



PRESS RELEASE
Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKs ~ Lodge 2679
937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC 28467

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Michael Trescak

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE \$3,425 TO LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP”

~ “Making a Difference” by Helping Our Youth Develop into Responsible Adults ~

The motto of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) is . . . “Elks Care ~ Elks Share,” and – this motto was exemplified recently when the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 donated \$3,425.00 to the Boy Scout Troop #201, which meets at Seaside United Methodist Church in Sunset Beach, NC. Scout Master “Pat” Connick and some Scouts from the Troop were on hand to receive the donation. The funds will be used to cover expenses for the Scout’s SCUBA Certification Program. A few of the scouts provided remarks about Scouting and the SCUBA program.

The project was funded by a \$3,000.00 grant provided by the “Elks National Foundation (ENF),” the Charitable Arm of the Order, headquartered in Chicago, IL, and the remainder of the gift came from a Charity Account at the Calabash Elks Lodge.

The Calabash Elks Lodge has been a local landmark of the area since 1984. With over 700 members, the lodge has become a cornerstone of the local community for the past 37 years. The emphasis of the Elks Lodge is on conducting Youth Programs, - Serving our Veterans, and - doing Charitable Work in the community in which they live and work. Since 1984, the Calabash Elks have generously contributed over \$700,000 to local charities and Community projects. To learn more about the Calabash Elks Lodge, or to find out how to become an Elk, visit their web page at <https://www.calabashelks.org/>

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Pictured above with Great Smiles, making a donation of \$3,425.00 to the Boy Scout Troop #201 from Seaside United Methodist Church in Sunset Beach, NC, are: (Front Row Left to Right) An Unidentified Scout; - Eugene “Gene” Bellando, Leading Knight, Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679; - Robert “Shorty” Dennany, Current Exalted Ruler (President) of the Calabash Elks Lodge; - “Pat” Connick, Scout Master, Troop #201, and – Juanita Adams, Past Exalted Ruler and Chair of the Elks National Foundation Committee (ENF) at the Calabash Elks Lodge. (Back Row) 5 Unidentified Scouts from Troup #201 who provided remarks and were on hand to receive the donation.

Photo by Ashley Buckwell