



**Summer 2017**



**Malcolm McPherson Jr. Sworn in as  
Grand Exalted Ruler**



Michael McPherson Jr. of Lyndhurst Lodge #1505 was elected and sworn in as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2017-2018 year during the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno.

GER McPherson and First Lady Patricia will be paying their official visit to North Carolina during our Fall Convention in New Bern. During his visit he will have the opportunity to familiarize himself with our State Major Projects and the great works we do for our communities here in North Carolina.

Lets give GER McPherson a warm Carolina welcome.

## *Message from State President Michael Bryant*



State President Michael Bryant had the honor of carrying the North Carolina Flag during the opening ceremonies of the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno.

Since being sworn in as NCSEA State President in Wilmington NC on May 13, 2017 it has been an exciting year so far. I have a very loving and supportive wife in Vicky that is as enthusiastic about the great deeds of Elkdom as I. To work as a team in our personal lives and in Elkdom allows us to accomplish so much to be proud of.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Virginia State Elks Association for their Summer Convention in Lynchburg VA on June 8/11, 2017. I made many new friends throughout Virginia. I was able to spend substantial time with GER Michael Zellon and PGER Ron Hicks while there. I learned much from all that I met and they were fabulous hosts.

The Grand Lodge Convention was held in Reno NV July 16/19, 2017. I had the distinct honor of carrying the NC State Flag in front of the assembly during the Parade of Flags on Sunday at the opening ceremony. I have been to many Grand Lodge Conventions and always found the Parade of Flags to be the most memorable event each time. I was finally able to be a part of that parade and was proud to display our great state flag. During the same Parade of Flags our own Ashley Buckwell, Grand Lodge Fraternal Committeeman carried the BPOE flag as he led the procession of his committee to the stage. North Carolina was well represented in the opening ceremony!

Our new Grand Exalter Ruler, Malcolm J. McPherson JR, of New Jersey was sworn in to lead us this coming year. His theme for the 2017-18 fraternal year is "Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness." By definition, community is "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals." GER McPherson feels; "With the Elks mission of supporting veterans, aiding special and underprivileged children, and promoting the growth of our youth through scholarship, Drug Awareness and sports programs, we will ultimately build a bond with each other while making our local communities a better place to live."

Ron and Lisa Delzer, NCSEA President-Elect and wife did a wonderful job on the hospitality suit in Reno. They had it open early and stayed late making sure all were well feed and refreshed after days of long meetings and education. Thank you Ron and Lisa for the job you did.

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## Presidents Message Continued

I will have the pleasure of visiting the South Carolina State Elks Association the weekend of August 10/13, 2017 at their Summer Convention in Clemson. I look forward to visiting with State President Chuck Kormelink and wife Betty. I developed a friendship with Chuck at our Spring Convention where we hosted he and his wife. I enjoyed time with him in Reno as we solidified our friendship and also that of Virginia State President Donnie White and wife Joanne. The three of us were almost inseparable and had a great time visiting and learning the best practices of each of our states.

I encourage each of our lodges to apply for grants that are now available through the Grand Lodge and ENF. A new committee was formed this year headed by Rich Penk as Chairman. Through his district representatives I hope we can educate our lodges on the grants that are available, how to properly write a successful grant request and then complete the follow up reports required to account for the use of the grants. You will find information on the grants available to your lodges at <http://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/enf/files/2017-18CIPFieldGuideFINAL.pdf>. Grant applications became available July 1, 2017. The Freedom Grant and Promise Grants are limited in number so it is imperative you apply for them immediately. There is a new one time Anniversary Grant this year of \$1,500.00 to celebrate the 150 th. anniversary of the BPOE. All you have to do is apply for this grant for use with or separate from the other grants that are available.

Also it is the time of year to concentrate on our membership by contacting those members that have not yet paid their annual lodge dues. A Lapsation Committee properly formed can reach out to these members personally versus simply mailing impersonal notices. During this personal contact you may be able to learn how your lodge can better serve its members to curtail or prevent lapsation. Again my theme this year is "Changing Minds One at a Time" and this is a great opportunity to change minds of currently lapsed members to keep them current members.

The schedule of the fall DD Clinics have been posted to the NC State Elks Association website <http://ncelks.org/>. Please visit this site as it contains valuable information on our association. If you have not signed up for a password to the "Members Only" section please do so. I plan to attend each of the DD Clinics scheduled in August and September and I look forward to seeing each of you that are required to be there. Even if you are not one of the required attendee consider attending for the education you will receive from the clinics but also for the comradery you will establish in traveling to the site with your fellow lodge members.

I look forward to continuing to serve you for the remainder of this year and invite you to contact me if you have any ideas to advance our great Order into the future.

Fraternally, Michael Bryant

State President Michael Bryant with Past  
Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen



**Thank You for Your Service to Elkdom &  
North Carolina State Elks Association  
2016-2017 District Deputies**



**2016-2017 North Carolina District Deputies  
L-R Flanking State Sponsor PGDR Jack Frost  
East Central, Tommie Byrd; East, Susan Janovic; West, Wilbur Guernsey;  
West Central, Dennis Dowling**

The Members of the North Carolina State Elks Association extend their hand in appreciation to last year's District Deputies for their dedication, time, and service to our Order and this Association of Elks.

**Thank You!!!**

**Congratulations to our District Deputies  
for the 2017-2018 year  
sworn in during the Grand Lodge Convention  
in Reno, NV**



Pictured L-R DD West Central Richard Penk, DD West Frank Brady, State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost, DD East Central Steve Johnson, DD East Rick Pittman.

Make plans now to attend the District Deputy Clinic in your area.

**West Central. 8/20/17 High Point  
East. 8/27/17 Wilmington  
West. 9/10/17 Newton  
East Central. 9/17/17 Raleigh**

Remember - Officers required to attend are the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

# **Fall Convention to be Held in Historic New Bern With GER Malcolm McPherson, Jr. in Attendance**



The Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association will be held in New Bern on the week-end of October 27th -29th. Housing and meetings will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton located on the waterfront. Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. will be in attendance making his official visit to North Carolina. Plan to be there to extend a warm Carolina greeting.

The Doubletree is located in the heart of downtown and close to the many shops, boutiques and restaurants the city affords. The members of the New Bern Lodge look forward to seeing you there.

Make reservations early as rooms are limited.  
Reservation forms available at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)

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## **Future Conventions**

<b>NCSEA</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>	<b>New Bern NC</b>	<b>October 27 - 29</b>
	<b>Spring 2018</b>	<b>Asheville NC</b>	<b>May 4 - 6</b>
	<b>Fall 2018</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>October 26 - 28</b>
	<b>Spring 2019</b>	<b>Wilmington NC</b>	<b>May 3 - 5</b>

**Grand Lodge 2018 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention**  
**San Antonio TX July 1 - 4**



## To an Almost Old ELK.....

**I never really liked the terminology "Old People" but this makes me feel better about it. And if you aren't one, I bet you know one! I got this from an "Old Personal friend of mine"!**

### **"OLD PEOPLE" PRIDE**

**I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only "old people" receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.**

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps, cover their hearts, stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler.. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention **Vietnam** .

If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and

are courtly to women and treat them with great respect.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children, grandchildren or their animals. It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

**This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and decent values.**

We need them now more than ever.

**Thank God for Old People....**

**I was taught to respect my elders.**

**(PS:It's just getting harder to find them.!)**

## GOVERNMENT RELATION COMMITTEE

### House Bill 511 & Your Lodge



I have received and reviewed NC House Bill 511 (titled Game Night/ Non Profit Fund Raiser) which passed the NC House 76 to 32 and passed the NC senate 27-15 on 6/30/17, but was then Vetoed by the Governor on 7/12/17. If you go to the NCGA website and click on house bill H511 you can read this bill which would be very beneficial for our non-profit organization in raising money for our charities. The governor clearly expresses his reason for the veto but the veto could be overturned by the legislature next month. It would be very beneficial for our lodges and members to contact their NC House representatives, and their NC Senator, urging them to support this bill. I am asking each of you to contact the lodges in your district and inform them of these facts and ask them to pass this information on to the membership and be involved in supporting overriding the veto of this bill. Representatives in the NC House and NC Senate are determined by the District in which you reside.

Teddy Acton, Chairman  
NCSEA Government Relations Committee

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### Smithsonian Article on the BPOE Available



Smithsonian

Recently, during the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, I spoke to Anna Idol, editor at the Elks Magazine. Anna informed me of a PDF she had of an article in the Smithsonian archives regarding the Order of Elks. I have sent a copy of this PDF to all Lodges as I feel this may be a great tool to print out and use when informing potential members of the great works of our Order or use during Orientation.

This PDF is also a wonderful tool to use in your public relations programs with your local news media, and to distribute to community leaders.

If you wish a copy of this PDF please contact me at [ashbuc@atmc.net](mailto:ashbuc@atmc.net)

Ashley Buckwell

# News of the Lodges

## Goldsboro Elks Recognize Scholarship and Essay Winners



During an awards ceremony on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Goldsboro Elks Lodge recognized 14 young men and women. They awarded 2 Nursing Scholarships, 6 MVS Scholarships and gave certificates to 6 American Essay winners.

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## High Point Elks Treat Veterans During VA Spring Fling

On May 10<sup>th</sup> members from the High Point Elks Lodge went to the VA Medical Center in Salisbury to cook for the VA Spring Fling. We grilled 320 burgers and 240 hot dogs, serving approximately 400 veterans and hospital staff. Everyone had a great time and our participation is always greatly appreciated. Thank you to our Members who participated; Tommy Frazier, Bob Gold, Chuck Minear and Phil Driscoll.



## Calabash Elks Take Youth to Play Putt-Putt



Calabash Elks members recently took 12 young men from the Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home to play putt-putt in calabash. Afterward all of the above went to the "Back Porch" for ice cream.

Pictured are the 12 boys flanked on the left side by Lecturing knight Tom Freiwald and on the right side lodge member Ricky Moore.



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## Newton Elks Award Scholarship

The Newton Elks Lodge awarded Carmen Duran a \$4,000 Elks National Foundation scholarship at their Lodge. Duran attended Discovery High School in Newton, and will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. Duran will study PPE - Philosophy, Politics, Economics.

Making the presentation to Duran are (L to R) Wilbur Guernsey, DDGER and Newton Elks Lodge #2042 Scholarship Chairman; Duran; Josh Farmer, Exalted Ruler



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## Calabash Elks Perform Flag Day Ritual

Calabash Elks Lodge with the assistance of Troop 201 and Scoutmaster Clay Stanley from Sunset Beach performed the Flag Day ritual during a service at the Lodge on June 11 th.

Scouts from Troop 201 are pictured along with the Flags of our country.



## High Point Elks Treat Graduating Seniors



On May 26th Members from the High Point Elks Lodge cooked lunch for the graduating Senior class at Southwest Guilford High School. We purchased and prepared 320 hamburgers, 320 hot dogs, chili and slaw for the students, teachers and volunteers. We've done this event for over 10 years and our participation is always greatly appreciated.

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## High Point Elks Golf Tourney Raises Donation for Hospice

On May 6<sup>th</sup> the High Point Lodge hosted the 4th annual Andy Albertson Memorial Charity Golf tournament at Holly Ridge Golf Links. We had another great turnout this year with participation by 71 golfers. The High Point Lodge partnered once again with Hospice of the Piedmont this year to raise over \$6000 in charitable funds. Hospice is a very worthwhile organization that has touched many of us with their services either directly or indirectly.

Pictured L-R: Steve Martin PER, Eddie Albertson, Grace Albertson, Alex Barbry and Andrew Albertson



## Sanford Elks Honor our Flag

Sanford Elks celebrated Flag Day at the lodge. Exalted Ruler Kevin Cleary presented a history and evolution of the American flag in front of a display of several of the flags.

## New Bern Elks Honor Vietnam Veterans



The New Bern Elks Lodge recently honored the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter# 886, for their community service and veteran out reach. Members and guests, fifty in total, of the VVA attended a prime rib dinner prepared and served by the Elks. The Vietnam Veterans were welcomed home and thanked for their service and dedication to our country by over one hundred Elks and their guests.

Pictured are L-R Elk Guy Pascarella, VVA Chapter Commander Rick Miller and Pam Miller, and Elks Glenn Killian and June Kent.

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## Calabash Elks Send Care Packages to Military Personnel



Members of Calabash Elks Veterans Activities Committee



Recently, Members of the VAC of the Calabash Elks Lodge packed 30 Care Package for shipment to our Military Personnel Overseas, and sent them on their way. The VAC has had a long-standing program to pack and ship Care Packages to our military personnel deployed overseas. They realize the importance of helping our deployed service men and women receive a "Little Piece of Home."

The items in the packages vary, but can include: Personal care and toiletry items; Stationary and writing implements; Games and puzzles with which to pass the time; Possibly candy and snack items; reading materials such as books and magazines; socks and other light clothing items; and anything else the committee may acquire which they deem appropriate and will be appreciated by the soldiers at the receiving end of the package.

## Morehead City-Beaufort Elks Take Kids Shopping



The Morehead City – Beaufort Elks Lodge took 12 underprivileged children shopping for back to school clothes. The Lodge takes the children shopping on a one to one basis. Each child is given a budget and can choose the what they would like to have with guidance from the Elk member. On this trip every child chose shoes as well as other clothing including socks and underwear. Most have never had a new pair of shoes much less new clothing. Lunch for the kids was provided courtesy of Chick-fil-A.

On this trip, a lady just gave me \$40 because she believed in what we were doing on a local level. Three other shoppers asked for my card so that they could call to learn more about the ELKS. Needless to say this was a FANTASTIC DAY for one and all.

Our Lodge has another trip planed for back to school shopping. We can only manage 12 on each trip do it justice, as we want to have a chance to talk with the children so that they know that they have an ELK in their corner.



## Winston Salem Elks Support “Christmas in July”



The Winston Salem Elks Lodge delivered much needed fans, food items and personal hygiene items to support Winston Salem Senior Services "Christmas in July".

Pictured from L-R, Randy Zigmund, Elks Event Chairman; Michelle Vincler, Elks Exalted Ruler; Don Hamby, Elks Trustee; Cathy Stanley, Elks Treasurer; Pat Stanley, Elks Event Co-Chairman; Lee Covington, CEO/President-WS Senior Services.

## **Gastonia Elks Lodge Makes \$2,500 Donation to 2017 Runner's Camp**

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017, Gastonia Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Larry Hostetter, and Lodge Secretary Evelyn Leggette presented a \$2,500.00 check to Amy Hudson, Director of the Dream Center of Gaston County. The \$2,500 donation will help fund the Dream Center's Annual Runners Camp.

The Runner's Camp is a FREE Christian track and field camp held each year at area community parks. Campers begin each evening with a Bible devotional. They are then instructed in Olympic style track and field events such as the high jump, long jump, javelin, hurdles, and more. All of this is mixed with lots of fun. The Runner's Camp is an annual event for Gaston County children ages 6-12. Last year 125 children and 80 volunteers participated.



Evelyn Leggette, Secretary of Gastonia Lodge, Amy Hudson, Director of The Dream Center of Gaston County, and Larry Hostetter, Exalted Ruler of Gastonia Elks Lodge

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## **Gastonia Elks Distribute Drug Awareness Literature at Runners Camp**

Gastonia Lodge Elks brought The Elks Drug Awareness Trailer to the Annual Runners Camp hosted by the Gaston County Dream Center. Exalted Ruler Larry Hostetter, Drug Awareness Chairman, Joe Heavner, and member Kenneth Hoffman manned the N.C. West District Drug Trailer to distribute informational material that highlights the problems related to uncontrolled use of illegal and prescription drugs. The coloring books, pencils, rulers, etc. are always a hit with the young children. The trailer is one of four trailers, each based in one of the four Elk Districts in North Carolina.

Runner's Camp is a week built around providing love, encouragement and hope in a Christian setting. This year the camp, highlighting traditional track and field events, such as; javelin throw, high jump, long jump, low hurdles, dashes, discus and shot-put had 234 children ages 6 to 12 registered with an average of 129 attending each night.



## Hickory PER Association Awards Six Scholarships in 2017



The Hickory Lodge #1654 was honored to present six scholarships this year to deserving students based on academic, community and work experiences. A total of \$5,000.00 was awarded thanks to the generosity of our lodge members to this valuable cause.

Congratulations to: Lydia Black, Hannah Donahue, Holly Manzi, Madeline Smith, Jared Schubring and Joseph Suddreth.

Pictured L - R: Michael Bryant, Hickory Lodge #1654 PER President, Hannah Donahue, Lydia Black, Jared Schubring, Madeline Smith and Holly Manzi. Not pictured; Joseph Suddreth.)

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## Lets Celebrate 150 Years of Elksdom



## **Statesville Elks Donate to Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council**

Statesville Elks Lodge 1823 presented a check for \$150.00 to the Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council (PVAC) from the Lodges recent fund raiser. PVAC helps homeless veterans find homes, jobs, food, and transportation to medical facilities.

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## **Sanford Elks Donate to Backpack Pals**

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has always been involved with programs for the youth of America. Sanford Lodge #1679 has a long history of supporting Lee County youth activities. Part of this history is being a sponsor in the Backpack Pals program. At the May 4, 2017 Youth Appreciation Banquet, a check for \$2,000 was presented by the Elks PER Joe Clancy to Teresa Dew Kelly of the Christian Outreach Center of Lee County.

Backpack Pals provides food to Lee County children who have little or nothing to eat on weekends. Teachers, counselors and school administrators identify candidates for the program and Backpack Buddies provides food bags with 10-12 non-perishable, easy-to-fix food items for the children to take home every Friday. Nearly 350 children are currently being served by this program every week.



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