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Leadership Seminar Planned for February

2022

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SATURDAY
10 AM - 3 PM
Feb. 26, 2022

Greensboro Lodge #602
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**MAKE YOUR LODGE STRONGER BY
BEING A WELL TRAINED LEADER!**

The NCSEA will hold its annual Leadership Seminar on February 26th at the Greensboro Lodge starting at 10:00 am and lasting till 3:00 pm. All incoming Officers

are requested to attend this event to better prepare themselves for the coming Elk year.

Separate seminars for Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers are being considered and will be held via a Zoom meeting. The dates to be announced.

Message from State President Frank Brady



Happy New Year! Sandy and I would like to wish all Elks a happy and prosperous 2022. For those Elks who have been sick or are currently ill, we pray for a speedy recovery. The new year brings new opportunities and new challenges. How we respond will dictate the success and accomplishments of each Elks lodge. To-date, during the 2021-2022 year, North Carolina has initiated a large number of new members which will give us a positive growth in membership this year due to the hard work of lodges and their members.

During the month of November, our lodges held Veterans programs, first responder award dinners, and Thanksgiving food supply programs. In December we held Christmas programs for children and gave assistance to the homeless. In my view,

January is the most difficult month for our lodges as we held four District Deputy clinics; and have the conclusion of grant programs, scholarships, and hoop shoot, in addition to the planning of both the leadership training seminar scheduled for February 26th in Greensboro and Camp Care Free's fundraiser scheduled for March, also in Greensboro.

This is the time of year when our lodges' Exalted Rulers are reviewing the accomplishments of their lodge officers, lodge members and members of our community for outstanding service. The awards for Officer of the Year, Elk of the Year, and Citizen of the Year will be presented in March during the installation of lodge officers. Exalted Rulers are authorized to issue the GER's Special Citation Award to two members of their lodge who displayed extraordinary efforts during the year. Special Citation Awards for Making a Difference are available for both Exalted Rulers and lodges. If you have any questions, check with the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.

In closing I would like to point out the need for all Elk members and lodges to endorse **GROWING UP DRUG FREE**. There are too many lives lost each year and we, as Elks, can make a difference. In recording charitable hours, please help your Lodge Secretary and do it promptly. Finally, the State Charitable Trust is there to help Elks. Please consider a reoccurring donation through your bank so that the Charitable Trust can make a difference in our State.

Fraternally, Frank Brady

Message from GER Keith Mills



Our Elks' birthday this year falls on Wednesday, February 16. Hold an event to celebrate the occasion. One more important reminder: Do not forget Valentine's Day. I can honestly say I have never forgotten this day, but I have needed to run to the store early to get a few things before someone wakes up. February is a very important month for us. Only a few weeks remain in this Elks' year and a lot of work still needs to be done. For example, new officer elections should be held at your last regular monthly meeting this month. Do not look at February as only having a few weeks left to serve, but as the opportunity to finish the year strong. Do your best to make your Lodge more successful than you started for the Members and community to continue "Meeting the Challenge." Current Exalted Rulers, there are many programs and awards at your disposal. Any Member who has a combination of sponsoring or reinstating three Members is eligible to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award Pin. Exalted Rulers can also submit two Members for the Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation. There are also two Making A Difference Special Citation awards, one for the Exalted Ruler and another for the Lodge. You can find this information in the Lodge Activities Program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. The Elks Legacy Scholarships deadline is also this month. Remember, this scholarship is for any Elks Member's children and grandchildren. Make sure your Members are aware of this program. Finally, new officers need to start having meetings to plan for the next year. Start developing your yearly budgets and, if possible, set your yearly calendar of events. Be realistic when developing your budget. This is a working document that can and should be amended as your year moves forward. The work and effort you put in now will show throughout the year in your operations. Your year will still have some bumps and curves, but you will be better prepared to handle any situation that will arise. All officers should act as one. Having monthly meetings better prepares you for your upcoming activities and will help you to continue **"Meeting the Challenge."**

Ritual Competition at NCSEA Spring Meeting

The state ritual competition will be conducted during the spring state convention in Charlotte on May 7, 2022. **There will be two competitions this year.** The winners of both competitions will have the honor of representing North Carolina at the Grand Lodge in Atlanta in July.

There is a new ritual competition this year. This competition is the “**Flag Charge Presentation.**” The Flag Charge competition is open only to Exalted Rulers and Past Exalted Rulers. What the contestant will present during this competition can be found in the Ritual of Local Lodges (511500) beginning at the bottom of page 57. The contestant will hear 3 raps from the competition chair and will begin by saying “Please salute our flag.” The competition ends when the ER returns back to the station of the ER (as stated near the top of page 59).

The 11 O’clock Toast competition will be as in years past. There will be an Exalted Ruler Division and an Open Division. Any member can compete and all are welcome! The Grand Lodge competition is limited to ERs and PERs, so the highest scoring ER/PER (regardless of division) will represent North Carolina at Grand Lodge.

You can find the 11 O’clock Toast on page 44 of the Ritual of Local Lodges (511500) at the top of page 44. The contestant will deliver the toast immediately after the competition chair says, “it is the hour of recollection.” The toast ends when the contestant says, “to our absent members.”

Start practicing your Flag Charge and Toast! Both members selected to represent North Carolina will receive a stipend of \$100 from the PER Association to help defray their expenses. Please contact David King, state ritual chair, if you have questions.

NCSEA Past Exalted Rulers

Possible New Fund Raiser for the Past Exalted Rulers

The NCSEA Past Exalted Rulers Association are delaying their decision to hold a fund raising auction during the Spring meeting this year. Instead they are considering holding a PER golf tournament this Spring to raise funds to continue their grant program to NCSEA Lodges. More details will be forthcoming from the PER Association in coming months.

Message From the NC Elks Charitable Trust

“The Charitable Trust Endowment Fund Is an Investment in Our Future”

Did You Know...?

The Charitable Trust is a separate corporation from the State Association but its specific role is to support all their programs and projects.

Your donations this year supported:

- *A new Veterans Home Bus for the Kernersville VA Home*
- *Additional funding for our Scholarship program*
- *Funding the Community Grant Program for our Lodges*

Each lodge has a specific Chairperson. The role of that person is to:

- Understand what the Charitable Trust does*
- Do specific fundraisers*
- Provide feedback to the CT board and attend meetings if available*

HOW CAN I DONATE?

- **Mail a check to: NC Elks Charitable Trust
PO Box 29452
Greensboro, NC 27429-9452**
- **Online at ncelks.org, click on the Charitable Trust link.**
- **Scan code on mobile device.**



NCSEA Spring Meeting to be Held in Charlotte

Mark your calendar!!! The Annual meeting of the NCSEA will be held in the Queen City, Charlotte, from **May 6-8th** at the **Canopy by Hilton**. Reservation forms and program agenda are posted online at ncelks.org. Plan to be there and welcome our special guests, the State Presidents and their wives from South Carolina and Virginia.

Close to South Park Mall with its many upscale stores, there are many fine restaurants in the area. In addition, Charlotte offers many attractions such as the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Discovery Place, the Mint Museum, and Carowinds. As always, the **Hilton Clean Stay Program** will be in effect.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



News From Your Lodges

Calabash Elks Recognize Eagle Scouts



In a recent ceremony at the Lodge, Calabash recognized three new Eagle Scouts and presented each with a certificate and an American Flag.

Pictured L-R: Leading Knight Gene Bellando; Aiden Milliken; Colton Chapman; Greyson Miller; ER Shorty Dennany; and Scout Leader George Milliken.

Wilmington Lodge Donates to Salvation Army

The Wilmington Elks Lodge has reached out to our community through the Salvation Army. It has been a hard year for Wilmington due to unemployment, covid, and home schooling just to name a few. The Salvation Army is continually helping feed, clothe, house and education those in need. I have met and volunteered with many of their very dedicated employees. The Lodge gave a \$ 500 dollar donation along with an other \$ 100 donation from our Past Exalted Rulers fund. Our wish is that we may be a small part in bringing good things to our community this Christmas.

Pictured is Kim Hatfield manager of Floral Parkway store and PER Nancy Blanton from the Wilmington Lodge.



Oak Island Elks Donate to Help Families in Need



The Oak Island Elks Lodge recently donated \$1500 to Brunswick Family Assistance. Brunswick Family Assistance is dedicated to improving the lives of families and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County, who are willing to help themselves, by providing emergency assistance and educational and skills development programs.

Pictured L-R: Elk John Borklund; Jeremy Pechin BFA Program Manager; Mary Nicholas BFA Account Manager; and East District VP Deb Welch.

ROXBORO ELKS ASSISTS LOCAL TEACHERS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Roxboro Elks Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association recently completed a service project that assisted teachers in need of school supplies. The Roxboro PER Association raised money through a year-long fundraiser. The Lodge was able to assist these teachers with a \$50.00 gift card to go towards school supplies. The Past Exalted Rulers of the Roxboro Elks Lodge are John Bullock, John Evans, Terry Foushee, Kyle Puryear, Russell Rogers, Bob Coleman, Derrick Sims and John Winslow. A special recognition is in order for all the local Elk members that contributed to make this possible. The Roxboro Elks look forward to continue this project for next year.



Fayetteville Lodge Supports Local Charities

The Fayetteville Elks Lodge provided financial support to three local non-profit organizations during the last week of December 2021. They donated \$1,000 to "The Care Clinic", \$2,000 each to "Rick's Place" and "Manna Dream Center", and \$3,500 to the "Falcon Children's Home". They also donated \$1,500 worth of toys and gifts to four deserving families in our area. A total of \$10,000 provided to our local friends."

The Rick Herrema Foundation mission is to strengthen relationships and build community among the military families, and single soldiers through fun and quality activities."

For over 110 years, the Falcon Children's Home and Family Services has been providing a home for children who, for whatever reason, are unable to live with their parents in a regular home setting.

The Manna Dream Center serves as a resource center focused on providing support to those affected by homelessness, hunger, addictions and the lack of education through residential and community outreach programs.

The CARE Clinic provides free quality health care to eligible uninsured, low income adults who live in Cumberland County and surrounding areas.



Left; L to R: PER Phil Saunders, ER Aaron Barth and Social Chairman Kineta Reynolds present a \$2,000 check to Rick's Place Director of Programs Vickey Jimenez and Coordinator Abby Barnett.

Right; L to R: ER Aaron Barth, Social Chairman Kineta Reynolds, and Leading Knight Cindy Johnson present a \$1,000 check to The Care Clinic's director, Angelina Jones.



Left; L to R: Elks Social Chairman Kineta Reynolds, Leading Knight Cindy Johnson, ER Aaron Barth, and PER Phil Saunders present a \$3,500 check to Falcon Children's Home Director Joseph Leggett.

Calabash Angel Tree Project Provides Gifts for Needy Children

The Calabash Elks Lodge members through its Angel Tree project generously donated gifts to 40 disadvantaged children, selected from students at the the Waccamaw Elementary School.



Pictured L-R: Robin Knab, who chaired the Angel Tree project; and Robin Beane, the project coordinator for the school.

Shalotte Elks Participate in Toy Run Christmas Shopping

The Shalotte Elks Lodge along with men and women from several Motorcycle Clubs and Car Clubs in the area, helped 200+ children and their parents Christmas shop at Walmart in Shalotte. Each child was allowed to spend \$150.00, of at least \$75.00 had to go for clothing with the rest going towards toys. The money came from The Toy Run. This is Jerome Munna's 29th annual Toy Run for the community.



Pictured from left to right; Carolyn Garromone Lodge Secretary; Jerome Munna Toy Run Chairman; and Robert Kordiak, Lodge Esquire.

Oak Island Elks Veterans Support Veterans Memorial Garden

Lower cape Fear Life care is creating a Veterans Memorial Garden in Brunswick County.

They are creating a place in their Heritage Garden specifically to honor veterans. The Veterans Memorial is an especially fitting tribute and reflects their commitment, as a partner in the We Honor Veterans Program, to those who served.

Different tribute opportunities fill the memorial garden, including star markers on the base of the eagle, stepping stones along the garden pathway, garden benches, and flags representing our country, our state and the different branches of the armed services. The centerpiece of the Veterans Memorial will be an eagle sculpture commissioned by local artist Dumay Gorham.

The Oak Island donation will assist a family or families with a remembrance in the garden. We are proud to contribute to this honorable effort

Pictured below, Veterans Committee member Brian Carroll presents Life Care Adviser Anne Hewett with a donation of \$500.



Hendersonville Lodge Expands Christmas Food & Toy Drive

This year, members of the Hendersonville Elks Lodge decided to expand their annual Christmas food and toy drive to include those impacted by recent tornadoes in Kentucky. This is the 30th year the Hendersonville Elks Lodge has organized and operated the holiday handout event. 130 care packages will benefit local families in need. A few dozen more will be donated to flood victims in Cruso. The remaining food and toys will be heading northwest. Santa Claus is taking the rest, over 500 toys, to Kentucky. "You never know when things like that are going to come your way," Lodge member Greg Hunnicutt said. "To send toys and to send anything that we can to those unfortunate people, that's just, that just tugs at your heartstrings. It really does." This is Hunnicutt's 28th year taking part in the Christmas food and toy drive. Over the years, he said the operation has greatly expanded. Each care package is filled with about two weeks' worth of food and supplies, Hunnicutt said. About \$15,000 worth of groceries was donated by Harris Teeter. Toys for Tots coordinated the toy distribution.



Fayetteville Elks Provide Caps to Veterans Home Residents

Members of the Fayetteville Elks Lodge visited the local NC State Veterans Home this holiday season, providing 130+ military-service specific hats to the residents. This has been a long-term plan, interrupted by COVID-19 forced limitations for providing face-to-face, to the vets. Lodge ENF Chairman and regional NC State Veterans Home liaison PER Phil Saunders, spearheaded this effort, along with several members of the Elks Lodge. Upon award of these hats Phil recalled "it's been a long-time coming, and the smiles on their collective faces means the world to me. This Is Elkdom".



Left: L to R: Elk Veteran James Conrad, Veteran Joe Frank, and Elk Veteran PER Phil Saunder discussing their service to the country at the NC State Veterans Home.



Right: L to R: Army Vietnam veteran Larry Smith and Army Vietnam veteran and Elk James Conrad share a moment after the hat handover.

Oak Island Veterans Committee Presents Scholarship

ELKS 2769 Veterans Committee provides second 1/2 of \$1000 Scholarship to local student from South Brunswick HS who is now attending VMI. He survived the first 1/2 year which is no small feat at a military academy!

Austin's mother Lisa said "Thank you so very much for all of your support! Austin would not be able to attend his dream school if it were not for your scholarship! He will continue to work hard and develop and learn to be the best version of himself."



Pictured Left: Ed Drezweicki presenting the \$500 check to Austin

Calabash Bingo Committee Donates to 10 Local Organizations

The Charity BINGO Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge ended their fiscal year by donating \$7,500.00 from their Charity Games among 10 local charities.

The Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Animal Protective Services, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity, Brunswick Family Assistance, Calabash Fire Department, Hope Harbor Home for Battered Women, Little River Volunteer Fire Dept, Lower Cape Fear Life Care, Providence Home of Family Emergency Teen Shelter, and Sea Haven Shelter Home for Youth.



High Point Lodge Donates to Several Charities

High Point Elks Lodge Donates to Veteran Tiny House Project

The High Point Elks Lodge presented a check for \$15,000 to the High Point Tiny House Community Development, Inc. The money was raised from the Elks' Annual Memorial Charity Golf Tournament held this past fall. The Tiny House Community Development, Inc. mission is to build tiny houses and develop tiny home communities. Their intent is to work alongside those experiencing homelessness, veterans and displaced individuals. This donation is specifically designated for local veteran housing.

Pictured in the center is Scott Jones Executive Director Tiny Houses and left to right Lodge Golf Committee members, Lindy Hight, Deanna Vernon and Vanessa Slack.



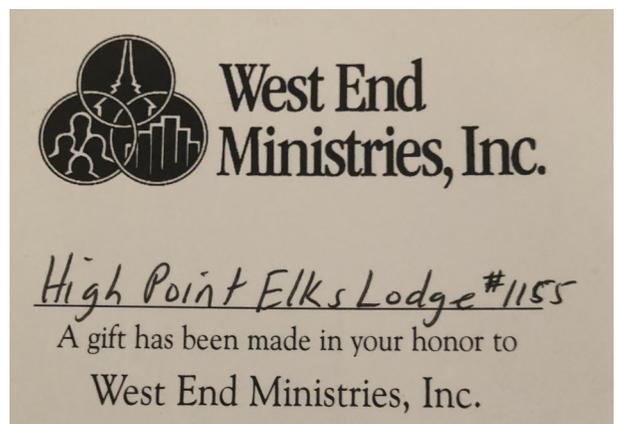
High Point Elks Lodge Serves Veteran's Holiday Meal



The High Point Elks Lodge was honored to be able to provide a nice Christmas meal for the residents of the Arthur Cassell Transitional Home for Veterans, and to also present them with a Veteran's recognition print painted by a NC Elks member from our Raleigh Lodge. The Arthur Cassell Transitional Housing program is a residential facility for 14 veterans experiencing homelessness. The Program partners with the WG "Bill" Hefner Medical Center and Veteran's Administration (VA).

High Point Elks Lodge Donates to Local Non-Profit

High Point Elks Lodge annual Turkey Day Golf Tournament raised \$400 for the High Point West End Ministries. This organization provides a variety of services for local residents in need of financial, emotional and food support.



Shelby Lodge Uses Grants to Help Feed Kids

The Shelby Lodge used its Promise and Beacon Grants to partner with Feeding Kids of Cleveland County. Boxes of food were provided to 84 families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas school breaks.



Calabash Veterans Committee Donates to Assist Needy Veterans

The of the Calabash Elks Lodge Veteran's Affairs Committee recently donated \$2,000.00 to Brunswick Family Assistance, to help fund assistance provided to Veterans in Brunswick County .



Pictured above, making the presentation of a \$2000.00 check to Brunswick Family Assistance in Shallotte, NC, L-R: Linda Tmay, VAC Member; Stephanie Bowen, Executive Director, BFA ; John Corbett, VAC Co-Chairman; Elle Thomas, Outreach Program Administrator, BFA ; Bill Tmay, VAC Member.

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