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2012/13 Salisbury Elks Lodge Officers



Back Row from l-r—Dave Doherty, Leading Knight, Mike Davis, Trustee, Ron Beall, Inner-Guard, Ralph Henderson, Trustee, Mike Jones, Secretary. Front Row from l-r—Archie Blythe, Loyal Knight, Debi Davis, Tiler, Mike Rattz, Lecturing Knight, Rich Penk, Exalted Ruler, Brett Summers, Trustee, Gary Sebold, Chaplain, Brad Walworth, Esquire. Not in picture: Bob Sce, Treasurer, Gail Sce, Trustee

Upcoming Events

- May 4th to May 6th—North Carolina State Elks Convention in Wilmington, NC
- May 11th—Friday Night Dinner at the Lodge—Italian Night
- May 13th—Mothers' Day Brunch at the Lodge
- May 25th—Friday Night Dinner at the Lodge—Poor Man's Surf & Turf
- June 23rd—Garage Sale at the Lodge
- June 30th—Nazareth Children's Day at the River Park
- July 4th—Dinner and Fireworks at the River Park
- July 21st—Poker Run at High Rock Lake (tentative date)
- December 3rd to the 8th—Carnival Cruise to Nassau and Key West

ER Message

My sincere thanks go to the officers and members who turned out for the institution of Salisbury Antlers Lodge #699. We have high hopes that this fine group of young people will not only be a great asset to our lodge, but also inspire others to come out for the charitable works that all Elks are known for.

The River Park work day accomplished a lot thanks to many people for putting in the effort to make OUR park a better place for all of us to enjoy. Thanks to **Kevin Frey** for coordinating the projects we tackled.

I would also like to thank and congratulate **Bob Sce** as our "Elk of the Month". In addition to being our lodge treasurer (now with more responsibilities), Bob has been doing twice monthly dinners, Wednesday night Wings 'n Things, kitchen duty for Bingo and has agreed to chair the House Committee. A full plate for sure.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day and still have some of the NC Elks cookbooks available. These would make a unique gift. Proceeds benefit the NC



State Charitable Trust. Also, the end of the month we observe Memorial Day. While most think of this as a 3-day weekend with a cookout, please take the time to remember those who have paid the ultimate price so that we may continue to enjoy our freedoms and way of life.

I look forward to representing our lodge at the state convention in Wilmington and appreciate your support. Thanks and have a great month.

Rich Penk, ER

Secretary's Message

The locks have been changed and things are looking good membership wise although the annual total reported to Grand lodge shows us dropping 18 to end at 366. While still in the top ten in Elks lodges in the state, it's low considering there are 120,000 or so in Rowan county. In some parts of the country, lodges are a central meeting place. Some members get together in the mornings for coffee and card games. Others have special interest events. Unfortunately, we are not structured to allow that type of membership participation to happen. Food for thought though.

Thanks to all who have paid their dues. We are down to 115 as of this writing which is pretty good. Please note that if you haven't paid your dues, you will be unable to utilize the Lodge facilities. Again, identification cards are available to spouses of paid-up members. With the card, they will be able to frequent our lodge club room and river park.

Fraternally

Mike Jones, Secretary

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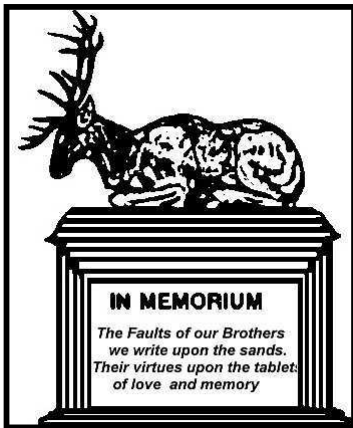
Cloninger Ford/Toyota
Larry says
"Support the Elks"
Thanks Larry

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Sickness & Distress



Our deepest sympathy to Nancy Stout and her family on the loss of our Elk member and friend Jim Stout.



Best wishes for a speed recovery to Jim Sapp who has taken a temporary disability leave as he continues treatment for cancer.

Don't Forget your Elks National Foundation Pledge! You can contribute on-line now at www.elks.org/ donate.

Give us your used eye glasses and/or hearing aids, which we will donate to the needy.

Vacancies at the Elks National Home. Go to www.elkshome.org or call - 800-552-4140 For affordable, leisure retirement living.

**Congratulations to:
Bob Sce**



**Elk of the Month for
April 2012**

**MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH
AT THE LODGE
SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 2012
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**



**\$12.00 PER PERSON
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN 8 AND UNDER EAT FREE**

MENU CONSISTS OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Scrambled eggs
- French Toast
- Fruit Salad
- Soup and Salad Bar
- Two meats
- Sausage Gravy and Biscuits
- Danish
- Coffee

Bloody Mary's and Mimosas are available for an additional charge

Brunch is open to Members, friends and guests

Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, May 9th.

Call or come up to the Lodge to sign up, or email salisburyelks699@gmail.com



Remember our fallen hero's—Memorial Day, May 28, 2012

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www.anyservicemember.navy.mil

Lodge Officers—2012-2013

Exalted Ruler	Richard Penk
Leading Knight	David Doherty
Loyal Knight	Archie Blythe
Lecturing Knight	Mike Rattz
Secretary	Mike Jones
Treasurer	Bob Sce
Tiler	Debi Davis
Esquire	Brad Walworth
Inner Guard	Ron Beall
Chaplain	Gary Sebold

Trustees

Gail Sce—5 year
Ralph Henderson—4 year
Mike Davis—3year
Brett Summers—2 year
James Caldwell—1year

Committees

Americanism—Brad Walworth
House & Entertainment—**Bob Sce**
Publicity—**Doug Isham**
Membership—**Dave Doherty**
Youth Activities—**Lorena Chase**
Drug Awareness—**Mike Rattz**
River Park—**Jim Oliver**
Caretaker—**Mike Rattz**
National Foundation—**Kent Roberts**
Veterans Service—**Glen Schimmel**
Bingo—**Julie Copley**
Social & Community Welfare—**Archie Blythe**



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RIVER PARK NEWS

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everybody who showed up for the clean-up day. There was a lot accomplished in such a short period of time, I am not going to try to thank everyone because I know somebody would be left out with all the Elks that were committed to the improvement and beautification of our property.

Thanks to **Kevin Frey** for heading the effort and our new ER **Rich Penk** for his hard work. We have completed a modification to Lot 1 that gives a great view of the lake from the shelter and makes the park look so much nicer.

Currently there are dead tree's being removed for the safety of our members and their property. With some campers being moved around we have the opportunity to repair some neglected areas in the campground.

Thanks to **Mike Rattz** for his hard work repairing sites and cleaning up tree debris.

Currently we do have annual camping available so call me at the number below if you would like a spot. Also monthly camping is filling up for the summer so reserve now. LOCKS were changed April 1st so please stop by and pick up a key at the lodge for a fee of \$25.

If there are any suggestions for the River Park there is a mailbox next to the popcorn machine at the lodge, just drop me a note. Remember as an Elk this River Park belongs to ALL Elks and we ALL have a responsibility to follow River Park rules and also to enforce the rules. We have set up a Facebook account **SALISBURY ELKS RIVER PARK**. Please join this and be informed about events down at the River Park. Also please let us know what we can do better or if you can help out.

There is still camping available and reservations can be made by contacting me by cell phone 704-798-1912.

Next River Park meeting May, 8th 7:00PM at the lodge.

Jim Oliver
704-798-1912
River Park Chairman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

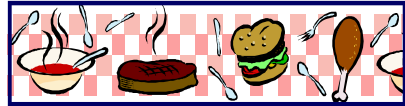


Greetings from the Youth Activities Committee. The Antler program is now instituted with 17 young antlers participating. The officers have been elected, and the first installation and initiation was held on Friday April 20th, 2012. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00 pm upstairs in the meeting room. Those who were absent from the first meeting will be initiated at the next meeting. The young people participating in the program are excited, and hopefully we will be able to share the schedule of community services and activities once the committees are formed and dates are secured.

Please join me in congratulating these youth in their commitment and desire to serve.

The date for the Nazareth Children's day at the River Park has been set for Saturday, June 30th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We can always use volunteers to help with this very fun event.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillie Marks
Youth Activities Co- Chair



Wednesday Night Wings 'N Things Menu

Chicken Wings (6)
\$3.50 or (10) \$5.00
Chicken Tenders \$3.50
Onion Rings \$2.50
Mozzarella Sticks \$2.50
Hamburgers \$2.50
Cheeseburgers \$2.75
French Fries \$2.00



Bingo at the Lodge

**JOIN US EVERY
MONDAY NIGHT—
VOLUNTEER TO HELP
OUT OR JUST COME
TO PLAY.**



**MONDAY NIGHTS AT
SALISBURY ELKS
LODGE!!**

5 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

New Additions to the Elks Family



It's 750 boys and girls! Join the Elks National Foundation in welcoming the 2012 class of Elks scholars into the Elks family. These motivated, intelligent and service-driven students will be able to attend the colleges of their dreams thanks to their Elks National Foundation scholarships.

"I am thankful for my ENF scholarship because it helped me attend my first-choice school," says Legacy Awards recipient Jill Mayer. "This scholarship is a blessing to my family and me."

The ENF's 500 Most Valuable Student scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$60,000 over four years. The ENF's 250 Legacy Awards, for children and grandchildren of Elks, are \$4,000 each over four years.

To learn more about ENF scholarships and view the complete list of scholarship winners, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

Memorial Day Remembrances

MSNBC in 2010 solicited stories from friends and families who lost loved ones in prior wars. I have shared a couple of these memories in honor of all of those who have died while defending our country.

Mary Ann Richards remembers her older brother, Roger Acree, as a bit of a mamma's boy – a happy-go-lucky guy who'd find joy in his collection of LPs, comic books and his pet dog. What Acree never got a

chance to be was an awesome dad or a softhearted grandfather.

Amy Pfc. Roger Lee Acree was killed by a mortar blast on July 14, 1967, while serving in Vietnam. He died four days after his 20th birthday.

"He was missing in action for a while and then we were notified a few days later that they found his body," Richards recalls. The story as she heard it: "One of his friends in same unit was in a foxhole and had started to come up and Roger jumped on top of him. Roger was hit by mortar and the person under him was saved."

Richards was just 10 at the time but memories of her older brother still seem fresh.

"You hear about people being good people but when they're gone everybody reminds you of what a special person they were. I think all my favorite songs today are the kind of music he introduced me to."

Richards, of Cincinnati, was among scores of msnbc.com readers who sent in Memorial Day tributes to loved ones in the military who died in the line of duty, fighting wars from World War II to Korea, Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan.

What words are there to describe the loss of a young man who was a friend, a comrade, a fine Marine? One who cared little for the bullies of the world and stood shoulder to shoulder with you when it came time to fight them. John was from my home state of Massachusetts but we met in the Philippines at a communication station near San Miguel. We bonded a friendship that was supposed to last a lifetime. It lasted less than two years. The last memory of John (The Dog" was John's nickname) was in Vietnam. I had just gotten off patrol and was told I had a care package from home in my hooch. By the time I got there, The Dog had already opened it and was eating its contents. He looked up at me when I walked in. On his face was a look that said, "I know you're not mad because you're my friend." He was right.

John Miller Sullivan was killed by a sniper on Jan. 13, 1967 in

May Birthdays



Come to the lodge on or near your birthday for a free birthday drink.

L. E. "Skip" Kraft	May 1
Kathleen Marie Boggs	May 2
Ken Harmer	May 2
David K. Brown	May 3
Berry Dee Isenhour	May 5
Tommy M. Miller	May 5
Jeffrey Ellenburg	May 6
Wesley B. Lefler	May 6
Richard D. Glover	May 7
Frank Mitchell	May 11
Mamerto A. Cabagnot	May 11
Mike Sifford	May 12
Jerry L. Overcash	May 12
Catherine C. Shoaf	May 12
James Keith Fero	May 15
Doug Ray	May 16
Cullen J. Wilbanks	May 16
James Ballard	May 19
Robert L. Boxrud	May 19
W. "Dusty" Hughes	May 20
Jerry Wood	May 20
Patrick Elywn Snyder	May 21
James C. Nichols	May 22
Don Boehm	May 24
Tom Kiger	May 25
Audrey Dennis	May 27
Greg Benton	May 28
Sandra J. Moore	May 28

Vietnam. I'm ashamed to admit I don't know his date of birth. I cried the day he died. I have tears in my eyes as I type this and I will remember him for the rest of my life. Anonymous

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Elks Cruisin' to Key West on Carnival's Fascination
December 3, 2012—December 8, 2012

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Monday	Jacksonville		4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Fun Day at Sea		
Wednesday	Key West, FL	7:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Nassau, The Bahamas	12:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Friday	Fun Day at Sea		
Saturday	Jacksonville, FL	8:00 a.m.	

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Add \$63.38 per person for government tax, and \$11.50 per person per day for tips (tips are optional and can be removed from your account if you request it.)

Down payment of \$200.00 per person is required to book this cruise with final payment due on October 4, 2012.

Vacation protection plan is optional and can be purchased for \$49 per person with an interior or exterior cabin, \$65 per person with a balcony and \$79 per person with a suite.

Please contact Gail Sce at 704-798-8168 or email at gsce1@carolina.rr.com if you would like to join us on this fun-filled Elks' cruise.



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Friday Night Dinners
May 2012

May 11th, 2012
6 p.m.—8 p.m.



Spaghetti & Meatballs or Sausage—\$10.00
Cheese Ravioli & Meatballs or Sausage—\$10.00
Soup & Salad Bar \$7.00

May 25th, 2012
6 p.m.—8 p.m.



Poor Man's Surf & Turf
With Soup & Salad Bar
\$14—NY Strip
\$16—Rib eye
Soup & Salad Bar \$7.00
Dinner Sharing \$8.00

NOTE: DOWNSTAIRS BAR
WILL BE OPEN
DURING FRIDAY DINNERS



House Committee News

The house committee has been working hard putting together plans for a number of events for May and in future months.

In addition to our normal 2nd and 4th Friday night dinners, we will also be holding a Mothers' Day Brunch at the Lodge on Sunday, May 13th. The menu, cost and details on this brunch is on page 3 of the newsletter. A reminder — **reservations must be made in advance.**

The poker run has been rescheduled to July because of other events happening in June such as Fathers' Day, graduation parties, Nazareth Children's Day at the River Park, etc. The new tentative date for the Poker Run will be Saturday, July 21st. We are looking for pier sponsors on the lake. Specific details on the Poker Run will be in the June newsletter.

We will be holding a garage sale at the Lodge on Saturday, June 23rd from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can rent a table for \$10.00. The lodge will also have a table, and if you would like to donate items to the lodge, that would be appreciated as well. Hamburgers, hots, and sodas will be on sale during this event.

On the 4th of July there will again be a fireworks display as well as a cook-out featuring burgers, hots and fixins'.

The house committee is very interested to hear what YOU think would be a good event for our lodge. Most of what we do is to provide functions for the enjoyment of our members. Let us know if you have any ideas for events at the lodge or the River Park. I've attached a tear-out, which you can fill out and return to the lodge, or send via email to

Www.salisburyelks699@gmail.com

Remember to stop up at the lodge on Wednesday evenings where we will be offering our "Wings and Things" menu from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The house committee will be opening the lounge downstairs in the near future to encourage members who have difficulty going up and downstairs the ability to come in and enjoy our lounge. When the downstairs bar is open, the upstairs bar will be closed.

Please note that our downstairs bar will always be open during our regular Friday night dinners.

Regards,

Bob Sce, House Committee

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
SUGGESTIONS FOR
ELKS LODGE #699

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Email _____

I would like to suggest the following event or activity be considered by the House Committee:

I would be willing to help out with this event. Yes ___ No ___

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VA Bingo 7 p.m.	2	3 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4 NCSEA Convention in Wilmington, NC	5 NCSEA Convention in Wilmington, NC
6 NCSEA Convention in Wilmington, NC	7	8 River Park Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	9	10 Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11 Italian Night at the Lodge 6—8 p.m.	12 
13 Mothers' Day Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mothers' Day	14 	15	16	17 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	
20 		22 House Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	23	24 PER's Meeting 7:30 p.m.	25 Poor Man's Surf & Turf 6—8 p.m.	26 
27	28  Memorial Day			31		

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VA Bingo is always the first Tuesday of the month. Glenn Shimmel is the VA Chairperson. He needs volunteer help with this. One hour session for about 50 vets. Please call him at 980-234-5082. The VA location is on Brenner Avenue, Building 6 at 7 p.m.

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