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**Hoop
Shoot**

North Carolina Boys Win National Hoop Shoot Title Back To Back

The Hoop Shoot program has been most memorable in NC the last two years.

Jacob Hartle from Rural Hall (sponsored by Winston-Salem lodge #449) converted 25 of 25 free throws for a perfect score to capture the 2008 national title in the 10-11 age group. Not only did Jacob win his age group, he posted the best score, regardless of age to win the Getty Powell award. Jacob and his family were our guests at the national convention last year in Anaheim where Jacob addressed the Thursday business session.

Zeb Alford brought another national championship trophy back to NC earlier this

year in the 12-13 age group. In the longest and most dramatic contest in history, Zeb made 23 of 25 to tie three other boys. After all was said and done, Zeb had taken an additional 75 tie breaking shots. He converted 74 of the 75 extra, while the runner up made 73. Zeb converted 97 of 100 for the day. In the previous four levels, he made 98 out of 100 to finish all 5 levels at 195 of 200. Not too bad. Zeb resides in Raleigh and was sponsored by Raleigh lodge #735.

Both Jacob and Zeb have their names inscribed on a plaque in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.



Zeb Alford • 2009



Jacob Hartle • 2008



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President's Message



Scott Pace

when I was officially introduced as your new State President. This was truly a special moment as I introduced my family, especially being able to introduce both parents.

I was invited to speak at the Sanford Elks Lodge's Annual Youth Banquet. I participated in the Institution of the Shallotte Elks Lodge as well as the Installation of Officers, along with many of our Past State Presidents. This was truly a very special occasion for all in attendance. This is a rare event in North Carolina, which I and others hope will become a more frequent occurrence.

The North Carolina State Elks Association was invited to the Disabled American Veterans Department of North Carolina's Annual Convention. The North Carolina Elks were presented a special recognition award for our many contributions to Veterans across the state. I was afforded the opportunity to brief the delegates and guest in attendance. I took this time to inform the attendees about

President Scott Pace at the National Convention

several of the good deeds we as Elks have done for our Veterans and reminded all of our promise: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them".

In June, Lisa and I were invited as guest to the Virginia State Elks Association's Summer Convention where we were treated like royalty. We had the opportunity to meet many Elks, all of who were extremely hospitable. In August we were afforded the same opportunity with the South Carolina State Elks Association. Once again the red carpet was rolled out and the hospitality oozed everywhere. These two visitations have convinced me that the Elks are the Best People On Earth. The North Carolina Elks certainly have their work cut out for them to top these two association's hospitality.

In July, Lisa and I attended the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim, California. This was quite an experience as others in attendance from North Carolina can attest. Once again North Carolina had good representation. Several lodges received recognition on the floor of the Grand Lodge Session while many others were recognized verbally with top three finishes in various contest. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Bob and Janet Green for managing the North Carolina Hospitality Room. They certainly walked into a "different" situation than most of us in the past. I must also express my utmost thanks to Dan and Ann Wall from the

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President Scott Pace and wife Lisa hand the gavel to incoming 2009-2010 President Robert (Bob) Green and wife Janet.

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Shallotte Elks #2854

July of 2007 both John Boyd and Ashley Buckwell talked about starting a Lodge in Shallotte. Ashley and Bob Janovic, PDD, a Past President from Connecticut got together for lunch after the Grand Lodge convention and discussed doing an organizational meeting. The first meeting was in August of that year and were held monthly there after. Steve Gunter and Ashley were most helpful in getting us started. The organizers along with Janovic were Paul Salerno, PER from New York and Past State President Howard Boyd from West Virginia.

We initially met at the Brierwood Golf Course clubhouse in Shallotte. Using the Grand Lodge stray Elks list we developed a mailing list to get our initial members and also used the local newspaper sending them on going articles. We grew our membership to the minimum of 50 members, half new members and half dimitis or reinstatements, and got our dispensation from Grand Lodge.

On May 18th of 2008 we were instituted at the Calabash Lodge, our sponsoring Lodge. The Calabash Past Exalted Rulers initiated our new members. The Past State Presidents from the North Carolina State Association installed the Officers and Past Grand Exalted Arthur Jack Frost instituted the Lodge along with the state dignitaries. The initial officers installed were Robert J. Janovic, PDD, PSP Exalted Ruler; Joseph Sales, Leading Knight; John Kinlaw, Loyal Knight; Walter Wilson, Lecturing Knight; Paul Salerno, PER, Secretary; Susan G. Janovic, Treasurer; Harvey Hundley, Chaplain; Frances Cierpiot, Inner Guard; Charles Stemple, Tiler; Thomas Arney, Trustee; Donald Balint, Trustee; Walter Eccard, Trustee. We are thankful for the gifts we received we received to help us get going. Calabash honored us with a fine reception following the program.

Since our inception we held the first annual Arthur "Jack Frost" Open golf tournament. The proceeds from that tournament went to the Special Olympics, Disabled Veterans and other Elks programs. The second Jack Frost Open will be in October of 2009. We moved to Jack's Place a restaurant in Shallotte owned by one of our members in the fall of 2008. We are open every Monday from 5:00pm til. We meet the first and third Monday and in July and August we have meetings on the 3rd Monday only. Our membership has grown to 80 plus.

We continue to help the Special Olympics spring games. This last one we had about 24 members volunteering. We hold yard sales in the spring and fall with our last one June 6th, our 5th, the best ever. Dinners are served every Monday night and have been successful. We had 2 girls going on to the state finals in the Hoop Shoot. We also had a state \$1,000 scholarship recipient. We had a per capita National Foundation donation of about \$11.00 plus and are about \$5.00 so far this year.

Our present Officers for the 2009-2010 are Robert J. Janovic, Exalted Ruler; Walter Wilson, Leading Knight; Gilbert Gentile, Loyal Knight; Robert Williamson, Lecturing Knight; Paul Salerno, Secretary; Susan G. Janovic, Treasurer; Harvey Hundley, Chaplain; Frances Cierpiot, Inner Guard; Charles Stemple, Tiler; Stanley Rogoff, Trustee; Martin Brkal, Trustee and Walter Eccard, Trustee.

By ER Robert J. Janovic



Current Officers 2008 2009

Greensboro North Carolina Elks Lodge #602

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Scott & Lisa Pace

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION EXCEEDS
GOAL IN 2007-2008**

**Bell House Charities/Human Race Event
(home for the disabled)**

Annual Hoop Shoot

Soccer Shoot Out

Swim Parties
for Elk Youth

Elk Veteran of the
Year Award

Kids collecting
food for the poor

Ashley Harris
Cancer Project



Elks

Americanism Essay Contest

Annual
Memorial Service

Annual Christmas
Members Open House

Tuesday Nights
Charity Bingo

Elks Charity
Golf Tournament

Final Four
Fund-raiser Party

**Swim For Cancer • Relay for Life
Pork Shoulder Cook-Off Competition Fund Raiser
Camp Carefree Motorcycle Raffle & Dinner
Lunch For Camp Carefree Charity Bike Ride
VA Hospital Cook Out • Wednesday Night Billiard League
VA Hospital Bingo • Veterans Remembrance Dinner
Internet Safety School For Community Children
Flag Day • July 4th Pool Party
Greensboro Bi-Centennial Parade Elk's Theme Float
Spring Membership Drive-brings in 96 new Elks
Jammin' June Fest Fund Raiser • Saturday Karaoke**

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Greensboro Lodge Very Busy This Year

Greensboro, NC This Fraternal Year the Greensboro Lodge has been very busy with programs to support the Grand Lodge, the NCSEA as well as the Guilford County community.

The Americanism Committee was very successful with the Americanism Essay Contest. One Hundred and Thirty-Nine essays were received from multiple schools. One of the six contestants won at the district level and went on to the state level. Each student who wrote an essay received a personalized "thank-you" letter and a small desk top flag. The six winners each received a certificate and an American Flag that had flown over the Capital Building in Washington, DC. In addition their school received an identical flag to be flown on their school flag pole.

Americanism Committee, in conjunction with Greensboro Boy Scout Troop 101, put on a Flag Retirement Program in conjunction with Veteran's Day. One hundred and one flags were collected, processed and burned at the site of the Veteran's Memorial in Greensboro Country Park. The event was covered by the written media, and witnessed by over 100 Elks, families and park patrons.

In their major project for the year the Americanism Committee raised well over \$7,000 for their "A Flag in Every Classroom" project. In January, ER Larry Shaver and Americanism Chairman, Rick Baker, presented 1,130 flags to Guilford County School Superintendent, Mo Green. The flags will go in classrooms in 94 county schools.

Fayetteville VA Home Anniversary

From The Fayetteville Observer, dated March 8, 1999

World War II Navy veteran, Young Love, is the first occupant of the North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Home. The home is on Cochrane Avenue, behind the Fayetteville Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Ramsey Street. The \$9.5 facility is the first state run veterans nursing home in North Carolina.

Lexington

Lexington Lodge is in an area that demands they do their cooking well and they prove it. Jerry Odell, LK sent these pictures of them cooking at an event and besides Tony Medlin they have some other fine members that help out. Lexington has sold their building and are going through a reorganization now and we all wish them well. They should be able to cook up something fine.



Elk's Harley Raffle Great Success

The 11th Annual Harley Raffle sponsored by Morganton Elks Lodge 1852 proved to be the greatest of all years. Over four hundred individuals attended the raffle hoping to win one of the three major prizes. At raffle were two Harley-Davidson motorcycles and a cash prize of \$1000.00. Tickets to the event were sold out prior to the night on May 3rd. Included in the price of a ticket was a dinner for two served by Bernice Toney, the caterer for the Lodge.

The winners of the motorcycles were Larry Putnam and Alan Kauppila, both being first time event attendees having purchased a single ticket each. Tom & Audrey Mis won the cash prize.

This event is the main fund-raiser for the local Elks Lodge. All proceeds raised are distributed over the year to local community based charities and organizations, local VA office, scholarships in Western North Carolina and to local families who are in need.

To the public and all of those who took part in this cause, the members of the Elks Lodge thanks each of you. For those not familiar with the local Elks Lodge, you are invited to come visit and learn more about our local activities in the community during the year and about the Lodge itself.



Calabash Elks Lodge #2679 Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Calabash, NC. Two Thousand and Nine marks the 25th anniversary of Calabash Elks Lodge #2679. The Lodge was the brain child of a small group of men yearning for a place to enjoy the fellowship of others and who happen to share the same barber, Dick McLean. Dick McLean was an Elk in New York and ran into another transplanted Elk, Bill Elson, from Rochester PA., then living in Little River SC. A simple idea was conceived in Dick McLean's tiny Barber shop on restaurant row in Calabash, an idea that mushroomed into a big event. This group decided to place an article in the local newspaper asking if other men in the area shared the same thought and would then come to a meeting at a place called the Green Light restaurant, now known as the Grapevine. Come they did, 120 strong and the Calabash Elks Lodge #2679 was born. This was a big feat, considering that the town of Calabash had only 150 people living there at that time. The Calabash Elks Lodge was instituted on Sunday, February 12, 1984, and 157 Chartered Members were initiated into the Calabash Elks Lodge #2679, 124 new Elks and 33 Elks transferring from other lodges.

There was a small house sharing the same piece of property as the McLean's barber shop across from where the current lodge is located and after some major renovations it became the first site of the Calabash Elks Lodge #2679. The first Lodge consisted of a single room with one bathroom. They cooked Friday night dinners outside on grills and served inside, using tubs of water to wash the dishes in order to serve the next customer.

The Lodge began building their funds up to a point where they were able to purchase a failed restaurant located across the street (The Boundary House of today) and with \$35,000 down, they took on a \$200,000 mortgage. The new location served as both a lodge and a public restaurant. The Lodge didn't fare well in this new business and soon fell on hard times and went bankrupt. The Lodge, and those who had invested in this endeavor, had seemingly lost it all. The Calabash Elks Lodge's "Charter" was in danger of being revoked by the Grand Lodge. But just as Elks

have always done, they found a way to start anew and through some creative financing, individual dedication and the advent of offering Bingo to the public, they paid back their debt and in a short time purchased a new property located on Carter Drive in Calabash and built the first of a three-phase building expansion that has become the Calabash Elks Lodge of today. Each year a new Exalted Ruler is elected by the membership and each one has left his mark on the Order. Several renovations have taken place over the 25 year history including a new bar, dining room and recently a kitchen makeover. The Lodge facility supports a multitude of activities and events including Friday night dinner dances, Tuesday night Bingo, daily lunches, children's parties and Sunday breakfast on the third Sunday of every month. The Lodge dining room and kitchen facilities are also available to cater private parties and events.

In those 25 years the Calabash Elks have supported many local and national charitable causes. The Calabash Elks Lodge has contributed over \$180,000 locally and \$130,000 nationally.

In good times and in bad times the Elks have been there for the people who count on them to provide a leg up, a glimmer of hope or bit of cheer. Whether the Elks are helping the struggling active duty soldier, the Veterans who still carry the scars of battle, comforting the lonely senior citizen in an assisted living facility, or helping the kids who have what it takes to go to college but are short on money to get there. Whether they are supporting the kids at Camp Carefree, putting a smile on the faces of the kids at a Christmas or Halloween party or any of the many other charities or programs they support, the Elks at Calabash Lodge #2679 are showing that "Elks do Care and Elks do Share".

The Elks Lodge currently has over 1100 members and has become a cornerstone in the Calabash area. The Lodge provides its membership with a sanctuary to enjoy in comfort the fellowship and brotherhood of other Elks while conducting the business of the Lodge and serving the many charities and organizations they support.

Death Of PDDGER

Alfred "Al" Emmanuel Smith Kilpatrick, 80, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2009 surrounded by his children as they sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling".

Al was one of thirteen children born to Byron and Mildred Kilpatrick in the Newtown area of Portsmouth, VA. Al attended Portsmouth Catholic High School and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High where he shined on the baseball diamond and the basketball court. He continued his academic pursuits at Randolph Macon College in Virginia, where he also played basketball. Raised in a military town, Al joined the marine reserves and talked many of his buddies into joining with him. In 1950, he married his high school sweetheart, Janie Dare Biggs, who preceded him in death.

For more than twenty years, Al was a Goodyear and General Electric Dealer in Virginia and North Carolina. He was a referee for high school and college basketball in Virginia before moving to Rocky Mount, NC. Al managed the restaurant at Birchwood Country Club and worked in the real

estate market for a number of years. He wrapped up his career traveling the eastern seaboard as an independent representative for Fab-X Metals.

Al spent many years as an active member of the Rocky Mount Elks Lodge, where he served as Exalted Ruler and went on to serve as a District Deputy. He served as President of the Evening Optimist Club, and Knights of Columbus. He was a charter member of the Home Builders Association, a charter member of Birchwood Country Club, and a member of the Moose Lodge. Al was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Family was very important to him.



Alfred "Al" Kilpatrick

Elks Law Enforcement Night

Mt. Airy Elks Lodge every year gives the local police, fire, rescue a night at the pool for free. We provide them with Hot dogs, chips, drink and all the fixings. Last month we had the police department come over and bring there families for food and swimming. We also provide a lifeguard for them just in case. On this night Lt Det. Bill Bunker in the pic was

given a display case which had in it such things like his service pistol, badge, and award pins he had received while on the force. This was his retirement party as well. We were pleased to be able to show our support to our law enforcement. This is something that we can give to those who risk there lives just like our military does for our protection.



Pictured left to right: Lt. Barry VanHoy, Chief Roger McCreary, Lt Det. Bill Bunker, Patrolman Brad Quesinberry, and Tim Eldridge ER.

Library of Congress' Veterans History Project

Michael Neibert, Raleigh Lodge Esteemed Lecturing Knight, gives Biographical information prior to being interviewed about his service in the United States Marine Corps. Raleigh Lodge #735 conducts Monthly interview sessions as part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. Raleigh Lodge has partnered with the National

Veterans History Archival Institute {NVHAI} to assist in the collection of all Veterans' stories in their experiences while in the service to our country. Raleigh Lodge through the open houses and individual interviews, the committee has interviewed 112 service men and women in 2008 thru August.



Pictured left to right: Michael Neibert, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Dave Milidonis, Director National Veterans History Archival Institute, Cindy Miller, Lodge committee member.

Veterans Saved The 2008 4TH Of July Celebrations

(Raleigh , NC , July 7, 2008) "American veterans, who have served in all the wars in the past, have made it possible for Americans to celebrate the recent colorful 4th of July Celebrations," explained Dave Milidonis, Executive Director, Nation Veterans History Archival Institute.

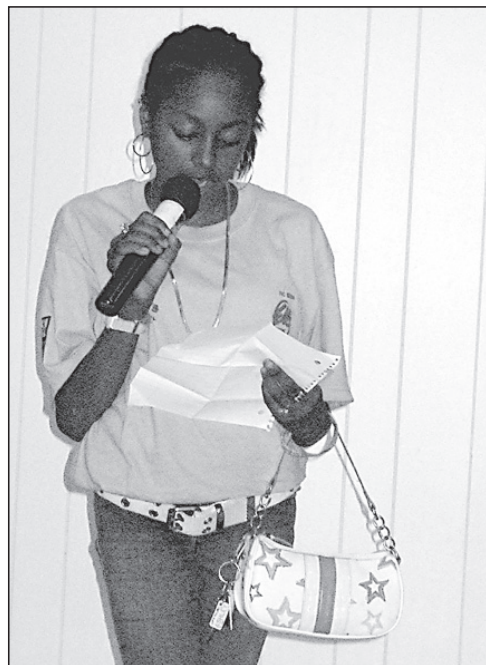
In recognition of their valor and outstanding sacrificial efforts to keep us free, the next VETERANS HISTORY DAY OPEN HOUSE to record Veteran's histories will be held by Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 on July 12, 2008 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm , announced Ed Flynn, Project Coordinator. The Lodge is located at 5538 Lead Mine Rd. in Raleigh .

Over 94 veterans have already been interviewed since January as a community service project. Interviews are conducted by trained Raleigh Elks Lodge Veteran volunteers. There is NO COST for the recordings which will be

forwarded to each family and the Congressional Library of Congress for permanent retention. Interviews are open to all veterans of all services, including the Merchant Marines, regardless of their war or peace-time experience.

The Raleigh Elks are official Collecting Partners with the Veterans History Project, sponsored by the American Folklore Center of the Library of Congress. Motivated by the urgent need to collect the stories and experience of veterans, the Elks serve as a collecting partner to the United States Congress. Efforts are also designed to collect the stories and experiences of veterans along with preserving oral and audio histories, and documentary materials such as letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and home movies of America's veterans and those who serve in support of them.

NC State Elks Association Camp Carefree Charity Bike Ride



Ashley Harris is a cancer victim the NC Elks are helping. The NC Elks raised money to pay for transportation, food and out of pocket expenses for Ashley to go to Boston's Dana/Farber Cancer Institute to receive experimental treatment for her Alveola Soft Part Sarcoma. With her battle against this disease in it's fourth year, NC hospitals had run out of options. When the Elks heard that her family could not afford to make the monthly trips, immediate action made the trips possible. To date Ashley's tumors have stopped growing.

Ashley Harris, (left) addressing the bikers before the trip to Camp Carefree. Ashley's four year with ASP Sarcoma continues, thanks, in part, to North Carolina Elks.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

by GASTONIA ELKS LODGE #1634



Members of Gastonia Lodge #1634 participated in their first "Adopt-A-Highway" cleanup Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:00 am. Ten Elks members and two Auxiliary members participated in the cleanup. The program agreement is to pick up trash along Linwood Road between Myrtle School Road and the Captain's Cap Restaurant once each quarter.



Pictured left to right: Jim Hoffman, Bill Dover, Nancy Saunders, George Larkin, Jim Saunders, Ken Hoffman (Chairman), Barbara Messer, Ray Huffstettler, Todd Dillman, and Bob Morris. Tom Brooks and ER Robert Messer are not shown.



Elks and CelebrateYouth.org members: Beth Clark & Dawn Zeiba giving out scholarships at East Henderson High School on Thursday, June 5th. Celebrate Youth gave out \$8,500.00 in scholarships at 3 local high schools on Thursday & Fri. June 5th & 6th. Celebrate Youth is a assistance program established from the Elks Lodge 1616 in Hendersonville, N.C in memory of Kevin Drake. Drake was a graduate of East Henderson.



The Hendersonville, N.C. Elks Lodge 1616 donated \$1,000.00 to the Henderson County Sheriff's DARE Camp in May. They will be hosting approximately 322 fifth grade campers and over 50 middle, high school and college students as counselors. The sheriff's Department depends on support from the community to fund this program

Various Elk Happenings

After the "Club Championship" golf tournament on June the 8th, the sports commission donated \$350.00 of the profit to the Sickness & Distress relief fund at the Hendersonville, N.C.1616 lodge.

On sat. May 3rd, 20008 several elks of the Hendersonville, N.C. Elks lodge 1616 cooked breakfast & had a yard sale to raise money to start a memorial garden in memory of departed elks & in honor of elks & family members. The group raised over \$200.00 & Hope to begin work this summer on the garden.

The Hendersonville N.C. lodge 1616 held it's annual PER breakfast on Aug. 31st for the Apple Festival. They raised over \$2,500 and served over 1100 people. The money is given to local charities. The commission will meet later in the month to divide the money between the charities.

The Hendersonville, N.C. Elks Lodge,1616 hosted the doe's state convention this year on April 11th & 12th. The lodge donated their facilities & \$500.00 toward the event. the national president, Dianne Labor attended the event along with over 100 doe's and their spouses.



Elk's Riders U.S.A.



Elk's Ride With Pride

On Saturday January 24th 2009, 16 members of the B.P.O. Elks from different lodges throughout the country, met and formed a riders group to be known as the ELK' S RIDERS USA.

That "Lodge" Down The Street

I am writing to make you aware of some things that are going on in your city that you and your neighbors know nothing about, something that makes your city a better place in which to live and raise a family. It is that Elks Lodge down the street that goes, for the most part, unnoticed.

That Lodge is one of approximately 2,000 across the United States, and 38 in North Carolina. The one in your city may have 50 members or it may have 1,500 members. No matter the size, it is going about its business doing good within your community. Let's just take a minute to see a few of the things being done each year.

Elks are second among non-profit organizations in the number of scholarships given annually in the U.S. The U.S. Government is first. This year The NC State Elks Association gave 58 plus those given by the local lodges.

One of the many youth activities sponsored by Elks each year attracts over three million participants. It is the annual Elks Basketball Hoop Shoot Contest. The contest starts on the local level, and goes through four more levels, finally reaching the national finals where the 72 best (36 boys, 36 girls) compete at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. There are eventually three boys and three girls who become champions and have their names forever recorded on the wall of the HoF. Imagine the hours these kids practice and competing... which keeps them in a positive environment. This year, for the first time in 10 years, North Carolina is proud

to claim the boy who won the 10 – 11 year old bracket. Jacob is from Rural Hall, NC and sponsored by Winston-Salem Lodge #44. Jacob shot a cool 25 of 25 in the final round. And he can compete again next year!

Elks pledge never to forget a veteran! Elks work to support Veterans' Nursing Homes and to aid veterans who are patients in the many VA hospitals across our nation as well assisting veterans within the community. In NC we currently have two nursing homes, one in Fayetteville, the other in Salisbury. In addition to items such as wheel chair gloves, wheelchair gel cushions, clothing, books, supplies Elks also donate busses! So far three have been donated. The newest one was donated earlier this year to the Fayetteville Home. It will carry 28 passengers of 15 wheelchair bound passengers...and it cost over \$70,000, an amount the Fayetteville home could not have raised on its own.

Chronically ill kids and their siblings can go to summer camp FREE, thanks in part to the efforts of the NC Elks. Annually Elks donate over \$40,000 to Camp Carefree in Stokesdale simply to insure that kids in need get to go to camp free.

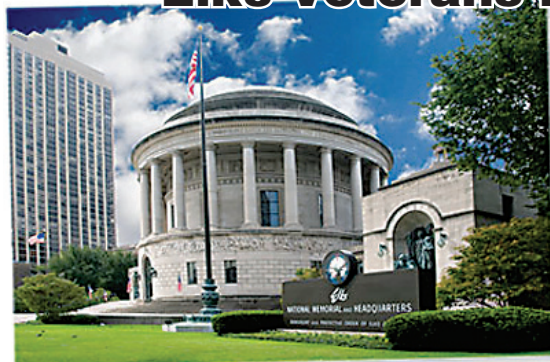
This list could go on and on, but like everything else, a little information goes a long way. Every Lodge in this beautiful state of North Carolina stands ready to help its community and its state. Just talk to them and you will understand what a treasure you have just down the street!

~Carey Morgan



Waynesville, NC Lodge #1769 awarded 4 \$500 Lodge Scholarships for a total of \$2,000 at the Annual Haywood County School Foundation Partners-In-Education dinner and awards ceremony held on May 5th, 2008. Lodge Scholarship Chairwomen Victoria Hinkly presented the awards, from left to right: Samantha Deaver, Pisgah High School, Dustin Myers, Pisgah High School, Chelsea Rose, Tuscola High School and Victoria. Not pictured: Hannah Martin, Pisgah High School. This is the second year that Waynesville Lodge has participated in this school Foundation event.

Elks Veterans Memorial



The Elks Veterans Memorial is a tribute to the bravery, loyalty and dedication of the thousands of Elks who have fought and died for our country. It has been described as one of the most magnificent war memorials in the world, but with its monumental architecture and priceless art, the Memorial is more a symbol of peace and of the patriotism of the members of the Elks fraternity.

North Carolina Elks Association



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Mission Statement

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks care, Elks share.

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.
A Fraternal Organization**

Back To School Buddy Program

The Wilmington Elks Lodge #532, Wilmington Police Department and Wilmington Sheriff Department along with the Creekwood South Development teamed up again this year to provide school supplies for the underprivileged children in our great city and county. Approximately \$2500 was raised for this event.

It is our wish and aim that no child should start to school without the necessary school supplies.

Guests attending the program: Honorable Judge James Faison, Chief of Police Ralph Evangelous, Sheriff Sid Causey, District Attorney Ben David, President of Creekwood South Alfreida McDonald, Past State President Joe Pettit, E.R. Rick Pittman and lots of children.



Ladies of Wilmington Elks serving Lunch to the Veterans at the Fayetteville Nursing Home. Left to Right are Martha Rhem, Mary Fairfull, Paula Lavania, Debby Rhem, Barbara Pettet and Janice Thomas



Joe Pettet, PSP and Bud Starn, PDD presenting 150 cup holders and utility bags from the Wilmington Elks #532 for the Veterans Wheel Chairs



Wilmington Elks serving lunch to the Veterans at the Fayetteville Nursing Home



Janice Thomas Treasurer of Wilmington # 532 having fun with the Veterans



Men of Wilmington Elks preparing lunch for the Veterans at the Fayetteville Nursing Home, Left to right are Ira Hines, Tom Lavania, Kenneth Batchelor, Jim Fairfull, Bud Starn and Joe Pettet behind the camera

John Solonen And Allie Holshouser Awarded State Veterans Service Award At NC State Elks Convention

Congratulations to both John Solonen and Allie Holshouser for their accomplishment in winning the NC State Veterans Service Award for 2007-2008. It is an honor well deserved as they both volunteer much of their time helping out disabled veterans. They help each month at VA Bingo and were instrumental in soliciting donations for singing and dancing troupe Re-Creation in order to bring them to Salisbury to entertain our veterans. Allie collaborated with her sister to sew lap blankets to donate to our wheelchair vets. Those blankets were very appreciated by those who received them. They were each awarded from the NC State Elks Organization a plaque and a watch in appreciation of the work they do for our veterans. Thanks to both of the for their great service. They make our lodge shine.



I Still Know Who She Is

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80s arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On examining it I saw it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors and got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while! As she is a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. I was surprised and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me but I still know who she is.' I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.'

True love is neither physical nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be. Peace is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

I hope you share this with someone you care about. Life isn't about how to survive the storm but how to dance in the rain. The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Almighty God, you will make it to a place called Success.



G. Steve Clark Received the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award

Greensboro Elks Lodge 602 is proud to announce that long time member G. Steve Clarke has received the NC State Elks Association's most prestigious award, the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award. This honor is presented annually by the NC State Elks Trustees to an Elk who has devoted many volunteer hours at his or her local Lodge, to the district, state and national level of Elk activities. The award was named for the late, honorable; Thad Eure who was NC Secretary of State for a record 53 years, himself

a distinguished Elk and past Elk state president, 1945-1946 Some of Mr. Clarke's many volunteer activities have included president of the Greensboro Elks three times, District Deputy for the Grand Exalted Ruler, district vice-president, NC State Elks president, and Grand Lodge Membership committeeman. This summer he will become the Grand Lodge Membership Chairperson.

For more information about this award or the NC State Elks Association you may visit www.ncelks.org or call 336-288-5100.



G. Steve Clark and his wife Joyce displaying the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award.

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Elks Hoop Shoot

Make Room, Tar Heels: Zeb's A Champ, Too

Most years, the best free-throw shooters in college basketball or the NBA get the ball through the net about 90 percent of the time.

Zeb Alford can do better.

This year, more than 3 million kids competed in the annual Elks Hoop Shoot, a national free-throw competition for boys and girls ages 8 to 13.

Zeb did better than all of them.

Zeb, a 5-foot-5 Martin Middle School eighth-grader with a close-cut mohawk and a left arm that moves like it's piston-driven, made 97 out of 100 free throws to win the Hoop Shoot last month in Springfield, Mass. The first 25 were for the regular competition. The last 75 made up the longest-running tie break anybody can remember in the history of the 37-year competition.

"Make it simple," Zeb said when asked the secret of his technique.

He placed his feet on the weathered concrete 15 feet from the driveway goal post outside his house a couple of miles west of Crabtree Valley Mall. He dribbled three times: whap, whap, whap. He paused for a second, tucked his left elbow in close, bent both knees and launched the ball.

It arced as though it were on a wire. Whoosh.

He can do this all day long.

Sometimes, to his dad, Vance Alford, it seemed like he did do it all day long. Dad remembers when his son was about 3, shooting from the kitchen into a hoop in the living room.

"He was making 10-footers," Vance Alford recalled, sprinting into the house and coming back with a photo of a 4-year-old Zeb, off the ground in the follow-through, the ball sailing from his hands toward a hoop nailed to a post at his grandfather's house.

When he was 8, his mom heard about the Hoop Shoot, and Zeb entered at Laurel Hills Community Center. From their local contests, players work their way up to district, state, regional and then the national competition. Zeb shot 225 free-throws during his run to the crown; he made 220.

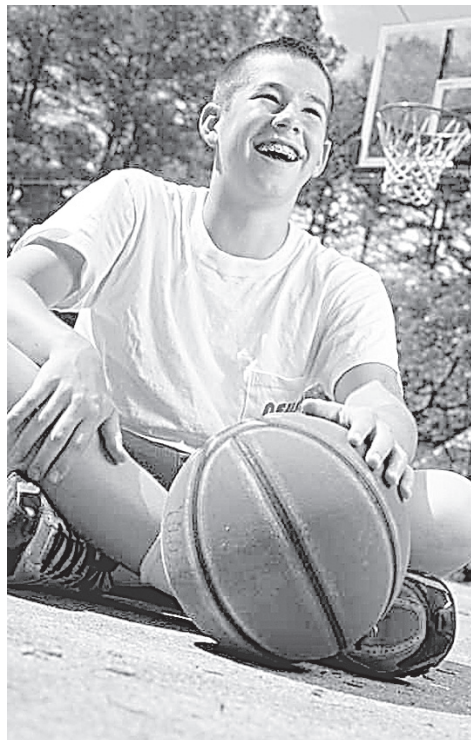
Zeb plays all kinds of sports. He ran track and played football at school this year, and he plays tennis and swims on the neighborhood pool team.

But basketball is his thing. He hopes to play college ball one day, maybe at Carolina.

First, though, he had to make the team at Martin Middle School. The coach told Zeb he needed free-throw shooters, so he went home and practiced.

Whap, whap, whap.

"The neighbors must have thought he was crazy for a while," Vance Alford said.



Zeb Alford, 14, is national champion in the national Elks Hoop Shoot. At the contest in Springfield, Mass., last month, the Martin Middle School eighth-grader set a record -- making 97 of 100 free-throw attempts.

Zeb would stay outside throwing balls at the goal until he made 100 shots, early in the mornings or as the sun went down. He can do it in about 40 minutes if he has somebody to rebound the ball from between the pine trees. It takes longer if he's by himself.

The more he shot, Zeb said, the better he got.

Zeb kept entering the Hoop Shoot, getting a little further each year. Because he turned 14 this year, just days after the April 1 cutoff date, this would be the last time he could compete.

Ron Dickson of Greensboro, state Hoop Shoot director for the Elks, said the competition is his favorite program the organization puts on. It teaches the kids self-discipline and gives them a chance to meet other young people from around the country.

"All this work to shoot 25 free throws," Zeb said. He knows it sounds nuts. But when he got to Springfield for the national championship, and it was between him and three other boys, he loved the pressure. When it was got down to him and one other kid, Brenden Truman of Utah, he wasn't sure who was going to come out on top.

Finally, the other kid missed two shots. Zeb missed one.

The name Zeb Alford went on the plaque in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

This summer, he's sleeping in.

State Hoop Shoot Competition Is A Success

Greensboro, NC On Saturday, February 14, 2009 148 people, including twenty-four youths, their parent, siblings and some grandparents met at the Greensboro Lodge. The Lodge hosted the registration followed by a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Following lunch the hoop shoot was held in the Jamison Gym at Grimsley High School. The competition was fierce.

In the 8-9 year-old boys division, Ryan Grice from Stanley (Gastonia Lodge) and Evan Wells

(Sanford Lodge) were tied after 25 shots, after 30, 35, and 40 shots. Finally, after 45 shots Ryan Grice won the division state championship shooting 38 of 45 shots, followed by Evan Wells with 37 of 45 shots. Both young men did a fine job.

In the 8-9 year-old girls division Maly Shores (Hickory Lodge) won the championship with 18 of 25 shots.

The 10-11 year-old boys division was another hotly contested match up. Jordan Perkins (Greensboro Lodge) shot 21 of 25 to win the championship. There was a tie for second place between Austin Parsons from Eden (Reidsville Lodge) and Steven Abrams, (Wilson Lodge) shot five extra shots. Parsons won the shoot by one shot over Abrams.

In the 10-11 year-old girls division, Leah Church, from Purlar (North Wilkesboro Lodge) walked away with the win shooting



NCSEA State 2009-2010 Hoop Shoot Champions. Front Row L - R Maly Shores, Zebulun Alford III, Sara-Gray Lesley, Lea Church and Ryan Grice Back Row L - R Scott Pace NCSEA President, Ron Dickson NCSEA Hoop Shoot Chairman Not pictured Jordan Perkins

22 of 25 shots.

In the 12-13 year-old boys division Zebulun Alford III, (Raleigh Lodge) shot 24 of 25 to win the championship. Alex Kelly (Hickory Lodge) and Jonathan Abrams (Wilson Lodge) had to shoot 35 shots to determine second place. Kelly shot 31 of 35 while Abrams shot 30 of 35.

And, in the 12-13 year-old girls division Sarah-Gray Lesley, (Raleigh Lodge) shot 21 of 25 winning the Championship by three shots.

Our state champions advanced to the Regional competition in Fredrick, MD.

A Letter from Jacob Hartle

My experience with the Elk's Hoop Shoot Contest was one of the greatest experiences of my life. This amazing journey allowed me to discover the true meanings of perseverance, patience, and self-discipline. It also has given me the opportunity to show that hard work really does pay off.

When I entered my first contest at my school, Rural Hall Elementary, I was just 9 and in third grade. That year I finished second in the state. The next year I entered, but did not even win at my school. I still attended the local contest to support my schoolmate. I guess you could say this was good sportsmanship or you might say it was the beginning, because my poor performance made me even more determined to win. In 2008, I not only won the 10-11 age group but I received the Getty Powell award.

The Hoop Shoot adventure stretched my young nerves to their limit. Yet the excitement has made it worth while. In the first few contests, I wasn't very nervous at all, but when I made it to the Regionals in Maryland, I was sweating bullets. Not because I did think I could do well, but because I drew the position to shoot last. I usually want to shoot early to avoid the pressure, but this time I was on the other side. In the end it would work to my advantage. The first two shooters made ten out of ten. When I was up to the line, I missed my first shot for score. Not good, I thought. Then I missed two more shots for a total of 3 misses in the first set of ten. I thought the competition was over for me. Then, the first shooter returned for his last 15 shots, he missed 4. The second shooter missed even more than the first shooter. The door was now opened again and I knew what I had to do. I had to make all 15 to win, or only miss one for a shoot out. I sank all 15 in a row. I breathed a huge sigh of relief. I had won!

Between the regionals and nationals, I practiced about five days a week, shooting around 100 shots per day. My goal each time was to make 23 out of 25 and if I missed more than 2, I would start over. Of course, I got frustrated at times, especially when it wasn't my day. But the hard work paid off. In

order to get better at something, you have to practice, whether it's with basketball, school work, or anything else.

When the time came to travel to Springfield, Mass for the Nationals. The Elk's put on a first class event there. My family and I felt very welcome and it was lots of fun to be able to visit the Basketball Hall of Fame. When it came time for the competition, once again, I was the last shooter. I didn't feel as much pressure this time because I had practiced hard and I was ready. This time I sank all 25 for the first time in any competition. I felt relieved that it was over and I had won. I was happy then and I am really proud now to be able to accomplish what I have.

As the Getty Powell winner, I was awarded a trip to the Elk's National Convention in Anaheim, CA. This was my first trip out west and it was the best place I've ever been. It was a great honor to speak to the national convention.

Although I did not make it to Springfield this year, I am cheering for the three NC representatives. Hopefully all of them will bring home the gold for North Carolina for 2009.

Thanks to all the Elk's for making this such a memorable event in my life.

Jacob Hartle



State President's Message

Continued from page 1

Raleigh Lodge for their countless hours of assistance to Bob and Janet. Also to the many other North Carolina delegates and guests who volunteered their time to make this room a success. A special thanks to the three Vice Presidents in attendance; Andy Marias, Bob Malpass and Michael Bryant, for hosting the room on their respective day. I must also thank Rick Pittman, Exalted Ruler from the Wilmington Lodge for filling in for Tom LaVenja, VP of the East District. Rick went far beyond the call of duty and his efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you all so very much.

As mentioned in my message as your President-Elect in our last NC Elks News edition, I ask the North Carolina Elks to try to do a better job to project a more positive image in our lodges, districts and our association, which in time will improve our community

image. This truly starts with each of us and the image we project to one another. We as Elks need to make a more valid effort to "get along", exemplifying true "Brotherly Love" among ourselves. If we can't do it within our own association, we certainly cannot achieve this outside our association. We will always disagree on issues, decisions will not always go "our" way, but we must continue to push forward for the betterment of our Order. Success with this issue will result in many positive images within our lodges and communities.

In closing I must say, to date this has truly been an enjoyable experience. I will continue to represent the North Carolina State Elks Association with pride and to the best of my ability. Take care and God Bless.

Activation - Retention Hinges On It G. Stephen Clarke, Area 3 Membership

How often does your lodge lose an active member because of non payment of dues? Most likely not very often. Think about it. Active members are involved in the lodge, serve in the chairs, attend the social functions, and support lodge, State Association and Grand Lodge programs. An active member enjoys being an Elk.

The key to retaining a new member is activation. Get them involved. While the activation begins with indoctrination, follow up is critical to retention. The lodge can do all the right things during indoctrination, but if the new member walks out of the lodge room after initiation and the next communication from the lodge is a dues notice, the damage may be irreversible.

So, how can each of us ensure that activation takes place?

- Welcome each new member; introduce them to other members. Make their first experience as an Elk enjoyable.
- Invite them to join you at the lodge or for an upcoming event.

- Follow up using the interest questionnaire completed during indoctrination to invite each new member to serve on a committee or attend a social event.
- Communicate with the new members in person or over the telephone when possible, instead of only using email and letters.
- Publish a monthly Lodge bulletin that reports not only social activities, but also the community and charitable activities with which the lodge is involved.

Getting new members active and involved in the lodge will make the experience of being an Elk more enjoyable. If a member enjoys being an Elk, the likelihood of dropping for nonpayment of dues is greatly reduced.

Activation is the secret to retention. Contact your State Association or Area Grand Lodge Membership Committeeman for additional information about or assistance with developing and implementing an effective activation program



L-R G. Steve Clarke Grand Lodge Membership Committee Chairman, Joyce Clarke, Jane Helsel and GER Paul Helsel discuss membership growth at the NCSEA Fall Convention

N.C. Representatives Compete For The 11th Time In 13 Years At National Convention



(Pictured left to right) Barry Payne-Esquire, Kevin Conner-Inner Guard, Stoney Dunbar-Lect. Knight, Tim Richards-Leading Knight, Tim Eldridge-ER, Mark Marion-Loyal Knight, Sandra Richards-Chaplin, Bryan George-Candidate, and Mark Alderman-Coach.

Mt. Airy Represents N.C. At 2008 National Convention

Mt. Airy Lodge #2061 was proud to represent the state of NC for the 10th time in 12 years at the national convention in Anaheim, Ca. They posted a score of 95.8428. This was the best score they have ever done at the national level. Mt. Airy finished 10th in the East division and 15th in the nation. The top 10 teams in the East were separated by 7/10th of a point, just to show you how close it really was. There was 40 teams competed. Mt. Airy had 3 members of the ritual team to place in the top 10 in the east division. Marty

Dunbar was 4th, Linda Hawks was 6th and Mark Marion was 9th as ER. Mt. Airy put many hours of practice in every year. They learn there parts like every lodge should and then work to make it perfect. We take a lot of pride in ritual and would like to see more lodges get involved. Mt. Airy officers work closer together and it makes you all like one big happy family. Just ask anyone and they will say that Mt. Airy is a close family. That comes from spending a lot of time at practice. It just makes you and your lodge better.



Pictured left to right: Wade Hawks-Candidate, Linda Hawks-Inner Guard, Tim Eldridge-Leading Knight, Marty Dunbar-Lecturing Knight, Mark Marion-ER, Tim Richards-Esquire, Mark Alderman-Loyal Knight, and Chris Wagoner-Chaplain.

Greensboro, NC On Saturday, June 14, 2008 twenty-two (22) Lodge #602 members and spouses, led by Veterans Chairperson, Ed Fox, traveled to the VA Hospital in Salisbury to have a cookout for the patients.

The Lodge cooked burgers, dogs and all the trimmings for approximately 135 patients. Over 100 were able to come to the pavilion for the dinner, while approximately 35 plates were prepared and delivered to bedridden patients. During the afternoon the Elks took time out to walk up the hill to visit the many graves of, and pay respect to, the many veterans buried in the National Cemetery. It was a moving and rewarding experience for all who made the trip to Salisbury.

Celebrate Youth

Celebrate Youth Hendersonville, N.C. Elks Lodge 1616:



Celebrate Youth is a non-profit organization formed in the Hendersonville Elks lodge in 2001 in memory of Elk Kevin Drake who lost his life to cancer at the age of 25. In honor of Kevin Elks Phil Childs & his father & mother formed an assistance fund for local children in need.

The members & friends get together several times a year and have fund-raisers to fund the assistance program. All funds raised for the program go directly to assisting local youth achieve their otherwise unaffordable dreams. We have a board that review applications and give out scholarships at the local high schools for the students who do not qualify for other help. We

are averaging around \$15,000.00 a year in scholarships and other assistance.



Pictured Is Miss Hendersonville, who volunteers to help Celebrate Youth, receiving a donation from Elk

Veterans Help Celebrate Youth

Organization Makes \$10K Donation to North Carolina-Based Group

Hendersonville, An organization of military veterans that concentrates on supporting community group will be making a large donation Saturday in North Carolina.

Allied Veterans of the World, Inc. & Affiliates will be presenting a \$10,000 donation to the Celebrate Youth organization in Hendersonville. The money will fund deserving young people who may not be receiving imperative medical care, college scholarships, or other educational needs due to illness, tragedy, or other hardship.

The presentation will be made Saturday, August 16 at the Elks Lodge #1616 in Hendersonville. With this donation, Allied Veterans has donated more than \$700,000 within the last year to organizations

throughout the Southeast United States.

"These kids deserve the best attention and educational opportunities possible, and we understand the challenges they incur on a daily basis," says National Commander Johnny Duncan. "We're proud to assist Celebrate Youth with funding that will help them achieve their goal of ensuring all children have a shot at success."

Allied Veterans of the World, Inc. & Affiliates prides itself on being veterans helping veterans. The organization raises funds through bingo, car washes, cook-outs and cyber centers. All funds directly benefit veterans, first responder, and other deserving organizations.

For more information, visit AlliedVeteransInc.com.

Waynesville Lodge #1769 Shows How Elks Care – Elks Share

Waynesville, NC For over 50 Years Waynesville Lodge has been dedicated to the youth of the our community. Throughout the years we have supported all programs sponsored by ENF. In addition to the ENF Scholarship Program our Lodge has partnered the Haywood County Scholarship Foundation Partners in Education program and this year, we were able to awarded four scholarships values at \$500 each. The annual Americanism Essay Contest involves the participation of all Haywood County elementary students in the 5 – 6 and 7 – 8 grades. This contest helps the students to begin to feel what Americanism is all about.

In conjunction with the Haywood County Parks and Recreation Department and Waynesville Recreation Departments, we sponsor the annual Hoop Shoot program at the Waynesville Recreation Center. The Lodge hosts a hot dog lunch in conjunction with the Hoop Shoot registration.

Our Lodge is proud to be part of the Meal on Wheels program of Haywood County. Each Thanksgiving morning members of the Lodge get up early to cook dinner and then deliver the meals. This program starts in mid October with a meeting with the Meal on Wheels coor-

dinator, shopping for the food with donations from the local markets and budgeted lodge monies. We are proud that this program has been part of the Lodge's sharing program for over 25 years.

Our Lodge's Major project is Children's Christmas .For many years Waynesville Lodge has given Christmas to the less fortunate children of Haywood County. Throughout the year, members donate money to support this program which starts after Thanksgiving with a meeting with DSS and other organizations in the County. Each year between 60 and 100 children, and their parents are invited to the Lodge for a Christmas pizza party. The party is attended by Santa Claus and his helpers who make sure each child receives a full winter suit of clothing and one toy or game that the child requested. The Lodge spends \$5000 to \$6000 per year to support this very important program.

In addition to the above programs Waynesville Lodge has in its budget a Standing Relief fund of \$3000. This fund is used to assist senior citizens who cannot afford to purchase heating fuel.

**As you can see, the
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High Point Little League Family Day Elks Care Elks Share



The High Point Elks Lodge hosted a Little League Family Day during Elks National Youth Week at the Johnson Street Sports Complex. 25 volunteers from the High Point Elks Lodge served over 1100 hot dogs and ham-

burgers to the ball players and their families helping High Point Parks and Recreation little league raise close to \$6000.00. All proceeds go toward funding the little league program through out the year.



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Exalter Ruler: Doug Orcutt

High Point Elks Lodge #1155 held a fund raiser for a member and his family. Lee Hilliard has been a beloved member of the High Point lodge for several years and is battling lymphoma. When the community heard about the Elks Lodge wanting to hold a fund raiser for Lee and his family the response was tremendous. Individual and local com-

panies donated food and beverages. Donations from local merchants and individuals were gathered for over 60 raffle baskets and 30 silent auction items. Over 50 people volunteered to set up, cook, serve, and clean up. Over 500 tickets were sold for dinners and after all was tallied the lodge raised \$15,650.00 for the Hilliard family.



Pictured above from left to right "receiving the check": Vanessa Slack, Doug Orcutt Exalted Ruler, Jodi Hilliard, Lee Hilliard

\$1,000 Grant

A member from the High Point Elks Ladies Auxiliary, Carol Hoover, received a grant from her employer, Aetna Inc. to give to the charity of her choice for \$1000.00. Carol choose the Elks National Foundation to give the grant to. Carol was selected as a finalist out of hundreds of nominations for the Voice of Conscience Award. This award recognizes both Aetna

employees and national figures, who have distinguished themselves by their own achievements in education, equality, advancing human right and civic leadership. Carol was selected because she volunteered over 350 hours last year to various charitable events held by the High Point Elks lodge demonstrating all of the above qualities.



Elks from the Hendersonville, N.C. lodge 1616 had a cook-out on Memorial Day at the pool and raised \$330.00 to help start a Memorial Garden and Walk. The garden will have a brick walk-way in memory of departed Elks and their families. Elks will be able to purchase bricks and proceeds from sales will go to the sickness and distress fund.



Pictured is Elk Lisa Clark receiving a donation for a raffle ticket a motorcycle from Kay Dukes Sat. Sept. 27, 2008 at the Elks Lodge in Hendersonville N.C. for the "Breast Cancer Poker Run" The Elks lodge donated their facilities, food, refreshments for the event. There were around 250 people attending and over \$4,000.00 raised for the event. Lisa Clark was named the "2008 survivor honoree" Lisa is a 9 yr. survivor of Breast Cancer.



Graduation Lock-in of 2008 was another success at the Hendersonville Elks lodge 1616 on Friday June 6th. This was the 18th yr. they have provided their club & pool to the alcohol/drug free all night lock-in to Hendersonville High School. The lodge also provides cash to the other three high schools in Hendersonville. Pictured is (L-R) officer Bobbie Trotter having fun with graduate Tay Cherry at the event. Shirley Drake PR chair person of Elks 1616 (828-693-4061)



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Help The Fight Against Substance Abuse

Want to help your community in the fight against substance abuse? Then one simple method is to obtain a 4 pocket display from an office supply store (about \$12), fill it full of Elks Drug Awareness Material and take it to a public place. A great place to consider is the Post Office. Others are popular restaurants, the local library, government offices, Emergency Hospital rooms and Doctor's offices. Typically, you would only need to restock the display 3 times a year and ideally the location is someplace that you visit on a regular basis. Bookmarks are very popular by the way and go quickly.

Drug Education is the simplest, cheapest and most effective prevention program any parent can use to limit their kids experimentation with substance abuse. Your efforts might just spark the "I don't want you to use drugs" conversation a young person needs to hear from their parent.

If your lodge does not have any material on hand to distribute, go to www.ncelks.org and look for your District Chair contact information listed under committees.

Fraternally
Mike Jones, DAP W/C



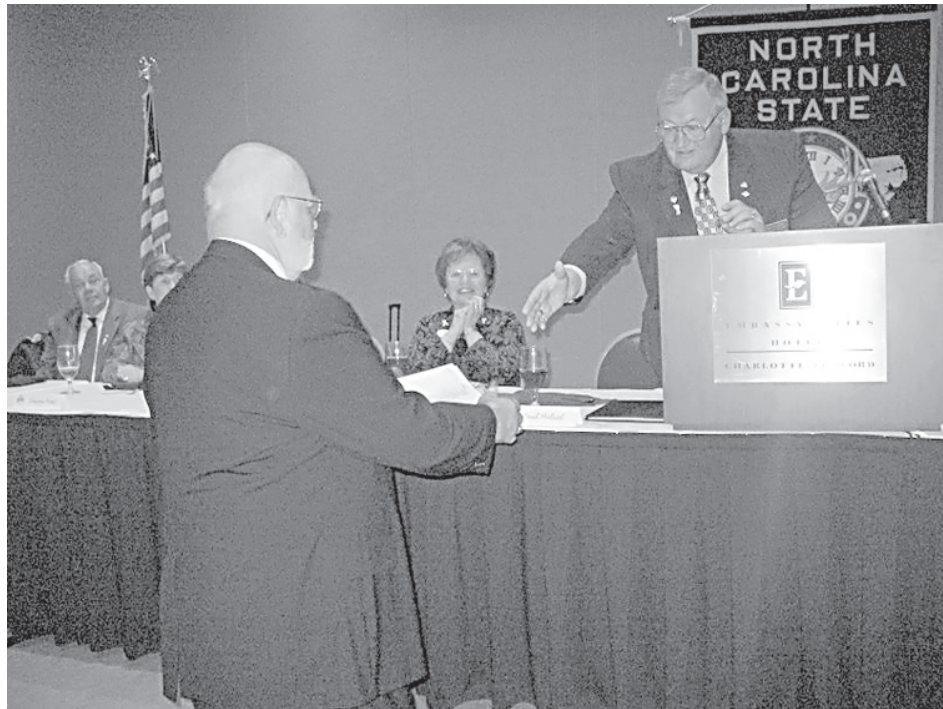
President's Call To Service Award

Greensboro, NC At the NC State Elks Association Fall Convention GER Paul Helsel presented Harry Tangen, member of Lodge 602 with the President's Call to Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Through service to others, Mr. Tangen demonstrated the outstanding character of America and helped strengthen our country. To become eligible for the award Mr. Tangen dedicated at least 2 years or 4,000 hours, over the course of his

life to serve others.

Elk Tangen has over 31 years service as an Elk, serving Lodge 602 in numerous capacities (currently Lodge Esquire), the NC State Elks Association as President and Trustee and the Elks Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer and he was the administrative assistant to Past Grand Exalted Ruler President, the late Honorable Gerald L. Coates also of the Lodge 602.

The Greensboro Elks are proud and honored to have Harry Tangen as a member.



Harry Tangen receives his Service award from the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable Paul Helsel, at the State Elks Convention.

President's Call To Service Award

Sanford, NC G. Scott Pace, current NC State Elks Association President has received the President's Call to Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Through service to others, Elk Pace demonstrated the outstanding character of America and helped strengthen our country. To become eligible for the award Mr. Pace dedicated at least 2 years or 4,000 hours, over the course of his life to serve others. The award was presented by the Elks Grand Exalter Ruler, the Honorable Paul

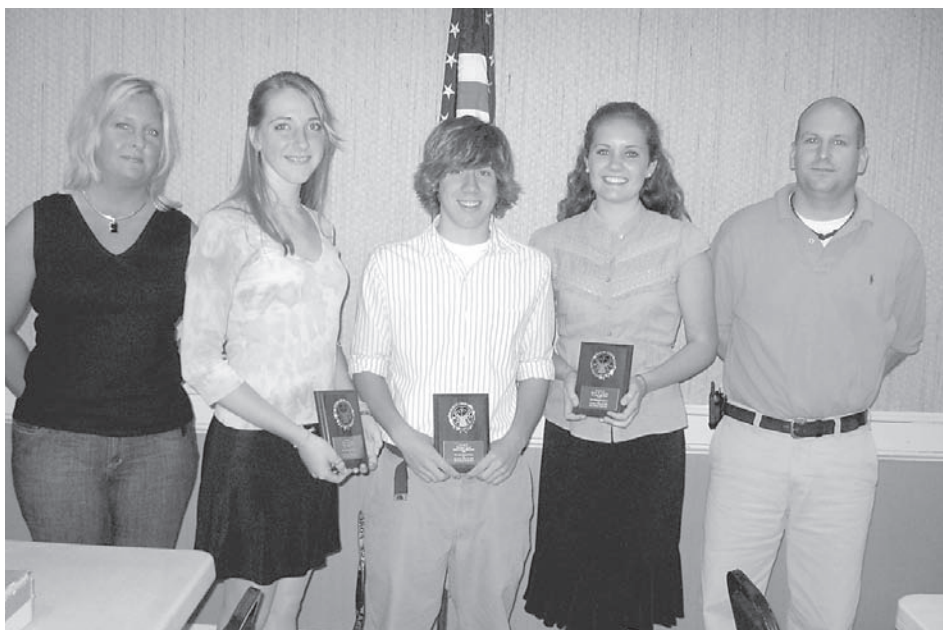
Helsel, during the NC State Elks Association Fall Convention.

Elk Pace has many years service as an Elk, serving Sanford Lodge 1679 as Exalted Ruler and numerous other capacities, and the NC State Elks Association in various capacities, the latest of which was President-Elect

Both the North Carolina State Elks Association and Sanford Elks Lodge 1679 are proud and honored to have Scott as a member.



Sanford Resident, Elks State President G. Scott Pace receives the President's Call to Service Award from Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable Paul Helsel, during the NC State Elks Association Fall Convention.



The Morganton Elks Lodge 1852 held its National Youth Week on May 6th. There were three students chosen from the three high schools in Burke County. The awards were based on Qualifications for Community Service, Clubs, Attendance and Academic Excellence. Each student, together with their parents, were treated to a dinner at the lodge followed by the presentation of a plaque to each student honoring their fine work and efforts. The students that were chosen are pictured left to right, Erika Koerner, 12th grade Freedom High School, Michael Scott, 11th grade, Patton High School and Sarah Griffin, 11th grade East Burke High School. Pictured far left is Chastity McNeely, Youth Activities Chairperson, far right is Jeff Duckworth, ER.

Lehn Wins National Essay Contest

Phillip Lehn, a sixth-grader student at Walter R. Johnson Middle School, and son of Susan Lehn, entered a 200 word essay in the national Elks Drug Awareness Program heroes essay contest in conjunction with Marvel Comics. The topic was things you can do if you stay away from drugs and alcohol.

Lehn was one of 20 first-prize winners and received \$100 worth of Marvel toys for his essay. The grand prize winner will have their likeness drawn in a Marvel comic. There were 50 second

place winners as well.

As the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the U.S., the Elks Drug Awareness Program teamed with Marvel to produce a comic book featuring Marvel super heroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking. The Elks Program also offers other educational materials such as tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters and public service announcements.

VISIT www.elks.org/drugs or contact your local Morganton Elks Lodge at 437-8290



Morganton Elks Lodge No. 1852 recognized Phillip Lehn for his accomplishment and presented him with a plaque. Pictured are Elk Chairperson for youth activities, Chastity McNeely, Lehn and Elks Exalted ruler Jeff Duckworth.

Brevard Elk's Hold Poker Run To Benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital

On June 21st , 2008, Brevard Lodge 1768 held its 1st Annual Poker Run to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. The Lodge raised 445.00 dollars to send to the hospital.

"For our first event this was a great success" stated project chairman Kevan Smith. "Although the rider participation was lower than we had hoped for, many riders stated they felt it was a good event and would participate again next year. I feel this project will continue to grow in the coming years". Brevard Lodge is hopeful that the project will help increase the awareness of BPOE 1768's charitable works within the community.

For questions regarding this event contact Kevan Smith at 828-553-1842.



Motorcycles lined up outside of Lodge 1768 awaiting the announcement of the winners.



ER Kevan Smith (right) talks with participants of the Poker Run



Lunch being prepared for the bikers by Greensboro Lodge Fish Fry Crew. Pictured left to right Wright Archer, Fred Myers & Wayne LAST NAME?.

NC Elks Lodges Are Gearing Up For The Future.

Charlotte Elks Lodge nears completion of the renovation of their new Lodge.

Winston Salem Elks select a new site for their new Lodge Building.

Lexington Elks Lodge looks at options for a new facility.



Durham Elks Lodge is on its way to being completed.



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In the United States today, 1 in 8 babies is born prematurely. More newborns die from premature birth than any other cause. Together, we can find the causes of premature birth. It's time for our country to do more to help moms have healthy, full-term babies.

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Hendersonville Elks Lodge cooks lunch for March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon.

2008 Anaheim National Convention

Message From President Bob Green

I want to start by thanking the West District and NCSEA for allowing me to represent them as State as President Elect. I consider it a great honor, and I will do my best to support all of the Lodges in the NCSEA and most of all, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Under the direction of our State President, Scott Pace, it was my responsibility to oversee the operation of the North Carolina State Hospitality Suite the National Convention, held in Anaheim, CA. My duties where staffing of the room as well as daily stocking the room with food and drink. The room was open from Friday, July 4th thru Wednesday, July 9th. Monday thru Wednesday, in addition to the regular posted hours, the suite was open at 6AM - 9AM for a continental breakfast.

The District Vice Presidents and their volunteers did a great job acting as hosts in the hospitably suite on the days their Districts were assigned suite duty.

Special thanks is extended to Steve & June Gunter of Sanford, Pat & Lee Littiken of Sanford, Andy Marias East Central VP of Cary-Apex, Pete and Joan Breidenbach of Burlington, Mrs. Bernard King, Gladys Britt of Southern Pines, Doug Cooke of Fayetteville and Wallie & Jackie Tyler of Sanford for setting up and hosting the suite the day that PGER Jack Frost his wife Sharon, accompanied by NCSEA Special Deputy John Boyd his Ann, made their visit,

My gratitude for the help PER, Dan Wall and his wife Ann Wall can not be measured! They where my right and left hand the entire time of the Convention. Rick Pittman, the ER from Wilmington, demonstrated the same values. He was standing in for VP

Thomas M. Lavenia. He was always ready to help me and ensure the success of the room.

Upon the return from the G/L Convention, I started the next step of my duties as President Elect. Preparing for the annual Fall Major Project mass mailing. All of the mail out information was submitted to the printer by July 18th, processed and mailed.

This mail out is a tremendous task for a small Lodge. It would be overwhelming to do. At the Spring Convention, held at New Bern, I asked Dave Clark, the fund-raiser committee person from the West District, if he would help me with this endeavor. He agreed to. His experience with this task made his help a life saver.

I want to thank Dave his wife Alesia, the members of Hendersonville and Waynesville Lodges for their help accomplishing this task. Needless to say without the help of volunteers this task would be impossible.

A special thank you to Past State President George Wheeler and his wife Marty, they also volunteered their help.

Last but not least, I also want to thank ER, Al Hill, the Board of Trustee's and the members of Hendersonville Lodge for letting me use their Lodge room and for always being there for me. They truly show that Elks Care and Share.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Robert A Green, NCSEA President Elect



Bob Green on the far right, and his wife Janet in the center and friends and fellow Elks at the NC Hospitality Room.



Grand Lodge Convention introducing the GL Membership Committee including our own Steve Clarke (Third from Left) and now GL Secretary Bryan Klatt. (Fifth from Left)



Sanford Lodge ER Fay receives All American Lodge Award.



"We are waiting on you, Yes, you!"

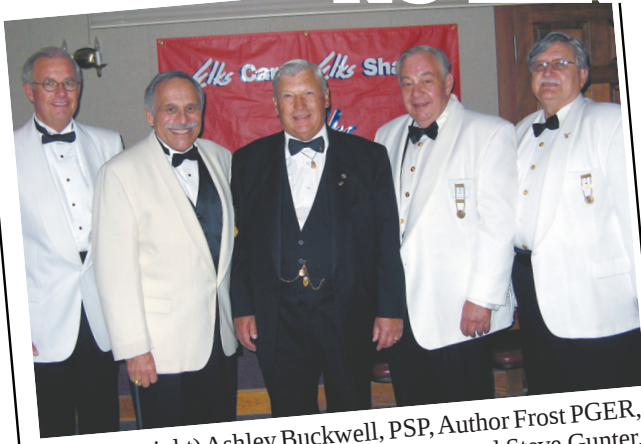


Setting up for a good time in the Hospitality Room.



President Scott Pace wife Lisa, Sharon Frost and Author Frost PGER

NC ELKS 2008-09 Year in Review



(Left to right) Ashley Buckwell, PSP, Author Frost PGER, Robert Jonovic, ER, John Boyd, SDGER, and Steve Gunter, PSP, PGL Committee Chairman - Shallotte Installation.



Scott Pace receives instructions from Grand Exalted Ruler Paul.



The Camp Carefree rally gets underway from the Greensboro Elks Lodge.



National President (Grand Exalted Ruler) Paul Helsel and his wife Jane, visit North Carolina at the October State Convention.



When does this State Convention get started?



William gives money and gets money for the Charitable Trust.



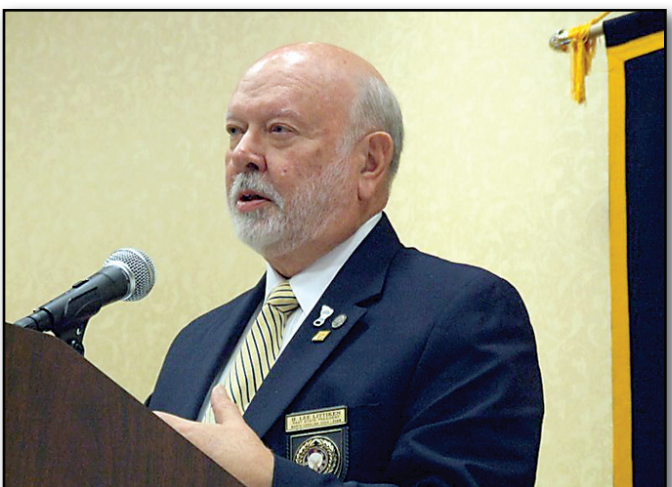
Parade of lodges line up to give money to the Charitable Trust



Scott Pace, Carrying the NC Flag at the National Convention is one of the proudest moments in any State President Term.



President Elect Billy Hood presents State President Scott with signed Soccer Ball.



Lee Littiken finishes up six years of State Elks Leadership as Chairman of the Trustees, whose duties include presenting the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award as well as conducting Trustee meetings throughout the year. Good job Lee.

