



# Sanford Elks Lodge #1679

## The 1679'er News

### December 2023



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Chanda Coomer, Exalted Ruler

#### Elks Members and Families:

Fall is gone and winter is knocking on our door. All of our volunteers have been very busy planning. Planning for our Annual Elks Memorial, delivery of the fruit baskets, preparing award winning pots of chili for our fundraiser, getting the DAP trailer ready for the Christmas parades, getting the Elks Christmas trees up and decorated, planning the Manager's Treat, fine tuning details for breakfast with Santa and shopping like crazy for our tots and our teens. All of our Elk volunteers are busy like Santa's little elves and I for one am SUPER thankful for each and every person that makes all of these functions happen in one way or another. I encourage you to become involved and informed on what we do as a Lodge for our community and for our members. I leave you with this...

*"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".*

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#### Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Chanda Coomer  
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Loyal Knight.....Chris Setzer, PER  
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Secretary.....Steve Johnson, PDDGER  
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1-Year Trustee.....Scott Pace, PSP

#### Committees

PER President.....Addison Johnson  
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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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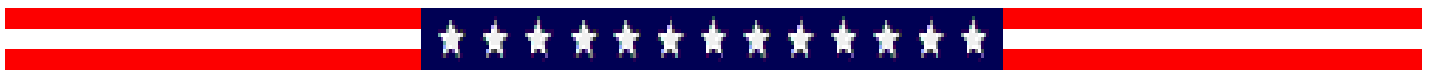
### Tip of the Antlers!

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

- Raleigh Elks Lodge for hosting a Veteran's Day Lunch and inviting all our veteran members. We had ten members and guest to attend.
- Ava Hayes and Sarah Brewer for being the personal shoppers for the Toys for Teens program: 28 Teens in total
- To all our members that have donated toys for our toy drive. It's been a generous year!
- Cindy Gonella, Chanda Coomer and Tim Sinnott for decorating the Christmas trees at the Lodge.
- Tim Sinnott for moving and replanting the bushes from around the old Elks Sign in hopes to save their lives.
- Richard Hall, Brett Reagan, Tommy Cameron, Neil Jones, Ricky Patterson, and Jordan Cox for steaming up the oysters for our annual oyster roast and to Melisa Graham, Duncan Collins, Lucius Hall, and Glen Gunter, for helping with all other aspects of the event.
- Jason Scheller, Addison Johnson, Randall Mattingly, Rachel Mattingly, and Steve Johnson for selling raffle tickets during the oyster roast which raised money for the PER scholarship fund.
- Joe Clancy for placing all the order for our tables for the burn center.

**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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## Elks Memorial Service - December

The officers of Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 of the BENEVOLENT and PROTECTIVE ORDER of ELKS would like to invite you and your family and friends to our annual Memorial Service on Sunday, December 3, 2023. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. and take place in our Lodge's banquet room.

This is a time for remembrance and reflection  
of members who have passed on.

William A "Billy" Boaz, PER  
Duncan David Riddle Jr., PER

*"Living or Dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."*

Note: Club-room will not open until 3:00 pm on Sunday

## Fruit Baskets Delivery

The Sanford Elks Lodge remembers the widows of our departed members by delivering fruit baskets during the holiday season. This year we will be making the deliveries on **Saturday, December 9th.**

This is a very special and heart felt Elks activity. If you would like to help with this event, please contact our ER, Chanda Coomer at [er@sanfordelks1679.org](mailto:er@sanfordelks1679.org) and plan to meet at the lodge at 9:30 AM on the 9th to get your list and baskets to deliver.



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### Proposed Bylaws Change

To all Sanford Elks Members:

We have a need to change our by-laws at the Lodge. The Board is proposing a change in our dues. I assure you the board has looked at many alternatives before coming to the conclusion of an increasing dues. We have been fortunate at the Sanford Lodge that we have not had an increase in dues over the last 10 years. In the past year we have spent almost \$100,000 of unbudgeted expenses to replace worn out equipment around the Lodge. The HVAC unit in the Ladies Lounge was recently replaced, \$10,058.00 and the HVAC unit for the upstairs was replaced a couple weeks for \$48,053.00. At the pool, the pump room concrete ceiling / pool deck need to be replaced due to the deterioration resulting from the chemical we use for the pool. This project needs to be completed before we open the pool next spring. We are still working on final estimates, but we are looking in the range of \$40,000. There are also several other projects that we are evaluating and looking at the best timing for the Lodge to complete them.

So, the by-law change is requesting an increase in dues of \$54.00 starting 1 April 2024. Grand Lodge assessment is also increasing \$5.00 per member bring our annual dues to \$298.00 per member.

The following motions will be placed on the floor for change in our by-laws. This serves as a notice to all members that a vote will be taken at the business meeting of Sanford Elks Lodge 1679 at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

#### **Motion 1:**

Article X, section 3: The regular lodge dues shall be \$260.00 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee and insurance assessment and State Association Dues.

- Formerly the dues were \$206.00 plus national and state per capita.

#### **Motion 2:**

Article X, section 4: Life member dues shall be \$41.00 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee and insurance assessment and State Association Dues. Formerly the dues were \$31.00.





### MANAGERS TREAT

Friday, Dec 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. We will have a huge variety of FREE food. All Drinks will be at a reduced price. Come on in and have a good time visiting with good friends and friends you might not have seen for a long time. It's always a great time so please don't miss out on the fun. Clubroom will be open until mid-night.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKET

The annual fundraiser for our PER Association is available in the clubroom. This funds our Student of the Month program for Lee Senior and Southern Lee. Tickets \$ 5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 or a S T R E T C H for \$ 20. Drawing December 15th during Manager's Treat.



Not actual basket



**SANFORD ELKS #1679**

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

*If you are "Believers" in Jolly Old St Nick, join us for breakfast while making sure Santa has your Christmas wish list.*

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 16**  
SANFORD ELKS LODGE  
LADIES LOUNGE 9:30 TO 11:30 AM  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

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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



### Every Day & Night

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

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



### Fryer Foods

Chicken Wings (18 oz.)	\$8.50
Chicken Tenders (10 oz.)	\$8.00
Black Bean Spring Rolls	\$5.50
Homemade Potato Chips	\$4.50
Mozzarella Sticks (5)	\$5.50
Crinkle Cut Fries (10 oz)	\$2.25
Pickle Chips (basket)	\$4.00
Onion Rings (8 oz.)	\$4.25
Jalapeno Poppers (5)	\$4.00
Fried Green Beans (8 oz.)	\$4.50
Fried Mushrooms	\$4.00
Soft Pretzel w/ Beer Cheese	\$3.50
Pizza: Supreme, Pepperoni, 4 Meat	\$8.50

## December 2023

**1<sup>ST</sup> – Cooks' off but plenty of great bites from our fryer menu!**

**4<sup>TH</sup> – \*MONDAY\* (Christmas Parade) CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE \$10.00**

Hand patted Angus burgers grilled and topped with cheese atop a toasted bun. Served with lettuce, tomatoes, onion, and Pickles with a side of steak fries.

**8<sup>TH</sup> – PORK CHOP DINNER \$14**

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

**9<sup>Th</sup>—\*SATURDAY\* - CHILI COOK OFF / TOY DRIVE**

Call upon your inner chef and bring in a pot of your homemade chili to share. Compete for cash prizes and bragging rights while supporting our annual toy drive! If you can't cook just bring your appetite along with some new un-wrapped toys to partake!

**22<sup>ND</sup>— CATFISH PO BOY \$10**

Hand battered fresh catfish filet golden fried atop a toasted bun smeared with homemade Cajun tartar sauce. Served with house made coleslaw and kettle chips.

**29<sup>TH</sup> – NEW ORLEANS PASTA \$12**

A Cajun pasta dish wonderfully seasoned composed of chicken, andouille sausage, onions, poblano peppers, and potatoes tossed with scratch made rich Alfredo sauce served over a bed of penne pasta.

**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

**Dec 3**  
 Elks Memorial Service

**Dec 6**  
 PER Meeting @ 6:30

**Dec 9**  
 Fruit Basket Delivery

**Dec 13**  
 Lodge Meeting 7:00

**Dec 15**  
 Manager's Treat

**Dec 20**  
 House Committee Meeting at 6:30

**Dec 25**  
 Clubroom closed  
 Merry Christmas



## Happy Birthday December

01 John Lipscomb	09 Brian Flynn	19 Chip Post
03 William Bradford	10 Julian Martin	19 Nicholas Sullivan
03 Jonathan Carter	11 Alex Voytik	20 Lee Cash
03 Elizabeth Robledo	12 Gordon Anderson	20 Jonathan Jarrabet
04 Melissa Cox	12 Joel Cameron	21 David Spivey
05 Jonathan Hackett	12 Debra Gulvin	25 Larry Smith
05 Phillip McCune	13 Greg Hearn	27 Gustavo Gomez
06 Tonya Holt	14 Daniel Cranston	28 Everett Cox
06 Nicholas Hunter	16 Madeline Liddy	28 Cary Gunter
07 J Moore	17 Timothy Glasson	28 Donald Keister
07 Jared Stein	18 Matthew Cagle	29 John Dean
08 Ronnie McGee	19 Shana Lowe-Nowell	29 David Holt
08 Noah Thomas	19 Bryan May	30 Samantha Belina
09 Ryan Binkley	19 Michael Paschal	30 Aaron Stewart
		31 Stephen Brown

