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The 1679'er

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Americanism Essay and Drug Awareness

The Sanford Elks Lodge are sponsoring 2 contests in January for the kids. Letters have been sent to Lee County Schools, however if your child or grand child is not participating in public schools, they can still enter directly to the Elks.

Drug Awareness Poster Contest

Theme is **"I choose Not To Use"**.

This is open to all kids in grades 3 through 5. The poster can be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches. For more information contact our local Drug Awareness chairman David McCracken at drugawareness@sanfordelks1679.org. The deadline is **February 2**.

Americanism Essay Contest

Theme is **WHY I'M PROUD TO Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag**".

This is open to all kids in grades 5 through 8. The essay length should not exceed 250 words and should be typed or legibly printed in ink. The deadline is **January 10**. Contact er@sanfordelks1679.org for more info.

Winners of both contests will be honored at our annual Youth Banquet. Their entries will advance to the district level and from there winners go to state and national level. US Savings bonds are awarded to winners that make it to the district and above.

Membership Corner

ONE DOZEN NEEDED — I can't make it more simple than that.

We had a successful membership day in June. Our re-instatement drive brought 10 back. Then the Oyster Roast brought us 13 more new members. This is good, yes. But we are not out of the woods.

What we have done is offset those who have not paid dues this year. As of now that is 77 members that will be dropped soon. Please look at your membership card. If it's not green, then you are not paid up. We need you and would like to hear from you.

12 is the number. That what we need to have a gain of just one member at the close of this year. If the Elks are going to survive, we can't keep having membership losses.

PLEASE – encourage members to pay dues. Anyone you know who is a former member, please invite them to come back. Most important – seek out new members. Let us show them what we have to offer and who we are.

Our future is in your hands,

Mike McGraw, PER
Membership Chairman

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A Message From the ER.....

To my fellow Elks and families:

I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers that helped with the Hoop Shoot, Kid's Christmas, Sanford and Broadway Christmas Parade, Fruit basket delivery's and veteran's shoebox's. These are the events that make the Elks so special and if you missed any of these, you missed an inspiring event. Our volunteerism has been amazing and the best I've seen it in a long time!

We are starting a new year and along with that comes another year full of events and activities for the lodge. I challenge each of you to volunteer for at least one event this year. The year starts with the youth banquet to which we honor our 2011 contest and scholarship winners. I also challenge you to use the ER@sanfordelks1679.org email address to submit suggestions on lodge improvements. We want to know what you think. We will not be able to honor all requests but at the least we will know what our membership is looking for.

If you joined for the pool that is great and your season is coming fast. However let me tempt you into joining us on steak night in January as it is the best place in town for "Date night". It is the one club function that comes satisfaction guaranteed.

Wow, what a year 2011 was. Just look at all the volunteerism in December alone. Volunteerism and lodge activity participation has increased greatly this year. I owe all the new interest to new members and new activities as well. Our steak nights with karaoke, Monday and Thursday night bar sandwiches and community activities have given the member a great opportunity to surround themselves with good-good food, fellowship and fun all at a value.

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

Happy New Year!



Sanford Elks Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler: Kevin Cleary
Est. 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

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!



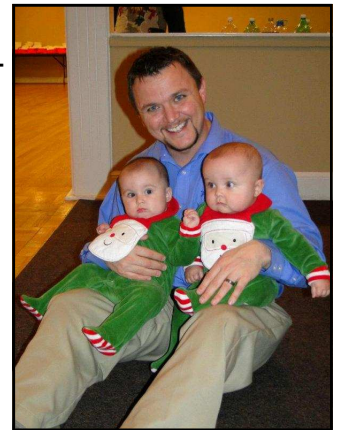
A great big "hoof clappin" Tip of the Antlers to:

- Kevin Cleary, Wallie Tyler, Drew Sullivan, Steve Johnson, David McCracken, Eddie Brannan, Mark Tyler, Kevin Grissom, Charlie Moore, Larry Beasley, Katie Tyler and Stephen Franks for helping with our annual Elks Hoop Shoot.
- Jan Maloof for an outstanding job organizing our kids Christmas party. Also a big thank you goes to all her Elves that helped with the party. They were David and Toni McCracken, Joe, Mark and Joanne Tyler, Larry and Gail Beasley, Rich Draskinis, Charlie Moore, Mathew Pou, Strake Adam, and Joe and Maura Clancy.
- Eddy Ray Thomas, David and Toni McCracken and members of Boy Scout troop #941 for representing our Lodge in the Sanford and Broadway Christmas parades.
- Kevin Cleary, Eddie Brannan, Edwin Foushee, Kevin Grissom, Steve Johnson, D. Steve Gunter, Steve Gunter II and Eddy Ray Thomas for delivering Fruit Baskets to the widows of our departed Elks members.

District Deputies Clinic - The first DD Clinic of 2012 will be held at the Burlington Elks Lodge on January 8th. The Exalted Ruler, Leading knight, Lodge Secretary and the Chairman of the Trustees are required to attend this clinic. However, all members are encouraged to attend if possible. This is a great way to meet other Elks members in our district. If you are interested in attending this clinic please contact Kevin Cleary (er@sanfordelks1679.org) for more information.

Nominations and Elections of Officers - The 2011-2012 Elk Year is almost over. During the first meeting in February we will be opening nominations for our 2012-2013 officers. During the second meeting we will hold elections for our officer positions. If you are interested in holding an officer's position at our Lodge please send an email to er@sanfordelks1679.org or contact any of our existing officers for more information.

Photo's of Kid's Christmas Party - See the Photo's from the Kids Christmas Party on our website at www.sanfordelks1679.org.



Super Bowl Party (Feb. 5, 2012) - Mark it on your calendar now! This year we will continue on our tradition of member participation pot luck. *Everyone please bring your favorite dishes* on Super Bowl Sunday. Even those that are not football fans have always come for a good time of fellowship.



The Sanford Lodge held its annual Hoop Shoot on Saturday, December 10th at the Sanford Amory. Three boys and one girl advanced to the district level competition which will be held in Fayetteville on January 28th. Local winners are : (Boys 12-13) Jake Owens (1st) and Nicholas Grubb (2nd). (Boys 10-11) Thomas Harrington (1st) . (Boys 8-9) Nolan Brown (1st) and Blake Harrington (2nd). (Girls 8-9) Owen McRea. Congratulation to all and good luck in Fayetteville.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	3	4	5 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	6	7
8 DD Clinic In Burlington	9 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	10 PER Meeting @ 6:30	11 Lodge Meeting @ 7:30	12 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	13 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	14
15	16 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	17	18 House Committee Meeting @ 6:30	19 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	20 Steak Night & Karaoke	21
22	23 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	24	25 Meeting with meal & initiation @ 6:30	26 Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm	27 Cook your own hamburgers! Bar Only	28
29	30 Chicken / Steak Sandwiches 7-8 pm	31		Club Room Hours Mondays 2-11pm · Tuesday thru Thursday 3-11pm Friday 3-12pm · Saturday 12-11pm · Sunday 1-8pm		