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State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost Visits North Carolina for FRS Training Seminars



On the weekend of September 14 and 15, State Sponsor Jack Frost traveled to North Carolina where he held two meetings to provide training for the new Financial Reporting System.

The meetings were held at the Raleigh and Hickory Lodges for members responsible for financial record keeping at their Lodge.

While at the Raleigh Lodge, Jack was introduced to Flat Jack who filled in for Jack at the North Carolina Hospitality Room and with the delegation during the opening ceremonies at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis.

A Message From State Sponsor A. H. "Jack" Frost, III, PGER



Well as many of you know my summer did not quite start the way I had planned. A freak accident on June 10th has set me back for three months. A broken hip socket has severely limited my travel. For the first time in almost thirty years Sharon and I were not able to attend the Grand Lodge session. We truly missed being there with the rest of the North Carolina delegation.

Although I was not there, I understand a great Grand Lodge Convention was held in St. Louis. I know everyone had a great time and brought back several new ideas. I also know that "Flat Jack" enjoyed his travels around the convention. North Carolina was recognized for a great job with a membership! Four new District Deputies, East Central, Joe Clancy; West Central, Kevin Black; Special Deputy Boyd; West, John Farmer, and East, Kevin Fogarty were installed by our new Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. "Bob" Duitsman.

As we approach the end of summer, it is a time to remember our commitment to our Veterans and our youth. This fall plan to show your support for what our Veterans have done for us by visiting one of the many VA facilities through out the state. Contact the local VA Representatives to find out how and what your Lodge can do to make life a little more comfortable for those Veterans confined to a hospital. Don't forget the families of our active service men and women. As more of them are being activated and deployed overseas I know their families can use our support also.

Fall is the time when the Elk's youth programs begin to move into full swing. Schools are starting up and it is time to start our programs such as Hoop Shoot, Soccer, Drug Awareness Program, Scholarship Program, youth leagues, etc. The Elks have always been there in our communities providing support and help where it is needed to provide our youth with wholesome, character building programs.

Don't forget the Elks National Foundation. Remember that the money we donate to the foundation comes back to support North Carolina Charities and Scholarships many more times that what we give. Lodges also remember that there are a number of grants available from the Elks National Foundation to help you make a difference in your community. All you have to do is apply.

One of the biggest changes this year is the announcement and ratification of the new Financial Reporting System. The goal is to be up and running by December 1st, 2019. This will require the cooperation and effort of those members in your lodge who are responsible for the lodge's financial data. They deserve and need everyone's support. Let's be one of the states, if not the first, with all of the lodges up and running the new FRS.

Let's continue to put together the best programs possible to support those who need our help. Let's show America the North Carolina Elk spirit.

See you in Clemons. Until then.

A. H. "Jack" Frost, III, PGER, State Sponsor

Elizabeth City Lodge PDDGER

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, North Carolina Governor, 1932-1936



Born in Elizabeth City in 1882, Ehringhaus represented Pasquotank County in the General Assembly and served as the modern-day equivalent of a district attorney before becoming governor.

Ehringhaus is probably best remembered for balancing the state's budget during the turbulent times of the Great Depression. He improved the way the state's public schools were managed, while ensuring no teachers lost their jobs or pay, and made certain that the schools kept functioning eight months a year with busing and textbook rentals.

Ehringhaus cut the state budget and returned the government to fiscal stability, while increasing its power with the introduction of a state sales tax to fund the public school system. He reorganized the prisons to make them self-sufficient and left the state with a \$5 million surplus.

An advocate for farmers, Ehringhaus closed the state's tobacco markets in 1933 and traveled to Washington, D.C. to demand the federal government set higher prices for the crop. He publicly supported Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs, but did little to help implement them.

Ehringhaus's popularity declined in the mid-1930s, and he returned to his law practice in Raleigh after his term.

Governor Ehringhaus served as District Deputy from Elizabeth City in 1909-1910.

**Does your Lodge have a notable member from the past?
If so, please write an article and forward for publication.**

Social Media Gaffes Sully Lodges' Public Image

From the August Grand Lodge Newsletter

Social media is becoming more prominent every year, and the way we share information can be compromising. Often times we share events, birthdays, and other personal information from someone without realizing it only takes one photo to sully a Member, guest, or Lodge's reputation. We need to police the information being posted. Your social media chairman should be aware of what we want and do not want to be shared. The committee should know anything posted might be shared publicly (outside the Lodge) and always keep in mind "One man's trash is another man's treasure." A Member might want to post something they feel is a moment to treasure, but others could be embarrassed to be associated with the posting. As expected, I say that those types of comments and pictures should not be posted or shared. It is important that pictures of children must be approved by parents, with written approval, before posting on social media. Exalted Rulers, I suggest you think wisely here and don't just go to a young Member because they know computers. It takes a special person who can see both sides of the story, appeal to all crowds, and has a good sense of judgment to be your social media chairman. Choose carefully! If you pick no one then you might be subjected to random uncontrolled comments about your Lodge and membership.

Claim your Lodge's social media page and govern it!

Is Your Lodge Looking for a Veterans Day Project?



Free Gloves and Craft Kits!

This veteran is thankful for his new wheelchair gloves! You can spread this kind of happiness by distributing gloves and craft kits to the veterans you serve.

Representatives can order Gloves by going to vets@elks.org

Lodge Veterans Chairs can order craft kits by going to vets@elks.org

Anyone can participate. Your Lodge or state doesn't have to donate hides to order these supplies.



The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be October 26, 2019. National Take-Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

The April 2019 Take Back Day brought in 937,443 pounds (468.72 tons) of unused or expired prescription medication.

Elks Support Pearl Harbor



At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, then-Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr called upon the Elks to support the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. The Elks officially partnered with Pacific Historical Parks, which oversees the memorial, to raise funds to preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial. Our goal is to raise \$783,000, and the ENF will be collecting donations. While gifts are tax-deductible, they do not count toward your Lodge's per-member-giving total or your personal ENF recognition levels.

News From the Lodges

Winston Salem Elks Use Grant to Assist Homeless Shelter



The Winston Salem Lodge used a \$1,000 Gratitude Grant to purchase and deliver mattresses for Samaritan Ministries homeless shelter.

Pictured L-R: Mark Kozlowski, Hoop Shoot Chairman; Hollis Boardman, Trustee; Don Hamby, ER; Jan Kelly, Director Samaritan Ministries; Randy Zigmund, Grant Co-Ordinator and Harold Rice, Samaritan Ministries.

Oak Island Elks Donate Swing to Veterans Park



Recently the Oak Island Elks Lodge Veterans Committee donated a park swing to the Town of Oak Island Recreation Department for the Town's Veterans Park. Monies were raised by the Lodge Veterans Committee during monthly Veterans breakfasts. On Friday the Veterans Committee held an informal dedication ceremony at the Veterans Park.

Pictured L-R Kevin Swenie, Town Councilman Charlie Blalock, Ed Drzewiecki, Stefanie Ottolini, and Darlene Lewis, who served as the project coordinator.

Winston Salem Lodge Aides Seniors During "Christmas In July" Event

Winston Salem Elks Lodge #449 purchased and delivered \$1,000 in canned food, fans and personal hygiene items through a Gratitude Grant for Senior Services "Christmas In July" event, benefiting the Meals-on-Wheels program, for needy seniors. Lodge members also joined in by contributed personal hygiene items.

Pictured L-R: Connie Shoaf, Trustee; Casie Hammons, Director of Philanthropy-Senior Services; Santa Claus; Randy Zigmund, Grant Co-Ordinator; Hollis Boardman, Trustee; Don Hamby, ER; Lee Covington, CEO-Senior Services.



Fayetteville Lodge Uses Grant to Purchase and Stock Backpacks

The Fayetteville Lodge used a \$2500 grant to purchase backpacks, and filled each with school supplies, umbrellas and socks. These were presented to the Falcon Children's Home



Kinston Elks Use Grants to Aid Local Non-Profits

Kinston Elks received the Gratitude and Anniversary Grants and donated these Grants to the following non-profits in Kinston, Lenoir County.

\$1000 donated to Mary's Kitchen, a local soup kitchen feeding 365 days a year to those less fortunate.

\$1000 donated to the Lenoir County SPCA Foundation. The SPCA is in the process of building a state of art facility to house homeless dogs, puppies, cats and kittens, complete with a visiting gazebo and walking trails.

\$500 donated to Inter Church Out Reach, a non-profit assisted by the churches in this area to help those who have hit "rock bottom" with food products, bills and even rent.

\$250 donated to Ram Neuse II Iron Clad, which is an attraction in our community and runs on donations only. This is the only life size iron clad replica in the world.

\$250 donated to Kinston Teens, Inc. This young nonprofit is run by a local teen who founded Kinston Teens to work side by side with local officials to benefit young people in Lenoir County. This group of involved teens is involved in having our community youth become more vocal in government issues, recreational issues and our community in general.

\$500 in diapers were purchased and donated to the second annual Health and Diaper Fair sponsored by the Health Department. This year the Elks were a major sponsor for the Fair.

High Point Elks Donate \$10,000 to Scholarship Fund

The High Point Elks Lodge presented a \$10,000 check to UNC Charlotte for the "Steven Lindo Hall - Billy Fisher Pi Kappa Phi Criminal Justice Scholarship". This was our 6th Annual Andy Albertson (PER) & Steven Hall (PER) Memorial Charity Golf Tournament which has raised over \$38,000 for charitable causes including: Caring Services Vets Safety Net, Hospice of the Piedmont and Feeding Lisa's Kids.



Pictured L-R: Tom Connolly (ER), Shari Driscoll (Secretary, NC State President, PER), Carolyn Hall (Steven's mother), Jenni Hall (Steven' wife), Mark D. Colone (UNCC Development Foundation Director), Deanna Vernon (Event coordinator), Brenda Thomasson (Event coordinator), Grace Albertson (Andy's wife) and Leigh Hayworth (Andy's sister)

Mt. Airy Elks Grant Buys Books for "One Book, One School" Program

Flat Rock Elementary was the recipient of the "Elks National Foundation Promise Grant" through Mt. Airy Elks Lodge #2061. This was a split grant; half going to the Open house "Community, Food, and Fun" and the second half for the "Literacy Project". Students and staff of Flat Rock Elementary School are participating in "One Book, One School" with the novel, How To Steal a Dog. The grant allowed the novel to be purchased for each student and staff member. Flat Rock Dragons gathered in the gym for the revealing of the book after Mrs. Kristi Edwards, Media Specialist, and Mr. Phillip Riekehof, 5th grade teacher, acted out Chapter 1 as it was read aloud by Mrs. Shannon Parker, 4th grade teacher. Mt. Airy Elks Lodge #2061 came to Flat Rock Elementary to give each student a copy of the book, How To Steal a Dog. Activities are planned for each chapter and the final chapter will be read aloud with parents on September 24 at Flat Rock's Literacy Night! Again, Mt. Airy Elks Lodge #2061 will support Literacy Night by providing pizza for families of Flat Rock Elementary School after the reading of the final chapter. Flat Rock Elementary School is grateful for the generosity of Mt. Airy Elks Lodge #2061. Flat Rock Elementary School's theme for 2019-2020 is, "Read! Lead! Succeed!"



Mrs. Shannon Parker, 4th grade teacher, reads aloud Chapter 1 of the novel while Mr. Phillip Riekehof, 5th grade teacher, acts out the role of Toby, one of the characters in the novel. Mrs. Kristi Edwards, Media Specialist, portrays the role of Georgina, one of the main characters in the novel.

Mrs. Kristi Edwards (Georgina) and Mr. Phillip Riekehof (Toby) are sitting in their car that they live in.



Several of the Mt. Airy Elks Lodge were able to participate in the reveal of the novel, How To Steal a Dog. From L to R: Lisa Flynn, Mark Alderman, Linda Self, Ray Flippen, Warren King, Denise Connolly, Tommy Marion, Karen Dodson



Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge Treats Foster Children and Veterans to Cruise

The Morehead City-Beaufort Elks Lodge rented a fishing boat for a 3 hour cruise and fishing. Our guests were 25 foster children with their families and 4 veterans (including 1 from a nursing home). A great time was had by all. We had a fantastic lunch, caught some fish and took a sightseeing cruise.



Roxboro Elks Assist Teachers With School Supplies

The Roxboro Elks Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association recently completed a service project that assisted teachers in need of school supplies. The Roxboro PER Association raised money through a year long fundraiser that started in August of 2018. The Lodge was able to assist nearly 75 teachers from every school in Person County with a \$50.00 Visa gift card to go towards school supplies. A special thank you goes to Kendall Phelps with Country Club Convenience for providing tickets for the fundraiser. Also, a special recognition is in order for PER Frank Pollock for creating this initiative along with all the Elk members that contributed to make this possible. The Roxboro Elks look forward to continue this project for next year.

High Point Lodge Honored with Proclamation

The Mayor of High Point, Jay Wagner, honored the High Point Elks Lodge #1155 by issuing an Official Proclamation at the 9/16 City Council meeting celebrating our 110th Anniversary. It is a great honor to have the city of High Point recognize our 110 years of serving our local community.



Copy of Proclamation on Following Page

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina

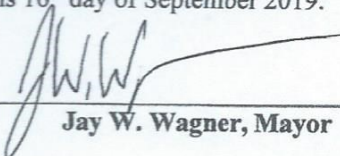
PROCLAMATION...

- WHEREAS,** on the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the High Point Lodge #1155 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, we celebrate our High Point Elks Lodge's commitment to selflessly serving others in need in our great community; and,
- WHEREAS,** chartered in High Point on July 15, 1909, with the purchase of a three story house on Broad Street that faced the downtown tracks; and,
- WHEREAS,** moved to a building that still stands at the corner of Elm Street and Kivett Drive and in 1980 established the current Lodge building at 700 Old Mill Road; and
- WHEREAS,** the High Point Lodge has grown to over 500 members and is the fourth largest Elks Lodge out of the 33 Lodges which totals over 9,000 members in the state of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** dedicated to charity, justice, fidelity and patriotism, the High Point Elks have disbursed, over the course of their Lodge's history, more than \$900,000 in cash, goods and services to our local Veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped, and patriotic and civic programs; and,
- WHEREAS,** in just the last five years High Point Elks members have volunteered over 6,000 hours helping our community.
- WHEREAS,** the High Point Elks Lodge has specifically contributed to our local community through: programs for building strong communities; donations to local nonprofit organizations and schools, programs for our veterans and homeless, Drug Awareness Program activities; and support of Camp Carefree in Stokesdale NC; and,
- WHEREAS,** sponsoring local programs for our Youth, including our Annual Hoop Shoot Contest, our Antlers program for our aspiring future Elks and our competitive youth swim team; and,
- WHEREAS,** providing financial opportunities for our Elk families, through our Legacy and Nursing Scholarships and Emergency Assistance Fund for college bound students; and,
- WHEREAS,** we are proud our High Point Elks Lodge had the first State President of the North Carolina State Elks Associates, J.C. Smith in 1939; and,
- WHEREAS,** High Point has had four other State Presidents, including in 2019 our current State President Shari Driscoll, who is the first female President of the State Association; and,
- WHEREAS,** our High Point Elks are committed to future investments through our volunteerism, financial support and unending commitment to our Veterans and Youth of our community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay W. Wagner, Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2019 as "*The High Point Elks Lodge 110th Anniversary Day*" in the City of High Point, North Carolina.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 16th day of September 2019.


Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Oak Island Lodge Holds Membership Drive “Jamboree”

Oak Island held their first annual membership drive "Jamboree" on Sept. 1st. They had a live band, free food and pulled the winner for our Golf Cart Raffle. Over 300 people attended and the Lodge raised over 13 K on the golf cart raffle. The Lodge is in the process of deciding which charities to donate the proceeds to. The Jamboree got them 3 new members, a reinstatement, and several other apps to vet. Overall both the golf cart raffle and the Jamboree were both successful and we plan to hold similar events next year.



Oak Island BOD Chairman Roger DePuyt, NCSEA President Shari Driscoll and husband Phil with the raffle golf cart.

Roxboro Elks and Elroy Participate in 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 14th 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 before the parade while local Elk volunteers handed out drug awareness materials to the young crowd.



Roxboro Elks Hold Fall Drug Awareness Campaign

The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 partnered with the Person County School System to reach out to students as part of its Fourth Fall Drug Awareness Campaign. All fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade students in the Person County School System received a copy of the Elks "What Heroes Do" comic book featuring characters that are everyday kids that are put in a position where they have to use the tools taught to them by their parents and teachers. The campaign encompassed reaching out to nine elementary and middle schools to a total of 2,434 students. The Roxboro Elks understand how critical it is for young people to lead a drug free life style and this project encourages a dialogue between parents, teachers and children by addressing a serious topic in a fun, familiar format.

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