



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 – *Page Putnam*

Secretary - *Sheila Fields*

Treasurer – *David Walser*

Tiler – *William Malone*

Esquire – *Tom Bradshaw*

Chaplain – *David Musselman*

Inner Guard – *Debby Lineberger*

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas! Looking forward to a great and active 2024!!!!!! Our Christmas Charities seems to be very successful.

Scholarship applications are being turned in and in the works! We had plenty of activities at the lodge for December and we had lots of participation! Thanks to everyone!

We are going to have a mortgage burning ceremony for the Lake in January and it is being planned now! We will post the date! Thank you for a great year!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you,
Joe Quinn, Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

Lauren McCauley is our Elk on the month for January! She is our Leading Knight and did a great job with the Christmas Charities!

Enjoy your parking spot this month.

FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! WOW I can't believe Valentine's Day is right around the corner. I hope that you had a safe and blessed 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 and you have not been receiving them – please let me know. I have had several rejects lately, if you have changed your email address, please let me know.

My lodge email is elks1318@comporium.net.

Sheila Fields, Lodge Secretary

Elks1318@comporium.net

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS

I would like to say Thank You to everyone that came to help and to those that came out to the Kids Christmas event. I hope that your family had a wonderful time. I would especially like to Thank Santa, he was the most popular person there. Sheila Fields

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ELKSPARKMANAGER1318@GMAIL.COM

CONTACT: (803)517-1636

CAMPING AND BALLANTYNE RENTALS

SC ELKS WINTER CONVENTION

South Carolina Elks Winter Convention Myrtle Beach, SC February 1ST – February 4th, 2024. Hotel Reservation Information Marina Inn at Grande Dunes 8121 Amalfi Place Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. Reservations by Phone: 843-913-1333, Guests can call into the Reservations Department and refer to the SC Elks Association Group to receive the group rate.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Next House Committee meeting will be January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Chuck Howell
House Committee Chair

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Hello All from the Fundraising Committee!

We are in FULL swing with our committee. Our next planning meeting will be 1/9/24 @ 6:30 at the Lodge, if anyone would like to join us please do!

Our staple events are the Golf Tournament and Summer Series- We would love to do more events if we had a larger team so consider joining us. Here is what we need for 2024 so far...

Golf Tournament - Monday April 1, 2024 - @ 9:30 am - Rock Hill Country Club

- Sponsors for the Following: Hole, Food, Trophy, & Shot Table
- Need Auction Items - ONLINE AUCTION this year. If you have a vacation rental to donate for a few nights, have (or willing to purchase) items like new grills, Gift Cards, Signed Items etc. Please keep us in mind.
- Smaller Door Prizes for Date of the Tournament- Value < \$50 (gift cards, vouchers, caps etc...

Summer Series- Keep an eye out in the foyer for volunteer sign-ups. Due to low volunteer levels last year, we are going to have to have close the campground entrance unless things drastically shift. We are sorry to have to make this decision. However, if we find people willing to fill all the slots, we will gladly change this decision.

Thank You!

The Fundraising Committee

GOLF
CHARITY FUNDRAISER

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

Greetings Fellow Elk,

I am humbled by your generosity this year for our Christmas Charities. We raised nearly \$8,500, this is the most we have ever raised. You have made a world of difference for some Children here in York County. I am forever grateful.

Lauren McCauley, Leading Knight/Christmas Charities Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who supported our cheer basket this year. Your generosity allowed us to donate approximately \$2,100 to our veterans.

David Frye

Membership Chairman fryedaddy1308@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INFO

Again, I thank you all for your generosity towards our [Christmas](#) meal donations. We were able to feed 16 Veterans and 9 Rock Hill Schools families. We will continue to support other agencies who work tirelessly to curb hunger in York County. Stay tuned!

On a special note: I want to say "Thank You" to an individual who donated towards the [Thanksgiving](#) meals \$100.00 in Food Lion gift cards. Your generosity helped so much.

Page Putnam

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

We received 35 Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications this year and this is by far the most we have had in the 12 years I have been involved. We had 8 applicants from Rock Hill, 9 from Ft Mill, 1 from Lake Wylie, 3 from York, 5 from Columbia, 3 from Clover, 1 from Irmo, 3 from Indian Land, 1 from Kershaw and 1 from Lancaster. Our Lodge covers a lot of area and this is a good representation of our presence. Six of these applicants will move forward to District judging. Best of luck to our Seniors!

Page Putnam

Scholarship Coordinator

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year! We hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Board of Directors will meet on 1/10/24 @ 6:00 for the start of 2024.

We are getting our website back up and functional for our members and visitors coming to the area. We are currently looking for members that may want to help us with writing content and wordsmithing the pages for this undertaking. If you have an interest in helping us, please let someone on the board know.

All members are welcome to attend are meetings and if you wish to address the board, please let us know ahead of time so you can be added to the agenda.

Thank You!

The Board of Directors

CLUB ROOM NEWS

Lots of events this month please check the calendar –

- January 6th and 27th - Reg Bingo 7.00pm bring a dish to share.
- January 9th - Music Bingo 7.00pm please bring a dish to share.
- January 13th – Annual Chili Cookoff and Better daze with our infamous Jake Fontana 7 PM – 10 PM.
- January 18th - Thirsty Thursday, Complimentary pizza and drink specials.
- January 23rd - Taco Tuesday.
- January 8,15,22,29 - Monday Eats at 6.00pm

Friday January 26th - Cowboy Honky Tonk night. Get out your cowboy boots and hat and enjoy some Cowboy Stew. Bring a side dish or dessert. 6.30pm

Tracy Drury
Clubroom Manager

DRUG AWARENESS



The Elks Drug Awareness Program has several videos and podcasts relating to the awkward conversations that we may encounter. This is season 3. You can find these at <https://www.youtube.com/elksdap>. Please take a few minutes to enjoy these podcasts and share with your friends and family.

Thank you for a good year during 2023 with the Drug Awareness Program.

Looking forward to doing more in the future. Your help is always appreciated.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful 2024.

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

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a great Merry Christmas and enjoyed family time.

We will be having a volunteer workday on January 20 to start sprucing up the park for the spring time. Anyone is welcome to join us on this Saturday at 8:30 am. If you have a rake or leaf blower, please bring it. Biscuits will be served at the Den.

Remember that the Ballantine Building is already being rented for 2024. Please let me know if you would like to reserve the building for an event.

I am looking forward to another awesome year.

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

Matthew Helms – elksparkmanager1318@gmail.com

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lodge's December Fundraising Statistics

2023-2024 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$4.80

Donation Deadline: 3/31/2024

Total Donations \$3,376.48

Per-Member-Giving: \$ 4.709

Renewal Rate: 12.96%

Leaky Bucket: -96

Membership Support: 2.65%

Fidelity Club Members: 7

2023-2024 ENF in your State: \$ 2.094

2023-2024 Lodge Grant Funds: \$10,000.00

Updated through 12/11/2023

Tim Boyette

Chairman, ENF Committee, tboyette@comporium.net

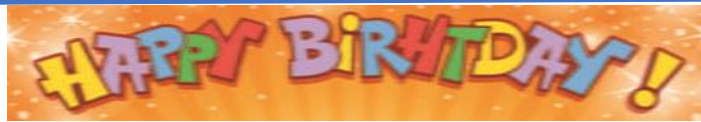
NEW APPLICANTS

PENDING APPROVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

(if approved will be voted on, January 11, 2024)

<i>CANDIDATE</i>	<i>PROPOSER</i>
Dean LeBel	David Frye
Larry Corley Jr.	Michael Lockridge
Phil Long (Reinstate)	Chuck Howel
Roberta Joas	Rick Joas
Sally Crocker	Alex Douglas
Teresa Burris	Anthony Livornese





1	Chris	Ard
1	John	Broadnax III
1	Tammy	Davis
1	Zachary	Houston
1	Tommy	Ligon
1	Lauren	McCauley
1	Burnham	Perry
1	Eric	Sims
1	Herbert	Sparks Jr.
2	Anthony	Livornese
3	Michael	Levans
3	Duane	Schwehr
4	Joe	Quinn ER
4	Phillip	Soles
4	Kevin	Wilhide
5	Thomas	Bradshaw
5	Edward	Hargett
8	James (Turk)	Lowery
8	Klaus-Peter	Russell
8	Charles	Sanders
9	Sheila	Fields
9	Teresa	Grobels
9	Deborah	Hall
9	Tammy	Norkett

10	Bennett	Munitz
10	John	Padgett II
11	Mendel	Lewis
11	Jonathan	Meadows
11	Carmen	Porter
12	Chris	Berry
12	James	Williams
13	Rhonda	Smith
14	Brian	Chiles
14	Joseph	Chitwood
14	Karen	Grohregin
15	Todd	Bernard
15	Randy	Crenshaw
15	Claude	Moore III
16	Paul	Pietroski
16	Karen	Toutant
16	Michael	Zawila
19	James	Elkins
20	Tim	Baker
20	Michael	Mack
21	Daniel	Phillips
22	Sharon	Browne
23	Carol	Edwards
23	Paul	Elkins

24	Barbara	Hatton
24	Tomi Kaye	Simpson
25	Roger	Gilfillan
27	Robert	Collins
27	Lukay	Hubbard
27	Julia	Kane
27	Mark	Miller
27	Mark	Piscitelli
27	Page	Wofford
28	Charles	Matthews
28	Ted	Williams III
29	Brandon	Guffey
29	Mike	Lockridge
29	Ronnie	McDaniel
29	Ryan	Oates
30	Robin	Ellison
30	Frank	Herron
30	Eric	Sprouse
30	Branden	Tribuzio
31	Herman	Bedenbaugh
31	William	Kirkland III
31	James	Triplett



Thank you to all who generously gave to our Christmas Charities.



RH Elks Christmas Charities

2023

Herbert Sparks	Terry Hagen	Jacob Putnam
Wade & Lauren McCauley	Terri Glenn	Mickey Brackett
Jerry & Jackie Anderson	Chuck & Beth Howell	Rchie Moseley
John McNeely	Pete Esposito (Harris Communications)	Ronnie & Leisa Woods
Candi Mitchell	Gary Loflin	Richard Boulware
David & Carolyn Frye	Page Putnam	Lisa Buchanan
Richard Ayers	Sandy Cornwell	Pete's Friends
Debbie Linberger	David Walser	Brian Grissom
Sandy Moore	Michael Levans	John Hamrie
John McNeely	Jesse Ghant Jr.	Jim Davis
Michelle & Dwaine Hall	Darnelle Sweatt	Brian Chiles
Kristina Tarlton	Joy Parker	
Stacy James	Erie Sprouse	
Lisa Hund	Tim Boyette	
Charles Sanders	Rag Brakefield	
Claude Ross	Traey Drury	
John Calabrese	Charles Young	
Norman Lontz	Ted Williams	
Donald Horne	Eddie Strait	
Phillip Soles	Nathan Rains	
Elliott Close	Ed Washington	
Robert Reynolds	John Robinson	
Donald Cloninger	Joe Quinn	
Billy Brakefield	Jim Williams	
Frank & Tomi Kaye Simpson	JP Gaston	
Aaron & Sheila Fields	Dex Wilson	
Matt Helms	Donald Bradley/Sharon Browne	
Herman & Sarah Bedenbaugh	Vickie Kessinger	
Dickie Freeman	Jean Winch	
Don & Toni Hicks	Jayne Bass	
Carl & Anne Compton	Burnham Perry	

As of 12/21/2023, thanks to your generosity we have exceeded last years donations by almost \$1,000.

January 2024



CLUBROOM HOURS

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 BINGO 7:00 PM Bring a dish to share
7 CLOSED	8 MONDAY EATS 6PM	9 Fundraising Comm. 6:30 MUSIC BINGO 7:00 PM BRING A DISH TO SHARE 	10 BOD MEETING 6:00 PM	11 BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	12	13 Soup/Chili Cookoff - 6:00 Lodge Sign up at the lodge Better Daze w Jack Fontana 7 PM - 10 PM
14 CLOSED	15 MONDAY EATS 6PM	16	17 HC MEETING 6:00 PM	18 THIRSTY THURSDAY CLUBROOM SPECIALS PIZZA	19	20 LAKE CLEAN UP DAY 8:30 AM
21 CLOSED	22 MONDAY EATS 6PM	23 6:00 PM	24	25 BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	26 Cowboy Honky Tonk Cowboy Stew - 6:30 PM Bring side or dessert	27 BINGO 7:00 PM Bring a dish to share
28 CLOSED	29 MONDAY EATS 6PM	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	Save The dates: 02/01-04/24 - SC State Elks Convention 04/01/24 - ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT				



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