

# ELKS TALES

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## DEC. 2011 Yearly Volume 9

### Membership Statistics

March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011.....	109
Gain:	
Initiated .....	3
Transferred.....	1
Reinstated.....	3
Subtotal: .....	7
Losses:	
Transfers.....	
Dimits .....	1
Death .....	4
Dropped .....	
Subtotal .....	5
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 2011.....	111

Well the year of 2011 is about to come to a close. I hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving! Thank you to everyone that came out to help pack and distribute the Thanksgiving food baskets. We will once again be packing Christmas Food Baskets on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 8:00 AM again. If you can, please come out and help with this. We can use all the help we can get!

On December the 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our Elks Memorial Service. We will begin at 2 PM. All Elks, family and friends are welcome to attend this. We will have refreshments after the Ceremony. Please bring a dish or side to pass.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Again, bring a dish or side to share. The Lodge will be providing the meat. Bring a \$5.00 to \$10.00 grab bag gift for a lady or man, if you would like to take part in the gift exchange. This is always a good time had by all!

I am going to try and establish an Angel Tree this year in the Lobby of the Lodge. If you know of anyone that is having a difficult time this year in providing Christmas for their children, please let me know and we can add their children's name to the tree. Please take a look at the tree while you are in the Lodge and pull a name. Each card will have the child's name, age, Elks sponsor and the items in need. When you purchase the needed item for the child please return it to the Elks Sponsor. This way they can get it back to the parents, so they can place it under the tree for Christmas. This is a GREAT way to show that "Elks Care...Elks Share", and take care of the children in need.

Don't forget that we will start our Monthly Yard Sale again in January. The first event will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 AM. If you know of anyone that would like to rent a table for this Sale, please let me know. The table rentals are \$10.00 per table.

Let me close by wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas! I hope Santa treats each of you as a very special person this year and you get all that you ask for.

**Hope to see you at the LODGE soon!**

Fraternally,  
Carroll Smith  
Exalted Ruler



**Getting a little behind in your dues? Check your card and ensure you are current.**

**Card should read "April 2012". We don't want to and cannot afford to lose you. If there is any doubt, contact the lodge secretary.**



**Don't Miss**

### LODGE RENTALS

Have an upcoming event? Our Lodge should be your first choice for an event. Contact Kate Musacchia at (864)-918-6367 for availability.



**Message from  
The Grand  
Exalted Ruler**

**Hon. David R.  
Carr**

During the holiday season, Elks Members nationwide support Lodge Christmas Charities programs that assist citizens who are alone and lonely or need a helping hand. Many Lodges hold a free dinner for these citizens. Others contribute to the Toys for Tots Program as well as to local food pantries. Thanks to *“Giving from the Heart”* at Christmas time throughout America, Elks bring cheer to many children and adults as well as to veterans in VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes who sincerely appreciate our assistance.

A simple Christmas card can bring a smile to a lonely veteran. Sending veterans Lodge Christmas cards that have been signed by several Members reinforces our commitment, *“So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”*

As Elks, we have a very special opportunity to give a gift that will make a difference for years to come. One gift to the Elks National Foundation will offer care and comfort to veterans, help deserving students attend college, and provide healthy activities for youth, now and in the future. And this gift has tax benefits!

The year 2011 is coming to a close, but first we are obliged to ensure all tax-deductible donations for 2011 are applied to this calendar year. The ENF must receive donations in their office on or before December 31, 2011, in order to count the donations toward your 2011 taxes. You can donate online until midnight, December 31.

I hope you will *“Give from the Heart”* this holiday season by contributing what you can in support of your Lodge’s efforts to bring Christmas cheer to others less fortunate as well as by contributing to the Elks National Foundation, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for *“Giving from the Heart”* and proving once again that:  
***“ELKS Care – ELKS Share.”***

**Happy holidays!**



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Fred MacGreggor.....Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Nita Finley.....Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

Larry Cooke.....Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Alvin Dallas.....Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Marti Cain.....Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

John Boettcher.....Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

John Holcombe.....Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

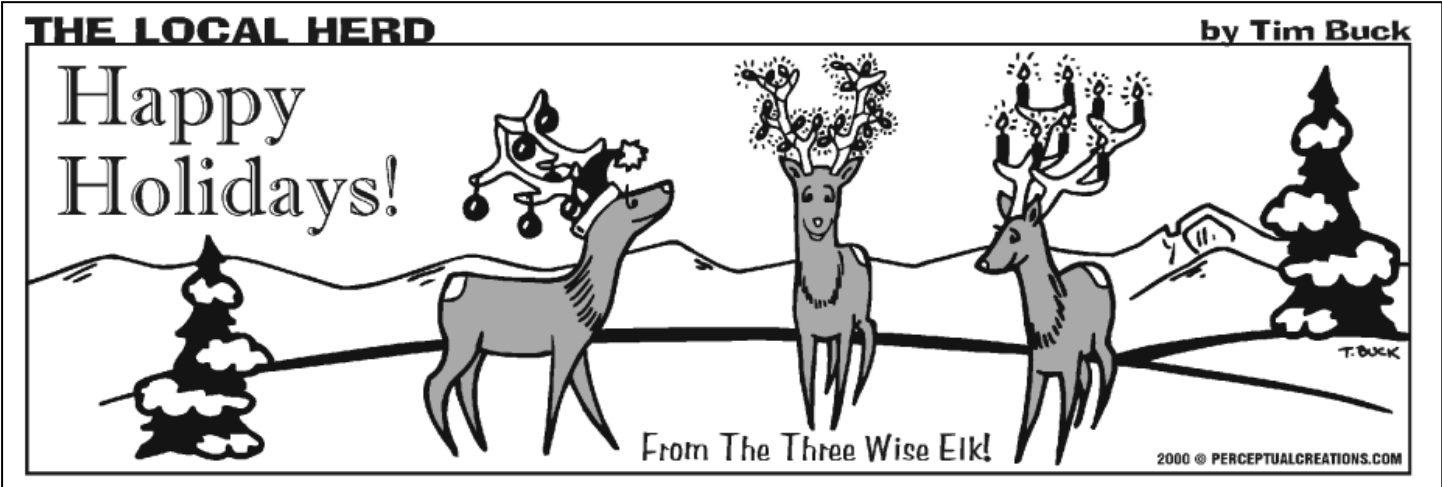


**Birthday Dinner**  
**DEC. 9th 6:30**





**THE LOCAL HERD**



**LODGE**  
**Christmas Party**



What: Annual Christmas Party  
When: Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 2:00 P.M.



(Lodge Providing the meat.....Please bring a side or dessert to pass)

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

We will pack Christmas Food Baskets for the DHEC Nurses again on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come help out with this if you can. We can use all the help we can get!

Packing will begin at 8:00 A.M.

## LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Carroll Smith
Leading Knight	Dave Loudin
Loyal Knight	Jim Laidley
Lecturing Knight	Mike Carey
Esquire	Kate Musacchia
Chaplain	Gary Pittman
Inner Guard	Cindy Roth
Candidate	Todd Varholy
Tyler	Gwen Keitt
Secretary	Sam Vasquez
Treasurer	Bob Cher
5 Year Trustee	Tommie Graves
4 Year Trustee	Bill Borchert
3 Year Trustee	Richard Vaught
2 Year Trustee	Howard Barker
1 Year Trustee	Fred McGregor

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Audit & Accounting	Jim Laidley
Community Activities	Willie Wilson
ENF	Bill Borchert
Lodge Activities	Kate Musacchia
Americanism	Michelle Vasquez
Government Relations	Tommie Graves
Memorial Day	Bob Cher
Veterans Services	Bob Keitt
PER Association	Bob Keitt
Scholarship	Michelle Vasquez
House Committee	Kate Musacchia
Public Relations	Price Atkinson
Visiting Committee	Richard Vaught
Membership	Sam Vasquez
Indoctrination	Mike Cary
Investigation	Kate Musacchia
Lapsation	Sam Vasquez
Youth Activities	Sam Vasquez
Drug Awareness	Gwen Keitt
Hoop Shoot	Cindy Roth
Soccer Shoot	Mike Carey
Accident Prevention	Richard Vaught
Relief	Carroll Smith
Bulletin	Jolene Thomas
Elks Training	Tommie Graves
Ritual	Bob Cher
Website	Dave Loudin

The House Committee is asking for your assistance in bartending occasionally. Volunteers are needed for Elks Meeting Nights. There is sign-up sheet in the ClubRoom, or contact Kate at 918-6367. THANK YOU!



If you have an article for the Newsletter, please email them to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month. My email is [carrollsmith@bellsouth.net](mailto:carrollsmith@bellsouth.net) or you may call me at: (864) 360-3406

## SATURDAY CLUB HOURS

**Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, unless something is planned the ClubRoom will close on Saturday. We hate to close on Saturday, but there are NO members coming out.**

**If you want to arrange a group for meeting on Saturday, or to come out to our bar, please contact Kate to coordinate.**

Thank You,  
House Committee

## FIRST SATURDAY YARDSALE

1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday Yard Sales will begin on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. Please pass the word around through your school, church, and friends. It was a GREAT fundraiser a couple of years ago when we run it and I am sure it will be again!! Set-up will begin at 6:30 with the doors opening at 7:00. It will be advertised in the Greenville News and on Craigslist.

Tables will be \$10.00 per table.

**REMEMBER: Your TRASH might be someone else TREASURE!!!**

Hope to see you there!

Contact Carroll Smith to reserve your table.

(864) 360-3406  
[carrollsmith@bellsouth.net](mailto:carrollsmith@bellsouth.net)





## Military Agenda



### CARE PACKAGES

We will be sponsoring a new Unit heading over seas within the next few weeks. After they get settled and know what they will need, they will let me know. I then will let you know. The Unit leaves Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to meet up before leaving to go over seas. They are hoping to wait until after Christmas. We know, as of now they will need the basic personal hygiene products. You may start bringing them now if you like.

**Thank you again for all of your help in supporting our Troops!!!!**

(If you have any ideas on how to make the lives of our Military personnel better while they are protecting our freedoms, please let Cindy Roth or Carroll Smith know.....Thank You!)

### LODGE RENTALS

Kate Musachhia, Judy Brayman and Cindy Roth will now handle the Lodge Rentals.

If you or someone you know would like to rent our facilities, please contact one of them for available dates and the price.

Kate Musachhia...(864) 918-6367  
Judy Brayman.....(864) 293-8991  
Cindy Roth.....(864) 921-1984

### ELKS Memorial Service

Will be held on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Please invite your family and friends to this event. It is a GREAT way to honor our fallen members within this past year.

There will be refreshments following the Ceremony. Please bring a dish or side to pass.



## Organ & Tissue Donation Program

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.

The Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

The need is paramount. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011, according to the Donate Life America Web site, [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net). Only 28,663 organ transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer -14,502 --organ donations had been made in that year.

We Elks Members can help close the gap! The effort of Lodges to promote the program through their Bulletins and Web site can gain them five points in their quests to be named an All American Lodge. More incentives will be announced in coming years as the program takes shape throughout Elksdom.

For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, log onto [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net). This is a great way to show that "Elks Give from the Heart."

## SC State Winter Convention

The SC State Elks Association, Inc., Convention will be held at the Landmark Hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC, on February 1, 2012, through February 4, 2012. The Landmark Hotel will be our headquarters during the Convention. All functions will be held there.

Convention Registration and Room Reservations are in the Clubroom. Please pick yours up there and plan on attending. It is a **GREAT** weekend fellowshipping with our fellow Elks from around the State. If you can attend, I am sure you will enjoy yourself!

The Greenville Ritual Team will be competing in the Ritual Contest. We would like to invite you to come out and support your team while at the Convention. The time is not set as of yet.

Thanks,  
Carroll Smith



## DOES ARTICLE

### December Does News

Our Christmas birthday lady is Marty Cain – December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Marty, I am sure you were the best Christmas gift your parents ever received. Hope you have a great day!

Our sale of Belk's tickets was a great success. Not only did we add a good amount to our treasury, but quite a few of our Does got a lot of their Christmas shopping done and a few of them even refurbished their wardrobes. Most of our ladies do love to shop (especially when there is a big sale). Thanks to everyone who helped with this project in any way. We couldn't have done it without your help. We will only have one meeting in December and it will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and will include our Christmas supper at 7:00 p.m. Food will be heavy hors'doerves. Bring your favorites and help us celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone needs to bring a \$10 gift to exchange in a mysterious way.

I finally got my allergy test done and will begin my shots around the first of December. Sure hope they help in a hurry. Fear is a terrible thing to live with. Marty Cain was able to attend our last meeting and it was great to see her out again. Louise Harrison is doing much better after her ordeal with cat bites. Hope to see you real soon. Grace Reynolds continues to improve at home after two heart attacks. Get better soon Grace.

Last month I promised you more information on our January plans. We will be having a supper at the Lodge on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We are still debating what to cook but I promise it will be in our news for January. Whatever these ladies decide on will be great as they are all good cooks. To make the night even more fun, we plan to have a Minute to Win It contest to help chase away the January blahs. A Mr. and Mrs. Couple will be our Masters of Ceremonies for this fun event and of course you will be associating with some of the nicest people in the world. Please put this date on your calendar and look to the January newsletter for more information.


Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. I had not one but two Thanksgiving days. My immediate family had lunch on the Sunday before Thanksgiving as part of the group had to work and some were going out of town on Thursday. One of the best days in a long time came on Thursday evening when I was invited to supper with the family of a cousin. Some of her family I had never met and it was great to meet them. Christmas will be here before we know it! I hope each of you have a great Christmas starting with remembering the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. This is the true meaning of Christmas. The gifts, the shopping, the food and being with family are all great as long as we keep the true meaning in our hearts and minds.

We continue to send grocery coupons to our servicemen. Please get any you have to a Doe and we will cut them out, count them and get them in the mail. Don't worry too much about the date as it is extended for their benefit. Thanks in advance.

Will close until January.

Dot Owens - Reporter

# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 LODGE CLOSED	2 LODGE OPEN	3 LODGE CLOSED
4 LODGE CLOSED <b>ELKS Memorial Service 2 PM</b>	5 RITUAL PRACTICE	6 LODGE CLOSED	7 <b>ELKS MEETING 7:30</b>	8 LODGE CLOSED	9 LODGE OPEN <b>Lodge Birthday Party 6:30</b>	10 LODGE CLOSED
11 LODGE CLOSED	12 RITUAL PRACTICE	13 LODGE CLOSED	14 <b>DOES MEETING 7:00</b>	15 LODGE CLOSED	16 LODGE OPEN	17 LODGE CLOSED <b>Christmas Food Baskets 8 AM</b>
18 LODGE CLOSED <b>Lodge Christmas Party 2 PM</b>	19 RITUAL PRACTICE	20 LODGE CLOSED	21 <b>ELKS MEETING 7:30</b>	22 LODGE CLOSED	23 LODGE OPEN	24 LODGE CLOSED
25 	26 RITUAL PRACTICE	27 LODGE CLOSED	28 <b>DOES MEETING 7:00</b>	29 LODGE CLOSED	30 LODGE OPEN	31 LODGE CLOSED

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