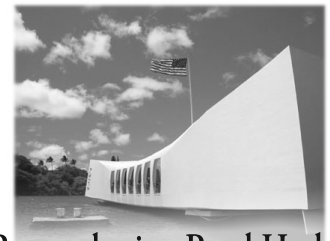




Merry Christmas!

Elks Lodge

December 2008



Remembering Pearl Harbor

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

Message from the GER

December is or should be a reverent, benevolent, gratifying and even festive month for all Elks. The first Sunday in December we all pause to remember and pay tribute to our departed Members as we live once again among our memories of good friendships, good fellowship, and good accomplishments. We faithfully revisit our individual and collective "Tablets of Love and Memory!"

It is also the ninth month of our Lodge year and it finds us in the midst of the holiday season, and perhaps with our thoughts occupied by all the fun and festivities that abound. While this is certainly a most joyous time for us all, hopefully some of that joy comes from carrying our mission to "Grow Elkdome" into service activities and actions in the communities we serve.

In my acceptance speech in Anaheim, in referring to Santa Claus, I said, "We will be tapping into his spirit of goodwill and giving as we move forward in this new year of Elkdome." While I know much goodwill and giving has occurred since Anaheim, what better time than December to ramp up your efforts of "Growing Elkdome" through your programs of service, goodwill and giving in your community.

December is a perfect time to practice Charity, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, not only in your communities, but also among Members. This holiday season is a perfect time to enlist a Member's help in your efforts to service the needs of your community. It is also a perfect time to extend a hand of friendship or help to a fellow Member, to strengthen the relationship among the Members, and to strengthen the relationship between the Members and your Lodge. The holiday season presents many opportunities to make each and every Member of your Lodge feel welcomed, wanted and needed!

Thank you so very much for your continuing dedicated efforts. Jane and I, our office staff here in Newark, Delaware, and all the Grand Lodge family, extend our best wishes to you and yours for a safe and joyous holiday season and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Faternally,

Paul D. Helsel – Grand Exalted Ruler

ER's Message

As the Christmas season approaches, I want to speak about the Elk virtue of Fidelity. Fidelity comes from the Latin word for faithfulness. And now, fidelity to our lodge is so important. Our lodge gives us great fellowship, the best food in northwestern North Carolina, service to our community through many projects such as the Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, Adopt-A-Highway, Quiz Bowl, Drug Free wristbands and essays, among many others. It is crucial that we pay our dues promptly and maintain our membership.

Bill Fletcher and the Board of Trustees have worked many, many hours to keep our restaurant open. Now we see (and taste!) the benefits. Thanks to Janice for the delicious meals that she prepares for us and the community. If you don't have the Christmas spirit, visit our lodge and see the beautiful decorations!

On December 7, we will remember Elks who have passed away during the year, and Pearl Harbor. We will have a buffet that is reasonably priced. Be there to show your support for our parted friends and their families. Bob Beeson and Bert Hall have organized this special Elks ceremony.

Slowly but steadily, our lodge finances are improving. The lodge needs its members like you. Through the Fidelity of its individual members, North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge # 1846 has a bright future. May God bless us all.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Foster – Exalted Ruler

Lodge Meetings and Events

- *Breakfast Meeting – Saturday, December 6, 8:30 am*
- *Dinner & Dance (Shag Club) – Saturday, December 6
Elks & Guests Welcomed*
- *Elks Memorial Service – Sunday, December 7, 1:00 pm
(Buffet at noon)*
- *Lodge Closed – December 21-28, Reopen December 29*
- *New Year's Eve Party – Wednesday, December 31, 8:00 pm*
- *Lodge Closed – New Year's Day*



Happy Holidays from the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge

LODGE NOTES:

- Please remember our troops during this holiday season. Many will spend Christmas away from loved ones.
- Please remember our sick and distressed Elks in your thoughts and prayers. David Steed, (loss of his Mother) and Max Ferree.
- Thanks go out to Regina Miller and all of those who assisted her. Our lodge earned a profit of \$625 in the sale of Belk Coupons.
- The Lodge will be closed on New Year's Day in observance of the holiday.
- Trustees announced that breakfast served during the Saturday morning meetings will be free. This change is effective December 2008. Donations and TIPS for the wait and kitchen staff are encouraged and appreciated.
- The "Most Valuable Student" and "Legacy" scholarship forms are available for distribution to candidates interested in applying. If you are aware of a young person that might be interested in applying for either or both of these scholarships, please encourage them to apply. The fastest and easiest way to obtain an application is to access the Elks website at www.elks.org.
- Hoop Shoot chairman - Nelson Martin reports that our county Hoop Shoot competition is scheduled for Saturday, January 10. Registration begins at 8:00 am. The event will be held in the gymnasium at the East Middle School. Volunteers are needed!!!
- The Lodge and Restaurant will be closed from Sunday, December 21 through Sunday, December 28 in observance of the Christmas holiday season. Operations will resume on Monday, December 29.
- Don't forget the annual New Year's Eve Party at the Lodge on Wednesday, December 31 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person. Please call for reservations.

Christmas Tree Tips

- Make sure the tree has water... Your Christmas tree needs plenty of water.
- Selecting a location..... When selecting a location to setup your tree, attempt to locate it in a cool location. Avoid placing it in an area close to heating appliances or the fireplace. This will not only dry the tree out prematurely, but can also increase the chance of accidental ignition.
- Keep the tree out of high traffic areas, and away from stairways and doors.
- Secure the tree so that it cannot be knocked over by pets or a small child.
- Keep on eye on your decorations... The decorations you use can be poisonous to children and family pets. Be sure to keep all tinsel, garland, and greenery out of the reach of your small children or pets.
- Never leave the lights on when leaving the house or when going to bed.

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Lodge Memorial Service Is Dec. 7

The annual Elks Lodge Memorial Service honoring the memory of fallen Elks, Norris McGlamery, Max Freeman, and Wayburn Clonch will be held at the Lodge on Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. A lunch buffet will precede the ceremony at noon. The Madrigal Singers from Wilkes Central will provide inspirational song. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Lodge extends its thanks to Brothers Bob Beeson and Bert Hall for their efforts in coordinating our Elks Lodge Memorial Service program.

Restaurant News



News from the restaurant continues to be very positive. Reports from the trustees indicate that restaurant traffic is improving and that our membership is very pleased with the quality preparation and selection of the food and service at the restaurant. Janice and her team have worked tirelessly to keep our restaurant functioning on a full service basis. Many thanks go out to everyone who is supporting the restaurant through your patronage.

New Year's Eve Party

Join us for a New Year's Party and Dance at the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge. Come on out and celebrate a new year and help support your Elks Lodge by attending our dance. Dance from 8:00 pm until 1:00 am. A DeeJay will play a variety of music all night long. Admission is \$20 per person, and it's the best value in town. You get heavy Hors d'oeuvres at the start of the dance and a full buffet breakfast immediately after. A cash bar will be operating. Plus you'll get to dance with your spouse or significant other all evening long. This dance has been a tremendous success in the past and if you've missed it you're really missing out on a good time. All admission proceeds help support your Elks Lodge. Please call your reservations into the Lodge.

Policy On Use Of Lodge Facilities

Functions including engagements of all types must be reserved or booked by a Lodge member in good standing. Lodge members booking events on behalf of third parties should be in attendance or on the premises while the event is in progress. If the member representing the third party cannot attend the event, the member is required to delegate oversight for that event to another member who must be present.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	2 Lodge Closed	3 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	4 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	5 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	6 Breakfast Mtg @ 8:30 am Dinner Special - Dance Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
7 Memorial Service 1:00 pm (Special Buffet -Noon) Pearl Harbor Day	8 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	9 Lodge Closed	10 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	11 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	12 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	13 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
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21 Lodge Closed	22 Lodge Closed	23 Lodge Closed	24 Lodge Closed	25 Christmas Day Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Closed
28 Lodge Closed	29 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	30 Lodge Closed	31 New Year's Eve Party 8:00 pm	