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# NEW BERN ELK

THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, LODGE NO. 764

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## **Exalted Ruler's Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month started out with a journey to Clemmons, NC for the NCSEA Spring Conference. Jody and Guy Pascarella and Fred and I were in attendance. No matter how long you are a member, you can always learn something at a Conference – and have fun, too. It's great to meet with other Brothers and Sisters who share the same goals and deal with the same challenges. And we came back with some great news, some of which Guy shared at our meeting as he winds down his year as East District Vice President. As part of a new program, the State Association provides for each lodge in the state to apply for a grant of \$10,000 or less to be used for enhancement of the Lodge exterior building or grounds (upgrade/repair of signs, landscaping, parking lot, lighting, etc.). The plans must be approved by both the Board and the membership. The details will be posted in the Lodge. I'm sure much discussion will follow.

What a wonderful Lodge we have. There are so many members who step up and get the work done. The work – including the daily, weekly and monthly chores that keep the lodge going – ensuring that reports are filed and bills are paid, thanks to Rick Magda and Larry Narolis. Hamburger night – Fred, John Kohl and Guy Pascarella had their aprons on. There were 50 burgers plus hot dogs on the grill. Where else can you get a meal for \$8 today? Thanks guys. It will be Dick and Barbara Mushet's turn at the grill in June. Don't forget to sign

up in time.

We had officers, past and present, take part in the Flag Retirement ceremony on the May 17th – Charles Schulz, Lecturing Knight; Skip Beijen, Trustee; Bruce Wood PSP; and Fred Follett PDD. Thank you to Jim Fischer who ensured we had the event, on our calendar. There were approximately 30 in attendance including four of the finest from the New Bern High School NJROTC who acted as Color Guard. Seventy-five flags were retired. Lodge members voted to have Flag Retirement scheduled for the 3rd Sunday in May every year.

Seems like an appropriate preamble to our annual Flag Day Ceremony planned for Saturday, June 13th at Union Point Park. Let's keep our fingers crossed for nice weather. Doesn't it seem like we are either hoping that it rains, or hoping that it doesn't rain?

Lodge business – we had a little AC scare. It looked as if we might have to replace a couple of units, which would be very costly. Well, member DL Warner had a look at the units and it looks like, instead of replacement, some repairs are in order. The repairs won't be free, but won't match the cost of replacement. Thank you Brother Warner.

We also received good news from Trustee Skip Beijen, who has stepped up to shoulder the Grant responsibility for the Lodge. He has already received approval for \$1,000 for our Freedom Grant. No one could be happier than Doug Foster, our liaison to the Kinston Veterans Home, who will see to it that the funds are put to good use. A reminder – we get those funds as a result of donations to ENF. Hope you've put your dollar in.

What a wonderful Lodge we have. Aren't you glad you're a member?

Fraternally yours,  
Linda Follett

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**Here's our 30–39-year Members:**

Daniel Miller & Rodney Myers	30
Ray Curtis & Floyd Sproul	33
Shawn Doughery & DL Warner, Jr	35
Joseph Alcock, Steve Bengel & Dana Donahue	36
Fred Follett & John Thomas	37
George Sawyer	38
John Falkenberry	39

THANK YOU ALL.

**Join our Facebook Page!**

You can join our Facebook page by going to New Bern Elks Lodge #764 and putting in a friend request and answering the questions to join. After you are approved you can post any pictures you have of Elk events or anything pertaining to Elks. We would like more members, please join us.



The New Bern High School NJROTC and Elks members came together to honor our nation's flag through a respectful Flag Retirement Ceremony.



# I am an ELK

I am an **ELK** because an **ELK** saw something in me that  
would allow me to be a good **ELK**

When asked I eagerly joined my local lodge and embraced its greatness

We became **ELKS** because our organization is meaningful, powerful and  
important to our country, our community, our friends and our family

We remain **ELKS** because we **EMBRACE** our mission, our duty and  
our members

We patronize our lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a  
cornerstone of who **ELKS** are

Working Together We can accomplish great things

Being an **ELK** is not about self, we are a group of individuals with  
many ideas countless skills and inexhaustible desire to serve

**ELKS** are not about what an individual can extract from  
membership It is what needs to be done to support it

We rejoice at being **ELKS** because We take pride in the successes  
of the children, our Veterans and the communities we serve

We practice being **ELKS** by being there when needed  
stepping up when asked and volunteering our time and resources  
when necessary

I cannot be a good **ELK** without my fellow **ELKS**  
We are a Team



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# FLAG DAY SERVICE



**JUNE 13TH**



**AT UNION POINT PARK**



**11AM**



**GUEST SPEAKER**

**MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT BENEDICT**



**COLOR GUARD**

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# HAMBURGER / HOTDOG NIGHT

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★ FRIDAY JUNE 5TH ★



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YOU MUST SIGN UP AT THE LODGE BY  
**THURSDAY JUNE 4TH**  
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★ HAMBURGERS ★



★ BAKED BEANS ★



★ MACARONI SALAD ★



★ HOT DOGS ★



★ ★ ★  
— JOIN US FOR A —  
**PRIME RIB**  
★ **DINNER NIGHT** ★



**FRIDAY JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
— SERVING AT 6:00PM —



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# JUNE 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Dinner • 6:00 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	3	4 Cornhole • 6:00 PM	5 Hamburger & Hot Dog Night	6 Bartender Shifts 1:00–4:00 PM 4:00–8:00 PM
7 Bartender Shifts 1:00–4:00 PM 4:00–8:00 PM	8	9	10	11 Cornhole • 6:00 PM	12 Bartender Shifts 1:00–4:00 PM 4:00–8:00 PM	13 Bartender Tim Blaisdell Flag Day Service 11:00 AM Union Point Park
14 Lodge Rental	15 Lifeline Screening Lodge Rental	16 Veterans Meeting 5:30 PM Dinner • 6:00 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	17	18 KVH Bingo • 2:00 PM Cornhole • 6:00 PM	19 Bartender Tim Blaisdell Prime Rib Dinner Night	20 Lodge Rental
21 Bartender Shifts 1:00–4:00 PM 4:00–8:00 PM	22	23	24	25 Cornhole • 6:00 PM	26 Veterans Lunch 12:00 PM Famous Restaurant Bartender Shifts 1:00–4:00 PM 4:00–8:00 PM	27 Bartender Tim Blaisdell Lodge Rental
28 Bartender Shifts 1:00–4:00 PM 4:00–8:00 PM	29	30				

★ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS ★



**FLAG DAY SERVICE**  
Saturday, June 13 • 11:00 AM  
Union Point Park



**VETERANS LUNCH**  
Friday, June 26 • 12:00 PM  
Famous Restaurant

**Let's help our long-time members**

*Many of us understand the role of taking care of aging family members or helping friends who are struggling financially or are in poor physical health. As charity begins at home, please give consideration to delinquent members who may be facing hardships. Remember "Living or dead, an Elk is Never Forgotten...Never Forsaken."*

**Remember Elk's Lodge #764 in your Will and Estate Planning**

You can provide now, for a future gift to New Bern Lodge #764 by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust. Your gift will be applied to the purpose (s) you specify. Help your Lodge to be there for years to come as it has been here for you through your lifetime. Careful estate planning today allows you to plan for the future and to provide for important people and causes in your life. Hopefully, your Elk's Lodge is one of those important causes. What better way to express "Elks Care – Elks Share".

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<b><u>2026-2027 Committee Chairs</u></b>		<b><u>2026-2027 Officers</u></b>	
Activities Coordinator	Claudia Dion	Exalted Ruler	Linda Follett PER
Americanism	Brenda Williams	Esteemed Leading Knight	Claudia Dion
Comm. of 100	Egon Lippert	Esteemed Loyal Knight	Robert Coates
Drug Awareness	Kenneth (Skip) Beijen	Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Charles Schulz
Elks Nat. Foundation	Charles Schulz	Esquire	Donald Robertson
Flag Day	Joe Sullivan	Inner Guard	Donald McCurdy
Fraternal Coordinator	Robert Coates	Presiding Justice	Allen Murphy
Grants	Kenneth (Skip) Beijen	Secretary	Richard Magda
Hoop Shoot	Jim and Audrey Wellspeak	Treasurer	Larry Narolis PER
Lodge Hall Rentals	Jim Wellspeak	Tiler	Stephanie Devine
Maintenance	Rick Ringer	Organist	Sandy Taybak
Membership	Fred Follett	Chaplain	Jim Wellspeak
Memorial Service	Kenneth (Skip) Beijen	PER Pres.	Larry Narolis PER
Public Relation	Fred Follett	Grand Lodge	Guy Pascarella PSVP
Scholarships	Alexa Magda	<b><u>Trustees 2026-2027</u></b>	
Veterans Service	Doug Foster	Fred Follett PDD - Chairman	
Youth Activities	Jim Wellspeak	Skip Beijen	
		Mae West	
		Alexa Magda	
		Carol Zink	

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