



In memory of H. Frank Oglesby, PSP
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State President's Message



First let me thank each of you for the outstanding work you have done this year for ELKDOM, representing the North Carolina State Elks Association.

We have accomplished many good and wonderful deeds this year. I cannot thank my wife Pat Littiken enough, for all her assistance and understanding this year. This has been the busiest year of my life, working with some of the greatest people on earth.

I am happy and proud to inform you that we have finalized the sale of our Camp in Zirconia, and the funds have been deposited into our NCSEA Charitable Trust to provide future funds

for our charitable programs. It has taken many long hours and tons of emails working with our State Trustees to accomplish this transaction. Special thanks to our Trustee Chairman Curtis Pierce and the Board of Trustees, Steve Clarke, Bruce Wood and Larry Wolfe. Our President-Elect George Wheeler, Jr., Board of Trustees and I have begun planning for our future expenditures for our new Major Projects and current projects in order to meet these future charitable requirements.

At our Spring NCSEA Meeting in New Bern, we will be voting to approve By-Law changes for two new committees to handle the necessary procedures for our new Major Projects, Camp Carefree in Stokesdale and the NC State Veterans Nursing Homes in Fayetteville and Salisbury. Funds were approved and a check has been presented recently to Camp Carefree. We are also presenting

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Sale of the NC Elks Camp nets \$1,453,546.88 for our Trust

After a little more than one year since the camp was placed on the market, the property has been sold. Two businessmen from the Henderson County area are the new owners. They plan on using part of the camp as a summer camp and developing part of the property.

There were several offers made for the camp, but the State Trustees and officers chose not to accept any offers less than \$1.5 million. We received an offer on January 21, 2005 of \$1,550,000. After some negotiations with the new owners, the offer was accepted and the camp was sold "AS IS". Several items needing repair were found during the final

inspection of the camp, but the board stuck with the "AS IS" clause we added to the contract, and the buyers did agree to take care of those repairs. All of the plaques, pictures, conference table/chairs and other memorabilia were retained and have been placed in storage.

The closing of the camp was held on March 11, 2005. The officers and Trustees of the NC State Association are pleased to announce with all expenses paid, a balance of \$1,453,546.88, which has been turned over to the Charitable Trust for investment in the Gerald and Lea Coates Endowment Fund.

Curtis Pierce
Chairman Trustees

North Carolina and Texas Elks Join Together to Help a Marine and His Family



PFC Matthew Hutson is picture in the hospital bed. Standing from right to left are: Matthew's mother, Juli; Matthew's fiancée (now wife), Rachel Jordan; Matthew's sister, Janelle; Jack Strickland, PDDGER Kinston Lodge #740. Photo taken by Bet Strickland, Morehead City - Beaufort Lodge #1710

It was an average New Year's Eve day with families doing what families usually do to start celebrating the coming of a New Year. Little did we know that the Elks of North Carolina and Texas were about to embark upon a journey that would change the lives of a Texas family and touch the hearts of many Elks in North Carolina and Texas.

Our State Sponsor, Hon. Gerald L. Coates, PGER, was informed by the Texas State Elks that a young NC Marine, Matthew Hutson, and his fiancée, Rachel Jordan, had been involved in a serious automobile accident. Matthew received life threatening injuries but Rachel was not seriously injured. Matthew was in Pitt County Memorial Hospital fighting

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Membership Growth And New Lodges



During the past twenty-five years, our Order has suffered a loss of membership. There are, however, indications that this loss is slowing down and will soon become

stable. Supporting this theory throughout our Order, and proven to be successful in many states, is due to the institution of new Lodges. In my opinion, the secret to membership is growth, by seeking possible new Lodge locations and doing the necessary ground work to form the Lodge. In North and South Carolina, we have found this to be the case. At no time in past years has substantial membership growth been achieved without opening new Lodges. It is my belief there will be positive growth in North Carolina by establishing new Lodges. Consequently, we are going to be very active on the New

Lodge Committee. President George W. Wheeler has appointed a very strong New Lodge Committee and they will target many areas in North Carolina for potential new Lodges. Every member can be a part of this effort by asking your friends to join our Order and also to suggest areas for target research. We only need 50 members signed up and paying dues to request a dispensation from Grand Lodge. Our goal is to make the programs of Elkdom available to as many of our citizens as possible. With the support of everyone on these teams, we can accomplish wonders. A goal of 50 Lodges in North Carolina is attainable and within our reach. Each District is striving to open one Lodge in its District each year until we attain this goal. With your help, I am confident we will reach our goal.

Gerald L. Coates, PGER
Sponsor

New Bern Elks Lodge #764 Hosts Spring Convention May 6 - 8, 2005

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the NC State Veterans Nursing Home in Fayetteville with a second Handicap Van for their transportation requirements. At the initial opening of the Home in Fayetteville, we were unable to present two vans in order to present one to the Salisbury Home. On November 17, 2004, Open House was held at the Salisbury NC State Veterans Nursing Home, at which time, State Chairman Fred Love and myself presented TV's for the patient's rooms and a larger one for their Game Room. We thank all the NC Lodges for their contributions that paid for these TVs. With all Veteran's Board Members present, they were so thankful to the NC Elks and the work we are and have been providing for many years. It was a great experience and highlight of my year.

We must continue to support all our projects, helping to do great deeds with our Scholarship Program, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Youth Activities, Americanism, and many other programs. We need to remember an important statement from Camp Carefree; it is "Where Kids Can Just Be Kids"! Our YOUTH are our FUTURE, we must remember it!

We want to welcome PGER Ted Callicott and his wife Betsy to our Spring Convention. It is a pleasure to have them visit with us this spring. As our guest speaker, I am sure Honorable Ted will have many past stories to enlighten our younger Elk members at our Business Meeting and Banquet. Thank you Honorable Ted Callicott and Betsy, we welcome you to North Carolina and our events.

It is a pleasure to have the SC State President Frank Kinard and his wife Nancy in attendance to this NCSEA Convention. Please extend them a big North Carolina Elks welcome.

We are continuing to grow our current membership in North Carolina. For the first time in history, we held two Membership Seminars that were well attended by our Lodges. My hopes are that these seminars will continue each year. Under the direction of our Grand Lodge Sponsor, Honorable Gerald Coates, PGER, we have begun to improve our New Lodge Development Committee. We feel that obtaining new Lodges will help our Great State improve our growth in membership.

Without new Lodges, we are facing an uphill battle as you well know. Scott Pace and his Membership Committee have worked very hard this year, thank each of you, GREAT JOB!

Please continue your diligent work in Public Relations and other committee work. We are receiving outstanding coverage for our good work and deeds. Be sure to send back up to John Boyd, State Chairman of Public Relations and to your local newspaper and news media.

My sincere appreciation goes to George & Marty Wheeler, our incoming President for 2005-2006. You have done an outstanding job this year as President-Elect. All District Vice-Presidents have done excellent work this year, going beyond the call of duty in many ways. Thank you Blayne, Gary and all NCSEA Officers for your many hours for the Association. Thank you Honorable Coates for your advice and support this year, I could not have done it without your direction. John Sullivan, you are one special person, we look forward to visiting with you at the Convention. Our prayers are with you Frank Oglesby during your recovery. John and Frank, you are two great ELKS!

I hope all will enjoy our Spring Convention in New Bern. Bruce Wood, Diana and his Committee have put a lot of hard work into this event. Be sure to thank them, it didn't just happen. Hope to see many of you in Reno in July at our Grand Lodge Session; we want to have a good representation for NC to collect our awards. Our Fall Convention will be held in Hickory, last weekend in October 2005. We are planning to have a wonderful time for all this fall in Hickory. Thank you all!

Lee Littiken
State President



On February 26, 2005 the NCSEA Trustees made a decision to purchase a second handicap van for the NC State Veterans Nursing Home in Fayetteville. The van has been ordered and will be at the Spring Convention in New Bern for official presentation. Pictured with one of the vans that NC State Elks donated is (from left) State Secretary, Blayne Turner, and State President, Lee Littiken.

MEMBERSHIP: DID YOU ASK?

Can you believe the Elk year is over for 2004-2005? Do your membership numbers meet or exceed your year ending goals? Do your numbers fall short of your goals? Hopefully you can answer these questions with the following responses: NO, YES, NO.

If for some reason your lodge did not set goals for the past year, we encourage each of the lodges to do so for the 2005-2006 Elk year. Set a realistic but challenging number; give your membership something to strive towards. Challenge the membership in your monthly newsletter and at regular lodge meetings.

Exalted Rulers, it is our hope that each of you have in place a working membership and lapsation committee. Please don't do as so many have in the past, listing a name for various committee chairs just to be able to report to the District Deputy. If your current membership and lapsation chairperson(s) does not have a committee, instruct them to appoint other members to assist them. Should for any reason your committee chairperson(s) is not fulfilling his or her duties, replace them! It is in your best interest, and very much to your benefit, if you have functioning committees.

How do we gain new members in our lodge? Other than attracting members through our various lodge activities and/or community activities, one method for obtaining new members is simply--ask. This is the way in which most of us came to be Elks. Every single member in this state knows someone who is not currently an Elk. Always keep in mind we are looking for quality members.

Retention of current members is very important. This is an area where your lapsation committee must work diligently. Your lapsation committee should meet monthly, at a minimum, to stay on top of your current membership statistics. Making personal contacts with delinquent members is the best means of communication. We must keep the members we have on roll in order to achieve gains. For every member we lose, it takes two new members in order to show a positive.

Exalted Rulers, Membership Committees and Lapsation Committees please familiarize yourselves with the "Membership Program & Planning Manual". (Code 510400, should you need one from Grand Lodge) This manual is a very useful tool in operating successful membership and lapsation committees. Please read the reinstatement information pertaining to the \$1.00 reinstatement fee allowed by Grand Lodge.

Please remember to recognize those members who are eligible for the Grand Lodge incentives. Also any lodge incentives should your lodge have an incentive program. Please also remember to send us the names of all new members who successfully completed his or her job in the "New Members Bringing in New Members" program. We owe this to them as new members and as an encouragement to continue recruiting.

We are confident the members of this great state are capable of turning our current year end loss trends into gains. This actually is a must, not only for the state association but for the national organization as well. We cannot continue to lose members as we have in the past. It is up to us to make a difference, so let's start working on this today!

We wish all of you and your lodge great success during the 2005-2006 Elk year. It is our hope to finish the year with a net gain of at least one in every lodge. Together we can do this. Let's all do our part and all the other things will fall into place. President Littiken, it has been a pleasure serving with you this past year and we look forward to working with President Elect Wheeler.

Scott Pace, Chairman
Membership Committee
Jack Strickland
East Chairman
Norman Brewer
East Central Chairman
John Tesh
West Central Chairman
Greg England
West Chairman

South Carolina's Newest Lodge



Calabash Lodge #2679 participated in the investiture of the new Little River, SC Lodge #2840, held at the Myrtle Beach Lodge. The induction service, attended by 38 Calabash Elks, involved the recognition of 137 charter members, including 42 transfer-demits from Calabash. The ceremonies also entailed the installation of the Lodge's officers, new members and the introduction of the attending charter members. Pictured following the investiture (from left) are State Sponsor PGER Gerald Coates, Calabash ER Earl Dushane PER, GER James McQuillan and Little River's ER, former Calabash ER, Dave Straka PER.

Message From The President Elect



This past year has been memorable. The support, advice and counsel afforded to Marty and me from President Lee and First Lady Pat Littiken has helped tremendously.

This year is drawing to a close and as we are starting a new Association year, I wish you to consider the following:

We must continue obtaining new members and retaining our present ones as outlined by President Littiken. While you read our newspaper, you will see the great things our lodges and association are accomplishing for North Carolina. These are the programs and items we can discuss with prospects for membership. Obtaining new members can easily be accomplished by starting new Lodges. Acting upon the advice of Grand Lodge State Sponsor, The Honorable Gerald

Coates, we are going to increase the New Lodge Development Committee by two members for each district.

I would like to encourage our members to visit and support one of our major projects, Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, NC. I visited the camp and met with their director. They can use all the help we can give them. Helping kids with specific health problems and disabilities is something as Elks we can do. We now are supporting the camp with funds and I hope the Lodges will extend the same kind of effort we gave our past Elks Camp many years ago. PSP Steve Clarke, a Camp Director, and I can furnish you a list of things we can accomplish at the camp.

We should continue to support our other major project by forming a full State Association Committee for NC State Veterans Nursing Homes. North Carolina National Veterans Hospitals (VA) shall also have our support. Helping our veterans is one of the main programs of our Order. We must not fail them.

Our funding for scholarships has increased for this new year. Helping our NC students is something we are proud to do.

As the funds begin to grow in the Charitable Trust, these programs and others can be expanded.

In order for us to put bigger emphasis on Public Relations, please send to PR Chairman, John L. Boyd, a copy of your Lodge newsletter each time it is published. This will help us with our Public Relations Program. Keeping John informed of e-mail changes will help with communications.

I wish to thank all of our NC Elk members for their support during this past term. It has been an honor to serve President Littiken and each of you. I look forward to your continued support as I move forward as your State Association President in 2005/2006.

George Wheeler, Jr.
President Elect

what's happening at the convention

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION SPRING 2005 CONVENTION NEW BERN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 6

8:30 a.m.
Golf Tournament
Meet at New Bern Elks Lodge
play at Emerald Golf Course

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11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration
Lobby, Sheraton Grand Hotel

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1:30 p.m.
Charitable Trust Meeting
Sheraton Hotel - Lawson Room

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2:30 p.m.
Advisory Board Meeting
Sheraton Hotel - Lawson Room

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3:30 p.m.
Trustee Meeting
Sheraton Hotel - Lawson Room

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6:00 p.m.
Advisory Board Social
Sheraton Grand Hotel -
4th Floor Executive Board Room

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7:00 p.m.
Advisory Board Dinner
Sheraton Hotel - Lawson Room

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6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Steak Dinner
New Bern Elks Lodge

Saturday, May 7

7:00 a.m. - Noon
Registration
Lobby, Sheraton Grand Hotel

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7:30 a.m.
ER/PER Breakfast
New Bern Elks Lodge

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9:00 a.m.
Business Session
Sheraton - Main Ball Room

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9:00 a.m.
Spouse/Ladies Breakfast
Sheraton, Lawson Room

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12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
President's Luncheon

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1:30 p.m.
PER Auction
Sheraton - Lawson Room

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6:00 p.m.
Banquet Social Hour

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7:00 p.m.
Convention Banquet
River Front Convention Center

2005 NC Elks Leadership Seminar

The 11th annual Leadership Seminar was held on Saturday, February 26, 2005, at Greensboro Lodge #602. There were 25 lodges represented and over one hundred attendees.

The Seminar topics stressed leadership qualities, officer duties and responsibilities, budgets and their importance, protocol, things you may not know, membership, public relations, and a discussion on how to achieve a specific goal or solve a problem a lodge might have.

Our state sponsor Gerald L. Coates, PGER, addressed the audience prior to lunch. He shared with us his bold vision for numerous new Elk lodges in this state over the next few years. With his leadership, the committee feels his vision is doable. We've all got work to do!

Greensboro Lodge #602 again responded with excellent cooperation, facilities, and food on behalf of the Seminar. Thanks!

The Leadership Committee and its presenters, whom we thank, extend a hearty "thank you" to those Elks who participated. We especially appreciate Harry Tangen, Grand Treasurer, supplying all the audio-visual equipment. We encourage all incoming lodge officers to attend in February 2006, AS WE SEEK TO IMPROVE OUR LODGES, ASSOCIATION and Order.

D. Steve Gunter, PSP
Gus Tucker, PSP
Frank Tamberelli, PDDGER
Blayne Turner, PSP

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Officers and Members of Gastonia Lodge #1634 give our deepest heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Lodges of West District and other Elk members who helped with their financial and spiritual assistance during our time of need. It is really heartwarming to know that Elks really do care and are willing to share with fellow Elks in a time of need.

Without this financial assistance, Gastonia Lodge #1634 would not have been able to stay out of trouble with bills that had to be paid.

We will always remember those of you who stepped up in our time of need. May God Bless You ALL for you have already been steadfast.

Charitable Trust Coates Endowment Fund

The NC State Elks Fundraising Committee is asking all NC Elks Lodges to participate in the Annual **Parade of Lodges** that takes place at the State Convention in New Bern in May. The Parade of Lodges for the State Endowment Fund is in its seventh year and has helped get the Trust on a sound foundation. All lodges are asked to participate in the business session on Saturday morning whether they have \$100 or \$10,000. **Please participate.** The **Ladies of Elks** will again have the Parade of

Ladies at the Banquet on Saturday evening. This will be the eighth year that the Ladies from each Lodge have been given the opportunity to contribute to the Endowment Fund in this way. Many Lodges have had this goal in mind for the entire year and have raised money in various ways to help. Remember that the contributions of an individual family, given in this parade, are given credit toward being recognized on their individual donations to the Coates Endowment Fund.

North Carolina and Texas Elks Join Together to Help a Marine and His Family

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for his life. Matthew's family flew in from Texas to be with him and Rachel. The cost of plane tickets to get to NC drained them financially. If you have never been in a situation like this, you can't imagine how it must feel to be in



job, but now all that was on hold. Janelle has numerous health problems and requires constant monitoring, lots of medication and a special diet. All that is hard to manage in a one room motel room and it is even worse with no money to pay the bill.

a strange city, no money and thinking you are going to lose a son.

PGER Coates called State President Lee Littiken and asked him to check into this situation and see what the family needed and let him know. State President Littiken called me, Jack Strickland, late in the afternoon on New Year's Eve and asked if I would go to Greenville and check on the family and see what they needed. My wife, Bet, and I immediately went to the hospital and waited in the ICU waiting room to meet a family that did not know we were waiting for them. Every time a family would come to the waiting room, we would ask if they were the Hutson family. Finally a man, woman and two young girls came into the room. I asked if they were the Hutson family. They said "yes". I told them we were representing the Elks of North Carolina and we were here to help them. You can not imagine the look on their face and then came the tears.

We made our way to a private place to have a conversation. Bet and I learned the following from this discussion. Matthew and Rachel were engaged and were to get married in June 2005. During the Christmas Holidays, they went to New Hampshire to introduce Rachel to Matthew's grandparents. On the way back, after getting into NC, the truck they were driving skidded on "black ice" and rolled over several times. Matthew has had several surgeries and will be having even more as he becomes stable. His pelvic area is crushed and will require major reconstruction surgery. Matthew's family flew to NC with little money. Matthew's mother, Juli, his father, Terry, his 16 year old sister, Janelle, and his fiancée

Rachel were all staying in one motel room. Matthew's father was the bread winner and now he was out of work as a self employed concrete worker. Rachel was a full time college student back in Texas and worked a full time

They were renting a car, but were going to turn it back in because they did not have money to keep it.

When Bet and I heard Matthew's father say "I know I need to be back in Texas working to provide for my family, but I can't leave until my son speaks to me or dies", we knew we would stick with them and do anything President Lee Littiken and PGER Coates asks us to do. My wife immediately gave Rachel all the money she had with her and I went to the motel and paid for a week's rent from our lodge charity account.

I notified President Littiken of my findings and he and PGER Coates put things in motion with the NCSEA Trustees to get financial aid to this family. The NCSEA sent \$2,500 immediately to the Kinston Lodge to put in a charity fund to assist the Hutson family. President Littiken got the word out to individuals and lodges and Mike Jones put it on the NC Elks web page. Donations from lodges, individuals, NCSEA and the Texas State Elks have amounted to \$6,340. So far these funds have been used to pay for the motel bill, food, a plane ticket for Terry to go back to Texas, and personal needs. They have now moved into a two bedroom furnished apartment near the hospital and we are paying the weekly rent. Hastings Ford in Greenville provided a car at no charge for the family to use while in Greenville (yes there are angels among us). Bet and I make several trips a week and many phone calls checking on Matthew and his family. Naval Chaplain Lt. Commander Bryan Finch and I work together to see that both the military and the Elks are meeting the family needs in a satisfactory

Calabash Hosts Mid-Winter District Deputy Clinic

Calabash welcomed 80 NC East District delegates and significant others to the mid-winter District Deputy Clinic. They were greeted by Exalted Ruler Earl Dushane PER. The invocation was presented by Chaplain Mary Noorigian and the Auditor to the District Deputy, Dave Straka PER, Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Many of the attending delegates, representing the East District's 10 lodges, included current and past state officers and committee chairs. The Calabash delegation numbered lodge officers and members of the Board of Trustees and the Past Exalted Rulers Association.

The 22-item agenda included committee reports of Grand Exalted Ruler programs that ranged from lodge and youth activities to New Lodge Development, the Charitable Trust and the Elks Home. Under New Business the host chairman and East District Deputy (to the) Grand Exalted Ruler, Ashley Buckwell PER, was approved as the East District's President Elect for the NC State Elks Association. In addition to his District Deputy office, Ashley is currently the NC Chairman of the National Foundation and Assistant NC State Secretary.



Pictured prior to the meeting with Chairman Buckwell (center) are the head table dignitaries: NC State President Lee Littiken, NC State Trustee and Immediate-Past State President Bruce Wood, East District Vice President Larry Hardy PER, Dave Straka PER, Esquire to the District Deputy Jim Ross PER, Special Representatives Bill Goodwyn PSP, Frank Oglesby PSP and Calabash Lodge Exalted Ruler Earl Dushane PER.

2005 NC Elks Leadership Seminar Greensboro, NC

Chairman, Gus Tucker reports a successful Leadership Conference with a record breaking attendance of over 100 Elks.

Leadership Tip to all Officers

A Practical Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

http://www.vpres.armstrong.edu/vp/practical_guide2.htm-- A three page print out to help with procedures.

manner and monitoring the emotional feedback from all the stress the family is going through. It has been said that you get out of anything what you put into it. This is so true in this case. I have been richly blessed through my involvement with this family and am proud to be an Elk and be a part of helping those in need. It is only by the grace of God that it is not my family in this same situation.

Matthew is improving daily and is now out of ICU and by the time of this newspaper mailing will be in therapy. PFC Matthew Hutson and Rachel Jordan were married on February 14, 2005 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The original wedding date was set for June 2005. However with the long term recovery, they knew it was going to be impossible to have the wedding in their home state of Texas. They were joined in marriage by Naval Chaplain Lt. Commander Finch. Witnesses were

Staff Sgt. Jim Pruitt and wife, Maureen Pruitt, retired Lt. Colonel Gus Keyes and Sgt. Adam Vanwagenen and wife, Jessica Vanwagenen. Mr. Ron Jordan, Rachel's father gave her away over the phone because he was unable to attend the ceremony. The Hutson's greatly appreciate the support and contributions from the Elks of North Carolina and Texas. The family wanted to say a special thanks to me for all I have done during this crisis in their life; however, I take no credit for anything. I was only an instrument that the Elks worked through to get a mission accomplished. The real heroes are all the Elks of North Carolina and Texas, the lodges that made contributions and the individuals that gave from the heart to assist and prove that "Elks Care - Elks Share".

Jack Strickland, PDDGER
Kinston Elks Lodge # 740

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State Finals of the Elks Hoop Shoot



The state finals of the Elks Hoop Shoot Program were held in Sanford on February 19, 2005. Of the six winners, only the girls' 8-9 year old champion won by more than two shots. The other five state champs won by only one or two shots. The four boys in the 12-13 age group finished the contest by making 24, 23, 22, and 21 shots respectively out of 25 attempts. Overall, the State Hoop Shoot Finals were quite competitive. At least one of our champs has a good chance to advance to the National

Finals in Springfield, Mass on April 23, 2005. Our six state champs will now advance to the Regional Finals in Charleston, WV on March 12, 2005. We wish them the best of luck.

State President, Lee Littiken and President elect, George Wheeler were on hand to witness the Hoop Shoot Finals. Also, in attendance were three past State Presidents and several other state officers.

Ron Dickson, Director
State Hoop Shoot



State Hoop Shoot Finalists are: L to R, Boys 12-13 champion, Charlton Holt, Wake Forest; Boys 10-11 champion, Caleb Whitaker, Mt. Airy; Girls 10-11 champion, Samantha Light, Cramerton; Girls 12-13 champion, Shala Hodges, Raleigh; Girls 8-9 champion, Erin Cothren, North Wilkesboro; and Boys 8-9 champion, Ridell Camidge, Wilmington. Also pictured on back row are: State Hoop Shoot Director, Ron Dickson and State President, Lee Littiken.

Greensboro Elks Donate \$5,000 To Camp Carefree

At their annual Christmas Open House on December 19, 2004, Greensboro Elks Lodge No. 602 donated \$5,000 to support Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, NC. The presentation was made to Michelle Richardson, Program Director of Camp Carefree.

Making the presentation was Past State President, Steve Clarke, Exalted Ruler Tom Johnson and Ervin Cole, Chairman of the Lodge Golf Committee. The funds for the

donation were the result of several fund raisers conducted by the Lodge. During the year, the Lodge sponsored a golf tournament, held a Charity Fund Raffle and sold pork shoulders with the net proceeds all designated for Camp Carefree.

Camp Carefree, located off US 220 North in Stokesdale, NC, provides a free one-week camping experience for youngsters with specific health problems and disabilities.



L to R: Steve Clarke, PSP; Scott Richardson, Camp Carefree; Michelle Richardson, Camp Carefree Director; Ervin Cole, Golf Committee Chairman; and Tom Johnson, Exalted Ruler.

HOOP SHOOT: Thank You Letter Says it All!

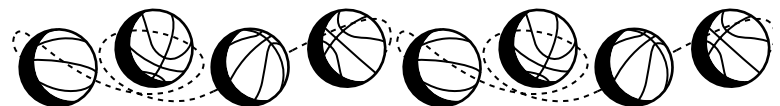
Ron,

On behalf of myself, my son Charlton, and my wife Perri, I want to extend to the NC Elks a most sincere "thank you" for all that you and the organization have done and are doing for the youth of North Carolina. Never have we been so well received and treated; all without any expectation of winning, losing, or contributing otherwise by your group. Commendations are in order for the Elks and their collective graciousness, courtesy, and commitment to an event that brings together youth of all walks of life and from every corner of our fair state. The folks in Fayetteville and Sanford really made the luncheons and shooting special for parents and kids alike. Great folks, great event, and great message to today's youth. We, all parents, really appreciate the Elk's efforts.

Wish Charlton luck on the 12th. See you in Charleston. (Maybe there's some magic in the similarity of the names?!!)

With sincerest regards,

Leon Holt
Dad of Charlton Holt



News From Camp Carefree

Thanks to the support of the Elks, Camp Carefree had another successful year. During the 2004 summer season, six (6) one week sessions were held and 338 children received a free camping experience. A breakdown of campers by session follows:

Sibling Week - 76, Kids Week - 78, Epilepsy Week - 42, Spina Bifida Week - 44, Cancer Week - 40, Hemo/Turner Week - 58

In addition, a total of 173 counselors and staff supported the campers during the various sessions. Almost all of these, including doctors and nurses for area hospitals, were unpaid volunteers.

Due to the generous support of the North Carolina Elks, in addition to providing a fun filled week of camping for these chronically ill and disabled kids, it was possible to make some needed repairs and improvements at the camp. A new climbing tower was erected, a new campfire circle with seating was built, the petting zoo was expanded to accommodate two new alpaca, and a solar heating system was installed for the swimming pool.

Plans are well underway for the 2005 summer season. There is room available for children in some sessions. Lodges are encouraged to contact the camp for information about how to enroll a child in a particular session.

As with any charitable organization,

Camp Carefree has a continuing need for funds. But in addition to monetary help, manpower and womanpower is also needed to make repairs, improvements and general maintenance of the building and grounds. A few of the "wish list" items are listed below:

- Twelve (12) sturdy 4 or 5 drawer dressers for the cabins.
- New tables and chairs for the dining hall.
- New chairs for the pavilion.
- Labor to replace horse fencing.
- A Bobcat (new or used).
- New paddleboat for the lake.
- New pool table for the Recreation Shed.
- New sofa and chair for the Recreation Shed (used if in good condition).
- Landscaping around building and grounds.
- Repairs to the tennis court.
- Remodeling in Arts & Crafts Building.
- Koi pond.

If you or your lodge is interested in becoming more involved with Camp Carefree, please contact the camp at (336) 427-0966 or contact Steve Clarke at (336) 643-6201, email sclarke@ugcorp.com.

Those of you who have had the opportunity to visit Camp Carefree can attest to the wonderful, caring and supportive environment provided to the children. Those who have not yet visited the camp are missing out on one of the most rewarding experiences you will have. Please get involved.

State Soccer Finalists

During the months of August through September, the lodge contests were held to determine the winners who would advance to the District competition.

The winners of the District contests advanced to the State contest held in Sanford on November 13, 2004 to determine who would be the winner in the U-14, U-12, U-10 & U-8 Boys and Girls. Trophies, Soccer Medallions, Soccer Balls and Tee Shirts were awarded to the winners and participants in the State contest. The individual (boy or girl) who had the highest score in the Grid-Goal Contest and the Five-Goal Contest received a special trophy for the Top Soccer Kicker in their division.

If your lodge was unable to have a local contest and need help, please contact your District Soccer Chairman or the State Soccer Chairman. We will be glad to assist you in promoting a Youth Activity Program for "Soccer" in your lodge. Our leaders of tomorrow will come from our Youth of today.

Billy Hood, Chairman
Soccer Committee



State Soccer Finalists

The winners of the 2004-2005 State Soccer Contest are:

U-14 Girls

1st-Carlisha Scott - Wilmington Lodge U-14

Boys

1st-Dylan Gibson-Sanford Lodge

2nd-Trevor Penney-Wilmington Lodge 3rd-Thomas Morman-Brevard Lodge U-12 Girls

1st-Annie McCollum-Sanford Lodge

2nd-Whitney Brown-Salisbury Lodge 3rd-Leslie Millar-Wilmington Lodge

U-12 Boys

1st-Sammy Blair-Sanford Lodge

2nd-David Morman-Brevard Lodge

3rd-Joey Bedard-Kinston Lodge

4th-Devin Kelly-Salisbury Lodge

U-10 Girls

1st-Katlin Lewis-Wilmington Lodge

2nd-Micaela Schlatt-Sanford Lodge

U-10 Boys

1st-Derek Canady-Sanford Lodge

U-8 Girls

1st-Rachel Wiggins-Sanford Lodge

2nd-Mercedes Kelly-Salisbury Lodge

U-8 Boys

1st-Hersey Monroy-Sanford Lodge

2nd-Carl Scott-Wilmington Lodge

3rd-Bryan Lewis-Kinston Lodge

Top Soccer Score Five-Goal Contest -

Hersey Monroy-Sanford Lodge

Top Soccer Score Grid-Goal Contest -

Dylan Gibson-Sanford Lodge

The lodges that participated in the Soccer Contest are:

East District

Wilmington #532 and Kinston #740

East Central

Sanford #1679

West Central

Salisbury #699

West District

Brevard #1768

Hickory Elks Lodge #1654

under the leadership of ER Dennis Dagenhardt, is proud to share with the State Elks a list of this year's achievements.

- held annual children's Christmas dinner
- provided location for "Young Life," a non-denominational youth group
- received City of Hickory Beautification Award
- donated \$1,000 to Basketball Hall of Fame
- held annual local Hoop Shoot with nearly 5,000 entries
- sponsored four local youth teams including basketball, baseball, softball, and football
- donated to local organizations including Piedmont Council, Salvation Army, Taylorsville Boy Scouts, Sipes Orchard Home for Children, and the Lenoir Rhyne College Scholarship Foundation
- multiple Legacy and MVS Scholarship applications
- held annual Easter Egg Hunt with 20,000 candy filled eggs for approximately 2,500 children
- adopted eight needy Christmas families
- more than doubled the ENF goal
- participated in Veterans Nursing Home programs "wheel chair" and "clothing"
- sponsored Drug Awareness brochure for local high school as well as Drug Awareness poster contest for Catawba County School system
- provided funding for a high school student to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Technology
- awarded two worthy local students a \$500 scholarship for college tuition

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION
YEAR 2005 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

March 5, 2005

To: All B.P.O.Elk Lodges in the State of North Carolina

From: Norman Brewer, Chairman

The NCSEA Scholarship Committee announces the following winners for 2005 competition:

MVS NATIONAL FINALIST (Minimum \$1,000.00 each year for 4 years)			
Male National Finalists (4)		Female National Finalists (4)	
Student Name	Lodge Name & No.	Student Name	Lodge Name & No.
Kirk Norris	Elizabeth City #856	Hilary Schronce	Gastonia #1634
Gregory Tipton	Goldsboro #139	Katherine Rogers	Hendersonville #1616
Josh Sommer	High Point #1155	Amanda Wright	Waynesville #1769
Allen Chiou	Winston-Salem #449	Sarah Maxey	Winston-Salem #449

STATE ALLOCATED (32) - (\$1,000.00 one year award)			
Male Winners (16)		Female Winners (16)	
Student Name	Lodge Name & No.	Student Name	Lodge Name & No.
Edward Coleman	Asheville #608	Jessica Anders	Asheville #608
Adam Parker	Brevard #1768	Ashley Crowder	Charlotte #392
John Rudd	Brevard #1768	Annie Kearns	Durham #568
Aaron Grant	Gastonia #1634	Heather Creech	Goldsboro #139
Andrew Tucker	High Point #1155	Bethany Phillis	Hendersonville #1616
Cory Benedetti	Morehead City #1710	Laura Carter	High Point #1155
Jeffrey Williams	Mount Airy #2061	Sara Boskovic	High Point #1155
Clay Mackie	Newton #2042	Nikida Koraly	Morehead City #1710
Andrew Jolly	No. Wilkesboro #1846	Julie Mikus	Newton #2042
Jacob Weaver	Raleigh #735	Sarah Meredith	Salisbury #699
Jon Martin	Salisbury #699	Elizabeth Wicker	Sanford #1679
William Browning	Salisbury #699	Kristin Riddle	Sanford #1679
Reyad Williams	Shelby #1709	Shannon Savage	Shelby #1709
Nathaniel Johnson	Southern Pines #1692	Kyla Stone	Southern Pines #1692
Jordan Hicks	Waynesville #1769	Frances Tate	Waynesville #1769
Jon Johnson	Waynesville #1769	Elizabeth Song	Winston-Salem #449

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS (8) - (\$1,000 one year award)			
Student Name	Lodge Name & No.	Student Name	Lodge Name & No.
Whitney Cogburn	Asheville #608	Courtney Trivette	Winston-Salem #449
Caress Stokes	Greensboro #602	Katie Leonard	Winston-Salem #449
Heather Lawson	High Point #1155	Christie Taylor	Winston-Salem #449
Melanie Jones	Waynesville #1769	Hannah Beck	Winston-Salem #449

STATE COMMITTEE members participating in judging at Southern Pines Feb.11 & 12, 2005

Darius Lewellyn	Calabash #2679	Frank McLeod	Hendersonville #1616
Don Keller	Winston-Salem #449	Charles Campbell	Asheville #608
Norman Brewer	Sanford #1679	Jim Bertschi	High Point #1155
Barbara Davis	Southern Pines #1692	Roger Hayes	Durham #568
Gladys Britt, Southern Pines #1692 volunteered her help. Bruce Woods could not be present			

We’re Going To
Springfield Again

North Carolina State Elks Association had two WINNERS at the Regional Semi-Finals in Charleston, West Virginia, March 11-13, 2005. Erin Cothren, age 9, representing the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge #1846, won the Girls 8-9 year old group. Charlton Holt, age 12, representing the Raleigh Elks Lodge #735, won the Boys 12-13 year old group. Erin made 22 of 25 shots and likewise, Charlton made 22 of 25 shots.

They will now compete in the Elks National “Hoop Shoot” Finals to be held in Springfield, Massachusetts,

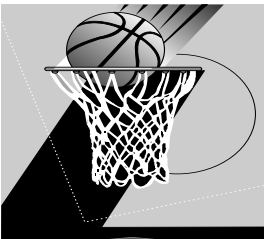


Charlton Holt



Erin Cothren

April 21-24, 2005 as guests of Grand Lodge Elks Free-Throw Program. Seventy-two of the best free-throw shooters in America will be competing for National honors and the right to have their names inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.



Waynesville Elks Lodge
Celebrates Youth Activities



Waynesville honors four boys with a special Certificate of Recognition and acknowledged them as Junior Elks. Anthony Green, Kyle Huffman, Michael Huffman and Noah Huffman can always be counted on to lend a hand around the Lodge during any work that needs to be done. They jump in and help with everything from the shopping, to clean up at the functions and they do so with willing hearts.



Calabash Lodge #2679’s third annual “Spirit of Christmas” golf tournament resulted in a donation of \$2,500 from Farmstead and Meadowlands golf courses, including a ton of canned goods and more than 100 children’s toys, for distribution to indigent families. The one lodge-selected needy family received a super-abundant Christmas basket and a retail gift card. Pictured (from left) are ER Earl Dushane PER, Andrea Hill, the mother of the family selected to receive the lodge’s holiday benevolence and Mac Hood, Burroughs and Chaping Company’s Director of Golf and the General Manager of the two golf courses, who made it all happen!



Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 hosted the annual Boy Scout - Eagle Scout Banquet January 27, 2005. This was the annual Boy Scout Banquet to honor all of the Eagle Scouts in Rowan County for the 2004 scouting year. Every scout was invited, and we gave a Certificate and an American flag to all 27 Eagle Scouts. In total there were over 150 Scouts and leaders present. Presenting the awards were Exalted Ruler Mike Davis and Scouting Coordinator Kent Roberts.



Calabash Lodge #2679 hosted a record crowd of 136 children and more than 100 parents at their annual Children’s Christmas Party. Sitting in her wheelchair with Santa, Calabash Elk Larry Toscani, is the lodge’s “Christmas Poster Child,” Sydney Warren, age 6, of Supply, a cerebral palsy survivor since she was 10 months old. The Grinch was portrayed by Exalted Ruler Earl Dushane PER. The participating children each received a gift and had their picture taken with Santa, which was then placed in a Christmas card. Following the breaking of candy-filled piñatas, everyone filled up on hot dogs, soda and ice cream.

Elks National Youth Week

The week of May 1, 2005 through May 7, 2005 is designated as Elks National Youth Week to honor and promote the youth of our Nation. There are many activities that can be planned that would be attractive and of interest to the boys and girls of our communities: events such as banquets to honor scholastic award winners, Hoop Shoot® and soccer winners, ball teams sponsored by the Lodge, Government Day, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, and numerous other youth events that can be recognized by the Lodge during this week.

Special planning is necessary for this program since it occurs so soon after the election and installation of the new Lodge Officers. For this program to be conducted properly, it is suggested that the same Lodge Youth Activities Committee Person be retained year-to-year to insure continuity. If he or she is doing an outstanding job, the planning can successfully straddle the two Subordinate Lodge years without a break in the follow-through.

Governors of States, Mayors of Cities and other community leaders should be asked to proclaim Elks National Youth Week or issue a special supporting message to the public.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee sponsors a contest for

the National Youth Week. This is an opportunity for the Subordinate Lodge to enter and be recognized for the best and most constructive Youth Week Program. All contest material should be attractively prepared in brochure form with photographs, publicity and detailed information as to how the program was conducted. Winning brochures will be displayed at the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada. First-Place Winners will receive their awards during the Youth Activities Committee Report to the Elks Convention.

It is extremely important to realize that the contest is based on activities taking place during the National Youth Week. Contest rules and details of the brochure preparation are in the Youth Activities Manual, pages 17 and 18. The brochure must be postmarked no later than May 29, 2005 and sent to James R. Pilgrim, Member, GL Youth Activities Committee, 4922 Glen Coe Point, Gainesville, GA 30506.

Assistance is only a phone call or e-mail away. Please contact your State Youth Activities Committee Member. Participating in this contest clearly demonstrates that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

James R. Pilgrim, Member
G/L Youth Activities Committee

Update on Matthew Hutson Family (Injured Marine)

It is with great pleasure I report that our injured Marine, Matthew Hutson, continues to improve.

He has been transferred to Life Care Hospitals of NC in Rocky Mount, NC to begin receiving therapy. He is still on antibiotics via IV until March 23, 2005, which could not be given at the hospital in Richmond, VA. This will be a temporary stay at the hospital in Rocky Mount.

Matthew's mother, sister and wife flew back to Waco, Texas last Friday, March 11th. Jack Strickland, PDDGER has met with the apartment manager and closed out the rent as of last Friday. The car that Hastings Ford had allowed them to use was returned on Thursday.

The family has expressed their thanks to the Elks of North Carolina and Texas, and to Hastings Ford for all the financial help they received while in Greenville, NC.

Terry, Juli, Rachel and Janell Hutson's address in Texas is **541 Doshier Lane, Waco, TX 76712 & their phone number is (254)848-2375. Matthew's in Room # 221 @ Life Care Hospitals and phone number is (252)451-2421.**

After March 23, Matthew will be transferred to the VA Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. His mom, Juli Hutson, has heard wonderful stories about the great treatment and successful therapy that is received at this VA Hospital. Matthew will still have to return to Pitt County Hospital in about six months to close his abdomen and reconnect some plumbing. The young man has come a long way and has a long way to go.

I would like to thank everyone that has made a contribution and sent prayers to help this family during this terrible situation. Special thanks to Jack Strickland, PDDGER East District for his time and labors in this project.

*H. Lee Littiken, State President
N C State Elks Association*

**North Carolina Elks on the Web at
<http://www.ncelks.org>**

Hendersonville Elks Lodge #1616

Hendersonville Elks Lodge #1616 goes over 1,000 in Membership for the first time in its history with a net gain of 43 for the year.

2005 – 2006 Officers



(Front Row, from left) Greg Hunnicutt, PDDGER, Leading Knight; Al Hill, Lecturing Knight; Keith Miller, Exalted Ruler; Faye Stanley, Loyal Knight; (Second Row from left) Jamie McMullen, PER, Trustee; Paul Connell, Inner Guard; Gene MaGruder, Tiler; Ray Snyder, PER, Organist; (Third Row from left) Blayne Turner, PSP, Secretary; John Boyd, PSP, Treasurer; Ken McCraw, Trustee; James Healy, Chaplain; Fletcher Griffith, Esquire; (Fourth Row from left) Robby Higgins, PER, Trustee; John Hill, PER, Trustee; Kevin Parkhill, Trustee.

Greensboro Lodge No. 602

**Congratulations and Thanks
to**

**Lee Littiken
State
President**

**For a Job Well
Done**



Compliments of

**Greensboro Lodge No. 602
2201 W. Cornwallis Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408**

A Message From the Grand Exalted Ruler



To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

Congratulations and best wishes for a truly banner year in Elkdom to all newly-installed

Officers. Your dedication and willingness to serve your Lodge as a member of its leadership team is the first step in making sure your Lodge continues as one of the strong links in the chain of Elkdom. Work hard as a TEAM to implement the programs of the Grand Lodge and the projects that may be

special and unique to your individual Lodge, but also take time to "smell the roses." When your time as an Officer has come and gone, you will gain much satisfaction in knowing that you did your best for the benefit of others.

Keep in mind that there are many tools available for your use. You do not need to reinvent the wheel. The Grand Lodge Manuals describe, in detail, programs and things that are required under the Annotated Statutes. Use these materials and your tasks will be made easier. Also be mindful of the requirement of memorizing the Opening, Closing and Initiatory Rituals. Your Lodge Members and

the new Members you bring into our Order will be impressed and you will gain confidence in yourself and feel good about your ability to accomplish what is not an easy task.

During April, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler will conduct his final clinic of the Grand Lodge year, and the first clinic of the new Subordinate Lodge year. The Officers required to be in attendance are the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and Chairman of the Trustees. All other Officers and Committee Chairmen should be invited and encouraged to attend as part of the TEAM.

Speaking of the TEAM, each of us is part of the TEAM to turn around

our recent membership losses. It will not happen unless we each do our part by asking our family members, relatives, friends and business associates to join us in our efforts to benefit others. As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I am asking, no, I am really begging each of you to bring in at least one new Member or reinstate at least one former Member (hopefully more) in this new Lodge year. I know it can be done, and if each of us do our part, our membership decline will be reversed and the survival of our Order ensured.

James M. McQuillan
Grand Exalted Ruler

Source: Grand Lodge Newsletter

Grand Exalted Ruler, James M. McQuillan on his visit to North Carolina



Karen McQuillan dancing with Handicap Citizen at the Southern Pines Elks Lodge #1692 Halloween Dance for Handicapped Citizens.



ER Mark McFarland, GER McQuillan, and Emil Froelich PER and Handicap Committee Member.



GER James McQuillan dancing with participant at Handicap Halloween Dance.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION The Great Heart of Elkdom

During the year you hear many pleas for donations to the Elks National Foundation, but do you really know how your money is used. This year the Trustees for the ENF have allocated \$13,833,000 to fund the many National, State and local charities of the Order of Elks. Did you know that the Elks are the largest giver of scholarships in the USA outside of the federal government? This year the Elks have set aside \$3,162,000

for our five scholarship programs. In addition, the earnings from the ENF assist our Elks National Home, the Elks Drug Awareness Program, the Elks "Hoop Shoot", the soccer shoot, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, grants to the States to fund their charitable programs, and new this year for the local Lodges, the Community Investments Program.

The new Community Investments Program allows the ENF to invest

directly in Lodge communities by funding projects that have a significant and lasting impact on areas where Elks live and work. Look for upcoming information on the first two components of this program, Gratitude Grants and Promise Grants.

I wish to thank the many donors to the ENF, local Lodge Chairmen and District Chairmen who have aided me over the past six years I have chaired the Elks National Foundation

Committee. Your dedication to the charitable aims of our Order have allowed North Carolina to be among the top donor states each year and have allowed our State Association to receive much more in grants from the ENF than have been donated. It has been a pleasure serving the ENF and I hope you will continue to support the ENF under the new State Chairman.

Ashley Buckwell, Chairman
Elks National Foundation

Gastonia Lodge #1634 Fire Update

Gastonia Lodge became livable about the first of March, 2005. The membership was finally able to have the regular "First Friday Dinner" on March 4 with a St. Patrick theme (traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage). This was the first time some members had seen the repaired

facility. Attendance was good and there were a lot of comments on how good the building looked inside.

On Saturday, April 2, a Grand Opening dinner and dance was held. Invitations were sent to West District Lodges and special friends. Nearly 70 people attended, enjoying the

fellowship, food, and DJ. It gave everyone a good feeling to use the facility again.

The building has been repaired and looks great. However, work on the financial damage remains to be completed. The Club Room operation and schedule is to be finalized and the

Bingo operation is yet to be started.

Most of the delays still hinge on payments from the Insurance Company for loss of revenue, etc. With a great deal of anticipation, maybe it won't be much longer.

R. S. Messer, Secretary
Gastonia Lodge #1634



Open House was held on November 17, 2004 at the NC State Veterans Nursing Home, in Salisbury. State President, Lee Littken, helped with the donation of TV's from NC Elks. The gentleman to his left standing is the Director of the Home. Mr. James Lather, in the mobile chair, is the veteran's coordinator; the other three in wheel chairs are veterans living at the new home. You can see a portion of the TV's we Elks donated, and the larger TV beside the gentleman in the wheel chair is for their game room.



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To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that **Elks** Care and **Elks** Share.

Camp Carefree



Thank You Lee and Pat For A Job Well Done!

*Outgoing President, H. Lee Littiken, and wife,
Pat, at work and play representing NC Elks.*



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

H. Frank Oglesby, Past State President of the NC State Elks Association



H. Frank Oglesby, age seventy two, passed away on Friday, March 18, 2005. He will always be remembered as a great Elk and friend. His service was held on March 21, 2005 with many friends and fellow Elks there to honor him. Five Past State Presidents and a Past Grand Exalted Ruler were part of those in attendance.

Frank graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1954. He was a retired lieutenant colonel, having served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot from 1954 to 1957 and the Air Force Reserve from 1957 to 1982. He served as vice-president of Gray and Oglesby



from 1970 to 1982. He was co-owner of New Bern Loan and Jewelers from 1976 to 1995. He was a member of St. John's Lodge #4, AF & FM, in Kinston, New Bern York Rite, Sudan Temple, and Morehead City/Beaufort Elks Lodge and served as

Co. Wholesale Grocery in Kinston from 1957 to 1970, was a stockbroker with E. F. Hutton in Fayetteville and Interstate Securities in New Bern

past president of the NC State Elks Association.

He is survived by wife, Shirley Tempie Hunter; three daughters, Sandi O. Cannon of Newport, Kathi O. Carlson of Broad Creek and Wendi O. Johnson of Wilson; a sister, Katherine M. Oglesby of Olympia, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

Frank went through the chairs in Kinston Lodge #740 after

becoming a member in 1959, and he served that lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1963-64. He was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler while a member of Fayetteville Lodge #1081, and later became President of the NC State Elks Association in 1983-84 while a member of New Bern Lodge #764. He was honored with the status of Honorary Life Member of that Lodge in 1988. Frank received the "Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award" from the State Association in 1990, and to his great delight was named in 2003 as the "Online Elk of the Year" for his participation in a national internet bulletin board of the Elks website. Since becoming a member of Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge #1710 in 1990, Frank served as Trustee, Ritual Advisor, and Treasurer, and was an Honorary Life Member. At the time of his death, Frank was serving as Special Representative to the Grand Exalted Ruler, as well as

Assistant Treasurer for the State Association. Frank believed strongly in the teachings of our Ritual, and strove throughout his life to exemplify these principles. Though these are but mere highlights of the contributions, commitment, and accomplishments of his long and distinguished Elk career, they will long stand in testimony to his legacy of intense patriotism and love of the our Order.

Frank was very knowledgeable about the Elks bylaws and Grand Lodge Statutes and served in a wonderful capacity on the NC State Elks Bylaws Committee. Frank was everybody's friend, and he was known as a "brutally Frank" straight shooter who would give you the answer, rather than what you wanted to hear. He also had a quick wit and a magnificent sense of humor. He was a fixture at district, state, and national meetings and conventions, and had attended thirty-seven Grand Lodge Sessions over the years. The "Law Man" will be missed. Indeed, he leaves behind a vacant chair which can never be filled again.



NEW BERN ELKS LODGE #764



**Invites and Welcomes ALL ELKS
to**

**New Bern for the Spring Convention on
May 6, 7 & 8, 2005**

**Congratulations to Lee Littiken for a great year
as President of the Association**



Calabash Lodge #2679's sixth annual "Drug Bust" was attended by more than 200 elementary and middle school students and parents. The participating students are given raffle tickets at drug display booths hosted by area law enforcement agencies to participate in a drawing for 22 multi-speed bicycles and hundreds of basketballs, volleyballs and soccer balls donated by the lodge. Pictured (from left) are Sergeant Randy Fisher, Community Services and Public Safety Officer with the North Myrtle Beach Police Department, "Drug Bust" Chairman ER Earl Dushane PER and Corporal M.C. Hamilton, Holden Beach Police Department.



Calabash Lodge #2679's Ladies Auxiliary presented a single-year record donation of \$8,000 to the practical nursing program at Brunswick Community College. The grant monies are the result of the successful annual golf tournaments sponsored by the auxiliary. The auxiliary has raised nearly \$70,000 during their "Partners in Progress" program with BCC. Pictured with BCC Director of Nursing Connie Milliken RN (third from left) are auxiliary officers, all members of the golf committee, Treasurer Susan Bourgeois, President Wendy Voorhees, Historian Marge Reeks and Secretary Nancy Griffinn.



Calabash Lodge #2679 brought 350 of their famous "secret recipe" crab cakes to the 2004 Fall Convention in Southern Pines. Pictured are two delegates who enjoyed them, (from left) GER James McQuillan, Calabash ER Earl Dushane PER, who served up the "feast of the east," and Grand Lodge Sponsor, PGER Gerald Coates. Other delegates were Ashley Buckwell PER, Opal Baughn, Mavis Dushane, Rich & Barbara Gherri, Dick & Maggie Morrissey, PER John & Rosanne Pazoga, Reg & Marge Reeks, PER Dave & Stella Straka, Linda Whisnant, Diane White and Bob & Janet Woelfe.

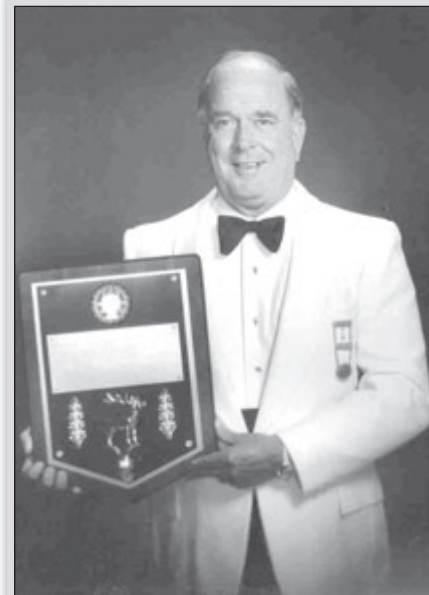
Nursing Home Veterans Get What They Asked For

The veterans at the NC State Nursing Home in Fayetteville asked for used caps and t-shirts that had been washed and broken in. This may have seemed like a small thing to you, but it was a big thing to them. Fred Love and I got the message out to the lodges in NC through letters, DD Clinics and at the Fall Convention. You responded fast and with plenty of caps and t-shirts. Mr. Robert Sutton at Kinston Lodge was the first to respond to the call for help. After that they started coming from everywhere. When I left the Fall Convention at Southern Pines, I had a van full of caps and t-shirts.

When we were at the nursing home Christmas party in Fayetteville, all the residents were wearing caps and t-shirts that I recognized. I asked several veterans where they got their cap and they replied "the Elks gave them to us". They were wearing them proudly.

Thanks to all of you who contributed. It was a proven example of how **ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE**. A special thanks goes to my wife, Bet, for neatly folding and boxing all the T-shirts and boxing the caps; also to Fred Love for taking them to the nursing home in Fayetteville.

Jack Strickland, PDDGER
Secretary of Kinston Lodge # 740



In memory of H. Frank Oglesby when he received the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award from the NC State Elks Association in 1990.

VACATION PLANNING? WE CAN HELP!

If you AGREE with the following statement, clip and save this form and bring it with you to the

CALABASH ELKS

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

Our Veterans, Our Heroes

**A Special "Thank You" to All
the Elks of North Carolina
for Supporting the Veterans
in our Hospitals and Nursing
Homes
our Active Duty
Military Men and
Women and our
Elks "Army of Hope"
program
May God Bless each
of you!**



Kinston Elks Lodge #740



Reidsville Elks Lodge #1723 sponsored a "Dictionary Project" for third graders in four Rockingham County Schools. Bob Gower, Trustee and Curtis Pierce, PSP along with Sheriff Sam Page and Deputy Kelly Howell passed out 268 dictionaries to the students. The students were very excited about getting free dictionaries and the teachers were very grateful. Each classroom before we sponsored this project only had two dictionaries per classroom for all the students to use.



Paul McRae, Exalted Ruler from Elizabeth City Lodge #856 and seven members at Fall Convention in Southern Pines.

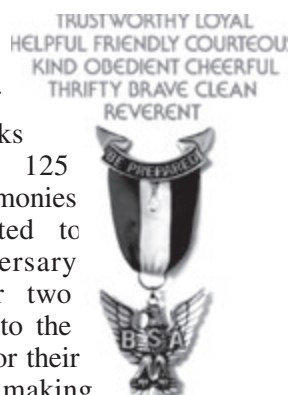
The Very First Hoop Shoot held by Cary-Apex Elks



Cary-Apex Elks Lodge #2798 held its first Hoop Shoot Contest for kids ages 8 thru 13 at Bond Park, on Saturday, January 15, 2005. This was a very successful event, with **37 contestants**. The winners were: Girls (8-9) 1st place, Taylor Cesarski; Boys (8-9) 1st place, Christopher Tutwiler; Girls (10-11) 1st place, Grace McCall; Boys (10-11) 1st place, Austin Debevec; Girls (12-13) 1st place, Natasha Smith; Boys (12-13) 1st place, Brian Wenzinger.

Cary-Apex Lodge Proudly Salutes Eagle Scouts

Since June 27, 1998 the members of Cary-Apex Elks have attended 125 Eagle Scout Ceremonies and were invited to 25th Anniversary celebrations for two Troops. Thanks to the following Elks for their assistance in making these presentations, ER Andrew Marias and PER Robert Connick.



attended 17 Court of Honor Ceremonies for the following Eagle Scouts: Scott Linak, Kyle Overstreet, and Kevin Zelnosky—Troop 200; Nicholas Ertel, Christopher Ertel, and Brian Chapman—Troop 204; John Hutson, Alexander Bond, and Jeffrey Vohlers—Troop 208; Justin Crawford and Richard Daniels—Troop 209; Sean Gaynor—Troop 216; Ryan Tysinger and Caleb Stalls—Troop 232; Andrew Carlson—Troop 397; and Benjamin Jensen and Michael Elms—Troop 531.

From September 24, 2004 to March 5, 2005 Cary-Apex Elks

Charles R. Fossett PER
Chairman, Youth Activities

Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 *Thanks their Officers for a Great Year!*



Officers listed from L to R front: Mike Stone, Chaplain; Griff Sperry, Lecturing Knight; Bill Blair, Exalted Ruler; Steve Johnson, Leading Knight; Vince Wenger, Lecturing Knight; L to R back: David Riddle, II, Esquire; Mark Westrick, Secretary; Dennis Oliver, Treasurer; Steve Gunter, II, Trustee; Mark Brown, Trustee; and Glenn Gunter, Inner Guard.



DURHAM LODGE #568 gave a patriotic American Flag and USA t-shirts to the veterans at a Christmas party at the VA Hospital in Durham. Standing, L to R: Eva and Merle Johnson, Bobby Haswell, and Exalted Ruler Charles Oakley of the Lodge. Seated, L to R: James Weaver, Paul Rooks, Carmelo LaSpada, and Henry Stone represent the 40 veterans who received t-shirts.

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Fayetteville Elks Lodge Sets State Record For Following The Gavel



Fayetteville Elks Lodge #1081 won the "Fellowship Award" which is given to the lodge that has the most members attending the "Traveling Gavel" with the District VP. Fayetteville Lodge had 88 members attend their scheduled "Traveling Gavel" meeting. Vice President of East Central, Reid Parks presents ER of Fayetteville Lodge, Ken Cooke with the plaque for having the most members traveling with the Gavel.

Elks Care - Elks Share

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Salisbury Deploys The Army Of Hope

Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 held a special barbecue chicken dinner for the guardsmen of Bravo Company and their families last October prior to the group's deployment to Iraq. The unit of about 60 guardsmen operates eight Blackhawk helicopters that they'll be taking with them. This is the first time in their 80-year history that they have been called up and deployed; however, the company has been responsible for most of the Guard air missions in North Carolina, responding to state emergencies such as floods, tornadoes and hurricanes.

October's dinner offered a way for the Elks Lodge to show its appreciation to the Guard members, who left the last weekend of the month. The Elks also reminded them and their families that they stand ready to help those left behind in any way they can.

It might be a plumbing problem, a flat tire, a car that won't start, babysitting needs or something else, Exalted Ruler Mike Davis said. "If it is your problem," he told the families, "it's our problem, and we'll fix it."

Since their deployment we have provided Christmas presents, fixed



Guard Unit and their families receive strong support from Salisbury Elks.

heaters, repaired autos, unfrozen pipes, and provided babysitters. The need continues, and the ELKS will be there until the soldiers get home.

Maj. Brian Pierce, head of Bravo Company, said the Elks' offer to help is a relief in a way for his soldiers. When the men and women are deployed, part of their concern is with the people they leave behind. To know that the Elks

are here helping allows the soldiers to focus better on their mission, Pierce said.

One of the soldiers deployed, Sgt. Stephen Davis, is an Elk at the

The Power of Vision

Vision without action is merely a dream

Action without vision just passes the time

Vision with action can change the world.

-Joel Arthur Barker

(From our Elks Leadership Seminar)

Salisbury Lodge. The unit is stationed just outside of Balad, about 45 miles north of Baghdad. We wish them all the luck, and remind them to keep their heads down.

GREETINGS FROM SALISBURY ELKS LODGE #699

Chartered May 11, 1901

Supporting the youth of our community

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Visit us on the Web@
www.SalisburyElks.org

All Elks are invited to stop and visit. The Lodge is 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.

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Mark Randolph, Exalted Ruler, from Winston Salem Lodge was presented the first place plaque for Eleven O'clock Toast competition, Exalted Ruler Division from State President, Lee Littiken at the Fall State Convention in Southern Pines.



On January 29 **Lexington Lodge #2527** hosted a welcome home dinner for the 1st Battalion 113th Field Artillery, National Guard Unit out of Thomasville that had been stationed in Iraq for the past year. It was Lexington Lodge's way of saying "thank you" for all they had done. They presented our lodge with a flag signed by all the members of their unit. Sgt. Key and Corporal Hathcock presented Jerry Odell PER and Trustee, Tony Medlin with the flag.

Service to the Country and the Community

January 22nd was Marine Corps Recruiting Office Family Day at the Winston-Salem Lodge. In support of the Grand Lodge "Army of Hope" Program, our Lodge donated the use of our facilities for new Marines and their families the opportunity to find

out about life in the corps as well as preparation for staff rotation at the recruiting office. We had a rather large crowd of folks who enjoyed the day. It's just one small way we, as Elks, can support our Armed Forces!



Micky Leigh Brim, Lodge Club Manager, is pictured with Marine Corps Recruiting Station Members at Family Day.



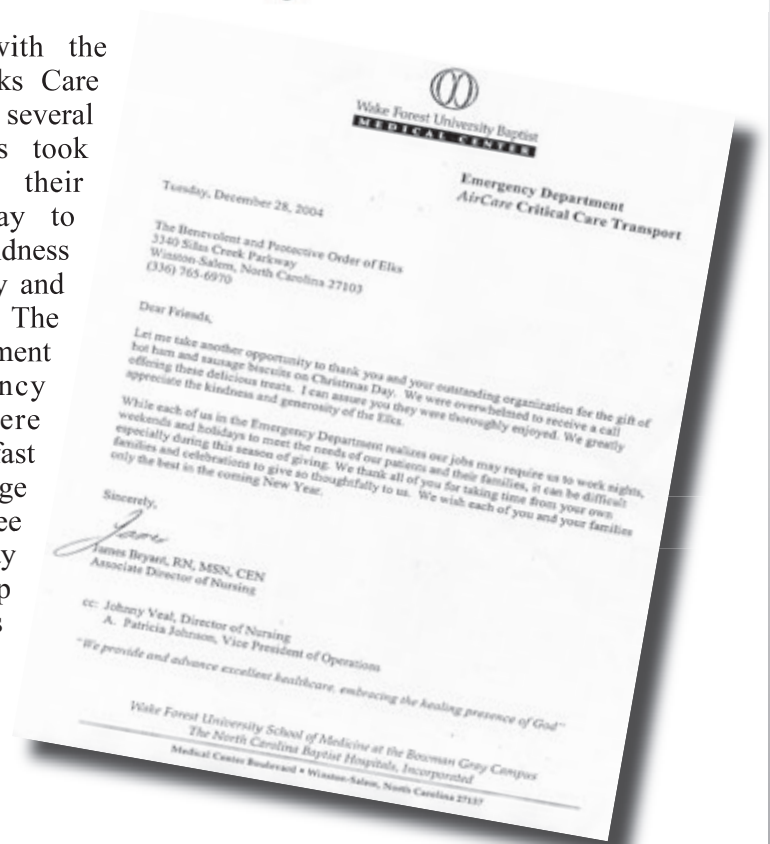
Supporting our Armed Forces...

The Winston-Salem Lodge has adopted the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, Kilo Company US Marine Corps, currently on deployment in Fallujah, Iraq. We would like to send "care packages" to the troops. We are asking our members to donate Spam, nuts, trail mix and other snacks along with toilet paper and cigarettes to send over each month to the troops. A local second grade teacher had her students write letters to the Marines to send with the care packages as well. "Semper Fi!"



Elks Care - Elks Share

In keeping with the motto of "Elks Care - Elks Share", several of our members took time out from their Christmas holiday to give the gift of kindness on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The local law enforcement and emergency personnel were treated to a breakfast of ham and sausage biscuits and coffee on Christmas Day followed by soup and sandwiches on New Year's Day.



*Winston-Salem
Lodge #449*

*Serving Our Country
AND
Our Community*

Morganton Elks Lodge Establishes Frank Bowers Memorial Scholarship

The Morganton Elks Lodge has established a scholarship at Western Piedmont Community College in memory of Frank Bowers, retired insurance salesman and community leader, who passed away in July 2004. Recipients of the scholarship must be full time students, with good academic standing, who are residents of Burke County and have demonstrated a financial need. As a tribute, the Lodge also requests applicants demonstrate an outgoing or well-rounded personality by being involved in clubs, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and/or sports, etc. "exemplifying the spirit of Mr. Frank Bowers." The annual scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000 per year, will be awarded as \$1,000 per

semester to assist qualified recipients with expenses incurred while pursuing their academic goals.

Stacey Hensley Beach, first year nursing student at Western Piedmont Community College, has been selected as the first recipient of the annual Elks scholarship. Ms. Beach, graduate of Freedom High School, mother, and full time student, has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements and serves as Secretary of the Student Government Association and as a WPCC Student Ambassador. The Elks Lodge and the Bowers family recognized Ms. Beach during a September 7 meeting at the Elks Lodge.

The Elks Lodge, in conjunction with the Western Piedmont Foundation,



Pictured are (L to R) Kelley Bowers Meisenheimer, family; Alan Brown, ER; Patsy Bowers, wife of deceased Elk; Keith Bowers, family; Stacey Beach, scholar; Steve Baker, Leading Knight; Cyndie Calloway, Western Piedmont Community College.

Inc., plans to begin a community drive to establish a permanently endowed Frank Bowers Memorial Scholarship fund. Anyone wishing to contribute

to the fund or for further information should contact the Western Piedmont Foundation, Inc. office at WPCC at 828-438-0611.

State President, Lee Littiken, presents Faye Stanley, Loyal Knight from Hendersonville Lodge with 1st place award in the Eleven O'clock Toast competition in the Open Division at the Fall State Convention in Southern Pines.



Hickory Elks fund City's Easter Egg Hunt

The Largest Easter Egg hunt in the Greater Hickory Metro is on the way! The City of Hickory Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the 18th annual children's Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 19, 2005. This year's hunt will feature nearly 20

thousand candy filled eggs. The Easter bunny will be on hand to greet the egg hunters. Prizes will be awarded for children who find specially marked eggs. This is entirely funded by the Hickory Elks Lodge Number 1654 as it has been in the past.



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We Congratulate the Children of Haywood County

Elks Americanism Essay Contest

1st Place District Winner - Bradley Cento 5th Grade
3rd Place District Winner - Cameron Robinson 6th Grade

Hoop Shoot

2nd Place District Hoop Shoot Contest
Samuel Anderson, age 10-11

**We support the programs of the West District,
The North Carolina Elks Association
and the Grand Lodge.**

Brevard Elks Lodge No. 1768



**Congratulations to two of our own
NCSEA President & First Lady
George and Marty Wheeler**

Morganton Elks "DooWop" Parties

Friday nights at the Lodge have become our "DooWop" night. There's "standing room only" in the bar because so many folks are coming out to eat and listen to and watch our DooWop DVDs. Folks are really enjoying the food and it's becoming somewhat of a tradition--watching our DooWop DVD's, singing along with the songs, and having fun with friends, both old and new.

We had a great turnout of volunteers for our local Hoop Shoot in January.

For several of our volunteers this was their "first" Elks event. It was great having these new members jump in and get involved. Morganton Elks also hosted the West District Hoop Shoot Finals.

The Lodge has been busy with new member sign ups and former members rejoining. We're growing and it's great! Welcome to our new folks and welcome back to our old friends. Charles Conley, Lodge Secretary, reports membership gain for this year taking them to 200 members!

We're gearing up for another great year under the leadership of our new officers.

Alan Brown has done a terrific job as our ER. Thanks for two great years Alan. We appreciate everything you've done for the Lodge.



Morganton Elks enjoy "DooWop" night at the Lodge.

North Wilkesboro Hoop Shoot Has 3,901 Participants

The annual Hoop Shoot county competition sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge took place at West Middle School Saturday morning, January 8. Nelson Martin, Elks Hoop Shoot coordinator, opened the event followed by the invocation and pledge of allegiance led by Lodge Chaplain, Greg Fuller.

In front of a large audience of spectators, volunteers including members of the Elks Lodge and coaches from local area schools assisted as each contestant took their turn at the free throw stripe.

Elks Hoop Shoot competition is broken down into three age brackets, (8-9), (10-11) and (12-13). Boys and girls compete separately in each category in a best out of 25 free throw shooting contest. Winners from each participating school are invited to the county contest where they compete for first, second and third place honors. First place county winners in each age group advance to the district competition to be held at the Collett Street Recreation Center in Morganton on Saturday, January 29.

This year 3,901 kids competed at area schools in Wilkes County. The Elks Hoop Shoot ranks as one of the largest annual competitive events for youngsters at the state and national



North Wilkesboro 2005 Hoop Shoot Participants

levels. Wilkes County consistently places near the top as having the largest number of Hoop Shoot participants compared to other Lodges in the state.

This year's county winners are as follows:

Girls (8-9) 1st place, Erin Cothren - C.C. Wright; Boys (8-9) 1st place, Logan Byrd - Mulberry; Girls (10-11) 1st place, Katelyn Bumgarner - North Middle; Boys (10-11) 1st place, Austin McConnell - Moravian Falls; Girls (12-13) 1st place, Alisha Whittington - Central Middle; Boys (12-13) 1st place, Kirk Mitchell - Central Middle

All participants and volunteers

received an Elks Hoop Shoot t-shirt. First, second and third place county

winners and their families will be invited to attend the annual Hoop Shoot awards presentations at the Lodge later this spring.

The North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge congratulates all of the Hoop Shoot participants and winners. We also extend our sincere thanks to West Wilkes Middle School for hosting this year's Hoop-Shoot event. Special thanks go out to Nelson Martin, Keith and Sharon Guenther, all of the coaches and teachers, and to anyone we failed to mention for volunteering their time and effort toward making this year's Hoop Shoot competition a great success.

Shoes at Christmas, an Asheville Lodge Main Event

Asheville Lodge # 608 held its Annual Children's Christmas Shoe Party on December 19th. This has been the Lodges favorite Charity for the past 70+ years.

The Lodge asks the schools in the area to assist with the selection of needy children. Every year this list grows. In December 2004, they supplied more than 250 children with a little Christmas cheer; and also helped several adults in need.

This day is very heart warming for all that help to make it happen. Each child gets to speak to Santa and then Mrs. Claus gives them their gift bag with their new shoes and they get to select a fit and receive all of the other items that have been donated by members and local businesses. This has always been a huge success and gets better each year!

ASHEVILLE ELKS

LODGE #608
Congratulates
GEORGE W. WHEELER



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Best Wishes George!

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FOUNDING MEMBER AWARD — Each \$1000 achieved. Certificate, *Gold Pin, Plaque, and Card will be mailed to Lodge Secretary at the end of month in which the award was issued for presentation. The Gold Pin is presented with the FIRST \$1,000 award ONLY.

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