



Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 The 1679'er News May 2023



Exalted Ruler: Chanda Coomer

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Chanda Coomer, Exalted Ruler

Dear Elks Families:

We are already within a month of rest and relaxation of swimming pool days. Please sign up for the pool cleanup and help make our swimming pool area shine for opening day. Our cleanup is set for May 13th at 9am. There is a sign-up sheet inside the Clubroom. We are still in need of lifeguards, if you know family or friends that have teenagers that would be interested, please have them fill out our application which can be found on our website.

During the month of April we held a fun night of karaoke. I certainly found out who can sing and who likes to sing. We have several talented members around here. DJ Mike will be back on May 13th for music bingo. We are looking into adding a trivia night and a live entertainment evening in the near future so stay tuned so you don't miss out on the fun.

Who doesn't like to get a free meal? One Elks membership number per month will be randomly selected and can be found tucked away somewhere in our Monthly Newsletter. If you find the number and it is your Membership number, send an email to er@sanfordelks1679.org to verify the winning number and to collect a free meal of your choice at the Lodge.

See ER Message on page 2

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
3-Year Trustee.....Alex Voytik, PER
2-Year Trustee.....Addison Johnson, PER
1-Year Trustee.....Scott Pace, PSP

Committees

PER President.....Addison Johnson
Elks National Foundation.....Steve Johnson
Americanism.....Chanda Coomer
National Veterans Service.....Lee Littiken
Auditing/Accounting.....Dennis Oliver
Drug Awareness.....Randall Mattingly
Public Relations.....Gordon Anderson
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Youth Activities.....Chris Gill
Hoop Shoot.....Gary Short
Membership.....Scott Pace
Grant Chairman,,,,,Mike McGraw
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:

- Clay Moretz for donating lights for the patio/breezeway area.
- PER Mike McGraw for traveling 5000 miles to head up the installation of officers ceremony.
- All the PERs that helped with the installation of officers. They are Mike McGraw, Lee Littiken, Ed Foushee, Kevin Cleary, Eddie Brannan, Addison Johnson, Scott Pace, Mark Brown, Nathan Cochrane.
- To all members that donated food for the Backpack Pals.
- Mike McGraw for providing us with a history of our grants.

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".



ER Message continued...

We will be having our annual Membership Day on June 3rd. Do you know anyone that you feel would be a good fit for the Elks? This would be a great day to introduce them to some of our members and to show off our Lodge. With that said, I am happy to welcome the new members that were initiated last month.

The NC State Elks Association Spring Convention is being held in Asheville NC this year during the first weekend of May. The Conventions are a great time for fellowship with hundreds of other Elk families and great learning opportunities on how to be a successful Elks Lodge. I am looking forward to attending along with other Sanford Board members and hopefully bringing back some fresh ideas on activities and new ways to reach out to our members and our community.

Sincerely,

Chanda Coomer, Exalted Ruler
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 Email: er@sanfordelks1679.org



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Golf Tournament Update

Calling all golfers. Southern Pines / Sanford Elks Golf Tournament at the Southern Pines Golf Course on June 10, 2023. Sanford will have the course in the morning and Southern Pines will have the course in the afternoon. Registration forms will be available the first week of May. For more information, contact golf chairman Jeremy Stack at golf@sanfordelks1679.org,



Music Bingo

May 13th from 7-10pm. Music bingo is a fun and exciting take on the classic game of bingo; with songs replacing the numbers on a bingo card, this game can be played by many. After receiving a card, the host will play small snippets of music, and if you have that song listed on your card, you tick it off until you have a BINGO! You might just earn yourself a free cold beverage.

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Why We Give to the Elks National Foundation

Our lodge has been applying for and receiving grants from the Elks National Foundation for 13 years, as well as grants from the North Carolina Elks Association Foundation and the North Carolina Past Exalted Ruler Association. We have received 33 grants total.

Including this 2023/24 fraternal year – here is how we have and presently are supporting our local community.

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| Helping Hands Clinic | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Boys and Girls Club | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Various Veterans programs | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Cleats for Kids | \$ 11,500.00 |
| Toys for Teens (includes Jaycee burn center teens) | \$ 21,000.00 |
| Back Pack Pals | \$ 30,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 75,500.00 |

Note: We supplemented some of these programs with our own fundraising, so the actual totals are higher.

Mike McGraw, PER
Sanford Elks 1679 Grant Coordinator



The Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 has been in existence for 78 years. The organization started as a “men’s only” lodge until 2011 when they joined the national organization and welcomed women as members.

On April 10, the Sanford lodge installed their first woman president (Exalted Ruler) to lead the Lodge this year. **Chanda Coomer**, who has served in various officer positions for the last four years received the gavel in the annual installation of officers opening a new year of members benefits as well as extensive charitable services to the community.

Using grants from the Elks National Foundation as well as local fundraisers, the Sanford Elks sponsor the student of the year program, hoop shoot competition, a food drive and financial support for Back-Pack-Pals program and various Veterans benefit projects.

In 2023 the Sanford Elks will continue their signature programs proclaiming Teens Are Kid Too by providing Christmas toys for teens and Cleats For Kids a program providing cleats for student athletes.

In addition to youth and veterans’ programs, the Elks support patriotism projects such as an annual essay contest as well as drug awareness programs. In addition, they offer various college scholarships.



Sanford Elks 1679 New Members



On April 26, 2023 the Sanford Elks Lodge initiated 13 new members into their order. In no particular order they are: William Tilley, Sloan Bycura, Donald Keister, Lara Abels, Madeline Liddy, Joel Wood, Anabel Montero, Donna Utley, Katrina Latimer, Nickie Trudell, Hannah Eye, Phillip Johnson, and Kim Black.

Win Free Meal By Reading Newsletter

One Elks membership number per month will be randomly picked and can be found tucked away somewhere in our Monthly Newsletter. For example, as you're reading the newsletter and you see a four digit number such as 3189 and this is your membership number, just email er@sanfordelks1679.org and give the number and where you found it in the newsletter. If you are correct, you will win one free meal of your choice from the lodge. Your membership number can be found on your membership card. If it's not there (new members may only have a "C" where the membership number goes), just email our secretary at secr@sanfordelks1679.org and he will send you your number.

Pool Updates

The pool opens on May 26th. But it's going to take some work before the gates are open. We will have a pool cleanup day on May 13th. We will gather at the pool at 9am to wake our pool up. Please show up and join in on the effort to make our pool the shining gem that it is for our members and their families.



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(<https://www.elks.org/enf/supportENF.cfm>)

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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



May 2023

5TH – LOADED PORK CARNITA NACHOS \$11.00

Crispy chips layered with seasoned shredded roasted pork, black beans, corn salsa, and gooey melted cheese. Served with pica de Gallo, sour cream, and jalapeños.

12TH – SQUAWKING BARNYARD BISCUIT \$10.00

Melissa's big fluffy scratch made biscuit with a Crispy Cajun fried chicken breast, Applewood bacon strips, fried eggs, sharp cheddar cheese, and homemade sausage gravy. Served with grits.

19TH – STUFFED PORK LOIN \$12.00

Slow roasted pork stuffed with cranberry and herb stuffing. Served with garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, and scratch made gravy. A baked apple dessert will also be available.

26TH – PRIME RIB OR MARINATED CHICKEN \$24.00

Perfectly seasoned Angus beef loins roasted to create this mouth-watering feast! Includes a hearty slab of prime rib with au jus for dipping, baked potato, and steamed broccoli with cheese 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**May 3**

PER Meeting @ 6:30

May 5-7

NCSEA Spring Convention

May 10

Lodge Meeting 7:00

May 17

House Committee Meeting at 6:30

April 24

Lodge Meeting w / initiation at 7:00

Happy Birthday May

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| 01 Seth Holt | 12 Christopher Setzer | 23 Roy Harrington |
| 02 James Garner | 13 Kevin Stanfield | 23 Shannon Macon |
| 02 Randolph Rodriguez | 14 Gloria Kehl | 24 Bobby Jones |
| 05 Jonathan Marlewski | 15 Earl Newsome | 25 C Denning Dds Pa |
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| 10 George Sullivan | 20 Chris Johnston | 30 Katlynn Roberts |
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| 12 Christian Davenport | 21 H Forbes | 31 Karen Ragland |
| 12 Janet Scott | 22 William Suther | 31 Michael Stephens |

