

North
Carolina



August-September 2020

District Deputy Clinics Go Virtual



For the first time ever, all four District Deputies held their August Clinics virtually to comply with the guidelines imposed due to Covid 19. Using Zoom, Members from NC Lodges logged in to get updates on Grand Lodge programs, including the Financial Reporting System and Billing Renewal. While we missed the comradery of meeting in person, these proved to be effective and informative Clinics.

Pictured above is page 1 from the East Clinic on August 23rd

led by District Deputy Al Harms

Message From State President John Bullock



I hope everyone has having a good start to the fall season. I am very excited that we will be able to have a Fall Convention. We did have to move a little bit south of our original location but we are still at the beach though. I have heard the convention will be the last weekend in October in North Myrtle Beach, SC. I hope everyone is planning to attend since this will be the first convention we have had in over a year. I hope I get to see all my Elk family, but I understand if you feel uncomfortable about attending. We are planning to put the business session on that Saturday morning on zoom. With November just around the corner I hope every lodge is planning some type of veterans project since the 11th is Veterans Day. That is all I have for right now so just remember **LET'S DO IT !!!!**



"LET'S DO IT"

NCSEA Fall Convention Moved to Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort



Due to restrictions imposed due to Covid-19 we are no longer able to meet in Atlantic Beach this Fall. With that in mind, the Convention Committee reached out to the **Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort** which was able to accommodate the requirements of our Association. Plan now and set aside the dates of October 29th — November 1st and enjoy all that Myrtle Beach has to offer and welcome Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan and his wife Stacey.

Hilton has created the **Clean Stay Program** which provides rigorous cleaning standards to provide complete peace of mind when you stay. They have partnered with the makers of Lysol & Dettol, to help deliver an even cleaner stay for their guests.

Registration forms have been sent to each Lodge and are available on line at ncelks.org. Cutoff date for registration is October 15th.

See You In Myrtle Beach, and don't forget your




Local Roxboro Newspaper Publishes Article About Father & Son NCSEA State Presidents

Person County's John Bullock continues father's legacy as Elks state president

Person County native John Bullock was installed as the 121th President of the North Carolina State Elks Association in late June. His father, William Bullock was elected State President of the Elks for the 1996-97 year.

They become the first father-son duo to be elected President in the History of the North Carolina State Elks Association. John has served in



W. Bullock
District Vice President for East

many different capacities in the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He currently serves as Exalted Ruler of Roxboro Lodge #2005 which is his fourth year in that role. He has served as



J. Bullock
in Wilmington.

Central District, Esquire to the District Deputy and District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. He was elected unanimously as President-Elect at the 2019 North Carolina Spring Elks Convention

Keep Your Members Informed With Grand Lodge Newsletter



Each month the Grand Lodge sends out a newsletter to all Lodges with a message from the Grand Exalted Ruler and articles from the Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Committees. It has come to the attention of the Communications Committee that some Lodges are forwarding the GL Newsletter to all their members. This is a great way for your committee members to keep up to date with information that may affect your Lodge and the programs of Lodge committees, plus encourage others to get involved. We encourage all Lodges to consider this idea.

Should you wish to register to receive the GL Newsletter log onto elks.org, then under the Members Only heading click on Newsletter.

Members like to feel they are valuable part of the Elks and keeping them involved should be part of your membership lapsation program.

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan



This is the time of year to move the momentum for the future of Elksdom. Prepare your Members for what is coming next and create new ideas for the future. There are so many things just around the corner: GER Membership Class, ENF Month, Red Ribbon Week, Patriotism Week, Veterans Day... so many more. Membership: Are you in line with your goals for the year? What? You didn't set goals!? Then start now and make sure that you are on top of recruiting and retaining membership. This is a superb time to send invoices to your Members who have not paid their dues. The Membership Committee should contact those delinquent Members to ask them to become current. Let them know that the funds continue to help the Lodge do great things in the community. Then, ask them if there is anyone they know who would benefit from becoming a Member of the Lodge and also would enjoy helping with community events and charitable get-togethers. However, don't just retain; ramp up and get new Members in other ways. Hold an event and have each Member bring someone they know who is not a Member. Take a box of goodies to the police departments, fire departments, and sheriff's departments and tell them about our closed-door policies. Tell them how their job and their privacy is important to us. As fall comes in, are you working out details for Lodge participation? It is a good time to organize and gather new ideas. Plant a seed for something new to be done each year, month, or week. It is a good time to organize old and implant new ideas to make sure that something is always happening at the Lodge. This is a great time to make sure that the Lodge Secretary is keeping up with the charitable reports. If this is done on a regular basis then it is not a situation where you will need to try and remember what has happened. Send a notice out to all the Members and the Activities chairs so that you make sure to receive all the charitable hours recorded. Coming right around the corner is Patriotism Week from September 7-13 and Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31. The GER Class runs for the month of October, so start making plans now and make this the largest GER Class ever. ENF Month is also in October, so make as many events as possible to increase the ENF funds to meet the \$4.80 goal. Create another event to sign people up for the Fidelity Club—Wouldn't it be awesome to increase the amount of giving we can do by getting all Members to give just \$5 per month? Wow, now that is a number!

"Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future"

NC Charitable Trust Updates Brochure

The Charitable Trust Board of Directors has recently updated their brochure and it is now available on ncelks.org.

It can be accessed by clicking on the Charitable Trust link located at the top of the home page. The brochure can be downloaded and printed from that page.

Also, the printed brochure will be available for Lodges to pick up at the Fall Convention.

Enhancements to the new brochure include:

- More focus on the Coates Endowment Fund with information on how it specifically works by investing your donation and spending only earnings.
- A full list of the NCSEA projects and programs that the Trust supports through your donations.
- Information on how to donate directly on the website.
- A QR Code is now available to make a donation via your smartphone. Give it a try!



All donations are tracked and each Lodge is credited with donations from their members to count towards the per capita goal of \$3 per member.

NORTH CAROLINA ELKS CHARITABLE TRUST



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Grand Lodge Provides Covid Relief to Lodges



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Grand Exalted Ruler

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A Fraternal Organization

TO: The Membership and Local Lodges of the BPOE
REG: COVID-19 Relief

As the COVID-19 pandemic has taken over our lives, it has also taken over the financial stability of many of our Lodges within the Order of Elks. After discussions with various Grand Lodge officials, the following action was recommended and approved by the Board of Grand Trustees:

It is the recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees that Grand Lodge provide to each Local Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America a monetary one-time grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Lodge COVID-19 financial relief.

Be advised, the total amount provided to assist our Local Lodges finances will be more than \$2.7 million dollars.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge family, I want to thank everyone for all you do in making the BPOE the greatest fraternal organization around.

And lastly.....Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and God Bless!!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul R. Ryan".

Paul R. Ryan
Grand Exalted Ruler

Elks Care – Elks Share

All American Lodge Contest

Two NC Lodges Recognized

The most prestigious of the Grand Lodge Awards is the “All American Lodge” contest for it recognizes those Lodges best exemplifying and representing the Order of the Elks. For the 2019-2020 year **Roxboro Lodge #2005** finished in 2nd place in Division 1, Lodges with fewer than 300 members. And **Calabash Lodge #2679** finished 3rd in Division 3, Lodges with 501-700 members. The Contest encompasses all Lodge activities and programs such as Drug Awareness, Americanism Projects, Community Projects, Flag Rituals, ENF, Veterans programs and Hoop Shoot.

This was the first time Roxboro has been recognized as an All American Lodge, and the third time for Calabash.



NC Elks Hoop Shoot Cancelled for 2020-2021

For the safety of both the contestants and our Lodge members the North Carolina State Elks Association has decided to cancel the State Hoop Shoot for the 2020-2021 year. On a national level the Grand Lodge has also cancelled the Regional and Grand Lodge Hoop Shoots. While your Lodge, should it choose, still hold a local program, there will be no District Shoot.

A directive from the National Director of the Hoop Shoot requires that all contestants provide their own basket ball, which should only be used by them, and masks are mandatory, again by both contestants, Lodge members, and spectators.



Support the Pearl Harbor Campaign

At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, then National President Mike Luhr called on the Elks to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. The Elks launched the **Pearl Harbor Campaign** last fall in partnership with Pacific Historic Parks, a nonprofit organization that supports and preserves the legacy of the USS Arizona Memorial and the events of December 7, 1941. Funds will replace old outdoor exhibits, upgrade static displays with digital exhibits and interactive displays, and enhance the memorial's virtual education program.

The campaign, which was supposed to close June 1, has been extended to Veterans Day on November 11. We are more than halfway to the goal of \$780,000. There is still time to support the campaign. Don't forget to spread the word to your Lodge members and start a fund raising project to remember those who gave all at Pearl Harbor.



News From The Lodges

Fayetteville Elks Host

“Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Bike Ride”



Recently the Fayetteville Lodge hosted an overnight stop for the "Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Ride" bikers. They started the trip in Eugene, Oregon on July 12 and ended it August 2nd in Arlington National Cemetery. Upon their arrival there was a short ceremony, honoring our own Elk and Gold Star Mom, Julie Bessa, and putting the eternal flame in our charge overnight. We then served them supper. Some of them took advantage of our pool and pool house showers. They slept on sleeping bags, cots, and air mattresses, on the Lodge room floor. In the morning, we fed them breakfast before they got back on the road. There were about 24 bikers there. They were a great group to have around and when they left, you could not tell anyone had even been there!

The woman in the purple shirt is a Lodge Member and Gold Star Mom, Julie Bessa.



New Bern Elks Grant Presented to RCS

The New Bern Elks Lodge recently presented Religious Community Services (RCS) with a financial grant of \$2000 for the purchase of food and kitchen supplies. The funds came from the ENF Gratitude Grant.



Participating in the presentation are (L-R) Jody Pascarella, Elks East District VP; Guy Pascarella Exalted Ruler; Zeb Hough, RCS Exec Director; and John Sermagard, Chairman of the Trustees.

High Point Elks Hold Food Drive for LEAP

The High Point Elks recently held a very successful Food Drive to support a local non-profit LEAP (Literacy Empowers All People). The food and drinks will be used for their summer camp and after school programs.

Pictured from left to right...Phil Driscoll, Leading Knight; Claire Robinson, CEO-LEAP; Cammi and Carson Connolly; Tom Connolly, PER.



Oak Island Elks Donate to Brunswick Family Assistance, Southport Oak Island Interchurch Food Pantry

The Oak Island Lodge received a Spotlight Grant for \$2,000 which we gave to Brunswick Family Assistance to assist with COVID-19 impacts. We delivered the check to BFA on July 1st.

We got a tour of the food distribution center and believe it would be a good opportunity for Elks to give back. Groups come in for a few hours to pack food boxes for distribution.



In other news the Oak Island Lodge used a Gratitude Grant to donate \$2,500 to the Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship Food Pantry. The food pantry supports our local youth, elderly and families in need. The donation will help them respond to the increased needs as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. They have sources for purchasing food and essentials in bulk at a lower cost than we could provide and are already set up to distribute to those in need.

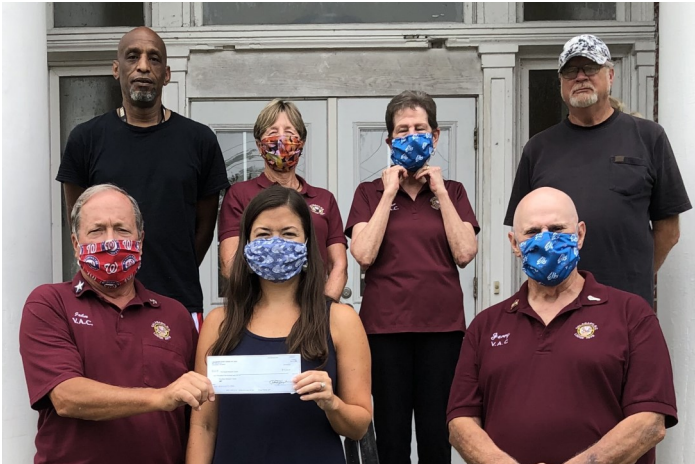
New Bern Lodge Uses Grant to Purchase Food for Disadvantaged Kids



The New Bern Elks Lodge #764 recently presented Backpack Blessings with a financial grant of \$2500 for the purchase of food for disadvantaged kids. The funds come from the Elks National Foundation (ENF) as a "Spotlight Grant". The grant will be used to purchase 120 fancy boxes of fruit and meats and 833 weekend bags of food.

Participating in the presentation are (L-R) Jody Pascarella Elks East District VP; Guy Pascarella Exalted Ruler; Ruth Powers Exec. Director of BPB; and John Sermagard Chairman of the Trustees.

Calabash Elks Use Grant to Assist Homeless Veterans



The Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee recently donated \$2,500 to the SGT Eugene Ashley Memorial Center under the Good Shepherd Center located in Wilmington, NC. SGT Ashley Center provides transitional residence and recovery programs for homeless veterans. The ENF provided the funds to the VAC under a special "Freedom Grant" that permits direct donations to needy veteran's organizations during the COVID-19 crisis. The SGT Ashley Center will use the funds to help stock their food pantry, provide cleaning and maintenance supplies, and assist the resident veterans.

Pictured above (Front Left-Right): John Corbett, VAC Co-Chairman; Stacy Geist, Associate Development Director, Good Shepherd Center; and Jerry Kimble, VAC Co-Chairman. (Back Row Left-Right): Dwight Watkins, Center Resident; Carol Corbett, VAC Secretary; Pam Kimble, VAC Member; and Ken Tickle, Center Resident.

ROXBORO ELKS ASSISTS OVER A 100 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 2019. The Lodge was able to assist over a 100 teachers from every school in Person County with a \$50.00 gift card to go towards school supplies. The Past Exalted Rulers for Roxboro Elks Lodge are John Bullock, John Evans, Terry Foushee, Kyle Puryear, Russell Rogers, Derrick Sims and John Winslow. 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 all the local Elk members that contributed to make this possible.



NCSEA State President John Bullock presents a gift card to a new teacher

District Deputy GER Kyle Puryear with school teacher Candy Long.



Past Exalted Ruler Derrick Sims and teacher Jodi-Ann Panther .

Shallotte Elks Donate to Substance Abuse Treatment Center



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$1500.00 to the Brunswick Christian Recovery Center for men and women's substance abuse treatment. The money will be used for teaching supplies for the center.

Pictured left to right Robert Kordiak, Lodge Esquire; CEO of Brunswick Christian Recovery Center Joshua Torbich; and Carolyn Garramone, Lodge Treasurer.

High Point Elks Donate Welcome Home Kits to Veterans

The High Point Elks Lodge recently provided two veterans who are transitioning into new housing with Welcome Home Kits provided by the Elks National Veterans Commission.

Pictured are Leading Knight Phil Driscoll and Secretary PSP Shari Driscoll with the veterans.



ROXBORO ELKS HOLD PATRIOTISM WEEK SERVICE

The Roxboro Elks Lodge held Patriotism Week in Person County from September 7th - 13th. The lodge was presented with a proclamation on behalf of the City of Roxboro and a proclamation on behalf of the 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.



Shalotte Elks Use Grant to Help Homeless



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$500.00 from their Gratitude Grant to Streetreach to help the homeless in the Tri County area. The money that the Elks donated will help the homeless in the Shallotte area.

Pictured from left to right ER John Alcorn; the Director of Brunswick County Streetreach Interfaith Homeless Outreach Rev. Donna Phelps and her Husband Gerry Phelps.

ROXBORO ELKS ANNOUNCE WILLIAM C. BULLOCK

Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 is pleased to announce that Skylar Morris has been selected to be the recipient of the William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship Winner for 2020-2021. This is a four year scholarship where the Roxboro Lodge will pay \$1,000 each year towards her tuition at East Carolina University. Skylar graduated from Person High School and plans to major in Biology.

The Roxboro Elks named the annual scholarship after William C. Bullock, who served as the North Carolina Elks State President in 1996-97 and the Exalted Ruler of the Roxboro Lodge for 17 years. The proceeds for the scholarship were raised from different projects that were conducted throughout the year.



Exalted Ruler John Bullock and Trustee Derrick Sims presenting Skylar Morris with her scholarship check

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