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NEW BERN ELK

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

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother and Sister ELKs,

Happy New Year. I hope this newsletter finds you well and healthy. I'm glad to see 2020 behind us and I'm looking forward to a good ELK year for 2021.

We have a few important events coming up in January:

January 10th at 10 o'clock we will have a virtual District Deputy clinic. We will set up computers or you can bring your own down to the lodge just as we did the last DD clinic. Another option, if you are more comfortable attending in your own home you are also invited to do so. The zoom address will be addressed closer to the meeting date.

January 16th is our take out FISH FRY from 4 to 6 PM (see attached flyer). This event requires help from the membership. Mike Markham will be cooking the fish, we will need folks to box and distribute the meals. Also, we will need money collectors and clean-up crews. Since this is a short time notification we need folks to advertise word of mouth and put up posters. I will be using my home phone number to take reservations as to the number of meals that folks will order. Please call 252 649-1502, leave your name and number of meals requested. Price is to be determined and will find out for you all ASAP.

January 19th at 2 o'clock is a District Deputy audit. We only need select



officers to be present. This event will include a meal so I will need a few officers to help me with the the cooking and clean up. I will be involved with the meeting so my time in the kitchen will be minimal.

Our half-price sale on wine and beer is proving to be rewarding for the Lodge. It is providing needed revenue and product turnover. Let's keep up on the good work.

I cannot thank John Serumgard enough for the great Grant work he is providing along with our Secretary John Lawrence and our Treasurer Linda Follett whom behind the scenes are keeping the lodge functioning.

Even though the Lodge is not running on normal speed we still need to satisfy our annual matters, such as, Officer Nominations, bylaw updates, ENF Lodge standing, etc..... all these items must be accomplished before the new ELKs year in March. I will resume house committee meetings on the normally scheduled time to determine the best way to complete these matters.

Reminder: We are still obligated to comply with the Governor's mandated rules of distancing, sanitizing and wearing of masks. To help with the requirements there have been wall hand sanitizers strategically placed throughout the lodge and the floor is marked where each table should be and please sanitize all areas that you have used. Thank you.

Guy Pascarella
Exalted Ruler



PER Meeting

There will be a PER meeting on Tuesday, January 26 at 6 pm at the lodge (inside or out). Will be short.

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.

Committee of 100 Comments

By the time you read this we will be in the year 2021. With January 2021 comes more of the same from the past year – the virus and no chance in the near future for the **Committee of 100** to meet at the lodge. But, in spite of that, I am sure we will find ways to continue our support for local charities such as our veteran's homes, our college scholarship, Camp Carefree and making other significant financial contributions to other fine organizations. I don't know what new charitable opportunities the new year will bring because some member always seems to come up with a new organization/cause that deserves our support. If you want to find out what that will be - or have an idea of your own - join your Elk brothers and sisters in the **Committee of 100**. If you have any questions or wish to join, please feel free to contact me – Egon Lippert - at 252-617-0179 or egonlippert@yahoo.com any time. In closing, my sincere best wishes that you are all safe and well as we look forward to the new year.

CHEF MIKES FAMOUS FISH FRY DINNER



JAN 16, 2021

4PM-6PM

(FIRST COME SERVED UNTIL SOLD OUT)



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NO LATER THAN JAN 12,2021

Monthly gift goes a long

We can all agree 2020 is not a normal year. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have been shuttered for months. People are out of work. Your financial situation may be much different this year than it was last year.

We get it. If you can't support us right now, we understand. Please know that we are thinking of you and we are doing what we can to provide some relief to communities struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic.

If you are able to give, consider joining the Fidelity Club, the ENF's monthly giving program. In five minutes, you can establish an automatic, regularly scheduled donation that occurs monthly or quarterly. Monthly gifts can be as little as \$5; quarterly gifts can be as little as \$15.

Joining the Fidelity Club helps ensure the Elks are there during times like these.

Not only is joining the Fidelity Club a safe and reliable way to give, it's simple and flexible—donations can be adjusted at any time.

Through the monthly giving program, you'll have opportunities to earn exclusive pins and membership card stickers, too. Members of the Fidelity Club earn their first pin after just 12 gifts.

We are in this together; any support adds up to make a difference in our communities. To learn more and join, go to cnf.elks.org/FidelityClub.

Certificate celebrates businesses that fly the flag

By DUNCAN P. THOMPSON
Committee Member

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee continues its newest Americanism program, the "Certificate of Honor for Properly Flying the United States Flag." The purpose of the program is for Elks Lodges to interact with and honor local businesses for properly displaying and flying the United States flag during the day and night with proper illumination.

This program provides an increasing Elks presence in our local communities as an essential and positive influence for growth and survival in the future.

The costs of this program are nil. Essentially, the only costs will be the price of paper and printing in house and delivering them to businesses in your area that comply with the proper display of the American flag.

There is no limit as to how many you can give out as long as businesses qualify for the award. You can hold a formal ceremony, go to the business location and present the award, or any method you choose to deliver it to them.

As always, media invitations are welcome for this type ceremony. Don't leave them out. Keep records of the number of certificates you award for reporting purposes and for your Lodge records.

Let's increase our footprint in our communities with these presentations thus improving our image by our actions, **showing that Elks Care—Elks Share.**

New Bern Elks Lodge is incorporating this program as part of the Membership Committee. If you see a business that is flying the flag correctly please let Jody Pascarella know.

A TOUGH QUESTION COULD LEAD TO MOREM GOOD ELKS

By Daniel J. Capella

Committee Member

Throughout our history, Americans have experienced wars of many types: Revolutionary, 1812, Civil, World (I and II), Korean, Vietnam, Cold, Trade, and others. We have endured the 1918 pandemic, recessions, the Depression, strikes, assassinations, poverty and concerns relative to civil liberties, and child labor, plus other life changing conditions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for all of us to the point where our resolve has been truly tested. Perhaps because of our living situation, frustrations at work, the lack of employment, overall financial status, the need for social contact, or especially our health and the health of family and friends, we have had to endure difficulties we never thought possible.

Fact is, despite the many tragic realities that our country has faced since our inception, America has emerged as, and has continued to be, a world power and the leader of the Free World. This includes our being at the forefront of science, medicine, and so many other discoveries and breakthroughs. Even with our difficulties, America remains a great country, just as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been, and continues to be, a great organization of which each of us can be very proud.

Elkdom has been in existence for over a century and a half. During that time, our Lodges have provided millions upon millions of dollars to residents of our cities, towns, and villages in the form of activities, scholarships, and donations to worthy causes that seek to help those in need and those who are suffering from illness. We value and remember our veterans and make donations to hundreds of organizations to assist those groups in carrying out their own objectives and programs. We stand ready to donate time and effort to our communities wherever or however it is needed. We provide space for blood drives, elections, and to groups with lesser means for their own purposes. Elks take the lead in patriotic programs such as Flag Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day. In many ways, our Elks Lodges are the backbone of many American communities.

What we continue to accomplish within our communities and across the nation makes it rewarding to belong to the B.P.O.E. Yet, if we enjoy the Elks and are proud of our record of service to our communities, why is it that our membership numbers are not where they once were? That begs the question, when was the last time you sponsored a friend, a coworker, or a relative for membership in our Order? For any organization to prosper and make an impression upon society, it is necessary to expand its membership.

Granted, many individuals do not feel comfortable asking others to join a club or association. We may feel it is some sort of an intrusion, especially since it involves the cost of initiation and dues. Some do not want to take the chance that the individual they sponsor will not be acceptable to

the rest of the membership. Whatever the reason, it is presumptuous for us to make this type of determination, because it prevents our prospective candidate from having a chance to join. Who knows, our choice could very well become an excellent Elk who fulfills the spirit and responsibilities of being an Elk. In other words, a good Elk.

If our Lodges are going to survive, it is imperative that we build our membership. Much good work has been accomplished in recent years but there is so much more to be done. Let those whom you know, or work with, or are related to, receive the opportunity to become a Member of our great organization. Let them experience the enjoyment and pride of Elkdom.

Just ask the question, "Would you like to become an Elk?"

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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PLEASE CALL

BARBARA MUSHET

(252) 349-1514

<u>2020-2021 Committee Chairs</u>		<u>2020-2021 Officers</u>	
Activities Coordinator	Pam Dion	Exalted Ruler	Guy Pascarella
Americanism	Brenda Williams	Esteemed Leading Knight	Pam Dion
Comm. of 100	Egon Lippert	Esteemed Loyal Knight	TBD
Drug Awareness	TBD	Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Jody Pascarella
Elks Nat. Foundation	Joe Stuppiello	Esquire	Fred Follett
Flag Day	John Serumgard	Inner Guard	Don Robertson
Fraternal Coordinator	Jody Pascarella	Presiding Justice	John Whitty
Grants	John Serumgard	Secretary	John Lawrence
Hoop Shoot	Jim and Audrey Wellspeak	Treasurer	Linda Follett
Lodge Hall Rentals	Jim Wellspeak	Tiler	Shawn Dougherty
Maintenance	Jack Meehan	Organist	TBD
Membership	Jody Pascarella	Chaplain	Don McCurdy
Memorial Service	Kathleen Meyer	PER Pres.	Kathleen Meyer
Public Relation	Bob Manning	Grand Lodge	John Lawrence
Scholarships	Linda Follett	<u>Trustees 2020-2021</u>	
Veterans Service	John Serumgard	1yr. Dave Finn	
Youth Activities	TBD	2yr. John Serumgard	
		3yr. Jack Meehan	
		4yr. Mike Gerloch	
		5yr. Barbara Mushet	

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