



**Calabash Lodge #2679
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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Press Release for immediate release:

Flag Day is a National observance, held on June 14th each year to honor the “Stars & Stripes”, the Flag of our nation. To celebrate this day the Calabash Elks Lodge honored “Old Glory” in a ceremony on Sunday June 12.

The ceremony held at the Elks Lodge featured a presentation of several Flags that have been flown over the United States since its inception. Boy Scouts Troop #201 assisted by presenting the Flags in the order they were flown.

Guest speakers, including Brunswick County Sheriff John Ingram, Calabash Mayor Louise Mary Knight, Carolina Shores Mayor Joyce Dunn, VFW Post #7288 Commander Richard Arvonio, and American Legion Post #503 Adjutant Dale Smith related their thoughts about what the Flag means to them.

Flag Day was first created after President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916, and in 1949 Congress established a National Flag Day with an act that President Harry Truman signed into law. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nationwide have a mandatory service for all Lodges, to recognize the importance our Flag plays in who we are as a county.

President Woodrow Wilson said it best, “This Flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and shape of this nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours.”