

North
Carolina



February March 2021



Leadership Seminar Goes Virtual

This years Leadership Training Seminar went virtual with it being broadcast to the Members via Zoom. Spread over a Saturday morning session and four evening sessions, it proved to be successful in spite of the occasional glitch due to computer mishaps. The Saturday session was aimed at Officer training and the Grand Lodge training courses. Additional sessions were geared toward the House Committee, Secretary and Treasurer training, communications, and other State and Grand Lodge programs.

Each session was video taped and is available at ncelks.org for review should any Officer or interested member miss a particular session of interest.

Message From President John Bullock



I hope everyone is ready for the Spring season to get started. We are about to start the new Elks year in April. So I hope all the new Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers have a successful year. But, if you have questions or concerns with your Lodge, please reach out to past officers in your lodge for help. Also, on the state level we have a Better Business Practices Committee that would be willing to help your Lodge. Plus you can always contact your District Deputy or District Vice President as well. Please get help with a small issue rather than wait till it becomes a huge problem.

This is also the end of the year for the State Association, this is my last newsletter article. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your State President this year. This was always a goal of mine to become the State President. I would like to thank all the Committee Chairpersons, District Chairpersons, and State officers for serving this year. I would like to say what a great job Frank Brady and his wife Sandy has done as the President-Elect. Last I would like to thank my lovely wife Maria for being by my side and helping me on my journey of becoming and serving as State President. So I hope to see everyone at the convention in May.

Just remember **“Let’s Do It”**.



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

PAUL R. RYAN



This is the time of year that many people look for change. Days are getting longer and, in much of the country, warmer. Signs of spring are beginning to show. It may be the end of an Elks year, but it is also the beginning of a new one. If you are retiring from your leadership role, continuing on in a new one, or beginning your year as the leader, no matter what you are doing, you are the leadership of the organization and your Lodge. Year end seems like a time of celebration, but we also need to continue to move forward. Lodge Secretaries need to prepare the year-end reports. Budgets for the upcoming year should be solidified and any last-minute changes should be made, if need be. This is also the time to evaluate your Lodge and review what was successful. Continue those programs and work them. But also look to see what didn't work. Don't over analyze it, but rather consider what it was that didn't work. Ask yourself if it is worth having it again or scratching it and try something new. Begin now to update your Lodge's calendar and prepare for the future events. If you are prepared, you are Creating Momentum ahead of time. Be sure also to review your Lodge bylaws. Is there anything that needs attention? At the same time, review your house rules and make sure they are up to date and ready for the next year. It is vitally important to have these rules and bylaws in effect to protect your Lodge from a business perspective to clearly define how the Lodge will handle any and all negative situations that may arise.

Elks Care - **Elks** Share

NCSEA Spring Convention in Wilmington

Come and join your fellow Elks in Wilmington the weekend of April 30th through May 2nd. Meetings will be held at the Ballast Riverfront Hotel in downtown Wilmington. With the River Walk and nearby shopping and dining, it is an ideal weekend getaway. Close to Wrightsville Beach, the USS North Carolina, and the North Carolina Aquarium there is always lots of activities for the entire family.

Registration deadline April 12th.

Registration forms and convention agenda online at ncelks.org

See Y'all There!!!



Grand Lodge Convention

Tampa FL, July 4th—7th

North Carolina housing chairman Mike Curran has reservation forms posted on line at ncelks.org

The North Carolina delegation is staying at the Westin Tampa Waterside.

Pre-registration for the Tampa Convention opens April 1st.

Online pre-registration opens April 1 with new distribution procedures being implemented in Tampa. Pre-registration will be the best way to avoid lines and safely receive your credentials and other critical attendee information. Pre-registration is available at elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm and runs through June 21. The Elks National Convention Commission is working closely with the Tampa Convention Center and Visit Tampa Bay to plan for a safe and healthy Elks National Convention. Safety measures and plans are evolving, but are likely to include social distancing, attendee occupancy management, and personal mask use that is currently required in Tampa.

Members who pre-register will be able to pick up their credentials from Mike Curran in the North Carolina hospitality room. There will be no Grand Lodge Committee booths/exhibits and no State Major Project booths at this years convention.



Westin Tampa Waterside

Roxboro Police Officer Named Enrique Camarena Award Winner



ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM'S ENRIQUE S. CAMARENA AWARD

Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was an 11 year veteran agent of the DEA, who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and then murdered in Mexico in 1985. Prior to serving with the DEA, Agent Camarena was a firefighter, a criminal investigator and a narcotics officer. He was a loving husband and a father of three children. His death has inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life and the Elks celebrate his commitment to this effort with an annual award. October is traditionally Red Ribbon month, a time when people wear red ribbons to commemorate Agent Camarena's ultimate sacrifice. The millions of Americans who wear these ribbons visibly take a stand that they are opposed to illicit drug use and commemorate all of those who have been tragically affected by the results of use and abuse. Each year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks present the **Enrique S. Camarena Award** to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life.

I am extremely proud and humbled to announce that the winner of the Highest Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program Award, the Enrique Camarena Award, for 2020-21 is Lieutenant Ricky V. Hughes of the Roxboro Police Department. He was nominated by Roxboro Lodge #2005 and received multiple letters of endorsement from his own department, community, city, county and state leaders. Lieutenant Hughes' 23 year continuous dedication to the people of the City of Roxboro along with Person County and his passion for his job is evident in his work. He has been a proponent of the National Drug Take Back Day, held twice a year, and assists with coordination of that for the entire county. He has played a large part in removing drugs from our schools and streets along with educating young children of the dangers substance abuse. The police ride along program that he created in the community for students along with young citizens gave them a firsthand experience of these dangers. The state of North Carolina is very fortunate to have an officer, like him, that serves with distinction and thoroughly cares about his community by promoting drug awareness in our schools and streets. Lieutenant Ricky V. Hughes' values, morals and ethics are admirable and his career is commendable. His colleagues look up to him as he leads by example. Lieutenant Hughes fits the criteria for this award in every aspect and is very deserving. He exemplifies the standards by which Enrique Camarena lived, worked and died. His courage and dedication truly demonstrates that one person can make a difference. I am excited to share this prestigious announcement with him along with his family and look forward to honoring him at our Fall State Convention.

Robert Miller, PDDGER
Drug Awareness Chairman

Membership Challenge: Can Your Lodge Top This Goldsboro Initiates 25 New Members



Goldsboro Lodge is pleased to report that the stars all lined up and the Goldsboro Lodge initiated a total of 28 members (3 reinstatements & 25 newbie's) in our meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd. The photo attached only shows 20 of the 28 but by the time we were taking pictures it was like herding cats...

It is nice to see the hard work that the Goldsboro team has put in over the last several years pay off. They have remained focused on building a solid foundation which we hope will improve retention. As we set out on this path, we realized that losing them faster than we could sign them up wasn't doing us any good so we built a plan to improve retention. Those plans included changes in; Lodge Staffing, Lodge culture, Structure of the House Committee, Community programs, Facilities & Events. Let's hope and pray that works as designed.





11 O'clock Toast Competition

An 11 O'clock Toast competition will be held on Saturday afternoon at the NCSEA convention in Wilmington.

There will be two divisions, one for Exalted Rulers and one for all other members.

ER's and PER's start practicing, the high score among ER's and PER's in the State contest will represent North Carolina in the 11 O'clock ritual contest at the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa this July.

PAST EXALTED RULER

AUCTION

***Saturday May 1st at the NCSEA Spring
Convention***

**The PER Association requests that each Lodge and
attendee bring a new item to be auctioned off.**

Money raised will provide grants to NC Lodges.

Bid High and have fun!!!



News From the Lodges

Goldsboro Elks Lodge Partners with the Patriot Foundation to form the Air Force Family Scholarship Program



**NORTH CAROLINA
AIR FORCE FAMILY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021**

The Goldsboro Elks Lodge and the Patriot Foundation of North Carolina have joined forces to support North Carolina Air Force Families of Fallen or Disabled Airmen.

The North Carolina Air Force Family Scholarship Program (AFFSP) awards will vary between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per student per semester, based upon need. Funded by a Patriot Foundation grant, these merit-based scholarships will pay tuition and other eligible expenses for students attending colleges and accredited vocational institutions beginning this year.

The Patriot Foundation has established specific eligibility criteria for this program as well as a concise plan for payment of student expenses. More detailed information concerning eligibility, application and program contacts is available within the AFFSP website.

Online and mailed applications are due April 1, 2021.

WWW.AFFSP.ORG

ELIGIBILITY

Family members or eligible dependent members of Veterans, Active Duty for the Department of the Air Force who reside in North Carolina are encouraged to apply.

Specific eligibility requirements can be found by going to the "Application" tab of the www.affsp.org website.

or visit our website
WWW.AFFSP.ORG

← APPLY TODAY!



Contact Us:
www.affsp.org/contact-us/



Mail Us:
AFFSP Scholarship Committee
Goldsboro Elks Lodge
PO Box 1003, Goldsboro, NC 27533



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www.affsp.org

The Goldsboro Elks Lodge and the Patriot Foundation of North Carolina have joined forces to support North Carolina families of fallen or disabled Airmen. An all-volunteer team led by the Elks will begin awarding educational scholarships this spring through the North Carolina Air Force Scholarship Program. Scholarships will vary between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per student per semester, based upon need. With funding supplied by a Patriot Foundation grant, these merit-based scholarships will pay tuition and other eligible expenses of students attending colleges and accredited vocational institutions.

“Education for our families and service members remains one of our biggest priorities at Seymour Johnson,” said Colonel Kurt Helphinstine, the 4th Fighter Wing Commander. “We value our partnerships with the greater North Carolina community and the support they continue to provide for not only the base, but the families as well. This type of scholarship can make a significant contribution to the education of our Airmen and families”



Fayetteville Elks Donate Grant to Halfway House



Fayetteville BPOE #1081 presented an Elks ENF Beacon Grant for \$1,750 to the non-profit organization, Myrover-Rees Fellowship Homes Inc. Over 50 years ago, the Myrover-Reese Fellowship Home opened the first halfway house for recovering alcoholics in the State of North Carolina. Today they operate three programs with the capacity to house 42 individuals.

Pictured: Aaron Barth, Michael Hough, Tina Schultz and PER Dallas Brisson present a check for \$1,750.

Calabash Elks Veterans Committee Donates to Assist Veterans

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently donated \$4,100.00 to Brunswick Family Assistance to help fund assistance provided to Veterans in Brunswick County, NC. VAC donations in the past four years to the BFA "Veterans Fund" dedicated to helping Veterans now totals over \$18,000. 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: John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC; Charles Jackson, Program Manager, Brunswick Family Assistance; and Jerry Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC.

Oak Island Elks Donate to Veterans Experience Action Center

Oak Island Elks Lodge #2769 recently donated \$1000.00 to the Veterans Experience Action Center Team (VEAC). The mission of the VEAC is to deliver assistance to Veterans filing for, or adjustments to VA benefits earned through their military service.



Picture L-R: Ed Drzewiecki #2769, Steve Martin #2769, Tome Cerniglia VEAC Chairman, Brian Carroll #2769 and Toni Barber, American Legion 551

High Point Lodge Donates “Vet’s Welcome Home Kits”



The High Point Lodge #1155 recently donated “Vet’s Welcome Home Kits” to two homeless veterans that are transitioning to a new home. The kits include bedding, kitchen and bath items, cleaning supplies, and small appliances. The veterans were extremely grateful for the items we provided.”

Elizabeth City Elks Donate Baby Clothes To Pregnancy Resource Center



Handmade baby clothes, courtesy of Joanne Mooney of Elizabeth City, were presented to the Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center.

Pictured are (L-R) Elizabeth City Lodge member Hannah Hartman presenting the clothing to Center Director Morgan McCrae. The clothes will be provided to Center clients in need of clothing for their children.

Elizabeth City Lodge Uses Grant to Help Fund a Boardwalk Trail

The Elizabeth City Lodge used part of its Gratitude Grant to support a boardwalk trail initiative in Elizabeth City.

Hannah Hartman, lodge member, presented the check to the Fenwick-Hollowell Wetlands Boardwalk Trail project. There will be two plaques on the trail indicating Elks support of the effort.



Calabash Elks Golf Tournament Donates To Local & Veteran Charities

The Calabash Elks Lodge Charity Golf Tournament, held in March, raised over \$10,500 for local charities. Checks for \$1500 were distributed to seven organizations that serve the residents of Brunswick County NC and Horry County SC. The organizations selected for this years Charity Tournament include First Tee of Coastal Carolina, NCSEA TV fund for Veterans Homes, New Hope Clinic, West Brunswick High School, Sunset Vision, Brunswick Family Assistance, and North Myrtle Beach High School.



Left: Ed Sackel presents a check to North Myrtle Beach High School band director to assist with purchase of instruments for needy students.



Right: Ashley Buckwell presents a check to Sunset Vision director Gordon Bokelman



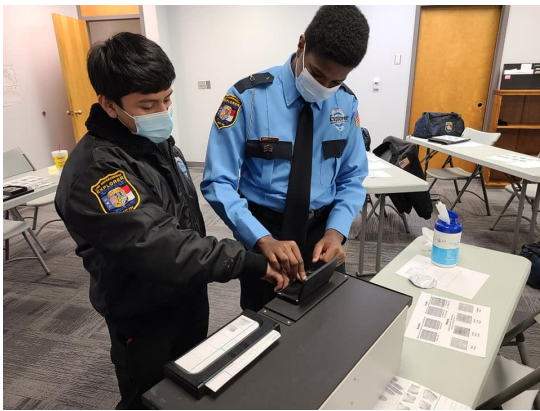
Right: Charles Jackson, Brunswick Family Assistance program coordinator receiving a check from Ed Sackel

Right: Elks David Foulds and Al Harms presenting a check to Shelia Roberts, Executive Director of New Hope Clinic



Goldsboro Elks Lodge Donates Gratitude Grant to Support Goldsboro Police Explorer Post 209!

Goldsboro Police Explorer 209 is a program designed for young adults, age 14 to 20 years old, to explore the law enforcement and criminal justice career field. The program promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism. It also fosters a positive relationship between Goldsboro law enforcement and the community they are proud to serve. Our lodge's donation helped sponsor a fingerprinting exercise lab and uniform items for 4 newly promoted cadets.



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