

North
Carolina



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**NORTH CAROLINA ELKS PREPARE TO HOST
GRAND EXALTED RULER RANDY P SHOOK**

**ELKS RIDE AGAIN TO THE QUEEN CITY
NCSEA FALL CONVENTION '23**

Charlotte
Oct 27-29

*Registration
Deadline
Sept. 28*



More details on pages 4 & 5



Message from State President Mark Alderman

I am so ready for Fall, it is one of my favorite seasons. After a brutally hot Summer we can now enjoy cooler weather. It is a time for Fall Festivals, and the Holidays are right there as well. One of our major events is coming up, the Fall Convention in Charlotte which will be held on October 27, 28 and 29 at the Double Tree by Hilton South Charlotte Tyvola. The hotel reservation is fast approaching with the cut off date set for September 28. I encourage everyone to get registered on-line or mail asap. For all our golfers, there will be an outing at Renaissance Golf Course on Friday October 27. The Convention Committee is working hard and planning another great and exciting Convention. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Randy P. Shook and First Lady Wanda will be joining us, His motto this year is "WE ARE THE ELKS!! For too long, Elks have been in the shadows. we have felt like we shouldn't toot our own horn because we do what we do because it is the right thing to do, not for recognition. Well I will tell you the Grand Lodge wants you to shout it from the roof tops, "WE ARE THE ELKS!! because of our community service programs, our dedicated support for our Veterans, our youth programs, be it Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, Soccer Shoot, supplying items for local shelters and food banks and many other community service projects. We must change our public perception, we are not a bar, we are not a club, "WE ARE THE ELKS!!

As I have traveled across our State to all the District Deputy Clinics and Lodge Events, I see first hand the many diverse activities each Lodge participates in, I am excited for our future and proud to be an Elk. We must continue to grow our membership in our Lodges by having an active Membership Committee who promotes your Lodge so we can stand out in our communities.

Regarding membership, we ended last year with another increase in membership with a total of 10,221 Elks, thanks to AL Harms and the State Membership Committee and the Lodge Membership Committees and to all North Carolina Elks because we all are part of the Membership Committee. I welcome John Lawrence our new State Membership Committee Chairman and our District Committee people. We are six months into our Elk Year, and total 10,747 members, we have 1100 delinquent members, 140 candidates waiting, we have work to do, but "WE ARE THE ELKS" and I have confidence that we can over come and increase our membership.

You should have received your tickets for our Major Projects Fundraiser. Please make your donation and send those tickets to Kyle Puryear. You could be the one to win the top prize of \$2000.00 if you send your tickets back with your donation. There will also be a \$500.00 winner and three \$100.00 winners. I challenge everyone to make this the best year for our Major Projects Fundraiser because "WE ARE THE ELKS". You can also bring them with you to the Convention and turn them in along with your donation to Kyle Puryear or Lisa Parrish the new State Fund Raising Chairman. If you can not purchase the tickets return them also, so we can sell them at the Convention.

Please take time to read the newsletter to see what great things our Lodges are doing in their communities and check the calendar for upcoming events. Do not forget EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER "CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE, AND FIDELITY" your Lodges will be better if you do.

Fraternally,
Mark Alderman
NCSEA President



Message From Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P Shook

October is the birth month of the greatest program of our Order: The Elks National Foundation (ENF), known as the “Great Heart of Elkdom.” Established in 1928, the Foundation helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where Elks live and work. The best source for the most current information about the ENF is the Foundation’s website at elks.org/enf. Spend some time there. You’ll be amazed by what the Foundation is doing. I especially want to call your attention to the Foundation’s Community Investments Program. The Foundation has allocated nearly \$16 million for Lodge community service grants. This grant program allows your Lodge to complete more for your communities. I urge all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. The Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight, Impact, and Freedom Grants could be very helpful to your community. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. Find that need in your community and get it done with one of these grants. This will ensure people in your community know that “We Are THE Elks.” Other programs that ENF funds include: Scholarships, youth activities, veterans service and remembrance, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does. I challenge every Member of Elkdom to support the ENF. Be sure to tell new Members about all the incredible things the ENF makes possible on a local, state, and national level. The charitable, educational, and benevolent causes supported by the ENF are the most important financial contributions made by our Order and deserve the continued support of every Member. Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated from October 23-31. There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation, have your Members distribute red ribbons to schools, and encourage Members and friends to wear red ribbons. The struggle to educate our youth about drugs and assist them in making informed decisions must be advanced at the community level. Our national, state, and Local Lodge Drug Awareness Programs encourage volunteers to listen, educate, and mentor, thereby letting our communities know that “We Are THE Elks.” Finally, the Auditing and Accounting Committee should review Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. October has the fall holidays of Columbus Day and Halloween. Trick or Treat. Please be safe. Remember “Elks Care — Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.” God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

Elks Care — Elks Share

NC STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2023 FALL CONVENTION, CHARLOTTE



Plan now to join us for the Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association the week end of October 27th—29th at the Doubletree by Hilton on Westpark Dr. in Charlotte.

We will have the honor of hosting Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P Shook and First Lady Wanda for the weekend.

Registration information is available at

ncelksconvention.weebly.com

and ncelks.com

Just off I-77, the hotel is close to South Park Mall, and the many fine restaurants Charlotte has to offer. Also close to the light rail system should you wish to explore downtown Charlotte and the NASCAR museum, Bank of America stadium, and Spectrum Center.

Come and join us!!!!

NC STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.
2023 FALL CONVENTION, CHARLOTTE NC

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NC Elks Welcome Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P Shook and First Lady Wanda

Friday October 27, 2023

8:00 AM	NC Elks Golf Outing
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM	NC Elks & Guests Registration
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Charitable Trust BOD's Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	PSP Advisory Board Meeting
3:30 PM– 4:30 PM	NCSEA BOD's Meeting
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Long Range Planning
3:00 PM – 11:00 PM	District Hospitality Rooms (Admittance by Convention Badge Only)
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Advisory Board Social (by invitation only)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Advisory Board Dinner (by invitation only)

Saturday October 28, 2023

7:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	NC Elks & Guests Registration
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	NCSEA Business Meeting
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Ladies & Spouses Social
11:30 AM—12:00 Noon	Memorial Service
12:30 AM – 2:00 PM	NCSEA Luncheon
2:30 PM	State Sponsor Frost Meetings
2:30 PM	Educational Breakout Sessions - Veterans Service - TBD - TBD
4:00 PM – 11:00 PM	District Hospitality Rooms

Sunday October 30, 2023

8:30 AM	NCSEA PER Members & Guests Meeting & Breakfast
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Elks
National
Foundation

PARADE OF LODGES

We remind all Lodges that during the business meeting at the Convention in Charlotte a Parade of Lodges will be held for donations to the Elks National Foundation.

Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook will be there to receive and thank you your donation.

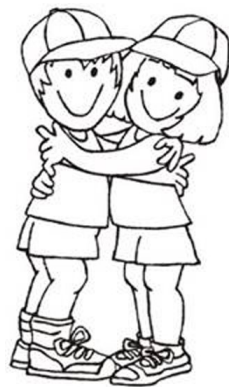


**ELKS NATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

THE GREAT HEART OF ELKDOM

RALEIGH and GREENSBORO LODGES SERVED LUNCH at CAMP CAREFREE ALUMNI WEEKEND

NCSEA major project Camp Carefree, held an alumni weekend August 12. The Raleigh and Greensboro lodges served hot dogs, hamburgers and sno-cones to about 60 previous campers. It was a beautiful day and fun was had by all!



Camp
Carefree



News from the East District

CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO YOUTH SOCCER



The Calabash Elks Lodge recently donated \$500 to Brunswick County Parks and Recreation to sponsor youth soccer.

Pictured L-R; Walt Shannon, Lecturing Knight; Dan Rabon, Director of Brunswick County Parks and Recreation; and Juanita Adams, Exalted Ruler.

SHALLOTTE ELKS DONATE TO CHRITIAN RECOVERY CENTER

The Shallotte Elks Lodge presented the Christian Recovery Centers CEO Josh Torbich with a check for \$2,000 to continue and expand their life saving, life altering programs. Since 2010, Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. has focused on providing the spiritual and educational tools necessary for a long-term recovery from the illness of addiction and the beginning of a successful life.

Pictured l-r; Secretary/Treasurer Carolyn Garramone; Trustee Paul Salerno; Leading Knight John O'lear; Christian Recovery Center CEO Josh Torbich; Exalted Ruler Susan Berardi; Chaplin Mary O'lear; and Bob Ferreira.



OAK ISLAND DONATED GRANT TO VETERANS WELCOME HOME RESOURCE CENTER

The Oak Island Lodge donated an ENF Spotlight Grant worth \$2,000 to the Veterans Welcome Home Resource Center dedicated to helping homeless Veterans by providing them transitional housing in Horry and Brunswick counties.

MOREHEAD CITY/BEAUFORT DONATES TO VETERANS SERVICES OF THE CAROLINAS



As part of the Beacon/Spotlight Grant, the Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge #1710 donated several items to the Veteran Services of the Carolinas (VSC). These items included tents, lanterns, batteries, socks and baby wipes that are essential in helping the unsheltered and disadvantaged residents in our community, especially during the excessive heat and humidity.

Pictured left to right are Lodge member Ron Delzer, PSP /Secretary) Lodge member Lisa Delzer, VSC Benji Horton. Lodge member Diane Apraham, ER John Goodman, Leading Knight Kent Neal. All our present Officers are Veterans.

MOREHEAD CITY/BEAUFORT DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Morehead City/Beaufort Lodge provided back to school supplies, as part of their allotment from the Gratitude Grant, for 10+ children from the Boys and Girls Club.

Lodge members Lisa Delzer with Treasurer and Grant Coordinator, Alice Mouraviev, are pictured (rear right) were assisted by the Boys and Girls Club admiiistrtion. The children were outfitted with clothing, back packs filled with school supplies and sports accessories. PSP/Lodge Secretary Ron Delzer also assisted in shopping and taking the photo.



CALABASH LODGE HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS

Calabash Lodge recently held their annual First Responder Dinner Dance, at which time they recognized four local heroes with a certificate.

Pictured L-R; Victoria Barber, Captain—Brunswick County EMT; Tracy Phillips, Officer—Sunset Beach PD (Tracy is the police officer who rescued the swimmer caught in a rip tide on Sunset Beach this summer who went on to be trapped herself); Henry Kluttz, Captain—Sunset Beach FD; Paul Lang, Volunteer—Calabash FD; Exalted Ruler Juanita Adams.



SHALLOTTE ELKS DONATE \$1,000 TO AMERICAN LEGION POST FOR VETERANS IN NEED

The Shallotte Elks Lodge recently presented a donation to Post 543 from the Elks Freedom Grant to assist veterans in need. A \$1,000 check was awarded to Post Commander Philip McGhee by Elks Exalted Ruler Susan Berardi and Trustee Paul Salerno. The funds are used to assist veterans in the local area who are in need.

The BPOE has supported veterans as one of its main missions. Pictured L-R; Post 543 Veterans Service Officer Steve Muir, Elks Trustees Paul Salerno; and Walt Wilson; Post 543 Commander Philip McGhee; Exalted Ruler Susan Berardi; and Leading Knight John O'Lear.



MOREHEAD CITY/BEAUFORT ELKS SPONSOR 9/11 MEMORIAL RIDE

Participants in the 9/11 Memorial Ride make their way down Highway 70 near Newport. This year's event, sponsored by the Morehead City-Beaufort Elks Lodge was held on Sept. 9th. The kickoff ceremony was held with a patriotic parachute jump by the Special Forces Association Parachute Team. This was followed by a flag ceremony featuring the West Carteret High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Color Guard.



CALABASH VETERANS COMMITTEE DONATES WELCOME HOME KITS

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of Calabash Elks Lodge, as part of an Elks National Veterans Service Commission program, recently delivered five Welcome Home Kits to the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center in Little River, SC. This gift was in addition to an earlier gift of 20 mini-refrigerators purchased with VAC members' donations. Altogether, this was almost \$4,000 in support for the Tiny Home village for homeless veterans that the VWHRC is building in Myrtle Beach, SC.



Pictured in front of a Tiny Home previously donated by the VAC, L-R: John Corbett, VAC Chairman; Linda Tmay, VAC Project Leader; Bill Tmay, VAC Member; Amber Dulebohn VWHRC Representative; Jack and Joanne Bendy, VAC Members; John Zschoche, VAC Co-Chair; and Charles Munden, VAC Member. Veteran's Affairs Committee Members not pictured are: Ann Marie Waters, Patricia Brosius, Richard Rust and Charles Tinkham.

News from the East Central District

RALEIGH LODGE HOLDS "BACK TO SCHOOL BASH"



The Army of Hope "Back to School Bash" was held for the children of our National Guard. They were invited to swim and were treated to a BBQ lunch. There was also face and rock painting for those feeling creative! John Deere has been a sponsor for many years, and provided needed backpacks and school supplies. Gift cards were also provided for any other items needed to get the kids ready for school. The Raleigh Elks have supported the Army of Hope for almost 20 years! The program was initially started by member Jane Little in 2003, and most recently, Jim Pendergast for the past 13 years. Yearly programs include The Military Ball, Thanksgiving meals, Back to School Bash and the Angel Tree at holiday time. A yearly Thank You to the Aviator Squad includes a pig pick'in by our own Matt Lundgren.



News from the West Central District

WINSTON SALEM DONATES TO SENIOR SERVICES MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Winston Salem Elks Lodge presented a \$1,000.00 check to Senior Services in Winston Salem, NC, for their Christmas in July event. The donation will support the “Meals on Wheels” program which supplies food and personal hygiene items for senior citizen in need.

Pictured: (L) Mark Kozlowski, ER; Leigh Anne Groves, Chief Development Officer Senior Services; Randy Zigmund, Elks Committee Chairman.



MOUNT AIRY BIKE RIDE RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY

The Mount Airy Elks Lodge Motorcycle Committee held their Annual Norman Marion Memorial Bike Ride, 87 bikes and several cars registered and over 130 people participated. After the four hour and over hundred mile ride everyone returned to the Lodge for food and a live auction. They raised over \$ 6000.00 for the Lodge Charity Projects.



HIGH POINT ELKS TREAT VA MEDICAL CENTER TO BBQ

Recently several members of the High Point Elks Lodge served BBQ to over 150 veterans and staff at the Salisbury VA Medical Center, which was much appreciated by both the Veterans and staff.



News from the West District

HICKORY LODGE HOSTS BIKE/WALK-A-THON TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

On August 12 the Hickory, Lodge hosted the 2nd Annual Bike/Walk-a-Thon to raise money for Past Exalted Rulers (PER) Scholarships. There were 26 Elks and 5 non members biking, walking or volunteering. Special guest, Skye Bailey, who won Most Valuable Student in 2022 from the Grand Lodge in Chicago and her family as well as the West District Vice President Robert Arrington from Waynesville. To date, this event has raised over \$3,500 in scholarship money. Hot dogs and hamburgers were graciously donated by the Hickory PER Association for fellowship after the event. This is an open event that anyone can participate in.



HICKORY ELKS OBSERVE 9/11 WITH CEREMONY

Hosted by the Hickory Elks Lodge, the city of Hickory, NC observed the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on America on Monday, September 11, 2023 with a special ceremony in downtown Hickory. Planned and coordinated by the Hickory Elks Lodge Americanism Committee. Among the many participants were the Hickory area Community Choir performing patriotic and spiritual songs. Also performing music artist and Elks Lodge member, Nathan Hefner. Local radio station WHKY Hal Rowe, provided the 9/11 timeline of events of that horrific day on September 11, 2001. Color Guard was provided by cadets from Fred T Foard High School US Army JROTC program. Cadets from Hickory composite squadron, Civil Air Patrol, served as the flag detail. Serving as the military commander of troops was Elks Lodge member, Charlie Self of the US Air Force Retired. Elks Lodge members handed out American flags to the crowd to commemorate this observance.



DOES YOUR LODGE HOLD BLOOD A DRIVE?

What a terrific program to make your community aware of your Lodge and the good we as Elks do for the communities in which we live, and possibly recruit new members. There is a constant and dire need for blood, contact the Red Cross and set up a drive at your Lodge.

redcrossblood.org

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



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Red Cross**



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The NCSEA Communication Committee encourages all member Lodges and Committee Chairmen to submit articles to be included in future issues.

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