



# Sanford Elks Lodge #1679

## The 1679'er News

### February 2024



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Chanda Coomer, Exalted Ruler

### Elks Members and Families:

Over the past few months our lodge has been busy putting together Sanford's annual Hoop Shoot Contest and our annual Americanism Essay Contest. We are very proud of all our contestants in both competitions. We are happy to report that we had 6 Hoop Shoot finalists out of over 400 total competitors that moved forward to our District Hoop Shoot, and we had one of our Sanford shooters advance to the State Hoop Shoot. We also are very proud that 9 Americanism essays out of a total of 16 competitors have been forwarded to the district level.

We, as Elk members, invest in our community through programs that help our children grow up healthy with purposeful activities and opportunities. If you have not volunteered for one of our many youth activities that we have each year, please do. I challenge you to get involved. You can attend our membership meetings that are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month to find out information as the planning begins. You can also sign up for our weekly email blasts that will contain information as well as our Facebook page.

I am also happy to report that to date we have already received 8 umbrellas of the 12 that are needed for our swimming pool that have been purchased and donated by our members. We thank you for your generosity.

**Chanda Coomer**, Exalted Ruler  
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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  
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  
Risk Management.....Brent Smith  
Youth Activities.....Chris Gill  
Hoop Shoot.....Gary Short  
Membership.....Scott Pace  
Grant Chairman.....Mike McGraw  
Club Manager.....Tim Sinnott  
Pool Manager.....Carolyn Lee

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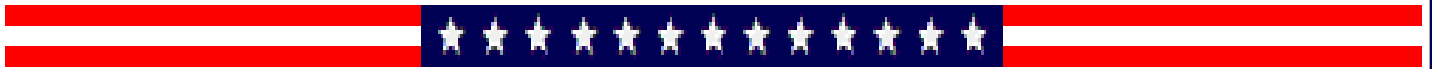


### Tip of the Antlers!

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

- Gary Short for chairing the local Hoop Shoot and getting it into the schools where we had over 400 participants.
- Tom and Madeline Liddy, Cindy Gonella, Gary Short, Billy and Denise Rodgers, Glen Gunter, Joe Clancy, Chanda Coomer, Kym Smith, Sara Brewer, Tim Childress, Jason Scheller, Andrew Sullivan, Scott Pace, Jeremy Stack, Jordan Carter, Brian Carlyle, Katlynn Roberts, Noah Gunter, Todd Pace, and Charles Thomas for volunteering your time to help with the local Hoop Shoot.
- To all the members that continue to make homemade dishes and bring them into the Lodge to share with other members.
- Chris Gill for reading and grading all of our Americanism Essays.
- Nathan Cochran for doing the initial judging for the MVS Scholarships.
- Chanda Coomer, Randall Mattingly, Chris Setzer, Addison Johnson, Joe Clancy, Tom and Madeline Liddy, Lee Lit-tiken, and D. Steve Gunter for attending the District Deputy clinic held at the Wilson Elks Lodge.
- Gary Short, Glen Gunter, Steve Johnson, Joe Clancy, Addison Johnson, Tom and Madeline Liddy, Duncan Riddle, and Chanda Coomer for help with the district Hoop Shoot in Raleigh.
- Glen Gunter for contacting the DOT about the sink hole in the road by the pool.

***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***

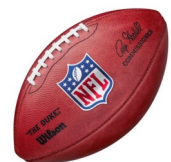
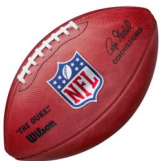


Sunday, February 11, 2024 - 8 TVs to watch the game on!

Potluck fun starts around 5pm.

***Bring a dish to share and enjoy the festivities.***

The company is the best part.



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## Thank You for Giving (This is why we Give)

I wanted to say thank you again for securing the grant to get the tablets and headphones for the teens at the Jaycee Burn Center. The trip was a success as always and the nurses always have some good stories about giving them out. One teen, after receiving them one morning, gave it back to the nurse that afternoon thinking it was just for the day. The nurse explained to them that it was for them to keep. They said they were very excited and grateful that someone would just donate something like that. Other stories are the same as far as using the tablets to keep in touch with friends and family, playing games, and listening to music. Some of the nurses also say that they load a couple of educational apps on there to make sure they learn a few things too while recovering, lol!

But one story they told me in particular really got me and brought on tears of joy. A female teen had been there for about 6 months. They had hoped she would be there when we came so we could meet her but luckily, she got discharged to go home. They said that she really used the tablet and headphones every day. Talking/keeping in touch with friends and family mostly. To the extent that being able to do that with the tablet gave her the spark to keep going everyday and get through her recovery.



Which from the beginning was one of my hopes for the tablet and headphones. To help give a little escape from the 4 walls they are stuck in and mental relief from any pain. Burn treatment/recoveries are very difficult and painful and the nurses say that with teens the tablets and headphones always work to aid in that. And as a Christian, I hope it aids them into reading the Bible and turning towards Jesus.

And like I have always said, the nurses are always genuinely grateful when the Sanford Elks Lodge donates these.

Also, a huge thanks for the toy drive! I have never had my truck that full. Whatever was done this year really worked. I think Chanda's weekly update helped it to grow this year.

Thank you for letting me do this again and I hope we are able to keep repeating it. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year we have done this! And I ask for prayers for those in the Jaycee Burn Center for healing and finding Jesus.

Thank you to all that donated,

Eddie Brannan, PER





## The ENF Fidelity Club

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Questions? Contact [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or 773/755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

## Find out more about the ENF Fidelity Club

<https://www.elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm>



## Nominations of Officers

The 2023-2024 Elk Year is almost over. During the first meeting in February we will be opening nominations for our 2024-2025 officers. During the second meeting, we will hold elections for our officer positions. If you are interested in holding an officer's position or chairing a committee 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.

# Who Are the Elks?

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.

## INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN

<https://tinyurl.com/joinsanfordelks>

(Must be a registered user of [elks.org](https://elks.org))

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING



### Greensboro Elks Lodge #602

2201 W Cornwallis Dr.  
Greensboro, NC 27408  
(336) 288-5100

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

>> LUNCH \$10 <<

## Leadership Training

The NC State Elks Association holds a Leadership Training seminar each February for officers and members wishing to learn more about the Elks. This years training will be Saturday, February 24th at the Greensboro Elks Lodge from 10 to 3. Dutch Lunch served at \$10. If you are interested in attending this event, please send email to [er@sanfordelks1679.org](mailto:er@sanfordelks1679.org) and let us know. The Greensboro lodge is trying to get a headcount to assure they have enough food.



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Their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory*



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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

## February 2024

### 2<sup>nd</sup> - BBQ SANDWICH PLATTER \$12.00

Slow cooked pulled BBQ pork in a zesty vinegar-based sauce on a toasted bun. Accompanied by homemade slaw, macaroni and cheese, and BBQ baked beans.

### 9<sup>th</sup> - MEATLOAF \$12.00

An ample portion of Melissa's award-winning meatloaf served with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans.....be certain to reserve your plate in advance!

### 16<sup>TH</sup> - STEAK NIGHT WITH YOUR VALENTINE **\*\* SOLD OUT \*\***

### 23<sup>RD</sup> - CATFISH PLATTER \$13.00

Hand battered fresh catfish filets golden fried and served with Cajun tartar sauce, homemade slaw, hushpuppies, and fries.

### 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH - FRENCH DIP \$11.00

Toasted hoagie bun overflowing with shaved prime rib, Swiss cheese, and sautéed onions baked and served with au jus and kettle chips.

**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

**Feb 11**  
 Super Bowl LVIII

**Feb 14**  
 Lodge Meeting 7:00  
 Happy Valentines Day

**Feb 21**  
 House Committee Meeting at 6:30

**Feb 24**  
 Leadership Training

**Feb 28**  
 Lodge Meeting 7:00

# Happy Birthday February

01 Chad Shue	12 Phillip Bray	20 Jarrod Hilliard
02 Jeff Austin	12 Charles Cockman	20 Susan Johns
02 Craig Bowden	12 Kevin Jackson	20 James Kelly Jr
02 Sara Brewer	13 Mack Thomas	20 Gregory Lucero
02 Robert Faulk	14 Daniel Gray	20 Leah Wagner
03 Richard Draskins	15 Jay Childress	21 Deborah Chavis
04 Christy Bishop	15 Jimmy Douglas	21 Avis Gunter
04 Douglas Littiken	15 Bert Lucas	21 Mark Ledford
04 James Tucker	15 Misty Powers	23 Tyson Pace
04 Jeremy Wingerter	16 Richard Porter	25 Waylon Allred
06 Neil Harper	16 Charles Thomas	25 Robert Casper
06 Justin Smith	17 Frank Foushee III	25 Ashley Gillespie
07 Penny Deljudice	17 Larry Palmer	25 Crystal Taylor
07 Randall Mattingly	17 Gary Wicker	25 Terri Whitley
07 Chad Spivey	19 John Coomer	26 John Burrus
11 Kevin Cleary	20 William Cole	28 William Cooper Jr
		28 Anthony Williams