

# The Sandpiper



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**Message from  
The Exalted Ruler**

Greetings, to all my brothers and sisters in Elksdom,

Here we are, another two months gone by and now this brings us to a time of year to be very thankful for all we have been given and a time to remember the reason for the season.

I hope this finds our members doing well and a prayer for those that need a little extra help.

This is now a very busy time at the lodge with all the holiday happenings going on.

Please remember to be kind to each other and to give a helping hand to someone that could use some help.

Maybe we can help those that can't get out so easily with shopping and other errands.

In closing I hope y'all had a Happy Thanksgiving and wish you a blessed Christmas season.

Happy Holidays  
Gary Reynolds  
Exalted Ruler

The Exalted Ruler (E.R.) is the president and executive officer of an Elks Lodge. They are responsible for the lodge's operations, programs, and social activities. The E.R. is also the public face of the lodge, representing it at community events, district meetings, and national conventions.

**Message from the  
Lodge Secretary**

Greetings,

The end of the calendar year is approaching and although the new Lodge year does not start until April 1<sup>st</sup>, preparations are already underway for sending membership renewal notices for 2025-2026. These will come directly from the Grand Lodge. If you have moved and have not sent your new contact information, please do so as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me with updates at the lodge by calling (910) 575-8900, ext. 1 or by email at [secretary@calabashelks.org](mailto:secretary@calabashelks.org). You can also make changes online at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). Once on the website, select Members Only and then Members Home. Your information should pop up and you can click on the Update My Address button!

Regarding renewals, we received notice in mid-October that there will be a \$1.00 decrease per member in fees for the Grand Lodge master liability insurance for the new year for Calabash Lodge members. That means that dues for regular members will be \$140.00 and Lifetime members will be \$67.00 for the next year.

At our next Membership meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll be voting on our Life Membership for 9 of our members who meet the requirement of 30 years membership in our organization. These members are Edward Castle, John Curley, Bennett Hawley, Edwin Marti, Sr., David Rath, Donald Rose, Ronald Schwartz, Edward Wolf, and Joseph Zalasko.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Kerry Bartoletti**  
**Secretary**  
**Calabash Elks**



# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



## New year begins, but Elks year ends soon

*Happy 2025 to all our Elks family!*

Julia and I want to wish you and your families a healthy and happy new year.

January is the beginning of the last quarter of the Lodge year. Be sure to have your membership retention and arrears program ready to work on having a +1 membership gain for 2025! Have your committee reach out to delinquent Members. This personal contact could very well bring these Members back into our folds.

While we have so many Members who are active and going beyond the call of duty, we unfortunately have those who are delinquent in membership. We need to look over the lapsation list. Our delinquent Members had a reason for joining and they are worth keeping as active Members. Find out what you can do to improve this. Think of the missed



**Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler**

**DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER**

opportunities that these delinquent Members could have had in making a legacy of service.

As we begin 2025, Lodges need to be focusing on several aspects: Our Members and membership, our Lodges and improvements, and our recognition to those who have given beyond the typical role of service.

There is no better way to recognize these people who have gone beyond the

call of duty in their service to Elkdom than to award them with “Elk of the Year,” “Officer of the Year,” and “Citizen of the Year.” The awards form can be accessed in CLMS2Web. They need to be submitted prior to March 31 so that the certificates can be printed and sent back to the Lodges for Officer installations. As an Exalted Ruler, you have an opportunity to recognize those Members who are doing everything without even being asked.

Speaking of legacy, the Legacy Award scholarship is available until February 3, 2025. It provides \$4,000 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Elks Members. Use the membership of Elkdom to pay it forward to help your children and grandchildren.

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## Donors get a win-win with QCDs

By PATRICK ROELOFS  
ENF Communications Coordinator

Individuals donating to the Elks National Foundation have options. Some prefer the ease of monthly giving, while others prefer to honor a loved one with a tribute gift.

For those who are 70.5 years old and above, like Sharron Dearborn of Newport Harbor, CA Lodge No. 1767, the savviest way to give is through Qualified Charitable Distributions, which are tax-free gifts to charity.

Dearborn learned about the Elks in 1968 when her late husband became a Member. She has been heavily involved since, serving as District Scholarship Chair twice and volunteering with California’s State Major Project and the Hoop Shoot.

“It’s the kind of organization that has something for everyone,” Dearborn said.

There is something for everyone when it comes to service, but also for giving. In fact, even frequent donors may not be aware of all the options available to them.

“I have always supported the ENF,” Dearborn said. “When I read about QCDs in The Elks Magazine, I called the ENF office and loved what I was told.”

By donating to the ENF through QCDs, Dearborn not only supports several worthy programs—she also supports herself.

Also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, QCDs are distributions from your IRA made directly to a nonprofit organization so they don’t count as taxable income. Because they go directly to charitable organizations, QCDs lower your adjusted gross income, effectively reducing income taxes.

“Check with your tax advisor to see how this gift not only helps the whole Lodge meet their per-Member giving goal, but to see how you also personally benefit,” Dearborn said. “[Donating through QCDs to the] ENF is a win-win situation.”

Discover all the ways to give and see if QCD giving is right for you at [elks.org/ENF/supportENF.cfm](http://elks.org/ENF/supportENF.cfm).

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The end of year will be here before you know it. With the FRS system, your Lodge just needs to ensure all entries are current. The nice thing about the FRS system is your Lodge no longer needs to have the annual audit completed. However, you still must submit your 990 and 990T for each corporation in your Lodge. Have them completed by a qualified individual (e.g., CPA) and filed with the IRS and uploaded on [Elks.org](http://Elks.org).

*Elkdom’s Heart for America* means looking for ways to recognize the value of our Members, membership, and the value of looking forward to the future. Keep up the good work you are doing in your Lodge and community. I want you to know how much I appreciate all that you are doing for Elkdom. God bless you and God bless America.



**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

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## 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.



# Mark Kerr Spotlight on an Elk



There could be no other Spotlight for the December/January Issue other than our own Santa Claus “aka” Mark Kerr. This guy is not your typical department store Santa. He starts growing his full beard in June and last year when I posted a letter from Santa without running it by him first. He was a little upset, so I said to him. Mark, you do know you’re not REALLY Santa . . . . right?!

Mark and Mary Ellen moved to Calabash from New Milford CT., 10 years ago. They picked this area because Mary Ellen loves the beach and he wanted to be on a golf course, so Brunswick Plantation was the perfect spot.

In Connecticut he worked for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceutical in the IT Department, where he was a Global Director traveling 85% of the time, YIKES! “I’m now loving the slower life and enjoying my woodworking and golf.”

He joined the Elks 10 years ago after attending a Friday Night dinner with his sponsor Gerry Ward, “the great food and fellowship won me over.”

In his first year as an Elk Al Harms got him to be the Lecturing Night. After the first year he moved over to the Trustees where he has been for the past 8 years. In his second year Mike Trescak got him involved on the Communications Committee where he started doing the monthly calendars and continues to do today. Mark is also the Chair of the Communications Committee as well as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

When asked how he became THE Calabash Santa he said:

“I’m often asked about being The Calabash Santa, well it all started 7 years ago under the tutelage of Juanita Adams “aka” Mrs. Claus. The Xmas season starts for us on the first Friday in December at the Calabash Parade where I come in on a Fire Truck and then go into Santas Village where I see all the kids and get their Christmas list”.

He may not be the real Santa (sorry Mark) but when he comes riding into town on the back of a fire truck, he lights everybody’s yule log ablaze.



*Dear Members of Calabash Elks Lodge #2679,*

*I know you may think it is somewhat early, but let me assure you that here in the North Pole we are in full gear fulfilling dreams and wishes for children the world over. 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, most recently, those effected by floods in western North Carolina and that hysterically funny and financially rewarding, "Bras across the Bar" spectacular for breast cancer awareness. Believe me when I say your good works have been noted and very much appreciated by those of us here in the North Pole.*

*No one can focus on any holiday or celebration, when their stomachs are growling with hunger or they have nowhere to sleep. Your lodge, and the work you do, has helped with so 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 see that Calabash Lodge #2679 understands the true meaning of Christmas throughout the year. For now, I wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.*

*J. Claus*



LOOK WHAT'S BACK  
ELK OF THE  
MONTH!

A healthy Lodge depends on the strengths of its volunteers. Our ER, Gary Reynolds, is aware of that fact and has introduced the recognition of Elk of the Month.

Congratulations to our October Elk of the Month, John Corbett (Top Left) and our November Elk of the Month, Lenny Baldassano (Bottom Left)

Your efforts make our Lodge one of the best anywhere!

# Elk of the Month







# THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

# Elks In the News

## Calabash Elks donate to BFA



Photo contributed

The Calabash Elks Lodge donated 250 lbs. of food and a \$800 check to Brunswick Family Assistance. The food and money will be used to provide for those less fortunate during the holiday season. The money was raised through a Sip & Paint fund raising event at the Lodge. Shown from left are Mark Kerr, lodge trustee; and Kyle Abrams, executive director of BFA.

**A BIG SHOUT OUT to our Marketing team for putting together these press releases and getting them out to the Newspaper  
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# Calabash Elks support Brunswick Family Assistance



Photo contributed

Brunswick Family Assistance recently relocated from their Shallotte location to Bolivia. As a result, there was a need for a drop-off location in western Brunswick County to serve those needing assistance in that end of the county. BFA teamed up with the Calabash Elks Lodge to use their parking lot for that purpose. BFA arrives on the second Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m. with their Mobile Pantry to distribute food and other needed items to those who qualify for assistance. Shown from left are Mike Edwards and Stephanie "Pinky" Smith with BFA, and Mark Kerr, BFA coordinator with the Calabash Elks. For more information, contact Brunswick Family Assistance at (910) 754-4766 or go to brunswickfamily.org.

# THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that nowadays people use tablets and handed me her iPad.

That poor fly didn't stand a chance.

A newspaper once asked the question: Why is a newspaper like a woman? They even offered a prize for the best answer. It was awarded to a woman from Springfield, MO who answered: "Every man should have one of his own and not be rushing after his neighbors!"

## Calabash Elks Lodge hosts fundraiser for 'Bold and Beautiful'



With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Calabash Elks Lodge held a fundraiser called "Bras Across the Bar" to raise money for "Bold and Beautiful," a facility in Little River that specializes in making wigs for women undergoing cancer treatment. The event raised \$3,500, which will be used specifically to aid those who cannot afford the wigs.



Veterans Affairs Committee - #2679 Calabash, NC

The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) closed out the calendar year with several important activities.



Mary Jo Schnepf, from Oak Island Elks Lodge and representing the Cape Fear Blue Star Mothers of America, accompanied by her husband, Carl, attended our November meeting and explained information on the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin program. She presented commemorative pins and certificates and thanked all those Veteran members and spouses of the VAC who served between 1955-1975, as well as Mothers of Veterans. Her email for Cape Fear Blue Star Mothers of America, Wreaths Across America and Vietnam Veterans Commemoration is [cjsmjs@yahoo.com](mailto:cjsmjs@yahoo.com).

The websites are [www.capefearbluestarmoms.com](http://www.capefearbluestarmoms.com) and [wreathsacrossamerica.org/NC0514P](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org/NC0514P).



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



VAC members attended the Grand Opening of the Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center (VWHRC) Tiny Home Village for Homeless Veterans held on November 9 at the Tiny Home Village at 909 3rd Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, S.C. The VAC has supported the VWHRC since 2016 and has sponsored two Tiny Homes—one in the Center’s Hutton House headquarters and one in the new village, along with mini-refrigerators and welcome kit items. Photos show VAC members receiving the ceremonial “key” to “our” Tiny Home and standing at the door of the home. All together the VAC has donated over \$42,000 to the Center.



A major part of our annual VAC activities is to raise funds that we use for supporting organizations that support needy Veterans in our area. Our major event is the annual Mini-Golf, Luncheon and Live Auction held the late September timeframe along with a spring and fall raffle. Both raffles raised over \$1,000 each for our VAC donation program. We also added sponsorship of the first “Sip and Paint” event and a Comedy Night. And we benefit from occasional donations from our Lodge members. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE GENEROUS SUPPORT WE RECEIVE FROM THE LODGE MEMBERS AND STAFF. We are committed to donating all the funds raised by the March 30 end of the Elks fiscal year.



# BINGO

With three weeks left in 2024, your Bingo committee continues to work to finish the year in good financial health.

Our success is the result of the efforts of the volunteers who work throughout the year to welcome and make each Tuesday a special evening for our players. But the life blood of our success are our players. They are loyal and generous. The majority have been with us for many years. They are all generous, with a special thanks to Sue Jawboske and Karen Lyszar who go above and beyond by creating and donating gift-baskets specific for each holiday. We raffle them off with all proceeds going to our charities. Left is a picture of Sue and Karen with Tom Ditzner.

Since the last article bingo also held a Halloween contest. This yearly event continues to become more creative. Pictured left are this years' winners, Michelle Alenckis (Marichi), Gary and Sherry Winkler (Priest and Nun) and Vicki Weber (Globetrotter). Each were given gift certificates for helping make Halloween special and fun for the group.

In closing, Thanksgiving and Christmas is a season to be thankful and give thanks. To all the volunteers who help make the Elks Bingo the best bingo parlor in North and South Carolina we all thank you. Without them our lodge would not be the what it is today.

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
John Goryance, aka, Mr. Bingo





**CALABASH ELKS LODGE**

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

*Give the gift of life.*

**STARTS AT  
8AM-2PM**

**MONDAY JANUARY 20th  
GO TO [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
TO REGISTER**

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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 October 14th saw the most donations we have ever had, a total of 55 units of blood were collected. Looking forward to our next blood drive on January 20th Special thanks to our drives Masters of Ceremony Teddy Acton and Ashley Buckwell and of course our donors who give a little of themselves



# TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

## WINNING TEAM From Our October 18th, 2024 Event



Approximately 80 people played Trivia on Friday, October 18th, 2024, the Team “Hangry Hunters” garnered the Coveted **Lamp-of-Knowledge Trophy** in the Calabash Elks Most Recent TRIVIA Challenge Event. Pictured Above Left to Right: Cathy Sim, Kevin Leary, Kevin Lindquist, Christine Lindquist, Dawn Ritchie, Steve Ritchie, Lori Hedges. Congratulations to the “Hangry Hunters”.



# TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

## WINNING TEAM From Our November 15th, 2024 Event



Approximately 80 people played Trivia on Friday, November 15th, 2024, the Team “Simple Minds” garnered the Coveted **Lamp-of-Knowledge Trophy** in the Calabash Elks Most Recent TRIVIA Challenge Event. Pictured Above Front row: Nancy Bohm. Back Row, Left to Right: Joyce Charity, John Charity, Leta Secondary, Claire Scannell, and Amir Secondary. Congratulations to the “Simple Minds”.





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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS		25-Wed	Thomas Foley	11-Sat	Thomas Maraglino
01-Sun	Rex Buckley	25-Wed	Pat Park	12-Sun	Matthew Beirsto
01-Sun	Ernest Theony	26-Thu	John Glover	12-Sun	Andrew Oates
02-Mon	Elinor Homisak	26-Thu	George S O'Connell	13-Mon	W Steve Smith
02-Mon	Randal Rees	27-Fri	Charles Ritch	14-Tue	Sara Harper
02-Mon	Deborah Vetro	29-Sun	John Balog	14-Tue	T Raynor
04-Wed	Robert Brooks	29-Sun	Robert Green	15-Wed	Barbara Dangora
04-Wed	Stevan Corsetti	29-Sun	Richard Harney	15-Wed	Judy Myers
04-Wed	Daniel McIntyre	29-Sun	Andrew Miele	16-Thu	Ron Johnson
04-Wed	Sherry Winkler	29-Sun	Michael Pierotti	16-Thu	Nelson Vann
05-Thu	Bennett Hawley	29-Sun	Mary Ribar	17-Fri	Mark Brandes
06-Fri	Phyllis Banyay	30-Mon	James Gooding	17-Fri	James Reese
06-Fri	Warren Dalrymple	31-Tue	Vickie Acton	18-Sat	Joseph Groves
06-Fri	Judy E Wallace	31-Tue	A Clark-Dull	18-Sat	Jerry Kern
07-Sat	Michael Crowell	31-Tue	Matthew Cutler	18-Sat	Donald Legere
07-Sat	Philip Meckling	31-Tue	Robert Lampione	19-Sun	William Fagan
07-Sat	Richard Pesavento	31-Tue	Daniel Mardis	19-Sun	Alan Harms
09-Mon	Thomas Amico	JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		19-Sun	Michael Kunkel
09-Mon	Joe Palumbo	01-Wed	Richard Hutchings	19-Sun	Wayne Weszka
10-Tue	Carroll (Kelly) Murphy	01-Wed	Diana Rettig	20-Mon	Katherine Koett
11-Wed	Carmen Daughtry	01-Wed	Bonnie Robinson	20-Mon	James Pitman
12-Thu	John (Jersey John) Berardo	01-Wed	David Slexer	20-Mon	Christian Rader
12-Thu	Edward Hanson	01-Wed	Mary Torza	20-Mon	Leslie Strimel
12-Thu	William Lynch Jr	02-Thu	James Bruno	20-Mon	Patrice Sweetman
12-Thu	Richard Teague	03-Fri	Thomas Bauder	20-Mon	Brian Westcott
12-Thu	Richard Whitney	03-Fri	Denzel Suggs	21-Tue	Philip Cassano
13-Fri	Michael Mahoney	04-Sat	Joseph F Levinski	21-Tue	William Dowd
14-Sat	John Goryance	04-Sat	James Thompson	22-Wed	Larry Benson
14-Sat	James Griffin	05-Sun	William Neumann	23-Thu	Earl Knickman
15-Sun	Ronald McClellan	05-Sun	Adam Schmick	23-Thu	Gary Kremser
16-Mon	Thomas Crickenberger	05-Sun	Michael Scully	23-Thu	Roy Porto
16-Mon	Ralph Peck	05-Sun	William F Southard	23-Thu	Kathy Rose
16-Mon	Bruce Routzahn	06-Mon	Stephen Spivey	26-Sun	Marianne Chiocco
16-Mon	Randy Sweigart	06-Mon	Gary Teeple	26-Sun	Robert Fraser
17-Tue	Michael Terranova	07-Tue	John Duval	27-Mon	Debra Cappadona
18-Wed	Robert Rose	07-Tue	Malcolm Jaggard	28-Tue	Steve Wilson
19-Thu	Thomas Drobish	07-Tue	James Jones	29-Wed	Walter Barsnica
19-Thu	Kevin Kosack	08-Wed	Sebastian Gangemi	29-Wed	Stephen Parker
19-Thu	Cheryl Ruf	08-Wed	Daniel Sundo	29-Wed	Michael Thole
19-Thu	Thomas Taylor	08-Wed	Edward Wolf	30-Thu	Leonard Baldassano
20-Fri	William Lininger	09-Thu	Eleanor Allen	30-Thu	Steven Hurley
21-Sat	James W Kettle	09-Thu	James D Filkins	30-Thu	Maureen Rickard
22-Sun	Charles Benson	09-Thu	Thomas Galka	31-Fri	Joseph Boyte
22-Sun	Walter Hartsburg	09-Thu	Mary L Noorigian	31-Fri	James Carey
23-Mon	Jack Hinte	09-Thu	Robert Shapiro	31-Fri	Therese Pelletier
23-Mon	William Katla	10-Fri	William Endres		
24-Tue	Janet Buckley	10-Fri	James A Ucci		
24-Tue	Mary Moore	11-Sat	David Diminico		





# Bra's Across the Bar





## Calabash Elks Lodge Directory 2024-2025

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

***Anyone who has traveled to Wilmington has seen the battleship NORTH CAROLINA but Did Ya Know?***

In October of 1937 the NORTH CAROLINA was the first battleship to be constructed in sixteen years. She became the first of ten fast battleships to join the fleet in World War II. NORTH CAROLINA and her sister ship, WASHINGTON, comprised the NORTH CAROLINA class.

The keel was laid at the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York, on Navy Day. NORTH CAROLINA's hull was so immense by the standards of her time that before construction began, the building ways had to be lengthened and strengthened. It was launched on June 13, 1940. "Its very power is fascinating. It commands our respect and will help us command the respect of the world. It speaks a language even a dictator can understand." Clyde Hoey, Governor of North Carolina (1937-1941). Isabel Hoey christened the Battleship and the NORTH CAROLINA slid down the ways at the New York Navy Yard into the East River.

It was commissioned on April 9, 1941 as the "world's fightingest ship" in the New York Navy Yard. The event received tremendous media attention.

The 35,000-ton battleship NORTH CAROLINA, solid, gleaming symbol of America's awakening from a sleep naval holiday of 18 years.... 29 minutes of ceremony in dazzling sunshine formally placed in service the \$70,000,000 battleship it had taken nearly four years to build. The commissioning was four months ahead of schedule. As bugles blared and white-capped officers and bluejackets saluted, a pennant was run slowly up the flagstaff to show that the ship was in commission. Millions listened over the radio as the mightiest battleship afloat was put into service.

The War Begins on December 7, 1941, nicknamed "The Showboat," BB55 (AKA NORTH CAROLINA) spent months testing her systems and undergoing sea trials. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked, and the United States declared war on Japan and Germany. BB55 was ordered to the Pacific Theater of operations, arriving in Pearl Harbor, on July 11, 1942. One of the crew recalled "the other crews cheered and cheered us. I couldn't help saying to myself, 'They're cheering us for nothing.' We hadn't done anything. We had not fired a single shot yet. But to them, we were the symbol of help finally arriving in force."

U.S. Naval Operations Pacific Theater of Service, BB55 served in every major naval offensive across the Pacific, earning 15 battle stars. She is the highest decorated American battleship of World War II. After serving as a training vessel for midshipmen, NORTH CAROLINA was decommissioned on June 27, 1947. and placed in the Inactive Reserve Fleet in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Destined for the scrapyard, the state's citizens mounted a campaign to "Save our Ship." Funds were raised to prepare a suitable berth and move the Battleship from Bayonne, NJ, to Wilmington. Admirals in the "North Carolina Navy" raised vital funds in each county and the state's schoolchildren were asked to contribute dimes to the campaign. The campaign was a success, and the Showboat arrived at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, near Southport, NC, on October 1, 1961. The next day she was towed 30 miles up the river to her new berth. The state's World War II Memorial was dedicated in April 1962.

***"May the NORTH CAROLINA be a symbol of progress through strength."***





Halloween at The Lodge, I think my favorite costume is the fellow next to Juanita, dressed up as "A guy just minding his own business"





## The Elks Auxiliary Fashion Show

was a big hit and yes, the fashions from Island Breeze were fantastic but the stars of the show were our model's "aka" the Ladies of the Auxiliary. A lot of photos were taken by our "Photo Guru" Ron Floor and you can view them by clicking the Link below

[Auxiliary Fashion Show MORE PHOTOS](#)





### Note from the Editor

Is there a better time of the year to be an Elk? That was a rhetorical question but the answer is NO! There's a nip in the air and you might even need to wear a jacket for heaven's sake but the lodge is warm and cozy. The meals are hot and delicious and the company is great. Of course, we can't spend all our time in the lodge so get out there and enjoy all our area has to offer. Start with the Annual Calabash Christmas Parade on Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. You'll be proud to tell all those around you that 2 of the stars of the parade are none other than our own Mark Kerr and Juanita Adams as Santa and Mrs. Claus. Does anyone know Mrs. Claus first name? Couldn't resist, I Googled it, her first name is Gertrude!

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!*



### Famous Elk Quotes

“If freedom is to survive and prosper, it will require the sacrifice, the effort and the thoughtful attention of every citizen.”

**John F. Kennedy**



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







# Calabash Elks Lodge #2679 ~ Class Pic November 13<sup>th</sup> 2024



**Twelve (12) New Members were initiated into the Calabash Elks #2679 in a Formal Ceremony conducted on Wednesday Evening, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

Allan Holmes, Dave Cook, Bill Dowd, Bruce Nunziato,  
Mike Kelly and Dan Allen

**(Front Row Seated – Left to Right) are:**  
Debbie Holmes, Debbie Reynolds, Robin Johnson,  
Lisa Hawley, Mark Pliakos and Richard Schuck

**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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~**



# Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity



~ Calabash Elks December 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Elks Annual Memorial Ceremony 11:00 pm Bar is closed during service. NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	2 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	3 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	4 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm	5 Christmas Dinner Dance "Frank Santoro" DJ 6:30 - 9:00 pm	6 Calabash Christmas Parade Starts 6:00pm	7
8 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	9 NO Monday Nite Special Dining	10 House Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 pm BINGO 5:00 p.m.	11 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Communications Committee 9:00am	14 125 <sup>th</sup> Army/Navy Game 3:00pm in the Lounge
15 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	16 BOD Meeting 3:00 pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	17 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	18	19	20 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	21
22 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	23 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	24 BINGO NO BINGO	25 Merry Christmas Lodge Closed	26	27	28
29 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	30 NO Monday Nite Special Dining	31 NO BINGO New Years Eve Party Dinner Dance "Different Direction" 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.				

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~ Calabash Elks January 2025~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Red Cross Blood Drive Monday January 20, 2024 8:00 am - 1:00 pm		1 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm	2	3 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	4
5	6 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	7 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 pm BINGO 5:00 p.m.	8 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 VAC Meeting 6:00 pm	10 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	11 Saturday Night at the Lodge "Christina Black" 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
12	13 Auxiliary Officer Mgt. 3:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	14 House Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. BINGO 5:00 p.m.	15	16 Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17 Communication Committee 9:00 a.m. Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	18
19	20 Red Cross Blood Drive BOD Meeting 3:00 New Member Orientation 6:30 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	21 Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 pm BINGO 5:00 p.m.	22 Membership Meeting & Initiation of New Members 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	25 Saturday Night at the Lodge "Cheryl Z (DJ)" 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
26	27 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	28 BINGO 5:00 p.m.	29	30	31 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	

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# Lodge of Sorrow

Nothing  
To  
Report

Praise God \_^\_

## 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