



# The Sandpiper

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FROM THE DESK OF

# Santa Claus

Dear Members of Calabash Elks Lodge #2679,

I know you may think it is somewhat early, but let me assure you that here we are in full gear fulfilling dreams and wishes for children all over the world. I wanted to take this time to thank you all for making my job just a little bit easier by doing all the wonderful work you do. You have aided veterans, those in recovery from alcohol and drug abuse, hungry seniors and children within Brunswick County and its environs. Believe me when I say your good works have been noted and very much appreciated by those of us who work here in the North Pole.

No one can focus on any holiday when their stomachs are growling with hunger or they have nowhere to live or even to think of a celebration. Your lodge, and work you do, has corrected much of that.

As you are reading this letter take the time to look around you. The ones sitting next to you are your real gifts. Not just at Christmas, but all the year through.

Continue your good deeds and remember we here at the North Pole watch you and appreciate all you do.

I have to get back to reading my never-ending Christmas wish lists from all over the world, which I love doing. By the way, if you have any children• you know who would like a letter from me please put their names and addresses in the suggestion box in the lodge. .... (yes, I know about that too!)

Merry Christmas to you all,

CHECKED TWICE & SIGNED By

*S. Claus*





**Message from  
The Exalted Ruler**

**Message from the  
Lodge Secretary**

*To all of you,  
The very merriest of  
Christmases  
and good health and  
happiness  
in the  
new year!*

**Message from  
The Leading Knight**

I would like to just take a minute to wish all my Brothers and Sisters in Elksdom a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's all of us pray for peace for all in 2024  
Gary Reynolds

Once again, we're in the home stretch to the New Year! I hope as you read this you've just enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends, and are looking forward to a very Merry Christmas.

During our December Membership Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> we will once again be voting on Life Membership. This year we have nine members who have fulfilled the requirement of 30 years of membership in our organization. These members are Joseph D. Carpinello, Robert W. Conley, Michael D. Evarts, David R. Guglielmo, Kevin Hoyt, Robert Hoyt, William Marsh, Thomas A. Nally and Joe Peyt Stanton.

Renewal notices will again be sent out to you directly from the Grand Lodge sometime in February. Please remember that to receive your notice in a timely manner you must make sure that your address is correct in our database. 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!

We have received notice in October that the Grand Lodge has raised insurance fees again by \$5.00. That means that dues next year for regular members will be \$141.00 and Lifetime members will be \$68.00.

While it seems like members are no longer having trouble with non-functioning key cards, please remember you can always contact me if you need a replacement. Wishing you joy during this holiday season!

**Cyndi Shaw - Lodge Secretary**  
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**Office Hours**  
**Mon & Thu 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**



# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



## Pause to pay tributes during joyous December

There are so many ways to reflect during the month of December.

As Elks, on Sunday, December 3 we pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all of 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 ring in honor of our deceased Members. The Members we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of service to their Lodge. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this ceremony as their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory. *“An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.”* May all of our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace.

Pearl Harbor Day is a time to remember and honor all who died in



**Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler**

**RANDY P. SHOOK**

the horrific attack on December 7, 1941. President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in a speech to congress that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. Please take the time to lower the flag to half staff on Pearl Harbor Day in honor of all who perished in this horrific attack.

We will all be very busy with family and friends, shopping, sending cards and waiting for Santa to bring those very

special gifts. The Christmas season brings out the best in Elks. Christmas baskets will be distributed by our great volunteers spreading goodwill and cheer during this season. Needy families will have presents under their trees and food on their table because of the efforts of Elks throughout the country. While we should always be aware of those in need, this is a time when we seem to have a greater sense of family and those who need our assistance. It is this time of the year Elks really show their communities *“We Are THE Elks.”*

Wanda and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with you always. Have a very safe holiday season.

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

### DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

## No holiday break for drug awareness

By WILLIAM J. BRYAN  
National Director

The last two months were very busy months for the Elks Drug Awareness Program, with Red Ribbon Week activities, Drug Take Backs, the DEA's 50th anniversary celebration, and Lodges nominating law enforcement officials for the distinguished Enrique Camarena Award.

This month seems to be equally busy. While most of us center our thoughts around the holiday season, this is no time to relax. Drugs don't take holidays! Don't take my word for it.

*“Fentanyl is the single deadliest drug threat our nation has ever encountered. Fentanyl is everywhere. From large metropolitan areas to rural America, no community is safe from this poison. We must take every opportunity to spread the word to prevent fentanyl-related overdose death and poisonings*

*from claiming scores of American lives every day.”*— DEA Administrator Anne Milgram.

That's why Elks must and will do their part.

Our podcast series *Awkward Conversations* Season 3 is well underway. If you've not had a chance to do so, please take a look by going to YouTube and search for “ElksDAP.” While our podcasts are lengthy, they are worth listening to. Our experts have a great deal to offer. Why not check it out?

On behalf of the directors, the commissioners, State Chairs, Lodge Chairs and all those involved in the Elks' effort to educate our kids and strengthen our communities, we want to wish you all the very best during this holiday season.

We look forward to 2024, and we remain mindful of the dangers young people face. We thank you for all that you do.



Calabash, NC, Lodge members and Elroy the Elk staffed the drug awareness trailer at a lodge community-building event and distributed gift bags containing drug awareness coloring books, pencils, and other drug awareness materials to about 60 young people. Pictured with Elroy (In. Guard Edward Sackal) are two young attendees.



**The ENF Fidelity Club ~ The Foundation's Monthly Giving Program**  
*The easiest way to support the ENF all year round!*

**Do you contribute to the Elks National Foundation often? What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can! Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club the ENF's monthly giving program. Why Join the Fidelity Club?**

**ROI:** For every dollar you donate \$1.75 is returned, to be used for benevolence!

**Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).

**Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!

**Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!

**Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.

**Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

**Ready to Join?**

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, just print the enrolment form on the next page.

Questions? **Email:** [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or **Call:** 773-755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

Already a member? If you have an active monthly gift agreement with the ENF, you have automatically been enrolled in the ENF Fidelity Club! [Click here](#) to learn more about your monthly gift.

**Lodges**

The ENF Fidelity Club is an individual giving and recognition program. We are unable to accept enrollments from groups or Lodges. We encourage Lodges to submit donations via the Online Remittance form and credit individual donors. [Click here to make a one-time online donation.](#)

**What are the Benefits?**

The longer you are a member of the Fidelity Club, the more benefits you'll receive!

**Fidelity Club Sticker:** Following your first monthly gift, you'll receive a special Fidelity Club sticker for your membership card, and your name will appear in the online [Fidelity Club Honor Roll](#). At the end of each calendar year, you'll receive a new sticker with your annual statement.

**Fidelity Club Pin:** Once you've made 12 monthly gifts, you'll receive the ENF Fidelity Pin!

**Pin Attachments:** Each time you reach an additional benchmark—starting at 25 monthly gifts—you'll receive a pin attachment to wear with your Fidelity pin. Additional attachments will be sent at 50 and 100 gifts.

**Bagels with the Board:** An open-house breakfast at the Elks National Convention exclusively for Fidelity Club Members!

**You may also Designate Your Gift**

A designated gift directly supports the ENF program you select. You can choose to designate your gift to one program or select all programs and make an immediate difference in the lives of youth, veterans and Elks communities. Selecting the ENF Endowment Fund means your donation will be invested in a permanent fund where its interest will be distributed over time, ensuring the ongoing success of the ENF.



[Click here to view a Video about The Fidelity Club](#)



Neil Floor ~ ENF Chairperson ~ BPO Elks Lodge 2679



# Elks National Foundation

2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 • 773/755-4728 (voice) • 773/755-4729 (fax) • enf@elks.org (email) • www.elks.org/enf (website)

## Yes, I want to join the ENF Fidelity Club!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_

ENF Donor ID: \_\_\_\_\_



### Option 1. Direct Debit

Please draft my bank account\* monthly. (Enclose a voided check for accuracy.)

Bank Draft Start Date: 15<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Draft Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Option 2. Credit Card

Please charge my credit card\* the agreed monthly amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visa

MasterCard

Discover

American Express

Acct. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate my gift to my favorite ENF Program (circle one):

Community Investments   Drug Awareness   Hoop Shoot   Scholarships   Veterans Service   All Programs

Return this form to:  
Elks National Foundation  
2750 N. Lakeview Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614-2256

For more information, visit [enf.elks.org/FidelityClub](http://enf.elks.org/FidelityClub).

Or contact the Elks National Foundation office at [fundraising@elks.org](mailto:fundraising@elks.org) or 773/755-4762

\*This agreement will remain in effect until the ENF receives written notification of termination.



# Teddy Acton Spotlight on an Elk



Teddy, is someone who as a new member at initiation, you instantly notice, admire and respect. It's not often you see one adult holding another adult's hand and lead them around a room but Teddy does it in a way that makes you feel comfortable and less apprehensive during the process. He surely is an Elk's, Elk. Teddy began his life's journey in Evansville, Indiana and jetted his way from Eagle Scout to the Strategic Air Command during the Vietnam era. With a certificate of recognition from the Defense Secretary under his belt, he left the Air Force and served 21 years in the Metro PD in Washington D.C., receiving over 50 meritorious awards and retiring with honors. On his way to Sunset Beach, he stopped off in Virginia to serve 2 years as a Magistrate before taking on the roles in Security and Beach Code Enforcement in our area. Teddy was initiated into our Lodge in 1990 and quickly became an active member in all manner of service from the House Committee to writing, producing, directing and acting in Dinner Mystery Theater productions, and was active in working to help extend the Lodge room. Over the last 33 years Teddy has continued to volunteer in parades, festivals, golf outings, bingo and even in the kitchen. He volunteers his time to train and educate all Officers of the Lodge on proper Ritual and Protocol practices and Annotated Statutes. Teddy became an Officer in 1992 and was elected Exalted Ruler three times and won Exalted Ruler of the Year twice from the North Carolina Elks. His outstanding service was recognized when he was awarded Elk of the Year and Honorary Life Membership. His accomplishments in the State are too numerous to mention from State Tiler to State President. He has been a dedicated public servant most of his adult life and he believes in a positive attitude, team work, giving back, and closing the gap between where we are and where we want to be. He believes we need to stress what we can do--not what we can't do and just "be the Elk we know we should be". As an expression of its gratitude and appreciation for his years of loyal, dedicated, and unselfish service in the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Order of Elks the North Carolina State Elks Organization presented Teddy with the "Thad Eure" Distinguished Service Award 7 May 2022.



Veterans Affairs Committee - #2679 Calabash, NC



The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) conducted our second fundraising raffle of the year, ending with a drawing at the November 10 Lodge Veterans Dance. On behalf of the many VAC members who worked on the raffle, we would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all who supported the raffle. Overall, we raised a total of \$2,765. The VAC will receive \$1,382.50 and the two Calabash Elks winners will receive \$691.25 each (Andy Carr and Dennis Delorenza).



Also at the Lodge Veterans Dance, on behalf of the Lodge, Esteemed Leading Knight (and VAC Member) Gary Reynolds presented a Calabash Elks Lodge plaque to the VAC in recognition of the VAC contributions to the Lodge and to Veterans in our community. Accepting on behalf of the VAC, from left to right are Carol Corbett, VAC Secretary; John Zschoche, VAC Vice Chairman; and Jerry Kimble, VAC Member. The plaque will be placed on the VAC wall in the Lodge.







**Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity**  
**Calabash Elks Ladies Auxiliary Holiday Fair**



*“The soup was slurped in record time and a good time was had by all”*

If you want to view all the photos taken by our “Photo Guru” Ron Floor [Click Here](#)





# Mangiare for MaryAnna

*“MaryAnna’s Warriors whooped it up for their fearless leader”*

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# Bingo's Annual Halloween Costume Contest

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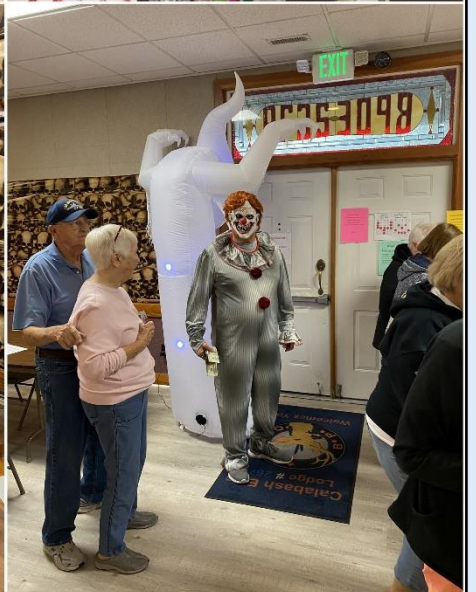


Tuesday night Bingo players celebrated Halloween with their second annual Halloween costume contest. Prizes were awarded for the most creative and elaborate outfits. It is easy to see why The Elks Tuesday Night Bingo is simply the best Bingo parlor in North and South Carolina. We have the best people who come to play, a dedicated staff of volunteers who make their time enjoyable (and rewarding) and a Ladies Auxiliary who works very hard to cater to the nutritional needs of our players.

**John Goryance, AKA Mr. Bingo**



# Bingo's Annual Halloween Costume Contest - continued





# Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity



Once again it was Da Elks vs Da Ladies Auxiliary in a collection for Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA). As you can see from the photos of their hauls with Santa in Civis AKA Mark Kerr standing aside the Elk's contribution and Sandy Gaetano (Ladies Aux Chaplain) aside the Ladies collection. The Elks edged out The Ladies. Disregard the scary looking Italian dude on the right!



The Elks were the winners with a total of 426 pounds

The Ladies Auxiliary came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with a total of 187 pounds





Congrats to The Elks, but the real winners are those in Brunswick County that are in need. BFA is an incredible organization and it was a privilege to visit their new facility in Boliva for the “weigh in”. Below are some live stats that are on their website and like that “scary looking Italian Dude” they’re getting bigger every day. Check out how the numbers have grown since 2021 in the handout below.



## 558

Volunteers



## 39,885

People Served



## 42,696

Nights of Shelter

Provided to Those Who

Are Homeless



## 314,661.62

Pounds of Food Distributed



## BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE

### FOOD PANTRY HIGHEST NEEDS:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Baked Beans
- 1 lb. Rice Bags
- 1 lb. Dry Bean Bags
- Cereal (Please no family sized)

### ABOUT BFA

Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) is a private, nonprofit (501) (c) (3) that has been providing essential life-sustaining and emergency assistance to people in crisis since 1981. Our Mission is to improve 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.

We envision a community where all people have access to an adequate supply of food and sufficient resources to sustain themselves.

BFA provides a wide range of coordinated programs and services—food, housing assistance and emergency shelter, financial assistance for heating, utilities, medical prescriptions, and transportation—designed to have a measurable impact on people's lives.

In 2021, Brunswick Family Assistance touched approximately 21% of the lives in Brunswick County by providing various resources and assistance to those living 130% below the poverty line. Within the year of 2021, BFA provided 210,836 lbs. of food, impacting 4,733 households or 15,396 individuals, through the selfless, dedicated efforts and the generosity of our donors, such as yourself.

*For food pantry or financial assistance, or to arrange to a donation to BFA, please call our location in Shallotte (910)754-4766 or our Leland location (910)408-1700*

### HOW CAN I HELP?

BFA is always collecting food for our emergency food pantry, providing food to hungry Brunswick County households. The increasing cost of groceries and utilities, as well as fallout from the recent pandemic have caused a dramatic increase in demand for services. You can help us feed the less fortunate by donating non-perishables, unopened food items. Please see the list provided for our pantry's highest needs.



### By the Way

BFA is not only a Food Pantry and soon will be bringing the Mountain to Muhammed with their new Mobile Pantry (pictured above) and our parking lot will be one of their first stops. They have many other services available such as Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance, Prescription Assistance, Heating Assistance and more. If you know someone or are in need yourself visit their web site to learn more at:

<https://brunswickfamily.org/ongoing-programs/>

or call at:

910-755-3313

Or visit at:

929 Old Ocean Highway  
Bolivia, NC



In case you didn't know we have regularly scheduled Blood Drives at the Lodge.  
If you can't make the one below, check out your EBlasts for future dates.



**The Need is URGENT!!!**

**Please sign up to donate  
Monday January 22, 2024  
8 am to 1 pm in the Lodge Room  
Go to [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule.**





## Calabash Elks Lodge Directory 2023-2024

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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		25-Tue	Thomas Foley	10-Fri	James A Ucci
01-Sun	Rex Buckley	26-Sat	John Glover	11-Tue	Thomas Maraglino
01-Sat	Ernest Theony	26-Tue	George S O'Connell	11-Sat	Donald Ring
04-Mon	Robert Brooks	28-Tue	Daniel Huerbin	12-Thu	Matthew Bearsto
04-Fri	Stevan Corsetti	29-Tue	John Balog	12-Tue	Andrew Oates
04-Sun	Daniel McIntyre	29-Tue	Robert Green	13-Wed	W Steve Smith
04-Tue	Sherry Winkler	29-Sun	Richard Harney	14-Sun	Peter Debevc
06-Fri	Phyllis Banyay	29-Thu	Sheila Mende	14-Tue	T Raynor
06-Sat	Warren Dalrymple	29-Sat	Robert Michael	15-Sat	Barbara Dangora
06-Wed	Judy E Wallace	29-Fri	Andrew Miele	15-Sun	Judy Myers
07-Tue	Michael Crowell	29-Thu	Michael Pierotti	16-Mon	Nelson Vann
07-Thu	Philip Meckling	30-Wed	James Gooding	17-Mon	Michael Nicklaw
07-Tue	Richard Pesavento	31-Fri	Vickie Acton	17-Mon	James Reese
09-Wed	Thomas Amico	31-Tue	Matthew Cutler	18-Fri	Joseph Groves
09-Tue	Joe Palumbo	31-Tue	William Hagemann	18-Tue	Jerry Kern
10-Sat	Carroll (Kelly) Murphy	31-Sat	Robert Lampione	18-Fri	Donald Legere
11-Thu	Carmen Daughtry	<b>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</b>		19-Sat	Alan Harms
12-Wed	John (Jersey John) Berardo	01-Mon	Richard Hutchings	19-Thu	Michael Kunkel
12-Fri	Edward Hanson	01-Tue	Diana Rettig	19-Tue	Wayne Weszka
12-Sun	William Lynch Jr	01-Sat	Bonnie Robinson	20-Thu	Katherine Koett
12-Sun	Richard Whitney	01-Sun	David Slexer	20-Wed	James Pitman
13-Fri	Michael Mahoney	01-Sat	Mary Torza	20-Fri	Christian Rader
13-Fri	Maya Ramos-Allen	01-Mon	Richard Tunno	20-Thu	Patrice Sweetman
14-Sat	John Goryance	02-Tue	James Bruno	20-Sat	Brian Westcott
14-Tue	James Griffin	03-Thu	Thomas Bauder	21-Wed	Philip Cassano
15-Sat	Ronald McClellan	03-Fri	Denzel Suggs	22-Fri	Larry Benson
16-Tue	Thomas Crickenberger	04-Sat	Joseph F Levinski	23-Sun	Earl Knickman
16-Sat	Ralph Peck	04-Tue	James Thompson	23-Tue	Gary Kremser
16-Tue	Bruce Routzahn	05-Sun	William Neumann	23-Sun	Roy Porto
16-Tue	Randy Sweigart	05-Fri	Michael Scully	23-Thu	Kathy Rose
17-Sun	Michael Terranova	05-Sun	William F Southard	26-Sun	Marianne Chiocco
18-Thu	Robert Rose	06-Tue	Stephen Spivey	26-Sun	Robert Fraser
19-Wed	Thomas Drobish	07-Tue	John Duval	27-Thu	Debra Cappadona
19-Wed	Kevin Kosack	07-Tue	Malcolm Jaggard	28-Sat	Steve Wilson
19-Fri	Cheryl Ruf	07-Sun	James Jones	29-Tue	Stephen Parker
19-Wed	Thomas Taylor	08-Thu	Sebastian Gangemi	29-Sat	Michael Thole
21-Mon	James W Kettle	08-Mon	Edward Sager	30-Fri	Leonard Baldassano
21-Sat	Beverly Pfeuffer	09-Sun	Eleanor Allen	30-Wed	Steven Hurley
21-Fri	Shelia Williams	09-Sun	James D Filkins	30-Fri	Maureen Rickard
22-Sun	Charles Benson	09-Sun	Thomas Galka	31-Sun	Joseph Boyte
22-Sat	Walter Hartsburg Jr.	09-Sat	Robert Hayward	31-Fri	James Carey
23-Fri	Jack Hinte	09-Tue	Mary L Noorigian	31-Thu	Melanie Hayward
24-Fri	Janet Buckley	09-Wed	Robert Shapiro	31-Thu	Therese Pelletier
24-Mon	Mary Moore	10-Wed	William Endres		



## ***Did Ya Know?***

**It's no secret that we Elks enjoy a good beer every now and then 😊  
So, who invented this mug of suds that has a way of healing what Ale's ya!**

It's difficult to attribute the invention of beer to a particular culture or time period, but the world's first fermented beverages likely emerged alongside the development of grain agriculture some 12,000 years ago. As hunter-gatherer tribes settled into agrarian civilizations based around staple crops like wheat, rice, barley and maize, they may have also stumbled upon the fermentation process and started brewing beer. Some anthropologists have argued that these early peoples' thirst for a brewed beverage may have contributed to the Neolithic Revolution by inspiring new agricultural technologies.

The earliest known alcoholic beverage may have been brewed around 7000 BCE in China in the village of Jiahu, where neolithic pottery shows evidence of a mead-type concoction made from rice, honey and fruit.

The first barley beer was most likely born in the Middle East, where hard evidence of beer production dates back about 5,000 years to the Sumerians of ancient Mesopotamia. Not only have archeologists unearthed ceramic vessels from 3400 B.C. still sticky with beer residue, but the "Hymn to Ninkasi"—an 1800 B.C. ode to the Sumerian goddess of beer—describes a recipe for a beloved ancient brew made by female priestesses.

### How the Beer Can Was Saved from Extinction

These nutrient-rich suds were a cornerstone of the Sumerian diet and were likely a safer alternative to drinking water from nearby rivers and canals, which were often contaminated by animal waste.

Beer consumption also flourished under the Babylonian Empire, where its ancient set of laws, the Code of Hammurabi decreed a daily beer ration to citizens. The drink was distributed according to social standing: Laborers received two liters a day, while priests and administrators got five. At the time, the drink was always unfiltered, and cloudy, bitter sediment would gather at the bottom of the drinking vessels. Special drinking straws were invented to avoid the muck.

Few ancient cultures loved their beer as much as the ancient Egyptians. Workers along the Nile were often paid with an allotment of a nutritious, sweet brew, and everyone from pharaohs to peasants and even children drank beer as part of their everyday diet. Many of these ancient beers were flavored with unusual additives such as mandrake, dates and olive oil.

More modern-tasting libations would not arrive until the Middle Ages when Christian monks and other artisans began brewing beers seasoned with hops.



# Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity



Nothin can set your Yule Log ablaze more than  
“The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Calabash Christmas Parade”

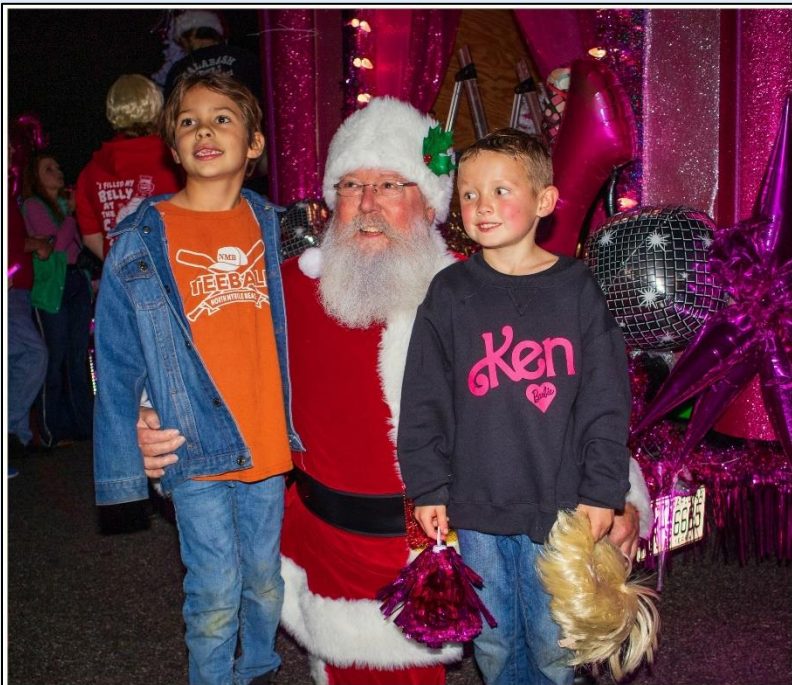
and as in the past the Grand Finale was provided by

The Calabash Fire Department and our own Mark Kerr and Juanita Adams as Mr. and Mrs. Claus. As you can see by the photo’s below it takes a village to bring Santa all the way from the North Pole to our sleepy little “Seafood Capital of the World”. Santa is pictured below with all his helpers, getting his final safety instructions and making his way to the top of his firefighting sleigh. On the next page Santa and Mrs. Claus do what they do best, delighting all comers both young and old and wishing everyone a Verrrrrry Merrrrry Christmas!





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**If you nod off  
at the Lodge  
and you see a  
toilet in your  
dreams, for  
heaven's sake,  
DON'T USE IT!!!**

**Note from the Editor**

It's not often that someone shoots in above the ER and Secretary's message but we had to make an exception for Santa Claus. He surely isn't the only jolly old fat man at the lodge but just about no one else puts a twinkle in a child's eye like Santa. Looking forward to our participation in the Calabash Christmas Parade it surely is an area tradition. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be there and if you look really close you just might recognize them. Don't forget to check your Eblast every week for all of the special events planned at the lodge. It's a great time of the year to be an Elk, it's what we best. Give of our time, talents and treasures to those in need, then huddle together for fellowship and good times.

*Have a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy, Healthy New Year*

A special shout out to all of our staff and volunteers who make spending time at the lodge a great time in all seasons.

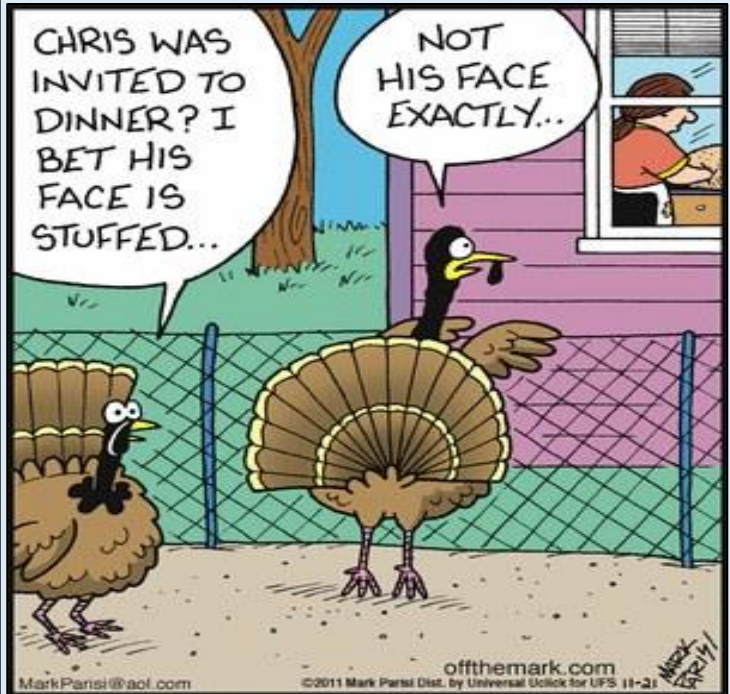
Once again if you have any questions, concerns or something to include in the Newsletter.

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, Holiday Themed Dinner Dances, and Trivia Challenges. You will find announcements for these events scheduled to occur during December and January. 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!*



**Famous Elk Quotes**

"We need to stress what we can do, not what we can't do and just be the Elk we know we should be."

**Teddy Acton**



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 An Elk Burger. Just make sure you have [communications@calabashelks.org](mailto: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



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



## Welcome New Members



**Nine (9) New Members were initiated into the Calabash Elks #2679 in a Formal Ceremony conducted on Wednesday Evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**The New Members pictured above:  
(Back Row Standing - Left to Right) are:**

James Fry, Glenn Hasulak, Michael Canino, James Pitman and Allen Alfano.

**(Front Row Seated – Left to Right) are:**

Michael Terranova, Pam Barckett, Susie Hunley and Rory Logue

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

**Welcome to our Order and Welcome to our Lodge!**

**Smiling Faces in Friendly Places!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**~ Calabash Elks Lodge #2679 Class of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ~**





~ Calabash Elks December 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Comfort Food</i> Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	2
3 Elks Annual Memorial Ceremony 12:00 pm Bar is closed during service NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	4 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	5 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	6 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm Christmas Gift Swap 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm	7 House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. VAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Communications Committee 9:00am <b>NO</b> Comfort Food Menu	9
10 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	11 <b>NO</b> Monday Nite Special Dining	12 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	13 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Christmas Party Dinner Dance "Class Act" 6:00 - 9:30 pm	16
17 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	18 BOD Meeting 3:00 pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	19 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	20	21	22 <i>Comfort Food</i> Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	23
24 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	25 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	26 <b>NO BINGO</b>	27 <b>NO</b> Membership Meeting	28	29 <b>NO</b> Comfort Food Menu	30
31 New Years Eve Party Dinner Dance "RC Tabler" (DJ) 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.						

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~ Calabash Elks January 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>NO</b> Monday Nite Special Dining	2 <b>NO BINGO</b>	3 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 p.m.	4 House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. VAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	5 Communication Committee 9:00 a.m. <i>Comfort Food</i> Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	6 Saturday Night at the Lodge "JT & The Strats" 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
7 NFL Football	8 Ladies Aux. Officer Mgt. 3:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting 4:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	9 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	10 Membership Meeting 4:00 p.m.	11 Wing Night 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	12 <i>Comfort Food</i> Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	13
14 NFL Football	15 BOD Mtg 3:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	16 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	17	18	19 <b>Back in the Day</b> 50's & 60's Dinner Dance "Different Directions" 6:00 - 9:30 pm	20
21	22 Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 am - 1:00pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. New Member Orientation 6:30 p.m.	23 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	24 Membership Meeting & Initiation of New Members 7:00 p.m.	25	26 Music BINGO and Silly Trivia 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	27
28	29 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	30 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	31	 <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> <b>Monday January 22, 2024</b> <b>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>		

January 2024 Calabash Elks v2 11/10/2023



# Lodge of Sorrow

## 2023

**Harold C. Ogren**

May, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Initiated 09/28/2022

**Mike Jennelle**

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Initiated 06/08/2005

**Al Kale**

September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Initiated 11/21/2013

**William W. Corder**

October 16th  
Initiated 06/10/2015

**George Heath**

October 21st  
Initiated 03/27/2008

### The Eleven O'Clock Toast

"You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes.  
This is to remind us that with Elks  
the hour of eleven has a tender significance.  
Wherever an Elk may roam,  
Whatever their lot in life may be,  
when this hour falls upon the dial of night  
the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.  
It is the golden hour of recollection,  
the homecoming of those who wander,  
the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.  
Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.  
Morning and noon may pass them by,  
the light of day sink heedlessly in the West,  
but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall,  
the chimes of memory will be pealing forth  
the friendly message --  
"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"



*Gary Bowley  
Photography  
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**Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity**  
 I know this is in every issue but it's real important,  
 after all, its about your key to Elkdom



**WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION  
 IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER**

**Beginning on April 1, 2023,**

In Order to Gain Admission to This Lodge,  
**ALL Elks** will be Required to Show their Membership Card  
 for Elks Year 2023-24

**Regardless of to which Lodge they belong**

Accordingly, the Officers of this Lodge are doing  
 What you have Elected them to do, -  
 Protect the Interests of This Lodge and that of All its Members  
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\* **An Officer of this Lodge** will be Posted at the Entrance \*  
 to our Lounge where the Key Card Reader is Located, and -  
 Will be personally asking to see your Current Membership Card  
 for Elks Year 2023-24

**Again, - "Regardless of to which Lodge you belong!"**



**WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION  
 IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER**

Just a Reminder . . .

To Gain Entry  
 to the Lodge  
 On - or - After  
 April 1, 2023



**USE THIS,**



**NOT THIS,**



**OR  
 BRING  
 THIS!**



A couple  
 of  
 laughs  
 before  
 we go!





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 above all be an “Elk”.

**Just a reminder that if you really wanna know and learn what goes on at the Lodge, attend 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](mailto:Sandpiper@CalabashElks.org)



# Elks Invite



## Lounge Hours

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

During Special events the lodge will be open until 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 Noon - 7:00 p.m.

(Bartenders 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 Night 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Night during BINGO = 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

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

Saturdays When Entertainment is Offered - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Times Other Than Above - Bar Food Only

## Office Hours

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

Office (Secretary) = 910.579.4600 Option #1