



The Elk Gazette

Rock Hill Elks Lodge 1318
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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LODGE OFFICERS 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler

- *Joe Quinn*

Est Leading Knight

- *Lauren McCauley*

Est Loyal Knight

- *Jacob Putnam*

Est Lecturing Knight

- *Candi Mitchell*

5 - Year Trustee – *Chuck Howell*

4 - Year Trustee – *Lisa Hund*

3 - Year Trustee – *Stacy James*

2 - Year Trustee – *Bennett James*

1 - Year Trustee – *TBD*

Secretary - *Sheila Fields*

Treasurer – *David Walser*

Tiler – *William Malone*

Esquire – *Tom Bradshaw*

Chaplain – *David Musselman*

Inner Guard – *Debby Lineberger*

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

We had a good November with all the activities and honoring our Veterans! A special thanks to the Veterans Committee for the great meal.

As we go into December, we have grants. Page Putnam and Candi Mitchell, do a great job for our lodge. So please give them a thanks when you see them!

We also have our Christmas Charities coming, if you need more information please ask! Get involved! Our Leading Knight can help you with any Questions.

Enjoy your families during the Holidays and remember the reason for the season.

Thank you,
Joe Quinn, Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

Chuck Howell - He is our House Committee Chairman, but he always goes above and beyond to help in all operations of the lodge.

Enjoy your parking spot this month.

FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Merry Christmas!! I can't believe it is here already. I hope that you are having a wonderful Holiday Season. Just a reminder – your dues notices for 2024/2025 will be mailed from Grand Lodge, they do not come directly from us. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically – please let me know. I have had several email address rejects lately, if you have changed your email or mailing address please let me know.

My lodge email is elks1318@comporium.net.

Sheila Fields, Lodge Secretary

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CAMPING AND BALLANTYNE RENTALS

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS

The Kids Christmas event will be on Sunday 12/10/23 starting a 1 PM. We will have snacks, craft and if all goes well a visit from Santa. If you would like to help, please let me know. Sheila Fields

SPECIAL CANDIDATE INITIATION

There will be a special initiation for our outstanding candidates that have been approved on December 7 at 7 PM. Please plan to attend to show support of anyone that you may have sponsored.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our Elks Memorial Service will be Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. to honor our departed Members. Please plan to attend to show respect to the families of our Elk Brothers and Sisters who have passed away this year. The following will be remembered:

Sharon Smith
Gerald Miller
James Johnson
Justin Guyer
Connie Elkin
William B Orr

Jack Fain
Henry Starnes
James Fischer
Bascom Dewitt
David McClellan
Forrest Wilkerson

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Next House Committee meeting will be December 20 at 6:00 PM.

Chuck Howell
House Committee Chair

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Merry Christmas to all from the Fundraising Committee!

The Fund Raising Committee will meet on Tuesday 12/12/23 @6:30 PM at the lodge.

Save the Date – the annual Golf Fundraiser is April 1, 2024. Shotgun start 9:30 AM at the Rock Hill Country Club. We are still looking for larger items for the Silent Auction. We will be placing these on line approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. If you know someone that may be able to donate anything please let me know. More information to come.

Thank You!



The Fundraising Committee

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

Greetings Fellow Elk,

Every year we strive to make the holiday season a little brighter for some of the families in York County who wouldn't normally be able to provide Christmas for their children. We reach out to York County DSS and the Rock Hill Schools to obtain a list of families and what the children might like from Santa. If you are interested in giving to this charity, your generosity will reach the hearts of families who need it the most.

A letter has been sent to each of our members making them aware of this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children.

If you are giving by check, please make it payable to **Rock Hill Elks Lodge 1318** and in the remittance section, please write "**Christmas Charities**". Anyone mailing in a donation should mail it to:

Rock Hill Elks Lodge 1318

PO BOX 1000

Rock Hill, SC 29731-7000

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Lauren McCauley, Leading Knight/Christmas Charities Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

I want to thank everyone for your support so far on the cheer basket and encourage you to **continue purchasing tickets**. The basket is app. \$750 value in gift cards and product. All proceeds will go to our local veterans.

We encourage all of our members to continue to recruit members that will be active in our lodge by participating on our committees, and practicing charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. We will process applications as quickly as possible but remember that we have to have time to do a background/reference check before they are presented for voting. That time is greatly reduced when the proposer truly can vouch for the candidate and the application is **completed** and properly signed. Please do not take your responsibility as a proposer lightly.

There will be a special initiation for our outstanding candidates that have been approved on December 7 at 7 PM. Please plan to attend to show support of anyone that you may have sponsored.

When considering proposing an individual for membership remember the following: "The proposer has a responsibility to be well-acquainted with the candidate as well as the individual's reputation, background, moral fiber, employment status, professional character, family situation and personal matters/habits."

David Frye

Membership Chairman fryedaddy1308@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INFO

Many thanks to those who donated to November's Thanksgiving meals project. We donated 16 meals to York County Veteran Affairs and 9 meals to families from Rock Hill Schools.

Our project for December will be the continuation of our November project. We will again provide 25 Christmas meals to Veteran families and families from Rock Hill Schools. The meat will be provided and our members can sign up to donate a few items or the whole meal. These meal bags will be placed in the

lobby of the Lodge with instructions attached. If you choose to donate a whole meal, you may take the bag, but please return the same bag filled with your items. Look for the bags around December 1 and plan to return them no later than Saturday, December 16.

Your Elk generosity continues to warm the hearts of our community.
Page Putnam

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFO

Merry Christmas to all – we hope that you have a safe and blessed Holiday. Our next BOD meeting will be at the lodge on December 6, 2023 @ 6 PM.

Thank You!

The Board of Directors

CLUB ROOM NEWS

Lots of events this month please check the calendar – We are having an UGLY Sweater Party on Saturday December 9 with DJ from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. The Annual Christmas Tea will be Sunday December 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. with Marcy Little playing.

Holiday Hours: Dec 23 – Noon to 5 PM Dec 24 & 25 – CLOSED
Dec 30 – Noon to 5 PM Dec 31 & Jan - CLOSED

The Bartenders and House Committee would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

Tracy Drury
Clubroom Manager



From our national drug awareness chairman, William J. Bryan.

““The last two months were very busy months for the Elks Drug Awareness Program, with Red Ribbon Week activities, Drug Take Backs (*and other activities*). This month seems to be equally busy. While most of us center our thoughts around the holiday season, this is no time to relax. Drugs don’t take holidays! Don’t take my word for it.”

“Fentanyl is the single deadliest drug threat our nation has ever encountered. Fentanyl is everywhere. From large metropolitan areas to rural America, no community is safe from this poison. We must take every opportunity to spread the word to prevent fentanyl related overdose death and poisonings No holiday break for drug awareness from claiming scores of American lives every day.” — DEA Administrator Anne Milgram.”

Please continue to do your part in helping to educate our youth on the effects of drugs. The Elks.org website has many different articles, videos, and other interesting activities for educating ourselves and others.

A special thanks to all who have helped with the drug awareness activities this year. Your dedication is most appreciated!!

As we begin to think about next year, I am looking for assistance with the drug awareness program. I would like a co-chairperson to help with this program. I have been the chairperson since 1985. Elks Care and Elks Share. Let's share to keep this important program expanding. Questions, please let me know.

Questions or to volunteer, please contact me at ccompton49@comporium.net or (H) 803-366-1875 or (C) 704-591-9911

R. Carl Compton

Lodge Drug Awareness Program

ELKS PARK NEWS

This year has flown by.

Happy December and Merry Christmas! I want to thank all of the elk members that helped make the park a success this year. Between the concerts and other events, we have had a successful 11 months.

Please continue to support the lodge as we finish out the year.

Please make sure all campers are winterized and that the bathhouse doors stay shut to prevent frozen pipes.

If you have any questions or concerns the please reach out.

Also, remember that we are allowing 30-day rentals in the temporary spots through March at a discounted rate of \$400

Please contact me for any questions or concerns via email or phone. 803-517-1636

Matthew Helms – elksparkmanager1318@gmail.com

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Did you know there is an ENF Donor Bill of Rights?

ENF Donor Bill of Rights from the ENF website

The Elks National Foundation considers philanthropy to be a voluntary action for the public good. It is this tradition of giving and sharing that drives and supports our work. To assure that our donors can have full confidence in the ENF and the programs we ask them to support, we declare that all of our donors have the following rights:

1. To be informed of the Elks National Foundation's mission, of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purpose.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the Elks National Foundation's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the Elks National Foundation's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by the law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing the ENF will be professional in nature.

8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the Elks National Foundation or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that the Elks National Foundation may intend to share. (Note: The ENF does not sell or share its mailing lists.)
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

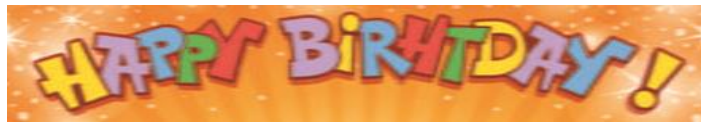
Visit www.enf@elks.org for more information on the Elks National Foundation.

Tim Boyette
 Chairman, ENF Committee, tboyette@comporium.net

NEW APPLICANTS

<i>CANDIDATE</i>	<i>PROPOSER</i>
Douglas Price	Mitchell Brown
Valarie Flynn	Amy Thompson
Ryan Hunt	Marvin Johnson
Rebecca McClellan	Paul Elkins
Butch Bailey	Kenny Martin
William Reid Smith	Candi Mitchell
Jennifer Bumgarner	Anthony Livornese
Joshua McClellan	Paul Elkins
John Hope	Marvin Johnson
Karin Heuser	Transfer





1	Walton	Beck
2	Diane	Brosious
2	Cory	Starnes
2	Tabitha	Tritt
3	James	Bailey Jr
3	Michael	Comer
3	Michael	Glenn
3	Jody	Horne
3	Jerrilee	Packer
3	Robert	Sunday
3	John	Zimmel
4	James	Boatwright
4	Tony	McMillan
4	Richard	Towery
5	James	Cox
5	Paul	Hernandez III
5	David	Lowe
5	Barry	Poole
6	James	Bowman
6	David	Frye
6	Lewis	Murray
6	Keith	Roybal
7	Bob	Henry II
7	Gairett	Lewis
8	Jessica	Cunningham
8	James	Smith
9	Martha	Baker
9	Gene	Bradshaw
9	Edward	Brock
9	Yancel	Daniels Jr
9	Joseph	Parker
9	Patrick	Perry
9	Leo	Taperek
10	Kaye	Martin
10	Jason	Walters
10	Courtney	Wyatt
11	Cooper	Brown

11	James	Conrad
11	Sheryl	McConnell
11	Kristy	Totherow
12	John	Chester
12	David	Ferrone
12	David	Ledbetter
12	Mary Karen	Meadows
12	Steve	White
13	Thomas	McCaston
14	Michael	Croft
14	Regina	Friedman
14	Rebecca	Rodgers
14	Liz	Ross
14	Doug	Shore
14	Mary	Stephenson
15	Chris	Malone
15	Jeff	Taylor
16	Lisa	Allen
16	Christy	Bowers
16	Kim	Cranford
16	Joshua	McDaniel
16	Norm	McGlone
16	Jim	North(jr)
16	Jim	Seeley
17	Travis	Carter
17	William	Dunlap
18	Dean	Baker
18	Angela	Blakely
18	Susan	Gontarek
19	Candice	Barrett
19	Curtis	Bass
20	Marisa	Bailey
20	Benjamin	Bartnikowski
20	Brooklyn	Hyatt
20	Peter	Nash
20	Janice	Scott
21	Debra	Brown

21	Arthur	King
22	Curtis	Keener Jr
22	Joel	Stacks
23	Richard	Boulware
23	Brian	Boulware
23	Dorothea	France
24	Mark	Airington II
24	Don	Benisch
24	Scott	Cato
24	Nancy	Duncan
24	Katherine	Glenn
24	Peggy	Hill
24	Terry	Maxwell
25	Christopher	Baker
25	Furman	Lewis
25	Edward	Ross
27	Johnny	Chrisley
27	Mike	Thar
27	Dennis	Williams
28	Mickey	Brackett
28	Wilfred	Brooker
28	Robert	Brown
28	Luke	Pokrajac
29	Dennis	Brown
29	Jerry	Lathan
29	Elmer	Parrish Jr
30	Chris	Estes
30	Dawn	Hamdorf
30	Betsy	Pursley
31	Autumn	Jackson
31	Angel	Malone
31	Doug	Morton
31	Nathan	Rodgers Sr
31	Charles	Smith



Christmas 2023

“The daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches. The help we extend to those in need is added to our own strength. The witchery of wealth is not in having, but in sharing. The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved.”

Our Lodge is asking that you again give generously to our Christmas Charity. This fund is used to provide food, clothes and toys to several needy families in our Rock Hill Community.

Please make your check payable to Elks Christmas Charities and mail to:

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PO Box 1000
Rock Hill, SC 29731-7000

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lauren McCauley

Lauren McCauley
Esteem Leading Knight



December 2023



CLUBROOM HOURS

Monday - Thursday 4PM - 9 PM
 Friday 4PM - 10 PM
 Saturday 12PM - 10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 BINGO 7:00 PM Bring a dish to share
3 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE 2:00 PM	4 MONDAY EATS 6PM	5 MUSIC BINGO 7:00 PM BRING A DISH TO SHARE	6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 6:00 PM	7 SPECIAL CANDIDATE INITIATION 7:00 PM	8	9 UGLY Sweater PARTY Starts 6:30 DJ 7-10 PM Bring a dish & Socks to share
10 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 1:00 PM - LODGE ROOM SIGN UP AT LODGE	11 MONDAY EATS 6PM	12 FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00 PM	13	14 BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	15	16 COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD BAGS DUE
17 CHRISTMAS TEA 4 - 7	18 MONDAY EATS 6PM	19 TACO TUESDAY! 6:00 PM AT THE LODGE	20 HOUSE COM. MEETING 6:00 PM	21	22	23 Holiday Hours Noon - 5:00 PM
24 CLOSED	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS INTO US CHILD'S BARN CLOSED	26	27	28 THIRSTY THURSDAY CLUBROOM SPECIALS NO BUSINESS MEETING	29	30 Holiday Hours Noon - 5:00 PM
31 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 CLOSED	1 CLOSED	Save The dates: 04/01/2024 - 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT		Happy New Year! May the coming year be full of grand adventures and opportunities.		



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