



Fall 2016



Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen and First Lady Donna Attend the North Carolina Elks Fall Convention



The Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Michael Zellen and First Lady Donna, graced the Fall convention of the North Carolina State Elks Association with their presence. After arriving on the morning of Friday October 28, Michael had the opportunity to travel to the North Carolina Veterans Home in Salisbury where he was greeted by the Home Administrator Sally Davis and the Facilities Manager for the North Carolina Veterans Homes, James Woodard.

Mr. Woodard met with GER Zellen and explained to him that no other organization in North Carolina has stepped forward to provide the support that the North Carolina Elks have provided to all four Homes. Elks have provided many of the items that make the life of our Veterans more comfortable, such as TV's in every room. Elks also provide comfort items, entertainment and social activities.

During GER Zellens address to the convention, he lauded North Carolina Elks for their charitable works, not only to the Veterans but also Camp Carefree. GER Zellen also mentioned that North Carolina is turning around the membership loss, but that much work needs to be done for us to achieve a plus in membership this year, and asked us to work diligently towards that goal.

During the Parade of Lodges for the Elks National Foundation just under \$5000. in donations were presented to GER Zellen from North Carolina Lodges.

More Convention news can be found inside the newsletter.

A Message from State President Peter Breidenbach



Dear Fellow Elks:

This is a very busy time of year for Elks. As you read this message I hope your Lodge has already made arrangements to get the Americanism Essay topic "Why it is important to vote" into your schools and should be preparing to receive and judge these essays. The Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications should be coming into your Lodge by November 30th and will need to be evaluated. Hopefully you will have already distributed Drug Awareness Red Ribbons during the last week in October which is Red Ribbon week. Your Hoop-Shoot chairman should be preparing to conduct your local Hoop Shoot contest. Remember to be Proud, Loud, and Visible with these activities.

In addition to these Elk Functions I am sure that your Lodge is conducting fund raisers for various activities, holding football and race viewing parties and preparing to celebrate, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah.

Joan and I have been busy traveling since my last note in this paper and you will have heard of our travels during my report presented at the NC fall convention.

In closing I would like to wish each and every-one of you a joyous and festive holiday season

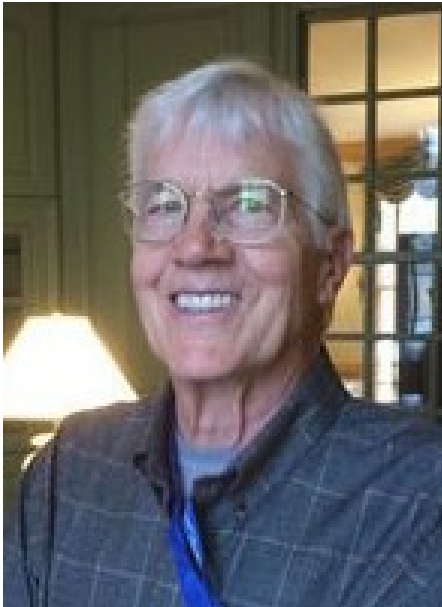
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G. Peter Breidenbach
NCSEA President



Augustine "Gus" Tucker

Past State President 1993-1994



Augustine "Gus" Washington Tucker, III, 75, formerly of Brevard, passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at his home in Edisto Beach, SC. Gus was born June 28, 1941, in Asheville, NC, the son of Augustine W. Tucker, Jr and Helen B. Tucker. After a four year stint in the US Air Force and graduating from Clemson University and UNC-Chapel Hill, he served as a dentist in his hometown of Brevard for more than 40 years.

Gus was a fixture in the community and a charitable giver. After serving as local Elks chapter President, he served as State President of the NC Elks Association, held numerous vestry positions culminating as Sr. Warden of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, was a long-time board member of the Transylvania Endowment Directors Fund of the WNC Community Foundation, and most recently was a member of the Transylvania County Board of Health. Gus had a love for cooking, good food, gardening, reading, his dog, Dandy, and Fox News.

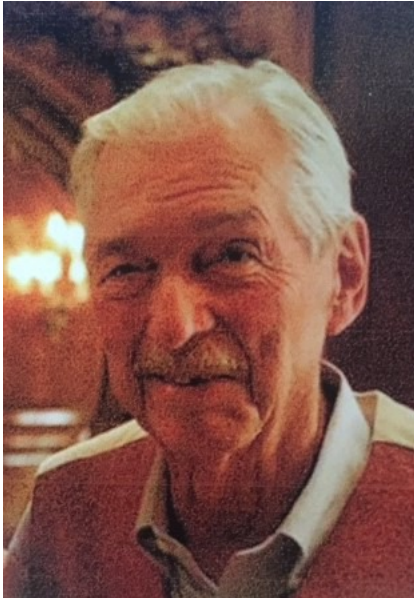
Gus Tucker is survived by his son, Augustine W. Tucker IV of San Antonio, TX; his daughter Helen T. Herpel of Charleston, SC; and his son, Phillip C. Tucker, and wife Amy, of Fayetteville, GA. Gus' wife, Alice M. Tucker, his son, Kenneth St. George Tucker, and grandson, Augustine W. Tucker, V, preceded him in death. Others Gus leaves behind to cherish his memory are numerous extended family members, most notably his brother, Henry Tucker, and five grandchildren: Mary Catherine Tucker, Emily Tucker, and Hannah Tucker of San Antonio, TX; and Caroline Tucker and Jack Tucker of Fayetteville, GA. Special friends, Mark A. Herpel and Christine K. Tucker also survive.

A memorial celebration service was held Sunday, July 24, 2016, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Brevard, NC.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to The St. Philip's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 256 E. Main St., Brevard, NC 28712. Alternatively, memorials may be made to the Grounds Beautification Fund at Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 425, Edisto Island, SC 29438.

Paul Hampton

State President 1979-1980



Paul Ray Hampton, 86, died on August 19, 2016, at Duke Hospital in Durham, NC. Paul was born in Guilford County to the late Otis and Martha Hampton on March 14, 1930.

Paul was in the US Army and assigned to the Marine Corps in the Korean War. After his service, he returned to High Point and attended High Point College. He lived and worked in High Point most of his life, and in recent years spent time between High Point and Lawsonville, NC. He was involved in the Elks for going on 61 years, being a past President of his lodge and past NC State President. Also, for more than the last 20 years Paul has been an advocate for veterans.

Paul is survived by his wife, Diana Carl, of Lawsonville, NC; his son, Phillip Hampton, of Lawsonville, NC; daughter Maggie Hampton Hilly and son-in-law Robert Hilly of Northfield, NJ; grandson Mathew Hampton and his wife Stacey and his greatgrandson Darrell.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the Peters Creek Baptist Church in Lawsonville. Flowers are appreciated or if you prefer, contributions may be made to the Church, Elks, or VA.

**Annual Spring Meeting of the NCSEA
to be Held in Wilmington May 12th -14th**



Mark your calendars!!! The 2017 Spring meeting of the North Carolina State Elks will be held in the port city of Wilmington at the Riverside Hilton. More details will be coming early next year. Make plans now to attend.

**2017-2018 NCSEA Leadership Seminar
Lodge Officers Should Make Plans to Attend**

The NCSEA Leadership Seminar will be held on February 25, 2017 at the Greensboro Lodge. The seminar will start at 10:00 am and wrap up by 4:00 pm. The incoming officers of each Lodge are encouraged to attend this important event to learn more about their duties and responsibilities during the coming year.

If you are arriving the day before or plan to stay the night, special room rates are available at the Battleground Inn which is located just around the corner from the Lodge.

“ROXBORO ELKS DONATE AND DISTRIBUTE THOUSANDS OF FLAGS AT THE 2016 ROXBORO 4TH OF JULY PARADE”

The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 partnered with the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce and the Person County Tourism Development Authority for the 11th Annual Roxboro 4th of July parade. The Roxboro Lodge purchased over a thousand American flags to distribute to all of the patrons that were in attendance on Monday. Over a dozen Roxboro Elks were on hand to volunteer their time at the parade which saw record numbers in attendance.

The North Carolina Elks Drug Awareness Trailer and Elroy the Elk were also on hand at the parade. Elroy was a big hit and took many photo opportunities with the kids after the parade while local Elk volunteers handed out drug awareness materials to the young crowd. After the parade, Elroy was presented with the most patriotic award for the 4th of July parade to thunderous applause.

The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 would like to recognize the following non-profit groups from Person County that assisted with the parade. Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Person County Tourism Development Authority, Roxboro Development Group, Partnership for Children, Person County Senior Center, Roxboro Area Merchants Association, United Way, Person County Library, Person County Parks & Recreation, Piedmont Community College and Person County Museum of History.



**Roxboro Lodge #2005 Exalted
Ruler Kyle Puryear and Elroy the
Elk leading the NC Elks Drug
Awareness Trailer in the parade**



**Elroy the Elk posing with local
youth after the parade**

North Carolina Elks Convention in Concord



GER Michael Zellen & First Lady Donna with Elroy

GER Zellen presents a certificate to Steve Johnson for earning four stars in the GL website contest. Also shown is President Peter Breidenbach



GER Zellen and ENF Chairman Ron Delzer accepting donations to the Elks National Foundation from ER Steve Tyler of the Wilmington Lodge.

Conventioneers look over the Drug Awareness trailer. The Board of Directors voted to purchase another trailer giving the Association a total of four for use around the state.



More Convention News



GER Michael Zellen stands next to a handicapped bus the North Carolina Elks donated to the Salisbury Veterans Home



GER Zellen pins one of his pins on Bob Messer of the Gastonia Lodge.



First Lady Donna Zellen proudly shows off a necklace presented to her as a memento of her visit to North Carolina.

GER Zellen (center) taking a photo op with his four North Carolina District Deputies. L-R: Dennis Dowling, Sue Janovic, Wilbur Guernsey and Tommie Byrd



National Night Out August 2, 2016

Kinston Elks #740 participated in National Night Out with drug awareness materials for those who stopped by our tent. Over 500 community members came out on this sultry evening. The rain stayed away. The Elks handed out pencils and rulers to school children, along with coloring books and bookmarks.



Cheryl McLain shown handing out red ribbons to 2 young boys who promised to stay drug free

Gastonia Lodge Helps Sponsor Runners Camp

Thanks to ENF Grant

The 2016 Runner's Camp for elementary age children in Gaston County was held July 25-28, 2016 at Irwin Center in Gastonia. The four day event was for children unable to attend a summer camp. The camp featured Olympic style events where participants were challenged physically, while in an environment that fostered teamwork and community spirit. During the four day event children rotated between hurdles, distance running, sprints, shot put, javelin throw, broad jump, and high jump. On Thursday, the last day, the children competed for ribbons in all categories.

The 2016 Runner's Camp was attended by 125 boys and girls with over 200 spectators. The Monday through Thursday Camp had paid Security and Professional Services during all events. Contestants were given T-Shirts, provided with necessary event supplies, and given snacks and plenty of water.

The camp was free to all participants. Parents were able to let their children attend this camp knowing that the leaders were properly vetted. Uniformed police and Professional Services were present at all times. The kids had a ball. One 7 year old boy actually cried when he was told that there would not be a camp the next week. This one week out of the summer gave the kids something to look forward to each day of the camp, and something to remember as they start getting prepared for the next school year.

This is the third year Gastonia Elks Lodge #1634 was able to help sponsor the Runner's Camp. They were able to donate \$2,500.00 to the Dream Center because they received a Gratitude Grant from The Elks National Foundation for meeting Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald Hick's goal for Per Capita Donations.



Sanford Elks Celebrate 90th Birthday of PER Bill Holt

Sanford PER's recently met to celebrate the 90th Birthday of PER Bill Holt.

Ten Past Exalted Rulers from 1960 to present date:
Left to Right: Scott Pace, Ed Wesley, Mark Brown,
Lee Littiken, Bill Holt, Edwin Foushee, Bill Holt, III, Joe
Clancy, Steve Williams and Mike McGraw.



Statesville Elks Provide Bookbags for Students



The Statesville Elks lodge provided back to School book bags for 5th Street Ministry. This year we actually got a chance to meet the kids and parents, the kids gave back hugs and the parents thanked the Elks for helping.

Pictured L-R Rick Kaffman, Keith Netterwald
The Statesville Elks Lodge #1823 uses grant's funds for kids, thanks Keith

New Bern Elks Take Sugar to NC Veterans Home

On a recent visit to the Kinston Veteran's Home, the Veteran's Committee of New Bern Elk's Lodge # 764 sponsored a morning of Bingo complete with an ice cream social, prizes, and lots of love from Sugar the Service Dog.

Pictured are Elks Guy and Jody Pascarella, US Army Veteran Bert Cox and Service Dog, Sugar.



Important Information for all Lodges

Who Rent Space in Their Lodge



AFFINITY INSURANCE SERVICES

FACILITY RENTAL INSURANCE NOW ONLINE

For your convenience, the entire process of completing the Facility Rental Policy application is now online! It's faster and easier and both you *and* the renter receive immediate confirmation of coverage by email.

WHY DO I NEED TO BUY COVERAGE WHEN I RENT MY FACILITY TO OTHERS?

1. When you rent a portion of your facilities to others, the liability exposure is greater because:
 - The guests are primarily unknown making it more difficult for servers and bartenders to gauge their sobriety level
 - Functions are celebratory and can result in higher consumption of alcohol
 - Guests have no knowledge of the Lodge's floor plan, resulting in a greater risk of trips and falls
2. To save you money
 - The Elks pay the first \$1,000,000 on every liability claim
 - Those funds come from the per capita paid for the Liability Insurance Program
 - The Facility Rental policy pays the first \$500,000 of a claim that occurs at a rental event
 - Coverage includes your liability for the sale and service of alcohol
 - The cost **per event** is \$155.00 for members and \$162.00 for non-members and is passed on to the renter by making it a part of the rental contract

To apply for coverage, copy and paste the below address into your browser:

<http://www.kandkinsurance.com/sites/ElksLodge/Pages/ELKSEligibility.aspx>

Alternatively, you can go to **elks.org/** Members Only/ Safety & Insurance, where you can click on the link for the site. Payment can be made by credit card or by check (you will need the routing and account numbers for your checking account).

If you have any questions or, to obtain more information, please call any member of our Team at 1.800.421.3557 or email us at elks.insurance.program@aon.com. We look forward to being of service to you.

ROXBORO ELKS REACH OUT TO THOUSANDS IN DRUG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN DURING PERSONALITY FESTIVAL

The Roxboro Elks Lodge partnered with the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce for the 37th Annual Personality Festival in Person County on August 26-27th. The Personality Festival is a two-day festival that attracts 10,000-plus visitors to Roxboro every August. The Roxboro Lodge continued its Drug Awareness campaign by distributing awareness materials to the local residents and visitors that were in attendance. As always, there were many Roxboro Elks on hand that volunteered their time in an effort to make an impact in the community.

In addition to the campaign, Elroy the Elk made several appearances at the festival. Everyone had the opportunity to meet and take photos with Elroy at the Drug Awareness Trailer. Even with the record high temperatures, the overall campaign was a complete success.

The Roxboro Elks Lodge would like to thank the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce for allotting space to accommodate the lodge's drug awareness campaign and look forward to continuing future partnerships in an effort to make our community a better place.



Elroy with State House Representative Larry Yarbrough and Person County Commissioner Tracy Kendrick



Members of Roxboro Lodge #2005 that participated in the Elks Drug Awareness Campaign at the 37th Personality Festival.



Elroy with three of the many youngsters visiting the festival

ROXBORO ELKS VOLUNTEER WITH YOUTH FALL FISHING DERBY

The Roxboro Elks Lodge partnered with Person County Parks and Recreation Department for a Youth Fall Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 10, 2016. The Youth Fishing program in general give kids another recreational perspective from athletics or arts programming and can lead to an appreciation and respect for the natural world. It also opens interest for other outdoor recreational activities. It also exposes youth to nature which is a good thing in this time when youth are spending more and more time indoors than in the past. This allows youth to learn about this specific ecosystem by being exposed to it through fishing. They will learn what fish eat, what fish need to live other than just water.

The youth fishing derby also give youths a chance to go fishing who may not otherwise have the opportunity. Physiologically, fishing itself, and our programs teach balance, hand eye coordination, responsibility, courtesy, and ethics (not to needlessly harm fish or litter). The Roxboro Elks Lodge would like to thank the Person County Parks and Recreation Department and look forward to continuing future partnerships in an effort to make our community a better place.



The Youth participants for the Fall Fishing Derby

Calabash Elks Participate in 9-11 Rememberance



14 members of the Calabash Elks Lodge in conjunction with the Lions Club and the VFW spent two hours on September 11th on the overpass in Shallotte proudly waving our Flag in observance the attacks on New York and Washington.

Statesville Elks Provide Home Cooked Meals for Vets

Statesville Elks Lodge holds a veteran's dinner once every two months, with plans to hold the dinners once a month now they have received an ENF Grant. Lodge members play live music and the Lodge provides door prizes for all Veterans including shirts, hats, and home made gifts. The Veteran's, from the Salisbury V.A. Hospital, are treated to a great home cooked meal and all have a great time. We all ways let them know if they need help to seek out a Elks Lodge in their area.

Pictured below - Lodge members entertaining the Veterans, Lodge members preparing the meal, and a group picture of the most recent Veterans to visit the Lodge.



Vietnam Veterans to be Honored

In 2008, the Secretary of Defense launched a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, and to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War and their families. The government is seeking assistance in reaching as many Vietnam veterans as possible. If your Lodge is interested in becoming a Commemorative Partner in this project (by holding two events between now and 2017) or ordering free pins to present to Vietnam Veterans in your community, please visit the Elks National Veterans Commission website more information.



High Point Elks Use ENF Grant To Assist Open Door Ministries

The High Point Elks Lodge used their \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant to purchase supplies for Open Door Ministries of High Point. Items included household supplies and 18 mattress sets for individuals and families obtaining housing.

Pictured from left are HP Elks Ben Adams and Gary Hutchins, Open Door Executive Director Steve Key and Elks Steve Martin, ER Steven Hall, Britt Moore, Phil and Shari Driscoll.



High Point Elks Golf Tourney Raises Funds for Hospice

The High Point Elks Lodge presented \$8,000 to Hospice of the Piedmont. The funds were raised through the annual Andy Albertson Memorial Charity Golf Tournament.

Pictured from left are Grace Albertson, Steve Martin, Hospice staff members Mary Leslie English and Trent Cockerham, and ER Steven Hall.



New Bern Elks Works With Special Needs Community

The New Bern Elks Lodge #764 has been working with the special needs community for about two years now. After a year, with the help of a Beacon Grant, we were able to enlarge our program and offer more experiences and events for these people.

We work with three groups now, one of which is an assisted living facility of about 70 residents. This facility is quite poor and the residents are mostly wards of the State with various emotional and mental challenges.

The difference we have made is phenomenal. At first we brought special fun and colorful Christmas gifts for all and they were very well received. After that we began to collect gently used clothing, toiletries, puzzles, puzzle books, coloring books, craft aids, and other items for their "country store" and Bingo prizes. Usually the residents sat huddled in the small foyer and did not communicate with anyone. They had a big yard but no chairs.

That gradually changed when we collected over 50 outside chairs so they could go outside and enjoy the weather. We planted a butterfly garden with the help of a local garden club, held an art exhibit for their budding artists at the Lodge, had a magic show with ice cream sundaes and gave them an awesome luncheon Christmas party with Santa and Mrs. Claus presenting their gifts (by request) from the stocking tree.

The Elks have truly embraced this project and we have extended this to two other groups so far. One is a day care center where residents of group homes come each day to do various things and socialize. They love to participate in a community project. Another group is a Civitan group from both facilities. These Civitans have their own officers and also love reaching out to others.

We have some fun events planned for this next year such as bowling, making dog biscuits at Christmas for local animal shelters, making cards for friends or staff members, a dance, another terrific magic show and a wheelchair parade at Halloween.

If your Lodge is looking for a project, this is a need which goes mostly unfulfilled. If you have any questions, call June Kent at 252-288-5947.



Mount Airy Elks use ENF Gratitude Grant To Aid Homeless and Hospice



The Mount Elks Lodge 2061 donated sleeping bags and blankets plus over \$ 700.00 of food items to the Maranatha Homeless Outreach Group, from funds received from the Gratitude Grant from the ENF.

Pictured are many elks.

The Mount Airy Elks 2061 donated supplies to the Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care worth over \$ 1000.00 from funds from Gratitude Grant,

Pictured are several Elks and the Hospice staff



ROXBORO ELKS ANNOUNCE WILLIAM C. BULLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The Roxboro Elks Lodge is pleased to announce that Bobby Vaughan has been selected to be recipient of the William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship for 2016-17. This is a four scholarship where the Roxboro Lodge will pay \$1,000 each year towards his tuition at East Carolina University. Bobby graduated from Person High School and plans to major in Geology.

The Roxboro Elks named the annual scholarship after William C. Bullock, who served as the North Carolina Elks State President in 1996-97 and the Exalted Ruler of the Roxboro Lodge for 17 years. The proceeds for the scholarship were raised from the Roxboro Elks Golf Tournament which was held this spring.

Pictured - Roxboro Lodge Exalted Ruler Kyle Puryear presenting Bobby Vaughan with the 2016-17 William c. Bullock Memorial Scholarship

Statesville Elks Help Veterans

Members from the Statesville Elks Lodge partnered with Piedmont Veterans Assistants Counsel and Piedmont Health Care to hand out information on veterans housing, education, and health services at the Carolina Balloon Festival. Thirty five thousand people attended the festival over the three day weekend.



Elks Care

Calabash Elks Treat Area Kids



The Calabash Elks Lodge in conjunction with the Town of Calabash held a Trunk or Treat in the Town Park. In addition to handing out bags of treats, a costume contest was held for the many kids who turned out.

Pictured is Elroy with some of the many youngsters who turned out and some of the costumed youngsters.



Shallotte Lodge Hold Charity Golf Tourney



Shallotte Elks 9th annual golf tournament was held on October 22nd. This was a rain date as it was postponed from the 8th due to "Mathew". We had teams from the following Lodges Shallotte, Oak Island, Calabash and Murrels Inlet in SC. The winners in Flight B with a score of 52 were the team of Jim Sigmon, Sam Weiss, Lenny Schmidt and Ron Camperchio from Murrels Inlet Lodge. They have attended every one of our tournaments, except last year as that was postponed as well. We had teams from Wilmington Lodge and New London CT but they had to cancel due to the change in date. The winning ladies team with a score of 61 was led by East District Deputy Sue Janovic and included Heather Daughtry, Connie Daughtry and Nancy Kumlin. Each player received a door prize and each team received a free round of golf. The winning teams also received a cash prize. Shallotte Elks gives a big thank you to the many donors and the generosity of its players.



Thank a Veteran

Calabash Ladies Auxiliary Donates School Supplies

This Summer, during the months of June thru August, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Calabash Elks Lodge collected donations of cash and School Supplies in support of the Waccamaw School's Positive Behavior Intervention Support" program.

On Thursday, August 18, 2016, Carol Haak, Project Chairperson, Marge Gresham, and Tina Magas of the Auxiliary, personally delivered approximately 10 boxes, of School Supplies for the students, to Mary Chestnut, a Guidance Counselor at the school, who is in charge of the "PBSI" program.

Delivering the School Supplies to the school Are (L to R) Carol Haak, Ladies Auxiliary Project Chairperson, Ms. Mary Chestnut, Guidance Counselor and "PBSI" Program Manager at the Waccamaw School, - Margaret "Marge" Gresham, Ladies Auxiliary, and Tina Magas, current President of the Ladies Auxiliary



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