



# Sanford Lodge No. 1679

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**The 1679'er**

**February 2012**  
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**Exalted Ruler: Kevin Cleary**



### June Gunter - Sanford Herald's Lifetime Achievement Award Winner - Sanford Elks Newest Elected Member

You've seen June Gunter's name in the Sanford Elks Lodge's newsletter countless times. As a matter of fact you've seen it so many times for the hours and hours of volunteer work she has done for the Sanford Lodge, I'm sure many of you thought she was a member. Well, that's not the case. Not until now anyway. On January 25th, 2012 the members of Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 elected June Gunter to become a member of our Lodge by initiation. This was truly a historical moment for our Lodge as June is the first female member ever elected into membership of Sanford Elks Lodge #1679. June is scheduled to be initiated into our order on February 22nd, 2012. Please plan to attend this meeting and welcome June into our Lodge.

June Gunter (right), The Sanford Herald's 2011 female recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, helps Joseph DeStefano, 9, on balance work and abdominal strengthening this week at UCP Stepping Stones. Gunter has contributed a lifetime of community service to Lee County, working extensively with the Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina and Virginia organization, Central Carolina Hospital, the Sanford Elks Lodge and the Lee County Enrichment Center.

Not only is June our newest elected member, she's also the Sanford Herald's 2011 female "**Lifetime Achievement Award Winner**". June is well deserving of this award for the countless hours she has volunteered for our community as well as our State. Many of these volunteer hours were helping the Elks; Not only on the local level, but also at the State and National level. June was the editor of the NC Elks cookbook that was created to raise money for the NC Veterans Nursing homes and Camp Carefree (a camp for critical ill children and their siblings), all of which are major charity projects of the North Carolina Elks Association. June is the perfect example to demonstrate the Elks slogan "**Elks Care Elks Share**". To read more about June's award, visit <http://sanfordelks1679.org/junegunter>.

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## A Message From the ER.....

To my fellow Elks and families:

The year has started off good so far and we look forward to another year of successful events within the lodge. We will nominate officers at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in February so if you have someone you recommend to be an officer or are interested in being an officer yourself please come to the meeting on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> or let me know about your recommendation.

Please come out and support our Super Bowl Party and our Steak night in the club room. We have had some great fun and average size crowds but the future of these events depends on whether we see a growth in participation and growth in membership. I need everyone to bring a friend and get them involved to potentially have them as a member in the future.

I hope that everyone has had a great new year so far and look forward to seeing everyone at the events in February.

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](mailto:er@sanfordelks1679.org).

Fraternally,  
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## 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

## Membership

The number is now 9. That is how many members we need to initiate by March 31, 2012 to have a membership growth. Our membership chairman, Mike McGraw, has worked too hard and got us this close, let's not let him down. We initiated twelve new members during our last meeting. I'm confident that out of our 576 members, we have 9 that have friends that are wanting to join our Lodge. Remember, the pool season is quickly approaching. If you have friends that you know want to join for the pool, NOW is the time to sign them up so they can be initiated before the pool opens.

**Urgent**

## 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:

- Steve & Lori Johnson, Eddy Ray & Gail Thomas, Ed & Jane Wesley and David & Toni McCracken for participating on the New Year's Eve dance committee. Also to Bill & Pat Shaw for their help with the food and the clean up. With everyone's hard work, we had a very fun filled night and also raised a bit of money for our Lodge charities.
- Barry and Kim Gunter who ran the cab service after the New Year's Eve dance to assure our members and guests got home safely after the party.
- Scott Pace for being the number one raffle ticket salesman which helped raise money for our charities.
- Alabama Bob for the generous gift (large screen TV) which is donated to our club room. Bob is an Elk's member at a Lodge in Alabama which frequently visits our lodge when doing contract work in North Carolina. Thank You Bob!
- June Gunter, our newest voted in member, for being awarded the Sanford Herald's 2011 Female Lifetime Achievement Award.

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**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 and fellowship.

**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](mailto:er@sanfordelks1679.org) or contact any of our existing officers for more information.

**PER Night** - Our Lodge would like to honor and recognize all our PERs for their service to our Lodge and the great order of Elkdom during our February 22nd meeting. Please plan to attend this special meeting and join in on the celebration! We will have dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:30. If you plan to attend the meal, please RSVP at the Lodge or contact Kevin Cleary at [er@sanfordelks1679.org](mailto:er@sanfordelks1679.org). For a complete list of all our PERs visit our website at [sanfordelks1679.org](http://sanfordelks1679.org) and look at the "History" page.

**Leadership/Training Seminar** - The State Association will conduct an Orientation/Leadership Seminar for each Lodge's newly and to be elected officers **and interested Elks** on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Greensboro Lodge #602, 2201 West Cornwallis Drive. All Lodge officers are encouraged to attend and all others are welcomed.

**Elks National Foundation - "Thank You"** - I am pleased to say that thanks to everyone's support during our New Year's Dance and raffle ticket sales, as well as some last minute generous donors, our Lodge has reached our Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member. This year we have contributed a total of \$3048.00 which brings us to \$5.29 per member. Just because we have reached our goal for the year, don't let up now. Remember that during the 2010-2011 Elks year, for every dollar the Elks of North Carolina donated, our State received \$2.067 from the foundation to help projects in our communities. Also keep in mind that our Elks year ends on March 31. We start all over again on April 1.

**Email Signup** - Have you been receiving email's from our lodge? If not and you would like to, go to <http://sanfordelks1679.org/sign-up> and register your email address. If you're still receiving your newsletter via the US postal service and would like to help us reduce cost by reading it online, please email us at [er@sanfordelks1679.org](mailto:er@sanfordelks1679.org) and ask us to remove you from our newsletter mailing list.

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February 2012

| Sun                              | Mon  | Tue | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|----------------------------------|--|-----|---|--|---|--|
|                                  |  |     | 1   | 2<br>Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm  | 3<br>Cook your own hamburgers!<br>Bar Only  | 4  |
| 5<br>Super Bowl Pot Luck @ 6:00. | 6<br>Chicken / Steak Sandwiches<br>7-8 pm  | 7   | 8<br>Lodge Meeting @ 7:30                   | 9<br>Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm  | 10  | 11   |
| 12                               | 13<br>Chicken / Steak Sandwiches<br>7-8 pm | 14  | 15<br>House Committee Meeting @ 6:30        | 16<br>Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm   | 17<br>Cook your own hamburgers!<br>Bar Only | 18   |
| 19                               | 20<br>Chicken / Steak Sandwiches<br>7-8 pm | 21  | 22<br>Meeting with meal & initiation @ 6:30 | 23<br>Meal from the Grill 7-8 pm   | 24<br>Steak Night 6:30 - 8:30pm             | 25<br>Leadership Training at Greensboro Lodge. |
| 26                               | 27<br>Chicken / Steak Sandwiches<br>7-8 pm | 28  | 29  | <b>Club Room Hours</b><br>Mondays 2-11pm · Tuesday thru Thursday 3-11pm<br>Friday 3-12pm · Saturday 12-11pm · Sunday 1-8pm |   |  |