

North  
Carolina



*December 2020 - January 2021*



## Leadership Seminar Going Virtual

For the safety of our Members and due to Covid restrictions on mass gathering, this years Leadership Seminar is going virtual. Beginning with a 2 hour session on the morning of Saturday February 27th and continuing with 1 hour sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings the following two weeks, each session will be planned to address topics and issues related to Lodge management and programs.

The Leadership Committee asks that each Exalted Ruler and or Secretary notify Members of the upcoming seminar and encourage Officers and Committeemen who will benefit from each session to attend. The meeting ID and passcode to enter the Zoom meetings are listed below, please forward to all Members who have an interest in attending one or more sessions.

**The agenda for the seminar is on page 2 of this newsletter.**

To access the Zoom meetings use the following.

**Meeting ID: 680 913 5754 Passcode: 739461**

**NCSEA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

**9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Zoom Presentation**

9:00 am Welcome

General Announcements

NCSEA Spring 2021 Convention

Grand Lodge Annual Convention 2021

Leadership Seminar Purpose and Schedule for the Day & Four Nightly Sessions

PROGRAM

9:10 am ER Training

9:25 am Other Officers Training

9:35 am Board of Director Training, Annual Meeting Requirement

9:50 am Grand Lodge Training Courses & Reference Sources on [www.wlks.org](http://www.wlks.org)

10:10 am Membership-Orientation-Online Dues Payment Program

10:30 am Jack Frost

10:45 am Wrap Up, Q&A Session

10:55 am Closing Remarks

11:00 noon Adjourn Saturday Session

Nightly One Hour Sessions

March 2, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom

7:00 pm Managing the House Committee- ALE Seller Server/ServSafe/Sexual Harassment-Other ALE Training – Covid-19, How to Operate the Lodge with Restrictions

March 4, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom

7:00 pm Secretary Training - Treasurer Training - Financial Reporting System (FRS) - Budget Process & Consideration – Online Dues Payment

March 9, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom

7:00 pm Public Relations - Social Media-Communications Committee – NCSEA Newsletter – NCSEA Website – NCSEA Secretary Communications

March 11, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom

7:00 pm Grand Lodge Awards Programs – Grants - ENF – Charitable Trust – PER

Question and Answer Session-All Previous Presenters to Discuss Their Topics in More Detail. I

Bring Your Questions on Any Topic for Panel Discussion and Clarification.

Please Visit [NCELKS.ORG](http://NCELKS.ORG) For Access to Reference Materials

## A Message From State President John Bullock



Well, I hope everyone had a good holiday season and ready to get 2021 started and put 2020 behind us. With the new year starting that means the Elk year is starting to wind down. In the state we have had a membership gain the past two years and I would love to see it happen for a third year. I know it has been a tough year for membership in our lodges. But we have done a great job of recruiting new members, but we need to make a last attempt to get some of the delinquent members paid up. With the election of officers coming up next month. The State Association will be hosting a virtual officer training the end of February and the first of March, the schedule is in this newsletter. I hope to see a large turn out for this since no traveling will be involved. So, until next time be safe and remember,

**“Let’s Do It”.**

# Message From Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan

## Finish your year strong by creating momentum



**Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.** This is my motto going into my year, but this can be your thoughts going out of your year. Finish the year strong, don't think to yourself that you only have two more months until you are done. Instead, think that you have two more months to make a difference. Start bringing your Leading Knight or whoever will be your ER to all the events and all the meetings to help train them going into April. Don't forget, April 1 is a Thursday, and for the next week the Lodges throughout the country will be voting in the new leadership. Hopefully that doesn't mean you are stepping away. PERs are essential to the future of the Lodges. Have a celebration for the Birthday of the Elks. The date of our origin is February 16th. It may be a Tuesday, but you can make it a profitable day! Celebrate our birthday and create an avenue for a fundraiser. This is the time of year both current and future leaders of your Lodge need to come together to set the goals for the next year. Engage Members in this process. Getting them involved can Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom, and this is what we all want. Contest 'A' All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due in March, so get prepared to participate in this. Even if you don't think you qualify, it is worth the efforts to work toward it. I know the parameters are different this year, but the efforts are still worth it!





## Grand Lodge Convention Proclamation

### PROCLAMATION

**THIS PROCLAMATION MUST BE READ AT THE FIRST LODGE SESSION AFTER ITS RECEIPT AND THEN POSTED ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD.**

*To All Local Lodges and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.*

GREETINGS:

The *Grand Exalted Ruler*, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, acting upon authority given him under Article 3, Section 6, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in Tampa, Florida with the opening ceremonies and meetings held at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S. Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33602 on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

The opening business session will convene in the Tampa Convention Center at 8:00 Monday morning, July 5, 2021, at which session the election of Officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter at 8:00 a.m. on July 6, and 7, 2021, until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

The Tampa Marriott Water Street on 505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602 has been selected as the Headquarters hotel for the 156<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Session. A room reservation form with a letter outlining the procedure will be sent to Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Forum, Special Deputies, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen from the Grand Lodge Convention Office in Chicago, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889. District Deputies-Designate need to make their room reservations through their State Association Housing Coordinators. All Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen, and District Deputies-Designate need to make all airline travel arrangements through the Grand Lodge Convention Office.


Room reservations not outlined in the preceding paragraph must be made through each State Association Housing Coordinator. Those planning to attend the Grand Lodge Convention are urged to make that fact known to their State Association Housing Coordinators immediately. Neither the Grand Lodge Convention Office nor the official Tampa hotels will accept reservations directly from Lodges, individual Elks, or travel agencies.

**Registration will be required of all Members and their Guests attending the Convention. This includes the Sunday Afternoon Opening Session, and the Business Sessions for Members. State Ritualistic Teams are required to register before competing in the Grand Lodge contest.**

ATTEST:



  
Bryan R. Klatt  
Grand Secretary

  
Paul R. Ryan  
Grand Exalted Ruler

Dated: March 1, 2021



## Future Conventions

**NCSEA -** Wilmington NC

April 30 - May 2, 2021 Ballast Riverfront Hotel

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

We are making plans for the Spring meeting of the NCSEA on the riverfront in Wilmington NC. While the situation might change, currently the hotel says they are prepared for us to hold meetings, and have 100 rooms reserved. Plans are to have the registration forms available on line at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org) around the beginning of March, at which time we will have a better understanding where we stand with Covid restrictions. Should Covid restrictions change plans for the Spring meeting the Convention Committee will notify the Lodges.

**Stay safe and healthy.**



# News From the Lodges

## Hendersonville Lodge Receives Flag Certificate

The Hendersonville Lodge was nominated for a Flag Certificate from the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The nomination was made by the President of the SAR Chapter, John Boyd, also a member of the Lodge. The SAR is always trying to promote Patriotism and Knowledge of the History of our Nation, especially the beginnings and the sacrifices our ancestors made to create our Nation.



Tom Long, Flag Committee Chairman, and Craig Isaccson, Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a certificate to Kelly Cook, Exalted Ruler of Hendersonville Lodge #1616, acknowledging the Lodge for its tradition of honoring our great American Flag by displaying it correctly.



# Raleigh Lodge Provides Breakfast Bags for “Meals on Wheels”

Raleigh Elks Lodge used the Spotlight Grant to provide 1300 breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels of Wake County. The bags were delivered to homebound older adults and persons with disabilities in Wake County.





## Hickory Elks Help Deployed Military Families

Hickory Elks Lodge saw a need to help Deployed Military Families who are experiencing hardships due to the Pandemic. As a direct result of the COVID pandemic, military families in our community are having difficulties paying their mortgages, rent, and buying food and other living essentials.

The Elks Lodge is here to give back and we continually strive to help our neighbors said Gary Gantt President of the Lodge. Our members care about others and have a sincere desire to support those in need.” Tracy Bentley Chair for the Committee created “Love Boxes” containing essential household items, such as toiletries, sanitizers for personal health care, and other household staples. These Boxes were distributed to 30 military families of our community. The boxes were picked up by the families at the Hickory Elks Lodge in a controlled sanitary environment while keeping proper social distancing.



# Shallotte Elks Donate to Community in Schools



Shallotte Elks Lodge 2854 donated \$350.00, from their Gratitude Grant, to Community in Schools of Brunswick County N.C.

Pictured Bonnie Jordan BSW Executive Director.

# High Point Lodge Uses Spotlight Grant to Assist Veterans

High Point Elks Lodge used their Spotlight Grant for a local nonprofit assisting Veterans. A check for \$2,000 was given to The Tiny Houses Community Development in High Point. The Tiny House grant will be used to help build a house specifically for veterans who are homeless and transitioning into permanent housing.

Pictured from left to right are Tim Hight, Exalted Ruler, Scott Jones, Executive Director Tiny Houses, Vic Jones, Veterans Committee member and Phil Driscoll, Leading Knight.





## High Point Elks Beacon Grant Helps Non Profits Assisting Veterans

High Point Elks used their Beacon Grant to help two local non profits assisting Veterans. A portion of the grant was used to give a check for \$2,500 to The Heroes Center, an organization helping young veterans transition to civilian life through education and mental health support. The remaining portion of the grant was used to provide a holiday dinner (\$350) and financial support (\$650) for veterans housed at the Cassell Transitional Home. This home provides support for homeless veterans so they are able to move into permanent housing.

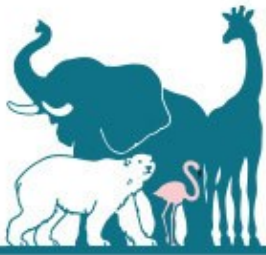


Pictured is the Holiday dinner for the Cassell Transitional Home veterans.



Pictured from left to right are Tim Hight, Exalted Ruler, Vic Jones, Chairman Heroes Center Board and Phil Driscoll, Leading Knight.

## Mount Airy Lodge Makes Memorial Donation to NC Zoo Society



North Carolina Zoo Society  
*the private non-profit that supports the North Carolina Zoo*

The Mount Airy Elks Lodge recently made a donation over \$ 700.00 to the NC Zoo Society in memory of our lodge member James Edd McBride, who was an avid Bee Keeper and was instrumental in the Bee Exhibit at the Zoo. The money will support the education programs at the Zoo.

## Elizabeth City Provides Support for the Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center and Clinic.



The Elizabeth City Lodge used part of this year's Gratitude Grant to provide support to the Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center and Clinic. Hannah Hartman (right), Lodge member, delivered a \$500 check to Center Director Morgan McCrea. This organization provides free, confidential education, resources, and medical services to women in our community regarding pregnancy and sexual health. In 2021, the Resource Center hopes to begin offering a mobile unit to provide services to more women throughout the community with limited access to transportation.

## Oak Island Lodge Host Red Cross Blood Drive



Oak Island Elks Lodge held their bi-annual Blood Drive in January. The drive received 50 units of blood for the Red Cross. Many volunteers were there to help make this event a success even in these challenging times.



## Mount Airy Elks Donate Needed Supplies to the Children's Home

Recently the Children's Center of Northwest North Carolina needed supplies for the everyday operations of their residential homes. The Members of Mt. Airy Elks Lodge responded in a BIG way! Members donated a total of \$1220 which was used to purchase bedding, groceries, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, waste baskets, and more. There's even a small balance leftover which we will use to restock them with some consumables in late January



Pictured are Randy Culler and Denise Connolly who spearheaded the project.



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## North Carolina Elks A Beacon of Light

