



**Sanford Elks Lodge #1679**  
**The 1679'er News**  
**May 2024**



**Exalted Ruler: Randall Mattingly**

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**Elks Members and Families:**

We are now one month into our new Elk year, and I am pleased to report some positive developments. We welcomed nine new members to the lodge and reinstated a couple more, which is a great start.

Our first Drug Awareness Event at "Broadway Our Way" was a success. We engaged with many families, explaining who the Elks are and what we do for our community. We also cleared up some misconceptions about the Elks of Sanford.

I've had discussions with parents and youth in the community about our Antlers program, which is designed for middle and high school-aged kids to serve their communities. If your children are interested in making an impact or contributing to the community, please feel free to approach me at the lodge to learn more about this program and how your family can get involved.

I'm sure most of you are aware of the project concerning the pump house for our pool. This project has been long overdue, in my opinion. Having personally seen the standing water on the deck inside the pump room, our board decided to take action before it became a safety issue.

We have followed the proper procedures and enlisted the help of a Structural Engineer (SE) to develop plans for the remodel. However, as many of you know, with a project of this size and age, there are several assumptions and unknowns that we must account for. Unfortunately, we encountered one such issue while preparing the footers for our foundation. The soil was not adequate to support the weight, so we contacted our SE for advice.

Unfortunately, while waiting for a resolution, the worst-case scenario occurred. Two support walls collapsed. We have informed the SE of the new situation, and they are currently working on a solution so that we can move forward with the project.

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**Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler.....Randall Mattingly  
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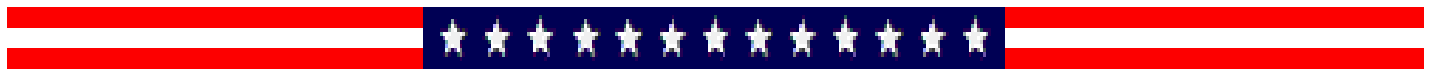
**Tip of the Antlers!**

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

- Harper M. Gonella for making it all the way to the Nationals with her Americanism essay. National results will be announced in July. Good luck Harper and way to go!
- Tim Sinnott for replanting the new bushes at the entrance of the Ladies Lounge.
- Jason Scheller for organizing the Camp Carefree Fundraiser bowling tournament with the Raleigh lodge. And to Jason, Tom Liddy, Duncan Riddle, Carl Bryan, and Billy Rodgers for bowling on the Sanford team. We also thank Madeline Liddy and Denise Rodgers for being present and supporting the Sanford team.
- Lee Littiken, D. Steve Gunter, Joe Clancy, Chris Setzer, Addison Johnson, Steve Johnson, Tom Liddy, Madeline Liddy for attending the DD clinic at the Raleigh Elks Lodge. And you Chanda Coomer that almost made it there before having car trouble.
- Jason Scheller for pulling the DAP trailer to the Broadway Our Way festival and to Steve Johnson and Frank Gilliam for bringing it back to the lodge.
- Kym Smith, Randall Mattingly, Erica Crouch and family, for helping work the DAP trailer while at the Broadway Our Way festival.
- Chris Setzer and Randall Mattingly for working with the contractors and engineers at 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**

***"Elks Care-Elks Share".***



**ER Message continues...**

Our initial hope and intention were to open the pool on time with minimal impact to our pool season. However, due to the age of the structure and the unknowns we are encountering, the engineers and builders are facing challenges that may affect our timeline. Weather conditions could also cause delays. We will keep all lodge members informed about any schedule impacts and how they will affect the pool opening.

We have received the approved plan from our SE for the Pump Room and the necessary corrections for our pool. We are now awaiting approval from the City to proceed with construction. As the project progresses, we will strive to be as transparent as possible regarding the timeline and scheduling, including any delays that may affect the pool opening.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through these necessary improvements for the safety and enjoyment of our members.

**Randall Mattingly**, Exalted Ruler  
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**The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** (BPOE), commonly known as the Elks, is one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations in the United States. Founded in 1868, the Elks have a rich history of charitable work and community service.

The Elks organization is committed to serving their communities through various charitable endeavors. They focus on four main areas: veterans services, community investment,

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## Music Bingo

**May 11th** from 6-10pm. 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.



**BPOE continues...** drug awareness, and supporting people with disabilities. The Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of the organization, funds scholarships, community improvement projects, and other charitable activities.

One of the hallmarks of the Elks is their dedication to supporting veterans. They provide aid to veterans in need, fund VA hospitals, and organize events to honor and remember those who have served their country.

In addition to their charitable work, the Elks are also known for their social and recreational activities. Many local Elks lodges host social events, fundraisers, and community gatherings, providing members with opportunities to connect with one another and give back to their communities.

Overall, the BPOE Elks are an integral part of communities across the United States, dedicated to serving others and making a positive impact wherever they go. Through their charitable work and commitment to service, they continue to uphold their motto of "*Elks Care, Elks Share.*"



# 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))

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## **What the Bill of Rights Means to Me**

***The Bill of Rights is super important because it protects our individual rights and freedoms. It's like a shield that makes sure our rights and beliefs are protected.***

***For me, the Bill of Rights means that I have the right to protect myself, whether it's through writing or speech. It's good to know that I can share my thoughts and feelings with others without fear.***

***It also guarantees our right to believe in any religion we choose, or no religion at all. This Amendment is crucial because it allows people to believe in whatever they would like, and worship in any way they would like.***

***The Bill of Rights also ensures that we have the right to a fair trial and are innocent until proven guilty. This means that everyone has a fair chance to present their case or defend themselves and not be treated unfairly by the justice system.***

***Another important aspect of the Bill of Rights is the protection against unreasonable searches. It means that our privacy is respected and that the government cannot just invade our personal space without a good reason.***

***Overall, the Bill of Rights is about protecting our individual liberties and ensuring that we live in a fair and just society. As citizens, it is our responsibility to uphold these principles. Let us continue to strive for a society where we can be safe and happy. Never let us forget that our rights are not just given to us, but earned and protected through our collective efforts. So let us celebrate and appreciate the foundation that Americans have built, and the beacon that guides us towards a more just and inclusive society.***

"What the Bill of Rights means to me", was written by **Harper M. Gonella**. This was the North Carolina Elks winner of the Americanism Essay contest. Her entry advanced to the National level. National results will be announced in July. Good Luck Harper and way to go!





Lodge members Billy Rodgers, Tom Liddy, Duncan Riddle, Jason Scheller, and Carl Bryan represented our lodge in the Raleigh-Sanford Bowling Camp Carefree fundraiser in April. They raised over \$400 for Camp Carefree and had a great time doing it...

**THE SANFORD ELKS LODGE IS PROUD TO SUPPORT BACKPACK PALS**

**WE WILL BE DONATING 4,000.00**

**PLEASE HELP BY DROPPING OFF SOME BASIC FOOD ITEMS AT THE LODGE**

**TO ACCOMPANY OUR CHECK**



Suggested Items : Non-perishable, Easy to prepare

Beanie Weenies, Ravoli/Spaghetti-Os, Pop-Tarts, Breakfast Bars, Individual boxes of cereal, Juice Boxes, Peanut Butter Crackers, Fruit Cups/Applesauce, Pudding, Vienna Sausages, Cup of Soups, Family Size Cereal, Peanut Butter, Macaroni & Cheese, Family Size Cans



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**To Our Absent Members**

*The Faults of our Brothers we write upon the sand  
Their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory*



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Help Elks build stronger communities with a tax-deductible donation to the Elks National Foundation, a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express. You can also make a pledge to donate to the ENF on an annual basis.

[Donate Today](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



### 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

## May 2024

#### 3rd - CHICKEN ENCHILADAS WITH RICE \$9.00

Baked flour tortillas stuffed with seasoned Slow cooked shredded chicken, tomatoes, and spices and smothered with enchilada sauce and cheese. Served with Spanish rice.

#### 10th - BREAKFAST TRASH PLATE \$10.00

A plate of stone ground rich buttery grits piled high with fresh Applewood bacon, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs with cheese, and a Scratch made biscuit with homemade sausage gravy.

#### 17th - 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.

#### 24th - SPAGHETTI AND A GARDEN SALAD \$10.00

A hearty helping of scratch made loaded spaghetti accompanied with a slice of garlic bread and a fresh garden salad.

#### 31st - PRIME RIB PLATE \$24.00

Perfectly seasoned Angus beef loins roasted to create this mouthwatering feast! Includes a hearty slab of prime rib, au jus for dipping, baked potato, and garlic bread. Grilled Marinated chicken (\$16.00) plate also available with advance sign up.

*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 3-5**  
NC Elks Spring Convention  
Wilmington, NC

**May 8**  
Lodge Meeting 6:30 pm

**May 11**  
Elks Golf Tour  
Music Bingo

**May 15**  
House Committee Meeting  
at 6:30

**May 22**  
Lodge Meeting 7:00

# Happy Birthday May

01 Seth Holt	12 Christian Davenport	22 William Suther
01 Kacie Kennedy	12 Janet Scott	23 Roy Harrington
02 James Garner	12 Christopher Setzer	23 Shannon Macon
05 Sherry Kellam	13 Kevin Stanfield	24 Erica Crouch
05 Jonathan Marlewski	15 Earl Newsome	24 Collin Duffy
05 Elwood Ottaway	15 Stacy Phillips	24 Bobby Jones
07 Roberto Montero	15 Brent Smith	25 Dr. Vance Denning
08 Jordan Carter	16 Kevin Swann	25 Derek Dyson
08 Michael Carter	17 JW Cameron III	25 Tom Eshbach
09 Keri Garrett	19 Chris Cagle	26 Phillip Johnson
09 Jonathan Gates	20 Stephen Hudzik	29 Mark Ziegler
10 Mitchell Coggins	20 Chris Johnston	30 Katlynn Roberts
10 George Sullivan	20 Holly Nowell	31 Don Perry
11 Markie Whitehead	21 Stewart Forbes	31 Michael Stephens

