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The 1679'er News

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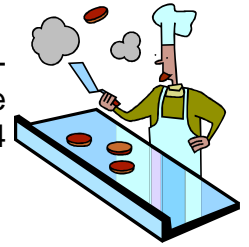
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Labor Day Cookout

This is a big family day. Our Lodge will be having a Labor Day Celebration on Monday, September 5th from 10 am to 6 pm. Free hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be served from noon until 2 pm and Eddy Ray's famous homemade ice cream from 2-4 pm. We will also have a water slide setup for kids to enjoy throughout the day.



This is our last event of the summer. We are currently looking for volunteers for setup, cooking and cleanup for this event. Please sign up in the clubroom or contact our ER if you would like to help out. Please come out and enjoy this end of the summer family event.

Clubroom Entertainment - Ricky Thomas

was such a big hit last month we decided to bring him back for another exciting performance. He will be performing for our members and guest in the clubroom on **Thursday, September 8th**. Please come out and enjoy some great entertainment...and remember, the clubroom also sells food on Thursday night. Dinner and entertainment. You can't beat that.



Karaoke Night

- You asked for it and now we're bringing it to you! **Friday, September 23rd**, we're having a karaoke DJ in the clubroom. We need all the Elks singers in the clubroom for this event. If you've got a friend that loves to sing bring them along as well. Let's pack the house on this Friday night. Who knows, this could become a regular event.



This same Friday night will also be a Steak Night. Bring your appetite and purchase a delicious steak or chicken dinner in the clubroom. Meals served from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Karaoke starts at 8:30.

Lee County Fair (Drug Awareness Trailer)

The Lee County Fair will be in town from September 13th to the 19th. The Elks will have its Drug Awareness Trailer setup at the fair and needs volunteers to work in the trailer handing out literature and candy. If you would like to volunteer your time for the great cause, please contact our Drug Awareness chairman, David McCracken (drugawareness@sanfordelks1679.org) or stop by the clubroom and put your name on the sign-up sheet.

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A Message From the ER.....

To my fellow Elks and families:

We are going to plan several club room events this fall in hopes to expose some new faces to the lodge as well as show appreciation to our current members. Our objective is to open our lodge to others so that they can see the wonderful work we do in the community. I also will be reminding members to start contributing to the ENF earlier this year. We plan to do some 50/50's and sale koozy's and such for a small profit to be given to the Elks National Foundation.

I will keep this month's letter short and sweet so I do not cloud the request and focus of this month. MEMBERSHIP and ENF. We have got to have the membership to keep the lodge in good working order and protect our future. The ENF is the heart of Elkdom and supports us on a monetary level to which we cannot show support. Please enjoy the entertainment planned for this month and tell a friend about our great lodge.

Don't forget that I am calling on all ELKS to help with the membership growth by adding at least 1 member. If you are interested in helping contact me at er@sanfordlodge1679.org.

Fraternally,
Kevin Cleary, Exalted Ruler Email: er@sanfordelks1679.org

Pool Clean-up

I hope everyone enjoyed the pool this very, very, very hot summer. What better place could you be during the 100 degree days. Well all good things must come to an end. The last day to use the pool this year will be Labor Day. On September 17 lets get together one last time to clean-up and winterize the pool for the season. We will meet at 9:30 on the pool deck. With enough help it should only take a couple of hours to complete the task.

Cookbooks For Sale

The North Carolina Elks are selling cookbooks to raise money for the NC Elks Charitable Trust.

Purchase your cookbook in the clubroom or contact Steve and June Gunter (steve.gunter@sanfordelks1679.org) or Lee Littiken (lee.littiken@sanfordelks1679.org).



Sanford Elks Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler – Kevin Cleary
Esteemed Leading Knight – Eddie Brannan
Est. Loyal Knight – Mark Tyler
Est. Lecturing Knight – David McCracken
Secretary – Barry Gunter
Treasurer – Dennis Oliver
Esquire – Steve Johnson, PER
Chaplain – Dave Maloof
Inner Guard – Joe Hawksby
Tiler – Stephen Thomas
1-Year Trustee – Wallie Tyler, PER
2-Year Trustee – Lee Littiken, PSP
3-Year Trustee – Mike McGraw, PER

Presiding Justice - Jerry Stephens
Mediator - Clay Moretz

Committees

Auditing & Accounting / PER President
Mike Gonella, PER
Elks National Foundation
Steve Johnson, PER
Americanism
Todd Pace
National Veterans Service Coordinator
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Memorial Day Service
Eddie Brannan
Public Relations
Wallie Tyler, PER
Drug Awareness Program
David McCracken
Lodge Activities
Eddy Ray Thomas
Risk Management & Inspection
Brent Smith
Pool Chairman
Steve Johnson, PER
Youth
Drew Sullivan
Community Activity
Larry Gattis
Membership
Mike McGraw, PER
Golf
David Wicker, Wayne Freeman
Club Manager - Julie Hamrick
Pool Manger - Debi Setzer

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Membership: Propose and initiate one new member in the current Elk year, the proposer will receive one free steak night. If you propose and initiate three new members in the current Elk year, the proposer will receive a free lodge function for two. At the end of the year the proposer who initiates the most new members will receive a very nice gift certificate.

Attendance: Attend six lodge meetings during the current Elk year, (April-March) and receive a free lodge functions for two. (You must sign in to get credited for attendance).

Tip of the Antlers!



A great big "hoof clappin" Tip of the Antlers to:

- Eddy Ray Thomas for doing a great job as Lodge Activity Chairman and lining up all the exciting entertainment in the clubroom.
- Barry and Kent Gunner for fixing the light at the pool and helping keep family swim nights a safe environment.
- Ed Wesley for painting the outside entrance to the clubroom. It looks great!
- Debi Setzer and her staff for another great year keeping our pool fun and safe!
- Lee Littiken for representing the Sanford Lodge during the Camp Carefree fundraiser.

This is what makes our Lodge successful!!! It takes lots and lots of volunteers. Thanks again to everyone that takes time out of their busy schedule to help our Lodge continue to demonstrate *Elks Care, Elks Share!*



National Patriotism Week - September 5th - 11th

In observance of National Patriot Day, the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and the brave men and women who suffered in that tragedy, National Patriotism Week begins the second Monday in September and no longer the third Monday in February. The February observance date was changed in 2008.

After the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. when we suffered almost 3,000 lost American lives, Congress designated **September 11** of each year as **Patriots Day**, and was signed into law on December 18, 2001. On this day, the flag of the United States is to be flown at half mast. It is fitting that the Elks observe this special day.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Fall State Convention will be held at the Best Western High Point Hotel in High Point, NC. The dates this year are October 28-30. For more information and registration please go to www.ncelks.org and click on State Convention link.

Save the Date - New Years Eve

The Sanford Elks Lodge will be holding a New Years Eve Dance. There will be music, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a cash bar. There will also be a reverse raffle with a cash prize! We are currently in the planning stage. If you have ideas or would like be on the planning committee, please contact Steve Johnson at steve.johnson@sanfordelks1679.org.



Elks National Foundation

During the 2010-11 Lodge year, the Elks of North Carolina donated **\$84,805.15** to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:	\$49,010.00
Special Projects Grant:	\$48,660.00
Bonus Grant:	\$19,460.00
Most Valuable Student:	\$32,000.00
Legacy Award:	\$16,000.00
National Veterans Service Commission:	\$10,140.00

That's a ratio of **2.067** for every dollar the Foundation received from North Carolina last year.

Since inception in 1928 through March 31, 2011, the Foundation has granted a total of **\$4,017,757.54** to North Carolina, compared with its total donations of **\$3,154,442.06**. That's a ratio of **1.274** for every dollar the Foundation has received from your state.

Please consider giving a donation today!

Grand Total: \$175,270.00

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Club Room Hours Mondays 2-11pm · Tuesday thru Thursday 3-11pm Friday 3-12pm · Saturday 12-11pm · Sunday 1-8pm				1 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	2 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	3
4	5 Labor Day Cookout	6	7	8 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm Clubroom Entertainment	9 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	10
11	12 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	13 PER Meeting @ 6:30	14 Lodge Meeting @ 7:30	15 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	16 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	17
18	19 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	20	21 House Committee Meeting @ 6:30	22 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	23 Steak Night & Karaoke	24 
25	26 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	27	28 Meeting with meal & initiation @ 6:30	29 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	30 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	