

North  
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June July 2022



State President John Lawrence with the North Carolina Flag as he prepared to present it at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta.

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# Message from State President John Lawrence



As I sit here reflecting on the 2022 Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, many thoughts surround me. I will forever treasure the opportunity I had to represent the North Carolina State Elks Association by carrying our Flag across the stage at the National Convention! What an honor it was! I think of the nice seasonable weather (hot) we had there and to all of the many victories and surprises. For the victories there were many. The Roxboro Lodge #2005 and Goldsboro Lodge #139 took first place in the Community Project Contest, the second year in a row for Roxboro! In the same contest Hickory Lodge #1654 won second place in Division 5. Roxboro also took a third-place award in Division II of the All-American Lodge Contest while the Hickory Lodge was an All-American Lodge finalist. Roxboro also took third place in Division II in the ENF Chairmans Challenge. The Local Lodge Website Contest also had a winner from North Carolina with the High Point Lodge #1155 receiving a four-star award. Saving the best for last, the NC Elks took second place overall in the Membership Awards with a net increase of 8.30%. It was only fitting that Mike Pace from the Hendersonville Lodge #1616 accepted the award as his Lodge had the highest total increase in new members last year. I want to thank Al Harms and all of his Membership Committee members for an outstanding job! As a side note we closed out last year with a total of 9,888 members and today we are 9,958 members strong, only 42 away from 10,000! Let's do this, get out and get those candidates initiated! In other Convention business, our new District Deputies were installed. Be sure to congratulate Jody Pascarella, Richard Penk, Derrick Sims and Mark Couch on their new appointments and look forward to attending their respective DD Clinics. If you attended the Convention, I am sure you will agree with me that Mark Alderman, Lisa Parrish and Derrick Simms did an outstanding job in running our hospitality room, be sure to thank them when you see them! Finally, some of our NC Elks returned from Atlanta with an unwanted souvenir, Covid-19. My wife and I got it and are recovering as well as many others from not only NC but other States as well, so always be safe in all of your travels!

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## State Presidents Message Continued

Aside from the Grand Lodge Convention, my wife and I have traveled to other events. In June we travelled to my home State of Virginia to attend their State Convention held in Fredericksburg. We were greeted at our hotel by none other than George and Martha Washington, portrayed by VA, Elks President Ray Dameron and his lovely wife and First Lady Elizabeth. They were most gracious hosts and we took a trolley tour of Fredericksburg along with our Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and his wife Amy who were also in attendance. I also helped score their Eleven O'Clock Toast contest as they were short on ritual judges. They run their conventions differently "up north" and, I saw a few things I liked that perhaps we can put into our conventions. Next month Cheryl and I will travel to South Carolina for their State Convention in Greenville.

One of my early travels in May was to the Goldsboro Freedom Fest celebrating Armed Forces Day, Military and First Responders. This event draws ten thousand visitors from across the East Coast. The event features bands, of which Sister Hazel was the lead performer this year, along with car and bike shows, police dog shows, and many vendors. Michelle DeLaire was there with her Teddy Bears for Ukraine tents as well as tents from other NC Lodges. ER Alex Wingate and PER Doug McGrath of the Goldsboro Lodge #139 have brought this festival from a small local event to one of Goldsboro's largest attractions, and the presence of Elks is to be found throughout the event. Be sure to put his on your schedule next year, it is an awesome festival!

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Bruce A. Hidley from Watervliet-Colonie New York Lodge #1500. His motto for this year is "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" and he is quite the enthusiastic guy! He will be attending our Fall Convention that will be held in Clemmons in October. Be sure to register early as I am sure that will most likely be a sell-out!



Michelle DeLaire and SP John Lawrence promoting the Adopt-A-Bear program at the Goldsboro Freedom Fest.

# Message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A Hidley "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm"



After receiving the distinct honor of being elected as your Grand Exalted Ruler by the convention delegates in Atlanta, my wife Helen and I are extremely humbled and honored to represent our great Order of Elks this year. Throughout my 42 year journey in the Elks, I have been blessed by the aid and support of many, many great people. Together, Helen and I owe a great debt of gratitude to our family, friends, and to you, our fellow Elks. Each one of you has been there for us in one way or another, and Helen and I thank you very much for everything. To my lovely wife Helen, you are the most superb, supportive, and devoted wife anyone could ask for. Truly, thank you! I am forever grateful! For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my theme is, "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm!"

This theme represents the commitment that Helen and I have made to travel wherever we can across our great nation, to work as hard as we can to support our Local Lodges, in promoting the programs of Elkdom with tremendous and overwhelming enthusiasm in their communities. A fundamental funding source of "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" is the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Last year, the ENF budget totaled over \$39.8 million. Think of the impact that the \$39.8 million has had on your State Association and Local Lodges in funding the various Elks programs that stress healthy and active lifestyles for our youth, fulfilling the Elks' pledge to always remember our veterans (past and present) who defended our freedoms that we enjoy, and providing millions of dollars in grants in the communities where we live and work. For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my goal is that the ENF personal donation will once again be \$4.80 per Member. Elks Members have proved over and over again their commitment to meeting this per-capita goal, and I'm sure that we will all look toward "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" to achieve that \$4.80 per Member goal. Please accept my sincere thank you to the entire membership, in advance, for your ongoing tireless efforts for ENF. Since Lodge membership is absolutely vital to the success of our great Order of Elks, I strongly encourage you to focus on obtaining a +1 in membership. In addition to seeking new qualified Members, please also work with your Lodge Membership Retention Chairperson to get our stray Elks back into our Order. Membership is the life blood of our organization. By "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" within our communities, we will attract residents who will want to become proud Members. Perhaps it was best said by the simple words of American automotive pioneer and founder and namesake of the Chrysler Corporation, Walter Chrysler, "The real secret of success is enthusiasm." Helen and I are excited and proud to travel to each state to see and commend the great work you are doing in your State Associations and Local Lodges. We look forward to meeting as many Elks as we can and making new, lifetime friends as we travel.

# Changes to NCSEA Districts

The NCSEA Long Range Planning Committee recently recommended the realignment of NCSEA Districts to reflect a more equal distribution of Lodges. This proposal was presented to the Advisory Board which also recommended and approved the changes. These recommended changes were sent to the Grand Lodge which has given their approval.

Effective as of this month the 4 NCSEA Districts have been realigned to allow a more equal distribution of Lodges. The change will affect the Wilson, Rocky Mount and Reidsville Lodges. See the District list below.

## **East** (9 Lodges)

Calabash  
Elizabeth City  
Goldsboro  
Kinston  
Morehead City  
New Bern  
Oak Island  
Shalotte  
Wilmington

## **East Central** (7 Lodges)

Raleigh  
Roxboro  
Sanford  
Southern Pines  
Fayetteville  
Rocky Mount  
Wilson

## **West Central** (8 Lodges)

Lake Norman  
Greensboro  
High Point  
Mount Airy  
Winston Salem  
Reidsville  
Statesville  
Salisbury

## **West** (8 Lodges)

Asheville  
Hendersonville  
Hickory  
Morganton  
Newton  
N Wilkesboro  
Shelby  
Waynesville

## FROM THEW DESK OF JUDICIARY AREA 3

Greetings Elks. I hope all had a good time at Grand Lodge in Atlanta. The Resolutions that were passed in Atlanta are effective as of August 8, 2022. The By-Laws portion of CLMS may be down August and possibly September as the template is being changed for several of the resolutions.

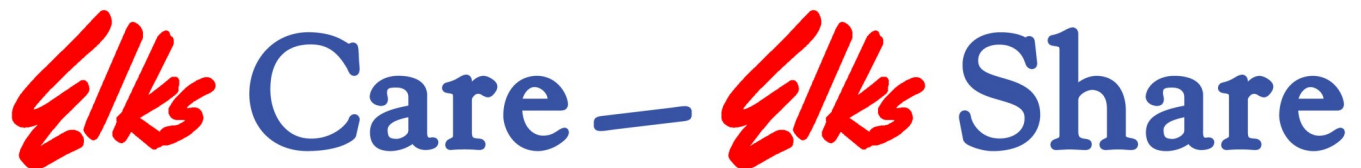
Grand Lodge Statute 16.020 now has the Secretary and the Treasurer as members of the Board of Directors for incorporated Lodges. This change is not optional. Both officers are voting members of the Board and are required to attend the Board's meetings. Additionally, if your Lodge utilizes the Board of Directors as the Managing Body of the Lodge club, bar, lounge or social quarters, the Secretary and Treasurer are also part of that Managing Body. This change to your By-Laws will be contained in the By Laws template on CLMS. You do not need to amend your By-Laws just for this purpose.

Grand Lodge Statute 14.260 removed the 65 or above age requirement for Life Membership. This also does not require an immediate By-Law amendment.

I would also remind all Lodges that if you are changing your House Rules, you must include language from Grand Lodge Statute 17.052. This statute requires a House rule that your Lodge not over-serve members or guests. This statement is mandatory and any House Rules not containing this statement will be rejected by myself.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 336-689-2914 or email me at [ddoherty27360@gmail.com](mailto:ddoherty27360@gmail.com).

David S. Doherty  
Committee on Judiciary  
Area 3 Representative

The logo features the word "Elks" in a stylized red font with a white outline, followed by "Care" in a blue sans-serif font. A horizontal line separates "Care" from "Elks", which is also in the stylized red font with a white outline, followed by "Share" in the blue sans-serif font.

# North Carolina Elks District Deputy Clinics for 2022 -2023

East District	August 14, 2022	Morehead Lodge
East Central District	September 11, 2022	Raleigh Lodge
West Central District	August 21, 2022	High Point Lodge
West District	September 18, 2022	Hendersonville Lodge

## State Elks Convention in Clemmons NC - October 28,29,30

East District	January 29, 2023	New Bern Lodge
East Central District	January 8, 2023	Sanford Lodge
West Central District	January 22, 2023	Salisbury Lodge
West District	February 5, 2023	Hickory Lodge

## Leadership Seminar      February,25 2023    High Point Lodge

East District	April 16, 2023	Calabash Lodge
East Central District	April 2, 2023	Roxboro Lodge
West Central District	April 23, 2023	Winston Salem Lodge
West District	April 30, 2023	Asheville Lodge

## NC Elks State Convention      May 5,6,7

### District Deputies for 2022-2023

<b>East</b>	Jody Pascarella	jodypasc@yahoo.com
<b>East Central</b>	Derrick Sims	dsims100758@yahoo.com
<b>West Central</b>	Richard Penk	richard.penk@gmail.com
<b>West</b>	Mark Couch	mccouch1961@gmail.com



## SDGER John Boyd Congratulates 2021-2022 District Deputies For a Job Well Done



I personally want to thank you District Deputies for a great job last year. You not only did the required job as has been expected but you took on the added responsibility of **FRS reporting** and overcame a lot of resistance to change. You all very cleverly negotiated **your visits** to the **lodges** and the District Deputy Clinics through Covid infested time using a combination of in person visits and Zoom. I cannot say enough about how you adapted and make very favorable impression on our membership. I think **our increased membership** in North Carolina is in part due to how you helped hold the Lodges together.

I say to all the Elks in North Carolina that the names of **Carol Anderson, Mark Alderman, Justin Schaeffer, and Steve Tyler**, are synonymous with what Elks are all about.

With warm regards;

John L Boyd SDGER



2021-2022 District Deputies L-R: East District, Steve Tyler; West Central District, Carole Anderson; West District, Mark Alderman; East Central District, Justin Schaeffer.



## BPOE Elks Convention Pictures



Pictured L-R: DD West Mark Couch; Joe Clancy; DD West Central Richard Penk; SDGER John Boyd; DD East Jodi Pascarella; Guy Pascarella; DD East Central Derrick Simms.

Newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley giving his acceptance speech.



### Newly installed District Deputies

L-R: State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost; DD West Mark Couch; DD East Central Derrick Simms; DD East Jodi Pascarella; DD East Central Richard Penk; GER Bruce Hidley.



PSP Ron Delzer presenting the POW MIA Flag during the opening ceremonies.

West District VP Michael Pace with a plaque from the Grand Lodge recognizing North Carolina for outstanding membership growth finishing 10th in the nation with a net gain of 729 members.



GL Activities Committee member Michael Bryant, standing second from right, being introduced along with other committee members.

# NCSEA Fall Convention Clemmons, NC



**Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Fall NCSEA convention as we will be returning to the Village Inn in Clemmons, just west of Winston Salem, October 28 –30th. Be on hand to welcome Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and First Lady Helen as they honor us with their presence for the weekend.**

**More information and reservation forms will be posted on line at a later date.**



# Resolutions Voted on at the Grand Lodge Convention

<b>2022-1</b>	To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.	Yes=1,507 No=1,164 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-2</b>	To reduce the burden of storage of hundreds of years of physical paperwork by allowing for digital storage of documents. To increase longevity of information by minimizing risk of loss of information due to disaster or accident. To eliminate the need to store membership-related paperwork and information already available in CLMS, and allow for digital storage of membership-related paperwork that pre-dates CLMS implementation	Yes=2,596 No=93 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-3</b>	To eliminate the age requirement in part (a) of Section 14.260.	Yes=1,580 No=1,096 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-4</b>	To create, establish, and codify a new Elks National Drug Awareness Commission, to better support and promote the programs of the Order intended to address the dangers and pervasive problems surrounding drugs, alcohol, and substance abuse, and to keep communities across the United States informed about those risks and dangers.	Yes=2,463 No=221 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-5</b>	To provide the Grand Exalted Ruler with the ability to protect Members, guests, and property when a Member acts or threatens to act in an egregious manner.	Yes=2,346 No=334 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-6</b>	The purpose of this amendment to clarify that there is no charge for the issuance of identification cards.	Yes=2,542 No=143 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-7</b>	The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Grand Exalted Ruler has sufficient time to analyze the objections made by a Member, Lodge or State Association that are subject to an executive order.	Yes=2,605 No=82 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-8</b>	The purpose of this amendment is to provide authority for local Lodge Committees and Subcommittees to meet by electronic means.	Yes=2,409 No=275 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-9</b>	The purpose of this amendment is to authorize the Grand Exalted Ruler or District Deputy to allow electronic meetings to protect Members from a serious threat to their health and safety and to ensure the continuation of Lodge business.	Yes=2,450 No=236 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-10</b>	The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an unaffiliated Member, who is the current spouse of a Member, may visit a Lodge and attend events of the Order in a manner consistent with the status of a spouse who has never been a Member of the Order.	Yes=2,173 No=506 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>
<b>2022-11</b>	The purpose of this amendment is to authorize electronic submittal of forms in the permitting process.	Yes=2,602 No=73 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passed</b>

# News From North Carolina Lodges

## Hickory Lodge Participated In Event at Black Mountain Veterans Home



Hickory North Carolina lodge participated in the “Rolling Thunder” event held at the North Carolina State Veterans home in Black Mountain. Members donated over \$500 worth of shoes, clothing, bingo prizes and toiletries.

Shown here are members Tracy Hentschel Veterans Committee Chairman, Krystal Grindle, Brenda Wronek and Charlie.

In other news, Hickory’s “Lady Elks” donated over \$1000 to three local area High School’s to help with graduation expenses. They also donated \$500 to a local family to help with medical expenses.

## Shallotte Elks Donate to Summer Reading Program



The Shallotte Lodge donated \$2000 from their Spotlight Grant to the SSBI (Shallotte South Brunswick Islands) Kiwanis club to assist with food, books and backpacks for the new Summer Reading Program at Cardinal Pointe..

Pictured are Bob Von Sprecken, President of Kiwanis and Lodge Trustee Paul Salerno,



## Hendersonville Elks Lodge Teams Up With the Blue Ridge Chapter of SAR to Celebrate Flag Day

The Hendersonville Elks Lodge teamed up with the Blue Ridge Chapter NCSSAR on Flag Day to honor America's Grand Old Flag. The Elks Lodge held the ceremony on the afternoon of June 14, 2022 and invited the Blue Ridge Color Guard to take part in parading the contingent of historical American Flags around its campus.

The parade, escorted by SAR Color Guardsman Larry Chapman, Craig Isaacson, and Lance Dickinson, led the way carrying the 50-Star American Flag, the Bedford Flag, and the Guilford Court House Battle Flag. Several members of Elks Lodge 1616 followed in formation with various other flags from the American Revolutionary War.

This was a great opportunity for two very patriotic organizations to combine their resources in demonstrating their love and respect for the American Flag and the United States of America.



## Southern Pines Elks Awards MVS Scholarships



Congratulations to Kirsten R. McDonald, from Richmond Senior High School, for winning a Elks 2022 Scholarship Award. She received a \$1,000 award, which goes to the college on her behalf, and a \$500 bonus check from Southern Pines Elks Lodge 1692 that she can spend as she chooses.

Congratulations Jameson! Jameson Rembert applied in November to the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship and was selected to win one of the scholarships. The Southern Pines Elks Lodge in presented him with a \$1,000 award, which goes to the college on his behalf, and a \$500 bonus check from Southern Pines Elks Lodge 1692 that he can spend as he chooses.



## High Point Elks Donate Grant to Help Veterans Transition into Civilian Life

The High Point Elks Lodge recently used \$3,000 of their Beacon Grant to support a local veterans organization. The Heroes Center helps young veterans transition into civilian life.



Pictured, from L-R Grants Coordinator Phil Driscoll, Heroes Center Director, Patrick Davis, ER Richard Golden, member Vic Jones and Loyal Knight Bob Martin.

## Morehead Beaufort Elks Donate Grant to Carteret Health Care Foundation



On July 5, 2022 the Morehead City/Beaufort Elks presented a check for \$4,000.00 from their Gratitude Grant to the Carteret Health Care Foundation. The Foundation uses funds to assist patients with unexpected medical expenses.

Pictured above L-R: PER Bob McClughan, Virginia Cuthrell, Executive Director of Carteret Health Care Foundation and Jane McClughan, Lodge Grant Coordinator.



## Hickory Elks Send Veteran to Veterans Wheelchair Games



The Hickory Lodge recently presented Thomas Massey a gift of \$600. These funds will allow Mr. Massey to go to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, Arizona in July.

Pictured L-R; Cary Bowman; Thomas Massey; and Samantha Bowman. The Bowmans chair the Lodge Veterans Committee.

## Shallotte Elks Donate to Adopt-A-Bear

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated 76 Beanie Babies to the North Carolina State Elks Association "Adopt a Bear" Program. The Beanie Babies will be distributed with the teddy bears to Ukraine Children.

Pictured from left to right: Exalted Ruler Robert Kordiak presenting the Beanie Babies to Michelle DeLaire.



## Hickory Elk Receives Veteran Volunteer Award

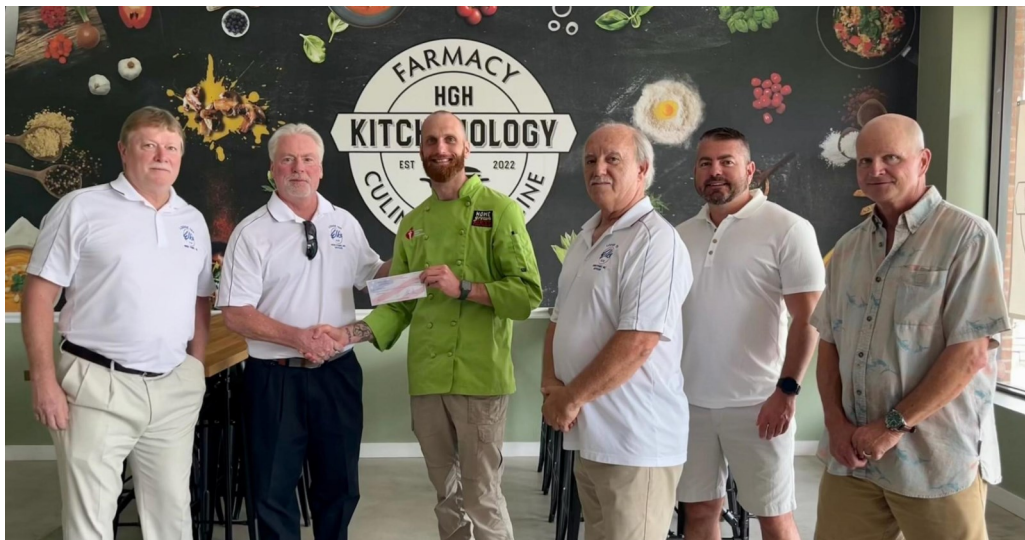


Retired Army Major James Tate Jr., Past Exalted Ruler of the Hickory Lodge, was presented the “Veteran Volunteer Award for 2021-2022” at the Spring State Convention in Charlotte NC on May 7, 2022.

In his 19 years of being an Elk Member, he has been instrumental in developing many veteran programs as well as programs involving local ROTC units. He established the “Hickory Elks Outstanding Military Service Person of the Year” award and engendered the involvement of the five JROTC programs to nominate military veterans from each branch for this recognition. As a Past Veterans Committee Chairman, Major Tate organized and coordinated events with the VA Hospital staff in Black Mountain, NC, to ensure residents received gifts and treats during the holidays. The support continued when the Hickory Lodge adopted the North Carolina State Veterans Home in Black Mountain as one of their charitable projects. The residence of the home are now treated to multiple events throughout the year, including the annual summer barbecue, an ice cream social, a fall festival, and Christmas festival complete with caroling, treats and gifts from Santa.

Other programs, Major Tate helped to establish include the Hickory Veterans Stand Down and the Helping Hands program that feeds the needy on the fourth Sunday of each month. He continues to organize color guards and guides for the many military themed events held at the Hickory Elks Lodge. Major Tate’s determination in his early Elk Membership has led to the improvement and foundation of many of the great veterans’ programs we presently celebrate at Hickory Elks Lodge #1654. We honor Major Tate for his receiving this award and his many accomplishments in forwarding the Hickory Elks commitment to Veterans.

## High Point Uses Grants to Support Organizations Helping Those With Food Hardships



The High Point Elks used their Gratitude Grant of \$2,500 to support a new local organization, Kitchenology. They provide cooking classes and support for those who are unable to get access to healthy food options.

Pictured, from L-R, are Loyal Knight Bob Martin, Grants Coordinator Phil Driscoll, Kitchenology Director Jonathon Seelig, ER Richard Golden, member Vic Jones, Trustee Britt Moore.



The High Point Lodge recently presented the Greater High Point Food Alliance with a Spotlight Grant of \$2,000. This organization supports the local food pantries and provides programs for those dealing with food hardships.

Pictured, from L-R, ER Richard Golden, member Vic Jones, Grants Coordinator Phil Driscoll, Food Alliance Director Carl Vierling, Loyal Knight Bob Martin, Trustee Britt Moore.

## A Legacy of Leadership

Across three generations, four members of the Bedgood family have served as Exalted Ruler of Wilson Elks Lodge #840.

Charles H. "Buddy" Bedgood, Jr., whose ER portrait is in the chair, served as ER during the 1962-63 lodge year. Charles H. "Charlie" Bedgood, III (center) was ER 1988-1989. The third Bedgood to serve as ER was Charles H. "Charlie" Bedgood, IV (left), who served 2018-19. The current ER at the Wilson Lodge is J. Connor Bedgood.



## NC Lodges Donate to ENF Service Project

At the Grand Lodge Convention this year the Elks National Foundation implemented a service project and asked Lodges to donate new socks for homeless Veterans and children's books to promote literacy. North Carolina Lodges heard the call and collected items which they took to Atlanta.

From Morehead Beaufort, PSP Ron Delzer and Past First Lady Lisa delivered 2 large boxes containing 113 Children books and 9 dozen pairs of men's socks to the ENF booth in Atlanta. A hand full of caring Elks donated these items.

The Calabash Lodge called upon members to donate socks and placed a box in their lobby. In all they collected 150 pairs of socks, which Exalted Ruler Gene Bellando took with him to the ENF booth.

I am sure there are many other Lodges who also donated to make a difference in the Atlanta area.

On behalf of the Veterans and children of the Atlanta area the ENF says thanks.



PSP Ron Delzer making his Lodges donation in Atlanta.

## Lake Norman Elks Hold Fund Raiser for Animal Shelter

In May, the Lake Norman Elks Lodge, partnered with a business in Charlotte to hold a benefit event for the Cornelius Animal Shelter.

Lodge members, in a project coordinated by Elks Lodge official Caroline Hall with valuable assistance from fellow Lodge officer Kathy Hulla, teamed with Tommy's Pub in Charlotte where Stacy Badger served as the point person to conduct a bake sale.

The three-hour event, with Lodge members and others contributing an assortment of baked treats, raised \$500 that was delivered earlier this month by Elks Lodge members to the Cornelius Animal Shelter.

Lodge officials expressed special thanks to Tommy's Pub owner Jamie Starks for providing space for the fundraiser.



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## North Carolina Elks A Beacon of Light

