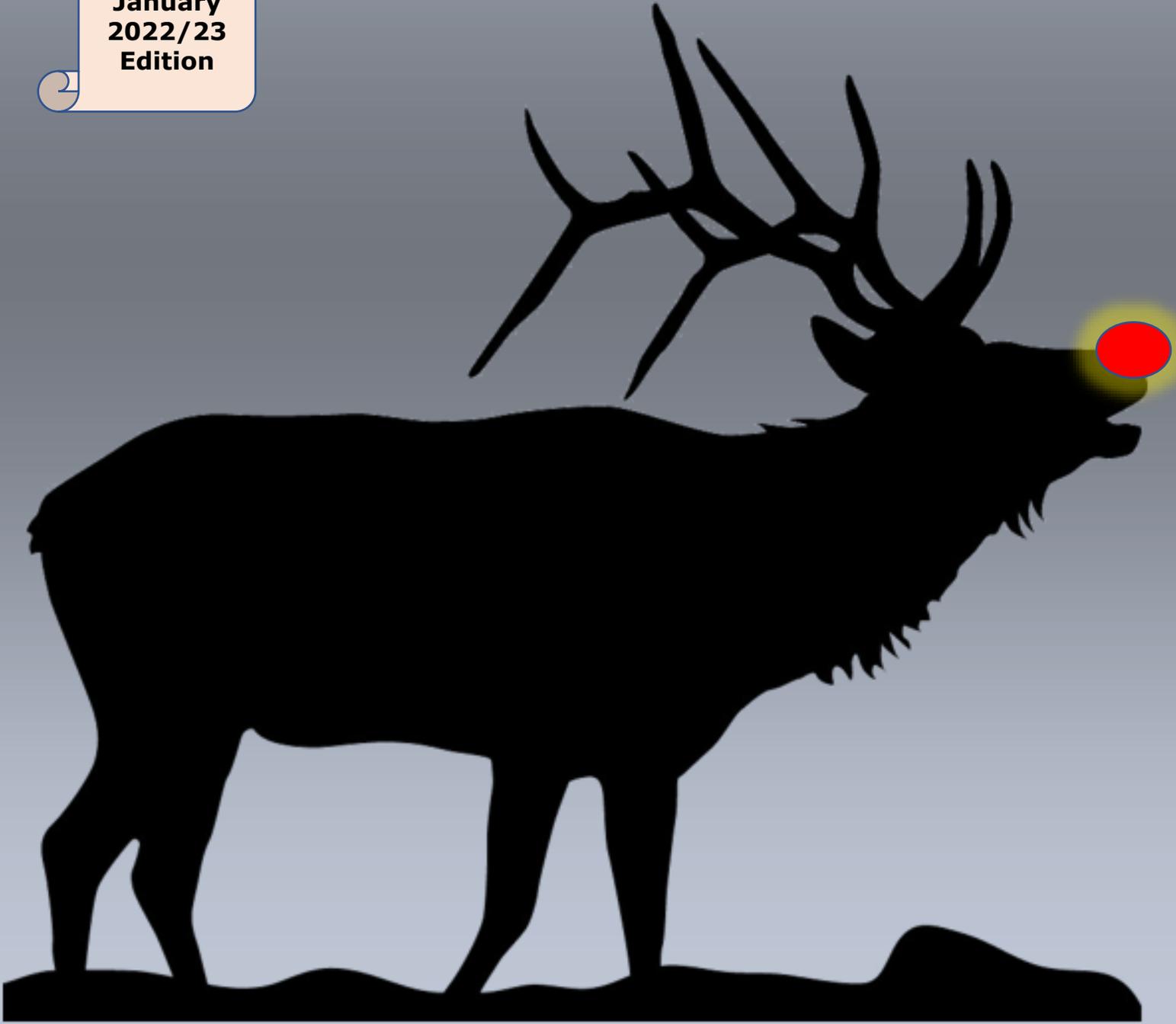




The Sandpiper



**December
January
2022/23
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**An Official Publication of
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**Message from the
Exalted Ruler**

**Message from the
Lodge Secretary**

Greetings Brother's & Sister's

The holidays are fast approaching. This is the time of year for giving and sharing. As you enter this season make sure that you take the time to help others in need. Remember our military overseas, who will not be home with their families during this holiday season. Pray for their safe return.

Our Angel Tree program was a huge success again this this year. Less fortunate children at Waccamaw Elementary school will get presents for Christmas. It did not take long for the members to select one of the fifty tags on the tree. Thank you all for your generosity and support to this program.

I also want to give a big shout out to the Elks members and the Ladies Auxiliary for contributing to the food drive this year. As you know, it is a friendly competition each year to see who would collect the most food for the Brunswick County Food Pantry. There was approximately 650 pounds of food collected this year. This will help ensure many families have food on the table during the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks to all who contributed.

We have several events planned for the remainder of the Elks year ending on March 31, 2023. I like to try different events that will bring members together for the camaraderie. On Sunday February 26th we will be hosting a "Chili Cook-Off." Dig your special chili recipes out or create something new and join the fun. There will be awards given for first, second and third places. Look for flyers, rules, and registration applications in upcoming eblasts and at the lodge.

Our Entertainment Chairman Ray Canapini will also be bringing back a couple of the most popular events that attracted many people. Also look for those in upcoming eblasts.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Thanks again to all the volunteers who make this lodge a success. Volunteers are the backbone of every successful organization. I am proud to belong to this organization.

As always, if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the email listed below.

Respectively and fraternally,
Gene Bellando
Exalted Ruler 2022-2023

ExaltedRuler@CalabashElks.Org

As we come to the end of the calendar year, I want to remind you that renewal notices will once again be sent out directly from the Grand Lodge. In order to receive yours you must have accurate address information in our database. It's expected that these notices will be mailed at the end of January. They'll be sent bulk mail so it may take a bit for you to find yours in your mailbox. If you've moved anytime within the last year, and have not sent me your new contact information, please do so as soon as possible!

Regarding renewals, we received notice in mid-October that there will be another \$5.00 increase in fees for insurance this year. That means that dues for regular members will be \$136.00 and Lifetime members will be \$63.00.

Last newsletter I let you all know that the Grand Lodge had changed the requirements for Life Membership. At our next meeting on December 14th, we'll be voting on our 10 members who meet the new requirement of 30 years membership in our organization. These members are: John (Jersey John) Berardo, James Blumenthal, Robert (Shorty) Dennany, Dennis Lopez, Aram Noorigian, John C. Pazoga Jr., Thomas M. Prigel, Steve W. Smith, Craig Sweetman and James Thompson.

As this reaches you, I hope that you've all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year with your families!

Cyndi Shaw
Lodge Secretary
Phone: 910-575-8900
Email:
Secretary@CalabashElks.Org
Office Hours
Monday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Absent Members commemorated in December

It's hard to believe the end of 2022 is here. There are so many ways to reflect upon the month of December.

On Sunday, December 4, we Elks pledge Fidelity to our Members who have entered into the realm of eternity. Lodges across our great country will pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all the Members who no longer answer when their names are called. The Elks Memorial Service is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of eleven rings in honor of our deceased Members.

The Members who we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of dedicated service to their Lodges. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this memorial ceremony. Their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory.



**Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
BRUCE A. HIDLEY**

We thank the Jolly Corks who found the need for a formal memorial service as fellow Members passed. Through their insight, a formal designation took place in 1889 at the Grand Lodge Convention proclaiming the first Sunday in December would be designated as Memorial Sunday. **"An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken."** May all our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace and may they all be enjoying that great Elks

Lodge above.

Let us not forget Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. It is a day to remember and honor all who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I have personally toured Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It is an absolutely solemn experience to visit the memorial above the USS *Arizona* and see the names of over 2,400 Americans who were killed that day. In addition to the lives lost, more than 1,100 troops were wounded during the attack. In a speech to congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. There were no truer words spoken. Please take the time at your Lodge to lower

Forever Grateful

During the month of November, we have three very important dates on which to express our eternal gratitude. They are Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. Election Day falls on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November and is extremely important to us as Americans. President Harry S. Truman once wrote that "a vote is the best way of getting the kind of country and the kind of world you want." Election Day is the day that we as Americans have the freedom and right to vote for individuals who are running for federal, state, county, and municipal government office.

November is also when we honor our veterans. Veterans Day takes place on November 11, and all of November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month. On Veterans Day, we honor the brave men and women who serve our country and have fought to secure our land of liberty. On this day, Elks all across our country honor our veterans with parades and celebrations. During this month, I encourage all lodges to hold an Honor-a-Vet ceremony. This is a great way to thank veterans in the community for their service. You can make the ceremony even more special by inviting your local elected officials to the event. What a distinct way to show veterans and the families of veterans that the Elks are forever grateful to them and to uphold the Elks' pledge to veterans: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Finally, near the end of the month of November, we express gratitude for our blessings and being able to spend time with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day. As Elks, it is also important that we take the time to volunteer and help make the holiday brighter for those less fortunate. Helen and I would like to take this time to wish each of you a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Enjoy time with your family.

God bless each of you. God bless our troops, past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Bruce A. Hidley

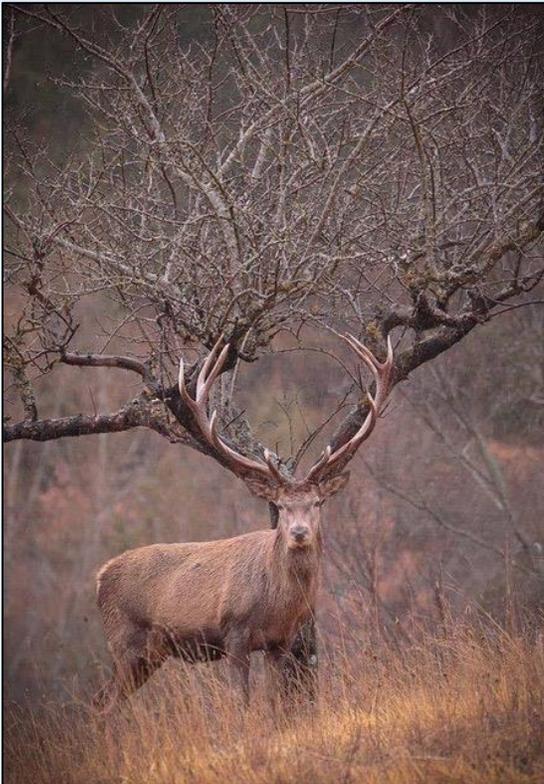
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the Flag to half-staff on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor all the military personnel who were killed in this attack. May they all rest in peace.

December is also a time when we celebrate the Christmas holiday with family and friends. Christmas is a very busy time of the year as we decorate our homes and Lodges, put up and decorate Christmas trees, and shop for our loved ones. Christmas is when we as Elks must practice one of the Cardinal Principles of our Order, **Charity**. What better way of "**Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm**" than to have your Lodge membership work together to collect food items for your local food pantry and host children's Christmas parties with Old Saint Nick himself, Santa Claus.

I encourage Lodges to participate in your local Adopt-A-Family Program to help a family who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the Christmas season. Let's also not forget our veterans who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. When you host your Lodge Christmas party, ask every Member to bring a gift for a veteran at your local VA Hospital. COVID-19 has changed our way of life and our interaction time with the veterans at the VA Hospitals. I encourage you to contact your VAVS Representative to coordinate the delivery of the gifts to our veterans.

Helen and I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with each of you throughout the year. Have a very safe holiday season.



ELKS 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 and Elks Share.

Words from Our Members

At an Initiation meeting when asked; Why did you want to become an Elk? One of our new members stated it was because of her father, so I asked her to elaborate and she did.

My father was an Elks member in Stuart, FL. He passed away in March after being home on hospice care. I moved in with him in December to allow him to move home and continue residing where he wanted to be. My Dad was a firefighter in Somerville, MA and a Veteran of the Army. When my family would visit him, we would sometimes go to the Elks and have a pancake breakfast at the Elks Lodge. He loved taking us there. He would tell us stories of making and serving pancakes for other members and his family. It made him happy 😊 and is a very fond memory for me.

Proud to be an Elk ~ Brenda Baron

Our Lodge in Publications

We have two articles on page 25 in the fall edition of the South Brunswick magazine. Our donation to Camp Carefree and the Ladies donation of school supplies. Click on the link below and go to Page 25

[Click Here for Magazine](#)



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WHAT: The Elks National Foundation (ENF), is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) supporting Youth, serving Veterans, and meeting the needs of local community projects in Elks communities just like Calabash, NC.

HOW: Members of local Elks Lodges, and others, make voluntary, tax-deductible cash donations to the ENF. (*The Elks National Foundation is a 501 c3 Public Charity*) Then, throughout each fiscal year, the fund provides Grant Money to those lodges who qualify by having their members make enough donations to meet the Grand Lodge's donation Per-Capita (each Person/Member) threshold. Additional Grants are obtainable through a rigid application process. Additionally, the ENF provides scholarships each year to applicants who are the Children, or Grandchildren, of Elks members. Throughout the years, the Calabash Elks Lodge has received over a "Hundred-Thousand Dollars" in ENF Grant money. Since our Lodge's inception in 1984, combining ENF Grants with locally raised funds, the Calabash Elks Lodge has donated over \$300,000 in Goods and Services, as well as Cash, to various local Charities and Charitable Causes in our community. This is why it is important for our members to donate what they can to the ENF. The Calabash Elks Lodge always places at, or near the Top of, all the Elks lodges in North Carolina when it comes to making donations to the ENF, and always - **"Reaping what We Sow!"**

WHO: To find out more about the Elks National Foundation and our local efforts at the Calabash Elks Lodge, and how you can help with this worthy cause, contact the current Chairperson, Juanita Adams (PER), at 910-398-2382 or by e-Mail at **ENF@CalabashElks.Org**

What is it?

What's its mission?

How do I donate?

Find out at the links below

About

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Elks National Foundation

Lodge Name _____ State _____

Lodge No. _____ Mem. No. _____

Donor I.D. _____

Favorite ENF program:

- Scholarships
- Hoop Shoot
- Drug Awareness
- State Grants
- Veterans
- Community Investments

Sign me up for *Pulse*, the ENF's email newsletter.

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Street Address _____

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Gift Types: Enclosed is my donation of \$50 \$100 (Peace) \$250 (Justice) Other \$ _____

I would like to pledge: \$ _____ (total amount) I have enclosed my initial payment of \$ _____

(Choose One) Please send me reminders: Annually Semi-Annually Quarterly Monthly

I would like to make a tribute of: \$ _____ In Memory of In Honor of: _____

Notification of gift should be sent to: Name _____

Address _____

I would like to make a monthly donation to the ENF by:

- Charging my credit card the agreed monthly amount of \$ _____ (Enter card information below.)
- Drafting my bank account monthly. (Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.)

Bank Draft Start Date 15th 25th of the month. Monthly Draft Amount \$ _____

Payment Method: I have enclosed a check. Please mail checks payable to:
Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-2256

Please charge my credit card: Visa MC AmEx Discover Account No. _____

Your Signature _____ Expiration Date _____



How is the Elks National Foundation Helping North Carolina?

NOTE: This is just a screen shot off the website (links disabled) to wet your whistle. If you want to dive deeper and activate links click below

[Click here for ENF State Info](#)

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the [Elks National Drug Awareness](#) and ["Hoop Shoot"](#) programs. You're doing more than supporting the [Community Investments Program](#) and providing [Emergency Educational Grants](#) to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than meeting the needs of [today's veterans](#) and maintaining the [Elks National Memorial](#).

You're doing all that, *and* you're supporting Elkdom in *your* state.

During the 2021-22 Lodge year, the Elks of North Carolina donated \$128,846.22 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:



These grants support [your state's major charitable project](#), as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

State Charities Grant: **\$82,810.00**
Special Projects Grant: **\$60,220.00**
Bonus Grant: **\$15,250.00**



We will award a total of 7 Most Valuable Student scholarships to high school seniors from your state. ([Click here](#) to check out your recipients.) In addition, we will award up to 4 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks. ([Click here](#) to check out your recipients.)

Most Valuable Student: **\$28,000.00**
Legacy Award: **\$16,000.00**



We also provide the Elks National Veterans Service Commission with funding to support its volunteers working in veterans hospitals and medical centers.

Funding for VAVS Volunteers: **\$14,340.00**

That's a ratio of **1.681** for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our [Community Investments Program](#).

Grand Total: \$216,620.00

For the 2021-22 fiscal year, for example, we awarded a total of **\$229,000.00** to 30 North Carolina Lodges.

For more information about the Elks National Foundation, contact your local chairman or write us at Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, enf@elks.org.



The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC)

The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) took advantage of the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions that finally enabled assisted living homes to permit their veterans to go on outings. On October 14th, the VAC members (Jerry Kimble, Tom and Joyce Dorsa) hosted Veterans and Staff from the River Park Senior Living home in Little River to a morning of fishing at the Sunset Beach Pier compliments of pier managers Gary and Teresa Massey. After fishing they all returned to the Lodge for lunch. On 27 October VAC members (Jerry Kimble, Bill Tmay, Neil Floor, and Gary Dobratz) hosted a second group of Veterans and Staff, this time from the NC State Veterans Home in Fayetteville. Weather was great, some fish were caught, and lunch at the Lodge was delicious—everyone had a good time. Thanks to Ron Floor for the photos.

The VAC is back in business taking coffee and donuts to assisted living homes and socializing with veterans and other residents. Jerry Kimble, along with Pat Glennon, Janice Rhodes, and Barb Heffernan visited the Autumn Care home on Nov 17. A good time was had by all. We plan to continue these visits throughout the area as long as Covid-19 conditions permit.

The 2nd VAC Raffle for this year is now complete and it was a HUGE SUCCESS. The total collected was \$2,152. The 2 winning tickets were drawn at the Lodge Veterans Dinner Dance with each winner receiving \$538. One winner was a Lodge member and the second was a friend of the Elks. VAC member Fran Quigley did a great job organizing the raffle and the many members who volunteered to sell tickets were terrific. The VAC received \$1,076 which will go toward VAC activities that support and honor our veterans.

Respectfully Submitted,
John F. Corbett





At our last Initiation Meeting our Leading Knight, Juanita read and proposed that I asked if I could share it with you. Enjoy!



Christmas 2022

My Dear Child,

Many of you have asked what Santa and I do throughout the year. Let me begin by telling you that we have only two seasons here in the North Pole and they are: COLD and SUPER COLD, and we have snow all year long!

We begin making toys in the month of July and it's an "All hands-on deck operation". All elves love taking part in making toys for children to play with. Our younger elves go to school from mid-January to mid-July and then they too aide in the toy making. Sometime around October some of my most talented elves begin making gingerbread houses and candy canes.

Between January and July Santa and I travel . . . are you surprised????? We visit cities all around the world paying close attention to the reports of your parents and teachers and everyone near and dear to you. We watch to see how you treat others . . . your friends, your family and your classmates. Santa and I don't like bullies, so please be kind and helpful to your family and friends.

Just to let you know, Santa does NOT have a beard all year long. He begins growing it in July when we return to the North Pole from our travels around the world

Please remember, when Christmas comes, the most important thing of all is not what is under the Christmas Tree, but rather those who gather around it. Friendship and kind actions towards others is more important than any toy. Fond memories are what you will remember many years from now so make the best memories you can this Christmas. Do something special for someone special.

*Santa and I wish you the merriest of Christmases
and the healthiest and happiest of New Years*



**The Ladie’s Auxiliary has been very busy doing what they do best . . . EVERYTHING!
Here’s a word from their Chairwomen, Kathy Kelly**

On Oct. 19 Our Calabash Elks Ladies Auxiliary had a fashion show/luncheon and it was a great success. All the fashions were from Worthy You located in Calabash. The proceeds from this event will be going to some of our charities throughout the year.

The last couple of years, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Calabash Elks have purchased baskets and or gift cards for food at Thanksgiving and Christmas times, for some of the families of the Waccamaw School. This year and last year we decided to give gift cards to various families so they may enjoy a delicious holiday dinner.

The school administrators and the guidance counselors determine which families are in need. Some of our Ladies purchase the gift cards and then deliver to the school administrators. The school is one of our many charities that we give to throughout the year.

On Saturday Nov.5 the Ladies had a Holiday Fair at lodge. We had 22 vendors and many cookies, cakes, and soups. It was an excellent turnout and a great success for our many charities.





Left to right
Roman Kelly,
Principal,
Carol Haack ,
Calabash Elks
Ladies Auxiliary,
Robin Beane,
Waccamaw
School. Secretary
and
Diane D'Angelo,
Calabash Elks
Ladies Auxiliary.
Gifts to Families
of Waccamaw
School K-8 for
Thanksgiving.



It is tradition at our lodge that there be a friendly competition for the food drive between the Ladies Auxiliary and The Elks. This year was no different and when I asked Kathy Kelly who won her response was, "The Elks won, not by much 412 lbs. to 223 lbs. but the families are the real winners"

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE’S FOOD PANTRY”

~ “Making a Difference” by Helping Local Food Insecure Residents ~



The Elks Lodge located in Calabash, NC recently donated 650 Pounds of Non-Perishable Food and \$1,500.00 in Cash to the Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), Headquartered in Shallotte, NC, for their Food Pantry operation, and to also allow them to purchase Perishable Food Supplies for the Holidays. Pictured above at BFA’s Headquarters, standing in front of their vehicles laden with the Non-Perishable Food and Holding the Check are (Left to Right): Tyffanie Paganello, BFA; Eugene “Gene” Bellando, Current Exalted Ruler (President) of the Elks Lodge; - Mark Kerr, Elks Lodge Board-of-Directors Trustee and Elks North Carolina State Charitable Trust District Chairman; and – Kathy Kelly, President of the Calabash Elks Ladies Auxiliary.



Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity



Congratulations to our Lodge Know-it-Alls for
garnering the Coveted Lamp of Knowledge Trophy



TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

WINNING TEAM From Our
October 21st, 2022 Event

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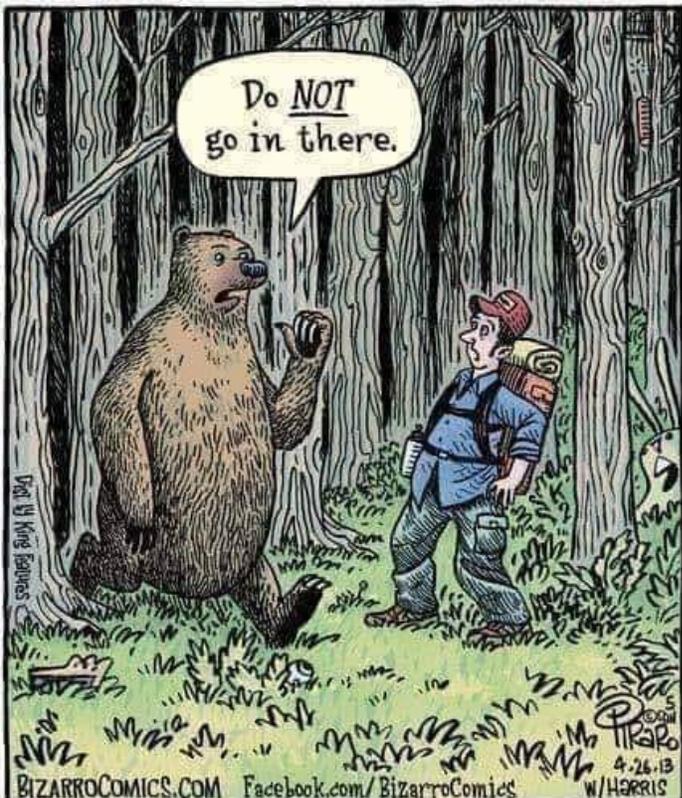
WINNING TEAM from our
November 18th, 2022
Event



Approximately 60 people played Trivia on Friday, October 21st, 2022, the Team of the "Bob & Mo Brooks" Garnered the Coveted **Lamp-of-Knowledge Trophy** in the Calabash Elks Most Recent TRIVIA Challenge Event. Pictured Above: Bob & Mo Brooks.

Approximately 80 people played Trivia on Friday, November 18th, 2022, the Team of the "Know It Ales" Garnered the Coveted **Lamp-of-Knowledge Trophy** in the Calabash Elks Most Recent TRIVIA Challenge Event. Pictured Above (Left to Right): Malcom Jaggard, Sue Jaggard, Ron Malcolm, Judy Harms, and Al Harms **CONGRATULATIONS** to the "KNOW IT ALES!"

Start Studying – Our Next TRIVIA Event is on Nov 18th, 2022

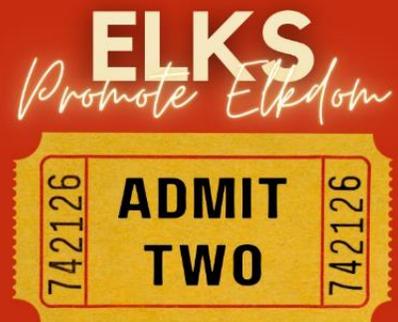


Remember,
our rest
rooms are for
the
convenience
and comfort
of us all.

Please have
the utmost
consideration
for others in
all that you
do "in there"



*Inviting friends to our events
such as Trivia, is a great way to
introduce them to
"Life at the Lodge"*



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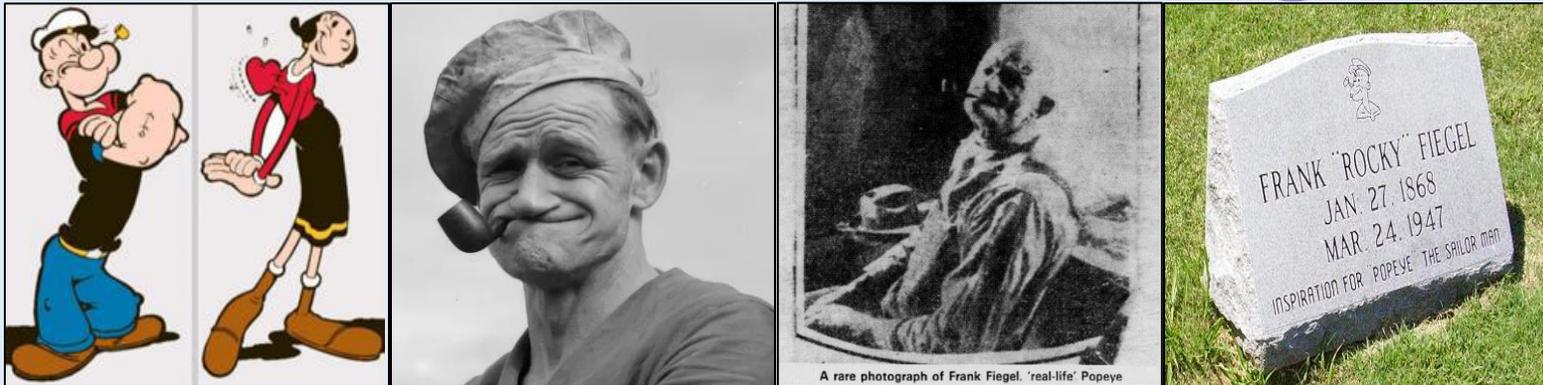


Happy Birthday

At the bar during the month your Birthday? Show the Bartender your Driver's License to get FREE drink.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS			23-Fri	William	Katla	10-Mon	William	Endres
01-Thu	James H	Barker	24-Sat	Janet	Buckley	10-Mon	H Sheldon	Hopkins Jr
01-Thu	Rex	Buckley	24-Sat	Mary	Moore	10-Mon	James A	Ucci
01-Thu	Ernest	Theony	24-Sat	Diane	Roughan	11-Tue	Thomas	Maraglino
02-Fri	George	Heath	25-Sun	Thomas	Foley	12-Wed	Matthew	Beairsto
02-Fri	Randal	Rees	26-Mon	John	Glover	12-Wed	Andrew	Oates
04-Sun	Robert	Brooks	26-Mon	George S	O'Connell	13-Thu	W Steve	Smith
04-Sun	Stevan	Corsetti	27-Tue	John	Parisi Life Member	14-Fri	Peter	Debevc
04-Sun	Sherry	Winkler	27-Tue	Robert	Richter	14-Fri	T	Raynor
06-Tue	Warren	Dalrymple	28-Wed	Daniel	Huerbin	15-Sat	Barbara	Dangora
06-Tue	Judy E	Wallace	29-Thu	John	Balog	15-Sat	Judy	Myers
07-Wed	Jeannette	Buck-Newhouse	29-Thu	Robert	Green	16-Sun	Nelson	Vann
07-Wed	Michael	Crowell	29-Thu	Richard	Harney	17-Mon	Michael	Nicklaw
07-Wed	Philip	Meckling	29-Thu	Sheila	Mende	17-Mon	James	Reese
07-Wed	Richard	Pesavento	29-Thu	Robert	Michael	18-Tue	Joseph	Groves
09-Fri	Thomas	Amico	29-Thu	Andrew	Miele	18-Tue	Jerry	Kern
09-Fri	Joe	Palumbo	29-Thu	Michael	Pierotti	19-Wed	Alan	Harms
10-Sat	Carroll (Kell	Murphy	30-Fri	James	Gooding	19-Wed	Michael	Kunkel
10-Sat	Phil	Robson	31-Sat	Vickie	Acton	19-Wed	Donald	Walker
11-Sun	Carmen	Daughtry	31-Sat	Matthew	Cutler	19-Wed	Wayne	Weszka
12-Mon	John (Jersey	Berardo	31-Sat	William	Hagemann	20-Thu	Leonard	Jones
12-Mon	Edward	Hanson	JANUARY BIRTHDAYS			20-Thu	Katherine	Koett
12-Mon	William	Lynch Jr	01-Sat	Richard	Hutchings	20-Thu	Christian	Rader
12-Mon	Barry	Walker	01-Sat	Diana	Rettig	20-Thu	Patrice	Sweetman
12-Mon	Richard	Whitney	01-Sat	Bonnie	Robinson	20-Thu	Brian	Westcott
13-Tue	Michael	Mahoney	01-Sat	David	Sleker	21-Fri	Philip	Cassano
13-Tue	Maya	Ramos-Allen	01-Sat	Mary	Torza	22-Sat	Larry	Benson
14-Wed	John	Goryance	01-Sat	Richard	Tunno	22-Sat	John	Bernabo
14-Wed	James	Griffin	02-Sun	James	Bruno	23-Sun	Earl	Knickman
14-Wed	William	Mesenbrink	03-Mon	Thomas	Bauder	23-Sun	Roy	Porto
14-Wed	Pamela	Wright	03-Mon	Sharon	Michael	26-Wed	Marianne	Chiocco
15-Thu	Ronald	McClellan	03-Mon	Denzel	Suggs	27-Thu	Debra	Cappadona
16-Fri	Ralph	Peck	04-Tue	Joseph F	Levinski	28-Fri	Steve	Wilson
16-Fri	Bruce	Routzahn	04-Tue	James	Thompson	29-Sat	Stephen	Parker
16-Fri	Randy	Sweigart	05-Wed	William	Neumann	29-Sat	Michael	Thole
18-Sun	Robert	Rose	05-Wed	Michael	Scully	30-Sun	Leonard	Baldassano
19-Mon	Thomas	Drobish	05-Wed	William F	Southard	30-Sun	Steven	Hurley
19-Mon	Cheryl	Ruf	07-Fri	John	Duval	31-Mon	Joseph	Boyte
19-Mon	Thomas	Taylor	07-Fri	Malcolm	Jaggard	31-Mon	James	Carey
21-Wed	James W	Kettle	07-Fri	James	Jones			
21-Wed	Beverly	Pfeuffer	07-Fri	Pamela	McIntosh			
21-Wed	James (Ron)	Sain	08-Sat	Sebastian	Gangemi			
21-Wed	Shelia	Williams	08-Sat	Edward	Sager			
22-Thu	Charles	Benson	09-Sun	Eleanor	Allen			
22-Thu	Walter	Hartsburg	09-Sun	James D	Filkins			
22-Thu	Maureen	Leibrecht	09-Sun	Mary L	Noorigian			
23-Fri	Jack	Hinte	09-Sun	Robert	Shapiro			



A rare photograph of Frank Fiegel, 'real-life' Popeye

Did ya know? His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel.

He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois. As a young man, Rocky went to sea.

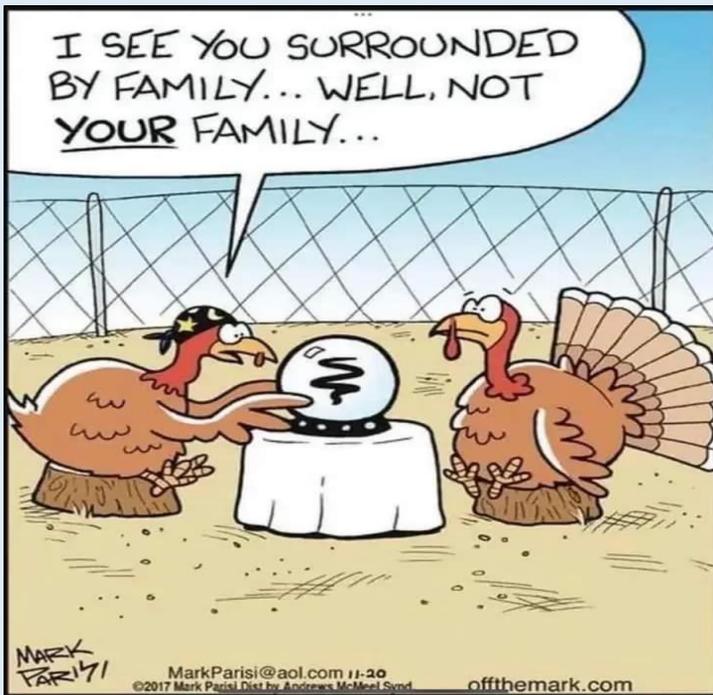
After a 20-year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a 'Bouncer' to maintain order in the rowdy bar. Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye"). He also 'always' smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the 'Seven Seas.' The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea stories.'

Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theater.' He honored Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, 'Popeye the Sailor Man,' after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed. Segar claimed that 'Olive Oyl,' along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way. Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations.

WHO didn't love the cartoons??? We watched them religiously ... so funny, so moral ... each story had a good ending ... wonder if kids these days even KNOW who Popeye is??? Who knew he was a real man??

While Fiegel likely inspired Segar's Popeye character (left photo), the viral photograph (second from the left) frequently attached to this claim doesn't actually show him. The image is one of an anonymous sailor aboard the HMS Rodney in 1940. The image is available via the Imperial War Museum where it is presented with the caption: "A Leading Stoker nicknamed "Popeye", with 21 years' service" A rare photograph (second from the right) of the real Fiegel and his tombstone (right photo).

I don't know about you, but I'll bet both men were ♪ ♪ strong to the finish, cause they ates their spinach ♪ ♪



**Hope you had a
Happy Thanksgiving,
surrounded by YOUR family!**

Your House Committee and Club Manager have been working hard to provide you, our valued members, new and different activities in which you can participate, have some fun and camaraderie, and support Your Lodge at the same time. These events include Dining Opportunities, Special Themed Dinner Dances, Trivia Challenge and our Golf Tournament. You will find announcements for these events scheduled to occur during October and November you will be kept up to date on these events in our weekly EBlasts. Be sure to sign up for these events and support Your Lodge.

VOLUNTEER

At the same time, the House Committee and Club Manager cannot do all of this alone, - they need Your Help. Please consider Volunteering for just a few hours a month to help Set-Up for these events, or to help in the Kitchen. Contact your Club Manager, to get on the schedule.

House Committee: Daniel Shaw - 910-577-1101

Club Manager: Ricky Moore - 910-368-6872

It's good for the Lodge and also for you!

Note from the Editor

I've discovered that the hardest part of compiling the Newsletter is the BEST part of our Lodge. There is so much going on that it's difficult to keep track of. It is for that reason I must rely on you to keep me informed, take photos and get them to me at the email below. Tell me a little something about why you joined the Elks, what your favorite things about the Lodge are or bring me up to date on a group you may belong to or event you attended. This is a season for celebration and I wanna hear about them all. I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

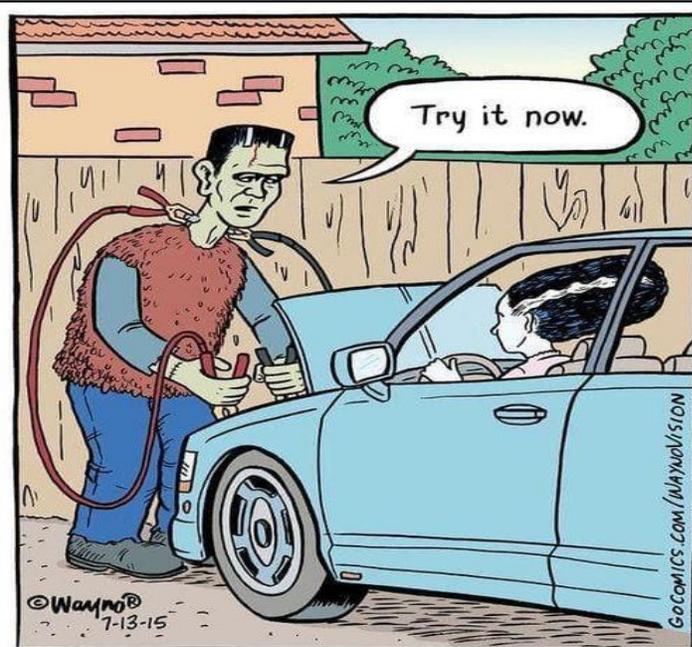
Once again if you have any questions, concerns or something to include in the Newsletter.

Email me at:

Sandpiper@CalabashElks.org

Best Regards ~ Frank Gaetano

**Remember everyone has something to offer
so, find your hidden talents and volunteer**



Famous Elk Quotes

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Vince Lombardi



If you want to be kept up to date on Menus & Events there is nothing better than our EBlast. It comes right to your email box at least once a week (on Monday) and fills you in like Blondiez Doughnuts. Just make sure you have communications@calabashelks.org in your contacts to keep it from going to Spam with the Extended Car Warranties.



If you would like to check out "What's Cookin" on our website? just Click on the Chef



We now have a parking space for fat guys that barbecue, so put down that spatula and check out "What's Cookin & What's Happenin"



Wanna check out "What's Happenin" Click on Special Events and head to our website



B.P.O.E. = "Best People on Earth!"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

~ Calabash Elks Lodge Class of November 9, 2022 ~



Ten (10) New Members were Initiated into the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 in a Formal Ceremony Conducted on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. The New Members with Great Smiles Pictured above (Back Row Standing - Left to Right) are: W. Scott Faggart; - Raymond "Ray" Golden; - S. Mark Vestal; - J. Keith McCollum; - Kenneth "Wayne" Burchfield; and - Steve Hacket (Front Row Seated - Left to Right) are: Michael "Mike" Nicklaw; - Alice McDonough; - Gabriella "Gabby" Vitale; and - Keleb Babson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! Welcome to our Order, and - Welcome to our Lodge!

Cute Faces in Friendly Places!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

~ Calabash Elks Lodge Class of November 9, 2022 ~



~ Calabash Elks December 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. VAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	2 Communications Committee 9:00 a.m. 	3
4 Elks Annual Memorial Ceremony 12:00 pm Bar is closed during service NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	5 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	6 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	7 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm	8	9 Christmas Party Dinner Dance "Creampuff & Bourbon" 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	10
11 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	12 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	13 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. BINGO 5:00 p.m.	14 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Christmas Gift Swap 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm	16 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	17
18 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	19 BOD Meeting 3:00 pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	20 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	21 NO Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting	22	23	24
25 Lodge Closed	26 NO Monday Nite Special Dining	27 NO BINGO	28 NO Membership Meeting	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party Dinner Dance "Creampuff & Bourbon" 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

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~ Calabash Elks January 2023~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	2 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	3 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	4 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 p.m.	5 House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. VAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Communication Committee 9:00 a.m. Comfort Food Menu 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	7
8 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	9 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	10 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. BINGO 5:00 p.m.	11 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Comfort Food Menu 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	14 Saturday Night at the Lodge "JT & The Strats" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
15	16 BOD Mtg 3:00 p.m. Ladies Aux. Officer Mgt. 3:30 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	17 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	18 Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting 4:00 p.m.	19	20 Italian Night Dinner Dance "RC Tabler (DJ)" 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	21
22	23 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. New Member Orientation 6:30 p.m.	24 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. BINGO 5:00 p.m.	25 Membership Meeting & Initiation of New Members 7:00 p.m.	26	27 Music BINGO and Silly Trivia 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	28 Saturday Night at the Lodge "Tony Reese" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
29 East District District Deputy Clinic New Bern, NC 10:00 a.m.	30 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	31 BINGO 5:00 p.m.				

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Lodge of Sorrow 2022

We fondly remember our Brothers & Sisters who left us during 2022

Darius R Lewellyn July 2022 Initiated 03/27/1985	Kenneth Clark January 2022 Initiated 03/22/2001
Donald Ballard May 2022 Initiated 06/08/1973	Kevin G Glennon September 2022 01/21/2020
Donald R Mimm April 2022 Initiated 01/14/1960	Max Brinegar (Sandy L) January 2022 01/24/1995
George J Vlastic Lm (Nancy A) April 2022 Initiated 12/26/1957	Michael Flanagan October 2022 Initiated 07/28/2004
George R Conley March 2022 Initiated 09/25/1985	Paul Jones May 2021 Initiated 11/13/1996
George Willbrandt October 2021 01/11/2012	Paula Freiwald July 2022 Initiated 07/23/2019
Gordon H Coulson March 2022 Initiated 06/08/2005	Richard A Cummings (Maria) March 2022 Initiated 07/21/1994
John Benson February 2022 Initiated 02/16/2005	Ronald R Luba (Janet) February 2022 11/10/1999
Kathleen Taylor November 2022 Initiated 10/08/19	

Please report those who are sick,
or someone who may have passed, to "Sigi"
Her Phone# is 910-713-4239

Call or TEXT "Sigi" with the details about the person on whom they are reporting.



Some Christmas Shopping Ideas

What do you get The Elk
who has everything?

Why an Elks Gift Card of course.
Available at the Bar in any Amount



If you are like most of us, you will soon be hitting the 'ole Internet, and logging on to Amazon.com to stock up on all those Holiday Gifts for the Family, and especially the Grandchildren! Please DO NOT FORGET, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to The Elks National Foundation, if you sign up with the Amazon Smile program.



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Special Thanks

Everyone needs a Special Angel this time of the year and the Editor of the Sandpiper is no exception. When it's midnight and you're staring at empty pages of a newsletter that needs to go out soon, you here the ding of an email coming in. Low and behold it's my Special Angel Mike Trescak with a few suggestions from his vast experience. "Just some ideas, but your call" he says. Keep-em coming Mike, I couldn't put this thing together without you.



Another issue of the “Sandpiper” in the well. I hope you found it informative and enjoyed some of the humor and happenings of our Elks Lodge. The Communications & Marketing Committee would like to thank all of you for your contributions to the world of Elkdom, after all without our members we would be just a building. Stay well, stay involved and have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Our Exalted Ruler Gene, asked me to remind you that if you really wanna know and learn what goes on at the Lodge, come to meetings. It’s the best way to find out everything there is to know and meet and have fellowship with your Elk family. All meetings are on the Calendars

Until next issue then and remember if you have anything you feel should be in the Sandpiper or have any ideas for it. You can email me at Sandpiper@CalabashElks.org



Elks Invite



Lounge Hours

Monday thru Saturday = 12:00 Noon - 9:00 p.m.

Sundays = 12:00 Noon - 7:00 p.m. (Bartender's Discretion)

Bar/Bartender = 910.579.4600 ~ Option #2

Kitchen Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

LUNCH = 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Monday Nite 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Nite During BINGO = 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Friday Nite = 4:30 - 7: 00 p.m.

Saturdays When Entertainment is

Offered - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sundays and Times Other Than Above - Bar Food Only

Office Hours

Monday & Thursday ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Office (Secretary) = 910.575.8900 Option #1