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INTRODUCTION

In presenting this "History of the Order of Elks in North Carolina," a sincere effort has been made to make it as complete and accurate as possible. There are gaps that it has not been possible to fill because of missing records. In the early days records did not seem too important, and any number of lodges do not have their complete minutes. Some were destroyed by fire, as was Winston Lodge in 1916 and Charlotte Lodge in 1959 some were lost in moving to new quarters and some of the lodges just do not seem to be interested in preserving any records but for a short time.

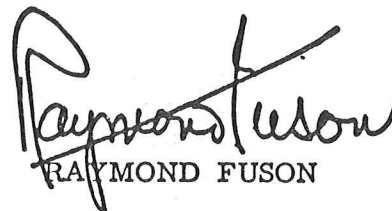
I have been active in the Elks of North Carolina for more than 40 years, and quite a bit of information I secured from my old Elks files, as I have preserved all of my correspondence since 1938 and I have a complete file of the minutes of the State Association from 1950 to 1970.

The Grand Secretary's office has been of great help to me in securing names and dates. However, in the early days, even the Grand Lodge did not go in for very accurate records. For example, the first lodge was organized in North Carolina in 1890 but the Grand Lodge records show only the year not the complete date.

There are no existing records of the State Association before 1939. We do not know when it was organized or where. As the State Association had no program, except to meet and have a good time, it could not last. In 1938 only 16 attended a State meeting in Greensboro, and no one would accept the office of President. I personally called by telephone, four prominent Elks in the State, asking them to accept the office, and they all refused to even consider it. Finally, a brother who was not present was elected President, but as soon as he found out that he had been elected, resigned. That was the standing of the State Association in 1938.

The Association was reorganized in 1939, and not long after that time the Boys Camp became a real live project for the Association, and has meant its salvation.

I want to thank the Grand Secretary, the subordinate lodge Secretaries, and the many brothers throughout the state who have helped make this history possible.


RAYMOND FUSON



July 1, 1971

GERALD L. COATES

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER

STATE SPONSOR FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GRAND LODGE

Born March 4, 1928, in rural Harnett County, NC., Gerald Lee Coates, Sr., grew up in a farming community near Garner, NC. Gerald learned at a very early age the chores and duties necessary as the son of a farmer/merchant. He then entered Wake Forest University and graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Upon graduation, Brother Coates taught history and biology, and coached all four sports at Littleton High School. In 1952, he married the lovely and gracious Leatrice Purifoy, whom he met in high school. After two years of teaching, he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He spent two years at Fort Jackson, SC working in the Adjutant General Section. He attained the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1955.

After the Army, he worked for The American Discount Company (which later became Barclays American Financial) in Greensboro, NC and remained there until retirement as a District Manager in 1988 after 33 years.

Brother Coates joined Greensboro Lodge #602 in June 1970, serving on most Lodge committees, advanced through the chairs and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1975. The North Carolina State Elks Association recognized him as Exalted Ruler of the Year for his outstanding service and his Lodge's progress, 1975-1976. He received an Honorary Life Membership, March 4, 1985.

Gerald served on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee from 1988 to 1989. He was elected to a four-year term as Grand Trustee in 1990 and had the honor of election to Chairman in 1994.

Balancing a busy schedule of family, business and Elks, Brother Coates served his community in other ways, notably as a Greensboro Recreation Department volunteer coach in baseball, basketball and football--drawing on his background as a high school football coach. Gerald established a youth football program at his local community center and coached it for eight years.

Gerald and Lea are thirty-four year members of Irving Park United Methodist Church. They are extremely proud of their two children, their spouses and their three grandchildren. Their son, Dr. Gerald L. Coates, Jr., a dentist, of Atlantic Beach and his wife, Valinda, have two sons, Gerald L. Coates,

III, and Anderson DuBose Coates. Their daughter, Gail, is married to William G. Scoggin, a lawyer practicing in Raleigh, NC who are parents of a daughter, Maribelle Lea Scoggin.

Through dedication to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on a national level, by Gerald, the North Carolina State Elks Association have reaped many Grand Lodge appointments, most notable being D. Steve Gunter, Chairman of the GL Americanism committee, and National Director of the World War II Memorial Fund Raising effort for the Grand Lodge; Harry A. Tangen, National Director of the GL Drug Awareness Program; Gary Plough, GL Americanism Committeeman, Area III.

PGER Coates serves as secretary of the GL Conventions Commission, and Treasurer of the Elks' Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust; a member of the National Memorial and Publication Commission; serves as chairman of the GL Drug Awareness Sub Committee; as a member of GL Job Evaluation and Compensation Sub Committee; GL Long Range Planning Sub Committee; GL Evaluation Sub and as the advisor to the GL Americanism Committee. In addition to sponsoring the State of NC, he also is sponor for the State of SC.

GER Coates was installed July 18, 1996, in Las Vegas, NV. He was only the third endorsed candidate in history to have opposition from the floor of the convention; however, he received approximatley 2,000 votes to 250 votes from the opposition.

TED CALLICOTT

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER

Sponsor for North Carolina to the Grand Lodge

Ted Callicott was born in Paris, Tennessee on September 1, 1926 and was educated in the public schools. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Paris.

In February of 1945, Brother Callicott enlisted in the United States Air Force and served on Okinawa with the Fifth Air Force. He was honorably discharged in November of 1946.

Brother Callicott graduated from Murray State University in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1952 from the University of Tennessee, College of Denistry. He practices general denistry in Paris, Tennessee and is a member of the 7th District Dental Society and the Tennessee and American Dental Associations.

He has one daughter, Kathy (Mrs. Larry Ray). Mrs. Callicott is the former Betsy Dye.

He was initiated into the Paris Lodge No. 816 in March of 1955 and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1958. He served on the Lodge's Board Of Trustees for 25 years. He holds the only Honorary Life Membership of his Lodge.

Brother Callicott was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West District of Tennessee in 1965.

He served as Special Deputy for eight years. Then after serving

as chairman of numerous state committees, he was elected President of the Tennessee Elks Association in 1972. In 1976 he was appointed a member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, where he served for six years and as chairman in 1981 - 1982.

In 1982, Brother Callicott was elected to a four year term on the Board of Grand Trustees.

On November 6, 1986, Paris, Tennessee, Lodge No. 816 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, at a regular meeting, unanimously resolved to present to the Grand Lodge in Atlanta, Georgia, the name of its distinguished member, Ted Callicott for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

He was elected Grand Exalted Ruler fo the fraternal year 1987 - 1988. He served his year well with ability, integrity and leadership.

At the National Convention, 1988, in Las Vegas, Ted Callicott was assigned and accepted the sole jurisdiction of the States of North Carolina and South Carolina to sponsor. He also will have co-sponsorship for the State of Tennessee with Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Edward McCabe.

EDWARD W. MCCABE

Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Past Sponsor for North Carolina to the Grand Lodge

Edward W. McCabe was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 9, 1912, and was educated in the public schools. He received an L.L.B. degree from the YMCA Law School and in 1937 was admitted to the Tennessee bar. He attended Harvard School of Business and Georgetown University and is a graduate of the U.S. Treasury Executive Development School.

In 1939 he was initiated into Nashville Lodge No. 72. He served in all of the chairs of the Lodge and was elected Exalted Ruler for the year 1943-44. He served on its Board of Trustees for 20 years, 19 of which he was chairman. He holds one of the two Honorary Life Memberships of his Lodge.

He assisted in organizing the Tennessee Elks Association in 1941 and after having served in various capacities was elected its president in 1949. He has been active in the organization of new lodges and in the rehabilitation of lodges in Tennessee.

For the Grand Lodge, he was a member of the Ritualistic Committee for eight years, serving as chairman the last three years. He served as National Ritualistic Judge and Checker. He was elected Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight for the year 1957-58 and served as a member of the New Lodge Committee for the years 1958-1961. In 1961, he was elected to a five-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as chairman his last year. He is presently on the Committee on Judiciary.

He began his business career with the U. S. Treasury Department in 1933. He served that department in several executive capacities and when transferred was the Assistant District Director of the Internal Revenue Service for the state of Georgia. He climaxed his governmental career in 1967 with the U. S. State Department as Senior Public Administration Advisor to the Republic of Panama. He is a tax attorney. He served in the United States Army in World War II and is at present a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve.

Brother McCabe has taken a leading part in numerous civic, community and church affairs, including president of the Nashville Chapter, American Cancer Society, Vice-President of the Tennessee Cancer Society, and delegate to the American Cancer Society; Vice-Chairman and Director of the Nashville Chapter for Infantile Paralysis; and Federal Savings Bond Coordinator for Tennessee, promoting the sale of United States Savings Bonds.

He actively worked with the Red Cross, United Givers, Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Youth Organization, and the American Legion. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and past president of the Holy Name Society. He is a past president of the National Association of Internal Revenue Employees and has been appointed by the mayor of Nashville and the governor of Tennessee to serve in special capacities, such as on programs to aid the handicapped.

He has three children, Charles Edward, a member of Nashville Lodge No. 72; Rosalyne (Mrs. John Murray Lynch, Jr.), and James Timothy. On June 21, 1963, he was married to Marguerite Wilson.

In July, 1969 Brother McCabe accepted the sponsorship of Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. In 1983, Brother McCabe was appointed as sponsor for North Carolina and Virginia; 1986 was appointed as sponsor for South Carolina, giving him the leadership of six states.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Past Sponsor for North Carolina to the Grand Lodge

JOHN L. WALKER

The Honorable John L. Walker, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks passed away on August 20, 1982.

Johnny, as he liked to be called, had fallen at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago in July, 1982--breaking a hip. After hospitalization in Chicago, he was flown to Roanoke, Virginia, placed in the hospital there and was being given therapy when suddenly he suffered a fatal heart attack.

John L. Walker had dedicated his life to Elkdom. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of Roanoke (Va.) Lodge No. 197. He served as President of the Virginia State Elks Association in 1941-42. He was named District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1945-46 for the Western District of Virginia.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett of Alexandria was John L. Walker's sponsor in the Grand Lodge. They were also close friends.

After serving in many and varied positions in the Grand Lodge, he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler in July, 1955. As in the past, John L. Walker served his order with great distinction as it's national leader.

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As a PGER, he was a member of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee from 1956 until his death in 1982. As^a/member of this important group, he served with his usual efficiency.

Possibly his greatest effort and accomplishment, after his term as Grand Exalted Ruler, was his years as Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees. He held this position for a number of years and still held it at his death.

As a PGER, John L. Walker was Grand Lodge Sponsor for North Carolina and Virginia. Also, for a time--from 1956 to 1969--he was also sponsor for Tennessee. He sponsored the candidacy of the Honorable Edward W. McCabe of Nashville, Tennessee for Grand Exalted Ruler.

John L. Walker was a native of Rockingham County, Virginia. He married the former "Kitty" Crawford of Mt. Crawford, Virginia.

He was a senior member of one of the most prestigious law firms in his native Virginia and was very active in the activities of the Virginia Bar Association.

It is an understatement to say that the Honorable John L. Walker was a committed and dedicated Elk. Through his leadership, he cemented a special and close relationship between Elks of^{the} North Carolina Elks Association and those of the Virginia Elks Association.

NINETY EIGHT YEARS OF ELKDOM IN NORTH CAROLINA

1890 - 1891

The first Elks Lodge organized in North Carolina was Goldsboro Lodge No. 139, which was instituted in 1890, exact date unknown. However, a Charter was granted July 9, 1891, which was revoked later in the same year. In the 1890 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, they were listed as having 19 members. Nothing further is known about this lodge. This is all the information that is on record in the Grand Secretary's office.

1891 - 1897

In the period from 1891 to 1897 there were no Elks Lodges in North Carolina.

1897 - 1898

During the summer of 1897, a Special Deputy organized Charlotte Lodge No. 392, which was instituted Nov. 17, 1897, with a Charter Class of 35. As there were no Elks Lodges in North Carolina, Charlotte was instituted by four Virginia Lodges. The Exalted Ruler, Loyal Knight and Esquire were from Richmond Lodge No. 45; The Leading Knight, Lecturing Knight, Tiler and Chaplain were from Danville Lodge No. 227; the Secretary and Treasurer were from Norfolk Lodge No. 38; and the Inner Guard was from Petersburg Lodge No. 237.

At the close of the Lodge Year, March 31, 1898, the membership of Charlotte Lodge had increased to 47, which was the total for the state with only one lodge.

1898 - 1899

After serving as Exalted Ruler of Charlotte Lodge No. 392, B. J. Davis was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for North Carolina. At that time the entire state was a single district, as there was only one lodge.

Winston Lodge No. 449, the second lodge in the state, was instituted Nov. 10, 1898. (Winston and Salem were separate cities at that time but the lodge continued to be known as Winston, even after Winston and Salem were united in 1913 to become Winston-Salem).

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 2 lodges, having a membership of 113.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

B. J. Davis, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

1899 - 1900

During the Lodge Year 1 new lodge was organized. Wilmington Lodge No. 532 was instituted Dec. 29, 1899.

302. The Lodge Year closed with a total of 3 lodges, having a membership of

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

W. J. Roberts, Winston Lodge No. 449

1900 - 1901

Three new lodges were added this year. Durham Lodge No. 568 was instituted April 9, 1900; Greensboro Lodge No. 602 was instituted June 27, 1900; and Asheville Lodge No. 608 was instituted Sept. 2, 1900.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 6 lodges, having a membership of 589.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

C. F. Tomlinson, Winston Lodge No. 449

1901 - 1902

Four new lodges were added this year to North Carolina's growing list. Salisbury Lodge No. 699 was instituted May 11, 1901; Raleigh Lodge No. 735 was instituted Nov. 20, 1901; Kinston Lodge No. 740 was instituted Dec. 4, 1901; and New Bern Lodge No. 764 was instituted March 14, 1902.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 10 lodges, having a membership of 823.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

H. J. Gerkin, Wilmington Lodge No. 532

1902-1903

Goldsboro Lodge No. 139 was instituted May 8, 1902. This lodge took the number of the lodge that surrendered its charter in 1891. Washington Lodge No. 822 was instituted Dec. 18, 1902.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 12 lodges, having a membership of 1168.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

Louis N. Bourne, Asheville Lodge No. 608

1903 - 1904

Wilson Lodge No. 840 was instituted April 16, 1903; Elizabeth City Lodge No. 856 was instituted May 11, 1903; and Concord Lodge No. 857 was instituted June 11, 1903.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, with a membership of 1312.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

Walter Murphy, Salisbury Lodge No. 699

1904 - 1905

No new lodges were organized this year, which closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 1611.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

Sterling Smith, Winston Lodge No. 449

1905 - 1906

At the Grand Lodge Session in Buffalo in 1905, North Carolina was divided into two districts: North Carolina EAST and North Carolina WEST, giving the state an additional District Deputy. The Lodge year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 1763.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Andrew L. Pennington, Elizabeth City Lodge No. 856
WEST: P. D. Gold, Jr., Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1906 - 1907

Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038 was instituted on July 2, 1906; the Charter of Kinston Lodge No. 740 was revoked on July 1, 1906.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 1922.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. F. Ferrell, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
WEST: William A. Mabry, Durham Lodge No. 568

1907 - 1908

One more lodge was added this year when Fayetteville Lodge No. 1081 was instituted on July 9, 1907.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 2081.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: S. W. Hancock, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: L. J. Brandt, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1908 - 1909

No new lodges were organized this year, and the Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 2107.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: L. B. Markham, Durham Lodge No. 568
WEST: F. W. Thomas, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

1909 - 1910

High Point Lodge No. 1155 was instituted April 20, 1909.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 17 lodges, having a membership of 2233.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. C. B. Eringhaus, Elizabeth City Lodge No. 856
WEST: Carl HERRIS, Winston Lodge No. 449

1910 - 1911

At the Grand Lodge Convention held in Atlantic City in 1911, a great many changes were made in the Ritual. It was decided that the Elks had "grown up" and that it was time to eliminate the "horse-play" and all of the superfluous words in the ritual. The ritual itself was shortened by nearly 40% and Part 2, the "Playground" section of the ritual was completely eliminated. The District Deputies were instructed to destroy any copies they could find of Part 2, and the lodges were prohibited from using it any longer. It was decided that from this time on, the initiatory ceremony was to be a solemn, dignified performance with all the "funny-stuff" eliminated.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 17 lodges, having a membership of 2403.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. D. McNeill, Fayetteville Lodge No. 1081
WEST: George A. Matton, High Point Lodge No. 1155

1911 - 1912

No new lodges were organized this year, and the Lodge Year closed with a total of 17 lodges, having a membership of 2604.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Tom C. Daniels, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: T. E. Witherspoon, Salisbury Lodge No. 699

1912 - 1913

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 17 lodges, having a membership of 2752.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: W. S. Wilson, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
WEST: W. C. Bramham, Durham Lodge No. 568

1913 - 1914

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 17 lodges, having a membership of 2877.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: W. S. Moye, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
WEST: W. B. Martin, Winston Lodge No. 449

1914 - 1915

North Carolina lost a lodge, when the Charter of Wilson Lodge No. 840 was revoked on April 1, 1914.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 2992.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: R. Jack Smith, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
WEST: R. E. Cline, Concord Lodge No. 857

1915 - 1916

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 3011.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Louis Goodman, Wilmington Lodge No. 532.
WEST: Arthur Lyon, High Point Lodge No. 1155

1916 - 1917

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 3106.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Paul R. Copelle, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
WEST: W. M. Beardsley, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

1917 - 1918

No new lodges were organized this year, but one lodge was lost to the state as Asheville Lodge No. 608 had their Charter revoked on Oct. 4, 1917.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 2634.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: A. H. Arrington, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
WEST: L. C. Sinclair, High Point Lodge No. 1155

1918 - 1919

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 2863.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Frances J. Gallagher, Rocky Mount No. 1038
WEST: Wm. B. Merriman, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1919 - 1920

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 3479.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. W. Isanogle, Washington Lodge No. 822
WEST: Thomas A. Brennan, Durham Lodge No. 568

1920 - 1921

A new Lodge was organized in Asheville and instituted on August 25, 1920. This lodge did not take the number of a previous lodge in Asheville, but was assigned a new number . . . 1401.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 4119.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: E. R. Spence, Elizabeth City Lodge No. 856
WEST: W. C. Maupin, Salisbury Lodge No. 699

1921 - 1922

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 4326.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Robert E. Stevens, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
WEST: J. B. McClamrock, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1922 - 1923

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 4354.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: C. A. Little, Washington Lodge No. 822
WEST: A. B. Palmer, Concord Lodge No. 857

1923 - 1924

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 3892.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: H. E. Longley, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
WEST: E. W. Freeze, High Point Lodge No. 1155

1924 - 1925

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 16 lodges, having a membership of 3670.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Chas. U. Harris, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
WEST: H. W. Masten, Winston Lodge No. 449

1925 - 1926

The Charter of Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038 was revoked on May 26, 1925. The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 3324.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

EAST: James D. McNeill, Fayetteville Lodge No. 1081
WEST: P. R. Terry, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

1926 - 1927

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 3136.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. J. Hatch, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
WEST: R. B. Fuller, Durham Lodge No. 568

1927 - 1928

No new lodges were organized during the year, but the Charter of Concord Lodge No. 857 was revoked on April 13, 1927.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 2872.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. O. Reilly, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
WEST: Norman A. Boren, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1928 - 1929

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, with a membership of 2638.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

- EAST: H. T. Patterson, New Bern Lodge No. 764
- WEST: John J. Morton, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

1929 - 1930

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 2352.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

- EAST: H. T. Patterson, New Bern Lodge No. 764
- WEST: Paul M. Whitlock, Salisbury Lodge No. 699

1930 - 1931

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 1980.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

- EAST: Robert E. Stevens, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
- WEST: E. G. West, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1931 - 1932

The Charter of Raleigh Lodge No. 735 was revoked on Feb. 15, 1932. The Lodge Year closed with a total of 13 lodges, having a membership of 2042.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

- EAST: Robert E. Stevens, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
- WEST: D. W. Sorrell, Durham Lodge No. 568

1932 - 1933

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 13 lodges, having a membership of 1827.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

- EAST: J. J. Burney, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
- WEST: Shelby B. Caveness, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1933 - 1934

Concord Lodge No. 1593 was instituted on Sept. 26, 1933. (This was the 2nd lodge for Concord, the first, No. 857 surrendered their Charter on April 13, 1927.)

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, with a membership of 2103.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: T. B. Kehoe, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: I. N. Cooke, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

1934 - 1935

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 2060.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: T. B. Kehoe, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: Chas. M. Fortune, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

1935 - 1936

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 2158.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: L. H. Truelove, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
WEST: Henry M. Durham, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1936 - 1937

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 2143.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: L. P. Gardner, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
WEST: George W. Mumford, Durham Lodge No. 568

1937 - 1938

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 14 lodges, having a membership of 2210.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Chas. I. Morton, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
WEST: Wm. F. Duncan, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

1938 - 1939

At the State Convention held in Greensboro in 1938, the State Association was in its last death throes. A total of 16 Elks were present for the meeting. At that time there were only two districts in the state, and the Eastern District had 3 present at the convention . . . 2 from New Bern and 1 from Wilmington. It was impossible to get anyone to accept the office of President. The writer telephoned four well known Elks who were not present, asking if they would accept the office, and they all refused. Finally, in desperation the few who were there elected R. H. Nivens of Winston Lodge No. 449 as President, with Leon Lawrence of Charlotte Lodge No. 392 as Vice-President. There is no record of any other officers being elected. Brother Nivens never served as President, for as soon as he found out that he had been elected he wrote Brother Lawrence a letter of resignation. The convention closed with Leon Lawrence of Charlotte as Vice-President of a defunct organization.

Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616 was instituted Dec. 2, 1938.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 2248.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: W. C. Moore, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: Ernest D. Grady, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

Acting State President: Leon Lawrence, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

1939 - 1940

There is no existing record of the establishment of the State Association. It was simply a meeting to get-together, have a good time and go home. The per capita dues were 25¢, and as there were only a few more than 2,000 Elks in the state, with not all lodges members of the Association, there was not much revenue. The Association had no program no goal in fact, no excuse for its existence.

At the meeting of the Association in Greensboro in 1938, no place was fixed for a meeting of the Association in 1939. The few who were there would not accept it for their lodge, so everything was left open.

On May 5, 1939, Vice-President Leon Lawrence wrote to Raymond Fuson, Exalted Ruler of New Bern Lodge No. 764, asking if New Bern would entertain the State Association. Brother Fuson replied that from what he had seen at Greensboro the previous year, there was no State Association.

At that time, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, living in Miami was North Carolina's sponsor to the Grand Lodge. Brother Fuson wrote to him, and ask if he would come to New Bern to meet with a representative group of Elks, to see what could be done about reorganizing the State Association.

Brother Sholtz replied that he would be glad to come, and the date was set for June 12, 1939. Brother Fuson wrote the Exalted Rulers of all the lodges in the State, the District Deputies, and several other prominent Elks who were not officers at the time, to come to the meeting at New Bern. There was a fine

attendance, with three-fourths of the lodges being represented. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dave was well pleased and had a very informative meeting. It was decided to hold a reorganizing meeting in Charlotte on Nov. 5, 6 and 7, 1939. Past Exalted Ruler P. C. Smith was named to get the word out to all of the lodges, and to try to get a good attendance at the Charlotte meeting.

There was a fine attendance at the Charlotte meeting. Grand Exalted Ruler Henry Warner, of Dixon, Illinois was present, as well as our sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dave Sholtz. A complete new slate of officers were elected to start the rejuvenated Association to a climb towards the top. Following is a list of the officers elected at that meeting:

PRESIDENT	P. C. Smith, High Point Lodge No. 1155
VICE PRESIDENT	Ben Taylor, Washington Lodge No. 822
VICE PRESIDENT	Ernest D. Grady, Charlotte Lodge No. 392
SECRETARY	W. C. Burns, High Point Lodge No. 1155
TREASURER	Tom Daniels, New Bern Lodge No. 764
TRUSTEE	W. C. Davis, Charlotte Lodge No. 392
TRUSTEE	George Younce, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
TRUSTEE	E. A. Pogree, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 15 lodges, having a membership of 2222.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: W. C. Moore, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: D. A. Morris, Durham Lodge No. 568

State President: P. C. Smith, High Point Lodge No. 1155

State Convention: (A) Charlotte

1940 - 1941

Three new lodges were added this year. Gastonia Lodge No. 1654 was instituted May 11, 1940; Burlington Lodge No. 1633 was instituted June 1, 1940; Raleigh Lodge No. 735 was reorganized and instituted May 31, 1940, taking the number of the previous lodge in Raleigh. The Charter of Concord Lodge No. 1593 was revoked on August 5, 1940. (This was the 2nd lodge in Concord to fold up.)

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 17 lodges, having a membership of 2498.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: R. D. Parrott, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
WEST: P. C. Smith, High Point, Lodge No. 1155

State President: Clyde E. Glenn, Durham Lodge No. 568

State Conventions: (A) Raleigh
(MW) Winston-Salem

1941. - 1942

Three new lodges were organized this year. Greenville Lodge No. 1645 was instituted Oct. 22, 1941; Kinston Lodge No. 740 was instituted Oct. 24, 1941; Wilson Lodge No. 840 was instituted Nov. 13, 1941. Both Kinston and Wilson took numbers of previous lodges in those cities, that had had their charters revoked.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 20 lodges, having a membership of 3075.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Raymond Fuson, New Bern Lodge No. 764
WEST: C. C. Oates, Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616

State President: Clyde E. Glenn, Durham Lodge No. 568

State Conventions: (A) Durham
(F) Asheville

1942 - 1943

Hickory Lodge No. 1654 was instituted June 18, 1942; the Charter of Greensboro Lodge No. 602 was revoked on Dec. 8, 1942. However, the lodge was reorganized, using the old number, and was instituted on March 30, 1943.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 21 lodges, having a membership of 3492.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Gayle J. Cox, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
WEST: J. Fred Richardson, Winston Lodge No. 449

State President: Clyde E. Glenn, Durham Lodge No. 568

1943 - 1944

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 21 lodges, having a membership of 4242.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: C. David Jones, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
WEST: N. P. Mulvaney, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State President: Curtis Perkins, Greenville Lodge No. 1645

1944 - 1945

It had long been realized by many members of the State Association, that if they were to justify the hopes of their advocates and friends, they must do more than act as vehicles for State reunions, much as these functions promoted

good fellowship and brought the members of the state together. Under the Grand Lodge laws, the State Associations were given full freedom to select the activities best suited to their state conditions, and to carry them on in their own way.

Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616 had a member who had given the matter a great deal of thought, and he believed that he had the proper solution for the State Association. At the State meeting in Charlotte, Sept. 22, 1944, he presented his plan.

Boyce A. Whitmire was a Past Exalted Ruler of Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616, and in 1944-1945 was serving as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, North Carolina West. He was an attorney in Hendersonville, and one of his clients, John Z. Cleveland, had donated a tract of land, part of which was in South Carolina and part in North Carolina, to Spartanburg County, South Carolina, for use as a summer tubercular camp. This camp was not being used by Spartanburg County at the time, and Brother Whitmire conceived the idea of a Boy's Camp located on the property. He talked with Mr. Cleveland who was favorable to its use as a Boys Camp, provided it could be secured from Spartanburg County. It was found that Spartanburg County was willing for the Elks to have it for a Boys Camp, provided that they were reimbursed for their expenditures on the property, amounting to \$8,000.00.

The following report of the Projects Committee was approved, a copy was sent to each lodge, and the lodges were urged to take immediate action.

REPORT OF PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Your Projects Committee has before it a proposition by Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616, known as the "underprivileged Children's Camp."

This camp site has been offered to the State Association for \$8,000.00. The property consists of approximately 300 acres of ground, well wooded. There are 11 buildings in good repair; consisting of 1 Administration Building; 5 Cabins; 2 Barracks; 1 Infirmary; 1 Mess Hall; 1 Log Cabin; a Caretaker's Home and other outbuildings.

We recommend that the State Association appoint a Board of Governors, consisting of 7 members; empowered to make any contracts necessary to purchase any necessary items needed; to make rules; and for the general conduct of the camp. The terms of the governor to run for 5 years. The first board to run as follows: 2 for 5 years, 2 for 3 years and 1 for 1 year.

We recommend that this be brought before each lodge the first meeting in November for discussion; that at the first meeting in December a vote be taken on the project, with a majority being considered and counted as a total for the lodge.

Project Committee: R. A. STAFFORD, Chairman
Greensboro Lodge No. 602

J. A. KELLY
Salisbury Lodge No. 699

W. G. CARRINGTON
Durham Lodge No. 568

Return the following to your State President, Dr. W. A. Sams, Marshall, North Carolina.

We, the Lodge of _____ No. _____
(do) (do not) approve of the Project known as the Elks Underprivileged Children's
Camp by a vote of _____ to _____.

Signed: _____

(LODGE SEAL)

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 21 lodges, having a membership of 4,940.

At the midwinter meeting held in Kinston on Jan. 21-22, 1945, The Children's Camp was the main order of business. No record is available as to the vote of the lodges on the Project Committee's report, but as the writer remembers it, the vote was unanimous in favor of the camp.

After a lengthy discussion during which the matter was ably presented by B. A. Whitmire of Hendersonville, Vice-President at Large, Thad Eure, Exalted Ruler of Raleigh Lodge and Tom C. Daniels, Secretary of New Bern Lodge, on motion by Exalted Ruler Eure of Raleigh Lodge, seconded by PDDGER P. C. Smith of High Point, it was unanimously voted to approve operation of the Children's Camp, authorize the organization of a corporation to operate it, and to accept all gifts offered for the project.

"ELKS CAMP FOR CHILDREN, INC." was incorporated on June 7, 1945, the incorporators being the officers of the State Association.

The following is a copy of a letter authorized by the State Association to be sent to Brother Cleveland.

Brother John Z. Cleveland
Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Brother Cleveland:

The North Carolina State Elks Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, meeting in Kinston, N. C., Jan. 21-22, 1945, accepted your generous offer of the gift of a site for the development of future American citizens.

I was instructed by the State Association to make known to you the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina State Elks Association, convening in Kinston, N. C. this 22nd day of January, 1945, convey to Brother John Z. Cleveland of Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, their appreciation for

his generous gift of a camp site to be operated by North Carolina Elkdom for the advancement of our youth.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the Association and that Brother Cleveland be furnished a copy.

Fraternally yours,

Dr. W. A. SAMS, President
North Carolina State
Elks Association

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Ed. W. Davis, Wilson Lodge No. 840
WEST: Boyce A. Whitmire, Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616

State President: Dr. W. A. Sams, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State Conventions: (A) Hendersonville
(F) Charlotte
(MW) Kinston

1945 - 1946

At the Annual Meeting held in Greensboro on June 7, 1945, the Projects Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF PROJECTS COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Projects for the North Carolina State Elks Association, beg to report that the Boys Camp near Hendersonville has been purchased, and is now ready to go into operation.

We would like to commend the following brothers who worked and gave their time to this Project: B. A. Whitmire, District Deputy, Hendersonville; H. P. Mitchell, Asheville; R. R. Craft, Hickory; J. Mack Underwood, Gastonia and Chas. D. Thomas, Charlotte. Also, our President, Dr. W. A. Sams of Asheville.

RAYMOND STAFFORD, Chairman
Greensboro Lodge No. 602
W. G. CARRINGTON
Durham Lodge No. 568
LLOYD HUMPHREY
Kinston Lodge No. 740

Brother Whitmire, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Camp Director, made the following brief oral report;

"Pursuant to the instructions given me at the Kinston meeting we took title to this property for \$9,000.00; \$8,000.00 of which went to the Spartanburg

Tuberculosis Association. As you know, the \$8,000.00 was for buildings and equipment put on the property during the time the Camp was operated by the Tubercular Association. However, no tuberculosis patients were allowed there; it was a home for underprivileged children. The property was a gift from John Z. Cleveland, of Hendersonville.

At the first meeting of the Board of Governors in Hendersonville, they recommended certain improvements, and we have spent \$2,000.00 in painting, renovating, building athletic fields, etc. At the present time we are ready for operation. The Camp opens June 18th. The first four weeks have been allotted to lodges in the Western part of the state. We can accommodate 20 boys from each lodge, if the lodges see fit to send that many."

The first season accommodated 251 boys. Brother Whitmire directed the camp, and was ably assisted by Mrs. Whitmire (Pat) who was really a mother to 251 strange boys, many of whom were away from home for the first time. A great deal of credit should go to both of these fine people for their untiring efforts in getting the Boys Camp started off right.

Three new lodges were added to the rolls this year. Henderson Lodge No. 1651 was instituted Oct. 15, 1945; Sanford Lodge No. 1679 was instituted Oct. 26, 1945; and Southern Pines Lodge No. 1692 was instituted Dec. 31, 1945.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 24 lodges, having a membership of 5,640.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: John F. Prescott, Raleigh Lodge No. 735

WEST: Raymond L. Stafford, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State President: Thad Eure, Raleigh Lodge No. 735

State Conventions: (A) Greensboro
(F) Hendersonville

1946 - 1947

State Secretary Ed. W. Davis had outlined a plan at the Fall Convention in Hendersonville, Sept. 19, 1945, whereby the mortgage might be paid off and additional funds provided for the improvement and operation of the camp. This was a Seal Campaign to be handled by all the lodges. After much discussion, the proposal was adopted. The final report for the first year of the campaign showed a net of \$8,638.40. From these funds \$6,500.00 was paid on the mortgage of the Camp property, with interest amounting to \$630.00. The State Association was loaned \$500.00 leaving a balance of \$1,008.40 for the following year.

At the Grand Lodge Session in New York in 1946, North Carolina was divided into THREE Districts: EAST, CENTRAL and WEST, thus allowing North Carolina an additional District Deputy.

An Amendment to the incorporation papers of the "Elks Camp for Children, Inc." dated March 3, 1947, changed the corporate name to "ELKS CAMP FOR BOYS, INC."

Four new lodges were organized this year. Asheboro Lodge No. 1694 was instituted April 27, 1946; Shelby Lodge No. 1709 was instituted June 8, 1946; Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge No. 1710 was instituted June 24, 1946; and Reidsville Lodge No. 1723 was instituted March 26, 1947.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 28 lodges, having a membership of 6,648.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Thad Eure, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
CENTRAL: W. G. Carrington, Durham Lodge No. 568
WEST: Dr. W. A. Sams, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State President: Boyce A. Whitmire, Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616

State Conventions: (A) Wilmington
(F) Winston-Salem
(MW) Washington

1947 - 1948

The net proceeds from the Seal Campaign this year netted \$7,747.71. Of this amount \$2,550.00 was used to retire the mortgage on the Camp property, and pay the interest. There was a balance due from the State Association of \$500.00, which had been loaned them from the Seal Fund, leaving a balance of \$6,706.11 remaining in the Seal Fund, to be used for the Boys Camp.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 28 lodges, having a membership of 7,611.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: George T. Skinner, Kinston Lodge No. 740.
CENTRAL: J. Max Rawlins, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
WEST: Chas. D. Thomas, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

State President: J. Fred Richardson, Winston Lodge No. 449

State Convention: Charlotte

1948 - 1949

Brevard Lodge No. 1768 was instituted Nov. 22, 1948 and Waynesville Lodge No. 1769 was instituted Jan. 28, 1949.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 30 Lodges, having a membership of 7,658.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. D. Cooke, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
CENTRAL: John E. Cline, Southern Pines Lodge No. 1692
WEST: John W. Parks, Gastonia Lodge No. 1634

State President: D. Staton Inscoe, Raleigh Lodge No. 735

1949 - 1950

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 30 lodges, having a membership of 7,977.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: T. J. Mitchell, III, New Bern Lodge No. 764
CENTRAL: John W. Dear, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
WEST: C. Vernon DeVault, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State President; E. Ford Roberts, Hickory Lodge No. 1654

State Conventions: (A) Southern Pines
Shelby

1950 - 1951

Statesville Lodge No. 1823 was instituted July 19, 1950,

The Lodge Year was closed with a total of 31 lodges, having a membership of 8,554.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: D. Staton Inscoe, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
CENTRAL: George W. Harrison, Henderson Lodge No. 1681
WEST: Phillip N. Peacock, Salisbury Lodge No. 699

State President: J. Max Rawlins, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

1951 - 1952

Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038 was instituted August 15, 1951. The new lodge took the old number of the lodge that surrendered its charter in 1925. North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 1846 was instituted Dec. 11, 1951, and Morganton Lodge No. 1852 was instituted March 14, 1952.

An amendment to the incorporation papers of the "Elks Camp for Boys, Inc.," dated May 30, 1951, changed the corporate name to "NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC."

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 34 lodges, having a membership of 9343.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: D. Staton Inscoe, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
CENTRAL: J. Bailey Maynard, Winston Lodge No. 449
WEST: I. B. Hughes, Hendersonville Lodge No. 1616

State President: George T. Skinner, Kinston Lodge No. 740

PER President: J. Bailey Maynard, Winston Lodge No. 449

1952 - 1953

Lumberton Lodge No. 1861 was instituted Sept. 8, 1952.

It is not known when the Past Exalted Rulers Association was formed. Only a few sketchy minutes exist before 1952. When the State Association met in New Bern in 1952, the minutes gave the name of the President, J. Bailey Maynard of Winston Lodge No. 449. It is the custom of the Past Exalted Rulers Association to have a breakfast meeting during the regular State Association meetings. All Past and Present Exalted Rulers are eligible to be members.

At the meeting in New Bern, the question of a Boys Camp located in the Eastern part of the State came up for discussion. The committee presented some information about possible sites, but no action was taken except to continue the committee.

The following with reference to the Memorial Service held in New Bern, May 23, 1952, was taken from the official minutes of the Convention:

"The Memorial Committee made a report of the services held Friday morning. It was the opinion that this was the most outstanding service ever held in North Carolina. The name of every departed brother in the state was called, and as his name was called, a lighted candle was extinguished. It was a most impressive ceremony, with the church darkened except for the many lighted candles which slowly faded into darkness as the last candle was snuffed out. The services were held in the First Baptist Church.

The State Association sponsored a football game between Wake Forest Junior Varsity and Carolina Junior Varsity at Burlington, Oct. 24, 1952. The report showed a net profit of \$2,154.04. It was voted that this money be earmarked for an Eastern Boys Camp fund.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 35 lodges, having a membership of 9,991.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Louis N. Howard, New Bern Lodge No. 764
CENTRAL: Gary B. Tourjee, Reidsville Lodge No. 1723
WEST: Harley E. Olsen, Shelby Lodge No. 1709

State President: Chas. B. Thomas, Charlotte Lodge No. 392
PER President: Raymond Fuson, New Bern Lodge 764

State Conventions: (A) New Bern
(F) Charlotte

1953. - 1954

At the Annual Convention in Southern Pines, May 29-30, 1953, the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, of Miami, Florida, was announced, occurring on March 21, 1953. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sholtz had been North Carolina's sponsor to the Grand Lodge for 13 years, and had seen North Carolina grow from 15 lodges in 1940, with a membership of 2222, to 35 lodges in 1953 with a membership of 9,991. Brother Sholtz was Grand Exalted Ruler in 1936, and worked continuously for the cause of Elkdom until his death. North Carolina shall miss him.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, of Alexandria, Virginia was named North Carolina's sponsor to the Grand Lodge, after the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sholtz. He has visited North Carolina quite often, and will have the unanimous support of the North Carolina lodges.

One of the highlights of this lodge year was the booth of the North Carolina State Elks Association, at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, July 5th through the 9th, 1953. The Association had never before been so represented at a Grand Lodge Convention. Outstanding, to say the least, and one of the very finest in the Convention Hall, was the North Carolina booth. In the twenty-foot wide booth, on the back wall, were enlarged pictures of North Carolina industry.

These pictures were enlarged to about four by six feet, showing a tobacco auction sale in Wilson, a picture of the Hatteras lighthouse, a mountain highway, a scene from Wilmington, the azalea capital of the world, and other outstanding pictures of the good old North State.

In this booth were pamphlets filled with the story of North Carolina industry and vacation life, and not to be neglected were two very beautiful girls, one blonde, one brunette . . . beautifully dressed, tho scantily, but in full regalia of tobacco leaves. These leaves, choicest tobacco from Eastern North Carolina, were attached to the bathing suits, Catalina style, worn by the girls. And did they make a hit! More pictures were taken by far, we were informed by the Convention photographer at our exhibit, than at any other exhibit in Convention Hall.

Every man, both young and old who saw our booth wanted their picture taken with the two girls, and of course each of them had a wide ribbon with NORTH CAROLINA printed in bold type across the front, and the background of the exhibit was all North Carolina.

At the Fall Meeting held in Washington, the By-laws were amended to make the election of Officers the first order of business, at the Annual Convention. This enabled the incoming officers to talk with different brothers they might have in mind for committees, etc., and was certain to be a great improvement over having the election of officers at the close of the session.

The State Association sponsored a football game that was played in Greenville, Jan. 2, 1954 between Morris Harvey College and East Carolina College. The net proceeds amounted to \$40.59 which should have been much larger had the expenses been held to a reasonable level.

Mooresville Lodge No. 1911 was instituted July 10, 1953.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 36 lodges, having a membership of 10,882.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: E. A. Williams, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
CENTRAL: Harold B. Floyd, Sanford Lodge No. 1679
WEST: Leon Lawrence, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

State President: Donald Madigan, Southern Pines Lodge No. 1692

PER President: Raymond Fuson, New Bern Lodge No. 764

State Conventions: (A) Southern Pines
(F) Washington

1954 - 1955

In a report on the Boys Camp, Director Whitmire reported that the Camp had reached the point of complete saturation with reference to attendance, unless another building was erected. 561 boys had attended the camp, one period having more than 150 boys.

A bowl game was sponsored by the State Association and was played in Raleigh, Dec. 11, 1954, between Appalachain College and Newberry College. For a report of that game, the following is an excerpt from President Fuson's report to the Association in Winston-Salem on May 27, 1955:

"And now I come to that part of my report of which I am not proud. At the Convention in Asheville, this Association voted to sponsor a Bowl Game for the benefit of Youth Activities in our state. No discussion on the subject occurred the motion was made just before adjournment, and was passed without a dissenting vote.

I hardly knew where to start, but after consulting with several brothers, decided to call a meeting representative of the State to be held in Raleigh on August 18, 1954. Nearly everyone I wrote to was present at that meeting. The general plan was outlined, and Raleigh Lodge consented to take over, as it had been decided to play the game at State College, where Riddick Stadium was offered to us without cost. We had two more meetings of the General Committee, and then there were several meetings with the Raleigh Committee. I will not go into a detailed report at this time, as Brother Walter Hill, General Chairman of the Committee, will give you a report later in the meeting, but we wound up with a deficit of nearly \$1,900.00.

We owe Appalachain and Newberry Colleges, \$1,000.00 each and have approximately \$100.00 in the bank. The whole reason for the failure lies in just one fact your delegates sat in that meeting in Asheville and voted to have a Bowl Game, and then the largest part of them went home and did absolutely nothing about it, my own lodge being one of them.

I take my hat off to Raleigh Lodge that really did a grand job in Raleigh. Some of the Raleigh brothers devoted practically all of their time to the game for the last month, and if the rest of the lodges in the state had done the work Raleigh Lodge did, the game would have been a grand success. To Lawrence goes my special thanks. He alone accounted for about one-third of the entire ticket sale in the state. The Raleigh committee kept down expenses; many

an expense item being borne by the individual member, and never turned in to the Committee. But the total results were pitiful.

I was authorized at the Raleigh meeting in December to appoint the Committees to get this year's game started before the new officers take over, but I have not done so. I do not believe that the game will ever be a success in North Carolina, and that other means should be used to raise money for Youth Activities. There is too much work involved for the return, and we now have the deficit which we are morally obligated to pay. So we had better clean that up before we start anything else."

Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, the Hon. John L. Walker of Roanoke, Virginia was introduced at the Convention and made a very interesting talk on the occasion of his first visit to a State Elks meeting in North Carolina. Brother Walk made a very fine impression on all the delegates, and promised to return for another visit in the near future.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 36 lodges, having a membership of 11,351.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Norman Gold, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
CENTRAL: J. D. Woodell, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
WEST: G. Norman Hutton, Hickory Lodge No. 1654

State President: Raymond Fuson, New Bern Lodge No. 764

State Conventions: (A) Asheville
(F) Raleigh

1955 - 1956

Following an appeal by Past State President Raymond Fuson of New Bern Lodge No. 764, the Grand Lodge Emergency Relief Fund sent a check for \$1,500.00 to the State Association for emergency hurricane relief. This money was received so late, however, that Brother Fuson and his committee decided to return the money, which was done.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 36 lodges, having a membership of 11,810.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Franklin T. Dupree, Jr., Raleigh Lodge No. 735
CENTRAL: Dr. John R. Kernodle, Burlington Lodge No. 1633
WEST: George E. Rike, Salisbury Lodge No. 699

State President: Harley E. Olsen, Shelby Lodge No. 1709.

State Conventions: (A) Winston-Salem
(F) Hickory

1956 - 1957

There was much discussion about the disposition of the Boys Camp property near Hendersonville, at the Charlotte convention. It was reported that the Greenville Watershed Commission would condemn our property in South Carolina, and desired to purchase about 10 acres of the property in North Carolina. It was further reported that the Watershed Commission would pay the North Carolina State Elks Association the sum of \$77,500.00, or possibly \$80,000.00 for the property they desired to condemn and purchase.

Following much discussion the following motion by Thad Eure, seconded by Guy Killian, was unanimously passed.

"On motion made and unanimously adopted, the Trustees are empowered to negotiate with the City of Greenville, S. C., on the sale of certain property owned by the Association located in Greenville County, South Carolina; and Henderson County, North Carolina, on which the Elks Camp for Boys is located, and upon completion of the negotiations, the officers of the Association are authorized and directed to execute such options to purchase and deeds of conveyance as may be necessary and required to consummate the sale of such property, which is fully approved."

The Boys Camp had an enrollment of 580 boys for the 1956 season. At the convention in Charlotte, Nov. 15-16, 1957, Don Madigan, a member of the Board of Trustees brought a proposition before the convention relative to a piece of property about 2 miles from Southern Pines, known as Notre Dame Academy. This property consists of about 135 acres of land, covered with large pine trees and numerous buildings thereon. Following descriptions from many members who had seen this property, it appeared to be a fine place for any type of youth activity. There was much discussion and many pictures displayed of the entire layout.

Following questions and answers, the following motion was made by Norman Gold, properly seconded and unanimously passed:

"That the Trustees of the State Association be authorized to take an option on the property known as Notre Dame Academy, at Southern Pines, N. C., for the purchase of such property for the sum of \$55,000.00, the option to be for a 90 day period, and that the Trustees be authorized to pay the sum of \$1,000.00 for such option; further, that the President of the State Association appoint a Committee to investigate this property and explore the availability of other sites, and that the Committee make its recommendation prior to the expiration of the option, and further, that the President be authorized to call a Special Meeting of the State Association, have a one day session to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Committee and the Trustees."

President Pritchett appointed the following Committee: Trustees D. L. Madigan, Raymond Fuson and Harley Olsen; together with DeWitt Bowen, Dr. J. R. Kernodle, Thad Eure, George Skinner, Norman Gold and A. A. Ruffin. The President will also be present as a member.

Chairman Madigan called for a meeting of this SPECIAL COMMITTEE to be held at the Southern Pines Lodge, Sunday, Nov. 25, 1956.

At the State Association meeting held in Durham, May 24, 1956, Past State President Thad Eure introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard Davis, who spoke at length relative to the reorganization meeting of the North Carolina State Elk Association in 1939 in Charlotte, at which time he was present. He said that he had not missed an Annual Meeting in North Carolina since that time. He spoke of cerebral palsy, explaining how the National Foundation was allowing grants to nurses to study the terrible disease. He also spoke of the value of Elkdom, the big investment the Order of Elks is making in the youth of today. He spoke of the scholarship and leadership awards, and told us how it is to be the most important phase of the work of Elkdom today, in our work in Youth Activities. Brother Davis was high in his praise of our Elks Camp for Boys, and told how North Carolina stood at the top in Boys camp work, and how many other states are copying our work. It was a magnificent address on Elkdom.

Brother Davis loved North Carolina, and said that all we had to do to get him to come to North Carolina was to ask him. He told the writer that the one thing that would have been his greatest hour after serving as Grand Exalted Ruler . . . would have been to be North Carolina's sponsor to the Grand Lodge. He was a great Elk.

At the Fall Meeting in Charlotte, Nov. 15-16, 1956, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett was introduced. Dr. Barrett had been our sponsor of the Grand Lodge since the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dave Sholtz in 1952. His speech was, in effect, a farewell to North Carolina, insofar as being our sponsor was concerned. He told the meetings that from now on, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Johnnie Walker would have charge of the North Carolina Elks.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT SOUTHERN PINES

By direction of President Wiley Pritchett, and Chairman of the Trustees, Madigan, a meeting was held at Southern Pines Lodge on Nov. 25, 1956. All members of the special committee were present except Harley Olsen and DeWitt Bowen, their letters having gone astray. Those present: Don Madigan; President Wiley Pritchett; Raymond Fuson, Dr. J. R. Kernodle, Thad Eure, George Skinner, Norman Gold and A. A. Ruffin. Also there were several visitors to sit with the committee.

Following a tour of Notre Dame Academy, the meeting of the Committee called to order by Chairman Madigan. There was much discussion as to the possibilities, and every member of the committee expressed about the same opinion. . . this proposition was too good to lose. It was the unanimous opinion of the entire committee to recommend to the State Association that the Association purchase the property for the sum of \$55,000.00.

It was noted that the Association will have an option to purchase the property the option price to be \$1,000.00, covering a 90-day period. If the property is purchased, the \$1,000.00 option money will be deducted from the purchase price, \$55,

At a Special Meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association held in Southern Pines, Jan. 11, 1957, the sale of the Elks Camp property in South Carolina was discussed in detail. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees made quite a lengthy report, relative to all of the details involved, and this part of the meeting was closed with the following motion:

A motion by J. M. Cheshire, seconded by Henry Woods: "That the action of the Trustees in disposing of the Elks Boys Camp at Hendersonville, be and is hereby approved, and that this convention does hereby instruct and direct the

Trustees to execute a deed to the Greenville Watershed Association in exchange for the sum of \$80,000.00, and that no attorney's fees be paid by the Trustees until such bills are approved by this convention in regular or special session." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stuart Page and seconded by Jack Woodall that the State Association purchase Notre Dame Academy for the sum of \$55,000.00 was defeated on a roll call vote by 106 to 66.

Roxboro Lodge No. 2005 was instituted June 1, 1956.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 37 lodges, having a membership of 12,222.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Dr. Walter H. Hill, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
CENTRAL: Eugene H. Phillips, Winston Lodge No. 449
WEST: DeWitt M. Bowen, Shelby Lodge No. 1709

State President: Wiley R. Pritchett, High Point Lodge No. 1155.

State Conventions: (A) Durham
(F) Charlotte

1957 - 1958

Following is an excerpt from a report of the Boys Camp Executive Committee at the State Association meeting in Salisbury:

"As you know, a portion of our Camp was recently sold to the City of Greenville, S. C.; however, we have permission of the City of Greenville to use all of the facilities located on the property until the close of the Camp season.

Of the original 210 acres we still have 127 acres located entirely within the State of North Carolina and upon which are located many of the more important camp facilities. These are:

Dining Room and Kitchen
Barracks and Wash Room for 22 boys
Deep well with pump
Shuffle Board
Two outside basketball courts, equipped with flood lights
Upper lake for swimming and boating
Lower lake for swimming
Concrete pool for beginners
Two baseball diamonds
Caretaker's Home

Now, between September 1957 and June 1958 we will have to replace the facilities located on the property sold.

The present capacity of the camp is in the neighborhood of 160 boys, and it is on this basis that the Executive Committee decided to rebuild.

It is proposed to construct 4 additional barracks, each to house 32 boys and 4 counselors, with a separate wash room, centrally located. Each barracks will be 20 feet wide, 44 feet long and 8 feet high, with 5 foot covered walk in front. These are to be wooden construction on 4-inch concrete slab.

The Wash Room will be 20 feet by 20 feet. It will be of concrete block construction, with a wooden roof and 4-inch concrete slab floor, and will contain 8 commodes, 8 wash basins, and 8 showers.

Living quarters for the cooks will be provided by constructing an 8 x 20 foot extension to the Dining Hall. Present toilet facilities located in an area adjacent to the proposed extension are ample and will be made available to the cooks for their exclusive use.

The infirmary will be located just south of the Dining Hall. It will be 25 x 30 feet, of which an area 6 x 30 feet will be open screened porch. It will be of wood construction on concrete block piers, and finished on the inside with plaster board. It will contain sleeping quarters for the nurse, a first aid room, dispensary, a room for 4 patients and a bath room.

A Recreation Building 30 x 40 feet will be constructed near the concrete wading pool. It will be of wood construction on a 4-inch concrete slab.

The Administration Building will be similar construction as to the Infirmary. It will be 28 x 30 feet and will be divided into a combination office and sitting room, three bed rooms and bath. It will be used for Administration purposes and will provide sleeping quarters for the Director and Co-Director.

Every Boys Camp needs a gymnasium and especially ours since we operate the Pre-Season Basketball Clinic for High School Boys. With this in mind it is proposed to erect a gymnasium 40 x 80 feet, with a height of 14 feet at the eaves. Present tentative plans are to use rigid steel frame construction with a steel roof, wood sides and floor, all supported on concrete footings and piers.

The Canteen will be of wooden construction about 12 x 12 on a 4-inch concrete slab.

A septic tank will be constructed in connection with the new wash room and will be sized to take care of 150 persons.

Our reservoir was lost when the property was sold to Greenville and we will have to provide a new one. It is proposed to construct the new reservoir of concrete at an elevation of around 100 feet above the camp proper. Its capacity will be about 5,000 gallons. The old reservoir was fed by springs which will not be the case with the new. We will have to drill a deep well to supplement the present one, and install additional pumping facilities.

There has always been a traffic problem on those Sundays when boys were leaving after their two weeks and the new group of boys were arriving. Therefore, road changes are being planned to alleviate this condition.

Bids for doing the major portion of the work as outlined above have been received from two contractors and the cost of the balance has been estimated after consultation with them. On the basis of this it is indicated that the total cost of all additions and improvements will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000.00."

On motion of Norman Gold, duly seconded and carried, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Board of Governors one-half of the balance of net funds received from the sale of the camp property to the Greenville Watershed Commission, the money to be used in the construction and rebuilding of the camp.

**VISIT OF PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER
JOHN L. WALKER TO BURLINGTON**

Reported by
EUGENE PHILLIPS
District Deputy GER
North Carolina Central

March 23, 1957

As many of you perhaps know, PGER Johnnie Walker, who has jurisdiction over all lodges in North Carolina, has been gravely disturbed because of the many rumors of dissention and conflict within the State Elks that were communicated to him. He recently asked that a representative group of Elks from all over the State confer with him in Burlington, Saturday, March 23, 1957, about the problems involved. The conference was well attended and Brother Walker requested that I make an informal report to all of the lodges about it. Following is a brief summary outlining the substance of events that occurred at this conference.

1. PRESENT: There were about 35 or 40 Elks present, most of whom were present or past officers, present or past District Deputies, present or past State Committee members, and others that have taken an active interest in Association matters. A few got there after the conference concluded and some were unable to be there at all Saturday, but came in Sunday morning for the Elks Camp Board of Governors meeting, where they learned about and largely concurred in Saturday's events. Since the primary purpose of the conference was to gather information about the present state of affairs and to determine what obstacles, if any, would have to be overcome before harmony was achieved. Brother Walker thought that a full, informal discussion by a representative group would be more productive at this time than would a special meeting of the entire State Association.

2. BACKGROUND SITUATION: During the years, and particularly in recent months, sharp differences of opinion have existed with respect to many matters about which the Association is vitally concerned. Some heated remarks had been made at Southern Pines about some lodges pulling out of the Association if things were not done in a certain way. Some have been very critical of various officers and committeemen because of actions taken or not taken in connection with the Hendersonville Property; others have been equally critical of the action or inaction of others in various other respects. With respect to some present difficulties, some claim that the fault lies with certain individuals, while others place the blame elsewhere.

Brother Fuson's resignation as a Trustee had been rumored. A bulletin issued over the name of Salisbury Lodge criticized certain state officers and proceedings had been widely distributed and commented upon. In a letter issued by Brother Ruffin his resignation as Secretary was announced with some expressions of bitterness about the Salisbury bulletin. The State convention is scheduled for Salisbury for the last week in May, and some Association members had questioned the wisdom of holding the convention in Salisbury under all the circumstances. In brief, the conference was held in light of these and other difficulties with a view toward getting all of the grievances out of the closet, so to speak, in the hope that much of the discord would be eliminated, if all matters were aired.

3. DEVELOPMENTS: Brother Walker, after stating his high regard for the Elks of North Carolina, explained the reason for his visit and expressed his distress about the situation that had come about. He charged all present to think and plan and work for the future, and to forget about past disagreements. The Salisbury officers read an apology unanimously adopted by the lodge (heretofore circulated by mail), with respect to having published the bulletin mentioned. It was explained that it expressed the editor's views, not that of the lodge. The sincerity of Salisbury's representatives tendering this apology was too plain to be mistaken. After explaining why he sent out the letter that he did, announcing his resignation and criticizing the Salisbury bulletin, Brother Ruffin later announced that Salisbury's apology was fully and completely acceptable to him, and that he was sorry for some of the things he had said in his letter.

Brother Fuson announced that his resignation as Trustee had not been brought about because of any feeling of ill will, but was done because his lodge, New Bern, had expressed an unwillingness to pay the \$3.00 per capita tax imposed at the Durham meeting. If this is not done, New Bern understands that it would no longer be a member of the Association, and Brother Fuson felt that under those circumstances he could not continue to be an Association officer. All present agreed that it would probably be wise for the Association to reconsider the \$3.00 mandatory per capita tax at the May meeting, and that no lodge should drop out of the Association before then. It was also pointed out that the wording of this amendment was so vague, that there was doubt as to its legality.

Brother Fuson was urged by those present to withdraw his resignation; the thought was expressed that proposals will be made at the May meeting whereby New Bern and other lodges so situated can remain in the Association. Brother Fuson, grand Elk that he is, consented to withdraw his resignation, and expressed the hope that the Association would continue as a strong organization.

Brother J. D. Woodell, who had been appointed Acting Secretary of the Association upon the submission of Brother Ruffin's resignation then urged that Brother Ruffin withdraw his resignation, saying that it would not be proper for his resignation to become effective under such circumstances, in view of all matters involved and his long and valuable service to the Association. This suggestion met with the enthusiastic and unanimous concurrence of all those present, whereupon Brother Ruffin expressed his willingness to withdraw his resignation as Secretary.

Everyone present agreed that grave injustice would be done to Salisbury Lodge, in view of all the circumstances, as well as to the State Association if the convention was moved to another place and that no reason existed to even consider going elsewhere since Salisbury's apologies were completely acceptable to everyone.

4. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: Finally, everyone present agreed and joined in the sentiment expressed by several spokesmen, that

- (A) The welfare of 13,000 Elks in North Carolina is far too important a concern to be further jeopardized by the personal grievances of any individual or group of individuals.
- (B) Who, if anyone, is fundamentally and primarily at fault, is no longer important.

- (C) Further rehashing of past grievances will constitute grave disservice to the Order and the Association.
- (D) All of our energies and attention will be required in carrying out a good Association program for future.
- (E) Those present would encourage other Elks to adopt an attitude of brotherly forbearance as to mistakes believed to have been made in the past and would personally discourage any further grumbling and complaining, and finger pointing about things that cannot be undone.

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THAT BY-GONES BE FORGOTTEN!

- (F) Everyone would work to make the Salisbury Convention the best ever.
- (G) Everyone would help to strengthen the State Association to make it more united.

5. CONCLUSION: Many expressed the view after the conference was over that there was the strongest display of fraternalism that afternoon in Burlington, upon the entire group that had ever been seen or experienced at an Elks gathering in North Carolina, and that great things are in store for the Association if this attitude continues. Unfortunately, not everyone that was involved was there, and it might be that everyone that was present is not capable of casually letting by-gones pass away. Rumor has it that one or two very active members of the Association, still prefer to rehash old straw, rather than direct their efforts and faces to the future. However, the Association as a whole, is tired of all the discord that has arisen, and further discord, which tends to weaken and divide, simply will not be tolerated by most Elks!

Brother Walker, the next morning, expressed to all present at the Camp Board of Governors meeting his great pleasure and satisfaction at having been present at the conference, and his pride in having jurisdiction over an area that could sit down and work out their grievances for the Good of the Order in the way he had observed the day before. We must live up to Brother Walker's estimate of us.

United, we can do anything divided we can do very little. As an Elk leader, please do whatever you can to see that the future of the Association is embarrassed no further by things that are over and done with and
BE AT THE SALISBURY MEETING TO WORK AND PLAN!

Fraternally,

GENE PHILLIPS
 District Deputy
 Grand Exalted Ruler,
 North Carolina Central

Rutherfordton Lodge No. 2037 was instituted May 3, 1957; Newton Lodge No. 2042 was instituted June 13, 1957; Mount Airy Lodge No. 2061 was instituted Jan. 31, 1958; Cabarrus County (Concord) Lodge No. 2064 was instituted March 5, 1958.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 12,524.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Norman Y. Chambliss, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
CENTRAL: Jack C. Woodall, Durham Lodge No. 568
WEST: Harvey W. Holmes, Gastonia Lodge No. 1634

State President: Norman Gold, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038

State Conventions: (A) Salisbury
(F) Wilmington

1958 - 1959

Brother Boyce Whitmire retired after the 1958 season as Director of the Boys Camp. He was the prime mover and helped found the Camp in 1945 and had been Camp Director for the entire 13 years since its founding. For the 1958 season the Board of Governors employed Mr. Ernest Justice, Principal of the Flat Rock High School as Camp Director. There were 553 boys attending the 1958 season.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 12,722.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: C. T. Farrow, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
CENTRAL: J. Milton Cheshire, Sanford Lodge No. 1679
WEST: W. A. Shelton, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State President: G. Norman Hutton, Hickory Lodge No. 1634

The name of the PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION (PER) was changed to EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION (ERA).

ERA President: E. A. Williams, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139

1959 - 1960

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 13,071.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Paul Fitzgerald, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
CENTRAL: Kenneth R. Knight, Winston Lodge No. 449
WEST: W. P. Alexander, Statesville Lodge No. 1823

State President: Dr. J. R. Kernodle, Burlington Lodge No. 1633
ERA President: W. A. Thompson, Shelby Lodge No. 1709

State Conventions: (A) Greensboro
(F) Hendersonville

1960 - 1961

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 13,337.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Sol Hertzberg, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
CENTRAL: Dr. F. L. Smith, Burlington Lodge No. 1633
WEST: L. Alton Phillips, Waynesville Lodge No. 1769

State President: E. A. Williams, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
ERA President: Jack Woodall, Durham Lodge No. 568

State Conventions: (A) Durham
(F) Goldsboro

1961 - 1962

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 13,596.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Harlan McPherson, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
CENTRAL: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
WEST: Ed. J. Lewis, Jr., Salisbury Lodge No. 699

State President: Harvey W. Holmes, Gastonia Lodge No. 1634
ERA President: W. Harry Stansell, Morganton Lodge No. 1852

State Conventions: (A) Statesville
(F) Rocky Mount

1962 - 1963

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 13,396.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. G. Proctor, Sr., Greenville Lodge No. 1645
CENTRAL: Ralph Wallace, Southern Pines Lodge No. 1692
WEST: Herbert F. Finck, Brevard Lodge No. 1768

State President: Eugene H. Phillips, Winston Lodge No. 449
ERA President: W. Harry Stansell, Morganton Lodge No. 1852

State Conventions: (A) High Point
(F) Morehead City

1963 - 1964

As a means of stimulating interlodge activity, President Hill appointed a "Traveling Gavel" Committee. The idea was to start a gavel at a lodge, and then a delegation from that lodge would take it to the next lodge on the schedule, and so on, until it was delivered at the State Convention to the last lodge on the list. The Vice-Presidents were made responsible for the "travel of the gavel" while it was in their district. Each Exalted Ruler was to close his lodge with the traveling gavel. The first year the gavel started at Elizabeth City and wound up at Durham for the Annual Convention.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 41 lodges, having a membership of 13,376.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: A. J. Crane, Kinston Lodge No. 740
CENTRAL: J. W. Voss, Winston Lodge No. 449
WEST: C. M. Adams, Jr., Statesville Lodge No. 1823

State President: Walter H. Hill, Raleigh Lodge No. 735
ERA President: C. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State Convention: (A) Raleigh
(F) Asheville

1964 - 1965

The Charter of Cabarrus County (Concord) Lodge No. 2064 was revoked on May 16, 1964.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 40 lodges, having a membership of 13,568.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: W. H. Forbes, Jr., Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge No. 1710
CENTRAL: Bruce Bray, Jr., High Point Lodge No. 1155
WEST: Harry Kole, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

State President: Herbert F. Finck, Brevard Lodge No. 1768
ERA President: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State Conventions: (A) Durham
(F) Wilmington

1965 - 1966

The Charter of Rutherfordton Lodge No. 2037 was revoked on March 15, 1966.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 39 lodges, having a membership

of 13,476.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Albert D. Parrott, Goldsboro Lodge No. 139
CENTRAL: John D. Sullivan, Southern Pines Lodge No. 1692
WEST: Louis R. Luther, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State President: J. D. Woodell, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
ERA President: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State Conventions: (A) Salisbury
(F) High Point

1966 - 1967

At the Fall Convention in Wilmington, it was voted to have a "North Carolina Elk of the Year". An award was to be made at the convention in Statesville, May 26-27, 1967, as the First Award, and was to be continued from year to year.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 39 lodges, having a membership of 13,700.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: E. B. Pugh, New Bern Lodge No. 764
CENTRAL: W. Henry Woods, Durham Lodge No. 568
WEST: Ray M. Winchester, Brevard Lodge No. 1768

State President: A. J. Crane, Kinston Lodge No. 740
ERA President: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State Conventions: (A) Kinston
(F) Wilmington

1967 - 1968

The name of the "North Carolina Elk of the Year" was changed to "Distinguished Service Award". The recipient this year of the award was J. Louis Rapier, Kinston Lodge No. 740, for his outstanding work in the Elks National Foundation.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 39 lodges, having a membership of 14,263.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: R. R. Mobley, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
CENTRAL: Paul R. Hampton, High Point Lodge 1155
WEST: E. R. Hoffman, Gastonia Lodge No. 1634

State President: C. M. Adams, Jr., Statesville Lodge No. 1823
ERA President: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State Conventions: (A) Statesville
(F) Greensboro

1968 - 1969

Kenneth R. Knight of Winston Lodge No. 449, was elected President of the North Carolina State Elks Association at the Annual Convention in Winston-Salem, May 24, 1968, and died one month later from a heart attack. Sol Hertzberg, of Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038, Vice-President at Large assumed the office of President, and at the Fall Meeting in Greensboro, Chas. V. Thompson of Greensboro Lodge No. 602 was elected Vice-President at Large, to fill the vacancy.

Ed. J. Lewis, Jr., of Salisbury Lodge No. 699 was the winner of the Distinguished Service Award for 1968. The Lodge Year closed with a total of 39 lodges, having a membership of 14,999.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Garland B. Garrett, Wilmington Lodge No. 532
CENTRAL: W. Ernest Bell, Durham Lodge No. 568
WEST: Ronald M. Hawkins, Shelby Lodge No. 1709

State President: Kenneth R. Knight, Winston Lodge No. 449
(Died one month after assuming office)
Sol Hertzberg, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 1038
ERA President: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602

State Conventions: (A) Winston-Salem
(F) Asheville

1969 - 1970

The "Distinguished Service Award" this year went to Dr. F. L. Smith, Burlington Lodge No. 1633, with special mention of his work for the Elks Foundation.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 39 lodges, having a membership of 15,462.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: J. Louis Rapiet, Kinston Lodge No. 740
CENTRAL: William Vaden, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
WEST: Albin Soesbee, Asheville Lodge No. 1401

State President: Chas. V. Thompson, Greensboro Lodge No. 602
ERA President: Harry Kole, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

State Conventions: (A) Morehead City
(F) Greensboro

1970 - 1971

Secretary Arthur A. Ruffin resigned after serving for more than a quarter of a century as Secretary of the State Association. (See Page 70)

President Thompson appointed A. J. Crane, of Kinston Lodge No. 740 to fill the vacancy until the next regular election. At the Annual Convention in Durham, Brother Crane was elected to a full term as Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association.

In July 1970, our Treasurer, Guy C. Killian passed away. For more than 25 years he had served as Treasurer of the North Carolina State Elks Association. He was a man loved by all the members, had always invested the Association funds wisely and made excellent reports on the financial status of the ASSOCIATION. (See Page 72)

President Hawkins appointed Herbert F. Finck, of Brevard Lodge No. 1768 to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Killian, until the next Annual meeting, when an election will be held. Brother Finck has been very active in the Elks ever since he has been a member. He was a Charter member of Brevard Lodge, served as Exalted Ruler, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, West; State President, and for more than 15 years has served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, the operating arm of the Boys Camp. His handling of the affairs of the Boys Camp, his detailed reports of the operation, etc., admirably fits him for the post of Treasurer of the Association.

North Carolina stands THIRD IN PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS to the Elks National Foundation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1970. Only two small jurisdictions with a total of 2346 members (Hawaii and Philippine Islands) contributed more per member than did North Carolina.

The Lodge Year closed with a total of 39 lodges, having a membership of 15,784.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

EAST: Clayton Cannon, Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge No. 1710
CENTRAL: John T. Nichols, Mount Airy Lodge No. 2061
WEST: William Sweeny, Statesville Lodge No. 1823

State President: Ronald M. Hawkins, Shelby Lodge No. 1709
ERA President: Harry Kole, Charlotte Lodge No. 392

State Conventions: (A) Durham
(F) Shelby

National Convention: San Francisco

1971 - 1972

On September 12th, 1971, Jacksonville, N.C. Lodge #2468 a new Lodge was instituted in North Carolina, bringing our total to 40 Lodges in the North Carolina State Association. D.D.G.E.R. East, David Cockman of Raleigh Lodge directed the ceremonies. Lodge institution, initiation of new candidates and the installation of officers was performed in an excellent manner by the officers of Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge No. 1710 under the leadership of Exalted Ruler Frank Cassiano. The success in getting this dream to materialize was the untiring effort of P.D.D.G.E.R. Clayton Cannon of Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge #1710 and many of it's members.