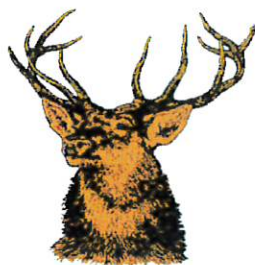


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FROM THE EXALTED RULER



Timmy Means

To all ELKS of the Lodge

We had a great Holiday Season. I thank all who planed, organized and directed the season activities. I am very happy about the wonderful attendance of Members at the events. Committees worked hard to make the Holidays Season good for all Members! When you see a Committee Member thank them for their effort.

We had the Annual Memorial Service for our passed Members since our last years service for Manfred (Freddie) Roehr, Monroe Clayton, John J. McLean & John C. Jones. "To Our Absent Members", they are missed and remembered.

The Youth Activates Committee hosted the annual "Angel Tree" Children's Breakfast and visit from SANTA and the kids loved it! The Home Club House Committee sponsored a great Lodge Christmas Party. The attendance was good and all had a great time. Please see the pictures following in this Newsletter of these events. The House Committee also has a great New Years Eve Party planed with food and music.

I wish to say a special thanks to Gwen Means for shopping, assembling, and helping to distribute the Charity Food Baskets (boxes) for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our Lodge has done this for years and this effort is a major part of our support to the community. This year we provided 20 boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas for needy families.

We will soon be starting our new Lodge Year and with that new Lodge Officers and Committees. It is important to understand that the Lodge Officers and especially Lodge Committees are on a day to day basis what makes the Lodge function. Each Member who lives in the local area should feel an obligation to serve in some capacity in supporting our Lodge Programs. Please consider spending a few hours a month helping execute our Lodge programs. Volunteer to serve on a committee or make an effort to support our committees activities.

I never miss the oppportunity to discuss Membership. As of the date of this newsletter we are at a minus three from our beginning Membership this Lodge Year (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018). We have several candidates pending that should help us finish on a positive note. Recruiting of new Members is always an issue of concern because Membership

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LODGE OFFICERS 2017 - 2018



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Dawn Bardy



Esteemed Loyal Knight
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Barbara McDonald



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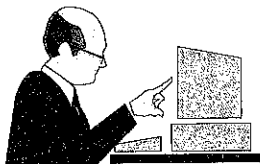
is the "lifeblood" of the Lodge. I wish to discuss some concerns I have. First, our Lodge is a Fraternal Organization and as such we as Members are bound by the Obligation we swore to during our Initiation. Secondly, our stated purpose is to support our community, our youth, the charities we select, our veterans, and of course our Members. While social activities are an important part of our Lodge for Members, being an ELK is much more than having a place to consume adult beverages. If your new proposed candidate only wants to have a place go to consume adult beverages maybe they are not really candidates to be true ELK! As a proposer you need to determine what your proposed candidates true motive is for asking to become a part of our Lodge and our Order of Elks! That said, go recruit a new Member!

I will say to all Members who reside in the local area that Lodge business is conducted at Lodge Meetings. What constitutes Lodge Business by subject and order conducted is stated in Section 15.020 of the Statutes of the Order and on the last three pages of our Lodge By-Laws. Be there or you *LOSE* your right to complain about the business conducted!

**I WILL SEE YOU AT THE LODGE MEETINGS ON
JANUARY 3rd & 17th.**

Timmy Means (PER) - Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY NOTES



I hope all had a Merry Christmas and I wish all a Happy New Year.

A few things for your information: there are plastic covers for membership cards at the Lounge, new Ritual Books have

been distributed to Lodge Officers, next years Member Cards will be tan in color, a list of reoccurring bills against the Lodge is posted on the Lodge Official Notice Board (by the side door) and the Lodge By-Laws revision is almost completed.

I have been asked repeatedly about procedures for electing Lodge Officers for the next Lodge Year. They are: in January the Past Exalted Rulers will meet and develop their *recommend* slate. At the first Lodge Meeting in February their slate will be presented and the floor will be opened for additional nominations. Nominations will be posted on the Official Lodge Notice Board. At the second Lodge meeting in February elections will be held. If you have any additional questions contact the ER or me. Remember if you are interested in becoming a Officer you must be willing to spend the time required to perform the duties associated with your office and attend Lodge Meetings, Ceremonies, Clinics and Training sessions. Lodge Officer Duties are stated in the Lodge By-Laws. If you need a copy contact me.

I am normally in the Lodge on weekdays in the early afternoon. My cell # is (757) 879-3505 and Home # is (757) 930-0877 and EMAIL at zalphandrews@cox.net or also at the Lodge (757) 877- 0171 (Bar) or (757) 633-2014 (Secretary Office) and Lodge EMAIL at bpoe315@yahoo.com.

Zalph Andrews, Jr. - Lodge Secretary

FROM the GRAND EXALTED RULER



FORGET RESOLUTIONS: SET ONE ELKS GOAL FOR 2018

The new year brings an opportunity to start fresh. We make resolutions to stop procrastinating, eat healthier, exercise more, act nicer to others, and so on. Yet many of us set unachievable expectations and are left wondering why we abandon our resolutions by February.

Let's resolve to get rid of resolutions this year and instead set goals that we can realistically attain. I challenge you to choose just one actionable goal that you can execute this calendar year within your Lodge, community, or the greater Order. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Share your pride in being an Elk by recruiting and installing a new member.
- Volunteer to chair a committee or event within your Lodge.
- Run for an officer position within your Lodge this coming March.
- Seek out a new charitable initiative for your Lodge to support in your community.
- Master the Elks ritual process and help strengthen your Lodge's ritual performance.

I hope these ideas spark a desire to make a difference in your community and work together with fellow members. If we give ourselves realistic goals, then we're more likely to stick to them and ultimately become a stronger Lodge.

As Pat and I get back on the road again this month, another one of my goals for the remaining year is to promote our 150 years of Elkdom. As we get closer to our annual reunion in July in San Antonio, Texas, I challenge each of you to bring your great works of Elkdom into your local communities.

I look forward to hearing about the ways you are strengthening Elkdom as we continue this journey together.

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.
Grand Exalted Ruler

EDITORS NOTE: The source of the above article is *ELKS.org*, the format, **BUT NOT the CONTENT**, was edited for this publication.

Elks Care - Elks Share



Gene Nichols is recovering from Knee replacement sugary.

Please let an Officer or the Editor know of any sickness or distress or call the Lodge and leave a message. Also, you can call PER Raymond Fletcher the Lodge Sickness & Distress Advocate to report sickness or for assistance for distressed Members. Raymond's phone # is (757) 871- 4894. If he doesn't answer leave a message & he will return your call.

FROM the BOARD of TRUSTEES



The Trustees have been active recently in getting maintenance issues taken care off. New lights were installed in the dinning room. Improvements were made in the downstairs bathrooms. Several other minor issues were fixed. Also, Trustees Bill Dougherty and Chris Bartlesmeyer with the help of Members Donnie Parkerson and Art Roberson painted new lines in the

parking lot and fixed the outside light on the chimney.

We will soon develop a Master Plan with a schedule for reoccurring maintenance in our facility. Members are encouraged to submit inputs to help us in the continuin the effort to keep our facilities in good shape.

At our Meeting in December the Lodge Payment Vouchers were reviewed and no discrepancies were noted.

The Board has started our annual review of the Lodge Budget in preparation for preparing the Lodge Year 2018-2019 Budget. We understand that the next year committees will not be established until March of 2018; however, current committees can be very helpful by providing help in our planning for the next year. We hope you will do so!

The Board in conjunction with the Treasurer and Secretary have developed a list of reoccurring bills of the Lodge. This will be posted on the Official Lodge Notice Board so Members can see an overview of our Lodge overhead expenses.

We have replacement chairs for the Dinning Room that were donated. The old ones were worn out and needed to be replaced.

Our next Board of Trustees Meeting is on January 2nd. It is an open meeting and if you have any issues please attend.

Chris Bartlesmeyer - Chairman

VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORT



On behalf of the Veteran's Committee, we hope all had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Veterans Committee hosted an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Sunday, December 3rd. There are so many to thank for ALL your help and dedication in support of our Veterans. First, Dave Potter, Thank you for your contribution. It is greatly appreciated. I would also like to recognize that we had two Trustees help us out that day, Scott Corbett and Robert Reid. Your help didn't do unnoticed. Thank you Mona Difazio for waking up early to help us out along with Will Rose. Last but not least, Paul Ferreira for cooking the great warm food and for the rest of the committee for donating items for all to be able to eat. We raised a little over \$300.00 (not bad for a slow day).

Paul and Vicki Ferreira delivered goodie bags to the Hampton VA Hospital on Saturday, December 16th. We were able to visit with some patients and they truly enjoyed their gifts.

Thank you to all that have been purchasing candy, to support our Veterans. If you would like to continue to see candy being stocked for the Winter please let Paul or myself know. Sales seem to slow down this time of year.

We do not have anything else planned till after the New Year.

Vicki Ferreira - Chairwoman

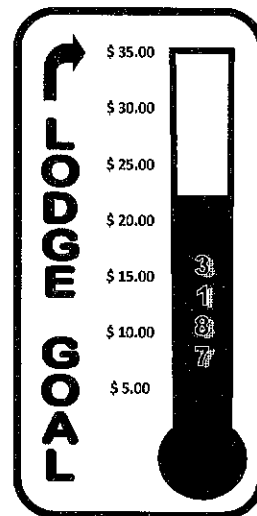
FROM the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Christmas & New Years. Currently our Lodge is at \$21.67. We are currently 2nd in the State!!! Please continue to help ENF. This is great! We only have 3 months left to go! Please if you haven't donated please do. There is still so much time to do it & those who have thank you so much!

There are many ways for you to donate. Check out the web-site <http://www.elks.org/ENF/Login> or Create a login and start donating today.

Remember the Mission of ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks Associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Michelle Rowe - Chairwoman



Veterans are people who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check payable to the United States Of America , for an amount up to and including their life. Remember ALL of our Vets... !

FROM the HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE



The Home Club would like to thank all those that participated in the Breakfast with Santa and the Lodge Holiday Party held on December 16th. The day was a great success and

showed what the Elks are all about.

We would also like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with club functions or to cook an evening dinner. If anyone is interested please let a Member of the Home Club know.

All Members are welcome to attend the Home Club meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to stop by.

Barbara McDonald - Chairwoman

FROM the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



We started this Lodge Year with a significant gain in Membership over the past Lodge year. Currently we are a minus three. However, we have five candidates in progress.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS (As of December 27, 2017)	
Starting Membership Lodge Year 2917-2018	165
Initiated (+14), Reinstated (+2), Transferred in (+1)	+ 17
Died (-3), Demit (-1), Transferred out (-2), Resigned (-2)	- 8
Delinquent in dues (-12) dropped in November	- 12
Net Current Total of Members in Good Standing	162

Membership is the **"LIFEBLOOD"** of our Lodge. The Membership Committee stands ready to help you in recruiting a new member. There is a Recruiting Tri-Fold Pamphlet available at the Lodge located above the sign in station to help you answer questions about our Lodge and the Order of Elks. Please use it when recruiting a new Member.

SO, RECRUIT A NEW TRUE ELK MEMBER TODAY!

Dawn Bardy - Chairwoman



Our Lodge Hoop Shoot will be on Saturday, January 20th at the Warwick United Memorial Methodist Church on Hoops Rd. Registration will be at 2:30 and shooting will start at 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed. There is a sign up sheet in the Home Club for Volunteers!

MEMORIAL CEREMONY



Lodge Officers participating in the Annual Memorial Ceremony held in early December honoring Members who have passed. This Ceremony remembered Manfred (Freddie) Roehr, Monroe Clayton, John J. McLean & John C. Jones, four of our Lodge Members who passed during the calendar year of 2017.

Kimberly K. Hall 2nd

Michelle Spencer 2nd

Gerald Chasse 8th

Roy D. Long 10th

Frank O. Mayhew 10th

Michael A. Korb 12th

James E. Webster 13th

Arthur Robinson 14th

Frankie Bridges 15th

Barbara a. McDonald 16th

Douglas W. Stickles 17th

Randy Edgerton 18th

Irving R. Bowen 21st

Delma J. Kellum 21st

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What current branch of the U.S. military was a Corps of only 50 soldiers when World War I broke out?
2. Who said: "I'm the president of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli"?
3. Who earned infamy for noting: "A billion dollars isn't worth what it used to be"?
4. What 20th-century conflict was dubbed the "forgotten war" despite 54,246 U.S. deaths?
5. What modern vehicle was invented to circumvent trench warfare?
6. What did Republicans call the platform they hyped in the 1994 Congressional elections?

(Answers on page 8)

DECEMBER 16 th



Childrens Breakfast & Gifts from the Angel Tree



The Kids With "Santa"

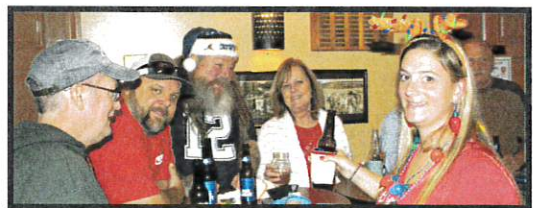
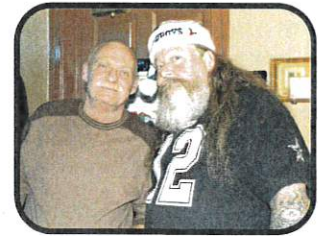


Kissing Santa !

His Biggest Kid !

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

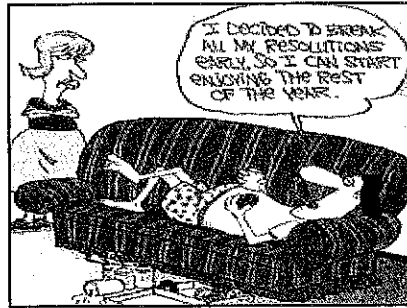
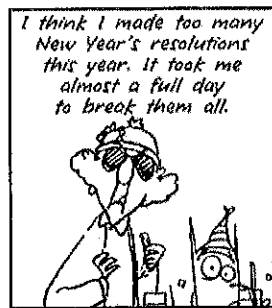
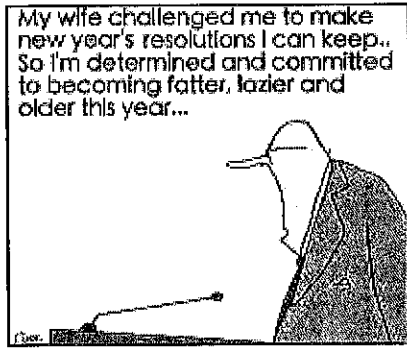
December 16th



BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS!



In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys". Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)



BUMPER STICKER of the MONTH

WE DON'T HAVE TO AGREE ON ANYTHING TO BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

ANSWERS to TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. The U.S. Air Force.
2. George H. W. Bush.
3. J. Paul Getty.
4. The Korean War.
5. The Tank
6. The Contract With America.

RECPIE of the MONTH

Beer and Bacon Butter Beans

- 8 slices thick bacon, chopped
- 2 cans white beans of your choice, rinsed and drained
- 1 large shallot, minced
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1½ cups low-sodium chicken stock
- 1½ cups amber ale, such as Newca
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 small sprig rosemary
- juice of half a lemon
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter



Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F. In a heavy bot-tomed pot or pan with a lid, cook your chopped bacon over medium-high heat, until crispy. Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon and place on a plate to use later. Turn the heat to medium and cook the shallots in the bacon fat, until translucent, about 5 minutes, then add in the garlic, and stir for 1 minute. Add in the chicken stock, beer, honey, lemon juice, salt, pepper, and rosemary sprig. Bring to a boil, then cover and place in the oven for about 2 hours, until the beans are tender and some of the liquid has reduced. Stir in the 1 tablespoon of unsalted butter, taste, and season with additional salt and pepper, if necessary. Serve alongside some brats, ribs, chicken, or even on their own.



FIND YOUR MEMBER NUMBER IN THIS & NEWSLETTER AND WIN A FREE BEVERAGE.
December # was Karen Gregory

FROM the NEWSLETTER EDITOR



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Zalph Andrews, Jr - Lodge Secretary & Editor

The Editor wishes to thank *Michelle Rowe* for helping to fold, place mailing seals, address labels and stamps for this months Newsletter.

Elks Lodge # 315 JANUARY 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	2 Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	3 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM Balloting	4	5 Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM Snack	6 Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM
7 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	8	9	10 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12 Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM Snack	13 Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM
14 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	15	16	17 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM Initiation	18	19 Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM Snack	20 HOOP SHOOT 2:30 PM Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM
21 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	22	23	24 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	25	26 Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM Snack	27 Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM
28 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	29	30	31	HOME CLUB HOURS Monday & Tuesday - 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM Wednesday & Thursday - 1:00 PM to Midnight Friday & Saturday - 1:00 PM to 2:00 AM Sunday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM		


Saturday Night Dinner Menus

JANUARY 6th Pork Roast Roasted Red Potatoes Medley Blend Roll & Dessert	JANUARY 13th Smothered Chicken Thighs, Mashed potatoes Green Beans Roll & Dessert	JANUARY 20th Spaghetti Salad, Garlic Bread Dessert	JANUARY 27th Deep Fried Tilapia French Fries, Hush Puppies Corn on the Cob Home Made Cold Slaw Dessert CHEFS: Timmy & Gwen Means
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**HEADS UP
FEBRUARY**

Daytona Race
&
Chili Cook Off

Nomination
&
Election of Lodge
Officers



Meals from the Menu or "a la carte"

Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Toast, Grits, Belgium Waffles, Pancakes, French Toast, Country Gravy, Grits, & Eggs to Order. Sausage Biscuit (with Egg and, or Cheese) & Omelets
Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE

Barbara McDonald - Chairman

Jack Waddy - Ralph Simmons - Katheryn Crothers
Fred Ruscoe - Charles Alley - Robert Reid

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