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**Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKs ~ Lodge 2679**  
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**“CALABASH ELKS LODGE INITIATES NEW MEMBERS”**

~ Lodge Experiencing Growth Spurt with Steady Acquisition of New Members ~

In a formal ceremony conducted on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 initiated 21 New Members, making the event the Fourth time they have initiated new members into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the local lodge in Calabash, NC, since the beginning of 2021, even after having been closed for a while because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As a cornerstone of the community since 1984, the Calabash Elks Lodge is attracting new members at a record rate, as newly-minted retirees, and members of the surrounding community, are looking for ways to do “Good Deeds” and “Give Back” to the local community, and at the same time, enjoy the company of others in a safe and friendly fraternal environment. The opportunity to participate in the benevolent programs offered by the Order and lodge is attractive to both new and long-time local residents. The membership roll of the lodge has grown to over 700 current members.

As one of the 1,900 nationwide subordinate lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, headquartered in Chicago, IL, the Calabash Elks Lodge has been a local landmark of the area since 1984. The lodge has become a cornerstone of the local community for the past 37 years. The emphasis of the Elks Lodge is on conducting Youth Programs, Serving our Veterans, and doing Charitable Work in the community in which they live and work. Since 1984, the Calabash Elks have generously contributed over \$700,000 to local charities and Community projects. To learn more about the Calabash Elks Lodge, or to find out how to become an Elk, visit their web page at <https://www.calabashelks.org/>

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**Cute Faces in Friendly Places!**

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*Twenty-One (21) New Members were Initiated into the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 in a Formal Ceremony Conducted on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The New Members with Great Smiles Pictured above (Back Row Standing - Left to Right) are: Thomas "Tom" Kington; - Timothy "Tim" Clark; - Michael "Mike" Griffen; - Donald "Don" Arsenault; - Walter Morris; - Duane Davis; - Dean Butler; - Matt Nealer; - Gary Hurt; - Larry Benson; - Christian "Chris" Radar; - Frank Fitzgerald; and - Thomas "Tom" Mathy. (Front Row Seated - Left to Right) are: Pamela Wright; - Janice Bryan; - Linda Patterson; - Nancy Siegel; - Shelia Williams; - Linda Wright; - Mary Ann Watson; and - Sharon Griffen.*

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