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

Message from the GER

Happy New Year!! Hopefully the holiday season was a rewarding and joyful time for you and yours, as well as your Lodge and its many Members.

Hopefully you and others in your Lodge seized the opportunities afforded by the season to further your efforts to “Grow Elkdome” within your Lodge and your community. Hopefully through your individual and collective efforts the relationship between your Lodge and your Members has grown and as a result you have been able to enlist more Elks in your good works, expand the level of activity in your Lodge and the community you serve, as well as reduce the number of Members who may have wanted to give up their Lodge membership.

This is the beginning of a new calendar year and at 12 o’clock midnight New Year’s Eve many have or will shortly resolve to pursue a variety of serious and even frivolous goals associated with personal habits, relationships and desires. Well, our Elks year still has three months remaining and hopefully your resolutions and those of other Elks of our Lodge were or will be directed toward finishing the work and/or goals that you and your Lodge set out to achieve on April 1, 2008. There is still time to reduce the delinquency list, initiate new Members, reach the GER’s goal of \$4.50 per capita donations to the National Foundation, etc, etc. Much can still be accomplished to “Grow Elkdome,” and your Lodge in the three months remaining.

Through December, Jane and I have visited 23 State Associations and 30 Lodges of our Order. We continue to be greatly impressed, as well as extremely grateful for all the dedicated work being done by the Elks across these Associations and Lodges to further the programs and principles of our Order and serve the individual communities. There is truly a grassroots effort to “Grow Elkdome” and spread the message that “Elks Care – Elks Share” everywhere we go. Hopefully you and your Lodge are or will be counted in that number!

Thank you for your continuing dedicated efforts to make our great Order even greater.

Fraternally,

F. Louis Sulsberger – Grand Exalted Ruler

Listen and Learn from Veterans

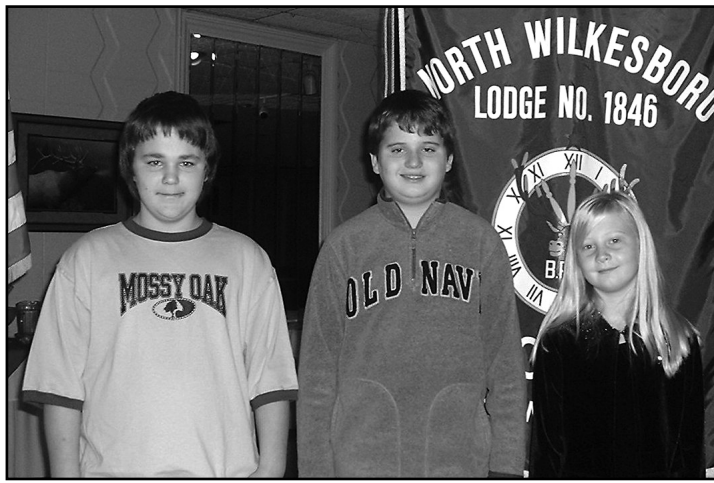
Americans need to listen to the stories of the nation’s veterans and learn from them the meaning of sacrifice and citizenship. A good way to do this is to invite veterans into our schools to speak with students.

For more than a year, Elks lodges have been involving participants in their youth programs in their veterans’ programs, taking young people along on visits to VA hospitals and bringing hospitalized veterans to Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot contests.

In a speech to high school students, President Bush said Americans should always honor our veterans, noting that we especially need the example of their character in these troubled times. “And we need a new generation to set examples of its own, examples in service and sacrifice and courage,” he added. “These veterans have shaped our history; with their values, your generation will help guide our future.”

Lodge Meetings and Events

- *Lodge Closed – New Year’s Day*
- *Breakfast Meeting – Saturday, January 3, 8:30 am*
- *Hoop Shoot – Saturday, January 10, 8:00 am (East Middle School)*
- *Lodge Meeting – Thursday, January 15, 7:00 pm*
- *Third Sunday Buffet – January 18, 11:30 am*



(left to right) Chris Caudill, Jordan Faw and Cassidy Baker

Drug Awareness Essay Winners Announced

Winners of the 2008 Drug Awareness Essay Contest sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge were announced at the Saturday breakfast meeting December 6. Receiving first place and \$100 was Chris Caudill from CB Eller Elementary. The second place award of \$75 was won by Jordan Faw of Millers Creek Elementary. Third place and \$50 was awarded to Cassidy Baker at Wilkesboro Elementary. The Elks Lodge extends a special "Thank You" to all of the students who participated in the 2008 Drug Awareness Contest and congratulates the winners. The Lodge appreciates the support of the teachers and administrators for their help with this event. Special thanks go out to Sharon Guenther for her assistance with the Drug Awareness Essay program.

Winning Essay:

One of the reasons I am drug free is because I would rather spend my money on better things like groceries and clothes. If I have a family, I would not want to waste money used for my wife and kids on drugs. Drugs can make you turn into a thief which can land you in prison.

Another reason I choose to be drug free is the effect drugs would have on my body and mind. I would not be able to think clearly, I may act differently, and do things I don't remember that I might regret later in life. I would not be able to drive or do other things without endangering me or other people. Drugs will destroy my body and eventually take my life.

My last and most important reason I am drug free is I have experienced firsthand the results of drug use. My real dad did drugs, which caused him to be mean to my family and me. My mom divorced him so he would not be mean to us anymore. Drugs caused my family to break up. That is why I am drug free!!!!

LODGE NOTES:

- Please continue to remember our sick and distressed Elks in your thoughts and prayers.
- As a reminder, 2009 Most Valuable Student and Nurse Scholarship applications are now available. Anyone having knowledge of a candidate interested in applying for one of these scholarships can download an application from the Elks website at www.elks.org or direct them to an appropriate Lodge representative.
- A Leadership Training conference for new officers and others who wish to learn more about Elkdom will be scheduled in February. Details will be posted in the February newsletter.
- The District Hoop Shoot will be held on January 31 in Hickory at Lenoir-Rhyne University.
- Details of the next District Deputy Clinic will be announced at the breakfast meeting on January 3.
- The Lodge will be closed on New Year's Day – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Top Ten New Year's Resolutions

1. Lose Weight / Improve Physical Condition
2. Stick to a Budget
3. Reduce or Eliminate Debt
4. Enjoy more Quality Time with Family or Friends
5. Find a Soul Mate
6. Quit Smoking
7. Find a Better Job
8. Learn Something New
9. Volunteer to Help Others
10. Get Organized

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Officer Recruitment

Leading Knights (Exalted-Rulers-To-Be) and PER Associations, if you haven't already got nominees for all of next year's Lodge Offices, this season's socials are ideal for targeting those with leadership talents among your Members. Point out to such candidates that perpetuating the festivity and camaraderie surrounding all of you requires "the special few" to step forward in service to Elksdom's principles and traditions. Also point out that the self-respect and satisfaction (the only reward for each year's efforts) is a commodity which cannot be found on any store's shelf, and is the well-earned and rightful domain of a small but proud band of Elksdom's truly dedicated. Choose wisely and don't forget to include the candidates' spouses in your discussions; any Officer's family will have to share them with your Lodge. You know how good it feels to have served and served well; SHARE it with other worthy Elks.

Elks New Year's Eve Party

Don't forget the Elks New Year's Eve Party at the Lodge – December 31, at 8 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. There will be a cash bar, music and dancing, a glass of champagne to toast in the new-year and heavy hors-d'oeuvres. Why go out of town to celebrate when you can attend this value packed event? This is the perfect opportunity for you to usher in the New Year among friends. A hot breakfast will be served after midnight. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun and excitement of the Elks New Year's Eve party. Make your plans to attend by reserving your table today!!

Restaurant News



Great food and service at a reasonable price has always been a recipe for success in the restaurant business. You will find all of these things at the Lodge restaurant.

The staff at the Lodge restaurant is eager to provide our members and their guests with a level of service unsurpassed in this area. The restaurant continues to offer some of the best choice steaks around town. Make the Lodge restaurant a regular stop on your list of places to enjoy a great dining experience for you and your guests and don't forget about our Sunday buffet every third Sunday each month. We hope to see you soon.

County Hoop-Shoot is January 10

This is a reminder that the county Hoop-Shoot competition is scheduled for Saturday, January 10. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the event will start around 8:30 a.m.

This year the Hoop-Shoot will be held at East Middle School. All members are invited to attend and volunteers are needed to assist with the event.

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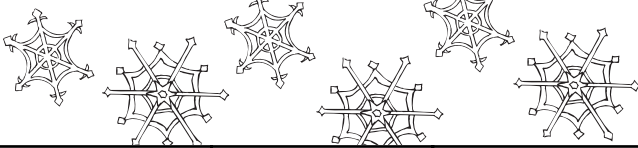
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 New Year's Eve Party 8:00 pm	1 New Year's Day Lodge Closed	2 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	3 Breakfast Mtg @ 8:30 am Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
4 Lodge Closed	5 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	6 Lodge Closed	7 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	8 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	9 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	10 Hoop Shoot 8:30 am (East Middle School) Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
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18 3rd Sunday Buffet Open 11:30 am	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Pasta Night	20 Lodge Closed	21 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	22 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	23 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	24 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
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