

# ELKS TALES

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HAPPY  
4<sup>th</sup> of  
JULY



## JULY 2011 Yearly Volume 4

### Membership Statistics

March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011.....	106
Gain:	
Initiated .....	
Transferred.....	1
Reinstated.....	1
Subtotal: .....	2
Losses:	
Transfers.....	
Dimits .....	
Death .....	2
Dropped .....	
Subtotal .....	2
June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2011.....	106

Fourth of July will be here in a few days and I would like us all to think about what that really means. Yes, it is nice to gather with family and friends to cookout, shoot fireworks, go to the beach, or the lake, but let focus on what we are celebrating and that is our Country's Birth. I have included the Declaration of Independence in this Newsletter in hopes that we will all read it again.

We have loss another member of our Lodge. Mr. WW Davis has passed away. He was 93 years old and a life member of our Lodge. Official Record will be made at our next meeting. Please plan on attending if you can.

Our Loyal Knight, Jim Laidley, will be running the meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> as I, and our Leading Knight Dave Loudin will be in Phoenix for the National Convention.

Thank you goes out to everyone that had a hand in making our Military Appreciation Day a HUGE success. We had over 100 Military member and their families with us for this event as well as many Elks! We passed out a good many applications with promises from a good many. It is things such as this that will get notice within the Community and bring new members to our Lodge.

Following with our Military Theme, we have a few things coming up in the next few months. In July we will be packing Care Baskets for our Troops. Cindy Roth has placed a list of things in the Clubroom for everyone to look over. We ask that you make your donations if you can at our Annual Lodge Picnic on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. In August we will have fundraisers to send WWII Vets to Washington with the Honor Flights to see the WWII Memorial. Thank you Bill Borchert for this GREAT idea!!

As stated above, we will have our Annual Lodge Picnic on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please plan on attending. It is sure to be a GREAT time! Kate is asking that everyone bring a dish to pass.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> we will have our monthly Birthday Dinner. Cindy Roth will be cooking for us at a cost of \$5.00 per plate.

I will be leaving on July 15<sup>th</sup> to go to Phoenix for the National Convention. I will give a report on the proceedings at the first meeting upon my return. This is sure to be an interesting Convention, as the Future of Elkdom will be addressed and some changes voted upon. I hope everyone has had time to look over these changes and voice your thoughts with me. The copy of these changes is still located in the Clubroom if you have not.

I wish everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Fraternally,

Carroll Smith  
Exalted Ruler



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

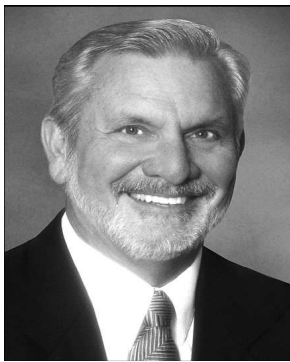
**Card should read "April 2012". We don't want to and cannot afford to lose you. If there is any doubt, contact the lodge secretary.**



**Don't Miss**

### LODGE RENTALS

Have an upcoming event? Our Lodge should be your first choice for an event. Contact Dennis Kerwin at (864)-567-0419 for availability.



**Message from  
The Grand  
Exalted Ruler**

**Hon. Michael  
F. Smith**

As the National Convention in Phoenix approaches, we welcome the new leaders with open hearts and minds. There is work to be done to improve our Order, and there are many opportunities for everyone. I am confident under the new leadership we will move forward and continue to *"Promote Elks Passion."*

Sandra and I can't put into words the gratitude we have for the opportunity that the year provided. The thousands of people we have the pleasure of calling friends will remain with us forever. The various Major Projects, as well as local programs we had the privilege of witnessing, make me PROUD to be a member of the B.P.O.E. of the United States of America. We thank each of you for allowing us to serve as your National President/Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We look forward to the future, the challenges and the positive results.

Our Order will continue to encounter the need for change and the ability to adapt. Without exception we must eliminate the declining membership trends. The fact that other civic groups and fraternal organizations are experiencing a decline offers us the chance to show our resilience like never before. (Resilience as demonstrated by your ENF donations – a record year!)

We must focus on our Members. We know many of our Members do not attend Lodge meetings; then how will they ever know who is initiated? How will our Members make the new Members feel welcome?

I have written of the success some Lodges are having by asking new Members to wear name badges until they feel comfortable at their home Lodges. This allows our existing Members to recognize and welcome them. Have a new Member "meet and greet" every quarter. We MUST quit losing members for non-payment of dues. Statistics support the fact that we are initiating enough new Members to generate a positive growth.

Most of us know printing a list or sending a letter is not the solution. Make these new Members your friends. We need to pay attention, have fun and share it.

BE PROUD...BE LOUD... BE VISIBLE... and may God bless us all.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

William Blamer	July 11 <sup>th</sup>
George Thomas	July 11 <sup>th</sup>
Alvan Bergman	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Borchert	July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Stringfield	July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Millard Cover	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Niles Vaught	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Douglas Gleason	July 26 <sup>th</sup>



**Birthday Dinner**

July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30

Cook: Cindy Roth

Price: \$5.00 per plate



**Have a SAFE and HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!**



# ELKS TALES

## THE LOCAL HERD

by Tim Buck



## 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 Varholj
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

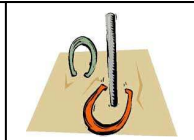
## COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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	
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



## LODGE PICNIC

Our Annual Lodge Picnic will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at noon. The House Committee is asking for you to bring a dish to pass. There will be a Horseshoe Tournament as well as a Corn Hole Tournament. We hope to see you there!!!!



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



**IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776**

**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America**

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

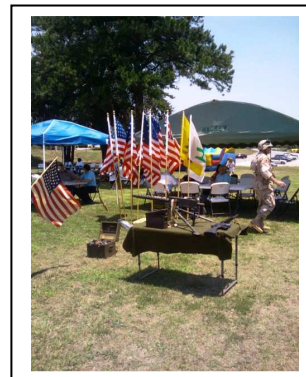
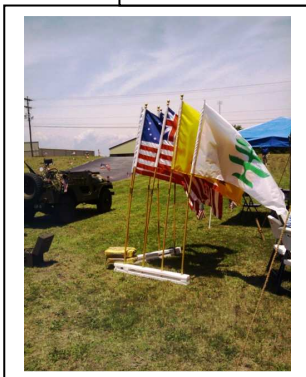
We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.



The Military Appreciation Day held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, turned out to be a **HUGE** success!!! There were Hot Dogs being eaten, Corn Hole bags being thrown and Lord knows our Horseshoe pit has not had that kind of a work out in years! Thank you goes out to everyone that had a hand in making it such a success! We had the DAV (Disabled American Veteran's) there as well as the Boy Scouts. Dennis, through his connections, had Coke donate the beverages for the day and McAfee Funeral Home donated the Tent for shade. We had plenty of food!! There were around 75 to 80 Hot Dogs left over. We will be using them for our Picnic in July. We passed out 20 to 25 applications during the day and had coverage on FOX 21 News thanks to Price Atkinson. If we keep our image out in the neighborhoods with our Charitable Work, we are sure to turn our membership around! **THANK YOU** again for all those whom played a part in making our Lodge stand out for that day!!!

On a Side note; we raised \$500.00 for the Townend's family at the picnic. The Townend's were in a head on collision in April. Mrs. Townsend was 29 weeks pregnant at the time and they had to do emergency surgery to deliver their baby girl. She is still in Memorial fighting for her life. Chris has just been released to go back to work on light duty and Jasmine has yet to be released to go back to work. They said to tell everyone that day meant the world to them and that they are **SO** thankful for all we done for them!

More pictures to come next Month!



### Monthly Military Agenda for July.

Thank you to each of you for your support for our Military! I have had a **GREAT** time planning things to do to show the community our support for our local Military and I have had **GREAT** support from everyone.

This Month we are going to be packing **CARE PACKAGES** for our Troops that are deployed. We will start gathering at our Picnic in July and hopefully some of you will help Cindy and I pack these items up and get them to our Troops.

There will be a list on the bar to look over while you are at the Lodge, but I will list a few here.

Portable Showers, Playing Cards, Hand Sanitizer, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Cigarettes, Chewing Tobacco, Camping size Toilet Paper, etc. The rest of the list is on the bar and I will copy and email that out as well.

Remember anything you bring must not have a pump on it and all personal items must fit in their packs. **THANK YOU AGAIN!!!**

In August we will be raising money to send WWII Vets to Washington to see the WWII Memorial. We had Honor Flights come do a presentation at our last meeting and it is very **WORTHY** cause! If you have any ideas on how to raise money please let Carroll Smith or Cindy Roth know your suggestions.

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



## DOES ARTICLE

Please let me start by apologizing for not having an article for the June Elks Tale. My favorite cousin, who was 93 years old, passed away in Deland, Fla.. By the time I got back from a very fast trip down there, I wasn't even sure what month it was, much less the date.

Does having Birthdays in July are:     July 4<sup>th</sup> - Joan Roper  
   July 20<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Stringfield  
   July 24<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Wilson

I am sure our July 4<sup>th</sup> lady will have a great celebration and I hope Barbara and Ruth have a great day too!

By the time you read this we will have already had our June meeting. We had a fantastic hot dog social after our meeting.

For your July meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> we have an ice cream social. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

At our August meeting we will have a taco supper. Believe you me; Joan Roper makes a great taco. We have some great cooks in our Drove. We also have some great eaters and I happen to be one of the greatest eaters. Food, fun and fellowship make a fantastic combination and our Drove has all three. I hope each of our members will join us to enjoy all three.

Our National Convention was held in Des Moines, Iowa starting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Drove had 6 members attending the Convention. These 6 were: Amy Gruble, Nancy Smith, Dawn Smith, Pat Kerlow, Marti Cain and I. Each of us was a part of the South Carolina Ritual Team that had the honor and privilege of performing Elks Rest at the opening ceremonies. The other members of the team consisted of Does from Anderson, Orangeburg, Rock Hill, Charleston and Union. Trill Norris, from Charleston, was our instructor and she did a terrific job! She had more patience then I ever gave her credit for. The training required a great deal of traveling, but we were able to enjoy the company of Does from other Drokes. PSP Anne Patrick assisted Trill. The Asheville Drove did Flag Day, and I was very proud of the ladies that performed both Rituals.

The Supreme President will be Connie Jo Grookey from Ainsworth, NE. Her Drove is #54. She is a delightful lady and will make a terrific Supreme President. She is a great leader and an even greater follower.

I will close with these words. "Be all that you can be at what ever you do".


Love to each of you,  
Dot Owens - Reporter

## SUMMER CONVENTION NEWS

Registration and Room Sheets are at the bar for the State Summer Convention for you to pick up. Our State Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach from August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have the time and would like to attend, I am sure you will have a GREAT time seeing your old friends and making new ones. It is always a good time fellowshiping with our family from around the state!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

# JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31 LODGE CLOSED					1 LODGE OPEN	2 LODGE OPEN
3 LODGE CLOSED		5 LODGE CLOSED	6	7 LODGE CLOSED	8 LODGE OPEN	9 LODGE OPEN
10 LODGE CLOSED	11 RITUAL PRACTICE	12 LODGE CLOSED	13	14 LODGE CLOSED	15 <b>BIRTHDAY DINNER 6:30</b>	16 LODGE OPEN
17 LODGE CLOSED	18 RITUAL PRACTICE	19 LODGE CLOSED	20 <b>ELKS MEETING 7:30</b>	21 LODGE CLOSED	22 LODGE OPEN	23 <b>LODGE PICNIC 12:00</b>
24 LODGE CLOSED	25 RITUAL PRACTICE	26 LODGE CLOSED	27	28 LODGE CLOSED	29 LODGE OPEN	30 LODGE OPEN

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