



SUMMER 2016

Michael F. Zellen Installed as Grand Exalted Ruler “ELKS - Leading The Way”



Michael F. Zellen of the Saugus-Everett MA lodge #642 was sworn in as our Grand Exalted Ruler during the 2016 National Convention in Houston earlier this month. The motto for GER Zellen this year is “ELKS - Leading the Way”. Elks through the years have led the way in many areas of life in our country. Now, Elks are being asked to lead the way in assisting homeless veterans. To see how you and your Lodge can aid in this vital program log into elks.org and check out the site of the National Veterans Service Commission.

We invite you to attend our Fall convention in Concord and spend time GER Zellen and his wife Donna. For a complete bio of our new Grand Exalted Ruler log on elks.org

**State President Peter
Breidenbach escorting the
North Carolina State Flag
during the opening ceremony
at the National Convention
in Houston**



Message From State President Peter Breidenbach



Since I was installed in Asheville, Joan and I have attended the Memorial Day services at the VA Nursing Home in Fayetteville. During the service Philip Sanders and I placed a wreath near the flags. After the Memorial Day services I presented an Air Force veteran, who is a resident of the home, with a pair of shoes.

June ninth Joan and I traveled to Falls Church, Virginia to attend the Virginia Elks summer convention. We were hosted by our new friends Susan and Geoff Cox. It was very interesting to see how another state conducts their convention. One of the highlights of their convention was when they hosted all of the Virginia MVS scholarship and state scholarship winners at their Saturday luncheon. Two scholarship winners and their parents were seated at each table with some Elks which gave us an opportunity to converse with the students. During the convention Joan and I had the opportunity to spend time with Ron and Nancy Hicks, we met Lester C. 'Ted' Hess, PGER and his lovely wife Becky and found them to be most gracious and outgoing.

We felt very honored to meet and get to know Ted and Becky. In addition we met and interacted with many of Virginia's PSPs.

June 29th I traveled to Fayetteville to attend the 4th of July service at the VA Nursing Home. After the service, I presented a 55 inch flat screen TV, on behalf of the Raleigh Lodge, to the director of the home for use in one of their day rooms. In addition I presented a pair of elk hide wheelchair gloves to one of the wheelchair bound veterans.

On July 2nd Joan and I flew to Houston to attend the Grand Lodge convention. I was honored to carry the North Carolina during the opening session of the Grand Lodge. We enjoyed socializing with the representatives from North Carolina, Marilyn Adams and her first 'Dude' from South Carolina and reconnecting with many of our new friends from Virginia. I would be remiss if I did not compliment Vicki and Michael Bryant on the outstanding job they did with the hospitality room and the fabulous food that they prepared.

Faternally,

G. Peter Breidenbach
NCSEA President



District Deputies Sworn in for 2016-2017



Your District Deputies for the coming year were sworn into office during the final session of the Grand Lodge convention in Houston.

Pictured above on either side of State Sponsor GER Jack Frost are (L-R) Tommy Byrd, East Central District; Sue Janovic, East District; Wilbur Guernsey, West District; and Dennis Dowling, West Central District.

Make plans now to attend their August DD Clinics and welcome them as they make their official visit to your Lodge this Fall.

August 2016 DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINICS

Make plans now to attend your District Deputy Clinic

EAST - August 14th Wilson
EAST CENTRAL - August 21st Reidsville
WEST CENTRAL - August 28th Statesville
WEST - August 7th Waynesville



NCSEA Fall Convention in Concord



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Fall Meeting of the NCSEA to be held at the Embassy Suites and Concord Convention Center October 28th-30th . Meet your Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Zellen and First Lady Donna as they spend the weekend getting to know North Carolina Elks.

Close to the Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Concord Mills Mall, SeaLife Aquarium, and NASCAR Speed Park, the Embassy Suites is centrally located with lots of activities to keep you busy..

Reservation forms available at ncelks.org

Future State & Grand Lodge Conventions

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| <u>NCSEA</u> | Fall 2016 | Embassy Suites, Concord NC | October 28-30 th |
| | Spring 2017 | Hilton Riverside, Wilmington NC | May 12 th -14 th |
| | Fall 2017 | Doubletree by Hilton, New Bern NC | October 27-29 th |
| <u>Grand Lodge</u> | 2017 | Reno NV | July 16-19 th |
| | 2018 | San Antonio TX | July 1-4 th |

**** Note - The date of the Spring 2017 meeting in Wilmington has been moved back a week to the weekend of the 12th - 14th due to the Wells Fargo Golf Tournament being held in Wilmington.**

High Point Elks Host BBQ Dinner for North Carolina Association of Resource Officers at the Calabash Lodge

The North Carolina Association of Resource Officers, an Association of law enforcement officers assigned to schools across North Carolina, meets yearly for a conference for members to get recertified. This year, the week long conference was held at the Sea Trail resort in Sunset Beach with approximately 450 officers attending. . During their annual conference the Elks of the High Point Lodge host a BBQ dinner for these officers and their families to thank them for their dedication and service. Working with the Calabash Elks Lodge, who donated the use of their facility, the High Point Elks prepared and served some 350 dinners on the evening of Wednesday July 13th.

According to Ed Roberson, a Past State President of the North Carolina State Elks Association and member of the High Point Lodge, they have been hosting this dinner for the past 22 years. The High Point Elks trailered their cooker down from High Point and starting at 6 am cooked 200 lbs. of Boston butts in the parking lot of the Calabash Elks Lodge. The meal of BBQ, beans, slaw, and chips was enjoyed by all.



Calabash Lodge Honors Local American Essay Winners



Angela Wright, a 5th grade student from Jesse May School, 3rd Place District winner with ER Al Harms & Americanism Chairman Tony Innotta.

Shawn Ingram an 8th grade student from Waccamaw School, also a 3rd place District winner receiving certificate from Tony Innotta.



Goldsboro Recognizes Students at Awards Dinner

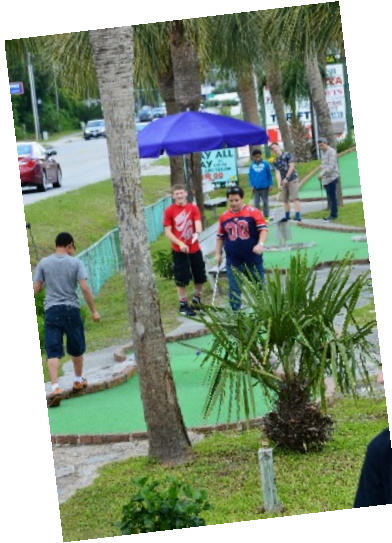
Goldsboro Elks Lodge entertained 31 students and parents at the Lodge for Dinner and Awards during our Lodge Meeting. They presented checks and certificates to students for the Elks Essay Contest (grades 5 - 8), Most Valuable Students (Grade 12), and Nursing Scholarships. Total awards were \$1850.00



Pictured front row left to right: Essay winners Colby Thompson (First Place in East District), Kezia Knox (Essay Winner), Rachel Muscher (MVS) Ellison Best (Essay Winner), Will Fickling (First Place in East District and Second Place in State Essay Winner), Bailey Jones (Essay Winner), Alex Wingate (Scholarship/Essay Chairman). Back Row: Joe Lawrence (Exalted Ruler), Jackson Carter (MVS), Carlie Ann Powell (Nursing Scholarship), Jacob Seate (\$1,000 MVS Scholarship), Tanner Brock (Essay Winner). Absent when pictures were taken: Fiona Pedrick (MVS)

Calabash Elks Lodge Treats Residents of Boys & Girls Home For National Youth Week

In honor of National Youth Week, nine young men from the Waccamaw Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina were treated to a day of fun courtesy of the Calabash Elks Lodge. Arriving in Calabash they were taken to Tropical Adventure Miniature Golf where they had fun playing 18 challenging holes. Following an hour at Tropical Adventure they took a short trip down the road to the Back Porch Ice Cream Shoppe where they got to choose the ice cream treat of their choice.



Elks Care - Elks Share

Kinston Celebrates Youth Week

Special thank you to the Moore Triplets, who shared their knowledge of Boy Scouts and explaining how badges are earned. Our members learned a lot and were pleased to have these fine young men join us in celebration of youth week.



Will, Joel, and Robb Moore receive a certificate of thanks from
Exalted Ruler Hilda Byrd

“CALABASH ELKS FLIP BURGERS FOR VETS”

“Traditional Memorial Day Cook-Out & Picnic at North Carolina State Veterans Home”



When the many Volunteers of the Veteran's Affairs Committee at the Calabash Elks Lodge moved here in retirement, they never imagined that at 70+ years old, they would have a job flipping burgers, but, that is exactly what has happened. You see, the members of the VAC executed their traditional Memorial Day Cook-Out & Picnic for the residents and staff of the North Carolina State Veterans' Retirement Home in Fayetteville, NC on Friday, May 13, 2016.

The annual event is designed to recognize and honor our Senior Veterans, many disabled or confined to nursing homes such as the one in Fayetteville, NC, and thank them for their Military Service by providing them with a respite from their daily routine, a little attention, and just some plain old camaraderie. The VAC Crew purchased, transported, and cooked-up Burgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Sodas, and all the fix'ins for the Picnic Lunch, and served it to more than 120 residents and staff. At the end-of-the-day, a productive and gratifying event was had by all.



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day at the NC Veterans Home Fayetteville

Memorial Day program at the Fayetteville VA Home on Thursday May 26th. Don Chase of WKML 95.7 was the MC with Dr. Louis Hackett (former Golden Knights) the guest speaker. Mrs. Pat Atwood sang the national anthem and the E.E. Smith High School ROTC presented the colors. PER Phil Saunders and State President Peter Breidenbach presented the wreath. The speaker was very impressive and the entire program was moving and inspiring. Ret. Air Force Peter Breidenbach presented Ret. Air Force veteran resident Mr. McCormick with a pair of shoes. Following the service lunch was enjoyed by all.



State President Peter Breidenbach and Phil Saunders presented Ret. Air Force Veteran Mr. McCormick with a pair of shoes.



E.E. Smith High School ROTC presenting the colors.



Presenting the wreath are L-R State President Peter Breidenbach; Dr. Hackett; Phil Saunders; and Dallas Brisson.



Guest speaker Dr. Lois Hackett a former Golden Knight.

New Bern Lodge Lays Wreath in Honor of Fallen Servicemen

New Bern Elks Lodge# 764 presented a wreath in memory of our fallen veterans at our local National Cemetery on Memorial Day. The ceremony recognized the sacrifices of the men and women who nobly severed our Nation in the cause of freedom and extended that recognition to four Gold Star mothers as well.

Pictured are Glenn Killian and Joe Sullivan of our Veteran's Committee.



Calabash Holds Yard Sale to Benefit Veterans Programs



The Calabash Veterans Affairs Committee held a gigantic indoor yard sale with the proceeds to help fund their Veterans programs. Hundreds showed up for the 8 am door opening and many went home with newly found treasures.

Sale items were gathered over a two month period from Lodge members and area residents.

Over \$5000. was raised to fund veterans programs during the coming year.

CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION & FISHER HOUSE

In dual presentations, the Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee recently donated \$500.00 each in Wal-Mart Gift Cards to Both the U.S. Army's Warriors in Transition Battalion located at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC, and the "Fisher House," also located on Fort Bragg.

The Gift Cards are especially valuable to the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion at Ft. Bragg's Womack Army Medical Center, and the "Fisher House," because they allow the Battalion Headquarters to purchase necessities such as Incidentals, Clothing, Snacks, and some other Operational Items for the recovering Soldiers and their unit which are not funded through normal appropriations, and would otherwise not be able to be obtained.

The focus of the Warriors in Transition at Fort Bragg is to provide wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, and their families, the best possible care from reception through disposition, whether they return to duty or separate from Service. A "Fisher House" is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at Major Military and VA Medical Centers, in this case, Fort Bragg.



Pictured L to R: After having received the most recent donation of \$500.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards for the Troops are: Thomas Patterson, Social Services Assistant for the (Wounded) Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Bragg, NC, and Mr. Austin Sammon, Chairman, Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee. Mr. Sammon is holding a Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Calabash Elks by the Commander of the Battalion, Roy L. Walker, LTC, USA, for the VAC's continued support of the Battalion and their mission.



Pictured above on the Left, after having received a donation of \$500.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards is Patricia Leake representing the "Fisher House" at Fort Bragg, NC. Patricia is the mother of a soldier in the (Wounded) Warrior Transition Battalion at the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg. Patricia has been living in the "Fisher House" and doing volunteer work for them since February 2016. Pictured on the Right alongside Patricia is Austin Sammon, Chairman, Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee.

*So long as there are veterans,
the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
will never forget them.*

New Bern Recognizes Scholarship Winners



The New Bern Elk's Lodge recently presented scholarships to outstanding local students for their academic achievements. Austin T. Kliewer, Southwest Onslow H.S., Jacksonville and Courtney Davis, White Oak H.S., Jacksonville, both received \$500 Lodge awards. John T. East, New Bern H.S. won a North Carolina State Elk's Award of \$1000. Presenting the awards is Esteemed Leading Knight and Elk's Scholarship Chairwoman, Jody Pascarella. Not pictured are John Tayloe IV, New Bern H.S., \$1000 Lodge Award, Lorena Dujmusic, New Bern H.S. and David W. Lynch, Havelock, both recipients of \$1000 Elk's State Awards.



Calabash Elks Celebrate Flag Day

The Elks in Calabash held a Ceremony to honor our flag for Flag Day. Several guest speakers were in attendance including Brunswick County Sheriff John Ingram, the Mayors of Calabash and Carolina Shores, and representatives of the American Legion and VFW. Flags past and present were presented by the Scouts and Scout leaders of Troop #201



Exalted Ruler Al Harms
performing the Flag Day Ritual



Local Scout Troop #201 presenting the
Flags of our county

New Bern Elks Provide Garden Therapy Thanks to ENF Grant

Recently, members of New Bern Elks Lodge #764 and the Trent Woods Garden Club helped the residents of the New Bern House plant a butterfly garden in their back courtyard. The plants were purchased with part of a Beacon Grant awarded to the New Bern Elks Lodge 764. The Grant helps enrich the lives of our Special Needs community. The residents of the New Bern House will be responsible for the care and upkeep of the garden as part of Garden Therapy. They are eager to see the Monarch and Swallowtail butterfly these colorful plants will attract. Elk members June Kent, Kathy Perretta and Trent Woods plus Garden Club member Paula Hartman donated their time and expertise to this wonderful project. Residents Darrin Shrock and James King and Activities Director Tina Moore supplied much of the labor.



New Bern Elks Celebrate the 4th With Veterans



New Bern Elks Lodge 764 celebrated the 4th of July with our Veterans at the Kinston Home. After a show that dazzled all, by magician PJ Walker, the Vets were treated to a delicious steak BBQ prepared by Elks chefs Mike Markham, Monte Starr, Shawn Dougherty, Joe Sullivan and others. The Vets enjoyed every minute of this special day.

Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Antonowich-USAF, Dee Kessinger, Brian Thompson-USMC, John Butters, Bill Pearson, Bert Cox-USA, Bob Mills- Elks Exalted Ruler, Sue Dorffeld-USN, June Kent-Elks Veterans Activity Organizer, Mike Markham, Monte Starr, Mr. Pope-USA, Rita Butters, Carole Graham, and Shawn Dougherty

Statesville Elks Treat Veterans

This year the Statesville Elks Lodge marked ten years of holding their Elks Veterans program, which gives Veterans a chance to have a home cooked meal and time away from the VA Hospital in Salisbury.

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE BLANKETS TO WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION”

Continuing with their support of the U.S. Army's Warriors in Transition Battalion located at Fort Bragg, the Veteran's Affairs Committee of Calabash Elks Lodge 2679 recently donated a batch of their "Veteran's Appreciation" Blankets to the Battalion. These blankets, in which the Elks Logo and the words, "Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee," are permanently woven into the fabric of a colorful, full-sized, commemorative blanket, are especially appreciated by, and useful to, those wounded and aged veterans.

The focus of the WTB at the Womack Army Medical Center on Fort Bragg is to provide all Warriors in Transition as wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, and their families, the best possible care from reception through disposition, whether they return to duty or separate from Service.

New Bern Elks Holds Flag Day Ceremony



The New Bern Elk's Lodge was honored to present our annual Flag Day Ceremony at Union Point Park, New Bern, NC. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has a special devotion to the flag of our country. It serves as the symbol of the Cardinal Principals of our Order - Charity, and has a special place in our Lodges, ceremonies, and the hearts of all Elks. Special thanks to the 2nd Marine Division Band, Conductor GySgt Christopher Dwyer, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Speaker Mr. Nelson McDaniel, Historian, the New Bern Young Marines led by Sgt Maj Ernest Flowers, USMC, Ret., New Bern Parks and Recreation Dept., Cotton Funeral Home and BB&T Bank.



Elks Celebrate “Toast to the Flag” with Veterans

On Thursday June 30 at the VA Nursing Home in Fayetteville, Elks from Fayetteville gathered at the Veterans Home in Fayetteville to spent time with Veterans and toast our Flag. All had a nice time and Rev. McPherson shared some inspirational words followed by a meal provided by the Home.

One of the residents, Mr. Moses also shared a few words with the crowd, and the "Toast to the Flag" was impressively done. State President Peter Breidenbach and Phil Saunders presented a 55" TV to Whitney Bell, director of the VA HOME on behalf of the Raleigh lodge.



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