

North
Carolina



October–November

**Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan
Attends NCSEA Convention**



Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan addressed the assembled North Carolina Elks during his visit to our Fall convention in Myrtle Beach. In his speech he addressed his theme for this year, “Creating momentum for the future of Elkdom”. GER Ryan asked the Lodges to make sure the communities we serve are aware of us. We have helped our communities , but in many cases we have not publicized the support we have given. Then entire basis of Elkdom is based on charity. The ENF has given us the tools to gain community awareness and to grow membership. An active public relations program is essential to growth.

Message from State President John Bullock



Well I hope everyone is having a good Fall season so far. It was great to see everyone at the Fall Convention in North Myrtle Beach, a few weeks ago. One of the highlights of the convention was having the Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan, and his wife First Lady Stacey Ryan in attendance. I would like to thank all the NC Elks in attendance for showing them the what southern hospitality is all about. I would also like to thank the convention committee for putting together such a well ran event. I hope everyone can make it to Wilmington in the spring. With the holiday season just around the corner please take the time to check on or help the less fortunate. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. So, until next time just remember **“LETS DO IT”**.



Fall Convention Highlights



SP Elect Frank Brady, GER Paul Ryan, PGER Jack Frost, and SP John Bullock enjoying a round of golf.



Steve Johnson receiving the 2019-2020 Thad Eure Distinguished Service award for his work with the NCSEA website. Presenting the award were PSP Peter Breidenbach, SP John Bullock and PSP Ron Dickson



GL Activities Committeeman PSP Michael Bryant presented the 1st place Grand Lodge Community Service Project plaque to the Roxboro Lodge. Accepting the award is PER Derrick Sims.



The Calabash Lodge, led by PSP Teddy Acton performed the Memorial service.



GER Paul Ryan (center) with the NC District Deputies. L-R Kyle Puryear, Shane Cook, Al Harms and David Doherty



Norman Marion, PER from the Mt Airy Lodge received the 2019-2020 NC and District ER of the year award. Presenting the award is Past PER President Dennis Dowling and PER President Joe Clancy.

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R Ryan



December: A time of remembrance for us all As a person who loves good eats and treats, this has to be one of my favorite times of the year. Holiday parties and events. Dinners with family and friends. College and NFL football—Go Gophers and Skol Vikings. And ice fishing! This is when we all get to enjoy our time with so many things. The beginning of this month is an occasion to reflect on those who have left us. Those Members who have passed during this last year and those who have gone in the years before. Lodges hold the sacred Elks Memorial Day on the first Sunday in December. This is a statute of the Order, so please make sure to honor those Elks who have gone to be with God. This is a fabulous month to give to those in need of assistance. These can be people of your own community, or even veterans in your hospitals. Reach out to some of the groups for help on finding them and helping them. Grab a family and shop with them or go into a store and grab the cart and pay for it. No matter what you do, you will be fulfilled by any charity that you can do. With all that Elks and families have going on in the month of December, do not let it get so out of hand that you forget to prepare for January. It is time to get ready for the All-American Lodge Contest. The certification form for this can be found online at elks.org under the Fraternal Committee section. A revised form was sent back in September. This is also the time to start pulling together the officers, ensuring they are all willing and able to move forward and to have a leader among them to continue the efforts you have made in your year. Also, it is the time to recruit new Members to become a part of the routine of becoming an officer. I suggest that you find a few younger Members to get involved. This will “Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.” **From my family—Stacey, Jordan, Alex, Cassandra, and Jackson—we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy new year with good health and safe travels for you and all your families during this blessed holiday season.**

Elks Memorial Perpetual Care

Originally dedicated in 1926 to the memory of our fallen Elks of World War I, the Veterans Memorial Building is at the heart of Elkdom. Magnificently constructed in Chicago, the Memorial is a breathtaking structure representing the values Elks cherish. Through the years, the Memorial has been rededicated to honor the memory of American veterans who have died for our great nation. Our duty is to ensure this Memorial remains an extraordinary symbol of the bravery and patriotism of these veterans.

By making an individual or Lodge 501(c)(3) donation, you will assist in the perpetual care and continued restoration of this beautiful Memorial. Go to elks.org and click “Veterans Memorial” on the home screen. Take a virtual tour, read about the history, plan a visit, make an online donation, or mail a donation today.



Future Conventions

NCSEA - Wilmington NC

April 30 - May 2, 2021 Ballast Riverfront Hotel

Grand Lodge - Tampa FL July 4 - July 7, 2021



Battleship USS North Carolina, Wilmington NC

Make plans to join your Elks family in Wilmington next Spring for our annual meeting April 30th through May 2nd. Close to beautiful Carolina beaches, this historic city offers a wide variety of activities and outings for your entire family. The Ballast Hotel lies on the riverfront with its Riverwalk and nearby restaurants, entertainment, and shopping.

Leadership Training Scheduled

Mark you calendar for the next Leadership Training seminar which will be held at the Greensboro Lodge on **February 27, 2021**. Please make all your Officers and interested members aware of this event and encourage all to attend. An agenda for the meeting will be published in a later issue. Please advise the Leadership Committee of items of importance you wish to see covered during this meeting.

Certificate Celebrates Businesses that Fly the Flag



The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee continues its Americanism program, “Certificate of Honor for Properly Flying the United States Flag.” The purpose of the program is for Elks Lodges to interact with and honor local businesses for properly displaying and flying the United States flag during the day and night with proper illumination. This program provides an increasing Elks presence in our local communities as an essential and positive influence for growth in the future. The costs of this program are nil. Essentially, the only costs will be the price of paper and printing in house and delivering them to businesses in your area that comply with the proper display of the American flag. The program is readily available on the Grand Lodge website. Elks Certificate celebrates businesses that fly the flag. Lodges can print the certificate, which is a downloadable and fillable PDF document. Use the following procedures to complete your award document: Go to elks.org, then go to the Members Only page and click on officers and committees. Choose the Fraternal Committee line for the committee dashboard to appear. Under current contests and awards programs, click on the link to “Fly the Flag Program & Certificate (PDF).” You can either type in the pertinent details on the PDF in the web browser, or you can download the form and fill it out in whichever PDF viewer you use (for example, Adobe Acrobat). Or, you can print the certificate and fill it in by hand. Fill in your recipient’s business name and address and the date of the presentation. Have your Exalted Ruler and/or Americanism Chairman sign the certificate. To print, go to settings and change to landscape. There is no limit as to how many you can give out as long as businesses qualify for the award. You can hold a formal ceremony, go to the business location and present the award. As always, media invitations are welcome for this type ceremony. Don’t leave them out.

Let’s increase our footprint in our communities with these presentations thus improving our image by our actions, showing that Elks Care—Elks Share.

News From the Lodges

Calabash Elks Use Spotlight Grant to Assist Veterans in Need

The Calabash Elks Lodge Veterans Affairs Committee recently donated \$2,000.00 to Brunswick Family Assistance, to help fund assistance provided to Veterans in Brunswick County, NC. Donations in the past three years to the BFA "Veterans Fund," dedicated to helping Veterans, now totals \$14,000. The BFA will use the funds to help resident veterans needing assistance with rent, utilities, food supplies, home maintenance, and similar emergency expenses.



Pictured L-R Bill Macey, VAC Member; Gerald "Jerry" Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC; Charles Jackson, Program Manager, Brunswick Family Assistance; John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC; and Jeanne Colletta, VAC Member.



Mount Airy Elks Use Grant For Veterans Fishing Retreat

Mount Airy Lodge members organized by Zach Williams used a grant from the NCSEA Past Exalted Rulers Association to sponsor Fishing Mission 2020. Over the course of three days over 100 Veterans went fishing at Cedar Springs Sportsmans Lodge in Rural Retreat VA. The Veterans were treated to a catered lunch from Aunt Bea's BBQ of Mount Airy, and participated in a giveaway of several Abugarcia rods and reels from Robby's Sales in Mount Airy. The turnout was great with 37 on Sunday, 47 on Monday, and 32 on Tuesday.

Special thanks go to Semper Fi Farms and to Cedar Springs Sportsmans Lodge for allowing the Elks Lodge to be part of Fishing Mission 2020.



Hickory Elks \$2,367 to the Catawba County Backpack Program

Hickory Elks Lodge No. 1654 recently made two donations to the Catawba County Backpack Program. The Backpack Program serves children in 34 local schools who face hunger in Catawba County. The program is led by volunteers and is completely reliant on the generous hearts of local donors. It costs \$144 for a child to receive food every Friday throughout the school year. The program continues to feed children throughout the summer. The program is in desperate need of donations. The Backpack Program is a program of The Corner Table Soup Kitchen.

Committee Chair Carole Anderson presented a \$1,000 check, (from NC Charitable Grant) on June 6 and a \$1,367 check (donations from members) on July 14 to Backpack Program Coordinator, Amanda Freeland at the Backpack Warehouse.

"The Elks continue to be our largest donor to the program by surpassing each year what they did the year before," Freeland said. "The Backpack Program looks forward each year to being a part of this great organization in our community who truly does make a difference."

The lodge will continue to raise money for the program throughout the year.



Oak Island Lodge Holds End of Summer Membership Drive

Oak Island Elks Lodge #2769 recently held an "End of Summer Membership Drive" at the Lodge.

Live music, food, and outdoor games were provided by the Lodge and the event was open to the public. The Lodge generated a great deal of interest from potential newcomers who we hope to convert to members in the near future!



Shallotte Elks Donate to Project Lifesaver

Shallotte Elks Lodge donated to Brunswick County Sheriff Dept. \$2,250.00 from their Beacon Grant for Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a bracelet given to someone who wanders away from their caregiver. To participate, the prospective client must live within Brunswick County, be diagnosed by a certified physician as having Alzheimer's disease, other dementia disorders, Autism, Down's Syndrome or similar disorders, as well as to be known to wander away from the caregiver.

Pictured left to right front row; Paul Salerno Shallotte Elks Lodge Trustee; Sam Johnston Lodge Inner Guard and BCSO Volunteer, Sheriff John W Ingram. Back row; Sgt. Rebecca Allen BCSO impact unit (holding a receiver unit to pick up a signal from a bracelet), First Sgt T.K. Nowell; John Alcorn Exalted Ruler; Lt. Chris Raynor.



Oak Island Lodge Donates to Oak Island Water Rescue



The Oak Island Elks Lodge recently donated \$500.00 to the Oak Island Water Rescue Station. The Oak Island Water Rescue is a non-profit volunteer emergency response team that aids swimmers and boaters in distress. They also assist the Oak Island Police and Fire departments as well as the US Coast Guard with missing persons and beach transfers.

Pictured are Tony Young and ER Debbie Welch

Calabash Ladies Distribute School Supplies for Students in Need

Over the past many years, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Calabash Elks Lodge have collected and purchased School Supplies for students in need who attend the Waccamaw School in Ash, NC, and this year was no different, except that the School Supplies Drive was only slightly delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Ladies did live up to their legacy, and made up for the delay, by recently delivering a huge quantity of varied school supplies to the school, so much so, that it took 2 vehicles to transport them.

The school administrators and the guidance counselors determine which students are in need, and distribute the supplies accordingly.



Mount Airy Lodge Donates Beacon Grant to The Childrens Center of Surry and Yadkin Counties

The Mount Airy Elks Lodge presented a check for \$ 3500.00 from the Beacon Grant to The Children Center of Surry and Yadkin Counties. The center will use this check to provide clothing, shoes, educational supplies and other necessities to the children of both centers.

Pictured on the left is some of the staff of the Children Center and on the right, Mark Alderman and Tommy Marion Grant Coordinators from Mount Airy Lodge 2061



In other news the Mount Airy Lodge donated their \$2000 Spotlight Grant to Helping Hands of Surry County. The grant will be used to assist individuals who are in need of financial, educational, career, or food support.

Oak Island Elks Golf Tourney to Raises Funds for Lodge Charities

Oak Island Lodge held the 28th annual Golf Tournament for charity at the Oak Island Golf Club. 135 Players, 12 gold sponsors and many silver and bronze sponsors from the community donated to make this another successful event.

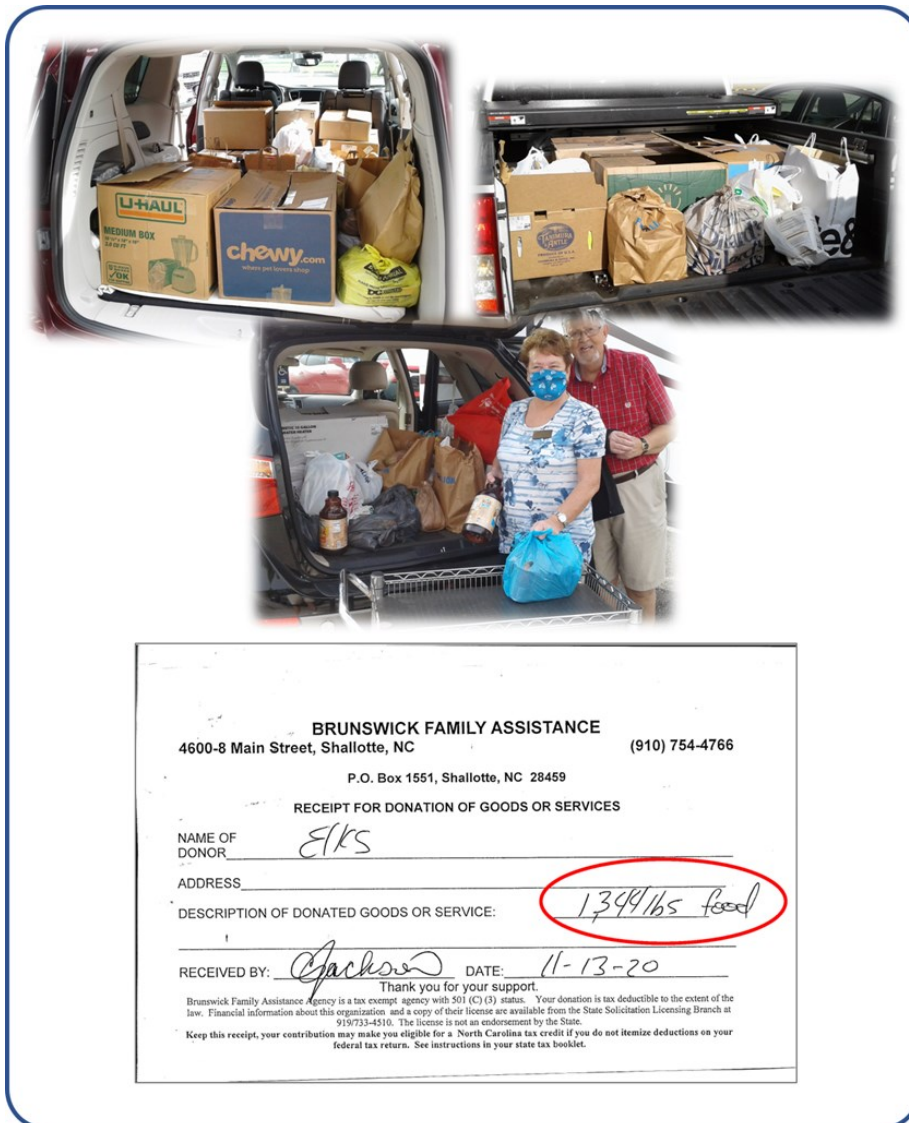
The charities that will benefit range from youth baseball to senior living assistance to water rescue and local churches. Everyone had a great time even with the Covid restrictions. We look forward to distributing the funds in the very near future.



Calabash Elks and Ladies Donate to Local Food Bank

Thanks to the generosity of the Members & Friends of the Calabash Elks Lodge, and the members of their Ladies Auxiliary, together, they donated **1,344 pounds of non-perishable food** to the Brunswick Family Assistance's Food Pantry to help local food insecure residents during the upcoming holiday season.

All the non-perishable food was collected during the lodge's recent "Holiday Food Drive Contest," which was a competition between the lodge members and their Ladies Auxiliary to see which group could collect the most food. A "Friendly Wager" was involved, with the Ladies proclaimed as the contest's winner, but – the real winner was the BFA and our local residents.



Shalotte Elks Donate Trick-or-Treat Candy to Sheriffs Department

Shalotte Elks Lodge #2854 donated two 400 piece bags of candy to Brunswick County Sheriff's Office for Trick or Treating this year.

Pictured L-R Suzanne Smith Brunswick County Sheriff, John Alcorn Exalted Ruler, Chief Deputy Charlie Miller, Elizabeth Bynum Brunswick County Sheriff , and Laura Spencer Brunswick County Sheriff .



In other news the Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$250.00, from their Gratitude Grant, to Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. for their Warm Hands Warm Hearts Program. The Warm Hands Warm Hearts Program helps people who have a little trouble with their electric bill during the cold winter months.

Mount Airy Elks Donate Grant to Helping Hands



The Mount Airy Elks Lodge recently donated their \$2000 Spotlight Grant to Helping Hands of Surry County. This donation will be used to support the many services provided through Helping Hands designed to assist individuals who are in need of financial, educational, career and food support.

Pictured L-R: ER Norman Marion; J. Edwards of Helping Hands; and PER Mark Alderman .

Oak Island Elks Donate to Local Charities

The Oak Island NC Elks Lodge donated \$2000.00 to the New Hope Clinic in Boiling Spring Lakes NC. The New Hope Clinic's mission is to provide quality medical, dental, and pharmacy services to low income, uninsured Brunswick County adults in a caring, patient centered environment.

Pictured L-R: Jenny Perkins, FNP-BC; Shelia Roberts, Executive Director; Jerry Sweeney (elk); Joe Wintsch (elk).



The Oak Island Elks Lodge donated \$2000.00 to the Communities in Schools of Brunswick County North Carolina. CIS has a mission to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Pictured L-R:
Bonnie Jordan, BSW -Executive Director and Jerry Sweeney

The Oak Island Elks Lodge recently donated \$2000.00 to the Matthews Ministry on Oak Island.

Matthew's Ministry is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to ending childhood hunger. Currently they provide food for children at 12 schools in Brunswick County.

Cheryl Hudson (Elk); Jerry Sweeney (Elk); Kristie Disbrow (Executive Director); Rick Fuller (Elk)



Fayetteville Elks Donate Grant to Care Clinic



The Fayetteville Lodge presented the Care Clinic in Fayetteville with \$1000 from the NC Charitable Trust Grant.

Local Elks pictured with Monica Williams, Development and Marketing Manager for the Care Clinic.

Mount Airy Elks Donate to The Childrens Center of Surry and Yadkin County

The Mount Airy Elks Lodge through the ENF Community Investment Grants Program were able to provide \$ 3500.00 from the Beacon Grant proceeds to the The Children Center of Surry and Yadkin County. The lodge could not directly purchase clothing, shoes, school supplies and other necessities for the children this year, so the monetary donation will continue the tradition to provide for the at risk children in both facilities.

Pictured on the left is the Children Center Staff and on the right are Mark Alderman and Tommy Marion Lodge Grant Coordinators.



Shallotte Elks Treat Veterans to a Pizza Social

Shallotte Elks Lodge 2854 celebrated Veteran's Day with a pizza social at Autumn Care, a nursing care facility. We served 7 servicemen, 1 servicewomen (5 Army, 2 Navy, 1 Air Force) and 42 other residents.

Pictured from left to right Paul Salarno Lodge Trustee, Ed Oliver Lodge Loyal Knight, John Olear Lodge Lecturing Knight, Regina Lowry Activity Director, John Alcorn Lodge Exalted Ruler and Sam Johnston Lodge Inner Guard.



Oak Island Lodge Donated to Cape Fear Life Center



The Oak Island Elks Lodge donated \$2000.00 to the Lower Cape Fear Life Care Center in Brunswick County. Life Care is dedicated to providing the highest quality Life Care, education, and support services to the patients, their families and communities in Lower Brunswick County.

Calabash Lodge Uses Grant to Assist Veterans

The Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee recently made a \$3,500.00 donation to the "Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center" located in Little River, SC. This donation brings the total of Committee donations to the Center to over \$15,500 since 2014. The Elks National Foundation provided the funds under a special "Beacon Grant" that permits direct donations to organizations supporting needy veterans during the COVID-19 crisis. This grant will allow the Center to financially assist at least seven veterans with rent, utility payments, food, and basic necessities.

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 Use Charitable Trust Grant to Assist Food Insecure Brunswick County Residents



The Calabash Elks Lodge donated \$1000.00 to the Brunswick Family Assistance's Food Pantry to help them purchase perishable foods such as meats and vegetables for local food insecure residents during the upcoming holiday season.

The project was funded by a \$1,000.00 grant awarded to the Lodge by the North Carolina Elks Charitable Trust.

Pictured L-R: Exalted Ruler Tom Friewald; BFA Program Manager Charles Jackson; and Trustee and CT Board Member Mark Kerr.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS To All

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