

Roanoke Elks



Lodge 197

From the Exalted Ruler...

Well, June has flown by & here we are in July already!!! These warm weather months always seem to pass too quickly. June was a great month at our Lodge with a very successful pool opening and kick-off for our summer season. We owe great thanks to all of our committees & volunteers that made this possible once again!! Wonderful job everyone!!! Our State Convention held on June 8th - 11th was attended by many of our 197 brothers & sisters with increased knowledge gained, good brotherhood shared by all & included a Memorial service, Flag Day service & installation of state officers including our own brother & PER Vince Brandtner as State 1st Vice-president & Brother Stephen Brandtner as state Tiler. Back home, our swim team had a very successful first meet. On the club front, thanks to our House Committee, we now have QR codes posted around the pool & Lodge to provide easy access to our menus on our mobile devices. Our thanks also goes out to the creativeness & support of our brothers & sisters Brent & Kim Chapin, David & Carla Crupnick and Dan & Jen Saunders for their support in the clearing & maintenance of our lower parking area, support of our outside the fence gardens & the installation of automated irrigation systems for those gardens.



Clearly, there's been a lot going on with our continued Trivia nights, Karaoke & our June adult swim with our DJ on the pool deck. For July we can look forward to our 4th of July activities as well as more Trivia, Karaoke, another Adult swim night & The Troublesome Blues Band on the 22nd. Again, Many thanks to all the volunteers who help in supporting these efforts and so much more at our Elks Lodge!!

.... And the fun continues in July at our own Roanoke Elks Lodge #197, Roanoke's home for the "Best People on Earth."

—Fraternally, ER Tony Koliba

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 7/3: Pool is open 11-8.

TUE 7/4: LOTS GOING ON AT THE POOL! Open 10-8.

- * Table Decorating Contest (judging begins at 11:30am)
- * Pool Parade - Kids, Swim Team Members & Kids at Heart (parade line up by Pavilion)
- * 50/50 Rubber Duck Race (proceeds go to Elks Swim Team)
- * Kids Cannonball Contest - Lifeguards judge

WED 7/5: TRIVIA, 7 pm.

THU 7/6: BOWLING WITH THE VETS, 10 am at Lee-Hi Lanes. *Contact Joe Handerhan, Jr. 540.676.3283*

TUE 7/11: LODGE MEETING, 7:30 pm

THU 7/13: EMALIE HALL MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE, 1-6.

More info inside. Tony Koliba 540.330.6208

FRI 7/15: ADULT SWIM, 6-10 pm. Theme is **TAP TAKE OVER!** Area distributors will have beer samples for you to try. Music by DJ Rick.

MON 7/17: Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings Tanglewood, 4-9.
Earn \$\$\$ for #197! Just mention "Elks" to your server.

WED 7/19: TRIVIA, 7 pm.

SAT 7/22: Troublesome Blues Band, 7-10 pm.

MON 7/24: INDOCTRINATION, 6:30 pm.

TUE 7/25: LODGE MEETING, 7:30 pm

FRI 7/28: KARAOKE with DJ Daryl, Tiki Stage, 7-10 pm.

TBA: BOOK CLUB MEETING, 6 pm. "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Check Facebook for date! *Carol Lynn Adkins 540.353.5959*

GRAND EXALTED RULER



The message of
Bruce A. Hidley,
our Grand Exalted Ruler,
is available in the
monthly Elks magazine and
on the Grand Lodge website:
www.elks.org

Happy 4th of July!

ELK of the MONTH July 2023

"Just sayin" ...Meet my Sweet Sister Elk...**SHARON GUTHRIE**. Sharon became an Elk four years ago and has been volunteering since then. She has worked First Responders Day, decorating for various events and giving when needed. She often helps with Lodge events and meetings handling desk sign-in duties. This summer she assumed the role of caretaker for the plants inside the grass area. Thanks for the beautiful plants, Sharon, and the time, and enjoy, for a job well done. Recently she helped Bill Chase and me with the mountains of paperwork processing membership dues.



Sharon is a Roanoke native. She worked in accounting at Mac & Bob's and a local transportation company. When her daughter, Nicole, had an auto accident she took loving care of her for nine years until her passing. She enjoys working in her yard, and helping anyone in need. She and Donnie have four dog babies. She especially loves working in her koi pond and watching them grow!

Sharon is a kind, humble, loving person with a heart of gold and a smile for everyone she sees. Lucky us!

Please congratulate Sharon on becoming the July Elk of the month when you see her next!

—Vicky Halferty

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*Emalee Peterson Hall Memorial
Red Cross Blood Drive*



1pm – 6pm: **Open to the public!** To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and use keyword "elks197". Walk-ins also welcome! A couple of volunteers needed from 12pm-1pm on that day to help Red Cross personnel unload and set up.

Contact Tony Koliba (540) 330-6208

OUR PROGRESS on BLOOD DRIVES

Since July of 2022, our Lodge has succeeded in collecting **278** pints of blood! Our donation will benefit **834** people who need blood.



The pool will be open on Monday, July 3rd, 11 am–8 pm, and 10 am–8 pm on Tuesday, July 4.

On July 4th, there will be a table decorating contest, parade around the pool, 2nd annual 50/50 Duck Race (proceeds will go to support the Elks swim team), and Cannonball Contest, which is always a crowd pleaser. (Listen for announcements and check Facebook for times.) Bring the family and have a fun day at the pool!

Other pool news, so far this year the Pool Committee has ordered new furniture items for the pool area, thanks to funds from pool memberships and the Elks Business Banner program. Ron Deel has built us a beautiful cover for the electrical box on the pool deck, and this can also be used as an additional table. We have had an excellent pool season so far, but we need to ensure that our Pool Rules & Regulations are being followed, so please look at those and go over them with your children. If you need a copy, ask the gate attendant. These are also on the Elk's Facebook page. Just a reminder, only beach balls are allowed in the pool or pool deck. On busy pool days, if you have an extra chair or chaise lounge you are not using, please offer it to someone who doesn't have one. Thank you...Elks care and Elks share!

On another topic, please be kind and respectful to our lifeguards, staff, and volunteers. Yelling, cursing, and inappropriate gestures will not be tolerated, and disciplinary action/write-ups and loss of pool privileges will follow. Without them, we would not be enjoying our summers at the Elks' pool. Our pool staff is doing a FANTASTIC job. A huge THANK YOU to our lifeguards, Pool Manager Caroline Myers, and gate attendants! We couldn't do it without you, and each of you are much appreciated!

Here are the regular pool hours:

MON*	TUE*	WED-THU-FRI	SAT	SUN
Closed	11 - 7	11 - 9	10 - 9	10 - 8

* Pool open on MON 7/3 11-8 & TUE 7/4 10-8

ADULT SWIM— 21 and up only (Under 21: the pool will be cleared at 5:50 and the pool deck at 6:00)

- Saturday, July 15th 6-10PM
- Saturday, August 19th 6-10 PM

—Carol Lynn Adkins

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BATTER UP!

The Brew Crew's baseball season came to a close on June 7th. They ended the season as the best 13u team in Roanoke City, however failed to get a win over Cave Spring despite coming very close several times. The age gap and Cave Spring's long history in little league proved too much to overcome. But everyone of the kids greatly improved over the course of the season and capped it off with a great time at the Elks Pool for their end of season party. Thanks to Elks Lodge #197 for support Roanoke City's first season in Little League Baseball. Looking forward to many more great seasons to come!

—Matt Webb



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**Retirement
of Our Flag**

The Flag Retirement box is now empty, and it is looking for more Flags to retire next year. Please bring worn and dirty US flags to us. (State and branch flags are not retired in same manner.)

—Vince Brandtner

OUR VETS NEED YOU!

We continue to gather items for the Vets at Virginia Veterans Care Center on an ongoing basis. There is a collection box in our vestibule, and Meghan Hubbard, Director of Activities has provided a list of items they need: **small radios/CD players, eye glasses strings/holders, T-shirts with pockets, sweat shirts & pants, belts, shoestrings, sugar-free candies/cookies.**

As always, thanks for supporting our Veterans!

—Joe Handerhan, Jr.

SWIM TEAM



The Elks Swim season is off to an incredible start! We had our first meet on June 12 against Castle Rock, and the Elks had the most team spirit! Anders and JoJo were our swimmers of the meet. Anders was an amazing example of positivity and cheered on everyone. JoJo overcame a false start and completed her first race ever. Coaches Katie, Keira, Jacob and Willie Mae are so proud of how hard the Elks swam and their sportsmanship. Be on the lookout for our purple cap winners each week in the breezeway.

The swim team is participating in several fundraisers over the 4th of July weekend. We are hoping to replace our start clock, sadly our current clock has died. We have several fundraising events on the 4th of July weekend. We will be hosting the Second Annual Duck Race (a 50/50 raffle), a lemonade stand, and a limited amount of Swim Team shirts will be for sale. We are so thankful for all of the Pool Committee and the Lodge's support. **Elks Swim, Elks Win!**

—Coach Katie

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**Roanoke Elks Lodge #197
10th Annual
First Responders Day
August 5th, 2023 11am-4pm**

Invite your First Responder friends to enjoy the pool for the day with their families on us along with a free BBQ meal, on duty personnel are invited to come by for some fellowship and a meal!

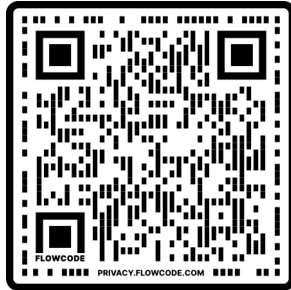
Our First Responder Elks and their families also receive a free meal! For volunteer opportunities contact Jim and Angie Batey

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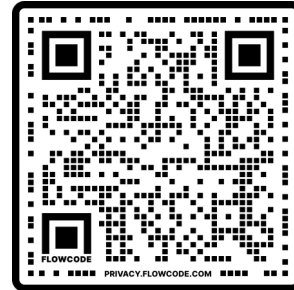
Just a way to say Thank You! Elks Care - Elks Share

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Lodge is crawling towards the 21st century whether we want to or not! Thank goodness for the volunteers we have who know a thing or two! We have new menus for WEEKEND BREAKFAST and LUNCH/DINNER, which you have probably seen by now. But have you seen the laminated tags with QR codes d the pool deck? You can scan them to bring up the menus so you can decide what you might like to order before you join the queue. You can use them anywhere to pull up the menus—just use you your phone's camera or QR reader—and VOILÀ! Many thanks to Josh Walters for coming up with the idea and and to Dave Crupnick for his work to make it happen: Here are the codes:



WEEKEND BREAKFAST



LUNCH DINNER



Thanks to everyone that purchased Ice Cream Sundaes and Root Beer Floats to support the PER fundraiser for Toys for Tots. Also, thanks for all the monetary donations and the toys!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Pool Hours: 11-8	4 Pool Hours: 10-8	5 	6 Bowling with the Vets, 10 AM	7	8
9	10	11 Lodge meeting: 7:30 pm	12	13 Blood Drive, 1-6	14	15 ADULT SWIM, 6-10 with DJ RICK 'TAP TAKEOVER' beer sampling
16	17 Eat @ BWW Earn \$ for Elks, 4-9	18	19 	20	21	22 Troublesome Blues Band, 7-10
23	24 Indoctrination: 6:30 pm	25 Lodge meeting: 7:30 pm	26	27	28 Karaoke with DJ DARYL, Tiki Stage, 7-10	29
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