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November 2008

**The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, North Wilkesboro Lodge #1846**

## Message from the GER

November finds us in the eighth month of the Lodge year and well on our way toward logging many accomplishments. It also finds us with ample time remaining to complete or correct any deficiencies or shortcomings that still persist.

The next two months include a number of important and celebrated holidays and annual events: Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Elks Memorial Sunday, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Eve. While this time of the year presents many distractions from the normal routine and the important business at hand, it also provides many opportunities for Lodges to perform and provide service to their community, as well as for their membership. It is the perfect time and opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the Lodge, community and membership.

On Election Day we will elect a new leader of the Free World, the President of the United States. While the Order of Elks does not take political sides, as a patriotic organization that firmly supports our Nation and way of life, we strongly encourage all Elks, and indeed all Americans, to exercise their right and duty to participate in the election process and cast their vote. Our active involvement in the process demonstrates that we are "Elks Strengthening America!"

November is also Elks' Veterans Remembrance Month. That observance, coupled with Veterans Day on November 11th, should prompt every Lodge to go that extra mile in service to our Veterans and Service Personnel. We have a long and proud record of service to our Veterans, and this month should be the high point of carrying out our pledge. So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

Jane and I wish each and every Elk, their families, our Service Personnel, and all the others whom we unselfishly serve, a most wonderful Thanksgiving.

And as we give thanks for our many blessings, let us also rededicate ourselves to "Grow Elkdom and Strengthen America" through our service programs and relationship with one another. In doing this we will continue to demonstrate that "Elks Care – Elks Share!!"

God bless the Elks, our Troops and our great Nation!

Fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel – Grand Exalted Ruler

## Service To Our Order

Perhaps you are ready for a challenge. Serving our Lodge as an officer or chairing a committee would be an excellent way for you to increase your service to our Order. Would you consider writing and editing the monthly Lodge newsletter? Opportunities to expand your involvement in the Lodge are virtually boundless. There is a continuous need for Elks to help maintain the tradition of serving our community through voluntary participation in the ongoing administrative and operational functions of our Lodge. Many have served with fidelity and continue to contribute their talents and skills to the Lodge. The Lodge would welcome and strongly encourages all Elks willing to make a contribution to come forward and join the ranks of the dedicated men and women who have served in various leadership capacities. Simply tell an officer or trustee of your interest and they can help make it happen. You'll be glad you did!!

### Lodge Meetings and Events

- *Breakfast Meeting – Saturday, November 1, 8:30 am*
- *Third Sunday Buffet – November 16, Open 11:30 am*
- *Lodge Meeting – Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm*
- *Lodge Closed – Thanksgiving Day*

*Lena Lovett's first grade class at CC Wright Elementary displays their Drug Awareness wrist bands. The campaign motto this year is "I Elect to be Drug Free." Special thanks are extended to Teaching Assistant Vicky Norman and CC Wright Elementary Counselor, Jeannie Stinson for their help in coordinating the event.*

## Students Receive Drug Awareness Wrist Bands

The North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge with the support and help from local elementary schools distributed red wrist bands to Wilkes students in an effort to increase Drug Awareness in our schools and communities. Since 1983, Elks have distributed more than 150 million pieces of drug awareness literature to students, educators and parents. The Elks National Drug Awareness Program is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are very proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this most noble cause. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

# LODGE NOTES:

- Tuesday, November 4 is Election Day. The Lodge encourages everyone to get out and exercise your right to vote.
- Please continue to remember our sick and distressed Elks in your thoughts and prayers.
- Belk Charity Sale is Saturday, November 15th from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Veteran's Day is Tuesday, November 11. If you know someone who has served our country in time of war or peace take a moment to thank them for their service.
- The Lodge will be closed on Thursday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The annual Elks Memorial service will be scheduled in early December. Additional details will be forthcoming.

# HOOP SHOOT 2008

The Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program is open to all boys and girls, ages 8 through 13. All public and private schools within the jurisdiction of the local Elk Lodge are invited to participate in the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest. Depending on interest, many school districts may participate in the Lodge contest.

The six Lodge Champions, one boy and one girl in each age group, will advance to a District contest. A typical District contest may have from five to 12 lodge entries in each category and age group. The six finalists in each District contest will advance to the State finals. The State Champions will compete at a Regional contest to determine the contestants that will compete at the National Finals.

The Elks' nationwide sanctioned program gives youngsters an opportunity for spirited competition, fine relationships with their peers, and travel statewide, regionally and nationally at minimal expense to their parents or school. The parents of finalists at the state, regional and national levels attend the competition as guests of the Elks.

Contestants will receive certificates at each tier of the contest. Trophies are awarded to the 1st- and 2nd-place winners in each boy and girl age group at the District contest. 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in all age groups at the State, Regional and National Contests. National winners also have their names inscribed on a permanent "Hoop Shoot" plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.


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# Belk Charity Day Sale – November 15

The Elks Lodge has an opportunity to sell tickets for a special charity sale at Belk's. Tickets are $5.00 each. The purchaser will get a $5.00 credit on their purchase so they get their money back. It allows them to register for a $1,000 shopping spree and attend a special charity sale at Belk's on Nov. 15th from 6 to 10 am. Store merchandise will be discounted from 20 to 50% during this sale. Any money we get from selling tickets is ours to keep along with a portion of any tickets sold during the event if we participate. We are required to display something about the Elk's organization during the sale. If members of the Elks Lodge could sell 200 tickets we would raise $1,000 dollars. Tickets will be on sale at the Lodge meeting Saturday morning Nov. 1. Regina Miller has volunteered to represent the Elks Lodge at the event.

# Members Conduct Roadside Clean-Up

Members of the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge recently conducted a roadside clean-up along the Brushy Mountain road. This is one of several community service projects in which the Lodge actively participates. Thanks go out to the following individuals who volunteered; Dan Nichols, Jerry Cheek, Boyce Cheatwood, Kenneth Foster and Jerry Strader. The Lodge appreciates everyone who participated in this event.

# Restaurant News

The Lodge Restaurant has steadily increased business over the last several months due largely to improvements made under the management and leadership of Janice Vanderslice and her staff. Members are "bellying up" to the table once again in numbers reminiscent of days gone by. Please contact Janice for your holiday gatherings and party needs at the Lodge restaurant. All members are reminded to come out for our third Sunday buffet November 16. The restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are appreciated.

# Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is a very important holiday in our country for it honors all of those, living and dead, who served with the U.S. armed forces in times of war. This day was formerly known as Armistice Day, and was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on November 11, 1919, to mark the one-year anniversary of the ending of World War I. In 1954, following World War II and the Korean Conflict, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. This commemorative day is observed each year on November 11th. In reality, the day to honor our veterans should be every day, for we owe so much to the brave men and women who have fought for freedom around the world.

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# November 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1<br>Breakfast Mtg @ 8:30 am<br>Dinner Special - Open 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm |
| 2<br>Lodge Closed<br>Daylight Savings Time Ends | 3<br>Pasta Night<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 4<br>Lodge Closed<br>Election Day - Vote | 5<br>Lunch Only<br>Open 11:30 am | 6<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 7<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 8<br>Dinner Special<br>Open 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm |
| 9<br>Lodge Closed | 10<br>Pasta Night<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 11<br>Lodge Closed<br>Veterans Day | 12<br>Lunch Only<br>Open 11:30 am | 13<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 14<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 15<br>Dinner Special<br>Open 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm<br>Belk Charity Day Sale - 6-10 am |
| 16<br>3rd Sunday Buffet<br>Open 11:30 am | 17<br>Pasta Night<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 18<br>Lodge Closed | 19<br>Lunch Only<br>Open 11:30 am | 20<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm<br>Lodge Mtg @ 7 pm | 21<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 22<br>Dinner Special<br>Open 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm |
| 23<br>Lodge Closed<br>30<br>Lodge Closed | 24<br>Pasta Night<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 25<br>Lodge Closed | 26<br>Lunch Only<br>Open 11:30 am | 27<br>Lodge Closed<br>Thanksgiving Day | 28<br>Lunch - 11:30 am<br>Dinner - 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm | 29<br>Dinner Special<br>Open 5:30 pm<br>Happy Hour 6-7pm |