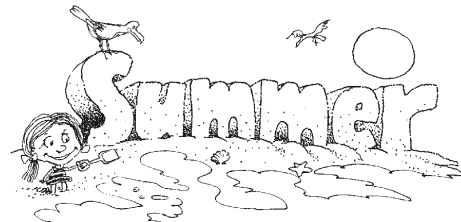




Elks Lodge

July/August 2009



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

ER's Message

Greetings to all Elks! The Summer is Here!

Recently I attended a Flag Day Ceremony at our Lodge. Larry Pendry organized a beautiful and meaningful ceremony to honor our American flag. Love of country and respect for our flag is an important part of Elkdom. Many Americans have made and continue to make the ultimate sacrifice under this flag.

Our World War II Veterans are passing away quickly now. Our World War II veterans did not go off to fight a limited war in a hot spot on our planet. They went off to fight a war against two powerhouse nations with highly trained, highly successful, highly confident, and highly equipped soldiers. In fact, for much of the war the Japanese and Germans had far superior equipment than the Americans. Our troops did not know if they would win or lose, or if they would come back home alive. In World War II there were no cell phones or email to contact loved ones in a minute, but communication was more like months. My dad, Russell Foster, was one of those World War II veterans.

Remember the Korean War, the Vietnamese War, the Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm), the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq and there have been many other small, but deadly clashes.

In recent years, Chris Thompson made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Larry Bauguess make the ultimate sacrifice in Pakistan. I had the pleasure of getting to know them while they were in school. I can truly say that they were two of Wilkes County's finest and best young men.

Our flag is to be honored. As July 4th approaches, it is a time for us to remember that we are Americans first, democrats and republicans second. As our troops have defended freedom from foreign nations, we must defend our freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom to choose our leaders here at home. The future is challenging but promising.

Fraternally yours,

Kenneth Foster, Exalted Ruler

*Did You Know?

Public Service is an integral part of being an Elk. In keeping with the tradition, Elks create and participate in many programs to better their communities and demonstrate that Elks Care – Elks Share!

Scholarships: Each year the ENF provides more than 3.65 million dollars in college scholarships.

Hoop Shoot: The yearly Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program is open to all boys and girls ages 8 thorough 13. The contest starts at the lodge level and advances through district, state and regional contests before the national finals in the spring.

Drug Awareness: The Elks Drug Awareness Program distributes literature and organizes events to make kids and their parents aware of the dangers posed by alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. Sign on to elks.org and take the Drug Awareness quiz and test your knowledge on this subject!

Youth Activities: Other youth oriented activities sponsored by the Elks include the Soccer Shoot, the Antlers program, the yearly Americanism essay contest and more. Would you like to help sponsor one of these programs in our local NW Lodge?

Veterans Programs: Since the early days of Elkdom, the Veterans Service Commission has patriotically served those Elks who have fought for our great nation.

*from Elks.org

Be proud to share the facts about Elk membership with your family, friends and coworkers. Ask them to consider becoming an Elk member with the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge so that we may continue to provide local support for these programs.

Lodge Meetings and Events

- No Breakfast Meeting in July due to the 4th Holiday
- July Lodge Meeting – Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm
- July Third Sunday Buffet – Sunday, July 19, Open 11:30 am
- August Breakfast Meeting – Saturday, August 1, 8:30 am
- August Lodge Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 7:00 pm
- August Third Sunday Buffet – Sunday, August 16, Open 11:30 am
- Coming up in September – Elks Lodge Fundraiser – Cash Drawdown

Flag Day Ceremony & Member Appreciation Event



On Sunday, June 14th the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge observed Flag Day with the Marine Corp League of Wilkes County. All members of the Lodge and their spouses were invited to attend this very special event in honor of our Nation's Flag. Larry Pendry and Hobert Yates spoke about the

history of our flag and how to honor it. Respect and love of the American Flag is important to Elks all across America.

The Marine Corps League preformed the services of raising a new flag. The members performing the service were Commandant Raymond Handy, Edd Dyer, Hobert Yates, Jimmie Caudill, Mac Lankford; and Donald Warfield.



A member appreciation "dessert social" took place inside immediately following the ceremony. Our thanks to Savory Affair for providing the desserts.



Wilkes Community Foundation Raffle

Wilkes Community Foundation held their annual cash drawdown raffle at the Elk's Lodge on Saturday, June 13. The winner of the \$10,000 cash prize was Frank & Carolyn Pardue. The Elk's Lodge received \$1,100 for the 22 tickets that were sold by Elk members. This money will be used to pay towards the roofing, plumbing and electrical repairs being done at the Lodge. Wilkes Community Foundation raised \$4,474 after the dinner expenses of \$2,187 to Savory Affair for total ticket sales of \$17,761. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with WCF for this fundraiser opportunity.

Third Sunday Buffet - Sunday July 19 and August 16

Don't forget the Third Sunday Buffet on July 19 and August 16 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Bring your entire family to enjoy a wonderful meal with Janice and her staff at the Elks Lodge Restaurant. Please make your reservations early so they know how many to plan for.

Elks Annual Fundraiser - Cash Drawdown

The North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge will hold their 2009 Annual Fundraiser event in September. This year we will be doing a Cash Drawdown instead of a car raffle. As the dates are still being confirmed please prepare to purchase your ticket for this important event. Each ticket will include two dinner meals and an evening of fun at the Lodge during the Cash Drawdown. Money raised from this fundraiser will be used for our Scholarship program and for much needed repairs and upkeep of the Lodge facilities. If you wish to sell tickets please contact Paul Holbrook or any of the Lodge trustees or officers. We need this to be a successful event and need your help to make that happen. Frank and Carolyn Pardue just won \$10,000 from the WCF raffle; the next winner could be YOU!!!!!!



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Changes In The Elks Lodgic

Beginning with the July issue of the ElksLodgic we will begin publishing the newsletter every other month instead of every month. This change is necessary due to the reduced number of advertisers which has helped to fund our newsletter in the past and the general economic times where we are looking to cut expenses wherever possible. We hope that in the future, with improvement to the economy, we can resume mailing a monthly newsletter. You will find a calendar for both July and August in this issue. You may also view the ElksLodgic newsletter and the monthly calendar on line at elks.org. To view on line go to the elks.org internet site. Click on Local Lodges and enter the zip code of 28659. Click on North Wilkesboro 1846 and this will take you to your North Wilkesboro Lodge website. On the left hand side you will see News, Calendar, Officers, etc. Click on News to view the latest or previous newsletters; click on Calendar to view previous, future or current calendar events. This site also provides a list of your Elks officers, trustees and committee members and more interesting information about your North Wilkesboro Lodge. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by email or to use the internet to read about your local Elks' news please let us know so that we may remove your name from the monthly mailing list to save on the monthly printing and postage expense. We appreciate your patience and understanding of this change in Elkslodgic and hope it will be a temporary one.

Elkslodgic Advertisers

We are still in need of advertisers for 2009 to help sponsor our newsletter. Please contact one of the Elk's trustees or officers if you or someone you know is interested in an advertising spot. We need this sponsorship to insure that we can continue to publish the newsletter and return to a monthly publication.

Elks Caps For Sale

North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge caps may be purchased at any Elks meeting. The attractive caps are priced at \$15 each. Only a few left; be sure to get yours while they are still available.

Special Prayer Request For Our Sick And Distressed

If you know of someone we need to add to our prayer list please contact Larry Barnes or Kenneth Foster or email the name and information to nwelks1846@charterinternet.com so we may include it in our next newsletter.

• Jerry Cheek

Lodge And Community Notes:

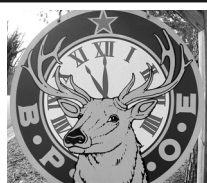
- June 30 through July 7 - Lodge closed for July 4th Holiday
- Saturday, July 4 - Lodge will be closed. No Breakfast meeting will be held.
- July 4th - Downtown North Wilkesboro July 4th Festivities- 8:00 pm
- Thursday, July 16 - 7:00 pm - Lodge Meeting - All members invited to attend.
- Sunday, July 19 - Third Sunday Buffet - Open 11:30 am
- Saturday, July 25 - Shag Dance @ Lodge-Luau & Tiki Party with Gene Hensley
- Saturday, August 1, Breakfast meeting, 8:30 am.
- Saturday, August 8 - Shag Dance @ Lodge-Sham Lama with Danny Kimrey
- Sunday, August 16 - Third Sunday Buffet - Open 11:30 am
- Saturday, September - Elk's Lodge Annual Fundraiser - \$ Cash Drawdown

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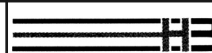
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August 2009

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