms. Solberg thanked the Elks for their help as she was starting to get her message out about Drug Abuse Prevention. The main steps in her program are stopping drug abuse before it starts, healing current drug users, and disruption of the market, both overseas and at home. The goal is to reduce drug use by 25% in 5 years.

She commended the Elks for the Partnership with Pride Program. State

chairmen attending the seminar were informed that as Elks we can help in policy decisions by telling what we are doing, what yet needs to be done, and the results of what has already been achieved.



Drug Awareness directors Harry Tangen and Ken Gade welcomed speaker Mary Ann Solberg along with PGER Gerald Coates.

ENF Online Giving... The ENF is pleased to announce online giving at elks.org. You can now support the ENF at any time, day or night, from the convenience of your own home. In four easy steps, 100 percent of your donation will begin working immediately to improve the lives of our program recipients. To make a gift, go to <http://www.elks.org/donate>. All donations will be applied to your existing donor records, and your gift will count toward your Lodge's fundraising goal.



The Elks National Home Invites You To Visit

Now is a good time to visit the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia. Every season in Virginia has its beauty and advantages. You do not have to be an Elk member to visit for a tour and/or meals. You do have to be a member to stay overnight at the Home.

So make your plans for a visit to see for yourself what we have to offer. Any Elk in good standing may stay at the Home for up to five days in any one month at a charge of only \$40 per day plus tax, room and meals



included (\$60 for a couple). Or if you prefer, there are two excellent motels nearby where you may stay and make day visits to the Home and nearby attractions.

For more information on a visit or residency call us at 1-800-552-4140 or write to Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523. You can ask for Nellie Martin, April Pleasant, or Mary Wiley. We look forward to seeing you.

Dr. Ronald L. Plamondon
Executive Director

Tribute To A Generation – Elks Salute WWII Veterans

The Dedication of the National World War II Memorial • Washington, DC - May 29, 2004

The Second World War was the largest and most devastating war in history. Freedom was threatened as never before. In a show of resolve and unity this country had never before experienced, Americans from all walks of life joined together to defeat tyranny. Sixteen million served in uniform. Millions worked at home building the world's "arsenal of democracy." More than 400,000 Americans gave their lives. The National World War II Memorial creates a special place to commemorate the sacrifice and celebrate the victory of World War II, the only 20th century event commemorated on the Mall's central axis.

Built into the granite and bronze of the memorial are symbols of special significance. Two flagpoles framing the ceremonial entrance are adorned with the service seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Forces,

Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Along the ceremonial ramps that lead into the plaza are 24 base relief panels that depict Americans at war, at home as well as overseas. Inscriptions reflect a generation's spirit, commitment, and willingness to sacrifice for a cause greater than them.

The historic waterworks of the Rainbow Pool have been restored and contribute to the celebratory nature of the memorial. Semi-circular fountains at the base of the two pavilions and waterfalls flanking the Freedom Wall complement the



(Left to right) GER Amos and Barbara McCallum, PGER Gerald and Lee Coates, PGER Frank and Polly Garland, Elks National WWII Memorial Coordinator Steve and June Gunter, PGER Kenneth and Rosemary Moore Represent the BPOE at the National World War II Memorial Major Donors Recognition Reception May 28th Washington DC.

waterworks in the Rainbow Pool.

The Lodges and Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA were committed to building this memorial and help do so by increasing national awareness of the memorial and with individual contributions of more than \$1.3 million dollars to the ABMC who received more than \$195 million dollars primarily by private donations. Elks Lodges nationwide are continuing their efforts to gather and enter the names of WWII Veterans in the "Registry of

Remembrances" which is housed directly behind the Pacific Pavilion. This can also be done by visiting the Elks web site www.elks.org and view/enter a name in the electronic registry at the WWII Memorial web site www.wwiimemorial.com. The BPOE is also an official partner in the Veterans History Project, getting veterans to record their audio/video stories.

The memorial now stands as a powerful symbol of the national will to sacrifice for the democratic ideals that shaped our foundation and direct our future. For the American Battle Monuments Commission it ends an 11-year effort; and for America's World War II Generation it ends a 59 year wait.

D. Steve Gunter, PSP
Past GL National World War II
Memorial Coordinator

Grand Lodge Resolutions Passed

Change In Voting Procedures Works Smoothly

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Did you notice a change in your voting procedure yesterday? These changes were a result of the vote of the members at the 139th legislative session in St. Louis in 2003. First off, you had to surrender your voting credential as you entered the session and in exchange you received your paper ballot and a pencil. During the Judiciary Committee report, you then marked your ballot with your vote. After the ballots were gathered and read through a scanner, the votes were tallied and the results announced immediately.

PGER Kenneth Moore told the Public Relations Committee that there were three scanners being used, each of which read 2,200 ballots per hour. He estimated that it would take 40-45 minutes to complete the tally after the ballots had been collected. PGER Moore also stated that in the event of an amendment to a resolution the amendment would be voted upon by a show of hands and then the resolution would be voted on via the paper ballot. All in all

it seems like a good change and takes the "guess work" out of the voting process. The actual process took 1 hour and 15 minutes, but the results are unquestionable.

During the legislative session on Wednesday morning the assembled members voted on the proposed resolutions. The following are the results of that election.

- Resolution 2004-1: Passed 2713 to 77; Insure DDGER receives the names of Lodge Officers before the April DD Clinic.
- Resolution 2004-2: Passed 2423 to 358; Require Lodges to be members of State or Territory Association, if formed.
- Resolution 2004-3: Failed 847 to 1938; Allow candidate's immediate family at initiation ritual during special meeting.
- Resolution 2004-4: Passed 2665 to 114; Change "proposition fee" to "initiation fee" to conform to Section 14.290.
- Resolution 2004-5: Passed 1573 to 1210; Allow a non-suspended, unaffiliated spouse to visit the Lodge with a member.

- Resolution 2004-6: Passed 2630 to 155; Allow transferred PER's to be members of PER Association.
- Resolution 2004-7: Passed 2567 to 216; Establishes a quorum for a PER Association or Advisory Committee.
- Resolution 2004-8: Passed 2203 to 508; Removes the prohibition against insurance or mutual benefit features.
- Resolution 2004-9: Passed 2238 to 542; Allow State Associations to participate in voluntary insurance program.
- Resolution 2004-10: Passed 1966 to 825; Require Board of Trustees to report monthly.
- Resolution 2004-11: Passed 2306 to 486; Allows suspension of a former Lodge officer for actions while in office.
- Resolution 2004-12: Failed 1136 to 1649; Allow incorporated Lodges to be governed by Board of Trustees.
- Resolution 2004-13: Failed 758 to 2027; Allow suspension of an accused Lodge officer prior to mediation.

How Is The National Foundation Helping North Carolina?

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, You're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Elks National Veterans Service Commission and the Elks National Home. You're doing more than providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased and disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial.

You're doing all that, and you're

supporting Elkdom in North Carolina.

During the 2003-04 Lodge year, the Elks of North Carolina donated \$99,411.14 to the Elks National Foundation. This Year, the Foundation will give back the following:

- A State Charities Grant of \$50,990.00, and a bonus grant of \$16,680.00. The bulk of this grant will go towards our major charitable project. Portions will also be used to fund our state Drug Awareness, "Hoop Shoot" and soccer shoot programs.
- A Special Projects Grant of

\$39,576.00 authorized to be used for other charitable and philanthropic programs.

- A total of at least \$32,000.00 in "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to 8 high school seniors from North Carolina. In addition, the ENF will award up to 9 Legacy scholarships – a total of \$9000.00 – to children and grandchildren of Elks who have been members for at least two years.

- A total of \$7,740.00 to Veterans Service volunteers through the Elks Veterans Service Commission. These

funds will help them provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

That's a total grant of at least \$155,986.00, which represents a ratio of 1.569 for every dollar the Foundation received from North Carolina last year.

To make your donation go online to www.elks.org or see your lodge Elks National Foundation chairman.

Remember "Charity is the Cornerstone of Our Order"

Ashley Buckwell
Elks National Foundation Chairman



CALABASH LODGE #2679 recognized the continuing support of area fire and law enforcement agencies in the lodge's annual "Drug Bust." Nearly 300 students and parents participated. (l-r) Patrolman Mike Hamilton, Holden Beach; Calabash fire-fighter Jay Bertha; D.A.R.E. Instructor Juetta Casandra Spain, Loris; Chief Deputy Paul Butler, Horry County Sheriff's Office; Sunset Beach Chief of Police Jay Kerr and Sheriff Ronald Hewett, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.



CALABASH LODGE #2679 continued their participation in the national "Adopt-A-Highway" program with the accumulation of 23 bags of roadside litter. (kneeling l-r) are Art Paige, co-chair Walt Hill, ER Earl Dushane PER and George Livingston. Other volunteers are Bill Auyer, Pat Behan, Jack Christiansen, Paul Emerson, Joe & Sally Guy, co-chair Dottie Hill, Paul Hourigan, Tom Kelleher, Jack Keppler, Organist Verdun Kerswell and George Stetz.



CALABASH LODGE #2679's 14th annual blood drive collected 77 pints. Elk super-donor Bob Ahrons still holds the record with 104 units. The ladies auxiliary supplied refreshments and a volunteer staff served brunch for the donors, nurses, phlebotomists and their assistants. Pictured are members of the committee (from left), Al Yetman, Dot Wilson, co-chairs Doug and Margaret Wood, Bill Wilson and Ann & Erine Schubeck.



WILMINGTON ELKS LODGE #532 hosted a cookout for NC Resource Officers at their lodge. Members cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and served the crowd. High Point Elks Lodge provided the money for this event. These resource officers work in our school systems to provide drug awareness programs for our school children. High Point Elks Lodge has long been a sponsor of this group and it's great to see a partnership with Wilmington Elks to continue this service.



WILMINGTON ELKS LODGE #532 Past Exalted Ruler, Carl Wilkerson, presents Mary Lloyd with the Elk of The Year Award.



NEW BERN LODGE #764

Congratulates

State President Lee Littiken

for his accomplishments this year!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The NC State Elks Association Spring Convention
will be in New Bern on May 6, 7, 8, 2005

Spring is beautiful in historic New Bern, the state capital of North Carolina until 1790.

All Elks are welcome!

Morehead City – Beaufort Gets New Lodge

BY MARK HIBBS

CARTERET COUNTY NEWS-TIMES

MOREHEAD CITY – Frank Oglesby, a 46-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1710, gazed Thursday through his car window at the empty shell of the building crews began demolishing earlier this week. The fraternal organization recently vacated the Arendell Street structure to make room for a new Eckerd Drug, one of the anchor stores for the renovated Morehead Plaza.

Although Mr. Oglesby and other longtime members may hate to see it, the demolition opens a new door for the Elks, who plan to build a \$1 million dollar facility on four acres off Pond Drive, near the Crystal Coast Business Park in Western Morehead City.

"It's kind of strange, but it's a good thing," Mr. Oglesby said.

He said the 8,600-square foot structure, dedicated when the organization boasted about 150 members in 1961, was now too small and needed too much work.

"A new lodge will draw new members," he said.

Lodge trustee Sammy Hughes agreed. He said the 300-member organization could possibly double in size once the new 14,600-square foot facility is ready, possibly in December.

"We're clearing our waiting list and inviting anyone interested in joining," Mr. Hughes said.

Until then, the group will occupy the storefront between Roses and the new Rent-A-Center store in the plaza's west wing, where members have set up a makeshift lounge and meeting hall. There hangs the lodge's 1946 framed charter listing the names of the 45 original members, mostly prominent Morehead City and Beaufort businessmen.

"It was quite the social center for all the businesspeople and professionals in town," Mr. Hughes said.

The lodge members quickly became active in community service projects. The lodge has sponsored Little League Baseball teams in Morehead City and Beaufort for more than 40 years, and has offered academic awards and scholarships and provided financial assistance to veterans and their families.

"You have to have a purpose for existing other than just having a good time," Mr. Hughes said.

He said the lodge participates in community service activities locally as well as on statewide and national levels. He said the national organization provides over \$300 million in educational, youth and veteran assistance yearly. In North Carolina, the organization distributed more than \$250,000 in assistance.

"Locally, this lodge contributes about \$9,000 a year directly to veterans' service and assistance, mainly through the Veterans' Christmas program," Mr. Hughes said.

Last year, the lodge also honored local veterans by presenting Blue Star Service Banners to the families of active duty servicemen and women at a dinner in Morehead City.

Nearly 400 people attended the event, which honored members of all branches of service.

The banners gained acceptance during both World Wars and were displayed in the windows of the homes of service members. Each blue star on the banner represents a family member serving his or her country. A smaller gold star is placed over the blue star for each family member who dies in service to symbolize the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. Hughes said the Elks have a long history of support for the military, including the formation of the Veterans Administration hospital system, the donation of lodges for use by the USO, and the scholarship program that became the model for the G.I. Bill.

Mr. Hughes said the organization is planning to offer a new scholarship fund in memory of businessman and member R.E. Willis.

"We just received so many donations in his name. He was the kind of fellow who would give you the shirt off his back," he said.

Mr. Hughes said the local lodge, unlike many across the country, is holding steady rather than losing members. He said lodge officers expect further growth with the amenities to be offered at the new location, which include a large ballroom, an entertainment facility for members' children and a swimming pool.

Mr. Hughes said the new location is better because of the recent growth in the western part of the county.

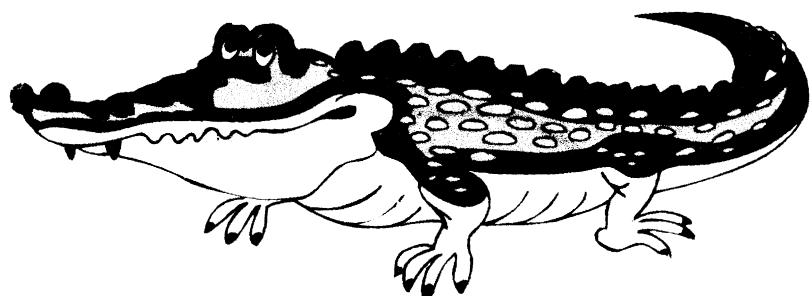
"The demographics of the county are moving more toward the Newport and Highway 24 corridor area. For Beaufort folks, it's only six minutes further up the road," he said.

For more information on the Elks organization call 726-4472 or visit www.elks.org.



The exterior walls of the B.P.O.E. Morehead City – Beaufort Lodge No. 1710 surrounded the roofless, gutted shell of a building as demolition crews began preparing the site for a 13,800-square foot Eckerd Drug. Lodge members plan to build a much larger facility near the Crystal Coast Business Park.

(Photo: Mark Hibbs)



GOT YOUR ATTENTION?
GOOD! 'CAUSE WE WANT YOU TO KNOW
THAT WE GOT IT ALL RIGHT HERE IN
CALABASH,
INCLUDING ALLIGATORS!

IT'S THE PERFECT GETAWAY FOR ALL YOU LAND-LOCKED ELKS. YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN CALABASH, INCLUDING A NEW LODGE WITH A MEMBER-FRIENDLY LOUNGE THAT DEFIES COMPARISON. THERE'S SUN-SWEPT BEACHES, SIGNATURE GOLF COURSES AND A WIDE ARRAY OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES, SHOPPING AND RESTAURANTS.

"Y'ALL COME 'N SEE US, Y'HEAH?"

CALABASH ELKS LODGE 2679, YOUR HOST FOR THE 2006 NORTH CAROLINA ELKS STATE SPRING CONVENTION

Kinston Lodge Takes Positive Step For Membership

At least one lodge is taking the ball and running with it. After a Membership Seminar for the East and East Central Districts was held at Kinston, Members Hal Evans, Ronnie Taylor, Ron Taylor, Larry Taylor, and Bert Waters formed a subcommittee to organize a membership drive that will take place October 9.

The purpose of this drive is to get prospective members in so they can see what Kinston Elks' Lodge is all

about. They are hoping to generate a lot of new members from this function.

A clean-up night will be held to make sure the Lodge is in top notch shape before we show off in front of these prospective new members.

We encourage all trustees, PERs, officers, and members to join us in getting the lodge spotless for this very important membership drive. Your time and energy will help the lodge flourish.



Scenes From Asheville Convention



NC State Elks Projects



Left: Volunteers held a cook-out at Camp Carefree for the kids and staff. Members of Greensboro and Reidsville Elks Lodges assisted with the cook-out. Reidsville Fire Department Explorer Post volunteers assisted with cooking duties and serving food. Mike Hinkley, Greensboro Elks Lodge, and his wife Pam and daughters provided ice-cream with all sorts of toppings. Everyone had a great time. Sixty kids, twenty four staff and eight guests were served.



Above: Volunteers from Greensboro and Reidsville Elks Lodges constructed new amphitheater seating at Camp Carefree. This area is used to sit around and enjoy an evening around a campfire. Pictured (l-r) are Kevin Austin, Jim Williams, Tom Johnson, and Gary Selders from Greensboro Lodge; Scott Gower and Bob Gower from Reidsville Lodge. Not pictured were Jan Cable and Bob Hatley. Over 128 man hours were spent on this project by these volunteers.



Second \$40,000 van donated to NC Veterans Nursing Homes.



Cary-Apex Lodge Honors Eagle Scouts

During the last six months, Cary-Apex Lodge #2798 recognized 10 young men as Eagle Scouts. The Lodge participated in a Court of Honor ceremony for each Eagle Scout. Each scout was presented with an Elks Eagle Scout certificate, a US flag, and a US flag lapel pin.



Cary-Apex Lodge does an outstanding job of recognizing Eagle Scouts in their area. Charles Fossett, PER, attended every ceremony while Andrew Marias, ER; Robert Connick, PER; and Robert Langford, PER attended many of the ceremonies also. Many hours and miles later Eagle Scouts and their families in the Cary-Apex area know that Elks Care – Elks Share!

The following young men were recognized as Eagle Scouts:

Benjamin L. Keely, Troop 200
David L. Stewart, Troop 200
Jeff Horton, Troop 208
Nathan B. Dixon, Troop 216
Jacob M. Majikes, Troop 216
Mark A. Hemphill, Troop 208
Robert T. Edmiston, Troop 200
Justin T. Godwin, Troop 397
Michael C. Kennedy, Troop 200
Andrew Pogue, Troop 204

Andrew Pogue, Troop 204, was one of the 10 Eagle Scouts recognized by the Cary-Apex Lodge in a Court of Honor ceremony.

BURLINGTON ELKS

• Lodge 1633 •



*Charity, Justice,
Brotherly Love,
& Fidelity!*

ROXBORO ELKS LODGE #2005

Wishes
State President
Lee Littiken
A Great Year!



Sanford Elks Lodge #1679

Congratulates

H. Lee Littiken, President, NCSEA 2004-05

2004-05 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler – Bill Blair	Grand Lodge Officer
Esteemed Leading Knight – Steve Johnson	DDGER – Norman Brewer, PER
Esteemed Loyal Knight – Griff Sperry	NC State Elks Officers & Committeemen
Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Vince Wenger	State Tiler – Steve Williams, PER
Secretary – Mark Westrick	State Membership Committee Chairman
Treasurer – Dennis Oliver	Scott Pace, PDDGER
Chaplin – Mike Stone	State Scholarship Committee Chairman
Esquire – D. David Riddle III, PDDGER	Norman Brewer, PER
Inner Guard – Glenn Gunter	State Risk Management/ Accident Prevention
Tiler – Larry Gattis	& Safety Committeeman
3 yr Trustee – D. Steve Gunter II, PER	D. David Riddle III, PDDGER
2 yr Trustee – Richard Littiken, PER	State Soccer Committeeman
1 yr Trustee – Mark Brown, PER	Mark Brown, PER



CARY-APEX ELKS LODGE #2798, PER Charles Fossett presents a check for \$200 to Staff Sergeant Marcia Jackson of the 805th Military Police Army National Guard in Raleigh. The money will be used to buy needed supplies for their members who are serving in Iraq. Charlie and his wife were invited to a homecoming celebration for members who have just returned from Iraq.



DURHAM ELKS LODGE #568 recently held a barbequed chicken dinner fundraiser to benefit veterans at the VA Hospital in Durham. They served and delivered over 150 meals. The Lodge sponsors monthly events at the hospital and several members regularly volunteer there. Pictured are Jack Cheek, Jim Pulley, Doug Pearce, and ER Charles Oakley.

SANFORD ELKS

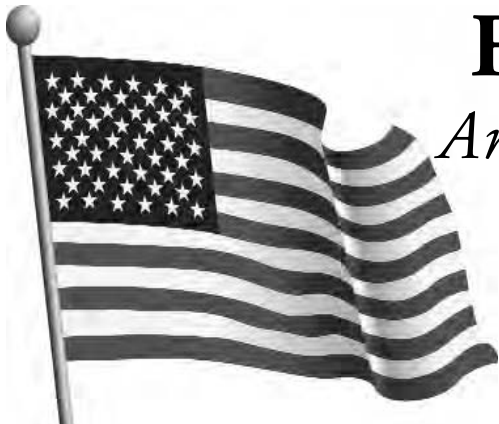
LODGE #1679
Congratulates
H. LEE LITTIKEN



2004-2005
NCESA President
Great Job Lee!

FAYETTEVILLE LODGE #1081

An All-American Lodge in an All-American City



Above: Diane Wood, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and member, Lila Morris, recently took a trip out west. They are pictured adding a lodge pin from the Elks Lodge in Livingston, Montana where they visited.

Top, center: Larry Pomeroy, a stray Elk from Connecticut, and wife, Elizabeth, with the grill they won on July 4. Raffle tickets were sold on this grill as a fund raiser for the ENF. A total of \$903 was raised for the Elks National Foundation.



Above: Geniece McCullen, wife of member Ronald McCullen, crocheted an afghan and donated it to be raffled off for the Elks National Foundation. It will be shown at the Fall Convention in Southern Pines and tickets will be sold.

Left: Scott Kennedy, member of Fayetteville Elks Lodge, shown with his classic car that was entered in the Dogwood Festival Car Show in May.

Fun Day At Southern Pines Elks Lodge

The Handicapped Citizen Committee of the Southern Pines Elks Lodge held their 11 annual FUN DAY for challenged children on Wednesday, August 25. For the 385 children that attended they had a great day. The weather was in the 80s and the pool was full of children, teachers, aides and volunteers, and some one commented that you couldn't see the water in the pool; it was wall to wall with children. For those who couldn't use the pool, we had face painting, tattooing, and the moon walk machine where the children go in barefoot and jump and bounce.

The Southern Pines fire truck was there and children were introduced



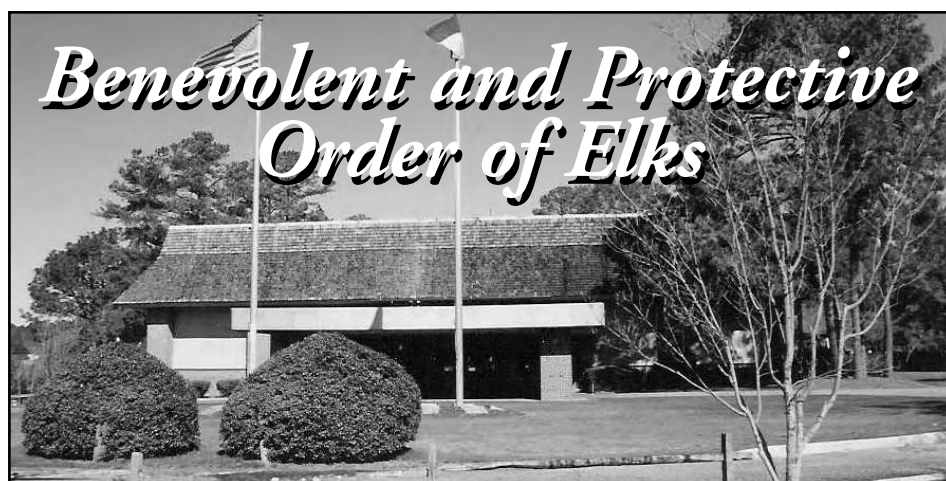
to all the apparatus therein. We also had music provided by a fellow who plays the piano, organ and CDs. The children sing karaoke and hear themselves and have a blast. This year we had two new additions. Officer Robert Williams with the Southern Pines Police Department brought his K9 dog, Senna. She's been with the department for eight years and she's had exposure to children and is very passive. Also present was Rebecca Vasallo with Luther, a certified therapy dog. The children loved the dogs and it was great to see how they

responded. Lunch was served for the children, teachers, aides and volunteers. We fed about 500 people hamburgers, hot dogs, cookies and soda.

The committee would like to thank our State President Lee Littiken for attending. When interviewed by the local paper Lee responded that he was impressed by the scope of the event, and said "This is a very nice event they have here, I think it's one of the finest in the state. It's great to watch the kids enjoy themselves and be able to see how happy they are. It's really impressive."



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



SOUTHERN PINES ELKS LODGE #1692

Congratulations to Lee Littiken, State President and wife Pat

WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERN PINES ELKS LODGE #1692
STATE FALL CONVENTION • OCTOBER 28-31, 2004

Honorable Grand Exalted Ruler James M. McQuillan and wife Karen

Honorable PGER Gerald Coates and wife Lea

Honorable Grand Treasurer Harry Tangen and wife Jean

DDGER Norman Brewer and wife Annie

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Friday, October 29, 2004 • Tee Time 8:00 a.m.

Southern Pines Lodge • 280 Country Club Circle
Phone 910-692-7375 • Fax 910-692-5894

Reed Parks Named State Exalted Ruler Of The Year



Reed Parks received Exalted Ruler of the Year Award for the state at the Spring Convention in Asheville. Left to right: PGER Gerald Coates; Reed Parks, PER; Darrell Myers, PDDGER; and Phil Saunders, PER, last year's recipient of this award.

What's Happening At The Winston-Salem Lodge



The swim team finished off their year at the league championships on July 9 and 10, where we came in fifth overall. Their record for the season was 3-3-1, which is a nicely earned improvement over recent years.

Coaches Alex Eiffe and Karen Bonney will return next year, so we look forward to an even better year next summer.

Congratulations to the swim team and coaches for all their hard work, and a special thanks to Mark Moir for providing T-shirts for all the swimmers and coaches.



Coach Alex Eiffe with one of our team parents.



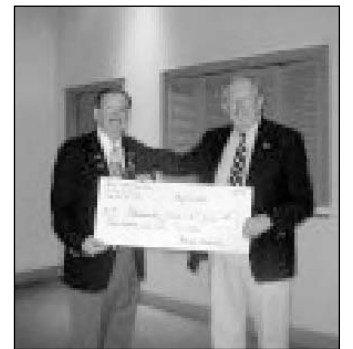
Head Coach Karen Bonney



Congratulations to the 2004 Scholarship and Nursing Scholarship winners!



Congratulations to Zachary Lunsford, Reynolds High School, Elks #449



Ed Seivers presents a check for \$300 to Don Keller, Scholarship



When the Eastern Division All-American Ritual Team was announced in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 7, Wade Hawks of Mt. Airy Elks Lodge #2061 received The William King award for having the highest score of all the competing officers. Wade received a score of 94.692. Congratulations Wade! (He is second row second from left.)



Did you know that granite from Mt. Airy was used for the new World War II Memorial in Washington, DC?



*From the Officers & Members
of Winston-Salem Lodge #449*



*Congratulations to
Lee & Pat Littiken
for a Great Year!*

*We're ALL Working For
A Membership Gain!*



Thank You Both For A Job Well Done!

Outgoing President, G. Stephen Clarke, and wife, Joyce, at work and play representing NC Elks.



GREETINGS FROM SALISBURY ELKS LODGE #699

Chartered May 11, 1901 • Supporting the youth of our community

SALISBURY OFFICERS

Mike Davis – Exalted Ruler
Robert Sce – Leading Knight
Elbert Culp – Loyal Knight
Eddy Harwood – Lecturing Knight
Brett Summers – Treasurer
Mike Jones – Secretary
Rick Glover – Tiler

Julie Copley – Esquire
Don Stout – Chaplain
Willie Green – Inner Guard
Trustees
Steve Jarrett, Linda Brown,
Bill Brown, Ray Paradowski,
Jim Hill

All Elks are invited to stop and visit.

Lodge located on 508 S Main.

Just take exit 76 on I-85, 5 blocks south of the main square in downtown.

Club room entrance behind lodge on second floor and opens at
3 p.m. 7 days a week. • Phone 704-636-1161

Check out our website @ www.SalisburyElks.org

Lots of information on our programs and the Lodge. Also, over 500 pictures of Elks lodges and other interesting memorabilia from around the turn of the century are viewable on our website. Updated weekly.

Are you a traveling Elk with a motor home and looking for a place to visit?



*We have beautiful campsites on our 24 acre park on High Rock Lake with 3000 ft. of river frontage. Our visitors have called it **the best RV resort in all of Elkdom**. Full hookups, dump station, beach, bathhouse, and boat launch. Reservations suggested. Reasonable daily, weekly and monthly rates. Primitive camping sites too!*

Fire Forces Lodge To Close Its Doors

Reading the article heading "Fire forces lodge to close its doors" boldly emblazoned across four columns of the Hometown front page of The Gaston Gazette was enough to bring tears to the eyes of the lodge members.

The shock began for me when Jim Saunders called me at work Thursday morning, July 15, to tell me that someone had broken into the Elks Lodge around 3 a.m., robbed and vandalized it, and then set it on fire.

My wife Barbara and I were very upset with what we were confronted with when we went to the Lodge Thursday evening to see the extent of the damage. David Barber had the front door propped open to let air circulate through the building. Thursday is Bingo night at Gastonia Lodge, or it was. Bingo Chairman Frank Tamberelli and members David Barber, Stephen Falls, and Larry Hostetter were busy telling arriving Bingo players the bad news.

The Bingo players were all disturbed and promised they would be back when the Lodge re-opens and Bingo can resume.

Only one wall in the club room and a part of the ceiling above it was damaged by the fire. Some of the vinyl siding above the rear outside door of the Club Room was warped from the heat. Firefighters had torn out the wall and ceiling to make sure the fire was out. The real damage was caused by the heat from the fire started with our liquor in a cushioned chair. A TV thrown on the fire was totally consumed except for the picture tube. The fire created a lot of heat that melted plastic floral decorations on tables in the Club Room and in the Auxiliary storage room. Over the pool table the Coors light drooped from the heat. The burning plastic of the TV generated a black sooty smoke that filled the entire lodge.

As of Friday morning, July 16, the TV stations and The Gaston Gazette had realized the story potential of the incident. WBTV Channel 3 came to the Lodge early Friday morning and ran a short spot on the 12 o'clock news. Holly, the reporter from Channel 9, interviewed both David Barber and me. I made sure Holly referred to us as an "Elks Lodge" and not a 'club.' The Channel 9



report on the evening news opened with a shot of our poor defiled Elk head. Channel 9 did a really good job with their report.

The Gazette did an excellent article in the Saturday morning paper. This is not how you want to get free publicity. Earlier this year, the Gazette did a very nice article which was well received on the Gastonia Lodge running a good honest Bingo game.

Entry to the lodge was through a broken glass window in one of the outside doors at the back of the Club Room. An individual accompanied by three juveniles ransacked the Club Room, office, and storage areas, taking the cash register with money, alcoholic beverages, snacks, and bingo markers. They hauled off what they could. Later the individual returned and started a fire in a cushioned chair in the Club Room, feeding the fire with various articles and presumably alcohol.

Exalted Ruler Lewis Stevenson called a special meeting to discuss the event. We convened at Jim Saunders home on Friday, July 16 about 6 pm. Twelve Elk members were present as well as seven auxiliary members. The Elk members discussed plans to continue business after the robbery and fire as best we can. The Auxiliary had their own meeting to review the losses in their storage room that housed decorations they have accumulated over the years.

Lodge newspaper editor Jim Saunders issued an early newsletter to notify the members of the robbery and fire. I had obtained a free meeting place at the Gastonia City Club for the July 19, August 16, and September 20 meetings.

After the City inspected the repair, a new meter was installed and the electricity was turned on. Frank Tamberelli had said that he and Larry Hostetter would secure the Lodge by covering the broken window with a piece of plywood. Later Leon Pasour and George Larkin installed new glass in the door.

The insurance adjuster was on the scene Monday after the fire, and began working with Leon Pasour to determine the extent of the damages. The cleanup process is very slow and we have no estimate of a completion date.

Gastonia Lodge had their 'First Friday' dinner August 6 around the pool. About 25-30 Elks, their wives and children enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, etc. Many of the members attending saw the fire damage and vandalism for the first time. The fellowship around the pool was great. Everyone had upbeat attitudes with a will to continue and not let this catastrophe destroy our spirits.

We anxiously await the reopening of our Lodge.

Robert S. Messer, Secretary
Gastonia Lodge #1634

Boyd Completes Three Years On Grand Lodge Committee

"One year on the G/L Americanism Committee and two years on the G/L Membership Committee has been both exciting and alarming," says Boyd. "It was most interesting to meet and get to know so many Elks working so hard to the best of their ability for our Order. But I keep getting the feeling that a sense of urgency is needed to face the Membership issue."

Boyd explained that he never expected to be honored with an appointment to a Grand Lodge Committee and thanks PGER Gerald Coates for the support and for the experience. Boyd visited and made presentations in seven of the eight states in Area Three. He expressed his great respect for the Elks in these states for the work and dedication they

exhibit and is most appreciative for their friendship and support.

Even though Boyd expressed his gratitude for his many experiences at Grand Lodge and in the states he visited, the honor of speaking to his own state at the spring Convention was the most rewarding. "The positive comments and the personal congratulations from so many were totally unexpected. Usually if you talk to your own folks, you expect some ribbing and fun being poked at you, but what I got was very rewarding. I am grateful and will always feel a sense of obligation to North Carolina Elks."

PGER Gerald Coates has appointed Boyd to be the North Carolina Chairman for the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte in 2007.



Boyd performs one of his last functions as he goes off the G/L Membership Committee, that of escorting Frank Kinard to the podium of the Grand Lodge for his award as top recruiter in South Carolina. Pictured are (l-r) GER Amos McCallum, Frank Kinard, and John Boyd.

Sometime soon, the process of starting to put a committee together will begin. Boyd was invited to the South Carolina Elks Convention to do a "Pep Talk" about the convention. Boyd says that he is looking forward to this challenge and knows that the Elks of this state and of South Carolina will do a superb job.

Waynesville Lodge Celebrates Youth Activities

Our Lodge recently held a celebration of the Youth of our Lodge. The event was held on a Sunday afternoon when we were closed for regular activities. The children were treated as special guests. We had hamburgers and hot dogs and games.

During the Celebration, we honored four of these young boys who are Elks at heart, but are still young to join our ranks. Anthony Green, Kyle Huffman, Michael Huffman and Noah Huffman were recognized as Junior Elks and given a special Certificate of Recognition.

These four young boys can always be counted to lend a hand at any of the events that we have for less fortunate children or Drug Awareness during the year. They jump in and help with everything from the shopping to clean up at these functions. They can be counted on to work as hard as the adults at Fundraising events from BBQs to yard sales. They pitch in because they want to, not because they are forced or bribed to help out. They help because they have been included in Lodge functions and see their Parents and Grandparents do the same type of things without being asked to join in.

These boys are members of families in our Lodge who have made their Elk's membership a part of their family lives for years. For these two families, membership in the Elks is not a "club thing" but a way of life.

Anthony is the son of Lori Green,

Leading Knight and the grandson of Robert and Janet Green. Robert is Chairman of Trustees, serves as an Officer in the Western District of the North Carolina Elks Association as well as being a PER in both our Lodge and in his former Lodge in Florida. Grandmother Janet wears many hats including Editor of our newsletter and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Kyle, Michael and Noah Huffman are the sons of Roger and April Huffman and the grandsons of David and Sharon Jaynes. David is a Trustee and Sharon is the current ER. Roger became a Member in our Lodge several years ago.

These are not the only families involved in our Lodge. We seem to be growing Elks all over the Waynesville area. The Jaynes family had a total of six grandchildren and two great grandchildren attending. Several of the Lodge families were unable to attend due to other obligations.

Our Lodge, along with so many others, is struggling to define the role of the children of the Members in our Lodge. We all should be aware that the children of our Members should be the Membership and Officers of our Lodges in the future. We know that the best way to teach our children the true meaning of the Obligation we took is by example.

Consider including your children in some of your activities. This makes for closer families and good future Elks.



BREVARD ELKS LODGE officers Treasurer, Gerry Mullen; Veterans Affairs Chairman, Chuck Spilman; and Exalted Ruler, Kenny Ey load new tools destined for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville. The tools were collected and donated by many Lodge members. Technicians at the recently reopened wheelchair maintenance facility at the VA Medical Center will use the donated tools to maintain and repair wheelchairs for Western North Carolina Veterans.

New Program (From page 2)

John Boyd, PSP and Public Relations Chairman, was the main facilitator at the program and the subjects discussed covered a wide range of issues. Among them was the setting up of a Membership Control Team, the importance of getting new members on a committee (the new membership program), the importance of the facility and its appearance, and the need to reinvent your Lodge every so often. Other things included the issue of diversity in the membership, (some people will not join anything perceived as discriminating), the need to focus on family and lots of activities



One of the breakout sessions at the Membership and Public Relations Seminar held at Hickory Elks Lodge.

for the wide range of members, as well as many other subjects.

Remember meeting the needs of our members and prospective members is our mission.

Hurricanes Frances And Ivan Leave Marks On WNC

As hurricanes Frances and Ivan worked their way up the eastern coast of the United States, Western North Carolina, located in the Great Smokey Mountains, received massive damage. Haywood County, 35 miles west of Asheville, found two towns, Clyde and Canton under water, roads closed by mud slides and flooding, resulting in hundreds of families who lost all or most of their belongings.

Sharon Jaynes, ER of Waynesville Lodge 1769, called the Lodge into action. With a basement full of clothing and other items scheduled for a fall yard sale, the Lodge decided to donate all appropriate items to the county flood relief program. Monies raised at fund drives such as Thunder in the Valley (a Bikers Rally) and many private donations were utilized to purchase food and other items for flood victims. One Elk, Marti Haney delivered cookies to the Clyde Fire Department. Tammy Poteet, using the



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internet, was able to fill a truck with donated items that she donated to the relief effort through the Elks.

With both cash and non-cash donations, it is estimated that the Waynesville Elks donated over \$4,000 worth of food and merchandise. All items were delivered to the county relief centers. That the Elks do Care and do Share was demonstrated by the Waynesville Elks Lodge.

Brevard Elks Lodge No. 1768



Congratulates



George Wheeler
NCESA President Elect

Hendersonville's Largest Committee

Armed with the Grand Exalted Ruler and NCSEA President Lee Littiken's call for increased membership and active participation by all Lodge members, the Hendersonville Elks Lodge initiated 52 new members August 17th, 2004. Many members of the Lodge have actively responded to the challenge to recruit at least one new member for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. In a time when the North Carolina rolls have been unfortunately decreasing, Hendersonville has excelled at putting NCSEA Membership Chairman Scott Pace's unique program to good use.

"It never hurts to ask your fellow Elks for help, and ask more than once!" says Lecturing Knight Faye Stanley, who along with Leading Knight Keith Miller co-chairs the Membership and Lapsation Committees for Hendersonville. The two committee chairmen along with their respective committees meet often to brainstorm for better ways to actively promote the Lodge and its programs, both within the membership and with new candidates. Dave Clark, PER and Trustee, runs the Indoctrination Program for the Lodge, and the mantra this year has been that every incoming Elk is automatically on the



Hendersonville Elks Lodge #1616 Presents Its Newest "Membership Committee" Class.

Membership Committee. Over 30 candidates still wait in the wings for the September initiation, with the list of potential members growing every day. Faye Stanley attributes much of the success to the hard work of Lodge Elks who really care about the long term growth and success of the Lodge. Several Lodge Officers also take the time to be present at both Investigation and Indoctrination to ensure that potential members not only understand the benefits of being an Elk but the purpose behind the Order, ensuring that the Elks which join will be active and supportive of the Lodge's many programs and committees, not just the lounge or pool.

"We wish we never had to make a

call or send a letter from the Lapsation Committee," stated Keith Miller, "although making the call early on certainly helps us to understand why some members may choose not to continue as Elks.

The Lodge's new Membership Program is sure to make our job easier, and working hand in hand with Membership will allow us to maybe one day devote all of our efforts towards simply recruiting good Elks for our Order rather than trying to retain them." Both committees agree that the State's new membership program is a very valuable tool for actively promoting Elkdom. "The bigger our Membership Committee, the better!" states Faye Stanley.



McMullen Chosen West District ER Of The Year

Each year one Exalted Ruler from each District is chosen as Exalted Ruler of the Year. Jamie McMullen, ER of Hendersonville Elks Lodge was chosen as Exalted Ruler of the Year for the West District. Hendersonville Lodge thanks Jamie for his dedication and service this past year. Jack Grimm, President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association, presents Jamie McMullen with West District Exalted Ruler of the Year plaque at the Asheville Spring Convention.

Elks Care - Elks Share

HENDERSONVILLE ELKS LODGE #1616

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1-YEAR TRUSTEE	Dave Clark, PER



*Hendersonville Elks Lodge #1616
proudly salutes
Greg Hunnicutt
District Deputy GER
West District*

Elks Support The World War II Memorial

North Carolina is proud of Steve and June Gunter for this Project.



Photo Left: [left to right] PGER Frank and Polly Garland, Steve Gunter Elks National WWII Memorial Coordinator, Lee and PGER Gerald Coates, Rosemary and PGER Ken Moore, Barbara and GER Amos McCallum. **Photo Center:** Lea Coates receives "Good Conduct Medal" at the World War II Reunion Pavilion on the National Mall. **Photo Right:** Gladys Britt, NCSEA Past Americanism Chairman and Steve Gunter, Past GL Americanism Chairman.

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