



Elks Lodge

January/February 2010



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

ER's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

On New Year's Eve there will be a party and dance at the lodge. All Elks are invited!

Saturday, January 9, will be the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest located at West Wilkes Middle School. This will be a county-wide contest. The Elks Hoop Shoot is an important service by our lodge for the kids in Wilkes County. Winners in the contest will go on to the western district competition. In the past, Wilkes County kids have gone to the highest levels of this competition.

Speaking of service, service to the community is what Elksdom is all about. Sure, there is good food and fellowship at the lodge, but service to the community is priceless. In addition to the Hoop Shoot contest, our lodge provides scholarships, Adopt-A-Highway, high school quiz bowl, and many more services.

Recently, I attended a luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge. While sitting in the meeting, I looked around the room and the thought occurred to me that although most people in the room were not Elks, the lodge still provided a facility and food that provided a service to the community beyond our Elks membership. Not only does our lodge provide many services to our community, but the facility itself is a service to the community. Many civic groups meet there for meals and to further their work.

So, not only am I proud of the services provided by our Elks, I am proud of our lodge facility – it has certainly been the center of many organizations gathering to promote their programs for our county.

Serving as Exalted Ruler, I sometimes hear complaints about this or that at our lodge, but it is important for me to remember that our lodge contributes the setting for many services to our community. So, although our lodge is not perfect, I am still proud to be an Elk.

Our lodge contains a club which is our restaurant and bar. Savory Affair provides food and drink for us. The employees of Savory Affair work hard to provide us with tasty food. Although I had never realized how challenging the restaurant business is, I do appreciate their efforts to serve us with quality food.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Foster, Exalted Ruler

Honorary Life Membership - Walter McSwain

In accordance with Elks Statutes Section 14.270, I hereby nominate Brother Walter McSwain for an Honorary Life Membership.


Whereas Walter McSwain has served the North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge 1846 as Exalted Ruler and Trustee, the Western District of North Carolina as District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler, the North Carolina Elks Association as Chaplain, and whereas Walter has served as chairman of the Clean-Up Detail Committee, among many other services to this lodge and community, I nominate Walter McSwain for an Honorary Life Membership. In all of Brother Walter McSwain's service to Elksdom, he has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Brother Walter McSwain has provided distinguished service to Elksdom.

Therefore, there will be an official ballot made at the Saturday meeting on February 6, 2010.

Lodge Meetings and Events

- New Years Eve Party – Thursday, December 31, 2009 – Lodge Dining Room
- Saturday Morning Breakfast Meeting with speaker Charles Matthews, Wilkes Senior Citizens Center – January 2, 2010
- Hoop Shoot – West Wilkes Middle School – January 9
- District Deputy Meeting at Hickory Lodge – Sunday, January 10
- Third Sunday Buffet – January 17
- Third Thursday Member Meeting – January 21 – Initiation of new members at 7:00 pm followed by a brief business meeting.
- West District Hoop Shoot – Gastonia Lodge – January 23, 11:00 am
- Saturday Morning Breakfast Meeting – Annual Memorial Service – February 6
- State Hoop Shoot – Greensboro – February 10
- Third Thursday Member Meeting – February 18
- Third Sunday Buffet – February 21

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Buffet Night	2 Lodge Closed	3 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	4 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	5 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	6 Breakfast Mtg @ 8:30 am Elks Memorial Service Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm
7 Lodge Closed	8 Buffet Night	9 Lodge Closed	10 State Hoop Shoot Contest - Greensboro Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	11 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	12 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	13 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm
14 Lodge Closed	15 Buffet Night	16 Lodge Closed	17 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	18 Lodge Mtg @ 7 pm Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	19 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	20 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm
21 Third Sunday Buffet Open 11:30 am	22 Buffet Night	23 Lodge Closed	24 Lunch Only Open 11:30 am	25 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	26 Lunch - 11:30 am Dinner - 5:30 pm	27 Dinner Special Open 5:30 pm
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Elk's Memorial Service

The Elk's Memorial Service will be held during the Saturday morning meeting on February 6th. We will remember our Elk's members who have passed during the 2009-2010 year. Below is a list of these members. Their families are invited to attend this memorial service.

Max Ferree, Steve McCord, Foy Ramer

Sickness And Distressed

Please remember these Elk members and their families in your prayers.

Carter Perkins

Kenneth Foster

Elk's Lodge West District Hoop Shoot – January 23, 2010

The winners of our local Hoop Shoot will go on to compete in the West District Hoop Shoot which will be held at the Gastonia Lodge #1634 on January 23, 2010. If you are a winner you will receive instructions to meet at the Gastonia Lodge at 11:00 am to register. Lunch will be served after registration and then the competition will be held in the Hunter Huss High School Gym. Awards will be presented at Hunter Huss following the competition. For more information or directions to the Gastonia Lodge you may call 704-867-1029 or email gastoniaelks@carolina.rr.com. We appreciate the Elks at Gastonia for hosting the event this year. Best of luck to all Wilkes County winners.

The state level competition will be held on February 10th in Greensboro. Please contact Nelson Martin with any questions or for more information.



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Saturday Morning Breakfast Meetings

Please join your fellow Elk members for the monthly Saturday morning meeting. Beginning with the January meeting we will begin eating breakfast at 8:30 and holding the business session after breakfast. January's meeting will include speaker Charles Matthews from Wilkes Senior Citizens Center. In February the breakfast meeting will be combined with the 2009-2010 Memorial Service to honor the Elk's who have passed away during the year. Breakfast is provided by Savory Affair at a cost of \$5.00 each. Hope to see you there.

Need For New Printer

The Elk's Lodge is in need of a new printer in the Elk's office. We would like to have a printer capable of printing our own newsletter. If this is not possible we do need a printer for our financial reports, membership cards, etc. If you have an extra printer or possibly work at a business where they are updating or replacing printers please keep us in mind.

How To Get New Members – ASK THEM!!

If every member of our North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge would propose one person to be an Elk our Lodge would grow in many ways. Please consider asking a friend, co-worker or family member to be an ELK. Applications are available at the Lodge. Pick one up on your next visit and become an Elk proposer and watch us grow.



Elk's Club Restaurant – Decorated For The Holidays

Thank you to Janice and her crew at Savory Affair for the beautiful decorations at the lodge during this Holiday season. We appreciate their efforts to make the restaurant an enjoyable place to visit. Please come out with your family and support the Elks Restaurant.

Elk's Lodge Annual Hoop Shoot – January 9, 2010

The Elk's Lodge Annual Hoop Shoot will be held at West Wilkes Middle School beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9th. The winners, ages 8 through 13, from each Wilkes County school, will participate at the county level. Total participation begins at approximately 4,000 students. One hundred and eight students will join in the competition at West Wilkes Middle School and the winner of that will continue on to the Western District Competition. Come out and support the Elks Hoop Shoot. Volunteers are always needed. If you wish to volunteer please contact Nelson Martin at 566-1299.

The Hoop Shoot is just one of the annual programs the Elks Lodge provides for the youth in our community. Through this program your dollars provide an opportunity to promote many skills for our youth. The competition is open to all students age 8 through 13 who wish to participate. If you have a child or grandchild in school please encourage them to participate at their school level.

New Years Eve Party

Sponsored By The Brushy Mountain Shag Club

The Brushy Mountain Shag Club will again sponsor the New Years Eve Party at the Elks Lodge on December 31, 2009. There will be music, hors-d'oeuvres, and champagne at midnight and breakfast following the dance.

The proceeds from the cover charge go to the Elks Lodge and the festivities are for all Shag members and Elk members. Please support

this opportunity to bring in the New Year with a wonderful night of dance, food and fun

and also help support your Elks Club.



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