



October - November 2019



## Grand Exalted Ruler Duitsman Addresses NCSEA



Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman and First Lady Beth visited North Carolina to attend the Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks the weekend of October 25th through 27th. Following the Saturday luncheon, GER Duitsman addressed those present where he thanked North Carolina Elks for their charitable works, and witnessed the presentation of a check for \$70,000 to Camp Carefree.

GER Duitsman spoke on the need for public relations within the community, starting with fixing up Lodge buildings to make them attractive for prospective members. Also the need to make your current members feel welcome and involved in the activities of the Lodge. He and Beth thanked North Carolina Elks, and stated that Southern hospitality was alive and well in North Carolina.

# State Presidents Message



What a wonderful time we had at the fall convention! GER Robert Duitsman and First Lady Beth were our special guests. GER Duitsman shared his message “Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future.”

Everyone was happy that our state sponsor Arthur “Jack” Frost was not only well enough to attend but getting around better than anyone expected. It looks like we can officially retire “Flat Jack!”

I want to give a special “Thank You” to our convention committee. Lee Littiken, Steve Clarke, Ashley Buckwell, and Michael Bryant work tirelessly to make sure our conventions are well planned and enjoyed by all. It takes countless hours of planning and negotiating for each of our conventions.

Our convention was held in Clemmons, just outside of Winston-Salem. Before the convention I had heard many were not too excited about going there and attendance was down a bit. On the other hand, those that attended said it was great to be in a smaller hotel with folks staying close and spending more time getting to know each other.

I truly believe that our state conventions are important to the overall success of each Lodge. This is the place where we get to meet new friends, share our ideas, and learn from our committee chairs and other leaders around the state. Each spring we invite the Virginia and South Carolina state presidents, and in the fall we welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler. State Sponsor Frost attends all of our conventions. People are always asking what successful Lodges do – in my opinion successful Lodges have higher convention attendance. Those that attend have a better understanding of Elksdom around the state and nation.

Our next convention will be in Atlantic Beach on May 1-3, 2020. Please plan to attend and encourage officers and members to join us. It’s a great experience that keeps NC Elks strong!

Phil and I wish each of you all the best this holiday season and throughout the year.

Fraternally, Shari Driscoll, NCSEA President



# Convention Pictures



GER Duitsman receiving ENF donations during the Parade of Lodges. Pictured with GER Duitsman is Calabash ER Bob Paoletti



President Shari Driscoll presenting First Lady Beth Duitsman with a copy of the NCSEA cookbook.

Mike Curran lighting the candles, one for each Lodge, during the Memorial Service.



The NCSEA made a donation of \$70,000 to Major Project Camp Carefree. Pictured L-R Committee Member Joni Mitchel, Camp Alumni Ashley Kaufman, Camp Representative Brooke Wilson, Camp Committee Chairman Dennis Dowling, and State President Shari Driscoll



# ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST COMPETITION

Start practicing now for the 11 O'clock Toast contest at the Spring 2020 NCSEA convention in Atlantic Beach. For the first time the Grand Lodge, during their convention in Baltimore next year, will be holding a contest for all State winners.

This is your opportunity to represent all North Carolina Elks.

For more information contact Ritual Chairman David King at

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**AUCTION**

Past Exalted Rulers Association

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During the Spring meeting of the North Carolina Elks in Atlantic Beach the Past Exalted Rulers Association will again hold their annual auction to raise money for their Lodge Grants.

Each Lodge is asked to donate an item of value to be auctioned off. This is a fun event, so make plans to attend, bid high and have fun.



# Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award

Does your Lodge have a member that has performed distinguished service to our Order.

If so the North Carolina State Elks Association would like to hear from you. Each year one candidate is selected for this distinguished award, please see the guidelines below.

## **GUIDELINES for the THAD EURE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

1. General The award is given to an Elk who has truly distinguished themselves in promoting the principles and programs of Elkdom. The candidate should also have a history of service to their community, state and country.

The Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award Committee will be composed of the sitting Board of Trustees and the State President of the North Carolina State Elks Association Inc.

2. Personal Biography

3. Community Involvement

4. Service beyond the Community

5. Elks Service Biography

6. Other Distinguishing Accomplishments

7. Notes (1) It is not mandatory that all the sections above be completed; however all information submitted will be considered in the selection of the most qualified candidate. (2) All resumes will be held for three years from the time of submission unless the candidate is selected before that time expires. All resumes may be updated each year if additional information is pertinent. (3) It is not mandatory that the award be given each year, regardless of the number of resumes on file.

8. Submission The nomination of the candidate should be approved by the home lodge of the nominee prior to submission of the resume to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The resume should be sent to the North Carolina State Elks Association Trustee from the same district as the nominee. This should be sent prior to February 15th of the year that the resume is initially submitted.

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## **“To Our Absent Members”**



### **Past State President Edwin Roberson**

Edwin Lewis Roberson, Sr., 89, of Richfield, NC passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Mountain Home Veteran Administration Hospital in Johnson City, TN.

He was born September 15, 1930 in Jones County, NC to the late George Lewis Roberson and Ada Moore Roberson. Ed was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he retired after 22 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the Elks, a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the American Legion.

Ed joined the Salisbury Lodge where he went through the chairs to become Exalted Ruler. Later he demitted to the High Point Lodge where he was an active member. Ed served the North Carolina State Elks Association as Vice President of the West Central District in 1990-1991, and as District Deputy in 1992-1993. Two years later he was elected as State President for the 1995-1996 year. Ed served on many State Association committees and was very active with ritual serving as a ritual judge.

Ed Roberson was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy M. Roberson. Surviving is his wife, Brownell Allman of Newland, NC.

Memorials may be made to Shriner’s Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29604 and Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

### **East District Deputy Kevin Fogarty**



District Deputy Kevin Fogarty passed away on November 5th. Affectionately known as “Guido”, Kevin was an active member of the Oak Island Lodge serving two terms as Exalted Ruler. He also served as East District Vice President and, at the time of his death, Kevin was serving as District Deputy for the NCSEA East District.

He was a tireless fundraiser for the Lodge as well as for many local charities. In addition, Kevin was a volunteer at the North Carolina Veterans Home in Kinston.



## ***Hoop Shoot Schedule***

### **District Hoop Shoot**

<b>East</b>	Morehead City	January 11, 2020
<b>East Central</b>	Roxboro	January 25, 2020
<b>West Central</b>	Winston-Salem	January 25, 2020
<b>West</b>	Morganton	January 26, 2020

### **NCSEA Hoop Shoot**

Greensboro      February 8, 2020

### **Regional Hoop Shoot**

Frederick MD      March 14, 2020

### **National Hoop Shoot**

Chicago IL      April 18, 2020



## NCSEA Spring 2020 Convention in Atlantic Beach



Make plans to join us for a fun in the sun weekend in Atlantic Beach for the annual Spring meeting of the North Carolina State Elks convention at the Doubletree by Hilton.

There is so much to do on the Crystal Coast, a day at the North Carolina Aquarium, visit historic Fort Macon State Park, or just relax on the beach, you are sure to have a good time.

Look for registration forms at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)

**See Y'all There!!!**

### Future Conventions

NCSEA -	Atlantic Beach NC, Fall TBD	May 1-3 2020 October 30-Nov 1
Grand Lodge —	Baltimore MD, Tampa Fl,	July 5-8 2020 July 4-7 2021



## GL Americanism Essay Contest



### *“What Does Freedom Of Speech Mean To Me”*

The Americanism Essay Contest stirs youth pride in America. Grand Lodge once again is pleased to offer this national contest to fifth and sixth graders for Division I and seventh and eighth graders for Division II. For 2019-2020, members of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee have selected the theme, “What does freedom of speech mean to me?” This important patriotic contest gives school children the chance to express their pride in America. Fostering our youth’s appreciation and respect for patriotism is central to understanding our country’s heritage. They come to understand the symbols that represent what this country stands for and gain a deep appreciation for the individuals who sacrifice everything for our freedom.

This contest is important because it demonstrates Americanism at its best to school children in your area. Essays must be submitted to Local Lodges by December 15, 2019. Plaques will be awarded by the Grand Lodge for first, second, and third place for national winning essays in Division I and Division II. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore, MD in July 2020. Your action now will shape the youth of our country, which impacts all of our futures.



# Elks Launch Campaign to Support Pearl Harbor



**At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.** During their travels throughout the country, Barbara and Mike Luhr visited the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii, in awe of the veterans who were aboard the USS Arizona that fateful day. And yet some of the displays and signage at the memorial were not as expected. They were old, weather-beaten and outdated.

They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

All funds raised will be used to:

- Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.
- Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten.

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

**Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. Will you help?**

**Only \$1.00 per Member**



# News From the Lodges

## Gastonia Elks Host Appreciation Dinner for P.E. Teachers



Pictured L-R: Wavey Williams, PE Teacher, Gaston County Woodhill Elementary; Robert Messer, E.R. Gastonia Lodge; Joe Heavner, Leading Knight, Gastonia Lodge; and Jeremai Williams, PE Teacher, Gaston County Woodhill Elementary

The Gastonia Elks Lodge hosted an Appreciation Dinner for P.E. Teachers of Gaston County Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, and private schools. With the assistance of members from Hickory Lodge the PE Teachers were served a Free Steak or Grilled Chicken Breast Dinner at the Lodge

The dinner was to show appreciation for the work P.E. Teachers do to make our Elementary and Middle School students physically fit. They were introduced to the 2019-2020 Hoop Shoot Program and asked for their help to make it a success.

A successful Gastonia Hoop Shoot depends on help from the PE teachers to encourage their students to begin practicing now.

## Oak Island Elks Donate to Providence Home



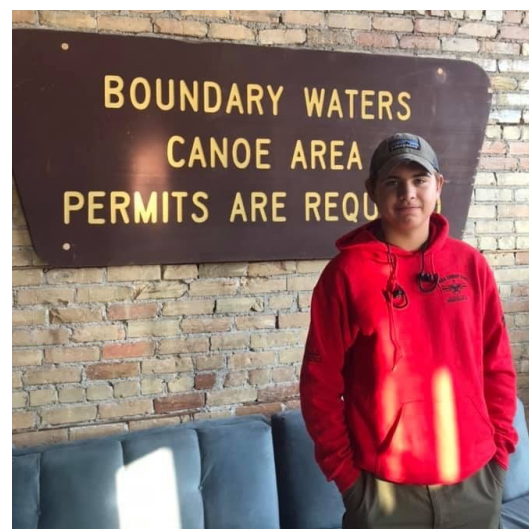
The Oak Island Elks donated \$1000.00 to the Providence home today. The Home provides free short-term and safe shelter to Brunswick County youth who due to emergency, high risk, or crisis situation cannot remain with their families.

## Calabash Elks Donation Supports Scouting Trip

With Support from the Calabash Elks Lodge members of Boy Scout troop 201 had the opportunity of a lifetime. They spent 5 nights and 6 days in the boundary water canoe area in northern Minnesota. The boys covered 55 miles in canoes, portaging from lake to lake in one of the most pristine environments in the United States.

The boys were responsible for all camp chores, including preparing meals, gathering firewood, filtering their own water and bear proofing their campsite. They completed a service project in which they cleaned each campsite and improved trails they traveled as needed.

They were awarded the 50 miler award for their efforts. Many completed their camping and canoeing merit badge. They learned about navigation in the backcountry and how to survive a week without their cell phones.

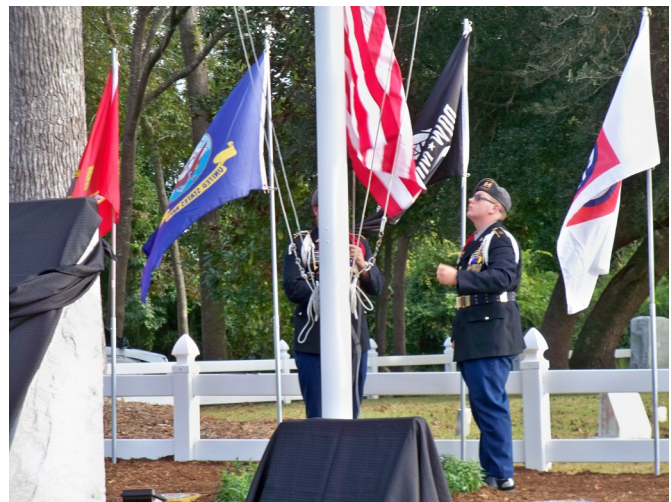




# Shalotte Elks, Marines and Town Dedicate Veterans Memorial



The Shallotte Elks Lodge in conjunction with The Town of Shallotte and The Shallotte Marine Corp. League held their Veterans Memorial Dedication. The West Brunswick ROTC presented and raised the Flag. Speakers included Vice-Commander Howard Boyd Sr. of the Marine Corp. League, Exalted Ruler John Alcorn, Paul Salarno Lodge Trustee, and Frank Iler NC. State Rep





## ROXBORO ELKS HOLD PATRIOTISM WEEK

The Roxboro Elks Lodge held Patriotism Week in Person County from September 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. The lodge was presented with a proclamation on behalf of the City of Roxboro and a proclamation on behalf of Person County. The proclamations states that "The Order promotes the ideals that the citizens of this nation live in freedom, won through the great sacrifices and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life. We realize that each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish, and it is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation, which provides it." Members of the Lodge participated in a Patriots Day Service at the Person County Veterans Park to honor victims and families of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks on the United States of America.



## Calabash Elks Hold Mini Golf Tourney for Veterans Programs

To aid the support for their Veterans programs the Calabash Elks Veterans Committee held a mini golf tournament to raise funds. The tournament, which included lunch and an auction at the Lodge, will enable the Lodge to continue to provide needed funds to continue its support of several local Veterans organizations, programs at Camp Legeune, Ft. Bragg, and the Veterans Home in Fayetteville.





## Morehead-Beaufort Lodge Holds “Warm Welcome to the Library”

On November 2nd the Morehead City-Beaufort Elks Lodge held their first "Warm Welcome to the Library". The event was held at the Webb Library from 2pm to 6pm. They gave away 138 coats, and 2 books to each child. Also, they had story readers and snacks for all who attended. This was such an exciting day, and the children were so enthusiastic and happy about choosing coats and books.

The Lodge served children from 7 different groups including Boys and Girls Club, both in Morehead City and Beaufort, Foster children both in special programs and in regular foster care, Coastal Community Action, Domestic Violence etc. As you can tell they served just about every service group in the county. Some could not attend but had coats delivered to them.

The Lodge would like to thank Walmart and the Webb Library for all of their help both financially and being such great help.



## Mount Airy Elks Motorcycle Committee Erects Flag for Veteran

The Mount Airy Elks 2061 Motorcycle Committee continued to take care of our adopted World War II POW Veteran. After a very strong wind storm took down his Flag Pole, the Motorcycle Committee, rode their bikes to his house and put up new Flag Pole with an American Flag and a POW Flag.

A total of 10 Motorcycle Committee members were present. Harvey loves the committee to visit he and his wife Barbara, or just blown their horn if passing by his home and do not have time to stop in.

In the picture with the new Flag Pole is Lodge Chaplain Clark Marion. The other picture from left to right; standing is Warren King Leading Knight, Norman Marion Exalted Ruler and Ray Flippen Lodge Inner Guard. Sitting is Harvey Heath 95 year old World War II POW Veteran.



## Shalotte Elks Donate to Help Homeless

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$500.00 from their annual Gratitude Grant to Street Reach to help people left homeless after Hurricane Dorian.

Pictured from left to right: Exalted Ruler John Alcorn, Rev. Donna Phelps, and Gerry Phelps from Street Reach.





## Shalotte Elks Donate to Warm Hands



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$250.00 to Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation for their Warm Hands Warm Hearts program. This program helps people with their electric bills.

Pictured on left Sherry Skumanick B.E.M.C. employee, and John Alcorn Exalted Ruler of the Shallotte Elks Lodge.



**A Safe and Happy Holiday From All of Us on the  
Communications Committee**

This publication is produced for and by the North Carolina State Elks Association. The NCSEA Communication Committee encourages all member Lodges and Committee Chairmen to submit articles to be included in future issues. All submissions may be forwarded to Ashley Buckwell, Editor at [ashbuc@atmc.net](mailto:ashbuc@atmc.net)

