

# The Sandpiper

April  
May  
2025  
Edition



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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER (ER)

Greetings to all the members of  
Calabash Lodge #2679.

My name is Donald Arsenault.

I have been elected as your Exalted Ruler  
for the ELKS year 2025 – 2026.

As your Exalted Ruler, I am committed to  
fostering a sense of unity, camaraderie,  
and service among our members. Our  
lodge has a proud history of community  
involvement, charitable endeavors, and  
support for our veterans, and I am eager to  
continue these traditions with  
renewed energy and purpose.

Throughout the year, we will be hosting a  
variety of events and initiatives aimed at  
strengthening our bonds and enhancing  
our contributions to the community.

I encourage each of you to participate  
actively, share your ideas, and support  
one another as we work towards  
our common goals.

Our success as a lodge is built on the  
dedication and passion of our members,  
and I am grateful for the opportunity to  
lead such an exceptional group. Together,  
we will strive to make

Calabash Lodge #2679 a beacon of  
excellence and a welcoming home for all.  
Thank you once again for your trust and  
support. I am confident that, with your  
help, we will achieve great things this year.  
Don

## MESSAGE FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Greetings,

Happy Elks New Year! As of April 1st, the  
keylock will have been changed on the door.  
You will need your new YELLOW 2025-2026  
membership card to enter the lodge. Please  
make sure that you have signed your new  
card! There have been a few glitches, so  
please reach out if there is an issue with your  
card.

As of April 1st, all renewals that I have  
received have been processed. If you have  
paid your dues for the new year, but have not  
yet received your new card, there is no need  
to worry. Your name will not appear on the  
delinquent member roster that our officers  
will have at the door for the next two weeks.  
Going forward I will be printing and mailing  
cards on Thursday morning for members who  
are getting their renewal fees to me late.

It is no small feat to process the membership  
for a lodge of our size and I could not have  
accomplished this on my own. I'd like to  
extend my sincere gratitude to Kathy Smith,  
Fran Quigley, Cyndi Shaw, Brenda Norris, and  
Karen Fraser for their help with this huge  
task.

Your patience as we get the renewal process  
completed within the next several weeks is  
greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Kerry Bartoletti  
Secretary #2679





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# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

*Elks Care — Elks Share*



## Keep in mind 4 important observances this month

*Elkdom's Heart for America* has significance in May as we think about Elks National Youth Week, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and Mother's Day.

The first week of May is Elks National Youth Week. Honor the youth in your community at the end of their school year. A variety of certificates are available online, including ones for Student/Teenager of the Year/Month and the Elks JROTC Awards Program.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26. It is a wonderful time when we can recognize and commemorate the men and women of all services for their sacrifices and hard work that kept our country safe and prosperous. Elks have a heart for remembering our departed service members.

Please find ways to acknowledge them by attending or participating in



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**DOUGLAS A.  
SCHIEFER**

a Memorial Day parade, working at a cemetery ceremony to put flags at service members' graves, or planning a memorial ceremony at your Lodge. Memorial Day is not the only day that honors veterans.

Many of us may not automatically think of Armed Forces Day, which honors those currently serving in the U.S. military, held this year on Saturday, May 17. It was designated as a day for the unification of the armed forces to be

celebrated together instead of celebrating each branch individually. God bless our troops who served throughout the history of our country.

Happy Mother's Day to the important ladies in our lives. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. We need to extend our heartfelt thanks to all mothers, the women who have made our world a better place. Find a way to honor the mothers in your life and plan a Lodge activity to let them know how much they mean to us.

Our Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City is just around the corner and we hope that you are able to attend. There's nothing like being together and finding out that we are all one powerful family who loves the Elks.

God bless you, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

## Clearly define your Lodge roles

By RICK GATHEN

Membership Marketing Director

A strong, well-structured leadership team is essential to growing and sustaining membership in any Lodge. By aligning leadership roles with key membership initiatives, Lodges can create a dynamic and engaging environment that attracts new Members, retains existing ones, and strengthens the overall organization.

Below is a strategic approach to Lodge leadership to consider, ensuring each Officer plays a pivotal role in membership growth and engagement.

### LEADERSHIP ROLES

**Exalted Ruler (ER) – Executive Leader.** Sets long-term strategy, leads Officer teams, and ensures Lodge growth.

**Secretary – Membership & Records Administrator.** Manages applications, renewals, and automated billing to maintain accuracy and retention.

**Leading Knight – Membership Growth & Marketing Chair.** Develops recruitment campaigns, oversees sponsorships, and drives social media engagement.

**Loyal Knight – Community Relations & Outreach Chair.** Builds partnerships with businesses, charities, and civic groups to increase visibility.

**Lecturing Knight – Leadership Development & Engagement Chair.** Leads mentorship programs and feedback initiatives to improve member experience.

### SUPPORTING COMMITTEES

**Marketing & Digital Media.** Expands digital outreach and visibility.

**Ritual & Tradition.** Preserves Lodge traditions to strengthen Member connection.

By aligning leadership with membership goals, Lodges can enhance recruitment, retention, and overall growth, ensuring a strong and engaged community for maximum membership growth.

## Many ways for Elks to help local youth

By TRACY LEOPOLD

Committee Member

Although the school year may be coming to an end, this is the perfect time for your Lodges to start focusing and preparing for "back to school."

The Elks' programs are crucial for building strong, healthy communities. Through dedicated fundraising efforts, the Elks can continue to make a significant impact on youth development and create lasting memories for everyone involved. Whether your Lodge participates through the Dictionary Project, Soccer Shoot, Antlers Program, or Scouting, the Elks are committed to enriching lives and ensuring that future generations have the tools, skills, and opportunities to succeed. For more than a century, the Elks have been dedicated to improving the lives of those in need, whether it be through supporting our youth or through our community programs.



## 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](https://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





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Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.

## 5 REASONS to join the ENF FIDELITY CLUB

The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who make an automatic, monthly gift to the Elks National Foundation through their credit card or bank account. Join the club today! Learn more at [secure.elks.org/FidelityClub](https://secure.elks.org/FidelityClub).

1

### CONVENIENCE

It takes less than five minutes to sign up, and then you can forget about it!

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### FLEXIBILITY

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

3

### SECURITY

It is safe and secure, and you don't need to worry about a check getting lost in the mail!

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### RECOGNITION

Members get exclusive stickers, pins, and invites to an event at the Elks Convention!

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### SATISFACTION

You get to help build stronger communities!



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

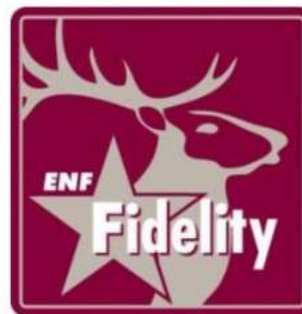
Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Discover

☐ MasterCard

☐ 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.



## Elk of the Month



LOOK WHAT'S BACK  
ELK OF THE  
MONTH!

A healthy Lodge depends on the strengths of its volunteers. PER, Gary Reynolds, is aware of that fact and introduced the recognition of Elk of the Month. Congratulations to our February Elk of the Month, John Goryance, also known as "Mr. Bingo," He keeps Bingo fun for all.

(Top Left)

and

our March

Elk of the Month,

Kerry Bartoletti

In addition to all her duties as the Lodge Secretary, she also volunteers on the Marketing and Communication

Committee. Her knowledge, dedication and kindness are greatly appreciated. Thank

you for all you

Your efforts make our Lodge one of the best anywhere!





# THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

## Elks In the News



Photo contributed

Front row from left: Robert Boening, Calabash Fire Department; Susan Whittaker, Seahaven for Youth; Laurine Watson, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office; Karly Oykhman, Brunswick Family Assistance. Back row from left: Tom Ditzler, Bingo Committee Chairman; Ann Hewett, Lower Cape Fear Lifecare; Gary Reynolds, Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler; Ricky Smith, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Animal Services; Theresa Murphy, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity; Tom Lamont, Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina; Diana Rettig, Bingo Committee; John Goryance, Bingo Committee. Organizations not present for the picture are Family Emergency Teen Shelter, Hope Harbor Home and Horry County Fire Rescue.

## Calabash Elks Bingo supports local charities

The Calabash Elks Charity Bingo finalized its 2024 year with donations totaling \$25,000 to 10 local nonprofits. The Elks Lodge holds bingo every Tuesday evening during the year and has

a very dedicated group of players who show up weekly. It is these players who choose the organizations that receive the charity donations from the Bingo Committee. Interested in playing?

The Calabash Lodge is located at 937 Carter Drive in Calabash.

Pictured are some of the Bingo Committee and representatives from organizations, each receiving \$2,500.

C6 THE BRUNSWICK BEACON Thursday, March 13, 2025



Elks Lodge 2679 donates \$1,000 to Leland's John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 Be the One program. From left are John F. Corbett Jr., chairman, Veteran's Affairs Committee; Post 68 1st Vice Commander John Hacker; Post 68 Service Officer Lane Adrian; and John Zschoche.

Photo contributed

## Be the One program benefits from Elks' donation

## Elks Auxiliary hosting Card & Game Party

The Calabash Elks is \$20 non-refundable, Lodge, 937 Carter lunch included. Pro- Drive in Calabash, ceeds benefit local will host an Auxiliary charities. Contact Card & Game Party on Kathy Kelly at (704) Friday, Feb. 21, from 351-1410 or Sandy Gae- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost tano at (732) 241-5064.

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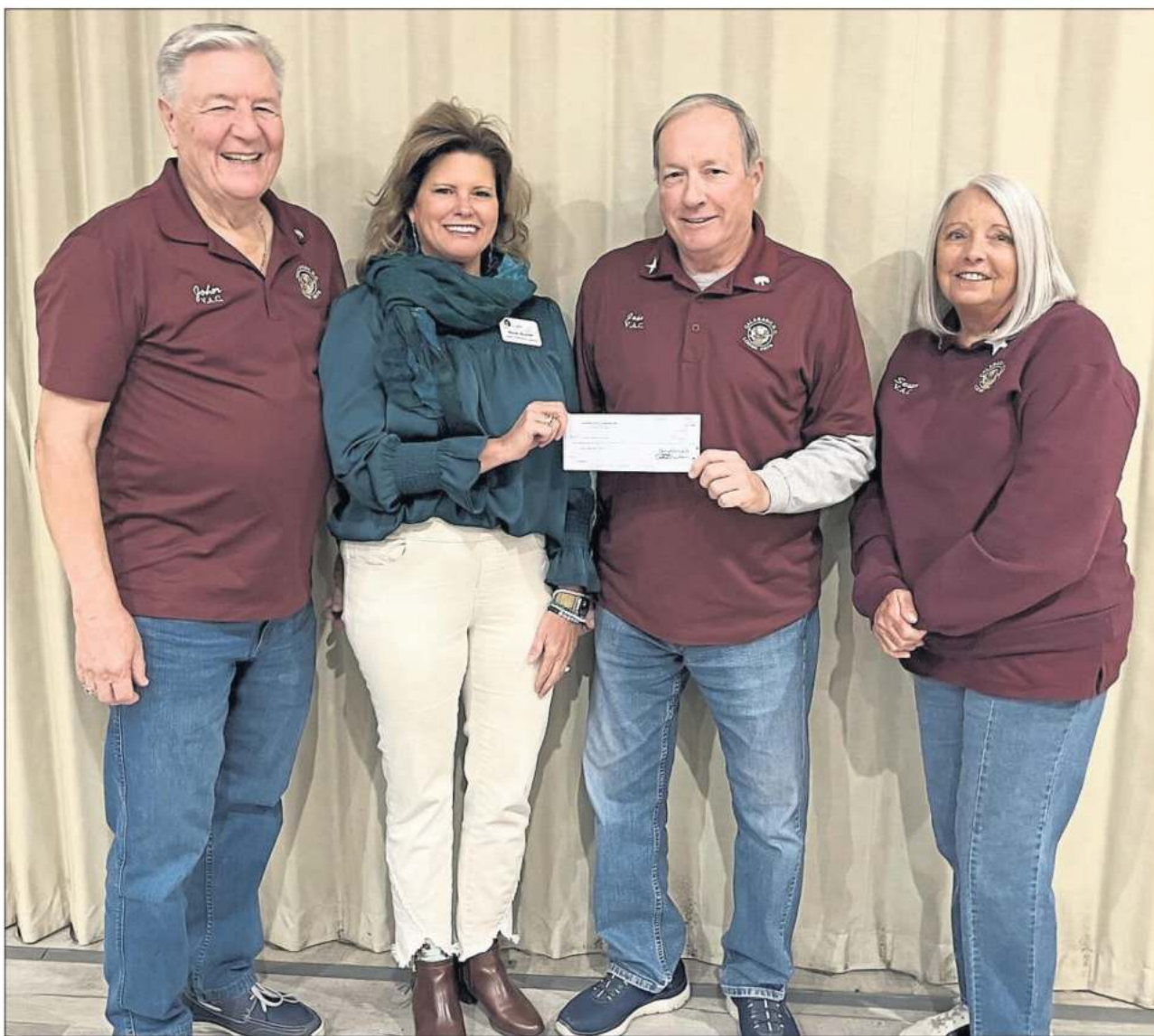


## Calabash Elks donate to LifeCare

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made its third \$1,000 donation to the Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Veteran Services. As a member of the We Honor Veterans Program of the Department of Veteran's Affairs, the mission of this program is to assist hospice and palliative care patients and their families with navigating veteran benefit options, answering questions they may have, and honoring their service throughout their time with Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. The program is a collaborative effort of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for local veterans, various veteran's programs and military located throughout the southeastern North Carolina area.

For more information about other ways the Elks Lodge supports veterans and the military community, visit [calabashelks.org](http://calabashelks.org) and click on the Veterans Affairs tab.



Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, VAC member John Ewell; Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Senior Fundraising Executive Anne Hewett; VAC Chairman John Corbett; and VAC member Sue Scott.

Photo contributed

Newspapers, what would we do without them? Well, we better start either learning how or support them or they will go the way of the VCR tape, there are still many people who would much rather have that paper in their hand then reading on their phone or PC. My wife is one of them as I'm sure are many of y'all. Not to mention, wrapping the fish, catching your beard hairs and making sailor's hats. The Brunswick Beacon does a real nice job covering OUR neighborhood. Take out a subscription, it comes right to your mailbox!





Swearing in of Officers Ceremony 2025-26, continued on next page





Top Left, 2 great PER's and a PER to be. Teddy Acton, Don Arsenault & Ashley Buckwell

Top Right, Teddy Acton passes the Baton to Bruce Shamyar

Middle Upper Right & Left, Swearing in

Middle Lower Left, Class Pic

Left to Right, Gerald Kimble – Inner Guard

Mark Kozlowsky – Esteemed Leading Knight

John Zschoche – Esteemed Loyal Knight

David “Dave” Foulds – Treasurer

Donald Arsenault – Exalted Ruler

Bruce Shamyar – Esquire

Vicky Buff-Schreiber – Chaplain

Robert Paoletti – Tiler

Kerry Bartoletti – Secretary

Jane Kilpatrick. Trustee

Middle Lower Right, Auxiliary Officers

Left to Right, Kathy Baldino - President

Kathy Kelly - Vice President

Martha Weiman-Hornick - Recording Secretary

Deb Mardis – Treasurer

Joan Tellish - Parliamentarian

Robin Knab - Chaplin

Bruse Chamis - Esquire

Missing, Marie Elsayed - Corresponding Secretary

Pam Busick – Historian

Lower Left

Shirley Rust

“The Incredible Spread”

Not enough photos for you?

Click on the Link Below

[More photos of the swearing in ceremony](#)



**Veterans Affairs Committee - #2679 Calabash, NC**



The Veterans Affairs Committee enjoyed a very busy end of Elks fiscal year. Following are details and photos of some of the activities.

The VAC hosted a Veterans Recognition Luncheon in February honoring Veterans in our area but not members of the Lodge. We had about 40 Veterans, spouses and guests for a delicious luncheon and a variety of activities honoring our Veterans. These included presenting Congressional Memorial coins to our Vietnam Era Veterans, presenting certificates and US Flag/Elk Flag pins recognizing their service to our Nation, sharing in each Veteran's recollection of the high points of their service.

TOP LEFT, VAC members supporting the luncheon

MIDDLE LEFT, WWII Veterans recognized, flanked by our John's, Corbett & Zschoce

LOWER LEFT  
Vietnam era Veterans, stand to be recognized



Over 90 Photos are available at the Link below. Pick out your own favorites.

[Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Photos](#)



***More from the Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) on the next page . . .***





The VAC made a \$1000.00 donation to the American Legion Post 68 **BE-THE-ONE** Program.

The mission of the **BE-THE-ONE** Program is to assist Veterans, their families, care givers, friends or interested civilians to: Destigmatize the asking for mental health support; Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities; Deploy FDA approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support; and the Education of everyone on how they can Be-the-One to address the number 1 issue facing the veteran community – **Suicide**. With that Veterans are encouraged to **Be-the-One** to: Talk with others about how they are feeling; Ask for help when you know you need it; Know there are people ready to help them; Remember family and friends' care.

Also, Family, friends, or associates are encouraged to Be-the-One to: Ask Veterans in your life how they are doing; Listen when a Veteran needs to talk; Reach out when a veteran is struggling



The VAC made a \$2000.00 donation to the Brunswick Community College's (BCC) Partnership for American Veteran Employment (PAVE) Program. The mission of the **PAVE** Program is to support an institutional **work/study** program that provides the Veteran students real-life experiences in the civilian work place through employment at BCC, which then may increase their marketability in the workplace upon graduation. Many Veterans are able to attend Brunswick Community College due to the GI Bill. However, they may need additional resources to supplement their living expenses, and require seeking employment, that may conflict with their educational program requirements.



The donations to PAVE program are earmarked to minimize stress for our Veterans through the funding of the institutional work study program. Since the initiation of the PAVE Program in 2016, the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge ~ 2679 has donated \$10,000.00.

***More from the Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) on the next page . . .***



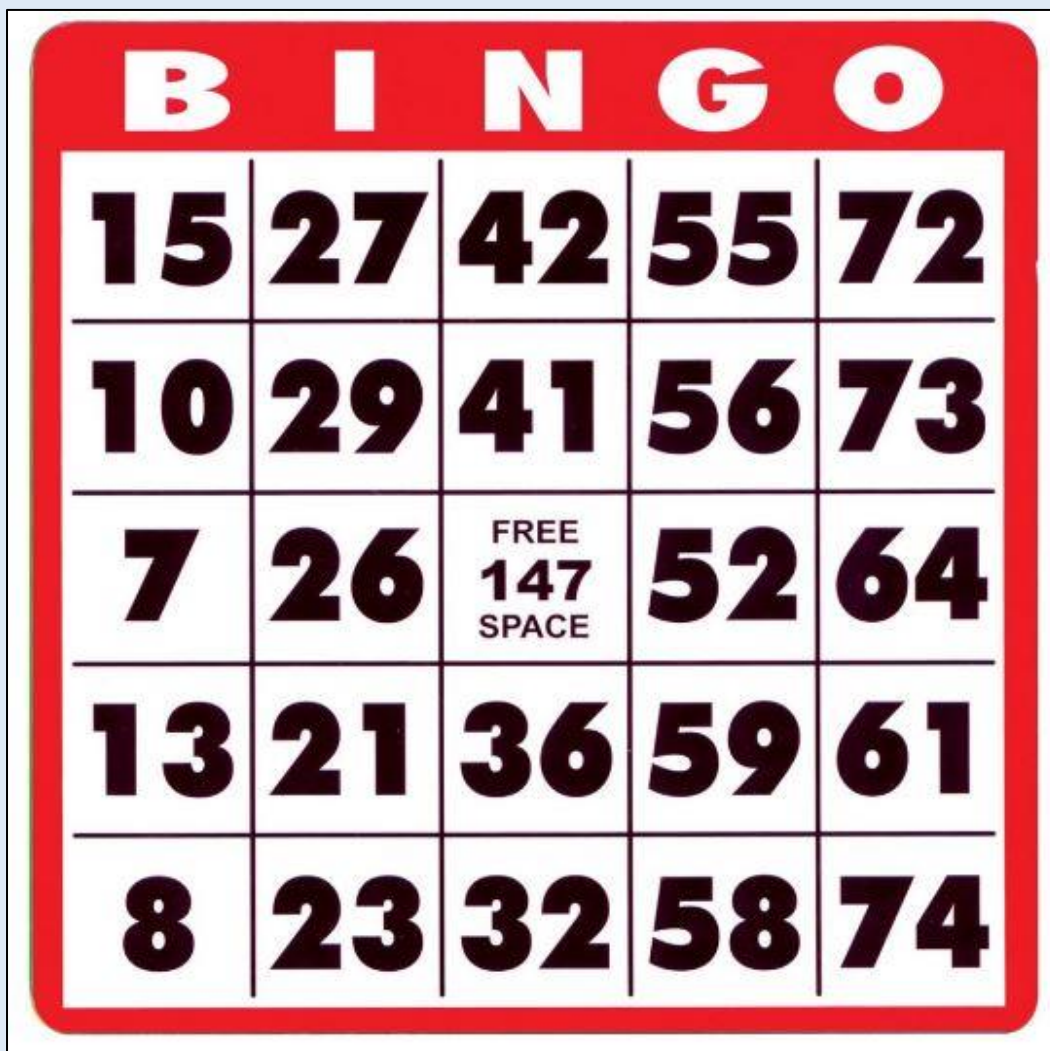


The VAC received an Elks National Foundation (ERF) Beacon Grant for \$4,000 in December. This money makes use of the ENF donations coming from our Lodge members—THANK You. We used the funds to continue our support for the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center (VWHRC) that supports our Veterans in many ways, one of which is the Tiny Home Village for homeless veterans. After the November opening of the VWHRC's Tiny Home Village consisting of 25 homes, the VAC worked with them to identify additional support needed to improve living conditions in the Tiny Homes. Working with the Center, the VAC has compiled a "needed" list of items to support the homes for incoming homeless Veterans. VAC members handled the acquisition and payment for the items that included closet shelves, small crock pot-like food warmers, sheets, hangers, and alarm clocks valued at over \$4,500. VAC teams then delivered the items, helped distribute them to the homes, and installed the closet shelving on walls in each of the Tiny Homes. As a follow up to this Beacon Grant project, VAC members are working with the Center to identify items veterans newly moving into the Tiny Homes will need. We anticipate that these items would be procured under the ENF Welcome Home Kit program.



**Veterans Affairs Committee - #2679 Calabash, NC**





The Bingo Boys & Girls didn't have anything to report this issue. They're still catchin their breath from the outstanding year they just had. So, no one can accuse Tom Ditzler with nothing to say, he sent me a list of jokes he wanted to share with you. After eliminating the ones I would get a ton a flak for publishing, this is what's left, enjoy!

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

**If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?**

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

**When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?**

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one? (I like this one a lot!)

**'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language.**

**Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?**

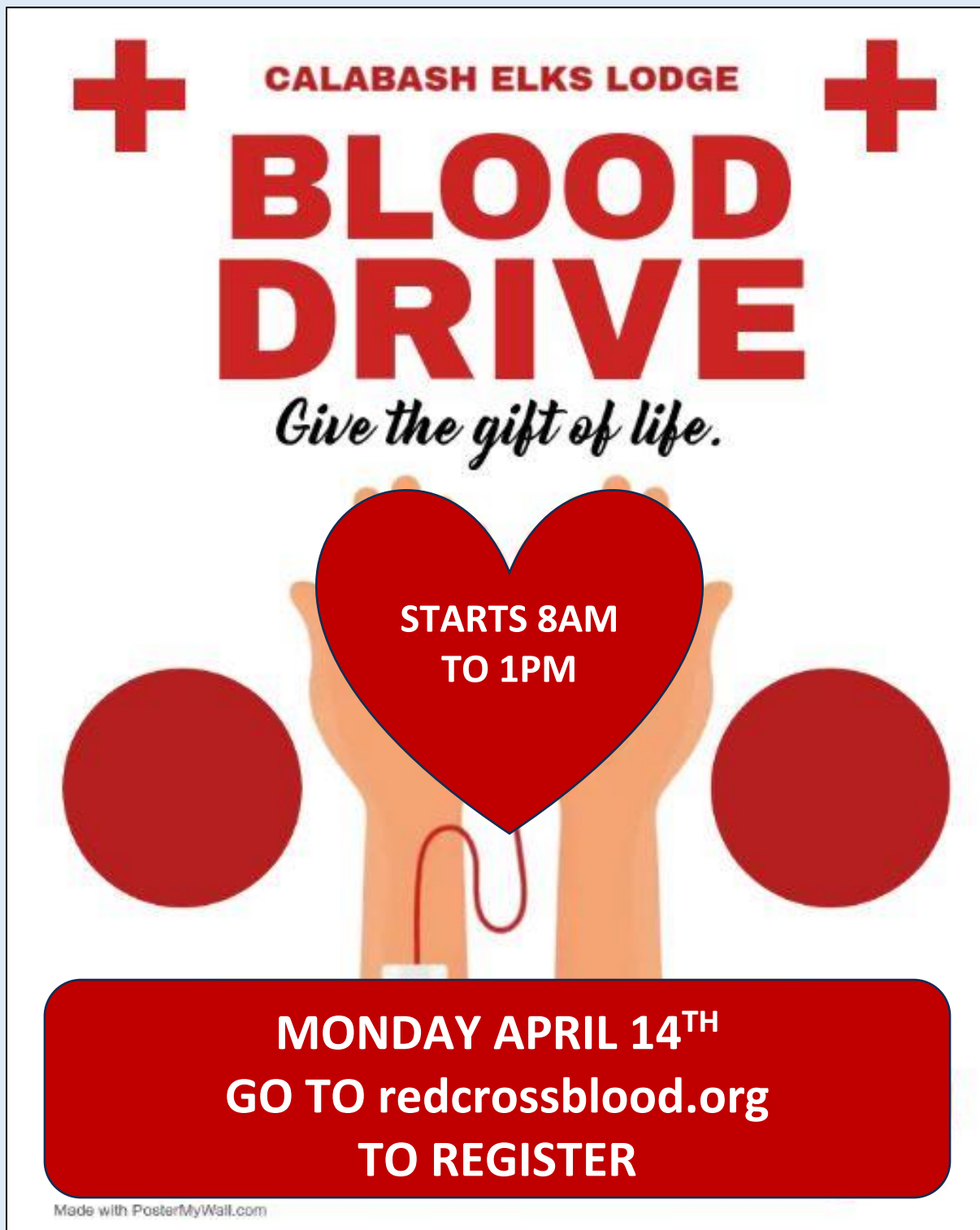
If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

**You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive and hit a golf ball.**

No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.

**If 4 out of 5 people suffer from constipation does that mean that one enjoys it?**

Thanks Tom, for always keepin us laughin!



When a major crisis arises, like the blood shortage created by Helene. What do Elks do? We rise to the occasion of course. Our Blood Drive on January 20th collected, a total of 40 units of blood. Looking forward to our next blood drive on April 14th  
Special thanks to our drives Masters of Ceremony Teddy Acton and Ashley Buckwell and of course our donors who give a little of themselves





At the bar during the month your Birthday? Show the Bartender  
your Driver's License to get membership recognition chip

*Happy Birthday* which has a value of up to \$4 *Happy Birthday*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS		23 Wed	William Joerger	13 Tue	Fil Tarquinio
01 Tue	Thomas Rockwell	24 Thu	Patricia Glennon	14 Wed	John Bronneck
01 Tue	Larry Jr Toscani	24 Thu	Christopher Stoll	14 Wed	Ronnie Levine-Ribble
02 Wed	Thomas Costa	24 Thu	Gerald D Ward	14 Wed	Eric Starkovich
02 Wed	Virginia Foulds	25 Fri	Michelle Bozman-Barton	15 Thu	Mose Highsmith
02 Wed	Richard Gherri	25 Fri	Richard Masters	15 Thu	Louise Mesenbrink
02 Wed	Arthur Hendershot	26 Sat	Bruce Kertcher	15 Thu	Thomas O'Reilly
02 Wed	George Zimmerman	26 Sat	Patrick M McDonald Lm	15 Thu	Michael Rogers
03 Thu	John Hughes	27 Sun	Lorrie Cash	16 Fri	Willard Allen
04 Fri	Robert Coufal	27 Sun	Joseph Chapman	16 Fri	Philip Blann
04 Fri	Frank Coyle	27 Sun	Paul A Eldred	16 Fri	Charles Colegrove
04 Fri	Daniel Fusco	27 Sun	Donald Godfrey	16 Fri	Mary Corder
04 Fri	Alfred Gaskill	27 Sun	Steven Higgins	16 Fri	William Csernecky Jr
04 Fri	Frank Gentile	27 Sun	Michael Pfeuffer	16 Fri	Michael Rumancik
04 Fri	Dominick Rivas	28 Mon	Patrick Alderson	16 Fri	Bill Tmay
05 Sat	Siegfried(Jerry) Bart	30 Wed	Linda Dashuta	17 Sat	Robert Hoyt
05 Sat	NancyJean Carroll	<b>MAY BIRTHDAYS</b>		18 Sun	Ronald Floor
05 Sat	Stephen Hackett	02 Fri	Wendy Morrissey	19 Mon	Jan Fisher
07 Mon	Edward Sackal	03 Sat	Juanita Adams	19 Mon	Diane Johnson
07 Mon	Nancy Walton	03 Sat	Ronald Binetti	19 Mon	Rickey Stephens
08 Tue	John Magas	03 Sat	Mary Keleigh	20 Tue	Frederick Ehr Gott
08 Tue	Melissa Pusch	03 Sat	Ronald Melvin	20 Tue	Donald Oleyar
09 Wed	Michael Micallef	04 Sun	Brenda Cuvelier	21 Wed	Bernard Dixon
09 Wed	Louis P Perna Lm	04 Sun	Brenda Hall	22 Thu	Frederick Hawkins
09 Wed	Timothy Rudy	04 Sun	Robert Pidgeon	22 Thu	Marc E Meyer
10 Thu	Daniel Parlato	04 Sun	Michael Van Tassel	23 Fri	Kevin Calhoun
10 Thu	Terry Terragna	05 Mon	Cameron Lambert	23 Fri	David Guglielmo
12 Sat	Mary(Betty) Whalen	05 Mon	Bruce Nunziato	23 Fri	Garry Kennedy
13 Sun	Robert Campbell	05 Mon	Ronald Schwartz	23 Fri	Michael Thompson
14 Mon	Janet Heinis	07 Wed	Tony Cook	23 Fri	Mark Venesky
14 Mon	Bruce Shamyner	07 Wed	Jack Klugman	24 Sat	Carol Davis
14 Mon	Gary Williston	07 Wed	Thomas Shea	24 Sat	James McCollum
15 Tue	Edward Ruf	07 Wed	Maureen Weaver	25 Sun	Peggy Bellando
16 Wed	Paul Bakos	08 Thu	Robert Fairclough	26 Mon	Melody Kampermann
16 Wed	E. Renee Bullis	08 Thu	William S Marsh	26 Mon	Gretchen Succa
17 Thu	Thomas Dimartino	08 Thu	Walter Shannon	26 Mon	Kevin Trusheim
17 Thu	Roger Hub	08 Thu	Kathleen Smith	27 Tue	David S Cunningham
17 Thu	Mark Pliakos	09 Fri	Ray Crawford	28 Wed	Chris Daniel
17 Thu	Martha Weimann-Hornik	09 Fri	Dennis Lopez	28 Wed	John Hillin
18 Fri	Giro Mazzone	09 Fri	Stephen Tufts	28 Wed	William Macaulay
18 Fri	Jennifer Normansell	10 Sat	Richard Blaine	28 Wed	Jeff Slapak
18 Fri	Daniel O'Connell	10 Sat	Robert (Shorty) Dennany	28 Wed	Suzanne Smith
20 Sun	Harvey Polansky	10 Sat	Michael J Grant	28 Wed	Martin Wimsatt
21 Mon	Daniel Baker	10 Sat	James Montanaro	29 Thu	David Carbaugh
21 Mon	Brian Phelps	11 Sun	Philip Withum	29 Thu	Jeffery Haga
22 Tue	James P Burke	12 Mon	Alan Magee	29 Thu	Donald Waters
22 Tue	Peter McKenna	12 Mon	Anthony A Martin	30 Fri	Wolfgang(Hank) Gerdes
23 Wed	Joseph Bucalo	13 Tue	Henrietta Myers	31 Sat	Mike Carlisle



## Calabash Elks Lodge Directory 2025-2026

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# Calabash Elks Auxiliary



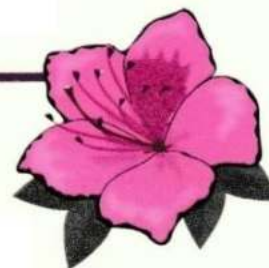
## Spring Vendor Fair

*Saturday, June 07<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.*



**25 Local Craft Vendors**

*Water & Coffee*



*~ ALL Proceeds Benefit Brunswick County Charities ~*

**937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC – (Behind Calabash Fire Station)**

**Information ~ 704-351-1410**



Elks Lodge #2679 ~ Annual Golf Tournament at Sandpiper Bay  
Over 45 additional photos at the Link below  
[Link to Golf Tournament Photos](#)





## *Did Ya Know?*

*As we breeze pass another April Fool's Day, there were some pretty famous April Fools Day Jokes, that a whole lotta people fell for, hook, line & sinker.*

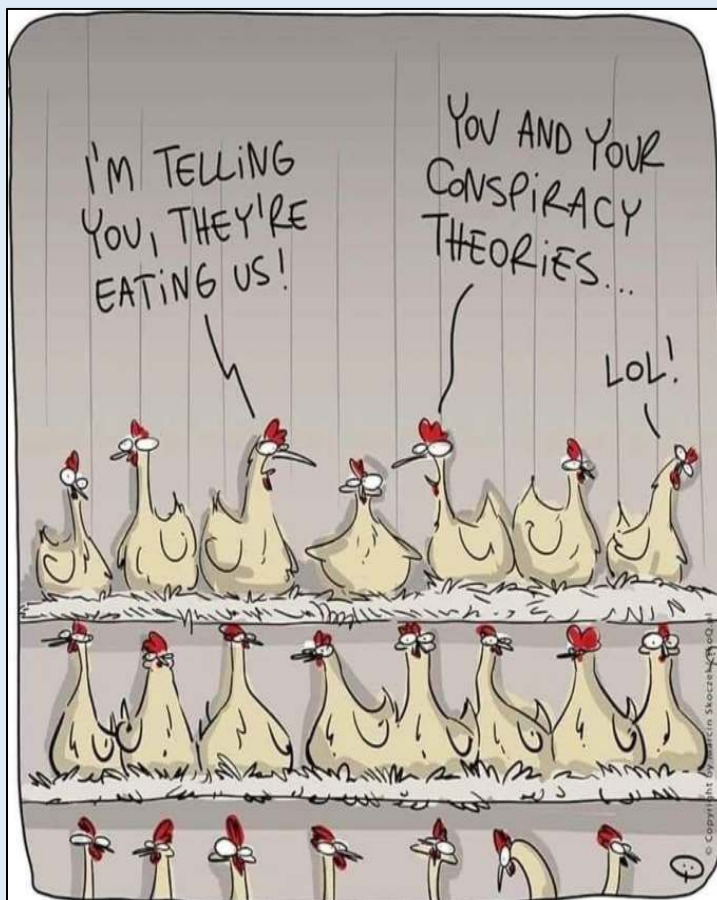
*Below is a whopper as an example, (pun intended).*

*I myself would choose a Ricky burger any day. He prefers to make a burger that you have to eat with both hands!*



**For April Fools' Day in 1998, Burger King took out a full-page ad in USA Today, announcing the launch of the "left-handed Whopper" that was designed specifically for left-handed Americans. Burger King said that the condiments of the burger will remain the same, but they will be rotated 180°. Thousands of people showed up the next day, asking for the lefty Whopper.**

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FACTS



## Note from the Editor

As we roll along into our new year, some of our favorite benchmarks have already passed us by. The Golf Tournament, Officer initiations and who could forget the Kazoo Marching Band. There are many others to come as we enter the spring & summer months, don't miss them. One thing we won't miss is the return of the Bennies, that's what we called them in New Jersey. You know, the vacationers who descend on our sleepy little town of Calabash like a hoard of Locusts. They are however essential to our local businesses who gear up for them every year. They're not so bad as long as you're not behind them in traffic or the line at the Bagel Dock. Congratulations to all of our new officers especially our new ER who even had his foot repaired to kick things off!

Calabash Lodge #2679, Elkdom at its finest

Any questions, Email me at:

[Sandpiper@CalabashElks.org](mailto:Sandpiper@CalabashElks.org)

Best Regards ~ Frank Gaetano

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.

**Club Manager: Ricky Moore - 910-368-6872**

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



*"His underwear was spotless."*

Remember, your mom always telling you to put on clean underwear in case something happens!

## Famous Elk Quotes

"A husband is what's left of a sweetheart after the nerve has been killed"

**Lou Costello**





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





By the way, if you were traveling south on Route 17 and passing, or at the intersection of Route 17 & Pea Landing Road. You may have thought you saw our lodge on the billboard.

Well, you weren't seeing things, Ashley took the photo below. Isn't it beautiful?!







## Calabash Elks Lodge #2679 - Class Photo, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2025



**Twenty-Five (25) New Members were initiated into the Calabash Elks #2679 in a Formal Ceremony conducted on Wednesday Evening, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**The New Members pictured above:**

**(Back Row Standing - Left to Right) are:**

James Ramey, Michael Jackley, Charles Shields, Michael Micallef, Charles Colegrove, Chris Woody, Bob Haubenreiser, Mike Wood, Andrew Hollway, Michael Palumbo, Edward Rosenquist, Robert Crain, Bill Zimmerman, Michael Gardini, Brian Donnelly, & Robert Wojiski

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

Stephen Terleski, Tina Anderson, Mary Ellen Venesky, Lawrence Shad, Suzy King, Michelle Miller, E. Renee Bullis, Rebecca Welford, Peg Donnelly

**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 March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ~**





# Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity



## ~ Calabash Elks April 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 House Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	2 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm	3 VAC Meeting 6:00 pm	4 Communication Committee 9:00 a.m. Friday Night at the Lodge "Chris Cary" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	5
6	7 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	8  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	9 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 	11 NC Charitable Trust Dinner Dance "Forever Doo Wop" 6:00 – 9:30	12
13	14 Red Cross Blood Drive Auxiliary Officer Mgt. 3:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	15  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	16	17 Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18  Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	19  Saturday Night at the Lodge "Christina Black" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
20	21 BOD Meeting 3:00 pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	22  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	23 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24  Fried Chicken Night 4:30 – 6:30 Tickets Required	25  Country's Best Trivia 6:45 p.m.	26
27	28 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	29  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	30	 Red Cross Blood Drive Monday April 14, 2025 8:00 am – 1:00 pm		

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## ~ Calabash Elks May 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	2 Pizza Night Friday Night Lodge "Chris Cary" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	3 Kentucky Derby Party In the Lounge Specialty Drinks
4	5 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	6 House Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	7 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 p.m.	8	9 Communications Committee Meeting Cinco De Mayo Dinner Dance "2 Cool" 6:00 – 9:30 pm	10
11 Mother's Day Service 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Mother's Day Lunch 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	12 Auxiliary Officer Mgt. 3:00 p.m. New Member Orientation 6:30 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	13  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	14 Membership Meeting & Initiation of New Members 7:00 p.m.	15 Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16  Music Trivia With Frank Santoro 6:45 p.m.	17
18	19 BOD Mtg 3:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	20  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	21	22	23  Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	24  Saturday Night at the Lodge "Christina Black" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
25	26 Memorial Day  NO Monday Nite Special Dining	27  BINGO 5:00 p.m.	28 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29  Wing Night 4:30 – 6:30	30  Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	31

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# *Lodge of Sorrow*

Jeffrey Salter  
March 25  
Initiated 03/13/2013

Kenneth Baxter  
March 2025  
Initiated 03/08/2017

## **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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Another issue of the "Sandpiper" in the well. I hope you found it informative and enjoyed some of the humor and happenings at 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 - 8:00 p.m. - Football Season Hours  
(Bartenders Discretion)

### Kitchen Hours

Monday thru 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

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

Office (Secretary) = 910.579.4600 Option #1

Bar/Bartender = Option #2