



SPRING 2018



**Ron Delzer Sworn in as State President
at Asheville Convention**

The North Carolina State Elks Association held their annual meeting on Saturday May 5th in Asheville. Ron Delzer, of the Morehead City-Beaufort Elks Lodge, was sworn in as State President for the 2018-2019 year, replacing retiring President Michael Bryant who was elected to the Board of Trustees.

State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost and his First Lady Sharon graced the assembly with their presence. Vince Whetsell, President of the South Carolina Elks Association, and Paul Shoemaker, 1st Vice President of the Virginia Elks Association, accompanied with wife Bonnie were special guests of the NCSEA.

Other highlights include the swearing in of Shari Driscoll as President Elect, Ashley Garrison as Chairman of the North Carolina Elks Charitable Trust, and Richard Wilson as President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association.

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State Presidents Message



Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the President of this great Order of Elks for North Carolina. Lisa and I hope to make it to all the NC Lodges this year. We were able to visit 15 Lodges this past year. So if you have a special event please let us know.

I also want to thank Michael and Vicky Bryant for their guidance this past year. Michael's leadership has kept this organization heading towards a positive membership gain. We need to ask our friends and neighbors to check us out. We do so many good things for our communities but very few know it. We can not allow our organization to keep shrinking.

We should be very proud to be part of an organization that is 150 years old. This fact alone should be enough to get new members to want to be part of our great charitable organization. Some Lodges have gotten on the band wagon and celebrating our great news. For all those attending this year's Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio will be treated to a special celebration party following the Opening Ceremony. The Lt. Dan Band will be performing and it will be a party. You can

register online and get a \$10.00 savings. There will be 150 Elk Scholars there to help with the celebration.

My theme for this year is **"Changing lives thru Elkdom"**. We as Elks change so many lives in everything we do. We help so many people: Students & nurses thru our ENF Scholarships, Youth thru Drug awareness, Hoop Shoots, Back to school programs, and Christmas cheer, Veterans at the NC State VA homes and homeless Vets and Service members & Veterans in need, communities with Soup kitchens, women shelters and the needy. We as Elks also see changes in our lives trying to make things better for so many people. We should all be proud of these changes.

Social media is playing a major role in everyone's lives and we need to use it to our advantage. If you have not logged onto either Elks.org or NCELKS.org you need to do it. There is a wealth of knowledge and resources for you right at your fingertips. Both sites are easy to use and all you have to do is register as an Elk and get your pass word.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) is the mainstream of our funding for Scholarships, grants, veteran programs and Drug Awareness. We had a record breaking year with donations to ENF and we will get back more money this year from ENF to fund our projects. The Grand Exalted Ruler sets the goal each year and it was \$4.75/member. North Carolina was 6th in the nation with \$12.71/member and this doesn't happen by chance either. This is a sign that many of us in NC understand the importance of this foundation. Please donate at your Lodge or online. It makes a difference!

NCSEA Charitable Trust is trying to match the efforts of ENF. We are asking for donations to the trust to assist us in saving money to help fund our Major projects and local lodge projects. Charitable Trust will be giving out \$1,000.00 Grants this year to assist your Lodge in your charitable giving. Please record all your efforts and money spent doing the charitable things that you do. These records help us maintain our 501 (c)(8) tax status.

Remember Elks will grow by change, not by chance.

Have a great year and I hope to see you in San Antonio.

Fraternally, Ron Delzer



Join Us in Greensboro for the Fall Convention



The Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association will visit Greensboro October 26—28th 2018. Mark that date in your calendar and make plans to be there to meet our new Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady as they spend the weekend with us as they get to know Elks across our country.

The convention headquarters will be downtown at the Marriott Hotel, close to the many activities available in the Greensboro area.

Future Conventions

NCSEA

Spring 2019	Hilton Riverside, Wilmington NC	May 3-5
Fall 2019	Village Inn, Clemmons NC	October 25-27
Spring 2020	Double Tree by Hilton, New Bern NC	April 24-26

Grand Lodge

2018	San Antonio TX	July 1-4
2019	St. Louis MO	June 30—July 3

Celebrate Elksdom's 150th Anniversary in San Antonio



Join Elks from across our great nation as they gather in San Antonio TX for the Grand Lodge convention, celebrating the 150 anniversary of our Order. North Carolina Elks will be staying at the Grand Hyatt, the headquarters hotel. The opening ceremony on Sunday evening will feature the Parade of Flags with our own State President Ron Delzer presenting the North Carolina Flag. Following will be a gala celebration with entertainment by Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band.

Enjoy the beautiful Riverwalk with its variety of dining and nightlife, and visit the historic Alamo. This will be a convention to remember.



Take a cruise on the Riverwalk

Remember the Alamo



Charitable Trust & PER Assn. Grants Available

NC Charitable Trust Community Grants Application Info 2018

Administered by the NCSEA, these \$1000 grants available to the first 20 lodges that apply no earlier than July 1

Requirements

New – Grants must be used to start a project that the Lodge has never previously funded. If your Lodge received a NCCT grant in the past, it can be used to continue that project. Ideally, your Lodge will continue to use the NC Grant for the same successful project year after year.

Elks-led - Project requires hands-on Elk involvement. The Lodge oversees the grant funds and project details. The project can't benefit only the Lodge.

Activity- Project must be active and focus on a single community need. It cannot be a donation of supplies or funds, and cannot be split between projects. Elks involvement must be directly related to the use of funds.

Charitable Focus: NCCT Grants should always be used for charitable purposes. Keep the following IRS defined categories in mind when planning a grant project: relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged; advance education, but not through scholarships; lessen the burdens of government; lessen neighborhood tensions; eliminate prejudice and discrimination; combat juvenile delinquency.

Restrictions: NCCT Grant guidelines state that Lodges may not use grants to support NC Major Projects, national Elks programs, fund scholarships, Hoop Shoot events, youth awards nights, poster and/or essay contests, appreciations dinners, fundraisers or general community events.

Grants may not be used for Lodge maintenance and/or repairs, or to only benefit the lodge or Lodge members and their families. Grant funds must serve a population in need, and cannot be donations of funds or supplies to individuals.

NC State Elks PER Association Local Community Grant Program

The NC State Elks PER Associations Local Community Grant Program. This will be 2 grants of \$2,000.00. They will be awarded to a Lodge for a local community project.

Purpose: To help local Lodge fund community involvement project that will get the Lodge members more involved in the community.

Guidelines: This must be a new project that involves the Lodge in the local community. The grant may not be used for National or State Major Projects. Grants may not be used for lodge maintenance and/or repair.

Eligibility: The local Lodge must have an active PER Association that is in good standing with the NCSEA PER Assn. Once a Lodge has been awarded a grant that Lodge will not be eligible to apply for another grant for two physical years.

Application Dates: The application must be submitted by mail to the PER Association Secretary on or before September 1, of that physical year. The grants will be awarded at the Fall Meeting of the NCSEA PER Association at the Fall NC State Elks Association Convention. The Lodges awarded the grants should use them before June 1, of the following physical year. The Lodge's application should be submitted and approved before the project occurs.

For more information and application forms visit ncelks.org

Convention Highlights



Special Guests South Carolina Elks President Vince Whetsell (left) and Virginia Elks 1st Vice President Paul Shoemaker (right) beside Past State President Michael Bryant

Exalted Ruler of the Year awards were presented. Pictured L-R, East Central District Kyle Puryear from the Roxboro Lodge, East District Joseph Lawrence from the Goldsboro Lodge, West Central District Jacob Cook from the Mt. Airy Lodge, PER Association President Elect Dick Wilson, PER Association President Johnny Connolly who accepted the plaque for Skip Reinhart of the Hickory Lodge in the West District .



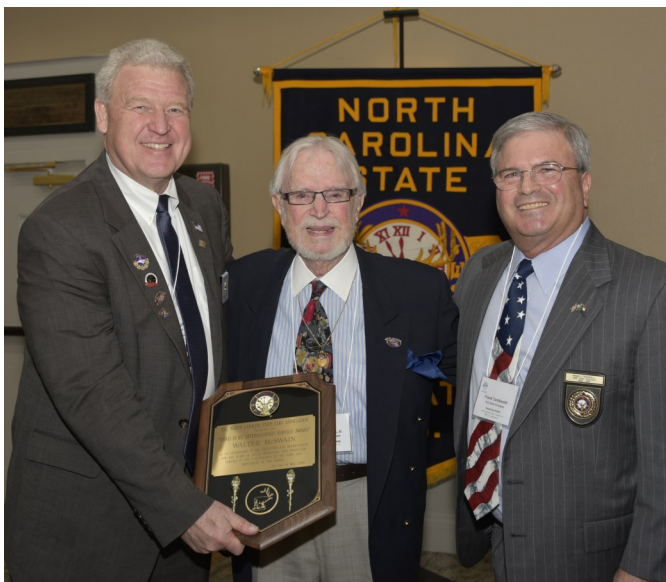
Charitable Trust Treasurer Steve Clarke accepting donations during the Parade Of Lodges to benefit the Charitable Trust.

Convention Highlights Con't



Lee Littiken (right) presented the Veteran Volunteer of the Year Awards. From the Calabash Lodge, Rich Rust (left) accepted the award for Donna Kozlowski; and from the Goldsboro Lodge, Douglas McGrath.

Lt. Cheryl Hughes of the Persons County Sheriffs Department was this years recipient of the Elks Drug Awareness Program “Enrique S. Camarena” award for her work in promoting drug awareness in her community. Lt. Hughes was sponsored by the Roxboro Elks Lodge. Presenting the plaque is PGER Jack Frost, joined by Drug Awareness Chairman Bob Miller.



Walter McSwain (center) of the North Wilkesboro Lodge was the recipient of the “Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award” for his years of loyal, dedicated, and unselfish service to the North Carolina State Elks Association.

Presenting the award are State President Michael Bryant (left) and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Frank Tamberelli (right).

Convention Highlights Con't



Outgoing President Michael Bryant presents the gavel of authority to State President Ron Delzer



President Ron Delzer presents a plaque to PSP Michael Bryant in recognition of his service during the past year.



Outgoing PER Assn. President Johnny Connolly and incoming President Dick Wilson present a plaque to Stephen Calloway for 9 years of service to the PER Association as Secretary Treasurer

State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost in his new suit for Cinco de Mayo



Elks Hoop Shoot



Pictured are the six NC State Hoop Shoot Champions, Trevor Holland from Reidsville and Preslee Dula from Hickory in the 8-9 age group. Bryce James from Winston Salem and Ralee Bare from North Wilkesboro in the 10-11 age group. John Robert Abernathy from Morganton and Ali Zakariasen from New Bern in the 12-13 age group. They all advanced to the Regional Finals in Frederick Maryland held on March 10.

At the regional Finals in Frederick Maryland, Ralee Bare and John Robert Abernathy advanced to the National Finals in Chicago Illinois on April 21, 2018

Ralee Bare from North Wilkesboro finished runner-up in the 10-11 girls group at the National Hoop Shoot Finals in Chicago shooting 22 of 25 free



At the Hoop Shoot National Finals, John Robert Abernathy from Morganton finished in the middle pack of the 12 -13 boys age group

News of the Lodges

Calabash Elks Donate to Project Lifesaver

The Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee recently made a \$500.00 donation to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in support of their "**Project Lifesaver**," a rescue program for individuals with "**Wandering Syndrome**," a symptom common to many brain related disorders. Veterans, if eligible, are serviced by this program.



Pictured L-R Jerry Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC, Barbra Heffernan, VAC Member, Lieutenant Bert Reeves, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, Walt Shannon, VAC Member, and John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC.



Shalotte Elks Donate to Special Olympics



On Wednesday 03/14/18 the Shallotte Elks 2854 donated \$500.00 to Special Olympics from their Gratitude Grant.

Pictured L-R Carolyn Garamone, Sue Berardi Loyal Knight, Sue Janovic Trustee, Steve Goodwin Special Olympics Coordinator, Walt Wilson Exalted Ruler, Bob Kordiak Leading Knight and Sal Gentile.

**Special
Olympics**



Top National MVS Scholar Sponsored by Roxboro Lodge



Shiv Patel from Elon, N. C., and sponsored by the Roxboro Lodge is one of two 2018 ENF National MVS Top Scholarship winners.

One boy and one girl are selected each year from a multi-layered scholarship competition, beginning on a local level. Shiv has won a \$50,000 scholarship to the school of his prochoice.

Patel has been accepted in the Medical Education Honors Program at Northwestern University. Acceptance into this gram has guaranteed his admission in Northwestern's Feinberg Medical School. Shiv currently plans to study global medicine.

New Bern Elks Present Lodge Scholarship

The New Bern Elks Lodge was thrilled to present a \$1000 Lodge Scholarship to Taylor Register.

Elk State Scholarships of \$1000 each were also won by Caleb Petty and Marisa Kelly.

Pictured are Elk Scholarship Committee members Guy Pascarella, Exalted Ruler Jody Pascarella and Kathy Perretta with recipient Taylor Register, center.



Shalotte Elks Hold Award Banquet

Shalotte Elks 2854 held an awards dinner on March 9, 2018 for Police Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Elk of the Year and Elk Officer of the Year.



Exalted Ruler Walter Wilson presenting the Shalotte Fireman of the Year to Ben Watts.

Police Chief Robert Tervino accepting the Police Officer of the Year Award for Shalotte Police Officer Darby who was unable to attend



Exalted Ruler Walter Wilson presenting Elk of the Year to Caroline Garamone, Citizen of the Year to Cindy Northrop and Officer of the Year to Robert Kordiak, Esteemed Leading Knight.

Calabash Elks Donate Veterans Welcome Home Center



Pictured L-R Gail Childers, VAC Member; Jerry Kimble, VAC Co-Chairman; Ron Wilson, US Army Veteran and Director of the "Veterans Home Resource Center;" Amy Johnston, US Army Veteran and Member of the Board of Directors and Office Manager for the Center; Pat Alderson, VAC Member; and John Corbett, VAC Co-Chairman.

The Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee recently made a \$2,000.00 donation to the "Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center" located in Little River, SC.

The focus of the Center is helping local Veterans make the necessary adjustments when transitioning back into Civilian Life. They help our Veterans obtain Benefits to which they are entitled; Provide Job Placement assistance; Help with obtaining Treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) issues; Help with Housing needs; Provide Financial counseling, and assist with general life adjustment issues.

Calabash Elks Host Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks recently upheld the Elks' pledge to Veterans by hosting a "Veterans Recognition Luncheon" and award ceremony for Veterans, as well as their Spouses.

Twenty-One veterans, and many spouses, were served a full-course lunch. The purpose of the event was to recognize and show appreciation for, not only the Veteran in the family, but the Spouse as well. In attendance was a Veteran who served in WW II, and the remainder served in Korea, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, and Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Iraq. Funding for the event was made possible, in part, by a "Beacon Grant" from the Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of the order.

Each Veteran was "Pinned" with an American Flag/Elks Pin, and presented a Personalized "Certificate of Recognition" for their service. Additionally, each Veteran who attended the luncheon was awarded one of the Veteran's Appreciation Blankets.



High Point Lodge Presents Anniversary Grant



High Point Lodge #1155 celebrated our 150th anniversary on March 9th with an ER steak dinner and presentation of their Anniversary Grant of \$1500 to High Point Community Against Violence (CAV). Over 110 Members and guests were in attendance along with two City Councilman, the Chief of Police and the Mayor of High Point. The Mayor also presented us with a 150th Anniversary Party Proclamation from the City of High Point.

Pictured L-R Jim Summey (Executive Director of High Point Citizens Against Violence), Ken Schultz (High Point Police Chief), Phil Driscoll (Trustee), Jay Wagner (Mayor of High Point), Bob Gold (ER)



Calabash Elks “Kazoo” Band in St. Patrick’s Day Parade



St. Patrick’s Day in North Myrtle Beach saw the Calabash Elks “Kazoo Band” marching in the parade down Main Street. Following the parade, corned beef dinner was served at the Lodge accompanied by an Irish sing along.

High Point Elks Donate to Red Cross Home Fire Campaign



**American
Red Cross**

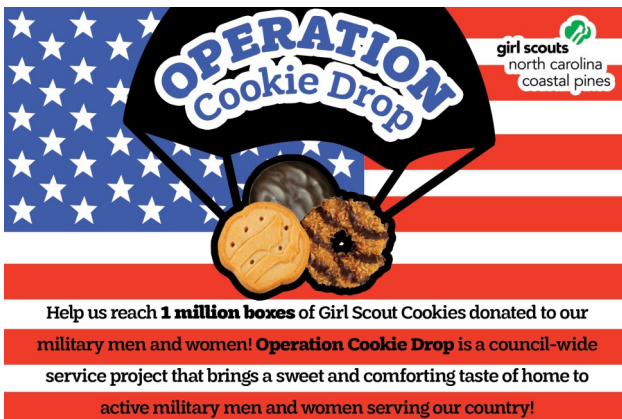


The High Point Elks Lodge presented a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant to the High Point Chapter of the American Red Cross in support of the Home Fire Campaign in our community. The Home Fire Campaign was launched in October 2014 across the country with a goal to reduce the number of deaths and injuries by fire by 25% in five years. To achieve this, they make homes safer by installing smoke alarms, replacing batteries and doing fire safety education. Working with local fire departments, the Red Cross identifies high risk areas and canvass those neighborhoods to reach out to people who either do not have smoke alarms or have ones without working batteries. Members of our local fire department, Red Cross staff and our High Point Elks volunteers will work side by side during these smoke alarm canvassing events to install alarms and replace batteries. We also provide fire safety instruction and have leave behinds including refrigerator magnets on which we help people create their own individual escape plans.

L-R John Hughes (Executive Director, American Red Cross of the Piedmont Triad) and Phil Driscoll (Lodge Trustee)

Calabash Elks Donate to Operation Cookie Drop

The Calabash Elks Lodge recently made a \$500.00 donation to Girl Scout Troop 657 in Shallotte, NC to add to their coffers for “Operation Cookie Drop.” The Donation bought 125 Boxes of Cookies which will eventually make their way to our Troops stationed overseas. “Operation Cookie Drop” is a program of the North Carolina’s Southern Pines Girl Scouts Council. Monies are collected to purchase cookies, and then the Cookies are bundled up and transported to local Military Installations where they are prepared for shipment to our Military Personnel stationed overseas, for “A Little Piece of Home” for the troops. Over the past 12 years, more than 900,000 boxes of cookies have been sent to our troops, and their goal this year was to reach 1 Million boxes of cookies!



Roxboro Elks Announces Annual Award Winners



The Roxboro Elks Lodge is pleased to announce its annual award winners for 2017-18.

Lawrence Chester “Sandy” Stigall received the Citizen of the Year award for his life-long contributions to both humanity and the community. Both Darrell Long and Randy Hawkins received the Grand Exalted Ruler’s Outstanding Service Commendation for exceptional contributions to the order of the Elks. Charles Derrick Sims was awarded Officer of the Year for his service as Esquire during 2017-18. Carl Bowes was named Elks of the Year for his ongoing dedication and service to the Roxboro Lodge.

L-R Kyle Puryear, Exalted Ruler; Lawrence Chester “Sandy” Stigall; Darrell Long; Carl Bowes, Randy Hawkins; Charles Derrick Sims

Shallotte Elks Donate to Relay For Life & Camp Carefree



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$250.00 to Relay For Life of which \$200.00 came from the Poker Run for motorcycles on March 10, 2018 and \$50.00 from Bingo which is held every Thursday night at the lodge.

Pictured L-R, Bingo Chairperson and Lodge secretary Carol Desmond, Relay For Life representative Kecia Taylor, and Poker Run chairperson and Leading Knight Bob Kordiak.

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$200.00 to Camp Carefree from proceeds received from a Motorcycle Poker Run.

Pictured L-R Ron Delzer State President Elect, Robert Kordiak Shallotte Leading Knight and Chairperson, and Michel Curran State Secretary.



Winston-Salem Elks Partner with Veterans Helping Veterans Heal

The Winston-Salem Elks Lodge continued its strong partnership with Veterans Helping Veterans Heal by hosting a bowling outing at Northside Lanes as one of its ongoing collaborative events with the organization. VHVH provides the foundation to help homeless Veterans restore home, health, and spirit.



Shalotte Elks Hold Scholarship Luncheon



The Shallotte Elks held a Scholarship luncheon for winners of N.C. State Elks Scholarships. \$1100.00 in scholarships were awarded.

Pictured L-R Carol Desmond Scholarship Chair person; scholarship recipients, Hayley Giordano, Analeise Poulin, and Jennifer Stocks; and Exalted Ruler Walt Wilson.

New Bern Elks Donate to Religious Community Services



Juliet Rogers, Executive Director of Religious Community Services, thanks Carole Graham and Kathy Perretta of New Bern Elks Lodge #764 for the Elk's donation of \$300. The donation was from the Lodge's Committee of 100. This committee is composed of members that donate an additional one hundred dollars over their annual dues which is then dedicated to local charities.

Since 1982, RCS has been feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless. They have grown over the years to include a variety of programs that encourage self-sufficiency and lead to independence. A civilian re-entry program for homeless veterans that teach them to have the same sense of pride and honor they had when wearing the uniform through educational partnerships with Craven Community College.

Winston Salem Elks Hold Youth Award Banquet

The Winston Salem Elks Lodge #449 hosted their annual Youth Award Banquet on May 1st.



Winners in the Americanism Essay Contest pictured L-R, Division 1, Brenden Hooper, 3rd place Winston Salem award; Seri Brown, 2nd place in District and 2nd place in State ; Alivia Talley, 1st place in District and 3rd place in state ; Division 2, William Livengood, 1st place District ; Amelia Hamilton, 3rd place District and 3rd place State ; Absent-Ellis Larkin, 2nd place in District and 1st place in State.

Ellis Larkin's essay will represent North Carolina in national competition at the July convention in Texas. All students are from Thomas Jefferson Middle school, except Amelia Hamilton from East Forsyth Middle School.

Calabash Elks Recognize Top Recruiter



The Calabash Elks recognized Kim Allen for recruiting more than 11 members this past year . Exalted Ruler Rich Rust presented Kim with an Elks watch and a letter of commendation from Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson.



Calabash Elks Donate to Good Sheppard Center

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made a \$500.00 cash donation to the "Good Shepard Center" located in Wilmington, NC. The funds are earmarked for their SGT Eugene Ashley Memorial Center, which provides Transitional residence and Recovery Programs for homeless veterans.

Pictured right making the presentation of a \$500.00 check to the Good Shepard Center Gail Childers, Veteran's Affairs Committee Member, and Stacy Geist, Associate Development Director of the Good Shepard Center.



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