



FORT MILL ELKS LODGE #2859

NEWSLETTER

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Fort Mill Elks Lodge #2859 2009-2010 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Patrick Coyle, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight.....Greg Clark
Esteemed Loyal Knight.....Morris Haynes
Esteemed Lecturing Knight.....Charles Hughes
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1 Year Trustee.....Michael Pond
Tiler.....Jennifer Ressalam
Esquire.....Sal Incorvaia
Chaplain.....Sam Linowitch
Inner Guard.....Don Lambert

NEW MEETING LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

As of September, meetings will be held at the FORT MILL VFW. The first meeting at the VFW will be 9/21. Please let me know at pcoyale@comporium.net if you are planning on attending this meeting, as we will have pizza before the meeting.

NOTE: There is NO meeting on 9/7 LABOR DAY



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From the desk of.... THE EXALTED RULER

September 1, 2009



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our State Elks Association held their annual summer convention in Sumter. While we are saddened by the loss of our State President Chuck Trotter, who was from the Sumter Lodge, our association is in very good hands with our President Elect Mickey Brackett from the Rock Hill Lodge assuming the position of President. The Fort Mill Lodge had 9 members in attendance and a good time was had by all.

Our first family picnic was held August 16th at the Rock Hill Elks lake property. Our entertainment committee did a great job with this event which 85 people attended. I look forward to future events by this committee.

On August 22nd several of our members assisted the Rock Hill Elks with manning the Drug Awareness Trailer at the York Summer Fest.

Thank you to the Little River Lodge who donated 13 tables to our Lodge.

In September we were supposed to start back with two meetings a month but due to Labor Day the meeting scheduled for September 7 was dispensed by our District Deputy Robbie Blackwell. The next meeting will be September 21 at the Fort Mill VFW on the corner of Munn Road and Harris Street. This change was made after careful consideration by our Board of Trustees. If you happen to be at the American Legion please thank them for their hospitality.

We have several upcoming events, please try to support our Lodge and get to know your fellow members.

As stated before, we all joined this organization to get involved and make a difference in our community. With this in mind, please consider volunteering for a committee. Just a few hours of your time could make a big difference. Listed below is the Chairmen/women for some of our committee's:

Veterans Committee Chairman Jim Harris @ kattella66@yahoo.co

Community Activities Chairwoman Cindy Wright @ ccwright@comporium.net

Americanism Chairman Robert Aiken @ Robert.K.Aiken@bankofamerica.com

Entertainment Chairman Morris Haynes @ morris@mosbeans.com

A District Deputy Clinic will be held September 13th at the Gaffney Lodge. Breakfast is at 9am and the clinic starts at 10am. The Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and Trustee Chair are required to attend. Dress is business. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

If anyone has any comments, suggestions or concerns, you can always drop an email to me at pcoyale@comporium.net or even better, attend a meeting so that you can be heard.

Fraternally,
Patrick E. Coyle

FROM THE SECRETARY:

PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Chris Goodnight	Sr Risk Cntrl Analyst	Charles Hughes
Patti Goodnight	Natl Sales Mgr	Charles Hughes
Mike Goodnight	Owner Decorative Concrte	Charles Hughes
Barry Kane	Family Counselor	Gerry Kirkland
Jonathan Bailey	Internet Consultant	Barbara Griffin

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WAKE SERVICE

There is a wake service that is performed by the Officers at a member's wake. This service is only performed if requested by the family. Please let your intentions be known to your

LODGE MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY'S OF THE MONTH

REMINDER

Please have your membership card with you at all meetings as you may be required to show it before entering.

MEMBERSHIP DUES LODGE YEAR APRIL 1, 2009-2010

APPLICATION FEE \$50.00

(\$25.00 due with Application; Balance of \$25.00 due at Indoctrination)

YEARLY DUES \$80.00

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (OPTIONAL)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application fee is \$50.00; \$25 due with the application and \$25 **plus prorated dues** that are due at Indoctrination.

Application will be handed over to the Secretary who will forward the appropriate information to the Newsletter Editor for posting in our Newsletter and also forward the application to the Investigating Committee. The name and proposer will also be read at the next meeting. After the name has been published for 10 days and the Investigating Committee reports back to the Lodge, a vote will take place. If the proposed member is found favorable, they will be scheduled for Indoctrination and then Initiation. Please make any person you are proposing aware of this process as it could take a little time.

ELECTION

At the 9/21 meeting we will accept nominations for Loyal Knight; which will be followed by a vote.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thank you for your favorable comments on last month's newsletter. The newsletter deadline for articles to be submitted to the Editor for the following month is the **20th of each month**. You can email them to :

Barbara Smith, Editor at
barbandleon@comporium.net or 803 396-0963

MEETING ETIQUETTE

All meetings are subject to common courtesy's and Rules outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

As a reminder all members should:

- Wear NO hats/caps inside the building.
- When a motion is made, it will be seconded, then only after a second will there be any discussion. After any discussion there will be a vote.
- Stand when speaking
- Conversations are to be directed through the Exalted Ruler
- NO food/beverages
- All requests for money will first be reviewed by the Trustees



CALLING ALL DART PLAYERS



If you are interested in playing on a Dart Team, please call Patrick Coyle
@ 704 968-7219

INTRODUCING.....



Past State President,
Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
Inducted into the SC Elks Hall of Fame
Melvin "Skip" McDole and Wife Carolyn
Myrtle Beach Lodge #1771

Skip joined the Elks in 1986 and thirty minutes after initiation was appointed the Esquire. He progressed through the chairs and became the Exalted Ruler 1990-1991. Skip served on many lodge committees and chairman of most for the next few years. He was appointed once again to be the Exalted Ruler filling the vacancy after removal of Exalted Ruler by the Grand Lodge 2000-2001. He was appointed DDGER Esquire and then DDGER-East. Skip has been a word, computer and floor judge at Ritual contests for many years. After Vice-President-East, Mr. Bobby Arants resigned due to health reasons, Skip was appointed to fill the vacancy. Next he was elected to President-Elect and then to State President in 2007-2008. He was invited to Florida to be an out-of-state floor judge for the Florida State Convention. Skip has been extremely involved in the formation of new lodges in S.C. He helped with the Georgetown/Pawleys Island #900 and the Little River Lodge #2840. He established the Conway Lodge #2847 and was then appointed as Special Representative New Lodge Development; establishing new Lodges in Fort Mill and Pendleton and currently is working with a core group to form a new lodge in the Mt. Pleasant area. Submitted by Patrick Coyle, PER, ER



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler West
Past Exalted Ruler
Robbie Blackwell with wife, Lisa and
daughter, Madison Paige Blackwell, age 6
Gaffney Lodge #1305

As DDGER West, Robbie is a third generation Elk, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father. He served in the United States Air Force from 1983-1987. In 1995, he married Lisa Mowdy Blackwell, who is the Office Manager of Premier Colors, Inc. Robbie and Lisa have two daughters, Cassidy Deanne Blackwell, age 24 and Madison Paige Blackwell, age 6, and a grandson, Dalton Lipsey, age 17 months. He joined the Elks in 1989, and worked his way through the Lodge Chairs and committees. He served as Lodge Secretary on and off for nine years before serving as Exalted Ruler in 2006-2007. Robbie served on the following State and Grand Lodge Offices and Committees: 1997-present, State Hoop Shoot Committee; 1997-2005, State Credentials Committee; 2003 State Elk of the Year Committee; 2006-present, Chairman of State Credentials Committee; 2000-2001, Esquire to State President; 2002 State Chaplain; 2003 State Esquire; 2005-2006, Auditor to DDGER West. It has been a goal of his for 15 years to reach this position. He said he couldn't have done it without the help of some good Elks, PSP Bill Greene, PDDGER Rogers Byrd, PSP Don Davis, PSP Terry Blackwell (his uncle), and his lovely wife, Lisa. He truly believes in the motto Elks Care, Elks Share. Robbie's belief is that you get out of Elksdom what you put into it and he would like to fulfill a longstanding Elk commitment to promote Charity and Patriotism in the communities.

Submitted by Patrick Coyle, PER, ER

Did you miss the Picnic?? You missed the fun!



The August 16th Elks picnic on Lake Wylie was a great success. We had lots of food and beverages available so no one left hungry. There were some neat games for the kids and a funny hula hoop contest for the adults. Prizes were given out to winners of the contests which was a real treat for all. We had a raffle for two beautiful gift baskets in addition to a 50/50 drawing. Again, there were some happy winners! I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the members of the entertainment committee for their hard work in pulling the picnic together. We could not have done this without working as a team. This confirms the saying "Elks Care, Elk's Share".

Barbara Griffin, Secretary

ELKS National Foundation Important Scholarship Updates



The Elks National Foundation provides more than \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year through its three scholarship programs. The application process and deadlines vary for each program. All applications must go through a local Elks Lodge before reaching the Elks National Foundation office. Contact your high school counselor for more information or your local Elks Lodge.

Applications for the Elks National Foundation's 2010 Most Valuable Student contest will be available beginning September 1, 2009, at your local Elks Lodge, online or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation.

2010 Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Lodge nearest the applicant's permanent address by November 2, 2009.

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2010 competition.

- Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.
- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; resident alien status does not qualify.
- Male and female students compete separately.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

Applications must advance through local, district and state competition to reach the national competition.

National finalists will be required to submit a secondary application online, which will include an essay, counselor letter of recommendation, aid received to date, college plans and a parental financial statement. The National finalists will be required to mail their official transcript, standardized test scores and Student Aid Report to the ENF. These applications are due March 1, 2010.

The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners, and notify them in writing, on April 1, 2010. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. College or university.

Requests for additional information should be addressed to the scholarship chairman of the local Lodge or of the Elks association of the state in which the applicant is a resident.

Legacy Awards are four-year, \$4,000 scholarships. The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards. 2010 Legacy Award applications will be available **ON LINE ONLY** starting September 1, 2009. These applications must be submitted online by January 8, 2010.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?? Any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2007, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2007, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2010. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior. The applicant must apply online only at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. If the applicant's parents and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge. **Ralph & Jane Merlo are co-chairmen. Contact them @803 547-4574 with any questions.**

Fort Mill Elks #2859 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 V-J Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)	3	4	5
6	7 No Lodge Meeting  Labor Day	8	9	10 Rock Hill Mtg 7:30pm	11  (Until Sunset) Patriot Day	12 Lodge Social at VFW 6pm-8pm Dress Casual Hors d'oeuvres Cash Bar
13 DD CLINIC Gaffney, SC 9:00am Grandparents Day	14  "Star Spangled Banner" Written by Francis Scott Key (1814)	15	16	17  U. S. Constitution Approved (1787) Citizenship (Constitution) Day	18  U. S. Air Force Established (1947) POW/MIA Recognition Day	19 Elks Yard/ Bake Sale/ Hot Dog Sale 8am-1pm @VFW Rosh Hashanah
	21 Fort Mill Lodge Meet- ing@ VFW 7:00pm	22  AUTUMN BEGINS	23	24 Rock Hill Meeting 7:30pm		26
27 Gold Star Mother's Day	28  YOM KIPPUR	29  VFW ESTABLISHED (1899)	30	Upcoming Events: Oct. 10 Membership Drive Oct. 12 Golf Tournament Oct. 30 Trick or Treat Fall Festival Nov. 7 "200" Club Dinner, Dance, & Drawings Nov. 14 Cookout for Veterans Dec. 12 Christmas Party Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Party		



HOW TO GET NEW MEMBERS: ASK THEM!





Fort Mill Elks 200 Club



What is the 200 Club and how does it work?

The 200 Club is a buffet style, semi formal dinner/dance. DJ will be Sal Incorvaia, Fort Mill's Esquire playing a mix of music. A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. Each ticket will enter you into 16 drawings for a \$10 and \$20 prize and admittance to a dinner/dance on **November 7th, 2009** at the Rock Hill Elks Lodge catered by Doris. Also at the dinner/dance there will be drawings of \$500, \$250, and two \$100. If all 200 tickets are sold; there will be an additional \$1,000 drawing. All prizes will be paid at the dinner and the winner does not have to be present.

For Tickets or questions please contact Patrick Coyle @ 704 968-7219

COME JOIN THE PARTY

**FORT MILL ELKS # 2859
1st ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Tega Cay Golf Club
Monday, October 12
Morning Registration and Range Balls
Afternoon Shotgun
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**



**GOLFERS NEEDED—Mark the date on your calendars
Donations of prizes, tee signs, balls and tees are needed
No donation is TOO SMALL.!**



Contact Andy Brislin at 803 325- 5682 or email
wppss123@aol.com if you can help or donate any of the above
items.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**FORT MILL ELKS LODGE #2859 BIRTHDAYS
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
3	LORRAINE H. BRISLIN
14	ROBERT D. CROUCHER
16	JOHN C. PSAROUDIS
17	NICHOLAS BUCCI
19	BAYLES MACK
23	TOMMIE C. HILLIS
24	SETH R. HODGES
28	JERALD EFIRD



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!




COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

YARD SALE/BAKE SALE

September 19 8:00am to 1:00pm
at the VFW on Munn Rd in Fort Mill.



We need donations of baked goods and items to sell. We will also be selling hot dogs, sodas and chips. You can bring your items to sell to the VFW for storage beginning Wed. 9/16, Thurs. 9/17, & Fri. 9/18 from 3:00pm to 8:30 pm. This committee is in DIRE need of help. Can you spare a few hours to assist us in pricing items in advance, help set the items out early Saturday morning or selling, cooking or just doing crowd control? Remember all proceeds go to funds to help our organization grow. Please call Cindy Wright at 803 367-6161 to offer your support.



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Elks Lodge #2859 Social

**Saturday, September 12
6-8 pm**

VFW, Harris & Munn Rd.

Cash Bar Hors d'oeuvres

No Charge (except for cash bar)

Casual dress

Mark Your Calendars!!!

You're invited.

All Elks Lodge 2859 members and their spouses or significant others are invited to a social (Adults only please) at the VFW located on the corner of Harris and Munn Rd, Fort Mill. (Close to FM High School). Drop in anytime between 6pm and 8pm to visit and meet other members and your officers. You will make new friends. Hors d'oeuvres will be available with cash bar. Take a break after all those Saturday chores and running the kids around. We would love to meet you and your spouse. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MESSAGE BOARD

We are still looking for a home. All members are asked to pass on any leads you have to the building committee.

HELP WANTED: If you have an interest or think you may have an interest in becoming a Lodge Officer, Trustee or committee member please Contact: Patrick Coyle @ 704 968-7219. We are also looking for a Publicity Chairman.

MEETING DRAWINGS: Remember the drawing for both \$2.00 and .50¢ will be held at the end of each meeting.

CONDOLENCES to (Member) Jane Merlo and her family on the passing of Jane's mother, Ruth Van Wattingen, Clearwater, Fl.

ADVERTISE IN THE ELKS LODGE #2859 NEWSLETTER



Advertise your business in our monthly newsletter. Business card size ad only \$40 for 6 months or if you don't own a business, be a bulletin patron for \$10.00 per year for a single name or \$15.00 per year for a couple.

DRUG AWARENESS

"Red Ribbon" week is October 23-30. EVERY elementary school in Fort Mill will be contacted to participate and join in the celebration by our Elks Lodge and sponsors.

For the NEW members: What is "Red Ribbon"?

Each year in October, Elks Lodges around the country participate in Red Ribbon Week, a drug awareness campaign launched in 1988 by the National Family Partnership. Red Ribbon Week commemorates the courage and sacrifice of DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who was slain by drug traffickers in 1985. What began as a local memorial tribute has grown, over the past 21 years, into a nationwide grassroots movements to teach children and teenagers about the dangers of illegal drugs and to help turn schools, neighborhoods, and cities into permanently DRUG-FREE ZONES.

Our Lodge will join forces with the police, DEA and business leaders to reach the YOUTH. There are myriad ways to wage the battle against drugs, including but not limited to: distribution of RED RIBBONS at the Fort Mill schools the week of October 23-30, 2009, bookmarks, hosting K-9 unit demonstrations, and our drawing contest on the Bags of Joy (started at the Fort Mill Spring Fest in May with the SC State Drug Awareness trailer on display).

Red Ribbon Week provides great inspiration and opportunity for many drug awareness programs, but Elks do not wait for Red Ribbon Week to embark on programs or projects. In fact, when it comes to drug education and prevention, waiting would be a mistake. Our Fort Mill Elks Lodge #2859 started March 30, 2009.

Join US and make a DIFFERENCE not only in Fort Mill but in South Carolina.

Questions, HELPING, come to an event?

Fort Mill Fall Fest at Indian Land Elementary School (September)

Football games at Fort Mill High Schools (Different school EVERY week)

PTA's, Rec Centers, and more.

SIGN UP for the STATE Project **2009 ALZHEIMER'S Memory Walk at Winthrop University Coliseum in Rock Hill** on Nov. 7, 2009. Registration is at 9:00am and the walk starts at 10:00am. (Any questions regarding this walk, please contact Kimberly Williams 866 844-0995) Be a PART of this walk: We would like to have at least 10 members from our Lodge. If interested, call Nancy Reynolds at 803 412-2700.

Submitted by Ron Reynolds, Drug Awareness Chairman



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Summer is coming to a close and school is back-in! We have many programs in the batter box for Fall, i.e., Hoop Shoot, Soccer, Dictionary, Deer Hide, Scholarship, Veterans/Youth, Book collections, ROTC, Scouting, Drug Awareness and Alzheimer's Memory Walk for the South Carolina State Project. Something for every member to review and help work an event.

If you attended the picnic at Rock Hill Elk's property on the lake; we all had a wonderful time. Hats off to ALL who came and helped. The kids had fun and so did the adults. Enjoy the pictures on page 3! Come join us at the next event.

Submitted by Ron Reynolds, Youth Activities Chairman



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FORT MILL ELKS LODGE #2859

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**FORT MILL ELKS LODGE #2859
FALL YARD SALE/BAKE SALE/HOT DOG SALE**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

8AM—1PM

**AT THE FORT MILL VFW PARKING LOT
(corner of Munn Road and Harris Rd)**