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ER NOTES – JULY 2019

Happy July Asheville Elks,



Summers here and it is July already, and time just keeps marching on. Seems faster now than it used to be, but I guess that's all a matter of opinion.

Come up to the Lodge on July 4th and celebrate our Independence. I know we will have something going on. I know the kitchen is open and hopefully the Tourists are in town, their fireworks are especially beautiful from our deck looking over to McCormick Field! Opp's just checked, the Tourists are not in town on the 4th. The city of Asheville fireworks we can at least hear them! If the Cambria Hotel would burn or fall down, we could see the fireworks like we used TOO!

Again, I want to thank our VRQ cook team Terry Wallen, John Wallen and Willie Tipton and all of the people that help and serve. The cooking is the hard part, and on August 30th this will be our next VRQ dinner and we need cooks. I truly wish Terry and his team would stay on. They decided that May 31st was there last time cooking for the VRQ. I need volunteers that can cook pork shoulders or butts from the start. All food items and seasonings and sides will be in place. I won't sugar coat it makes for a long day, but our Veterans do appreciate the many fine meals we have prepared for them. Please if you are interested in helping prepare the BBQ for our August 30th VRQ, please contact me! Kenhorton1@mindspring.com, Cell 828-582-4509 or contact our lodge secretary.

Just thought I would share an interesting and current replacement cost from AON our lodge insurance company. The current replacement cost on our building is estimated at \$944,289.00 and is totally insured. As most of you know the true value of our real estate here at 608, is our land and of course our members.

I now have to address the conduct at our meetings and on the Lodge floor. At our meetings we are there to conduct business we are not there to please anyone's personal agenda. If you have something to say that makes a point on how we can improve our lodge business, fundraising, building membership Etc. You are welcome to express your feelings. We are not there to talk about things and how the lodge was 2, 3 or 5 years ago. There is nothing we can do about the past, and the intelligent thing to do is to be positive and move forward. You never get anywhere if you move backward. We have a good lodge with good people and a great staff, and we are moving forward. This is just a reminder that we have lodge business to conduct and our time at the meetings is most valuable. Especially now that we are on our summer schedule with only 1 meeting per month in July, August and September. Disrupting our meetings with negative talk is disrespectful to our members, chairs, board members and the lodge as a whole.

In closing I do want to say something about the Miss Elk's Pageant. It was truly a lot of fun. The view from where I was sitting, I noticed people laughing and enjoying themselves tremendously. I caught a view of Brenda Green; she was laughing so hard she had tears running down her face. We had guests and new members to be inducted that expressed what a great time they had. One more time I have to thank Carol, Sunny, Diane, Jenny, Chris, Marsha, Sandy, Kayla, and many of the DOES for all of their hard work putting on such a nice pageant. As it has been said many times before, you know you girls mean a whole lot to this lodge! Our contestants also deserve a big thank you. They were Fred McLean, Rick Rice, Spencer Levleit, Frank Brady (Hendersonville Lodge), Rick McElrath and Darren Tinsley. Spencer Levleit took home the honors of being Miss Elk for 2019-2020. Congratulations to Spencer and a lot of fun was had by all. I must certainly express my total appreciation to the Golf Committee and the golfers. Thank you so much for providing a great meal and guidance. I know the people of the Lodge appreciate all of you golfers. You are always involved in our Fun times and serious times at the Lodge. I thank you guys and girls most sincerely! Thank You, hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,
Kenny Horton
Exalted Ruler

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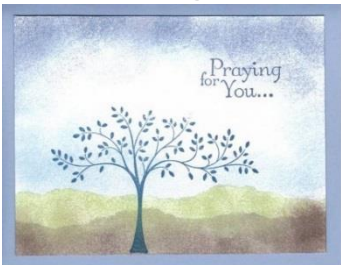
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Kenny Horton	Exalted Ruler	Fred McLean	(1-Yr)	Bill Brockman	Secretary
Rick Rice	Leading Knight	Todd Hall	(2-Yr)	Kevin Reese	
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Jamie Green	Tiler				
Michelle Haney	Chaplain				
Heather Fawcett	Inner Guard				

Sending Wellness Wishes to Elk Members & their Families



Carol & Charlie Campbell, LeAnn Davis & family, JP Bolick, Al Jensen, Fern & Gene Shipley, Mark Sutton & Mary, Rick & Kay Defenbaugh, Sondara Cook & family



Our thoughts are with the Parker family with the passing of Sammy

If anyone would like to add someone to our monthly Wellness Wishes, please send information to

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS in JULY

02. Darryl Burleson	04. Michael Stewart	05. Judith Eller	07. Douglas Dison	10. Nicky Luquire
12. Spencer Levleit	12. Rickey McElrath	12. Brent Sandige	18. Bobby Ted Sams	19. Jonathan Cupp
20. Jeffrey Adams	21. David Oscar Fisher	21. Roger Hall	21. Larry Wolfe	22. Douglas Lilge
22. Rebecca Lytle	23. John Rowland	23. Jackson Smith	24. Brian Lenoir	25. Lance Stewart
25. Mark Sutton	28. Casey Tweed	29. Kimberly Plemmons	30. Joseph Swicegood	

**ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE
TO CELEBRATE!**





LODGE HOURS & MENU

Monday-Thursday 3:00-9:00pm

Friday 3:00-10:00 pm

Saturday 12:00-9:00 pm

Sunday 1:00-7:00 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. (National Convention)	2. (National Convention)	3. Pub Grub Cheeseburger w/chips	4. Pub Grub Cheeseburger Or 2 Hotdogs w/chips or potato salad *Music Independence Day	5. Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Green beans, Biscuits Peanut Butter Pie	6.
7.	8. House Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	9.	10. Pub Grub Tri Salad (Chicken, Pasta & Potato)	11. Pub Grub Tri Salad (Chicken, Pasta & Potato) *Music VA Cookout	12. Fried Chicken Rice & Gravy Coleslaw, Biscuits Chocolate Pound Cake	13. Golf Dinner Lasagna Salad Garlic Bread Desserts
14. Golf Reems' Creek 9:00 am Shotgun start	15. *Lodge Meeting 6:30 Initiations	16. DOES Meeting 6:00	17. Pub Grub Seafood Pasta Salad	18. Pub Grub Seafood Pasta Salad *Music	19. Shrimp Mornay Angel Hair Pasta Salad Garlic Bread Oreo Pie	20. Karaoke
21.	22. Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm	23.	24. Pub Grub Tomato Pie	25. Pub Grub Tomato Pie *Music	26. Beef Tips & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Casserole Rolls Peach Cobbler	27.
28.	29.	30.	31. Pub Grub Italian sub w/chips			

Community Activities

VA Cookout

Elks from Asheville and Hendersonville Lodges helping with the cookout at Asheville Veterans Hospital.



VRQ Dinner

Elks serving Bar B Que, slow cooked by Elk on our smoker to 170 Veterans (Eddie Wells, Jerry Sternberg, and Terry Wright)



Thank you all for helping with the return of this event at the Veterans Restoration Quarters (Robert West, Terry Wright)



On June the 13th we had our second cookout at the Charles A. George VA Medical Center. Twenty-two volunteers served ninety-six freshly cooked hamburgers, seventy-two hotdogs, and sixty Brauts. Cindy Harmon made 25 pounds of potato salad and every bite was eaten. We had ELKS from Asheville, Bud Shuford, Liz Miller, Terry Wright, Pete Leonard, Mr. Rudisell, Charlie Campbell, John Laughter, and Eddie Wells. Asheville DOES were Carole Campbell, Marsha Pace, Sandi Laughter, Aileen Buckner, Cindy Harmon, my favorite daughter Chris Tipton, Liz Miller, Maxine Brown, and Michell Ruyon. The Veterans had a great time. They love the food; the fellowship is what they adore. Each veteran was personally thanked for their service and given a brand new two-dollar bill provided by an Asheville Elk member. July 11 at 4:00 is the next opportunity for you to join us. Our youngest helper Hunter Griffin was there with his brand-new Elks red T-shirt on and his smile to help. Even as I writethis I have a smile on my face just thinking about next month. *Charlie*

Helpmate

Thank you, Jack Hewatt, Nancy Ledford, Karen & Mark Keller, Linda Stephens, and not pictured Jami Green, and one unnamed sponsor, for purchasing these camp sets for the children

Jennifer added to Linda's funds so each child would have \$5.00

Many thanks to Linda Stephens for putting together the Camping Sets for the Children

Helpmate representative Pam King was thrilled our Lodge contributed to their project



Lodge Activities

Card Games are always a favorite, especially when a member who has not been able to play in a while shows up and the regulars are there to welcome him back.



Karaoke
Every 3rd Saturday



Entertainment by the many talented singers we have here at #608



Miss Elk's Beauty Pageant

Spearheaded by Carol Campbell and the Asheville DOES. Their hard work and dedication have brought back a fun time activity to raise money for local charities



Requests & Sing Alongs

with Mark Keller, Thursday evening
Can't you see – Marshall Tucker Band,
Take a Load off Franny, James Taylor,
BB King, Eagles, Simon & Garfield,
Old Country, Allman Brothers – Melissa,
Jim Croce, Slim Whitman, *The Wreck of the Fitzgerald*. Prince – *Purple Rain*,
Osmond Brothers *Guitar Picker*
Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie



Sharing a meal, Visiting Elk shares Elk stories and a meal with members in the Social Quarters. Jason, (pictured on right) is Leading Knight from Lodge #804 in Fort Collins, Colorado. He told us that he will be moving into the Exalted Ruler chair/position in the 2020/21 Lodge year. Jason referred to Asheville #608 as the "Spirit of Elkdome." This lodge offered much hospitality, he described us as, "home away from home." While in town him and guest Josh, visited many joints while in Asheville, but always returning here. Kevin Reese introduced Josh, to the Earl wings we serve in the Social Quarters, and the outcome was, the Earl Wings were chosen to be better than the buffalo. Jason also shared some of the things his lodge does for their members. They offer Swing Dance and Fly-Fishing lessons, and or as a social activity. They give members a gift who have attended 10 meetings in a row, either a belt buckle or earrings for supporting Lodge business meetings.

A new activity we are inviting everyone to become involved with is to help bring our members back. Below is a list of names, if you recognize anyone please give them a call, find out how they are.

Jeffrey Babcock
Tommy Bell
John P Bolick
David Bradley
Jesse Cantrell
John Carson
Leann Davis

Ken Colman
Joseph W Cupp
Frank Curci
Judith DeMatteis
Laurence DeMatteis
Timothy Emory
David Oscar

Joshua Garrett
Robert
Greenwood
Roger Hall
Timothy Harron
Nicole Huggins
Willie Hughes

Chris Kiser
Burl Lance
Douglas Lilge
Michael
Marshall
Anthony Martin
Victor McGraw

Jim McMahan
Frank Ponder
Thomas Redmond
Jeremy Riddick
Mathew Roberts
Richard Rymer
Thomas Sawyer

Gordon Silvers
Mitchell West
Gary Williams
Larry Williams

Good of the Order

Thanks to ALL ELKS, DOES AND OTHERS who made our Miss Elk Pageant a BIG SUCCESS. All of the ladies looked spectacular in their evening gowns and bathing suits. The talent was unbelievable. Nancy Ledford, Kenny Horton, and Charlie Campbell were the Masters of Ceremony. The previous Miss Elk, Fredreica relinquished her crown to Miss Rocky Top. You know her as SPENCER.

Four hundred dollars was made on the pageant which will be donated to Steadfast House which is a 50-bed transitional housing facility that gives hope, healing, health, along with training and education that leads to a living wage job and a permanent home for single women, mothers with children and female Veterans. Because there are 300 plus on the waiting list, plans are for the number of beds to be tripled in December. Women and children will move into a new facility, Transformation Village. *Highlights from Miss Elk 2019* pictured below.



Notes from The Lodge Office

Please mark your calendars, the Board of Directors will be meeting every 4th Monday until latter notice.

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Greetings from the DOES

The Asheville Does had a great time traveling to Oklahoma for our National Convention. Our very own Frances Johnston was installed as the Supreme President Elect. We are very proud of her and looking forward to hosting the National Convention in Greenville in 2020.

On July 20th, come and enjoy a Dinner featuring a potato bar with all the fixings and a salad bar including sliced chicken and all the toppings needed for a great salad. While at the dinner, you will be entertained with a play about what it could be like if you were unfortunate enough to go to see a live performance of *Hamlet* while sitting next to several Asheville Does. We hope to make it a great evening of good food and a lot of laughter. The cost of the play and dinner is \$15.00 and reservations can be made through Susan Owenby at 828-693-4645 or 828-808-4375.

July Birthday Wishes

July 1st: Poconna Thiel July 13th: Kathy Cook
July 24th: Carol Garner

July Meeting (6:pm)

July 13th : Carol Garner (cake)

July Activities

July 11th @ 4 pm - VA Picnic - Diane Luquire, Manila Runyon, and Sharon Brown

July 13th @ 6 pm - Christmas in July - Cornerstone Restaurant - Tunnel Road (Bring a \$10 gift)

July 19 @ 7:30 am - Steadfast House - Robin Bell (Team Leader), Donna Lonardo and Chelsea Justice

July 20th @ 6 pm - Dinner and Play @ Calvary Episcopal in Fletcher

July 27th @ 8:15 am - Food Pantry - Manila Runyon, Michele Runyon and Carol Garner

Upcoming Events:

The Asheville Does will be selling shirts for our upcoming convention. Please consider purchasing one for \$35. They come in three colors: Raspberry, Smoke and Navy. The proceeds will help cover the expenses incurred with hosting a National Convention.



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Charlie Campbell's Elk Stories

In 1917 the Grand Lodge convention held in Boston “That the Elks give first consideration to the sick and wounded on the battlefields of France and equip base hospitals for their care.” It was passed unanimously and was called “War Relief Fund.” The money was raised from the local lodges. In 1918 the Elks built a 700-bed reconstruction hospital in Boston and GAVE it to the federal government. The forerunner of the modern VA Medical Centers of today. The Elks War Relief Commission made forty thousand rehabilitation loans available to disabled veterans who were ineligible for government help. More than 70,000 Elks served in World War 1. Yes, we are right to be proud of our Elks History.