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# NEW BERN ELK

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

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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Brother and Sister ELKs,

I'm excited, excited, excited we are taking our first steps toward our standard routines. Our opening general meeting will be starting 16 March. We will continue to maintain our usual sanitizing habits as well as wearing masks. If you still feel uncomfortable or are feeling ill, please do not attend our meetings until you are feeling better.

2020 has been an unforgettable year, we had a few bad situations but we prevailed and will make things up this year. Anticipating the decline of COVID, Jim Wellspeak is scheduling lodge rentals for the new Elks year.

Another bit of good news, though we were shut down, we have six new candidates for membership plus 5 new members from transfers.

As directed by the Grand Lodge, membership is a high propriety for all ELK lodges, thus you will see a great marketing platform by Jody who is our chairperson for the membership committee.

High praise for the Veterans Committee for a successful Rib Roast. John Serumgard and Phil Cordova did a fine leadership role in conforming to a new way of doing business. The new way of conducting the roast created a streamline system from cooking to distributing and this method will be the way of the future.



One of our very active members, June Kent, will be leaving us and will be moving closer to her family. She will be missed and hopefully her legacy will continue in our Elks lodge #764, we all wish her well.

The following is the slate of Officers for the Elk Year 2021-2022:

Exalted Ruler	Guy Pascarella
Exalted Leading Knight	Pam Dion
Exalted Loyal Knight	Brenda Williams
Exalted Lecturing Knight	Mae West
Esquire	John Lawrence
Secretary	Linda Follett
Treasurer	Jody Pascarella
Inner Guard	Don Robertson
Tiler	Shawn Dougherty
Chaplain	Don McCurdy
Organist	Armand Dion
Trustee	John Serumgard
Trustee	Dave Finn
Trustee	Mike Gerlock
Trustee	Barbara Mushet
Trustee	Jack Meehan

Coming up ...

The Spring Convention is scheduled for April 29-May 2, 2021 in Wilmington and

The National Convention is scheduled for July 4-7, 2021 in Tampa, FLA.

I will finalize this newsletter with the following Question?

### **What is an ELK ?**

The best answer I have found is the following:

THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS IS A NATIONAL, FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE WORKS. THE ELKS HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE 1867,--WE HAVE MORE THAN 700,000 MEMBERS AND 1800 LODGES NATIONWIDE.

OUR EMPHASIS IS ON CONDUCTING YOUTH PROGRAMS, SERVING OUR VETERANS AND DOING CHARITABLE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY IN

WHICH WE LIVE AND WORK.

WE ALSO PROVIDE SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS TO ENJOY FOOD, DRINKS AND CAMARADERIE, WHILE RAISING FUNDS TO PERFORM OUR GOOD DEEDS.

Guy Pascarella  
Exalted Ruler

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#### **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.

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#### **Committee of 100 Comments**

So here we are having lived with the virus for so long that it almost seems “normal”. But it is not because - if it was - here is what I would be saying. Early every year the **Committee of 100** sets aside \$1,000 to fund a college scholarship for a deserving local high school senior and that is just one of the many causes the **Committee of 100** supports during the year. Guided by member recommendations the **Committee of 100** also supports many other not so well-known organizations like Phoenix House, Mediation Center, Kennedy Children Home, Camp Carefree or Autism Society. These are the reasons that make the **Committee of 100** the unique charitable part of our lodge. If you think that any of these are worthy projects you would like to be a part of or, if you know of other great projects in our community that need support, please consider joining the **Committee of 100** when you pay your lodge dues in March; when the new **Committee of 100** year starts in July or at any other time by contacting chairman Egon Lippert at 252-617-0179 or [egonlippert@yahoo.com](mailto:egonlippert@yahoo.com).

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#### **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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***NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
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Anyone with these magazines to  
spare?

The residents of the Kinston  
Veterans

Home would love to have some.  
June Kent 288-5947

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**SICK OR DISTRESSED**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS  
SICK, HOSPITALIZED OR IN SOME SORT OF DISTRESS**

**PLEASE CALL**

**BARBARA MUSHET**

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<b><u>2020-2021 Committee Chairs</u></b>		<b><u>2020-2021 Officers</u></b>	
Activities Coordinator	Pam Dion	Exalted Ruler	Guy Pascarella
Americanism	Brenda Williams	Esteemed Leading Knight	Pam Dion
Comm. of 100	Egon Lippert	<b>Esteemed Loyal Knight</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Drug Awareness</b>	<b>TBD</b>	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	<b>Organist</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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	<b><u>Trustees 2020-2021</u></b>	
Veterans Service	John Serumgard	1yr. Dave Finn	
<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>TBD</b>	2yr. John Serumgard	
		3yr. Jack Meehan	
		4yr. Mike Gerloch	
		5yr. Barbara Mushet	

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