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OCT. 2011
Yearly Volume 7

Membership Statistics

March 31 st 2011.....	109
Gain:	
Initiated	1
Transferred.....	1
Reinstated.....	2
Subtotal:	4
Losses:	
Transfers.....	
Dimits	
Death	3
Dropped	
Subtotal	3
Aug. 31 st 2011.....	110

September turned out to be a GREAT month! If you were unable to attend the WWII Homecoming you missed a fantastic evening! To see so many of our Vets come back from Washington was truly amazing and very touching. I hope our Lodge can and will continue to support Honor Flights!

Thank you to everyone that came and helped out with Lodge Clean-Up Day. We made a total transformation of the back parking lot! When everyone shows up to the Oyster Roast I am sure they will be pleased.

During the month of Oct. there will be a few things you could put on your calendars. Sumter will be hosting the PER Convention on Oct. 21st – 23rd. You do not need to be a PER to attend this Convention. It is open to all Elks and everyone is encouraged to go.

Sumter will also be hosting the Ritual Clinic the following weekend (Oct. 28th – 30th). This is GREAT clinic and will help every officer of the lodge. If you can make either or both of these events in Sumter, I am sure you will pick up a lot of knowledge and will enjoy yourselves!

We will have an Octoberfest/Birthday Dinner on Oct. 14th starting at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person **ALL YOU CAN EAT** Brats, dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, rye bread and strudel for dessert. Invite a friend to this event. Maybe we can gain another new member. I know the Oyster Roast did provide a new member from a stray Elk.

We also initiated Kenneth McCombs at our last meeting in Sept. When you see him around the Lodge please introduce yourself and make him feel at home.

We will be hosting our Lodge Soccer Shoot on Oct. 15th at MESA Fields. It will begin at 9:00AM and run until 3:00PM. I am sure Mike can use all the help he can get with this event.

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 Dennis Kerwin at (864)-567-0419 for availability.



**Message from
The Grand
Exalted Ruler**

**Hon. David R.
Carr**

It is common to hear, "BPOE stands for the Best People On Earth!" A sixth-grade student familiar with the Elks because of Hoop Shoot, Dictionary Project, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness Programs in her school wrote to the Local Lodge about a painful and frightening situation at home. She concluded with a plea, "I don't know who else to turn to. Elks are special people. Please help me!"

The Lodge assisted this child just as Lodges nationwide reach out to help people every day. But this child brought forth a new description of Elksdom. Many children, veterans, victims of disaster, and children and adults with disabilities do not know who else to turn to but the local Elks. To them, Elks are special people.

Elks Members are committed to charity and patriotism and support just about every community and national program that helps others in need. Elks Lodges and Members often contribute to the success of local programs sponsored by other organizations as well.

October is Elks National Foundation Month, and I again urge every Lodge and Member to help achieve the highest contribution per capita possible. I know of no charitable program anywhere that contributes so much in student scholarships, Lodge Promise, Gratitude and Impact Grants, State Major Project Grants, Hoop Shoot, Veterans Service, Youth Activities and Drug Awareness. Many schools now depend on our professionally prepared Drug Awareness flyers for their health classes.

It's well known that ENF funds numerous projects that improve the quality of life in Elks communities nationwide. Lodges understand the needs of their community best, which is why each Lodge has the freedom to choose what activities will best meet the needs of its community. Lodges using ENF Gratitude and Promise Grants have consistently posted a noticeable increase in membership both in the year of the grant and the year following.

Make sure to include the ENF seven-minute DVD presentation during your Lodge Orientation Programs. Also provide copies of the many ENF brochures as well as bookmarks and other promotional material for potential Members and other guests attending the Lodge Orientation.

Thank you for helping to make a positive difference in the lives of so many. You are indeed special people!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Gordon Wilson	10-5
James Bell	10-8
Gwen Keitt	10-8
Ronald Buff	10-13
Mignon Mangin	10-14
Carol Groves	10-15
Bob Keitt	10-15
Bob Olson	10-15
Michael Cooper	10-16
Robert Palmerson	10-17
William Linse	10-22
Rome Maynard	10-23
John Powell	10-25
Richard Vaught	10-28
Jason Hackett	10-30
Clarence Trussell	10-31



Birthday Dinner

OCT. 14th 6:00

Price: \$10.00 per plate

World famous brats, dogs, German potato salad and strudel.

All you can eat!!!

Happy Halloween



THE LOCAL HERD



LODGE SOCCER SHOOT

When: Oct 15th
Where: Mesa Soccer Complex
1020 Anderson Ridge Road
Greer, SC 29651
Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM

We need all the help we can get for this event. We usually at least have 125 to 150 children come to the Soccer Shoot and visit the Drug Awareness Trailer. It is a lot of work, but comes with GREAT rewards!!

Contact Mike Carey with any questions or suggestions if you know of any high school students that need community service.

Mike Carey,
Soccer Chairman

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

Thank you to all volunteer bartenders. We are staffed for October. Please consider helping out in November. Sign-up sheet in the Club.

Would appreciate bar tabs being paid in the same calendar month in which they are started. Also, we now have an assortment of snacks for sale in the Club @ 50 cents each.

We'll be open on Sundays periodically for NFL games. Check your newsletter for future dates.

Chefs for Wed. meetings are covered through 12/21/11; however, Nancy told me that Howard & Meg Barker, who signed up for 10/19 cannot cook so we need someone there. Please contact Nancy Vaught or sign up at the Club.

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Thank you,
Kate Musacchia, House Committee

RITUAL CLINIC

When: Oct. 28th – 30th
Where: Sumter Elks Lodge
1100 West Liberty Street.
Sumter, SC 29150

Plan on attending this if you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of being an officer in the Lodge or if you are interested in becoming a Judge for the Ritual Competition.

PER CONVENTION

When: Oct. 21st – 23rd
Where: Sumter Elks Lodge
1100 West Liberty Street.
Sumter, SC 29150

Friday Lodge Kitchen Open

Saturday Golf Tournament – Blind Draw Captain's Choice. Light lunch and prizes at the Sumter Lodge following golf for all convention attendees.

Tour – Kensington Mansion www.kensingtonmansion.org

Dinner and Dance at the Lodge Saturday Night

Sunday Breakfast at the Lodge

Come on out and enjoy fellowshiping with Elks member from across the State!!

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

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 15th of the Month. My email is carrollsmith@bellsouth.net or you may call me at: (864) 360-3406

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

OCTOBERFEST Friday Oct. 14th Starting at 6:00 PM

World famous brats, dogs, German potato salad and strudel.

All you can eat!!

\$10.00 Per Person

See any House Committee Member for Tickets!!

SATURDAY CLUB HOURS

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

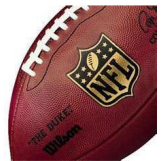
If you want to arrange a group for meeting on Saturday, or to come out to our bar, please contact Kate to coordinate.

Thank You,
House Committee



NFL TAILGATE

Oct. 2nd starting at Noon....



Come on out and enjoy the games with your fellow Elks on the Bigscreen's!!

We will have Wings, Hot Dog & Chili, and other GREAT Tailgate food!

\$5.00 Per Person.....Hope to see you there!!

Keep looking at the Calendar for future dates.... Suggest one if you like!!

Military Agenda

Honor Flights



Our Lodge sponsored 2 WWII Veterans, through Honor Flight Upstate, to take a trip to Washington DC. There they viewed the WWII Memorial as well as the other Memorials. The Veterans we sponsored are; Mr. James “Jim” Edwards from Greenville. He served in the US Navy from 1944 – 1946 in the Amphibious Forces in the Pacific. He is 90 years young. Our other Veteran is Mr. Christopher “Chris” Strong Brice. He served in the US Air Force as a Surgical Tech. He is 89 years young.

Our Lodge went to GSP Airport on the 20th to welcome these 2 gentlemen as well as approximately 75 other WWII Veterans back from Washington. Our Does Drove also was present with their flags. It truly was an awesome experience!! I wish each of you could have been there!

The Honor Flight Upstate program charts 2 or 3 flights a year and they take a plane full of WWII Veterans to Washington to see **THEIR** Memorial. Most WWII Veterans would otherwise never be able to make the trip. It is truly a GREAT organization!

Thank you again to everyone for the help to make this happen. We used our Gratitude Grant from ENF to fund this. There is another flight going in November. Wouldn't it be GREAT to help 1 or 2 more Vets get to see their Memorial!

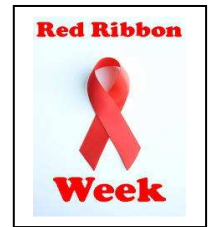


CARE PACKAGES

With our mailing this month we are up to 13 boxes now sent over seas. The Military Unit we are sponsoring will be getting ready to come home in Nov., so we will only be making one more mailing to them this month. I would like to see this continue! Does anyone know of a Unit overseas that we could Sponsor starting in Nov.? If so please let me the contact info and I will contact them to find out their address and what items they are in need of.



The Red Ribbon History



Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was born on July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, Calif., in 1966. After graduation he joined the U.S. Marines where he served for two years. After his military service, Kiki joined the Calexico Police Department and later moved to the El Centro Police Department. In 1974, he became part of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Seven years later he was assigned to the resident office in Guadalajara. He worked out of this office for four and a half years and was close to exposing a major drug trafficking operation. On February 7, 1985 Kiki was kidnapped. That was the last time he was seen alive. He was 37 years of age.

Shortly after Kiki's death, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter; his wife Lynne Hunter; Calexico High School classmate, Henry Lozano; and Calexico City Councilman and educator, David Dillon launched the Calexico High School Kiki Camarena Club in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, Calif. On April 20, 1985 over one hundred Kiki Camarena Club members pledged to lead drug free lives.

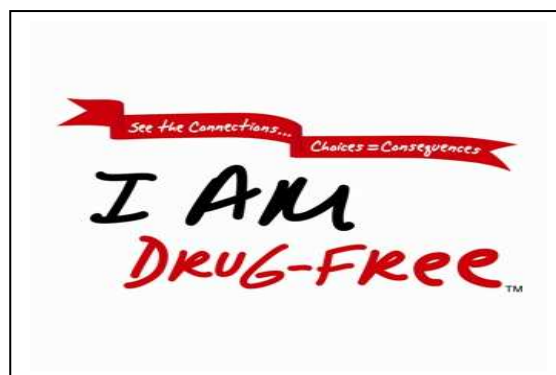
Interest from school districts in other cities in California's Imperial Valley afforded Henry Lozano, then-Executive Director of Imperial Valley Teen Challenge, to create Kiki Camarena Clubs in Holtville, Brawley, and El Centro, California with the support of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

In 1986, Henry Lozano, as a member of the Board of Directors of Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc., created a statewide coalition comprised of the Elks, Lions, Rotary, California Narcotics Officers Association, California Drug Enforcement Administration and drug prevention parent groups who worked together to establish the first statewide Red Ribbon Week celebration in October.

In 1988, the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth championed the first national Red Ribbon Week campaign with Honorary Chairman President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan. That same year, congress officially established Red Ribbon Week.

Now, at the end of every October, millions of Americans dawn red ribbons in memory of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

The Elks are proud to be a part of such an important tradition





DOES ARTICLE

October Does News

Once again we only have one Doe with a birthday this month. October 18th – Nancy Smith. Nancy, hope you have a great day.

Once again we are pre-selling tickets for the Belks charity sale which will take place from 6:00 am-10:00 am on Saturday, November 5th. The tickets are \$5 each and all money from pre-sells will go to the charity you purchase the ticket from and you will get \$5 off your first purchase at Belks on November 5th. This is above and beyond the 20-70% sale prices at Belks' stores. One hundred Belks gift cards will be presented to the first one hundred customers in each Belks store. These will range in price from \$5 to \$1,000.

We have gone back to our two meetings per month after three summer months of one meeting per month. Hopefully, we can get back into our routine of raising money for our charities. Christmas will soon be here and there are still thousands of hungry and needy families living in our area. Hope all of you will be willing to help. Trust me when I tell you, you will receive a blessing every time you help.

I hope many of you attended the annual cookout at the home of Ruth and Willie Wilson and given by Ruth, Willie, Sandy and Bob Cher. Ruth and Sandy are both Does and are both willing to help in any way they can.

I would like to apologize for not attending the cookout but I got into a nest of fire ants about three weeks ago and have been in the hospital twice since then. Believe me when I tell you, those things can kill you. I am doing better but am still weak and still have many allergy tests to go through. I also have to carry an EpiPen injector with me at all times. I pray that all of you will be very careful with ants, insects, mosquitos and fleas as they can all be life threatening. Marti Cain is due to have more surgery. Please pray for her as she has been having a hard time. The grandson of Louise Harrison had a skateboard accident last week and was seriously injured. I'm sure that Louise and her family would appreciate your prayers.

I hope all Does will start saving today to make the trip to the National Does Convention in Reno in June of 2012. If you have never been to Reno, you truly need to go. It is a fun place to go. The convention is always a fun place to go.

Sorry if I have missed printing any news this month but I still am weak and can't accomplish all that I want to accomplish.

Hope each of you have a great month!

Dot Owens - Reporter

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30 LODGE CLOSED RITUAL CLINIC	31 RITUAL PRACTICE					1 LODGE CLOSED
2 NFL SUNDAY 12:00 Noon UNTIL	3 RITUAL PRACTICE	4 LODGE CLOSED	5 ELKS MEETING 7:30	6 LODGE CLOSED	7 LODGE OPEN	8 LODGE CLOSED
9 LODGE CLOSED	10 RITUAL PRACTICE	11 LODGE CLOSED	12 DOES MEETING 7:00	13 LODGE CLOSED	14 OCTOBER FEST 6:00 - Until	15 LODGE CLOSED
16 LODGE CLOSED	17 RITUAL PRACTICE	18 LODGE CLOSED	19 ELKS MEETING 7:30	20 LODGE CLOSED	21 LODGE OPEN PER CONV.	22 LODGE CLOSED PER CONV.
23 LODGE CLOSED PER CONV.	24 RITUAL PRACTICE	25 LODGE CLOSED	26 DOES MEETING 7:00	27 LODGE CLOSED	28 LODGE OPEN RITUAL CLINIC	29 LODGE CLOSED RITUAL CLINIC

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