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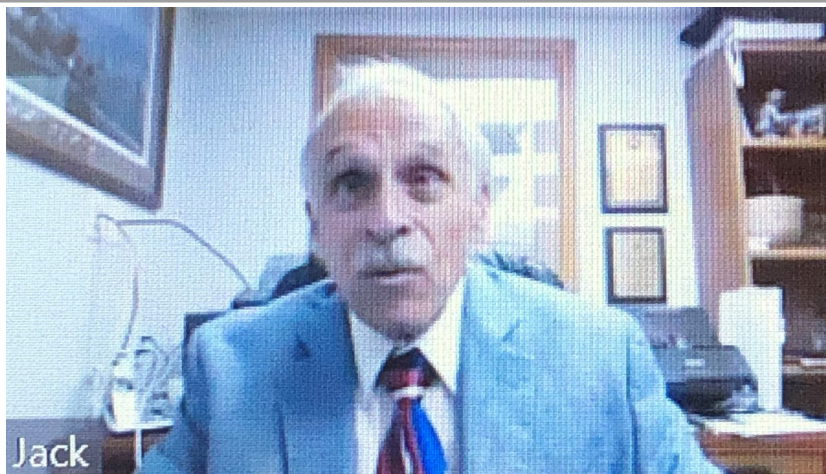


June-July 2020



NCSEA Officers Installed Via Zoom

On Saturday June 20th the North Carolina State Elks Association finally installed its Officers for the 2020-2021 year. While not being able to meet in person, the Officers elect gathered in a virtual room via Zoom to take the oath delivered by State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost. John Bullock, from the Roxboro Lodge, was sworn in as State President and Frank Brady, from the Hendersonville Lodge, was sworn in as President Elect.



**State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost
Delivering the Oath of Office via Zoom**

Message From State President John Bullock



Hello Fellow NC Elks,

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. I know it has been a hot one. A lot has happened since our last newsletter. I have finally been installed as your State President. I hate that we could not have a Grand Lodge Convention. I do miss seeing and spending time with all my Elk friends, especially not being able to socialize with them at the greatest hospitality room at the convention year in and year out we are the best. So, I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will be able to have our fall convention at the end of October in Atlantic Beach.

I would like to say great job to Kevin Black and the membership committee for our state having a membership gain again this past year.

I know it has been tough on our local Lodges operating with our state still being in stage 2 of our reopening. So please abide by the Governor and local officials guidelines on operating your lodge and club facilities.

One thing that I love about the Elks are how we contribute to the bettering of our communities. So especially at these trying times our communities need us more than ever, so try to get your lodge if able involved in a community project.

So in final be safe and **“ Let’s Do It ”**



Message from Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan



As I begin my year as Grand Exalted Ruler, I want to begin by saying thanks to all of you and offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation that you have entrusted me as your next national president. This would not have been possible without all of you, my fellow brothers and sisters, and your support and guidance. I also need to thank my family and friends, and of course the assistance and aid of my wonderful wife.

When I started this adventure, finding a theme was something that I wanted to

make sure stood out. I wanted to change a little of the landscape of the organization to make sure that we not only survive the future but thrive in it. With the changes happening in this world, my theme has become more and more vital to the situation. My Theme for 2020-2021 is **Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom**. Now more than ever we need to go out there and help our communities and get them to thrive again, get them to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Help to realize that this is a great country. And teach them who we are as Elks and that our organization is one that will Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom and the people of this country. The Elks are a community, and it is my hope for the coming year that by working together with the Elks National Foundation and through our Members and Lodges nationwide we can build both stronger communities and stronger Elks. It is my goal that we can reach \$4.80 per Member in our ENF donations this Elks year. It's not a lofty goal when you consider that we have reached this amount for many of the past years. I understand that with the way the world is right now, it is hard to increase the goal. Lodges are closed and will have a hard time coming up with the extra funds to be able to sustain our current activity. Reach down and grab one more dollar. Believe me, the Elks National Foundation charitable giving will be needed more than ever and the funds will go a lot further now in the world that we are living in. It is my challenge to each and every Member to practice the Elks values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in your work, your daily lives, and everything you do. Stacey and I are looking forward to visiting you in each of your respective states and Lodges during our travels during the next year.



NCSEA District Deputy Clinics - 2020 - 2021

<u>August Clinics</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location:</u>
East Central	8/9/20	Virtual Meeting using Zoom
West Central	8/16/20	Virtual Meeting
East	8/23/20	Virtual Meeting
West	8/30/20	Virtual Meeting

To meet the needs of our members and comply with the laws of the State of North Carolina the meetings in August will be using Zoom, for you to participate with your computer with a camera or your iPhone or other devices so equipped.

The Lodges need to provide to your District Deputy the email addresses and names of the Officers required to attend a DD Clinic. Please also identify the person doing the financial work. If there is an email address for a computer or device to be used by other members at the Lodge, please invite them to join the Zoom Meeting.

A Grand Lodge District Deputy meeting without spending travel time, without risking your health and that of your fellow members, and a chance to get updates and ask questions, could be a good opportunity. Let try and see how it works.

John Boyd, SDGER

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West Central District	David Doherty	ddoherty27360@triad.rr.com
West District	Shane Cook	ismyelkdomshowin@yahoo.com

North Carolina State Elks Association

2020-2021 Officers

State President	John Bullock
President Elect	Frank Brady
Secretary	Michael Curran
Assistant Secretary	Mark Alderman
Treasurer	Gary Plough
Assistant Treasurer	Kyle Puryear
District Vice Presidents	
East	Jody Pascarella
East Central	Derrick Sims
West Central	Richard Penk
West	Carole Anderson
Directors	
East Central	Peter Breidenbach
West	Michael Bryant
East	Ron Delzer
West Central	Shari Driscoll
Chaplain	Pat Russell
Tiler	Steve Johnson
Parliamentarian	David King
Historian	Mike Jones

Meet your District Deputies for 2020-2021 Installed Via Zoom

**West Central District
David Doherty**



**East District
Alan Harms**

**West District
Shane Cook**



**East Central District
Kyle Puryear**

Message From Scholarship Chairman Bruce Kinnaman



Applications for the ENF MVS scholarships will begin on August 5, 2020. As you all know, those applications are also used to award NCSEA MVS scholarships. Applications will once again be gathered by ISTS through ONLINE applications being submitted; however, scoring at the national level will be conducted in-house by ENF. They are working out the details now. State scholarship chairs will be part of the group helping to finalize the process.

Nursing scholarship applications begin September 1, 2020. The application is available through the NC Elks web-site, the updated application is available on line at ncelks.org. These applications are supposed to go to the local lodge for verification and the sent to me but with the lodges being closed, we will figure an alternative way to get the applications to me. Probably do it on a case by case scenario. Since there were no State conventions , I was not able to "pitch" the concept of having Allied Health included in our nursing scholarship program.

Now this is where our scholarship program needs your active participation. Since the governor has made no indication how schools will function this coming year, I would ask each Lodge to divide your HS in your respective districts and CALL the schools and actually talk to a school counselor that deals with the seniors. I fully realize this is going to require field work on your part but we need to get the word out about MVS and Nursing scholarships. There will probably a greater need for financial help to the students this next year. Please talk with your fellow district committee member and work on promoting these important Elk scholarships.

Bruce Kinnaman
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Fall Convention Still Scheduled for Atlantic Beach



The Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks convention is still scheduled to take place in beautiful Atlantic Beach at the Doubletree by Hilton, October 29th-31st, with Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan making his official visit. We will post updates and registration forms on line at ncelks.org as they become available.

We hope to see you there.

Future Conventions

NCSEA	Fall 2020	Atlantic Beach	October 29 - 31
	Spring 2021	Wilmington	April 30 - May 2
Grand Lodge	Tampa, Fl		July 4 - 7, 2021

ENF Beacon Grants Increase to \$3500.



Phase III of the Community Investments Program rolls out on August 1, when Beacon Grant applications officially open. **Beacon Grants will be available to every Lodge in the amount of \$3,500**—a 40 percent increase over last year. And, the grant includes new flexibility this year in response to the pandemic. The increased Beacon Grant amount and flexibility is possible because of changes to some of our other grants. Read more about CIP Phase III on line at elks.org.

Wife of Past State President Billy Hood Passed Away

EVELYN B HOOD was born on August 6, 1934 and passed away on July 28, 2020. Please keep Billy in your thoughts and prayers. Messages may be left at the funeral home site listed below.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wilmington-nc/evelyn-hood-9289271>

North Carolina Ends 2019-2020 Year With 88 New Members



Give yourself a pat on the Back

The NCSEA finished the 2019-2020 year with a gain of 88 new members, 12th in the nation. But let's not stop there, we have a very challenging year ahead of us. In a time when Lodges can not fully open, every Lodge needs to work with the members to ensure that they stay involved and encourage them not to lapse their membership. We need to process applications from prospective members in a timely manner and look at innovative ways to have them initiated safely. With each Lodge focusing on membership we can again have a year of growth.

Update Information for NC Elk Lodges
From NCSEA Government Relations Chairperson
Teddy G. Acton

Notice has been given that some of our State Elks Lodges may not be totally aware of the proper opening conditions required since this covid 19 pandemic has occurred.

Governor Roy Cooper has issued several executive orders since the start of the virus which effects all of our Lodges. All of the orders are lengthy and contain tremendous information and I highly suggest each Lodge have a representative pull them up on line and read them.

At this point I will refer to Executive Order #141 issued 20 May, 2020, titled Easing Restrictions on Travel, Business Operations and Mass Gatherings.

Lodges that offer food, as in on premises service, can open under the restaurant guidelines but must meet the customer limit requirements as listed in the order. Six foot distances must be maintained and no more than 10 people at a table. Must follow core signage and sanitation requirements. There is no mass gathering or more that 10 people inside. Under these rules Lodges with Pools may be opened but must be in compliance with subsection E. (Pools)

Executive Order #147 titled Extension of Phase 2 Order and New Measures to Save Lives in the Covid-19 Pandemic became effective at 5 PM on 17 June, 2020.

In Section 1, Extension and Amendment of Phase 2 Order, it states that Face Coverings must be worn in restaurants when within 6 foot of another person. Must wear the face covering when not actively eating or drinking or when not at the table. Opening as a Bar is still restricted under this order.

Updates From the Accident Prevention & Insurance Committee

Insurance Information Regarding Participation in Parades

The Master Liability Program cannot assume responsibility for conducting a parade. The city, state or county will want to be named as additional insured under the Elks Master Liability Program, however such certificates will not be issued. The sponsoring Lodge must purchase special parade insurance. For example, many Lodges sponsor Mardi Gras parades and always have special insurance coverage. If any Lodge sponsors a parade, the Lodge should make sure that all outside participants indemnify the Lodge and name the Lodge as an additional insured under that entity's general liability policy (in addition to purchasing parade insurance). In order to finance the necessary special insurance, the Lodge can charge the outside entities a fee to participate. If a Lodge is participating in a parade being sponsored by others, the Master Liability Program will provide a certificate of insurance. The Master Liability Program will not provide additional insured certificates to parades organizers, towns and cities, since these organizations already have insurance.

Important Information Regarding Service of Alcohol

Service of Alcohol State Accident Prevention Chairs and Lodge Accident Prevention Managers should continuously repeat the message about alcohol. The Membership must be reminded of a \$28,000,000 verdict against Lodge Officers and Lodge Members in Pennsylvania. A jury found that a non member was improperly served alcohol while attending an Elks sponsored function. Lodges have a liquor license and maintain bar facilities to provide the service of alcohol to Lodge Members and their guests. Under no circumstances should Lodges view the service of alcohol as a commercial activity for service to the public. Those serving alcohol should be trained to count the number of drinks provided to a Member or guest. It is strongly recommended that all those involved in the service of alcohol, including volunteers, take a training course.

News From the Lodges

Hickory Elks Donate to Backpack Program

This particularly important community program serves our children from elementary school to high school by supplying a backpack full of healthy food each weekend throughout the school year. Currently, with the COVID-19 crisis this program is needed more than ever. With the schools closed, children are even more at risk for hunger. The Program continues to serve the current need with pick up points for the food at schools and home deliveries. The Backpack Program relies on donations from local individuals, churches, businesses, and service organizations. Their sole mission is to remove hunger as a barrier to good education and reduce the impact of poverty on children and families. The Backpack Program is a program of The Corner Table Soup Kitchen.

Committee Chair Carole Anderson and Exalted Ruler of the Hickory Elks, Gary Gantt presented the \$2500 check to Backpack Program Coordinator, Amanda Freeland at the Backpack Warehouse on April 23, 2020. Amanda accepted the check on behalf of the program and she spoke about the program and how it had impacted her life as well as the children. "The Elks continue to be our largest donor to the program by surpassing each year what they did the year before. I look forward each year to being a part of this great organization in our community who truly does make a difference." said Freeland.



Rocky Mount Lodge Moves Into New Home



The Rocky Mount Elks Lodge 1038, now located at the former Birchwood Country Club in Nashville, held a ceremony to officially swear in officers in May. The ceremony was held outside to follow social distancing guidelines.

.The Birchwood Country Club property in Nashville was purchased by the Rocky Mount Elks Lodge earlier this year.

Exalted Ruler Michael Davis , said he was honored and proud that the Elks are making their new location in Nashville.

"We are looking forward to being a good steward and a good neighbor of Nashville and getting the distinguished honor to meet the great citizens of the Nashville," said Davis, "We are looking forward to our Elks lodge bringing a lot to the community. "

Elks officers sworn in recently include Michael P. Davis (Exalted Ruler); Becky Anderson (Leading Knight); Mary Jones (Loyal Knight); Frank Hans (Lecturing Knight); Kathy Davis (Secretary); Henry Lancaster (Treasurer); Chris Horton (Tiler); Parker Philips (Esquire); Jean Ayers (Chaplain); Bill Myers (Inner Guard); and Trustees George Howell, Dennis Braswell, Joe Parvin, Bill Yalch and Fred Winner.

Rocky Mount Initiates 15 New Members In New Home



Recently Rocky Mount initiated 13 new members at their new Lodge facility in Nashville. In addition they have several proposed members they will be initiating in the near future.

The New Bern Lodge assisted with the initiation. Note, it was held outdoors to socially distance.

Shalotte Elks Donate to Lords Food Pantry

Shalotte Elks Lodge donated \$1,500.00 from their Gratitude Grant. The Lords Food Pantry Ministry of South Brunswick Interchurch Council gave around 75 families food for three days.

Picture left to right front row Terri Kears, member of New Life Church, Maria Petty, member of New Life Church, Mary Prichard, Coordinator of The Lords Food Pantry, Mike Claxton, President of South Brunswick Interchurch Council. Back row Robert Kordiak, Elks Lodge Esquire, Warren Foust, Elk Lodge member, Sam Johnston, Elk Lodge Inner Guard and John Alcorn, Elk Lodge Exalted Ruler.



Winston-Salem Elks Hold Flag Day Ceremony



Winston-Salem Elks Uses Grant to Help Feed Children in Need

One in every four children in NC does not have the food to meet their nutritional needs. **H.O.P.E (Help Our People Eat)** partners with several organizations to receive discounts on food and provides about 2,200 meals/week to children in need. Due to Covid, the Winston-Salem Elks Lodge #449 used their Spotlight Grant funding to make a \$2,000 donation and will be hosting an on-line quarter auction to raise additional funds. Elk member, Shanessa Reinhalter, dropped the check off to Executive Director, Scott Best, on July 9, 2020. They thanked Shanessa and the Elks Lodge for the generous donation on their Facebook page.



Elk member, Shanessa Reinhalter, presents a \$2000 check to H.O.P.E Executive Director, Scott Best.

Shallotte Elks Donate to Dolly Parton Imagination Library



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$2,000.00 from their Spotlight Grant, so that 80 children can receive a book a month for their 1st year. Then Dolly Parton Imagination Library continues to their 5th birthday.

Pictured L-R, Sam Johnston Lodge Inner Guard, Helen Gabriel Director of Smart Start Shallotte Chapter, Paul Salerno Lodge Trustee and Robert Kordiak Lodge Esquire

Shalotte Elks Provide Lunch for Police and Fire Departments On 4th of July



Shalotte Elks 2854 provided lunch from Jersey Mike's to the Shalotte Police Department and Shalotte Fire Department for those on duty on the **4th of July**. The Elk's wanted to show their appreciation and support for those who serve our community.

Exalted Ruler John Alcorn , hopes that we remember those who protect us and include them and their families in your prayers.





Oak Island Lodge Dedicates new Flagpole



Pictured L-R: Lodge Members, Ed Drzweicki, Joanne Depuyt, Richard Depuyt, Exalted Ruler Debbie Welch, District Deputy Al Harms, Mike Legon, Jim Mattern, Greg Flemming, and Gary Cook.

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