

# ELKS TALES

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### Membership Statistics

March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011.....	109
Gain:	
Initiated.....	5
Transferred.....	1
Reinstated.....	3
Subtotal:.....	9
Losses:	
Transfers.....	0
Dimits.....	1
Death.....	4
Dropped.....	2
Subtotal.....	8
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 2011.....	110

Thank you to all that helped out with our Hoop Shoot last month. Cindy did a GREAT job in planning, and with it being on Tuesday, we had a good turnout. The District Hoop Shoot will be in Rock Hill on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. I am sure the kids that make the trip there could use our support.

Let us welcome our newest member. Dave Pizzino. He transfers down from Rotterdam Elks Lodge #2157. He has already hit the ground running in helping out with our Hoop Shoot. Please introduce yourself when you see him at the Lodge.

February will be a busy month at the Lodge. Not only do we have the District Hoop Shoot, but also we will have our Valentines Ball on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Cape and Magic will be the band. Tickets are on sale now. Please see Kate or anyone else from the House Committee.

We are also having a Soup/Bread Cook-Off on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be tagging on with the Feb. Birthday Dinner with this. Speaking of Birthdays, **The Elks will turn 144 years old on February 16<sup>th</sup>!**

We are also hosting a GAR dance on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Willie can use all the help he can get. Come on out at 6:00 on either, or both nights if you can.

We will be having Officer Nominations at our business meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The PER's will be running this meeting. If you are interested in sitting a chair this upcoming year, please let Dave Loudin know. If you are interested in chairing a Committee let Dave know that also.

Lets not forget that we are collecting items for the Army Unit we are sponsoring in Afghanistan. Please bring your donations to the Lodge for our next mailing. You can find a list of needs on page 5.

I wish each of you a very Happy Valentines Day!

**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 Judy Brayman at (864) 293-8991 for availability.



**Message from  
The Grand  
Exalted Ruler**

**Hon. David R.  
Carr**

In February it is important that our Lodges take every step possible to prepare those Officers moving up through the chairs as well as new Officers and committee leaders coming on board. The success of any organization depends on its leadership, and those Lodges with dedicated and well-trained Officers will succeed. First time Officers can bring renewed spirit to the Lodge and its programs.

Whenever Members exhibit interest in becoming involved, it is important that you encourage and educate them as to the honor and responsibility of being a part of your leadership team as an Officer. Use all the training resources available through your State Association and Grand Lodge, as well as support from your Past Exalted Rulers Association, Members and others who are dedicated to our mission. Review the past year's successful activities as well as those that were not so successful in order to better establish your goals for the new Lodge year.

It is also important that you bring your past year to a successful conclusion by recognizing those individuals who helped to make a positive difference in the success of your Lodge and its programs. Designating your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year will help to generate pride in your membership and community.

February 14 is Valentine's Day. Remember your sweetheart, and also remember the "Great Heart of Elkdom!" If you haven't met the Elks National Foundation goal of \$4.50 per Member, it is not too late. Those Lodges meeting the per-capita goal will become eligible for a \$1,000 Gratitude Grant.

And finally, happy birthday to our Order! On February 16, 2012, we celebrate 144 years of outstanding "*Caring and Sharing.*"



**FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS**

Patricia Carey	2-14
Robert Hubbard	2-14
David Loudin	2-14
Bobby Stucker	2-15
<b>The Elks (BPOE)</b>	2-16
Randall Wynn	2-19
John Gentile	2-21
James Stringfield	2-25
Carroll Smith	2-27



**Birthday Dinner**

**Feb. 25th 6:30  
Soup/Bread Cook-Off  
\$5.00 per person**



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
ELKS**



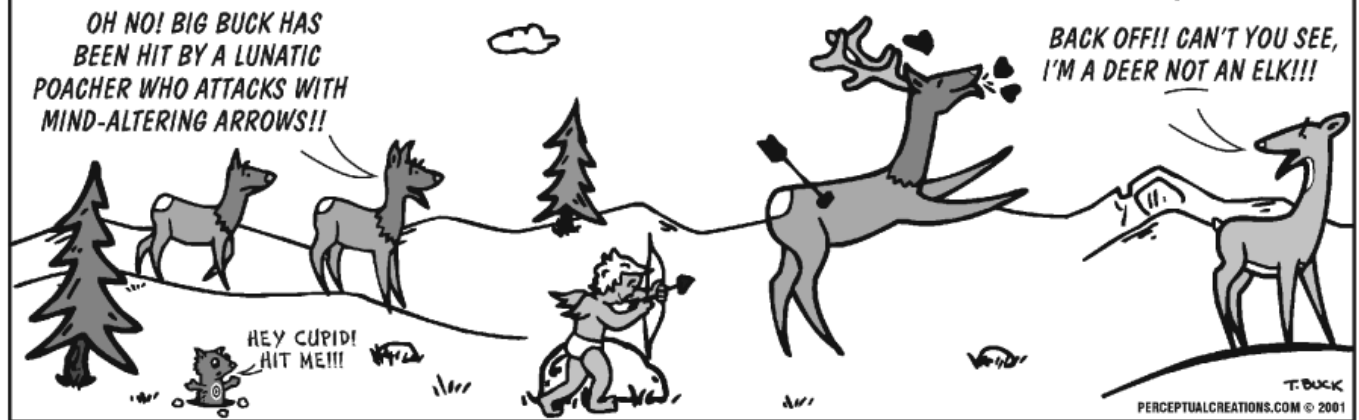
**144 YEARS OLD!  
(Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>)**



## THE LOCAL HERD

### THE LOCAL HERD

by Tim Buck



### GAR DANCE

WHEN: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 6:00  
COST: **FREE**...except for your volunteerism!

### SOUPS ON

What: **Soup/Bread Cookoff**  
When: **Feb. 25th**  
Time: **6:30 PM**  
Cost: **\$5.00 per person**

**(Condiments provided)**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS FOR MARCH

- 1). St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 10, 2012. \$10 per person. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Green beer and more Specials on drinks/beer. Corned Beef, Potatoes and the fixins!
- 2). We will have our Officer Installation and Ball on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.
- 3). Elks Training on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Orangeburg Elks Lodge.

## STATE WINTER CONVENTION

Our State Winter Convention will be at the Landmark in Myrtle Beach. This is always a good time fellowshiping with Elks from around the State. If you have not made your reservation, it is not too late. The registration forms for rooms and the Convention are located in the Club Room.

There are also sign-up sheets for food and Bartenders located in the Club Room.

Greenville's Ritual Team will be performing at 11:00 AM. on Friday morning. Please come by and support your Lodge.

## 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	Jennifer Smith
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

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

## 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	Carroll Smith
Elks Training	Tommie Graves
Ritual	Bob Cher
Website	Dave Loudin

## LODGE YARDSALE



Our Monthly Yard Sale will be on **Feb. 18th**. 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)

## HOUSE COMMITTEE REMINDER BAR TABS

Please remember to pay your bar tabs by the end of the month in which you started it.

Thank you!

Kate



## Military Agenda



### CARE PACKAGES

We are collecting items for our newest Unit we are sponsoring. There is a drop off box at the Lodge. Please look over the items and donate what you can. Remember they are over there protecting our Freedom. Let's show our support by sending them some comforts of home!

#### ITEMS

Router	Deodorant	Razors
Hard Candy	Hand Sanitizer	Foot Powder
Pudding Cups	Pop Tarts	Shaving Cream
Snack Cakes	Gum	Wet Wipes
Razors	Lotion	Ramon Noodles
Mac & Cheese Cups	Shampoo	Magazines
Newspapers	Playing Cards	Uno
Balls	Books	

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



## HOOP SHOOT

What a great evening it was at the Frazee Center. The Hoop-Shoot was a success. We had about 30 participants age range was 7 -13. The kids were very excited and very good at shooting the basketball. I will be contacting Matt Reeves this week so we can insure active participation in Rock Hill. It was good to see such a great Elk turn out on a cold rainy evening. Thank you Carroll, Tommy, Mary Ellen, Bobby, Dave Pizzno (a New York Elk), Sam, Michele, Bob Cher, Bill B., Fred and even Adam (Sam and Michele's son volunteered to help keep score). I love seeing so many Elks come and support our community.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Rock Hill for more Elk fun!

Fraternally yours,  
Cindy Roth



## 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 Elkdome.

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."



## VALENTINES BALL



DATE: FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup>  
TIME: 7:30 – 11:30  
PRICE: \$15.00 PER PERSON (\$30.00 PER COUPLE)  
BAND: Chuck Cape and the Magic Band

The price includes admission and heavy Hors d'oeuvre. Tickets are on sale now!

CASH BAR





## **DOES ARTICLE**

### **February Does News**

**Does having birthdays in February are: February 6<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Smith and on February 14<sup>th</sup> – Patricia Carey. Mike; be sure to put this on your calendar as soon as you get this notice. It would not be a good thing to forget a lady's birthday.**

**One of our Greenville Does passed away on January 13<sup>th</sup>, Kay Grayburn. She was a very active Doe as long as she was able but she had been at Pendleton Manor for several years. She will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.**

**Installation of the 2012 officers was held at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Smith is the 2012 President and I am sure that she will make a great leader but she will need the support of all of her followers. A great leader needs support or they will fail.**

**Dawn Smith was presented with the Doe of the Year Award. Dawn is our Drove Secretary and does a fantastic job there and is willing to help anywhere she can. If we had a dozen more like her, we would be the top Drove in the nation. Jan Roper was recognized as a Five-Year Treasurer. Joan does a great job and anyone that can put up with us for five years has to be faithful, willing to work hard and pray a lot. Thanks a lot, Joan, for a job well done and for being willing to stay on the treasurer's job for another year. Louise Harrison was able to be back with us for installation. It was great to see you and to know you are feeling better. Sandy Cher has been under the weather for a while now. Sandy, we hope you will be better soon and able to be back with us. Peggy Long, Past Supreme President from Asheville, NC, has been ill for several weeks and is now in rehab in Asheville. I am sure most of you remember and love Peggy as much as I do as she has attended many of our meetings and suppers in the past. Get well soon, Peggy.**

**Our game show, A Minute to Win It, was presented on January 28<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. The Elks held their Chili Cookoff for supper and the Does furnished some of the best desserts I have ever tasted after the games. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in this.**

**The South Carolina Does Convention will be held in Rock Hill, SC on March 22-25. They always have a great convention and I hope many of you plan to attend.**

**I have received an appointment as Attendant #3 at the Grand Lodge Convention from Supreme President Connie Jo Goochey. The convention will be in Reno, Sparks, Nevada. This is an appointment I am very pleased to accept for several reasons. One is that Supreme Connie Jo is a very special person to me. She is one of the nicest people I have met in a long time.**

**We continue to collect grocery coupons for our service men and women overseas. Please don't throw them away.**

**Will close as it is late and I am sleepy.**

**Dot Owens - Reporter**

# FEBURARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>ELKS MEETING 7:30</b>	2 LODGE CLOSED <b>STATE CONV.</b>	3 LODGE CLOSED <b>STATE CONV.</b>	4 LODGE CLOSED <b>STATE CONV.</b>
5 LODGE CLOSED <b>STATE CONV.</b>	6 RITUAL PRACTICE	7 LODGE CLOSED	8 <b>DOES MEETING 7:00</b>	9 LODGE CLOSED	10 LODGE OPEN <b>GAR DANCE 6:00</b>	11 LODGE OPEN <b>VALENTINES BALL 7:30</b>
12 LODGE CLOSED	13 RITUAL PRACTICE	14 LODGE CLOSED	15 <b>ELKS MEETING 7:30 "PER" MEETING</b>	16 LODGE CLOSED	17 LODGE OPEN	18 LODGE CLOSED
19 LODGE CLOSED	20 RITUAL PRACTICE	21 LODGE CLOSED	22 <b>DOES MEETING 7:00</b>	23 LODGE CLOSED	24 LODGE OPEN	25 LODGE OPEN <b>SOUP COOKOFF 6:30</b>
26 LODGE CLOSED	27 RITUAL PRACTICE	28 LODGE CLOSED	29			

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