

The Sandpiper



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**Message from
The Exalted Ruler**

Greetings, to all my brothers and sisters in Elksdom,
I hope this message finds you all doing well.
As we move into fall, I hope this finds us thinking about all of the blessings we receive by giving to others who are not as fortunate.

As we move into the second half of my year as your Exalted Ruler, I look forward to all the projects we will be undertaking through the end of 2024 and into 2025. The Hoop Shoot contest, Nursing Scholarship program, Elementary School Essay Contest and so much more.

Our membership continues to grow but our members volunteering still seems to be a constant work in progress. I have now received many suggestions for our Elk of the Month program, and I am thankful for all the help I've received with this worthy program.

With closing for this issue, I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

Step up to help your lodge be all that it can be. You can speak to Ricky Moore, any bartender, officer, or myself.

WITH YOUR HELP, OUR LODGE CAN
REMAIN A GREAT PLACE TO ENJOY
THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WE ALL LOVE

Fraternally Yours
Gary Reynolds
Exalted Ruler

**Message from the
Lodge Secretary**

Greetings,

As we move into fall, we are starting to return to our cooler weather routines and start to see more activity around the lodge! It is a great time to think about inviting friends and neighbors to become Members and join our lodge!

Most of our Members are familiar with the paper membership application that is completed by the person who wishes to join. There is also a section at the top for the member information of the sponsor of the candidate. When these are completed, they make their way to me for processing and then move on to the Membership Committee.

But did you know you can also invite new Members to join using an online tool?

If you are a Member whose membership dues are up to date, you can forward a membership application to family and friends. Invitees can then complete and submit their application online. Once it is submitted, I will get a notification through the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS) and can process the application the same as a paper application. The information that the candidate provides will be imported into our Lodge CLMS database.

To send an invite, visit www.elks.org. If you aren't currently registered, you will be prompted to create a login and password. (I encourage all members to register as there is great information on the website!)

Once you are logged in you will see a red box in the upper left corner that says "Invite a Friend to Join". Just complete the required information and the candidate will receive an email with instructions.

Of course, paper applications are always accepted! You can find them to the right of the door as you enter the Lounge!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at secretary@calabashelks.org or (910) 575-8900 Ext. 1!

Kerry Bartoletti
Secretary
Calabash Elks



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



ENF grants, programs strengthen our communities

The most important program in our Order is the Elks National Foundation. The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible. The goal we established for the 2024–2025 fraternal year is \$5.00 per Member.

This year the Foundation has allocated \$16.3 million for Lodge Community Service Grants. This grant program allows our Lodges to do more for your communities. I encourage all Lodges to seriously consider forming an ENF committee to educate themselves on the various grants to assist their communities.

Also, make use of the fundraising program through the ENF Fidelity Club. Any Member can sign up at elks.org to make the automatic recurring donations for as little as \$5 per month or \$15 per quarter. I encourage you to consider joining. I felt good when I joined and knew that it was an easy and efficient way to donate. This is once again a way



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER

for you to show your communities that *"Elks Care — Elks Share."*

My theme *"Elkdom's Heart for America"* focuses our attention on what we can do outside of the Lodge to help others. Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is our nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, held annually from October 23-31.

There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring Red Ribbon Week. Pass

out red ribbons to your local school administrators, government officials, and members of law enforcement. When we wear a red ribbon, it means we are looking to take a stand against the horrible ramifications that drugs can have on our communities. Standing together will have a positive impact on the citizens where you live. The Elks will always lead the charge against the devastation that drugs have on families.

Again, another way to impact your community is by supporting the ENF. This foundation is the backbone of *"Elks Care — Elks Share."* This year the Elks will show their generosity by donating a total of \$41.6 million to make a difference in America. You make an impact, and when united with our fellow Elks across the nation, we are making a huge positive change.

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DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

October is a huge month in the DAP

By WILLIAM J. BRYAN
National Director

October might just be the busiest month in the Drug Awareness Program! Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, and October is also Youth Substance Use Prevention Month and Substance Misuse Prevention Month.

Hopefully, your Lodge has planned at least one activity to recognize this important month. If you don't know what to do, contact your State Association's DAP Chair for some exciting activities.

October was first declared as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month in 2011. Since then, October has been a time to highlight the vital role of substance abuse prevention in both individual and community health, to remember those who have lost their lives to substance abuse, and to acknowledge those in recovery, as well as children, parents, family, and friends supporting them.

Studies show that the earlier an individual starts smoking, drinking,

or using other drugs, the greater the likelihood of developing an addiction. Nine out of 10 people who abuse or are addicted to nicotine, alcohol, or other drugs began using these substances before they were 18. People who began using addictive substances before age 15 are nearly seven times more likely to develop a substance problem than those who delay first use until age 21 or older. Every year that substance use is delayed during the period of adolescent brain development, the risk of addiction and substance abuse decreases.

If your Lodge has a Halloween party for kids, consider combining your activity with a Drug Awareness activity. Again, your State Association's Chair has a wealth of ideas for you to consider. If you think Halloween is scary, think how scary the drug problem is in your community!

Lastly, now is the time to think about submitting a law enforcement officer from your community for the Enrique S. Camarena Award.

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By now, school is in full swing. It's a good time to introduce the Americanism Essay Contest to your local schools. The deadline for submission is mid-December. There is complete essay information on the Elks website in the GL Fraternal Committee section under Forms and Contests.

It's time to let our youth be able to express themselves about respecting patriotism and our country's heritage. These essay-winning students should be recognized by your Local Lodge. Hold an event for them and give these students recognition certificates to administer to the schools. I am always amazed at the wisdom and knowledge that students can express. All Americans would benefit from reading these essays.

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 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 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: _____

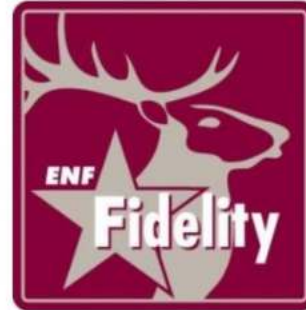
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Phone Number: _____

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: 15th or 25th

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.

Or contact the Elks National Foundation office at fundraising@elks.org or 773/755-4762

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



Bob Paoletti

Spotlight on an Elk



Bob Paoletti, another fixture at the Lodge. When I called to tell him that he was this issues Spotlight and make arrangements to meet with him, I asked him when are you available next week? He said “well I’m at the lodge every day from 7:30 to 10:30 AM”. I guess that says it all but I have a whole page to fill!

Bob hails from Philadelphia, not the suburbs of Philly or just outside Philly but the city itself. You can imagine what a lifestyle change that was for him after he retired. I asked him what brought him to our area and it was one word the “weather”. His wife wanted to move to Florida so they went there in July opened the car door and decided to look elsewhere. Friends of theirs lived in our area and lucky for us that’s what brought him to Little River, right on the borderline.

Bob was an operations manager for Acco Corp who made amongst other things those famous binders that we used to organize and store our records before the digital age.

He got to the lodge by being invited to an event by one of his neighbors and has been here ever since. He has been involved in just about everything, took his dance through the chairs and is a Past Exalted Ruler and served on the Board of Trustees.

These days he spends most of his time helping around the lodge, in the kitchen with Ricky and anywhere else he can be of assistance. He truly loves spending time at the lodge not only as a volunteer but participating in many of the events. I asked him how the lodge has changed over the years, he said “not much, still a great place but we could certainly use some more volunteers”. He has no complaints, isn’t that refreshing and was just named Elk of the Month in August.

I found him to be extremely personable and easy to talk to, if you’re a new member and you see him around the lodge or at event, don’t let that football coach look fool you. Introduce yourself, you’ll be glad you did; I was.



If our opening week Tailgate Party is any indication, our Lodge will be the place to be on Sunday afternoon all throughout this football season! Great friends cheering on their teams. What could be more fun!!

If you would like to see many more photos, click on the link below to view a Photo Album created by our "Photo Guru" Ron Floor

[Tailgate Party on Sept 8th ~ Photo Album by Ron Floor](#)



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 July Elk of the Month, Andy Carrino (Top Right) and our August Elk of the Month, Bob Paoletti!! (Top Left)

Also Our September Elk of the Month Shirley Rust (Bottom Left)

Your efforts make our Lodge one of the best anywhere!



Elk of the Month



Veterans Affairs Committee - #2679 Calabash, NC

In the News

Calabash Elks donate \$1,000 to the Veteran Smiles Foundation

Helping veterans obtain free or low-cost dental services



Photo contributed

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of Elks Lodge 2679 in Calabash presents a \$1,000 check to Veteran Smiles Foundation (VSF) founder David McCracken in support of the dental care for low income veterans at the East Carolina Dental School Clinic in Bolivia. Pictured from left are Melissa Pusch and Carol Corbett, VAC members; John Corbett, VAC chairman; David McCracken, VSF; Dianne Caprio, asst. professor and clinic director; and John Zschoche, VAC vice chairman.

veterans who came in for their dental procedures. Twenty-two veterans received over \$10,000 worth of dental procedures on this day thanks to the generous donations of not only VAC, but also other great veteran's organizations in the Brunswick County area.

It was a great day and a true honor to be there and help support this invaluable program!

The Veteran Smiles Foundation (VSF), led by David McCracken and Jesse McCorvey, was formed to help

low-income veterans obtain free or low-cost dental care. Through donations from various veteran's organizations and other money raising efforts, they partner with the ECU Dental Clinic(s), to help cover the cost of veterans' dental treatments. Not only do they help cover the cost for dental work performed on the Vet Smiles Day, but they also try to assist when a veteran has a need for financial assistance for their dental work.

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SMILES

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Dental Medicine has established a veteran patient care fund under the ECU Health Foundation that counts on such donations to provide not only emergency dental procedures for low-income veterans, but the funds are also used to offset costs for procedures needed to complete the individual veteran's dental care plan. The ECU Dental Clinic in Bolivia is one of many clinics scattered around North Carolina. All of the clinics provide low-cost dental services to veterans and are normally located in rural areas where dental services are scarce. The ECU Dental Clinics along with the Vet Smiles Foundation sponsor Vet Smiles Days each

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 2679, is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for our local veterans, various veteran's programs, and our military located throughout the southeastern North Carolina and northeastern South Carolina areas.

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For more information about other ways our Elks Lodge supports our veterans' and military community, visit their website at calabashelks.org and click on the [Veterans Affairs] tab.

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THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

ELKS

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\$1,400 over the last three years.

To further demonstrate the impact of this program, over 5,000 books have been processed through Operation Paperback locally over the past three years, of which about 1,800 have been collected at our lodge.

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A \$300 donation is made to Carole Long, Operation Paperback Representative, on behalf of the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of Elks Lodge 2679 in Calabash. From left are Tom Galka and Jeanne Colletta, VAC members; John Corbett, VAC Chairman; Carole Long, Operation Paperback Representative; Debbie Helman and Jane Galka, VAC members.

Calabash Elks donate to Operation Paperback

Helping to fund the shipment of books to veterans and deployed military personnel

BY JIM KOZLOWSKI

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge 2679 recently made a \$300 donation to Carole Long, the local representative for Operation Paperback, a program that collects, sorts, packages and ships soft and hard-backed books to veterans and deployed military units.

In addition to establishing a collection location at our lodge, the VAC has recognized the expense for shipping of these books and has continued to support this local program that provides books to veterans and active duty military. This donation brings the VAC support to

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Veterans Affairs Committee - #2679 Calabash, NC



Upper left: Donna Kozlowski, VAC Member / Project Manager for the VAC's 21st Mini-golf tournament, lunch, and auction. Lower left: Part of the VAC team supporting the Mini-golf, Luncheon, and Auction. Upper right: Golfers at the Tropical Adventure Mini-Golf course in Calabash. Middle right: The auction accounting team. Lower right: Auction in progress.

The Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) closed out the summer season with our 21st annual Mini-Golf Tournament, Luncheon and Auction on September 28. The day started with 140 or so "golfers" at the Tropical Adventure Mini-Golf course in Calabash. After golf, everyone moved to the Lodge for lunch followed by a live auction with auctioneer Drake from the John T. Henry Auction Company.

In preparation for the auction, VAC members spent the summer canvassing local businesses seeking items for the auction; over 150 auctions items were donated along with many donations which, taken together, made this event the most successful fundraiser the VAC has held.

The profits from this event will go to support needy veterans in our area and local organizations that support our veterans. The VAC greatly appreciates the participation and generosity of our community and the tremendous support from the Lodge kitchen and bar staff.

If you would like to view a Photo Album of this Event created by (you guessed it) our "Photo Guru" Ron Floor. Click on the this Link: [Mini Golf & Live Auction Photo Album](#)



Calabash Elks Lodge

Blood Drive



Monday October 14th, 8 am—1 pm

Go to redcrossblood.org to register.

**The need for is critical,
Be someone's HERO, please donate.**



I don't know who they were, I don't know what they look like,
but I do know, whoever they were, they claimed the
Esteemed Lamp of Knowledge
at our Trivia event on September 20th.

Congratulations and if anyone has a photo send it to me at:
sandpiper@calabashelks.org and I'll include it in the
Newsletter on our Website.



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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		17-Thu	Eleanor Mulford	04-Mon	John Schnaars
01-Tue	Arthur Smith	18-Fri	Dan Bain	05-Tue	John Hoglund
01-Tue	Paul Walsh	18-Fri	Thomas Dorsa	05-Tue	Charles Karnolt
02-Wed	Ann Cullen	18-Fri	David Kellerman	05-Tue	Francis Latimer
02-Wed	Michael Fagan	18-Fri	Raleigh Putnam	05-Tue	Thomas V Ward
02-Wed	David Hatten	18-Fri	Warren Shadle	06-Wed	Robert Buttaro
02-Wed	Dean Montgomery	18-Fri	Joseph Shea	08-Fri	Francis Conway
02-Wed	Richard Payne Lm	19-Sat	Richard Hallenbeck	08-Fri	Jim Foley
03-Thu	Ross Crist	19-Sat	Alice McDonough	08-Fri	Susan Scott
03-Thu	Kent Vannoy	19-Sat	Robert(Bob) Muckian	09-Sat	James Brandt
03-Thu	Carole Zboray	19-Sat	Ron Schwartz	09-Sat	Louis Friscoe
04-Fri	John C Pazoga Jr	19-Sat	Joe Stanton	09-Sat	James Kenngott
04-Fri	Charles Wagner	20-Sun	Janet Grossglass	09-Sat	Kathy Perrotta
05-Sat	Brent Horten	20-Sun	John Homisak	09-Sat	Vivian Weaver
05-Sat	Sue Kobiela	20-Sun	Geoffrey Jones	10-Sun	Patricia Brosius
05-Sat	Brendan Lynch	20-Sun	Nancy Siegel	11-Mon	Linda Hunley
05-Sat	Larry Murphy	20-Sun	Theresa A Ste Marie	11-Mon	Michael Kerins
05-Sat	Jill Runnion	20-Sun	Greg Williams	11-Mon	Robert Reilly
06-Sun	Allen Alfano	21-Mon	Leo A Jarmusz Hlm	11-Mon	Bonnie Taylor
07-Mon	Georgia Brockway	21-Mon	Donna Kozlowski	12-Tue	Richard Bowie
07-Mon	Joseph Palumbo	22-Tue	David Foulds	12-Tue	John O'Hagan
08-Tue	Robert Cenci	22-Tue	Cyndi Shaw	13-Wed	Ronald Reeves
08-Tue	John J Hogan	23-Wed	Michael Cash	14-Thu	Arthur (Buzz) Blackwelder
08-Tue	Robert Studds	23-Wed	Carol Macomber	14-Thu	Mary Duke
09-Wed	Michael Basiger	23-Wed	Edward McElroy	14-Thu	Rodney Meadows
09-Wed	Dennis Law	23-Wed	Richard Rust	14-Thu	Bill Morrow
10-Thu	Gail Bodisch	24-Thu	Michael Barton	15-Fri	Matthew Hatez
10-Thu	Edward Danka	24-Thu	Mark Kozlowski	17-Sun	Vincent Anastasi
10-Thu	Robert Strom	24-Thu	Charles Tinkham	17-Sun	Jay Cross
11-Fri	George Barker	25-Fri	James Cardis	17-Sun	Scott MacBean
11-Fri	Scott Conley	25-Fri	Christopher Kelly	18-Mon	Michael J Devine
11-Fri	Rory Logue	25-Fri	Timothy Marcoux	18-Mon	Gregory Drasheff
11-Fri	Thomas A Nally	26-Sat	Andrew W Carr	18-Mon	Robert Gonce
11-Fri	Marilyn Oliver	26-Sat	William Lewis	18-Mon	Joseph Tricomi
11-Fri	Joseph Schukal	26-Sat	Joseph Zalasko	21-Thu	Martin Friedman
11-Fri	James Shuman	27-Sun	Alvin Jenkins	21-Thu	Kathryn Powell
12-Sat	Bruce Barber	28-Mon	Thomas Aloï	21-Thu	Andrew Turlington
12-Sat	Ashley Buckwell	28-Mon	James Chewning	22-Fri	Raymond Golden
12-Sat	Dale Myers	28-Mon	Joseph Corbisiero	22-Fri	Mark LaBelle
13-Sun	Louis R Devita	28-Mon	Nancy O'Shea	23-Sat	Daniel Waltman
13-Sun	Robert Forker	29-Tue	Rhonda Cauchois	24-Sun	James Lacey
13-Sun	Stephen Rabbitt	29-Tue	David Moyer	25-Mon	Donald E Rose
13-Sun	Shirley Rust	29-Tue	Thomas Taylor	27-Wed	Howard Kingman
13-Sun	Douglas Scalzo	29-Tue	Frank Ward	28-Thu	William Busick
13-Sun	Leif Thorsten	30-Wed	Harry Schnitzer	28-Thu	Thomas Kington
13-Sun	John Townsend	31-Thu	John Vitale	28-Thu	Normand Neligon
13-Sun	Kathryn Webb	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS		28-Thu	William Smith
13-Sun	Herb Yonker	01-Fri	Richard Collette	29-Fri	Teresa Kociszewski
15-Tue	Robert Heins	01-Fri	John Kouril	29-Fri	John Manning
15-Tue	William Small	02-Sat	Tracy Birnie	29-Fri	Darius Wittman
15-Tue	George Welford	02-Sat	Terry Huber	30-Sat	Richard Dahl
16-Wed	Edward Castle	03-Sun	Laverne Christian	30-Sat	Joseph Petroski
16-Wed	James Morris	03-Sun	Thomas Mathy	30-Sat	Joseph Sheehan
16-Wed	Paul Scott	03-Sun	Brenda Norris		
17-Thu	John Dougherty	04-Mon	Robert Roiland		



A good time was had by all at our First Responders Dinner Dance held earlier this month in our Lodge! Our ER recognized six of our local first responders at the dance. Pictured from left to right: Leading Knight Don Arsenault, Exalted Ruler Gary Reynolds, Kimble Baker III (OIB FD), Adam Locklair (Brunswick County. Sheriff's Dept.), Amy Abrams (Brunswick County. EMS), Jordan Gentry (OIB PD), Larry Cramer (Sunset Beach FD) and Jane Fox (Calabash FD).

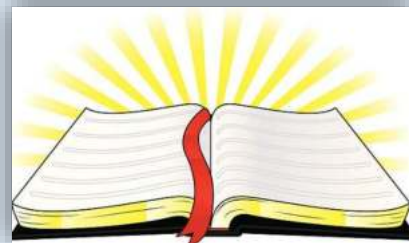
**To view a Photo Album of the Event created by our "Photo Guro" Ron Floor
Click on the photo above**



The BPOE adopted several fraternal traditions similar to the Masonic Fraternity. An altar, decorated with the Holy Bible, is found in the center of every Lodge throughout Elkdome.

Old Glory served as the altar's drapery until 1956, when it was given its own distinct place of honor to the right of the altar.

Special thanks to Vickie and Teddy Acton for donating a new Bible for the Altar.





Calabash Elks Lodge Directory 2024-2025

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**NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION
FALL 2024 CONVENTION
OCTOBER 25th —27th 2024
DOUBLETREE by HILTON, CHARLOTTE NC**

Mark your calendar, the NCSEA returns to Charlotte for the Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association.

Plan to attend, meet and greet our Grand Exalted Ruler

Douglas Schiefer and First Lady Julia

Convention and hotel reservation info at

www.ncelks.org/stateconvention



See Ya'll There



Did Ya Know?

Many live and vacation on Sunset Beach, NC, but did ya know, they are walking over a piece of history? Buried underneath the Sunset Beach Pier lies The Vesta, a blockade runner abandoned on the shore on January 11, 1864.

How It All Started

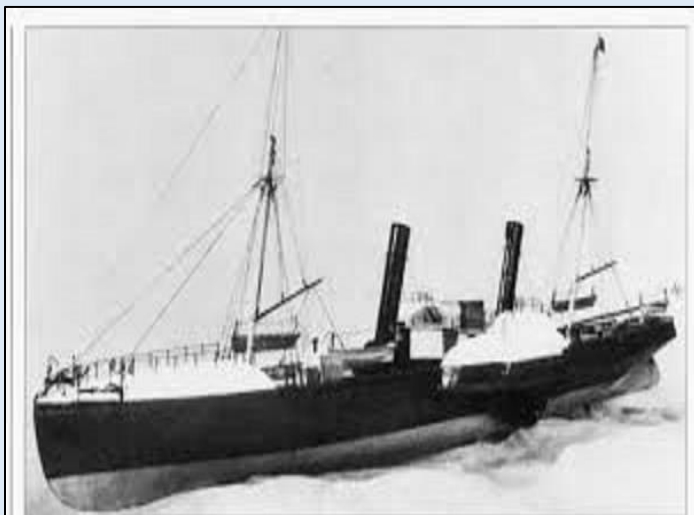
The Vesta and its captain R.H. Eustace, on its way from Bermuda to the safety of Fort Caswell and Fort Fisher, realized that the port at the entrance to the Cape Fear River was blocked by Union ships. Having Union cruisers giving chase, his plan was to circumvent the ships and sail close to the shore. This along with a dangerously low tide caused The Vesta to run aground while nearing Tubb's Inlet. It's claimed that the Vesta crew believed they were above Fort Fisher, but in reality, they were much further south, approximately 40 miles south of Frying Pan Shoals.

Some recounts of the tale rely upon the captain and first officer outrunning and avoiding a Yankee Cruiser and to celebrate becoming spectacularly drunk. Making the mistake of running aground and not knowing their location, a drunken misfortune. While these accounts can't be proved or dismissed, there might be some truth to the theory.

The 500-ton ship incurred some damage to the hull when it came ashore. Eustace and his crew were fired at by infantrymen and they retreated into hiding. Their plan was to come back and tow the ship into Fort Caswell where they would be under the protection of gunfire.

The next day when they returned to the ship, they noted the damage was more severe than they thought, stating that "the whole starboard side was open, and several of the plates were split." The crew along with the help of two companies from Fort Caswell rummaged what they could including onboard supplies, uniforms, several pairs of shoes, gifts for General Lee, and the two anchors.

To prevent the Union Army from using the ship or gathering intelligence they chose to set The Vesta on fire. And there, The Vesta rested until the 1960s when development in Sunset Beach began."





Auxiliary Card & Game Party



HUGE SUCCESS

~ \$20.00 per Ticket ~
~ Includes LUNCH of Chicken Pot Pie in a Bread Bowl
+ Side Salad + Dessert ~
~ Proceeds Benefit Auxiliary Charities ~

Contact: Kathy Kelly @ 704-351-1410 or Sandy Gaetano @ 732-241-5064

**Thank you to the Community and of course
“The Ladies of the Auxiliary”**



The Auxiliary (formerly Ladies Auxiliary) New Members

Left to Right: Pam Busick, Kathy Baldino, Jayne Woolf, Sherrie Soled, Martha Wieman Hornick, and Nancy Henningsen-Barham



Bingo Committee

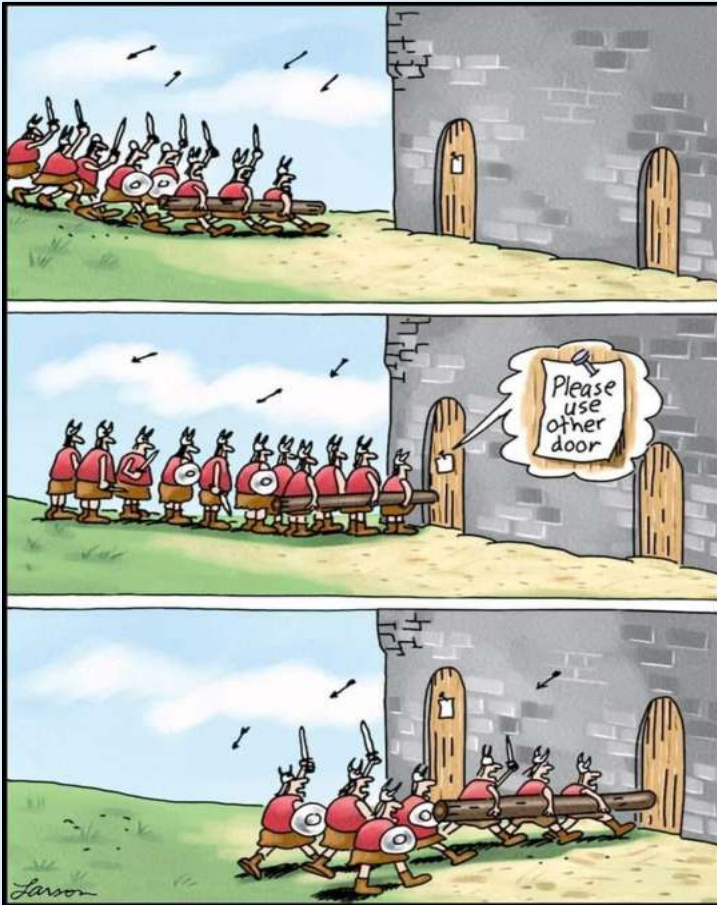
Tuesday Night Bingo continues to develop creative ways to contribute to our mission in serving the needs in our community. We are fortunate to have a group of regular players who donate their time and effort in designing and filling gift baskets four times a year that are raffled off at Bingo.

This time Bob Uber, a retired US Army “Golden Knight” and regular Bingo player was the winner of the fall basket. Pictured with Bob is Kathy Rose, one of our valued Bingo Volunteers who spend countless hours on Tuesday to help make the Elks Bingo the best bingo parlor in North and South Carolina.

100% of the proceeds from this effort go to achieving our goal to giving back to our community.

In addition, as with other Elk committees, Bingo is donating to the disaster relief of our fellow Carolinians who are suffering from Hurricane Helene.

John Goryance AKA “Mr. Bingo”



Note from the Editor

The Fall is upon us so what does that mean for the Lodge? More of your time will be spent inside and what better place to spend it then at the Lodge. Whether it be football, baseball or basketball it's all happening and there is always someone to share the excitement with. Not into sports, no problem there are a whole host of events going on. If you're new the best way to get to know everyone is to volunteer. You'll be working side by side with some of our Elks that have been around longer than most. They will show you the ropes and introduce you to others. Before you know it, you'll be the one helping newcomers get oriented. The "circle of participation", without it there would be no Lodge or any other organization.

Calabash Lodge #2679, Elkdom at its finest
Any questions, Email me at:
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!

One ant to another along side the Tee



Famous Elk Quotes

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators.

Gerald R. Ford



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 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 September 25th 2024



Twelve (13) New Members were initiated into the Calabash Elks #2679 in a Formal Ceremony conducted on Wednesday Evening, September 25th, 2024

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

John Naugle, William Cargill, Daniel Mardis, Richard Teague,
Norman Ervin, Donald W. Babb, and Roy Dean Bell

(Front Row Seated – Left to Right) are:

S. Fuller Hunt, Debra Crawford Benson, Melody Kamperman,
Lester Anderson, Bruce Gallo and William Fagan

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 September 25th, 2024 ~



Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity



~ Calabash Elks October 2024 ~



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	2 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm	3 VAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4 ENF Dinner Dance "Different Directions" 6:00 – 9:30 pm	5
6 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	7 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	8 House Committee Meeting 10:00 am Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 pm BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	9 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Ladies Firehouse Card Party 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	11 Communications Committee 9:00 Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	12 Saturday Night at the Lodge "Jody Hunter" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
13 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	14 Red Cross Blood Drive 8 am – 1:00 pm Auxiliary BOD Meeting 3:00 pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	15 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	16	17 Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00 pm	18 TRIVIA CHALLENGE Trivia with Lou Pratt 7:00 p.m.	19
20 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket Sip & Paint 1:00 pm \$35.00 per person	21 BOD Meeting 3:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	22 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	23 Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Auxiliary Fashion Show 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Comfort Food Menu 4:30 -7:00 pm	26 Saturday Night at the Lodge "Christina Black" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
27 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	28 Halloween Party Special Dinner 4:30 – 6:30	29 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	30 BRAS ACROSS THE BAR "Different Direction" 4:30 – 7:00 pm	31	 Red Cross Blood Drive Monday October 14, 2024 8:00 am – 1:00 pm	

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~ Calabash Elks November 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Saturday Night at the Lodge "TBD" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
3 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	4 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	5 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	6 Past Exalted Ruler Meeting 3:00 pm	7 VAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Veterans Day Dinner Dance "TBD" 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	9 Auxiliary Holiday Fair 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
10 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	11 Auxiliary BOD Meeting 3:00 pm Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. New Member Orientation 6:30 p.m.	12 House Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Golf Committee Meeting 2:00 pm BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	13 Membership Meeting & Initiation of New Members 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Communications Committee 9:00 TRIVIA CHALLENGE Trivia with Lou Pratt 7:00 p.m.	16 VAC Comedy Night Doors Open 7:00 Performance 8:00 – 9:30 "Tickets Required"
17 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	18 BOD Meeting 3:00 p.m. Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	19 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	20	21 Lobster Roll Night 4:30 – 6:30 Tickets Required Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 Saturday Night at the Lodge "Christina Black" 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
24 NFL Football Direct TV Sunday Ticket	25 Monday Nite Special Dining 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	26 BINGO BINGO 5:00 p.m.	27 NO Membership Meeting	28 THANKSGIVING Thanksgiving Dinner 12:00 – 3:00 pm	29	30

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Lodge of Sorrow

Dennis Railing
July 2024
Initiated 04/01/1995

Richard Tunno
July 2024
Initiated 09/15/1992

Ron Mayo
August 2024
Initiated 01/25/1996

Gaetano (Tom) Devenuto
September 2024
Initiated 05/07/2024

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
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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



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