



Sanford Lodge No. 1679

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The 1679'er News

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Exalted Ruler: Kevin Cleary

Willy Nelson Is In The House

Well maybe not the real Willy Nelson but the next best thing. Local celebrity Ricky Thomas will be performing for our members and guest in the clubroom on **Thursday, August 11th**. 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.



Circle of Friends



Margaritaville Summer Dance

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Sanford Elks Lodge #1679

8:00 pm - Midnight

Heavy hors d'oeuvres BYOB

\$10.00 per person



All proceeds go to ACS

Tickets can be purchased in the clubroom or at the door the night of the dance.



Motorcycle Ride -
Fund Raiser

Camp Carefree

www.CampCareFree.org

Camp Care Free Bike Ride and Raffle

Saturday, August 27th is the 7th Annual Camp Care-free Charity Ride & Raffle. Ride starts at the Greensboro Lodge #602 located at 2201 W. Cornwallis Drive. Registration is from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Ride leaves at 11:30 am sharp.

- 1st Stop - High Point Elks Lodge
- 2nd Stop - Biminese in Greensboro
- 3rd Stop—Iron Horse in Greensboro
- Finish back at the Greensboro Elks Lodge.

Several members have already expressed interest in this event. If you would like to join in on the ride, please leave your name and number in the clubroom so others may join you. For more information on the event visit www.sanfordelks1679.org.

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A Message From the ER.....

To my fellow Elks and families:

I just returned from the Grand Lodge ELKS convention in the HOT state of Phoenix, Arizona. I can promise you that the Grand lodge is just as focused on membership retainment and growth as we are. We voted on 35 resolutions for change ranging from wording of by-laws to changing the name of Grand Lodge to National lodge. I will be posting the results of the approved amendments in the lodge club room for review. We have got to make some changes in our subordinate lodge if we want to retain or grow membership.

August is a prime month to excite the members for growth. We must all go out and get a new member as well as start giving ideas for change. We are dedicated to protecting the fraternal and ritualistic work that makes us ELKS. However, we are open to changes within the extra activities we do at the lodge or in the community as well as change in environment. Sanford is growing leaps and bounds and the growth is primarily military families. With all that we do for the military officers through our programs, I feel confident that they would find our lodge a great place to hang out and socialize with new faces.

It was very obvious at the national convention that 70% of our order is made up of members that are 60 or older. While their dedication and wisdom is greatly needed, just as important is youth. We need to attract the younger population of this county. We are currently at just under 600 members in a city with a population of 30,000 and over 57,000 people in Lee County. We lost 23,868 ELKS members nationally in 2010! This decline in membership is not new, however, it is becoming troublesome for the future of Elkdom.

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@sanfordelks1679.org.

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

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

D. Steve Gunter, PSP

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:

- Brian Carlyle “head cook”, Eddie Brannan, Steve Johnson, Mike McGraw, Lee Littiken, David McCracken, Toni McCracken, Eddy Ray and Gail Thomas (and their ice cream crew) for helping make our July 4th celebration a huge success.
- Tony Quick for getting the new Elks sign/message board made for the clubroom. It looks fantastic. You should all check it out!
- Debi Setezer and all the pool employees for a job well done at the pool this summer.
- Steve Johnson for keeping the concession stand at the pool stocked full of refreshing drinks and snacks.
- Kevin Cleary, Lee and Pat Littiken for representing the Sanford Elks Lodge at the National convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

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!*

Pool News

Family Swim Night in August will be on the 5th, 12th, and 26th from 8-10pm. On August 12th pizza will be served at 7:30 pm. This is a “Family Event”. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Note that there will be no family swim night on the 19th. That is the night the Yellow Jackets and Cavaliers football teams will be battling for the brick!

Bar Burgers

The Club manager would like to remind everyone that “cook your own burgers” are available on most Friday nights and are free to those visiting the bar. This activity is funded by the clubroom and burgers should not be taken to the swimming pool area.

Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament

The Sanford Elks Lodge is encouraging all its golfing members to participate in this tournament which is raising money for a great cause. The tournament is August 20th at the Carolina Trace Golf Course. This cost is \$50 per team. Contact Rebecca Womack (919)777-5242, knechtchiro@yahoo.com for more information about this event.

Membership

Membership is the life line to success for the Elks origination. We cannot express enough how important it is to retain our members and bring in new members. One strong advantage of retaining a healthy membership in our local Lodge is it helps keep our dues at a reasonable price. Did you know our Lodge is one of the last lodges in the state that do not charge extra for pool use. We would like to keep it that way if possible...but it takes members! This is where we need your help. The Exalted Ruler is challenging each member of the Sanford Elks Lodge to find one new member during the next Elks year. It only takes one from each member to double our Lodge size. Let’s all try and accept this challenge and keep our Lodge strong!

Labor Day Cookout (September 5th)

Our Lodge will be having a Labor Day cookout on Monday, September 5th from **noon until 2 pm**. Free hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Back by popular demand, we will be setting up a waterslide for the kids to enjoy. The slide will be open from 11 am until 6 pm. Please plan to attend this end of summer event. It will be the last day to enjoy the Elks pool for this summer.

Upcoming in September

- **Labor Day** pool party on September 5th.
- **Lee County Fair** - Sept 13th thru 19th - Our Lodge will have the Drug Awareness Trailer located in the fair grounds. Contact David McCracken if you can work the trailer one night.
- **Steak Night** - Friday, September 23rd.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	2	3	4 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	5 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	6
7	8 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	9	10 Lodge Meeting @ 7:30	11 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm Clubroom Entertainment	12 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	13
14	15 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	16	17 House Committee Meeting @ 6:30	18 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	19 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	20 Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament.
21	22 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	23	24 Meeting with meal & initiation @ 6:30	25 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	26 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	27
28	29 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	30	31	Club Room Hours Mondays 2-11pm · Tuesday thru Thursday 3-11pm Friday 3-12pm · Saturday 12-11pm · Sunday 1-8pm		