

Happy Valentine's  
Day ♥

# Elks Lodge

February 2009



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

## Message from the GER

Two months still remain in the 2008- 2009 Lodge year. We still have time to make our goals and objectives in membership and ENF per capita donations, as well as in the many service-oriented programs we individually and collectively pursue. It is time that we all reach down deep and give all these activities and pursuits that final and extra level of effort before the March 31st deadline. As we celebrate the 141st Anniversary of our great Order this month, let us all rededicate ourselves to the work at hand and ensure that the records will show this year to be the very best in terms of "Elks - Growing Elkdom and Strengthening America."

Since the latter part of 2008, our nation and indeed all Elks individually and collectively as Lodges and an Order, have been affected by the dramatic economic downturn that prevails. This is but another challenge in our long-standing efforts to keep our Lodges and Order healthy and viable. For almost thirty years we have faced declining membership and revenues, always adjusting and coping to remain a prominent and successful organization. We have shown we know how to do it and we must continue to apply that same initiative through these difficult times.

I view these poor economic conditions as an opportunity. Lodges are usually the least expensive place in town for an Elk and Elk family to eat, drink and participate in safe social enjoyment and fellowship. We must continually impress upon our Members, and those who are interested in membership, the value of an Elks membership, as well as encourage them to take advantage of what their Lodge has to offer. Even with annual dues included, the cost to participate in the Lodge is usually a bargain compared to what one would pay in the public sector for the same services and activities.

This is also an opportune time for the Lodges and their memberships to lend a helping hand in efforts to assist those adversely affected during this uneasy time. We should all be thinking out of the box and identifying ways the Lodge can take a leading role in helping residents of the community, as well as Members of the Lodge, cope and adjust to the crisis at hand. Lodges should strive to be a prominent source of assistance to both the residents and their membership. We have the opportunity to do much good, thereby generating much goodwill, strengthening relationships and showing all in the communities across America that "Elks Care – Elks Share."

Thank you for your continuing efforts to "Grow Elkdom" and more importantly at this critical time "Strengthen America!"

Faternally yours,

Paul D. Helsel – Grand Exalted Ruler

## ER's Message

Happy New-Year to All. The new calendar year has begun and the Elks' year ends March 31. Our lodge has seen some big changes in 2008. We stopped operating our restaurant and bar, and leased it to Savory Affair. As a result, we let go some longtime employees and we wish them the best. We hired Janice and her team, and we have come to appreciate her great food and service.

On Saturday, January 10, Nelson Martin coordinated the Elks Hoop Shoot at East Wilkes Middle School. There was a large crowd there for the event. The youngsters gave it their best at the free throw line. Our lodge continues its service to the community through the Drug Free Essay Contest, passing out Be Drug Free Wristbands to students in grades K-8, the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program and the Benevolent Partner of Education Scholarship Program, the Elks Quiz Bowl tournament and many more.

The Elks Lodge has four cardinal principles of its order: charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. I want to speak to brotherly love. After all, Christmas and the New Year are important times. In the New Testament of the Bible a new concept of brotherly love is presented. It comes in the form of the Greek word "agape." Agape is a type of love where you love your neighbor just for who he or she is. This type of love is unconditional because your neighbor doesn't have to do something for you to receive your love, or be any certain way. Agape accepts someone for who they are, the good traits as well as the bad.

In our Fraternal Order, we must continue our good works and accept our brothers and sisters (and their faults if they have them). It is a new year. Let's work together to promote the many good things that our lodge does.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Foster - ER

### Lodge Meetings and Events

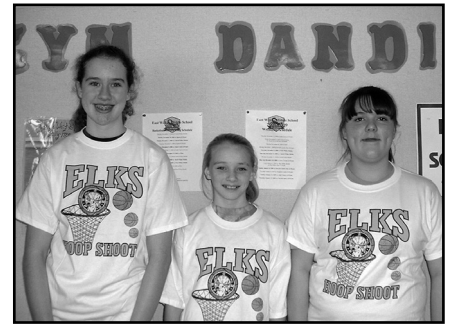
- District Hoop-Shoot – Jan 31, Hickory (Lenoir Rhyne University)
- Breakfast Meeting – Saturday, February 7, 8:30 am
- Valentine's Dinner-Dance – Saturday, February 14, 5:30 pm
- State Hoop-Shoot – Saturday, February 14, in Greensboro
- Third Sunday Buffet – February 15, Open 11:30 am
- Lodge Meeting – Thursday, February 19, 7:00 pm



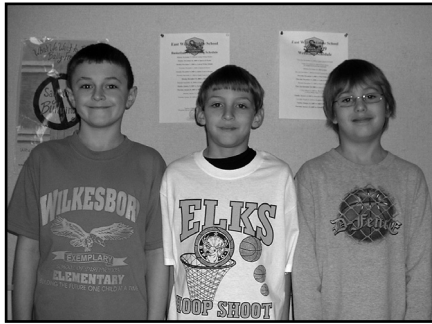
**2009 Hoop Shoot Winners - Girls (8-9)**  
**1st place, Haylee Costellonos – Wilkesboro**  
**2nd place, Lakyn Sparks – CB Eller**  
**3rd place, Madison Lester – Ronda Clingman**



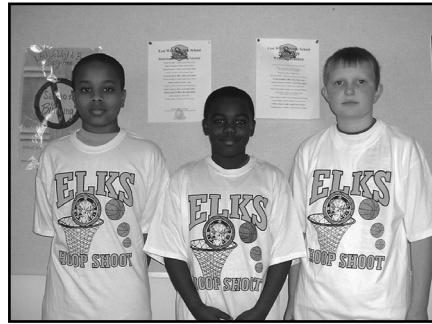
**2009 Hoop Shoot Winners - Girls (10-11)**  
**1st place, Leah Church – Home School**  
**2nd place, Brianna Shelton – Mt. Pleasant**  
**3rd place, Chealsea Edwards – Roaring River**



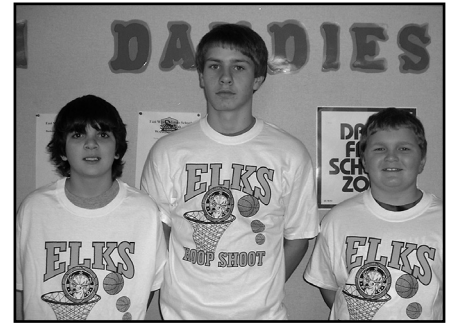
**2009 Hoop Shoot Winners - Girls (12-13)**  
**1st place, Kelly Johnson – East Middle**  
**2nd place, Erin Dancy – West Middle**  
**3rd place, Erin Cothren – Central Middle**



**2009 Hoop Shoot Winners - Boys (8-9)**  
**1st place, Tripp Greene – Wilkesboro**  
**2nd place, Landon Osborne – CB Eller**  
**3rd place, Alan Royal – Roaring River**



**2009 Hoop Shoot Winners - Boys (10-11)**  
**1st place, David Corpening – Central Middle**  
**2nd place, Dashawn Francis – CC Wright**  
**3rd place, Dillan Brown – Traphill**



**2009 Hoop Shoot Winners - Boys (12-13)**  
**1st place, Landon Staley – North Middle**  
**2nd place, Calvin Shomaker – Central Middle**  
**3rd place, Devan Shell – West Middle**

## 2009 Elks HOOP-SHOOT

The annual county Hoop-Shoot competition sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge was held at East Middle School Saturday morning January 10. Nelson Martin, Hoop-Shoot chairman, opened the event followed by the invocation given by the Lodge Chaplain, Greg Fuller. The pledge of allegiance was led by Kenneth Foster, Exalted Ruler of the Lodge. A large crowd of spectators were in attendance. The Elks Hoop-Shoot contest is the largest competitive national tournament for youngsters of its type. Two of our local Hoop-Shooters, Erin Dancy (2008) and Erin Cothren (2005) made it all the way to the national finals in Springfield, MA during previous competitions.

The Elks Hoop-Shoot allows youngsters in three age brackets, (8-9), (10-11) and (12-13), to compete in a best of 25 free throws shooting contest. County wide participants numbered 3,971. Girls and Boys compete within their respective age groups. Winners from each participating school are invited to the county contest where they compete for first, second and third place honors.

First place winners from each age category earn the opportunity to advance to the West District Elks Hoop-Shoot competition to be held Saturday, January 31 at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC.

Each participant and volunteer received an Elks Hoop-Shoot T-shirt. First, second and third place county winners and their families will be invited to the Lodge for the annual Hoop-Shoot awards presentations. The North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge congratulates all of the participants and winners and is grateful to East Wilkes Middle School for hosting the 2008 Hoop-Shoot event. Special thanks are extended to Hoop-Shoot Chairman, Nelson Martin, Sharon Guenther, school coaches, teachers and administrators, Lodge members and to everyone else who volunteered their time and effort.



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## Elks Lodge Checking Account

As of Dec 31, 2008

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,430.73
Deposits .....	\$3,269.12
Expenses/Checks .....	\$3,609.99
Transfer to Club Acct .....	\$1,400.00
Ending Balance .....	\$689.86
Accounts Receivable - Lodge .....	\$ -
Accounts Payable - Lodge .....	\$3,162.02

## Elks Club Checking Account

As of Dec 31, 2008

Beginning Balance.....	\$284.52
Deposits/Sales.....	\$1,670.15
Expenses/Checks .....	\$2,603.67
Transfer from Lodge Acct .....	\$1,400.00
Ending Balance.....	\$751.00
Accounts Receivable - Club.....	\$1,600.00
Outstanding Debt - Club	
Yadkin Valley - Line of Credit.....	\$11,894.17
Accounts Payable - Club.....	\$501.91

## LODGE NOTES:

- Please remember our sick and distressed Elk members in your thoughts and prayers.
- Elks Leadership Training conference will be held on Saturday, February 21 in Greensboro. Officers to be and members interested in learning more about our Order should make plans to attend this meeting.
- Special thanks are extended to all who helped with the Elks Hoop-Shoot.
- West District Hoop Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, at Lenoir-Rhyne University's Shuford Gym in Hickory. The event will begin at 11 a.m.
- Membership stands at 402 according to the latest reports.
- The State Hoop-Shoot competition will be held at Grimsley H.S. on February 14 in Greensboro.
- Don't forget the Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance on February 14 – make your plans to attend now.
- Nelson Martin, Kenneth Foster, Jerry Strader, Bill Fletcher and Walter and Mary McSwain attended the District Deputy Clinic on January 18.

## Restaurant News



We plan to continue our third Sunday buffet each month. Members, please remember that we have the facilities to accommodate all of your special events including wedding receptions, family or class reunions and business functions. The restaurant can provide a wide assortment of appetizers or full

course meals including optional buffets. The Lodge restaurant is your restaurant and we want you to feel at home here.

The restaurant staff is dedicated to serving you. We want to make your dining experience the most enjoyable in town.

## Valentine's Day – A History

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine. Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

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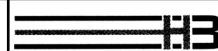
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TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN: Bill Fletcher. TRUSTEES: Jerry Cheek, Paul Holbrook, Dan Little and Nelson Martin.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lodge Closed	2 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	5 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	6 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	7 Breakfast Mtg @ 8:30 am Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
8 Lodge Closed	9 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	10 Lodge Closed	11 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	12 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	13 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	14 Valentine's Day Dinner - Dance Open 5:30pm State Hoop Shoot - Greensboro Happy Hour 6-7pm
15 3rd Sunday Buffet Open 11:30 am	16 President's Day Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	17 Lodge Closed	18 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	19 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm Lodge Mtg @ 7 pm	20 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	21 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm
22 Lodge Closed	23 Pasta Night Happy Hour 6-7pm	24 Lodge Closed	25 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	26 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	27 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm	28 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm Happy Hour 6-7pm

