



# Sanford Elks Lodge #1679

## The 1679'er News

### April 2023



**Exalted Ruler: Chanda Coomer**

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### Dear Elks Families:

Members of the Sanford Elks Lodge #1679, allow me to introduce myself. I am Chanda Coomer and am honored to be the Exalted Ruler for 2023-2024 Elk year. This is my 10th year as a member and have been involved as a spouse since 2007. Needless to say that this lodge and many of its members have become my second family.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate and thank all of our new officers as we take our turn in managing and overseeing our Elks Lodge. As "they say", it takes a village (to accomplish success). Our lodge officers only consist of 13 members but our village consists of almost 600 members. We have a wonderful lodge and are surrounded by awesome members and families. Our lodge is successful because of the many volunteers who work hard and donate their time so we all can enjoy the time that we spend here at the lodge and our community can benefit from the programs that we help support. If you are interested in being a bigger part of our success, I ask that you get involved. If you have ideas or suggestions, I ask that you let an officer know. If you have kudos, I ask that you share them. I hope you see all the hard work and dedication that so many have put into our lodge throughout the years.

As we make our way through this upcoming year, I look forward to being a part of our already established programs that we do on an annual basis that benefit our youth, our vets and our community. Maybe, with your ideas and your help, we can add more programs and assist more people in this upcoming year.

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### Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Chanda Coomer  
Leading Knight.....Randall Mattingly  
Loyal Knight.....Chris Setzer, PER  
Lecturing Knight.....Tom Liddy, PDDGER  
Secretary.....Steve Johnson, PDDGER  
Treasurer.....Joe Clancy, PDDGER  
Chaplain.....Kym Smith  
Esquire.....Jonathan Hackett  
Tiler.....Brandon Craig  
Inner Guard.....Mahayla Coomer  
1-Year Trustee.....Alex Voytik, PER  
2-Year Trustee.....Addison Johnson, PER  
3-Year Trustee.....Scott Pace, PSP

### Committees

PER President.....Addison Johnson  
Elks National Foundation.....Steve Johnson  
Americanism.....Chanda Coomer  
National Veterans Service.....Lee Littiken  
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Drug Awareness.....Randall Mattingly  
Public Relations.....Gordon Anderson  
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Youth Activities.....Chris Gill  
Hoop Shoot.....Gary Short  
Membership.....Scott Pace  
Club Manager.....Tim Sinnott  
Pool Manager.....Carolyn Lee



Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life. Invite a friend to join today!

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### Tip of the Antlers!

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

- ♦ Tom Eshbach for his beautification project by adding new plants and mulch in the flower bed outside the ladies lounge.
- ♦ Christ Black for his continued support of our lodge and keeping everyone fed on Sunday afternoons by providing some of his favorite dishes for everyone to enjoy.
- ♦ All the outgoing officers. Thank you for giving of you time to help keep the Lodge functioning and growing.
- ♦ All the new incoming officers that are being installed on April 12. Congratulations and thank you for your support and helping our Lodge grow.
- ♦ Chanda Coomer for running with the Back Pack Pals food drive and setting up the drop off stations in the clubroom.

**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**

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### ER Message continued...

Be sure to stay in the loop on what's happening via the monthly newsletters, webpage, facebook, emails, text blasts and most importantly our membership meetings which are always held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

I am looking forward to a fun filled, charitable and memory making year.

Sincerely,

**Chanda Coomer**, Exalted Ruler  
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### Installation of Officers

Each year the month of April marks the beginning of a new Elk year. As part of the new Elks year, newly elected officers are installed to make up the lodge's leadership team. On Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm, our lodge will be holding its annual Installation of Officers for the year 2023 - 2024.

This installation will be a truly historical event. The Sanford Elks Lodge will be installing it's first ever female Exalted Ruler (Chanda Coomer). Chanda was initiated into our lodge on August 27, 2014 and has always been a very active member. She has held the positions of Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight and Leading Knight. Please attend and show your support and appreciation to Chanda and all the newly installed officers.

This will be an open installation. All members and guest are welcome. (Please note that this is not a regular meeting night.) This is a great way to show your support for the individuals that have been elected to represent our Lodge as officers and to honor those that have served our Lodge over the past year.

### Golf Tournament - Save the Date - June 10, 2023

Southern Pines / Sanford Elks Golf Tournament at the Southern Pines Golf Course.

More information to come...



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## Congratulations 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

During the second meeting in February, nominations were closed and the following officers were elected to serve during the 2023-2024 Fraternal Elks Year . Congratulations to all...

<b>Exalted Ruler:</b>	Chanda Coomer	<b>Secretary:</b>	Steve Johnson
<b>Leading Knight:</b>	Randall Mattingly	<b>Treasure:</b>	Joe Clancy
<b>Loyal Knight:</b>	Chris Setzer	<b>3-Year Trustee:</b>	Alex Voytik
<b>Lecturing Knight:</b>	Tom Liddy		

Appointed positions by the ER:

<b>Esquire:</b>	Jonathan Hackett
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Kym Smith
<b>Tiler:</b>	Brandon Craig
<b>Inner Guard:</b>	Mahayla Coomer



Also remaining as Trustee are **Addison Johnson** and **Scott Pace**.

### From the Secretary's Desk

I would like to thank all the early birds out there that have paid their dues (which are due by April 1). If you've not already received your new membership card, it should be in the mail soon. Your door keys have been activated for another year.

Please remember, you can make your payment from our website at [www.sanfordelks1679.org](http://www.sanfordelks1679.org).

Once dues are paid, you will be issued a new membership card and your door key card will be activated for another year. Should you have issues with your door key, please contact me or leave a message with a club room employee.

If you are not receiving email updates from our lodge, please sign up to receive them on our website. Just go to [sanfordelks1679.org](http://sanfordelks1679.org) and click on the "Email Sign Up Link" on the right side under the navigation tab.

We also have a text notification application if you wish to receive periodic text messages from us on your mobile device. Just text the message "@elkslodge" to the number "81010".

If you own a business and would like to advertise in our newsletter and club room monitor, please contact me. It only cost \$10/month (paid yearly) and all money goes to the ENF in your name.

Thanks,

**Steve Johnson, PDDGER**

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### From the Club Room

It's been years since our last price increase on alcohol beverages. However, due to the rising cost of food and alcohol prices, we are raising the prices of all alcohol drinks 25 cents. This price increase goes into effect on April 1, 2023. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### Back Pack Pals Food Drive

Each year our lodge gives between \$2000 and \$3500 to the local Back Pack Pals program. This is made possible due to the Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. We are awarded this grant thanks to you, our members, for meeting the Grand Exalted Ruler goal of \$4.80 per member.

In addition to the money, we also like to donate food items. Through the month of April we will be accepting food donation in the supplied boxes in the club room. The follow is a list of non-perishable items the program suggest:

Ravioli	Fruit cups
Spaghetti O's	Applesauce
Beanie Weenies	Pudding
Cup of Soup- Oodles of	Juice Boxes
Noodles	Pop-Tarts
Vienna Sausages	Cereal Bars
Tuna	Cereal
Macaroni and Cheese	Granola Bars
Peanut Butter	Raisins
Peanut Butter crackers	



## Sanford Elks Awards Night

Wednesday, March 8, was our annual "Awards Night".

**Elk of the Year** – Jonathan Hackett

**Top Proposer** - Joe Clancy

**Officer of the Year** – Chanda Coomer

**Citizen of the Year** – John Crumpton



Exalted Ruler Alex Voytik presents  
Elks of the year to member  
Jonathan Hackett



Exalted Ruler Alex Voytik presents  
Officer of the year to Leading  
Knight Chanda Coomer



Exalted Ruler Alex Voytik presents  
Top Member Proposer to Lodge  
Treasurer Joe Clancy



Exalted Ruler Alex Voytik presents  
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## Clubroom Menu

**Club Room Hours**  
Monday thru Thursday 3-11pm, Friday 3-12pm • Saturday 12-11pm • Sunday 1-8pm

### Monday Night Sandwiches

(Served 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

- Grilled Salmon - \$11
- Ribeye Steak - \$10
- Marinated Chicken - \$8
- Marinated Grilled Chicken Salad - \$8

All served with home fries

### Fryer Foods

(Served 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

- Chicken Tenders - \$8
- Chicken Wings - \$8
- Homemade Chips - \$4.50
- Mozzarella Stick - \$5
- Fried Pickles - \$4.00
- French Fries - \$2.00
- Onion Rings - \$4.00
- Jalapeño Poppers - \$3.50

### Every Day & Night

(Served 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)  
( 4 - 6 pm on Saturdays)

- Pizza - \$8
- Soft Pretzel - \$3.25



**April 2023**

#### 5TH - \*WEDNESDAY\* CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE \$9.00

Hand pattied Angus burgers grilled and topped with cheese atop a toasted bun. Served with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles on the side with fries.

#### 14TH – CHICKEN & WAFFLES \$12.00

Crispy fried chicken breast glazed in a finger licking sweet and spicy sauce. Served with a Belgian waffle topped with powdered sugar and a homemade strawberry butter with a side of rich Vermont maple syrup.

#### 21ST – GRILLED PORKCHOP DINNER \$14.00

**“KARAOKE NIGHT 7:00-10:00 P.M.”**

Two hand cut and grilled pork chops with a secret seasoning that makes you beckon for more. Paired with stick to your rib's cheesy potatoes and a slice of garlic bread.

#### 28TH – TRIO SEAFOOD PLATTER \$22.00

Fresh shrimp and scallops grilled in garlic butter, accompanied by hand battered fish filets, golden fried and served with hush puppies, French fries, homemade slaw, cocktail and tartar sauce.

**Order meals online (at least 24hrs in advance) at: <https://sanfordelks1679.org/monthly-menu>**

**Reminders:** Families can eat in ladies lounge!

**NOTE:** Menu and prices subject to change.

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### Dates to Remember

**April 5**  
 PER Meeting @ 6:30

**April 9**  
 Easter Sunday

**April 12**  
 Installation of Officers at 7:00

**April 19**  
 House Committee Meeting at 6:30

**April 26**  
 Lodge Meeting w / initiation at 7:00

# Happy Birthday April

01 Matthew Rogers	09 Robert Brewer	17 Noah Gunter
02 Christopher Mackey	10 Micheal McGraw	17 Erik Saenz
02 April Whitaker	11 Kenneth Ehlers	18 Walter Brinker
02 Gary White	11 David Lamb	19 Jeremy Wicker
03 Deborah Beeler	11 Jeremy Pedley	20 Joseph Lucas
03 Deanne Duncanson	11 Bryan Schleigh	21 Allen Gordon
03 Angela Hamilton	12 Bill Hinote	22 Kevin Wind
03 Lacy Oldham III	12 Stewart Thomas	23 Alfred Rushatz
04 Dennis Oliver	13 Doug Wilkinson III	26 Amanda Griffin
04 Christopher Perry	14 C Ashley	26 Jonathan Kelly
04 Frances Strickland	14 Tim Childress	26 Jason Nowell
05 Rodney Cummings	15 Eddie Brannan	26 Jesse Porter
05 Ronald Willett	15 Ashley Cox	27 John Perkins
06 Gary Gilbert	16 Curtis David	28 Anthony Cochrane
06 Chris Jackling	16 Russell Johnson	28 Eric Davidson
07 Lou Lee	16 Jason Scheller	28 Matthew Schrier
08 Garrett Jones	16 Chris Sellers	30 Belinda Holt
09 Matthew Beal	16 Anthony Trolie	30 Scott Mansfield

