

STATE CONVENTIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual (Spring)</u>	<u>Mid Winter</u>	<u>Fall</u>
1939			Charlotte (Annual)
1940	Raleigh	Winston-Salem	
1941	Durham		Asheville
1942			
1943			
1944	Hendersonville	Kinston	Charlotte
1945	Greensboro		Hendersonville
1946	Wilmington	Washington	Winston-Salem
1947	Charlotte		
1948			
1949	Southern Pines		Shelby
1950			
1951			
1952	New Bern		Charlotte
1953	Southern Pines		Washington
1954	Asheville		Raleigh
1955	Winston-Salem		Hickory
1956	Durham		Charlotte
1957	Salisbury		Wilmington
1958			
1959	Greensboro		Hendersonville
1960	Durham		Wilmington
1961	Statesville		Rocky Mount
1962	High Point		Morehead City
1963	Raleigh		Asheville
1964	Durham		Wilmington
1965	Salisbury		High Point
1966	Kinston		Wilmington
1967	Statesville		Greensboro
1968	Winston-Salem		Asheville
1969	Morehead City-Beaufort		Greensboro
1970	Durham		Shelby
1971	Wilmington		Southern Pines
1972	Greensboro		Southern Pines
1973	Atlantic Beach		Winston-Salem
1974	Greensboro		Raleigh
1975	Southern Pines		Charlotte
1976	Greensboro		New Bern
1977	Winston-Salem		Southern Pines
1978	Charlotte		Asheville
1979	Winston-Salem		Southern Pines
1980	Fayetteville		Southern Pines
1981	Wilmington		Hickory
1982	Winston-Salem		Southern Pines
1983	Raleigh		Greensboro
1984	Winston-Salem		Southern Pines
1985	Raleigh		Asheville
1986	Wilmington		High Point
1987	Morehead City-Beaufort		Raleigh
1988	Greensboro		Southern Pines
1989	Wilmington		

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT	MAY 18,19,20 '90
GOLDSBORO	OCT 26,27,28 '90
WINSTON-SALEM	MAY 17,18,18 '91
DURHAM	OCT 26,27,28 '91
WILMINGTON	MAY 15,16,17 '92
ROCKY MOUNT	OCT 30,31 '92
MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT	MAY 21,22,23 '93
SOUTHERN PINES	OCT 29,30,31 '93
WILMINGTON	MAY 13,14,15 '94
RALEIGH	OCT 28,29,30 '94
WINSTON-SALEM	MAY 12,13,14 '95
HICKORY	OCTOBER 27,28,29 '95
WILMINGTON	MAY 3,4,5 '96
GREENSBORO	OCTOBER 25,26 '96
MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT	MAY 9,10,11, '97
CHARLOTTE	OCTOBER 24,25,26 '97
ASHEVILLE	APRIL 24,25,26 '98
WINSTON SALEM	OCTOBER 30,31 NOVEMBER 1, '98
WILMINGTON	APRIL 3 - MAY 1, '99
RALEIGH	OCTOBER 30,31 NOVEMBER 1, '99
HIGH POINT	MAY 5,6,7, 2000
GREENSBORO	OCTOBER 27,28 & 29, 2000
MOREHEAD CITY - BEAUFORT	MAY 4,5,&6, 2001
ASHEVILLE	OCTOBER 26,27, 2001

SOUTHERN PINES

MAY 3,4, & 5, 2002

NEW BERN

OCTOBER 25,26 & 27, 2002

HIGH POINT

MAY 2,3 & 4, 2003

STATE PRESIDENTS --- B.P.O.ELKS

1939-1940 *	P.C. SMITH HIGHT POINT #1155	1958-1959 *	NORMAN HUTTON HICKORY #1654
1940-1943 *	CLYDE E. GLENN DURHAM #568	1959-1960 *	DR. J.R. KERNODLE BURLINGTON #1633
1943-1944 *	CURTIS PERKINS GREENVILLE #1645	1960-1961 *	E.A. WILLIAMS GOLDSBORO #139
1944-1945 *	DR. W.A. SAMS ASHEVILLE #1401	1961-1962 *	HARVEY W. HOLMES GASTONIA #1634
1945-1946 *	THAD EURE RALEIGH #735	1962-1963 *	EUGENE H. PHILLIPS WINSTON SALEM #449
1946-1947 *	BOYCE A. WHITMIRE HENDERSONVILLE #1616	1963-1964	WALTER H. HILL RALEIGH #735
1947-1948 *	J. FRED RICHARDSON WINSTON SALEM #449	1964-1965 *	HERBERT F. FINCK BREVARD #1768
1948-1949 *	D. STATON INSCOE RALEIGH, #735	1965-1966 *	J.D. WOODSELL GREENSBORO #602
1949-1950 *	E. FORD ROBERTS HICKORY #1654	1966-1967 *	A. JIM CRANE KINSTON #740
1950-1951 *	J. MAX RAWLINS GREENSBORO #602	1967-1968	C.M. ADAMS, JR STATESVILLE #1823
1951-1952 *	GEORGE T. SKINNER KINSTON #740	1968----- *	KENNETH R. KNIGHT WINSTON SALEM #449 (DIED AFTER 1 MONTH IN OFFICE)
1952-1953 *	CHAS. D. THOMAS CHARLOTTE #392	1968-1969 *	SOL HERTZBERG ROCKY MOUNT #1038 (FILLED UNEXPIRED TERM OF KNIGHT)
1953-1954 *	D.L. MADIGAN SOUTHERN PINES #1692	1969-1970 *	CHAS. V. THOMPSON GREENSBORO #602
1954-1955 *	RAYMOND FUSON NEW BERN #764	1970-1971 *	RONALD V. HAWKINS SHELBY #1709
1955-1956 *	HARLEY E. OLSEN SHELBY #1709	1971-1972	GARLAND B. GARRETT WILMINGTON #532
1956-1957 *	WILEY R. PRITCHETT HIGH POINT #1155		
1957-1958 *	NORMAN GOLD ROCKY MOUNT #1038		*DECEASED

STATE PRESIDENTS--B.P.O.ELKS

1972-1973 JOHN D. SULLIVAN SOUTHERN PINES #1692	1989-1990 ROBERT RUSSELL BREVARD #1768
1973-1974 KERMIT HOFFMAN * GASTONIA #1634	1990-1991 GARY PLOUGH MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT #1710
1974-1975 DAVID COCKMAN RALEIGH #735	1991-1992 THOMAS WHEELER * GREENSBORO #602
1975-1976 JOHN NICHOLS MOUNT AIRY #2061	1992-1993 ARLIE LOY, JR. REIDSVILLE #1723
1976-1977 W. ERNEST BELL * DURHAM #568	1993-1994 A.W. "GUS" TUCKER BREVARD #1768
1977-1978 RALPH PITTS * NEWTON #2042	1994-1995 GILBERT TEEL * RALEIGH #735
1978-1979 BILL GOODWYN ROCKY MOUNT #1038	1995-1996 EDWIN ROBERSON HIGH POINT #1155
1979-1980 PAUL HAMPTON HIGH POINT #1155	1996-1997 WILLIAM BULLOCK ROXBORO #2005
1980-1981 O. JOHN VALENTINE SOUTHERN PINES #1692	1997-1998 JOHN BOYD HENDERSONVILLE #1616
1981-1982 BILL ALLEN NEWTON #2042	1998-1999 JOSEPH PETTET WILMINGTON #532
1982-1983 H. FRANK OGLESBY NEW BERN #764	1999-2000 PATRICK RUSSELL WINSTON SALEM #449
1983-1984 GERALD COATES GREENSBORO #602	2000-2001 CURTIS PIERCE REIDSVILLE #1723
1984-1985 J. BYRON LONG BURLINGTON #1633	2001-2002 LARRY WOLFE ASHEVILLE #608
1985-1986 BLAYNE TURNER HENDERSONVILLE #1616	2002-2003 BRUCE WOOD NEWBERN #764
1986-1987 ROBERT BELLOMY WILMINGTON #532	
1987-1988 EB KIMBRELL STATESVILLE #1823	*DECEASED
1988-1989 D. STEVE GUNTER SANFORD #1679	

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES + + + + B. P. O. ELKS

The first lodge instituted in North Carolina was Goldsboro No. 139. This lodge was instituted in 1890, (exact date unknown) and received its charter July 9, 1891. However, this charter was revoked later during the year. The next lodge instituted was Charlotte Lodge No. 392 on Nov. 17, 1897. In 1898 North Carolina received its first District Deputy. At that time, there was just one district, constituting the entire state.

- 1898 - 1899 B. J. DAVIS
Charlotte #392
- 1899 - 1900 W. J. ROBERTS
Winston #449
- 1900 - 1901 E. R. TOMLINSON
Winston #449
- 1901 - 1902 H. J. GERKIN
Wilmington #532
- 1902 - 1903 LOUIS M. BOURNE
Asheville #608
- 1903 - 1904 WALTER MURPHY
Salisbury #699
- 1904 - 1905 STERLING SMITH
Winston #449

At the Grand Lodge Convention in 1905 North Carolina was divided into TWO Districts, EAST and WEST.

EAST

WEST

- | | | |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1905 - 1906 | ANDREW L. PENNINGTON
Elizabeth City #856 | P. D. GOLD, JR.
Greensboro #602 |
| 1906 - 1907 | J. F. FERRELL
Raleigh #735 | WILLIAM A. MABRY
Durham #568 |
| 1907 - 1908 | S. W. HANCOCK
New Bern #764 | L. J. BRANDT
Greensboro #602 |
| 1908 - 1909 | L. B. MARKHAM
Durham #568 | F. W. THOMAS
Asheville #608 |
| 1909 - 1910 | J. C. B. ERINGHAUS
Elizabeth City #856 | CARL HERRIS
Winston #449 |
| 1910 - 1911 | J. D. McNEILL
Fayetteville #1081 | GEORGE A. MATTON
High Point #1155 |

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES + + + + + B. P. O. ELKS (Continued)

EAST

WEST

1911 - 1912	TOM C. DANIELS New Bern #764	T. E. WITHERSPOON Salisbury #699
1912 - 1913	W. S. WILSON Raleigh #735	W. G. BRAMHAM Durham #568
1913 - 1914	W. S. MOYE Rocky Mount #1038	W. B. MARTIN Winston #449
1914 - 1915	R. JACK SMITH Goldsboro #139	R. E. CLINE Concord #857
1915 - 1916	LOUIS GOODMAN Wilmington #532	ARTHUR LYON High Point #1155
1916 - 1917	PAUL R. COPELLE Rocky Mount #1038	W. M. BEARDSLEY Charlotte #392
1917 - 1918	A. H. ARRINGTON Raleigh #735	L. C. SINCLAIR High Point #1155
1918 - 1919	FRANCES J. GALLAGHER Rocky Mount #1038	WM. B. MERRIMAN Greensboro #602
1919 - 1920	J. W. ISANOGLA Washington #822	THOMAS A. BRENNAN Durham #568
1920 - 1921	E. R. SPENCE Elizabeth City #856	W. C. MAUPIN Salisbury #699
1921 - 1922	ROBERT E. STEVENS Goldsboro #139	J. B. McCLAMROCK Greensboro #602
1922 - 1923	C. A. LITTLE Washington #822	A. B. PALMER Concord #857
1923 - 1924	H. E. LONGLEY Wilmington #532	E. W. FREEZE High Point #1155
1924 - 1925	CHAS. U. HARRIS Raleigh #735	H. W. MASTEN Winston #449
1925 - 1926	JAMES D. McNEILL Fayetteville #1081	P. R. TERRY Asheville #1401
1926 - 1927	J. J. HATCH Goldsboro #139	R. B. FULLER Durham #568
1927 - 1928	J. O. REILLY Wilmington #532	NORMAN A. BOREN Greensboro #602

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES + + + + + B. P. O. ELKS (Continued)

EAST

1928 - 1929 H. T. PATTERSON
New Bern #764

1929 - 1930 H. T. PATTERSON
New Bern #764

1930 - 1931 ROBERT E. STEVENS
Goldsboro #139

1931 - 1932 ROBERT E. STEVENS
Goldsboro #139

1932 - 1933 J. J. BURNEY
Wilmington #532

1933 - 1934 T. B. KEHOE
New Bern #764

1934 - 1935 T. B. KEHOE
New Bern #764

1935 - 1936 L. B. TRUELOVE
Wilmington #532

1936 - 1937 L. P. GARDNER
Goldsboro #139

1937 - 1938 CHAS. I. MORTON
Wilmington #532

1938 - 1939 W. C. MOORE
New Bern #764

1939 - 1940 W. C. MOORE
New Bern #764

1940 - 1941 R. D. PARROTT
Goldsboro #139

1941 - 1942 RAYMOND FUSON
New Bern #764

1942 - 1943 GAYLE J. COX
Raleigh #735

1943 - 1944 C. DAVID JONES
Wilmington #532

1944 - 1945 ED. W. DAVIS
Wilson #840

WEST

JOHN J. MORTON
Charlotte #392

PAUL M. WHITLOCK
Salisbury #699

E. G. WEST
Greensboro #602

D. W. SORRELL
Durham #568

SHELBY B. CAVENESS
Greensboro #602

I. N. COOKE
Charlotte #392

CHAS. M. FORTUNE
Asheville #1401

HENRY M. DURHAM
Greensboro #602

GEORGE W. MUMFORD
Durham #568

WM. F. DUNCAN
Asheville #1401

ERNEST D. GRADY
Charlotte #392

D. A. MORRIS
Durham #568

P. C. SMITH
High Point #1155

C. C. OATES
Hendersonville #1616

J. FRED RICHARDSON
Winston #449

N. P. MULVANEY
Asheville #1401

BOYCE A. WHITMIRE
Hendersonville #1616

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES + + + + + B. P. O. ELKS (Continued)

EAST

1945-1946 John F. Prescott
Raleigh #735

At the Grand Lodge Convention in 1946 North
Carolina was divided into THREE Districts:
EAST, CENTRAL AND WEST:

WEST

Raymond L. Stafford
Greensboro #602

EAST

1946-1947 Thad Eure
Raleigh #735

1947-1948 George T. Skinner
Kinston #740

1948-1949 J. D. Cooke
Goldsboro #139

1949-1950 T. J. Mitchell, III
New Bern #764

1950-1951 D. Staton Inscoe
Raleigh #735

1951-1952 D. Staton Inscoe
Raleigh #735

1952-1953 Louis N. Howard
New Bern #764

1953-1954 E. A. Williams
Goldsboro #139

1954-1955 Norman Gold
Rocky Mount #1038

1955-1956 Franklin T. Dupree, Jr.
Raleigh #735

1956-1957 Walter H. Hill
Raleigh #735

1957-1958 Norman Y. Chambliss
Rocky Mount #1038

1958-1959 C. T. Farrow
Wilmington #532

1959-1960 Paul Fitzgerald
Raleigh #735

CENTRAL

W. G. Carrington
Durham #568

J. Max Rawlins
Greensboro #602

John E. Cline
Southern Pines #1692

John W. Dear
Greensboro #602

George W. Harrison
Henderson #1681

J. Bailey Maynard
Winston #449

Gary B. Tourjee
Reidsville #1723

Harold B. Floyd
Sanford #1679

J. D. Woodell
Greensboro #602

Dr. John R. Kernodle
Burlington #1633

Eugene H. Phillips
Winston #449

Jack C. Woodall
Durham #568

J. Milton Cheshire
Sanford #1679

Kenneth R. Knight
Winston #449

WEST

Dr. W. A. Sams
Asheville #1401

Chas. D. Thomas
Charlotte #392

John W. Parks
Gastonia #1634

C. Vernon DeVault
Asheville #1401

Phillip N. Peacock
Salisbury #699

I. B. Hughes
Hendersonville #1616

Harley E. Olsen
Shelby #1709

Leon Lawrence
Charlotte #392

G. Norman Hutton
Hickory #1654

George E. Rike
Salisbury #699

DeWitt M. Bowen
Shelby #1709

Harvey W. Holmes
Gastonia #1634

W. A. Shelton
Asheville #1401

W. P. Alexander
Statesville #1823

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES + + + + + B. P. O. ELKS (Cont.)

<u>EAST</u>	<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>WEST</u>
1960-1961 Sol Hertzberg Rocky Mount #1038	Dr. F. L. Smith Burlington #1633	L. Alton Phillips Waynesville #1769
1961-1962 Harlan McPherson Wilmington #532	Chas. V. Thompson Greensboro #602	Ed. J. Lewis, Jr. Salisbury #699
1962-1963 J. G. Proctor, Sr. Greenville #1645	Ralph Wallace Southern Pines #1692	Herbert F. Finck Brevard #1768
1963-1964 A. J. Crane Kinston #740	J. W. Voss, Jr. Winston #449	C. M. Adams, Jr Statesville #1823
1964-1965 W. H. Forbes, Jr. Morehead City- Beaufort #1710	Bruce Bray, Jr. High Point #1155	Harry Kole Charlotte #392
1965-1966 Albert D. Parrott Goldsboro #139	John D. Sullivan Southern Pines #1692	Louis R. Luther Asheville #1401
1966-1967 E. B. Pugh New Bern #764	W. Henry Woods Durham #568	Ray M. Winchester Brevard #1768
1967-1968 R. R. Mobley Rocky Mount #1038	Paul R. Hampton High Point #1155	K. R. Hoffman Gastonia #1634
1968-1969 Garland B. Garrett Wilmington #532	W. Ernest Bell Durham #568	Ronald M. Hawkins Shefby #1709
1969-1970 J. Louis Rapier Kinston #740	William Vaden Greensboro #602	Albin Soesbee Asheville #1401
1970-1971 Clayton Cannon Morehead City- Beaufort #1710	John T. Nichols Mount Airy #2061	William Sweeny Statesville #1823
1971-1972 David Cockman Raleigh #735	Harry Pope Winston Salem #449	Ira E. Johnson Hendersonville #1616

At the Grand Lodge Convention in 1971 North Carolina was divided into FOUR Districts: EAST, EAST CENTRAL, WEST CENTRAL, AND WEST:

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES

B.P.O. ELKS (Cont.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>EAST CENTRAL</u>	<u>WEST CENTRAL</u>	<u>WEST</u>
1972-1973	W.L. Goodwyn Rocky Mount #1038	Harold Cuff Southern Pines #1692	Steve Fennel Greensboro #602	Ralph Pitts Newton #2042
1973-1974	F.R. Jordan Wilmington #532	Frank Oglesby Fayetteville #1081	Pat Bencini Salisbury #699	Doug Green Shelby #1709
1974-1975	Gerold Phillips Morehead- Beau. #1710	Bob Drum Reidsville #1723	John Keenan Winston-Salem #499	Bob Smith Gastonia #1634
1975-1976	W.L. Benners New Bern #764	Henry Woods Durham #568	Eb Kimbrell Statesville #1823	Bill Allen Newton #2042
1976-1977	H.M. Eure Morehead-Beau. #1710	John Koester Fayetteville #1081	Harry Agner Salisbury #699	Doug French Gastonia #1634
1977-1978	Mac. Carpenter Rocky Mount #1038	Byron Long Burlington #1633	Bob Baker Charlotte #392	C.T. Hendrick Newton #2042
1978-1979	Fred Harrison Kinston #740	John Valentine Southern Pines #1692	Rayo Halston Charlotte #392	Harold Payne Shelby #1709
1979-1980	Gary Plough Morehead-Beau. #1710	Gene Frederick Durham #568	Gerald Coates Greensboro #602	Harry Luther Asheville #1401
1980-1981	Grover Cobb Raleigh #735	Tom Sanders Fayetteville #1081	William Upchurch Winston-Salem #49	Ken Simmons Newton #2042
1981-1982	A.C. Joyner Wilson #840	Bill Oakley Southern Pines #1692	Harold Petty Lexington #2527	Ed. Lenard Gastonia #1634
1982-1983	Robert Bellomy Wilmington #532	Mike Cannon Roxboro #2005	Thomas Wheeler Greensboro #602	Blayne Turner Hendersonville #1616
1983-1984	M. Don Helms, Jr. Elizabeth City #856	Wesley Loftis Durham #568	James Wallace High Point #1155	Robert Russell Brevard #1768

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES

B.P.O. ELKS (Concluded)

<u>Date</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>EAST CENTRAL</u>	<u>WEST CENTRAL</u>	<u>WEST</u>
1984-1985	Gilbert Teel Raleigh #735	Richard Craver Southern Pines #1692	Joe Reid Mount Airy #2061	G. Carpenter Hendersonville #1616
1985-1986	Huge Pate Goldsboro #139	Steve Gunter Sanford #1679	Robert Glisson High Point #1155	Danny Craig Gastonia #1634
1986-1987	Horris Willis Morehead-Beau- #1710	Kenneth Huffines Burlington #1633	James Green Greensboro #602	Clifford Laughter Hendersonville #1616
1987-1988	Bruce B. Wood New Bern #764	George Hooks Durham #568	I.L. Galenti Salisbury #699	Bill Rudisill Newton #2042
1988-1989	A.S. Kilpatrick Rocky Mount #1038	A.R. Loy, Jr. Reidsville #1723	L. Fitzgerald Greensboro #602	A.W. Tucker Brevard #1768

DATE	EAST	EAST CENTRAL	WEST CENTRAL	WEST
1989-1990	THOMAS LAMONT Wilmington #532	WILLIAM BULLOCK Roxboro #2005	RAY PARADOWSKI Salisbury #699	JACK KEENAN Asheville #608
1990-1991	ED FLYNN Raleigh #735	MICHAEL MITCHEL Durham #568	JAMES BENFIELD Lexington #2527	GARY SHORT Gastonia #1634
1991-1992	CHESTER WIGGINS New Bern #764	JAMIE GUIN Sou. pines #1692	ASHLEY BUCKWELL Charlotte #392	JOHN BOYD Hendersonville #1616
1992-1993	BUCKY HOLT Rocky Mount #1038	CURTIS PIERCE Reidsville #1723	ED ROBERSON High Point #1155	DON PACE Gastonia #1634
1993-1994	LEE CARLTON Oak Island #2769	PAUL WARREN Sou. Pines #1692	PATRICK RUSSELL Winston-Salem #449	MILTON GOOD Hickory #1654
1994-1995	ROBERT MC CARTHY New Bern #764	LEE LITTIKEN Sanford #1679	VAN REED High Point #1155	LARRY WOLFE Asheville #608
1995-1996	JOE PETTET Wilmington #532	BILL FISHER Reidsville #1723	STONIE DUNBAR Mount Airy #2061	GEORGE WHEELER, JR. Brevard #1768
1996-1997	RON GOHR Morehead City-Beau. #1710	JACK GRIMM Sou. Pines #1692	JAMES RASH Lexington #2527	WALTER S. MC SWAIN N. Wilkesboro #1846
1997-1998	JIM YASKIEWICZ Oak Island #2769	DWIGHT HALL Reidsville #1723	JACK VANSTORY Greensboro #602	ROBERT MESSER Gastonia #1634
1998-1999	MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN Raleigh #735	TOM KINCAID Sou. Pines #1692	PHILLIP DREVES Statesville #1823	FRANK TAMBERELLI Gastonia #1634
1999-2000	JAMES "BUD" STARNES Wilmington #532	JACK CORNELL Sou. Pines #1692	STEVE CLARKE Greensboro #602	PATRICK PARKHILL Hendersonville #1616
2000-2001	SAMMY HUGHES Morehead City-Beau. #1710	DAVID RIDDLE Sanford #1679	MICHAEL CURRAN Winston-Salem #449	MIKE BAILEY Brevard #1768
2001-2002	BILLY HOOD Wilmington #532	ARNOLD LAMBERT Sou. Pines #1692	JEFF HEMRIC Mount Airy #2061	JAMES SAUNDERS Gastonia #1634
2002-2003	JACK STRICKLAND Kinston #740	NATHAN MC COLLUM Reidsville #1723	STEPHEN CALLAWAY, JR. Winston-Salem #449	GREG ENGLAND Morgantown #1852

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT DEPUTIES

ASHEVILLE #608 & #1401

1902-1903 LOUIS M. BOURNE
1908-1909 F.W. THOMAS
1925-1926 P.R. TERRY
1934-1935 CHAS. M. FORTUNE
1937-1938 WM. F. DUNCAN
1943-1944 N.P. MULVANEY
1946-1947 DR. W.A. SAMS
1949-1950 C. VERNON DEVAULT
1958-1959 W.A. SHELTON
1965-1966 LOUIS R. LUTHER
1969-1970 ALBIN SOESBEE
1979-1980 HARRY LUTHER
1994-1995 LARRY WOLFE

BREVARD #1768

1962-1963 HERBERT F. FINCK
1966-1967 RAY M. WINCHESTER
1983-1984 ROBERT RUSSELL
1988-1989 DR. A.W. TUCKER
1995-1996 GEORGE W. WHEELER

BURLINGTON #1633

1955-1956 DR. J. R. KERNODLE
1960-1961 DR. F.L. SMITH
1978-1979 BYRON LONG
1986-1987 KENNETH HUFFINES

CHARLOTTE #392

1898-1899 B.J. DAVIS
1916-1917 W.M. BEARDSLEY
1928-1929 JOHN J. MORTON
1933-1934 I.M. COOKE
1938-1939 ERNEST M. GRADY
1947-1948 CHAS. D. THOMAS
1953-1954 LEON LAWRENCE
1964-1965 HARRY KOLE
1977-1978 BOB BAKER
1978-1979 RAYO HOLSTON
1991-1992 ASHLEY BUCKWELL

CONCORD #857

1914-1915 R.E. CLINE
1922-1923 A.B. PALMER

DURHAM #568

1906-1907 WILLIAM A. MABRY
1908-1909 L.B. MARKHAM
1912-1913 W.G. BRAMHAM
1919-1920 THOS. W. BRENNAN
1926-1927 R.B. FULLER
1931-1932 D.W. SORRELL
1936-1937 GEORGE W. MUMFORD
1939-1940 D.A. MORRIS
1946-1947 W.G. CARRINGTON
1957-1958 JACK C. WOODALL
1966-1967 W. HENRY WOODS
1968-1969 W. ERNEST BELL
1975-1976 HENRY WOODS III
1979-1980 GENE FREDERICK
1983-1984 WESLEY LOFTIS
1987-1988 GEORGE HOOKS
1990-1991 MICHAEL MITCHEL
1991-1992 JAMIE GUIN

ELIZABETH CITY #856

1905-1906 ANDREW L. PENNINGTON
1909-1910 J.C.B. ERINGHAUS
1920-1921 E.R. SPENCE
1983-1984 M. DON HELMS, JR.

FAYETTEVILLE #1081

1910-1911 J.D. MC NEILL
1925-1926 J.D. MC NEIL
1973-1974 H. FRANK OGLESBY
1976-1977 JOHN KOESTER
1980-1981 TOM SANDERS

GASTONIA #1634

1948-1949 JOHN W. PARKS
 1957-1958 HARVEY W. HOLMES
 1967-1968 K.R. HOFFMAN
 1974-1975 BOB SMITH
 1976-1977 DOUG FRENCH
 1981-1982 ED. LENARD
 1985-1986 C. DANNY CRAIG
 1990-1991 GARY SHORT
 1992-1993 DON PACE
 1997-1998 ROBERT MESSER
 1998-1999 FRANK TAMBERELLI
 2001-2002 JIM SAUNDERS

GOLDSBORO #139

1914-1915 R. JACK SMITH
 1921-1922 ROBERT E. STEVENS
 1926-1927 J.J. HATCH
 1930-1932 ROBERT E. STEVENS
 1936-1937 L.P. GARDNER
 1940-1941 R.D. PARROTT
 1948-1949 J.D. COOKE
 1953-1954 E.A. WILLIAMS
 1965-1966 ALBERT D. PARROTT
 1985-1986 HUGH PATE

GREENSBORO #602

1905-1906 P.D. GOLD, JR.
 1907-1908 L.J. BRANDT
 1918-1919 WM. B. MERRIMAN
 1921-1922 J.B. MC CLAMROCK
 1927-1928 NORMAN A. BOREN
 1930-1931 E.G. WEST
 1932-1933 SHELBY B. CAVENESS
 1935-1936 HENRY M. DURHAM
 1945-1946 RAYMOND L. STAFFORD
 1947-1948 J. MAX RAWLINS
 1949-1950 JOHN W. DEAR
 1954-1955 J.D. WOODALL
 1962-1963 CHAS. V. THOMPSON
 1969-1970 WILLIAM VADEN
 1972-1973 STEVE FENNEL
 1979-1980 GERALD COATES
 1982-1983 TOM WHEELER
 1986-1987 JAMES GREEN
 1988-1989 LAWRENCE FITZGERALD

GREENSBORO #602 - CONTINUED

1997-1998 JACK VANSTORY
 1999-2000 STEVE CLAKRE

GREENVILLE #1645

1962-1963 J.G. PROCTOR, SR.

HENDERSON #1681

1950-1951 GEORGE M. HARRISON

HENDERSONVILLE #1616

1941-1942 C.C. OATES
 1944-1945 BOYCE A. WHITMIRE
 1951-1952 I.B. HUGHES
 1971-1972 IRA JOHNSON
 1982-1983 BLAYNE TURNER
 1984-1985 GORDON CARPENTER
 1986-1987 CLIFFORD LAUGHTER
 1991-1992 JOHN BOYD
 1999-2000 PAT PARKHILL

HICKORY #1654

1954-1955 G. NORMAN HUTTON
 1993-1994 MILTON GOOD

HIGH POINT #1155

1910-1911 GEORGE A. MATTON
 1915-1916 ARTHUR LYON
 1917-1918 L.C. SINCLAIR
 1923-1924 E.W. FREEZE
 1940-1941 P.C. SMITH
 1964-1965 BRUCE BRAY, JR.
 1967-1968 PAUL R. HAMPTON
 1983-1984 JAMES WALLACE
 1985-1986 ROBERT GLISSON
 1994-1995 VAN REED

KINSTON #740

1947-1948 GEORGE T. SKINNER
1963-1964 A.J. CRANE
1969-1970 J. LOUIS RAPIER
1978-1979 FRED HARRISON
2002-2003 JACK STRICKLAND

LEXINGTON #2527

1981-1982 HAROLD PETTY
1990-1991 JAMES BENFIELD
1996-1997 JAMES RASH

MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT #1710

1964-1965 W.H. FORBES, JR.
1970-1971 CLAYTON CANNON
1974-1975 GERALD PHILLIPS
1976-1977 H.M. EURE
1979-1980 GARY PLOUGH
1986-1987 HORACE WILLIS
1996-1997 RON GOHR

MORGANTON #1852

2002-2003 GREG ENGLAND

MOUNT AIRY #2061

1970-1971 JOHN T. NICHOLS
1984-1985 JOE REID
1995-1996 STONIE DUNBAR
2001-2002 JEFF HEMRIC

NEW BERN #764

1907-1908 S.W. HANCOCK
1911-1912 TOM C. DANIELS
1928-1930 H.T. PATTERSON
1933-1935 T.B. KEHOE
1938-1940 W.C. MOORE
1941-1942 RAYMOND FUSON
1949-1950 T.J. MITCHELL, III
1952-1953 L.N. HOWARD
1966-1967 E.B. PUGH

NEW BERN #764 - CONTINUED

1975-1976 W.L. BENNERS
1987-1988 BRUCE WOOD
1991-1992 CHESTER WIGGINS
1994-1995 ROBERT R. MC CARTHY

NEWTON #2042

1972-1973 RALPH PITTS
1975-1976 BILL ALLEN
1977-1978 C.T. HENDRICKS
1980-1981 KEN SIMMONS
1987-1988 BILL RUDISALL

NORTH WILKESBORO #1846

1996-1997 WALTER S. MC SWAIN

OAK ISLAND #2769

1993-1994 LEE CARLTON
1997-1998 JAMES YASKIEWICZ

RALEIGH #735

1907-1908 J.F. FERRELL
1912-1913 W.S. WILSON
1917-1918 A.H. ARRINGTON
1924-1925 CHAS. U. HARRIS
1942-1943 GAYLE COX
1945-1946 JOHN F. PRESCOTT
1946-1947 THAD EURE
1950-1952 D. STATON INSCOE
1955-1956 FRANK T. DUPREE, JR.
1956-1957 WALTER H. HILL
1959-1960 PAUL FITZGERALD
1971-1972 DAVID COCKMAN
1980-1981 GROVER COBB
1984-1985 GILBERT TEEL
1990-1991 ED FLYNN
1998-1999 MICHAEL J. CHRISTENSEN

REIDSVILLE #1723

1952-1953 GARY B. TOURJEE
 1974-1975 BOB DRUM
 1988-1989 ARLIE R. LOY, JR.
 1992-1993 CURTIS PIERCE
 1995-1996 BILL FISHER
 1997-1998 J. DWIGHT HALL
 2002-2003 NATHAN MC COLLUM

ROCKY MOUNT #1038

1913-1914 W.S. MOYE
 1916-1917 PAUL L. COPELLE
 1918-1919 FRANCES J. GALLAGHER
 1954-1955 NORMAN J. GOLD
 1957-1958 NORMAN Y. CHAMBLISS
 1960-1961 SOL HERTZBERG
 1967-1968 R.R. MOBLEY
 1972-1973 W.L. GOODWYN
 1977-1978 MAC. CARPENTER
 1988-1989 ALFRED S. KILPATRICK
 1992-1993 BUCKY HOLT

ROXBORO #2005

1982-1983 MIKE CANNON
 1989-1990 WILLIAM BULLOCK

SALISBURY #699

1903-1904 WALTER MURPHY
 1911-1912 T.E. WITHERSPOON
 1920-1921 W.C. MAUPIN
 1929-1930 PAUL W. WHITLOCK
 1950-1951 PHILLIP N. PEACOCK
 1955-1956 GEORGE E. RIKE
 1961-1962 ED. J. LEWIS, JR.
 1973-1974 PAT BENCINE
 1976-1977 HARRY AGNER
 1987-1988 I.L. GALENTI
 1989-1990 RAY PARADOWSKI
 1992-1993 ED ROBERSON

SANFORD #1679

1953-1954 HAROLD L. FLOYD
 1958-1959 J. MILTON CHESHIRE
 1985-1986 D. STEVE GUNTER
 1994-1995 LEE LITTIKEN

SHELBY #1709

1952-1953 HARLEY E. OLSEN
 1956-1957 DEWITT M. BOWEN
 1968-1969 RONALD M HAWKINS
 1973-1974 DOUG GREER
 1978-1979 HAROLD PAYNE

SOUTHERN PINES #1692

1948-1949 JOHN E. CLINE
 1962-1963 RALPH WALLACE
 1965-1967 JOHN D. SULLIVAN
 1972-1973 HAROLD CUFF
 1978-1979 O. JOHN VALENTINE
 1981-1982 WILLIAM OAKLEY
 1984-1985 RICHARD CRAVER
 1993-1994 PAUL WARREN
 1996-1997 JACK GRIMM
 1998-1999 THOMAS KINCAID
 1999-2000 JACK CORNELL
 2001-2002 ARNOLD R. LAMBERT

STATESVILLE #1823

1959-1960 W.P. ALEXANDER
 1963-1964 C.M. ADAMS, JR.
 1970-1971 WILLIAM SWEENEY
 1975-1976 EB KIMBRELL
 1998-1999 PHILLIP J. DREVES

WASHINGTON #822

1919-1920 J.W. ISANOGLA
 1922-1923 C.A. LITTLE

WAYNESVILLE #1679

WILMINGTON #532

1901-1902 H.J. GERKIN
 1915-1916 LOUIS GOODMAN
 1923-1924 H.E. LONGLEY
 1927-1928 J.O. REILLY
 1932-1933 J.J. BURNEY
 1935-1936 L.H. TRUELOVE
 1937-1938 CHAS. I. MORTON
 1943-1944 C. DAVID JONES

WILMINGTON #532 - CONTINUED

1958-1959 C.T. FARROW
1961-1962 HARLAN MC PHERSON
1968-1969 GARLAND B. GARRETT
1973-1974 F.R. JORDAN
1982-1983 ROBERT BELLOMY
1989-1990 THOMAS LAMONT
1995-1996 JOE PETTET
1999-2000 JAMES "BUD" STARNES
2001-2002 BILLY HOOD

WILSON #840

1944-1945 ED. W. DAVIS
1981-1982 A.C. JOYNER

WINSTON-SALEM #449

1899-1900 W.J. ROBERTS
1900-1901 C.F. TOMLINSON
1904-1905 STERLING SMITH
1909-1910 CARL HERRIS
1913-1914 W.B. MARTIN
1924-1925 H.W. MASTAN
1942-1943 J. FRED RICHARDSON
1951-1952 J. BAILEY MAYNARD
1956-1957 EUGENE H. PHILLIPS
1959-1960 KENNETH R. KNIGHT
1963-1964 J.W. VOSS, JR
1971-1972 HARRY POPE
1974-1975 JOHN KEENAN
1980-1981 WILLARD UPCHURCH
1993-1994 PATRICK RUSSELL
2002-2003 A. STEPHEN CALLAWAY, JR.

PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

1951--1952	J. BAILEY MAYNARD	WINSTON-SALEM #449
1952--1953	RAYMOND FUSON	NEW BERN #764
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1958--1959	E.A. WILLIAMS	GOLDSBORO #139
1959--1960	W.A. THOMPSON	SHELBY #1709
1960--1961	JACK WOODALL	DURHAM #568
1961--1962	W. HARRY STANSELL	MORGANTON #1852
1962--1963	W. HARRY STANSELL	MORGANTON #1852
1963--1964	CHAS. V. THOMPSON	GREENSBORO #602
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1968--1969	CHAS. V. THOMPSON	GREENSBORO #602
1969--1970	CHAS. V. THOMPSON	GREENSBORO #602
1970--1971	HARRY COLE	CHARLOTTE #392
1971--1972	W.W. COPPEDGE	RALEIGH #735
1972--1973	HARRY MORLEY	FAYETTEVILLE #1081
1973--1974	BILL GOODWYN	ROCKY MOUNT #1038
1974--1975	BILL GOODWYN	ROCKY MOUNT #1038
1975--1976	H. STEVE ALLEN	GREENSBORO #602
1976--1977	BOB DRUM	REIDSVILLE #1723
1977--1978	BILL ALLEN	NEWTON #2042
1978--1979	FRANK OGLESBY	NEW BERN #764
1979--1980	EB. M. KIMBRELL	STATESVILLE #1823
1980--1981	JOHN SULLIVAN	SOUTHERN PINES #1692
1981--1982	HAROLD PAYNE	SHELBY #1709
1982--1983	GARY PLOUGH	MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT #1710
1983--1984	WILLIAM UPCHURCH	WINATON-SALEM #449
1984--1985	TOM SANDERS	FAYETTEVILLE #1081
1985--1986	KENNETH SIMMINS	NEWTON #2042
1986--1987	JOHN CARR	MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT #1710
1987--1988	TOM WHEELER	GREENSBORO #602
1988--1989	RICHARD L. CRAVER	SOUTHERN PINES #1692
1989--1990	A.W. "GUS" TUCKER	BREVARD #1768
1990--1991	GILBERT TEAL	RALEIGH #735
1991--1992	LAWRENCE FITZGERALD	GREENSBORO #602
1992--1993	O.J. VALENTINE	SOUTHERN PINES #1692
1993--1994	JOHN BOYD	HENDERSONVILLE #1616
1994--1995	BUCK HOLT	ROCKY MOUNT #2051
1995--1996	PATRICK RUSSELL	WINSTON-SALEM #449
1996--1997	LEE LITTIKEN	SANFORD #1679
1997--1998	LARRY WOLFE	ASHEVILLE #608
1998--1999	ED FLYNN	RALEIGH #735
1999--2000	JIM RASH	LEXINGTON #2527
2000--2001	DWIGHT HALL	REIDSVILLE #1723
2001--2002	GEORGE WHEELER, JR.	BREVARD #1768
2002--2003	ASHLEY BUCKWELL	CALABASH #2679

EXALTED RULER OF THE YEAR

1971--1972	STEVE FUNNEL	GREENSBORO #602
1972--1973	GARY PLOUGH	MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT #1710
1973--1974	C.T. HENDRICKS, JR.	NEWTON #2042
1974--1975	GROVER COBB	RALEIGH #735
1975--1976	GERALD COATES	GREENSBORO #602
1976--1977	KENNETH SIMMONS	NEWTON #2042
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1984--1985	RICHARD MC CAIN	CALABASH #2679
1985--1986	RAY PARADOWSKI	SALISBURY #699
1986--1987	STACEY DERMIT	BREVARD #1768
1987--1988	CLARENCE CRUMPTON	SALISBURY #699
1988--1989	VANCE JACKSON	BREVARD #1768
1989--1990	PAUL WARREN	SOUTHERN PINES #1692
1990--1991	JOHN PERCIVALL	RALEIGH #735
1991--1992	MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN	RALEIGH #735
1992--1993	BRIAN SWOGGER	RALEIGH #735
1993--1994	MICHAEL PERCIVALL	RALEIGH #735
1994--1995	STEVE CLARKE	GREENSBORO #602
1995--1996	STEVE CLARKE	GREENSBORO #602

EXALTED RULER OF THE YEAR - CONTINUED

1996--1997	BILL HOLT	SANFORD #1679
1997--1998	RON SEWELL	GREENSBORO #602
1998--1999	ALFRED MEGLIOLA	CALABASH #2679
1999--2000	G. SCOTT PACE	SANFORD #1679
2000--2001	NORMAN BREWER	SANFORD #1679
2001--2002	DARRELL MYERS	FAYETTEVILLE #1081

14003 MEMBERS ON MARCH 31, 2002 IN 37 STATE LODGES

NORTH CAROLINA

RANK	LODGE#	LOCATION	MEMBERS	IF	AD	RF
1	602	GREENSBORO	1252	100	148	15
2	1692	SOUTHERN PINES	1105	50	175	50
3	2679	CALABASH	1062	60	70	30
4	1616	HENDERSONVILLE	914	100	110	120
5	1155	HIGH POINT	826	200	150	15
6	532	WILMINGTON	776	75	108	108
7	2061	MOUNT AIRY	681	100	125	50
8	1679	SANFORD	643	100	130	50
9	449	WINSTON-SALEM	590	100	120	100
10	1846	NORTH WILKESBORO	502	60	120	60
11	1723	REIDSVILLE	495	200	220	125
12	1768	BREVARD	479	100	102	50
13	139	GOLDSBORO	391	50	100	50
14	699	SALISBURY	351	50	37	15
15	764	NEW BERN	350	60	50	15
16	840	WILSON	321	50	195	15
17	1038	ROCKY MOUNT	318	100	82	60
18	1710	MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT	258	75	100	15
19	735	RALEIGH	252	50	120	25
20	2769	OAK ISLAND	205	50	70	15
21	1645	HICKORY	203	50	125	25
22	740	KINSTON	191	25	75	15
23	1852	MORGANTON	176	50	75	25

24	608	ASHEVILLE	171	35	84	35
25	568	DURHAM	170	50	100	25
26	1823	STATESVILLE	146	50	88	50
27	2042	NEWTON	142	50	75	15
28	2002	ROXBORO	135	100	75	25
29	1081	FAYETTEVILLE	130	25	150	25
30	1769	WAYNESVILLE	129	50	60	30
31	2527	LEXINGTON	121	25	60	15
32	856	ELIZABETH CITY	103	25	75	25
33	1633	BURLINGTON	102	50	50	15
34	392	CHARLOTTE	92	50	75	15
35	2798	CAREY-APEX	90	25	62	15
36	1634	GASTONIA	89	25	90	25
37	1709	SHELBY	42	50	100	50

IF - INITIATION FEE

AD - ANNUAL DUES

RF - REINSTATEMENT FEE

NUMBER OF			NUMBER OF			NUMBER OF		
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LODGES</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LODGES</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LODGES</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
1891	1	19	1918	15	2634	1945	21	4940
1892	NONE		1919	15	2863	1946	24	5640
1893	NONE		1920	15	3479	1947	28	6648
1894	NONE		1921	16	4119	1948	28	7611
1895	NONE		1922	16	4326	1949	30	7658
1896	NONE		1923	16	4354	1950	30	7977
1897	NONE		1924	16	3892	1951	31	8554
1898	1	47	1925	16	3670	1952	34	9343
1899	2	113	1926	15	3254	1953	35	9991
1900	3	302	1927	15	3136	1954	36	10882
1901	6	589	1928	14	2872	1955	36	11351
1902	10	823	1929	14	2638	1956	36	11810
1903	12	1168	1930	14	2352	1957	37	12222
1904	15	1312	1931	14	1980	1958	41	12524
1905	15	1611	1932	13	2042	1959	41	12722
1906	15	1763	1933	13	1827	1960	41	13071
1907	15	1922	1934	14	2103	1961	41	13337
1908	16	2081	1935	14	2060	1962	41	13596
1909	16	2107	1936	14	2158	1963	41	13396
1910	17	2233	1937	14	2143	1964	41	13376
1911	17	2403	1938	14	2210	1965	40	13568
1912	17	2604	1939	15	2248	1966	39	13476
1913	17	2752	1940	15	2222	1967	39	13700
1914	17	2877	1941	17	2498	1968	39	14263
1915	16	2992	1942	20	3075	1969	39	14999
1916	16	3011	1943	21	3492	1970	39	15462
1917	16	3106	1944	21	4242	1971	39	15784

NUMBER OF LODGES

YEAR	LODGES	MEMBERS
1989	37	15,117
1990	37	14,755
1991	37	14,383
1992	36	14,421
1993	36	14,176
1994	36	14,038
1995	36	14,127
1996	36	13,441
1997	37	14,112
1998	37	14,072
1999	37	14,070
2000	37	14,175
2001	37	14,106
2002	37	14,004

WINNERS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

THE STATE ASSOCIATION ANNUALLY HONORS THE OUTSTANDING ELK OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH THE "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR HIS LOYAL, UNSELFISH AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE ORDER.

1967	J. LOUIS RAPIER	KINSTON #740
1968	J. EDWARD LEWIS	SALISBURY #699
1969	DR. FITZHUGH SMITH	BURLINGTON #1633
1970	GUY C. KILLIAN	GASTONIA #1634
1971	THAD EURE	RALEIGH #735
1972	HERBERT F. FINCK	BREVARD #1768
1973	E.A. WILLIAMS	GOLDSBORO #139
1974	WESLEY LOFTIS	DURHAM #568
1975	JOHN D. SULLIVAN	SOUTHERN PINES #1692
1976	RAYMOND FUSON	NEW BERN #764
1977	A.J. CRANE	KINSTON #740
1978	GEORGE SKINNER	KINSTON #740
1979	W. ERNEST BELL	DURHAM #568
1980	J.W. ABERNATHY	NEWTON #2042
1981	CHARLES D. THOMAS	CHARLOTTE #392
1982	JOHN T. NICHOLS, JR	MOUNT AIRY #2061
1983	RALPH PITTS	NEWTON #2042
1984	GARLAND B. GARRETT, SR.	WILMINGTON #532
1985	PAUL HAMPTON	HIGH POINT #1155

AT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN WILMINGTON ON MAY 16TH AND 17TH, 1986, THE NORTH CAROLINA ELKS VOTED TO HONOR, BROTHER THAD EURE, SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER, BY CHANGING THE NAME OF ITS STATE'S "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" TO "THE THAD EURE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD".

1986	KERMIT R. HOFFMAN	GASTONIA #1634
1987	ALLEN AREY	SALISBURY #1709
1988	DAVID COCKMAN	RALEIGH #735
1989	GERALD COATES	GREENSBORO #602
1990	O.J. VALENTINE	SOUTHERN PINES #1692
1991	H. FRANK OGLESBY	MOREHEAD CITY-B. #1710
1992	J. BYRON LONG	BURLINGTON #1633
1993	ROBERT F. BELLAMY	WILMINGTON #532
1994	BILL GOODWYN	ROCKY MOUNT #1038
1995	MILTON GOOD	HICKORY #1654
1996	STEVE GUNTER	SANFORD #1679
1997	MEL FOSTER	HIGH POINT #1155
1998	BLAYNE TURNER	HENDERSONVILLE #1616
1999	BILL ALLEN	NEWTON #2042
2000	GARY PLOUGH	MOREHEAD CITY-B. #1710
2001	ARLIE LOY, JR	REIDSVILLE #1723
2002	ED ROBERSON	HIGH POINT #1155

THAD EURE "Mr. ELK of North Carolina"

On the evening of May 31st, 1940, Raleigh Lodge No. 735 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was instituted.

In the Charter Class that evening was a young man that was most interested in all the proceedings. He was quietly absorbing all of the initiatory ceremony, and by the time the evening was over, the future "Mr. ELK of North Carolina" was born.

"Mr. ELK" is, of course, none other than our genial and well loved Secretary of State, Thad Eure. There is no more dedicated Elk in North Carolina, and no one more deserving of the title, "Mr. ELK."

For more than 30 years Thad Eure has preached, practiced and lived Elkdom. He has attended more State Conventions than any other Elk in North Carolina. He attends all of the District Deputy Clinics, and is always on call for any special meetings. If it is anything that will further the cause of Elkdom, Thad will be there. He has attended all of the Grand Lodge Sessions since he became Exalted Ruler of his own lodge. He has been honored by the Raleigh Lodge, the State Association and by the Grand Lodge.

Following is a list of the offices he has held and the Grand Lodge Committees on which he has served:

- 1944-1945 Exalted Ruler Raleigh Lodge No. 735
- 1945-1946 President N. C. State Elks Association
- 1946-1947 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, N. C. East
- 1951-1952 Member Grand Lodge Auditing Committee
- 1952-1953 Member Grand Lodge Activities Committee
- 1953-1954 " " " " "
- 1954-1955 " " " " "
- 1956-1957 Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight
- 1957-1958 Member Grand Lodge Activities Committee
- 1958-1959 Member Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee
- 1959-1960 " " " " "
- 1960-1961 " " " " "
- 1961-1962 Member Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee
- 1963-1964 Member Grand Forum
- 1964-1965 " " " "
- 1965-1966 " " " "
- 1966-1967 " " " "
- 1967-1968 Chief Justice Grand Forum
- 1968-1969 Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

In 1956, while serving as Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, the North Carolina State Elks Association purchased a \$1,000.00 Honorary Founders Certificate in the National Foundation in his name. He is also a Century Club member of the Foundation, as well as holding several Participating Certificates.

- 1969-1987 Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
- 1987-1989 Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (Emeritus)

At the North Carolina State Elks Association Convention held in Wilmington, May 16-17, 1986, the following resolution was passed.

WHEREAS Thad Eure became an Elk in 1940 when the Raleigh Lodge was instituted; that he held office from the first year of his membership and became Exalted Ruler in 1945; that he was one of the organizers of the North Carolina State Elks Association and actually did its charter; that he served as its President and has served continuously on State committees from the time it formed; that he was the Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight and has served on many Grand Lodge Committees; that he served as a member of the Grand Forum and its Chief Justice the last year of his service; that he was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and has served as a Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, for many years; that Thad Eure has been on call twenty-four hours per day for advice, consultation and guidance to each subordinate Lodge, to the district of the State, to the State Association, to our sponsors and to the Grand Lodge; that he has interceded on behalf of our organizations with State and Federal Governments and has given unselfishly of his time, energy and resources; that he has supported the officers and members of each subordinate Lodge and the State Association; that he, without complaint, has given unselfishly of his time, energy and resources to the furtherance of the ideals of this great organization, charity, justice and brotherly love, and has always been faithful to the cause; and

WHEREAS for the first time in its history, the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., unanimously voted at the Fall Convention in Asheville, to honor one of its members by dedicating a convention to him, and that member being Thad Eure; and

WHEREAS in order to further honor this great Elk. this convention, earlier in its business session, voted to name its "Distinguished Service Award" in his honor, and henceforth this award will be known as "The Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That every person attending here convey to the Honorable Thad Eure our sincere appreciation for exemplifying faithfully the virtues of charity, justice and brotherly love, and to express to him, and to his lovely wife, Minta, our thanks for the thousands and thousands of hours he has given, without complaint, to the Lodges of the State, this Association and to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order Of Elks; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution be attached to the plaque to be received by the first recipient of "The Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award" and that the Secretary of this Association send a copy of this resolution to Thad Eure.

Is he not indeed "MR ELK?"

ARTHUR A. RUFFIN RETIRES AS STATE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

In the spring of 1970, Arthur A. Ruffin (or "Double A" as he is called by many of his friends), retired from the office of Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association. When his brother-in-law, Ed. W. Davis, then Secretary of the Association, died in office, Arthur was persuaded to take over temporarily until a suitable Secretary could be found. Twenty five years later he was still serving a Secretary.

The lodges of North Carolina had always been treated like "step-children" when it came to the allotment of rooms at the Grand Lodge Conventions, until Arthur came along. He knew hotel people and the right person to approach, and from the time that he took over, our hotel accommodations were always something special.

And when it came time for the Grand Lodge Convention, about the first person you would meet in the lobby of the North Carolina Headquarters Hotel would be Arthur, ready to help you in any way possible. He smoothed the way for many a new Exalted Ruler attending a Grand Lodge session for the first time.

Arthur won many Grand Lodge Awards for the North Carolina Bulletin, which was put out twice a year, after the Annual and Fall Conventions. For more than 25 years Arthur served the Association excellently, and could always give sound advice. We have lost a good man when he decided to retire.

At the State Association Meeting in Durham, May 8-9, 1970, the following resolution was passed:

R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS, Brother A. A. Ruffin has been elected Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association annually for a period spanning a quarter of a century, during which period he rendered efficient, conspicuous, and praiseworthy service to the Association and to the Order; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ruffin has participated in the installation of at least one-half dozen lodges in the State, and has traveled many thousands of miles for the Good of the Order, attending meetings of lodges, the State Association and the Boys Camp, always encouraging and able to keep one hundred percent of the lodges in the state as members of the State Association; and

WHEREAS, he was the editor of the State Association Elks Bulletin which received many awards and recognitions from the Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ruffin saw fit to voluntarily tender his resignation and retire from the duties of his office during the lodge year just ended;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the North Carolina State Elks Association:

Sec. 1. That the Association expresses its appreciation to Brother A. A. Ruffin for the dedication he demonstrated in the Order of Elks and his duties as Secretary for the North Carolina State Elks Association in which capacity he served so marvelously for a quarter of a century.

Sec. 2. That the Association and all its members extend to Brother Ruffin its thanks and appreciation for his services so well performed, and wish for him many years of health and happiness in the manner and style that any good ELK could wish for a brother, "and then some!"

Sec. 3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be furnished Brother Ruffin.

A MEMORIAL TO GUY C. KILLIAN, STATE ASSOCIATION, TREASURER

North Carolina lost one of its very finest Elks, when Guy Killian, State Association Treasurer for more than Twenty-five years passed away. His handling of the financial affairs of the State Association was always on the highest level. His reports were concise and complete, and the Association always knew just where it stood in the financial picture. Guy was a family man . . . a good husband, a fine father, a delightful companion . . . in fact, you just about run out of superlatives when you started talking about him. His life history, however, can be summed up in five short, simple words: "He was a GOOD man!"

At the Fall Meeting of the State Association in Shelby, on October 3, 1970, the following resolution was passed:

R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS, since the last meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association, The Elks of the state became profoundly grieved at the passing of our Brother, Guy C. Killian, Treasurer of the State Association; and

WHEREAS, our Brother served faithfully and continuously as Treasurer of the Association for a quarter of a century until his passing away this last July, and during this period he seldom missed attending a District Deputy Clinic, always attending State Association meetings and frequently attending Grand Lodge sessions. In practically all instances, his wife, whom he affectionately referred to as "Miss Annie" accompanied him, and their devotion to each other made an indelible impression upon all those who observed them; and

WHEREAS, Brother Killian at all times faithfully and accurately accounted for the monies of the Association in such an excellent manner that no issue ever arose with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, Brother Killian's dedication, devotion and services to the Order will long be remembered with grateful appreciation,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the North Carolina State Elks Association, assembled in its Fall Meeting:

Sec. 1. That the Association expresses its appreciation for the life and service rendered by Brother Guy C. Killian as herein set out and recognizes its great loss in his passing.

Sec. 2. That the Association and its members extend to Brother Killian's widow, "Miss Annie", and members of the family its heartfelt sympathy in their great loss and sorrow, and further extend to them its best wishes for good health and happiness.

Sec. 3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be furnished members of the family.

A MEMORIAL TO RAYMOND FUSON, PAST STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Raymond Fuson was a Past State President who distinguished himself with dedication, loyalty and ability warranting special recognition. The State Association remembers that Brother Fuson spent untold time in compiling the only History available of the Elks in North Carolina. His contributions to the State Association, and to the Order of Elks general are inscribed in the hearts of our brothers as perpetual memorials to themselves.

As Editor of the first edition of the " History of Elks in North Carolina ", he had it printed and presented it to the members in 1971. This information was obtained by him, from his old Elks files, where he had preserved all his correspondence since 1938, and had a complete file of the minutes of the State Association from 1950 to 1970. He had been active in Elkdom for more than 40 years. Other information he received from the Grand Lodge Secretary's office, subordinate Lodge Secretaries and Brothers throughout the State.

The New Bern Lodge No. 764 elected him Exalted Ruler in 1939-1940. Through his efforts and good judgement the North Carolina State Elks Association was reorganized. He was able to arrange to have the key members from each Lodge in the State, to attend the 1939 Fall Convention in Charlotte, with a purpose of having a reason and goal, for having a State Association. This, he accomplished.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler - East in 1941 - 1942. During this year he had a great influence in instituting the Greenville Lodge No. 1645 and reinstating Kinston Lodge No. 740 and Wilson Lodge No. 840.

In 1945 the State Association Project Committee had purchased the Boys Camp near Hendersonville. Raymond Fuson served on the Board of Governors for the Boys Camp and was one of the first to plan and arrange the operation of it.

Brother Fuson was elected the State President of the Exalted Rulers Association in 1952 - 1954.

He was elected State President of the North Carolina State Elks Association in 1954 - 1955.

At the convention in May of 1977, he was awarded the " Distinguished Service Award " for his unselfishness, loyalty and dedicated service.

At his death in 1977 he was 87 years of age, and still serving as the secretary of New Bern Lodge No. 764.

A. J. (JIM) CRANE RETIRES AS STATE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

In the spring of 1982, Brother Jim Crane of Kinston Lodge No. 740, resigned as secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association because of health. Jim and his lovely wife Ruby had not missed a State or National Convention while he maintained the office of secretary. President Bill Allen said in his farewell speech "One of my hardest duties this year was to except the resignation of our State Secretary, Jim Crane. His service to our association has been truly appreciated by all of us and we wish Jim and Ruby well for many years to come".

Jim was initiated into the Kinston Lodge No. 740 in 1942. Kinston Lodge on October 24, 1941 was reinstated.

Jim served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945.

After serving in the service, he progressed through the chairs of Kinston Lodge No. 740 and in 1960 - 1961 he was elected Exalted Ruler. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Lodge for three years, 1961 - 1964.

The members of Kinston Lodge No. 740 awarded him the "Elk of the Year Award" in 1964 for his loyal and devoted work for the Lodge.

His interest and work further expanded in 1963 when he was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler - East; 1963 - 1964.

In 1965 - 1966 he was elected Vice President at Large in the North Carolina State Elks Association and its President in 1966 - 1967.

Appointed to the first "Distinguished Service Award" committee in 1966. Grand Lodge Americanism Committee in 1968 - 1971.

At the annual convention in 1966, in Durham, Brother A. J. Crane was elected to a full term as Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association. He had been appointed the previous year by President Thompson to replace secretary Arthur A. Ruffin who had resigned.

The members of Kinston Lodge No. 740 made him an Honorary Life Member of the Lodge in 1971.

The State Association presented him with the "Distinguished Service Award" in 1977.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 1981 State Elks fall convention was convened in Hickory on October 29, and the absence of Brother A. J. Crane, its secretary, was noted; and

WHEREAS, the delegates were informed that his absence, the first in more than twenty years, was occasioned by advice from his doctor because of a temporary indisposition and the travel distance involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Association records the absence of Secretary A. J. Crane with regrets. Appreciation for his heretofore unbroken record of faithful attendance and service is acknowledged, with sincere good wishes for a quick, full and complete restoration to usual and continued good health.

Jim resigned as State Secretary, January 1, 1982. Many years of dedicated service to the North Carolina State Association continued and his attendance at the State Convention in Winston-Salem 1995 was very memorable.

Arthur James "Jim" Crane, 90, died July 10, 1997.

Jim has passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known him shall know him no more; but his virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory. AMEN AND AMEN.

A MEMORIAL TO GEORGE T. SKINNER, STATE ASSOCIATION CHAPLAIN

George T. Skinner of Kinston Lodge No. 740, retired as Chaplain of the North Carolina State Elks Association during the Lodge year, 1983 - 1984. He had served as Chaplain for ten years, 1973 to 1983.

He was the first full-time Exalted Ruler of Kinston Lodge No. 740. Served the year of 1942-1943.

In 1945, he was a member of the first Boys Camp formation committee. Served on the Boys Camp Board of Governors in 1946-1950.

Appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler - East in 1947-1948.

Elected President of the North Carolina State Elks Association the fiscal year of 1951-1952.

Had several State assignments on committees over the years 1949-1960.

Members of Kinston Lodge presented him with a Honorary Life Membership in Kinston Lodge No. 740, in 1960.

The State Association presented him with the "Distinguished Service Award" in 1978.

George T. Skinner died June 30, 1987 at the age of 96.

At the Annual Meeting of the State Association in Winston-Salem on May 18, 1984 the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Brother George T. Skinner, a devoted and loyal member of the Kinston Elks Lodge, resigned as Chaplain of the State Elks Association during the lodge year; and

WHEREAS, Brother George T. Skinner was one of the few individuals who brought about the reactivation of the North Carolina State Elks Association in the early forties, and has contributed so much to the growth and good of the Order serving in the chair offices in his lodge, District Deputy, President of the State Elks Association and as Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, George T. Skinner, has attended nearly all, if not all, district clinics and state conventions since the reactivation of the Association, and has devoted his talent and service of such magnitude that it enhanced the growth, respect and esteem of the Order, which is praiseworthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the delegates to this convention express their grateful thanks and appreciation to George T. Skinner for his faithful and devoted service, and wish him many years of peace, contentment and happiness in his chosen retirement, with full knowledge of the respect and love that his brothers have for him.

KERMIT ROY HOFFMAN - PAST STATE PRESIDENT - TREASURER

KERMIT R. HOFFMAN WAS INITIATED INTO THE ASHEVILLE LODGE #1401 (NOW #608) APRIL 1946, 54 YEARS AN ELK OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THERE ARE VERY FEW MEN THAT CAN COUNT THEMSELVES SO FORTUNATE IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

KERMIT WAS WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY IN ASHEVILLE WHEN HE MARRIED PAT REYNOLDS. HE WAS IN THE ARMY PRIOR TO WORKING WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY. WHEN KERMIT AND PAT WERE TRANSFERRED TO GASTONIA, KERMIT TRANSFERRED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN ELKDOM TO THE GASTONIA LODGE #1634. KERMIT WAS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CORPORATE SECRETARY AND CONTINUED AS A CONSULTANT FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY AFTER 40 YEARS SERVICE. KERMIT WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE GASTONIA KIWANIS CLUB ALONG WITH CONSIDERABLE WORK WITH SCOUT TROOP 213-ST. MICHAEL'S WHERE HE RECEIVED THE ST. GEORGE MEDAL IN SCOUTING. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE UNITED WAY AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ANY OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION.

PAT AND KERMIT CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 1996 WITH A PARTY GIVEN BY THEIR CHILDREN.

KERMIT BEGAN AN ACTIVE ROLL IN GASTONIA LODGE #1634 IN THE LATE 50'S. HE SERVED AS ESQUIRE, TWO YEARS AS LECTURING KNIGHT, TWO YEARS AS LEADING KNIGHT, AND WAS ELECTED EXALTED RULER IN 1960-1961. HE SERVED FIVE YEARS AS A TRUSTEE 1974-1979 AND WAS ELECTED TO A SECOND FIVE YEAR TERM AS TRUSTEE. AFTER SERVING ONE YEAR HE WAS ELECTED TO HIS FIRST TERM AS SECREATRY, A POSITION HE HELD FOR TWO YEARS. HE WAS AGAIN ELECTED TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS, 1982-1985. IN 1985 HE WAS AGAIN ELECTED SECRETARY, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL HIS DEATH.

KERMIT HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE WEST DISTRICT AND IN THE STATE ORGANIZATION. HE WAS APPOINTED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER WEST DISTRICT IN 1967-1968. HE WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE IN 1972-1973 AND SERVED AS STATE PRESIDENT 1973-1974. HE WAS ELECTED STATE TREASURER IN 1980-1981. EVERYONE KNOWS KERMIT'S REPUTATION FOR HOLDING ONTO THE STATE'S DOLLARS.

IN 1986, THE GASTONIA LODGE #1634 RECOMMENDED KERMIT FOR THE "THAD EURE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO ELKDOM. KERMIT WAS ELECTED TO AN HONORY LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY THE GASTONIA LODGE #1634 IN 1993.

OVER THE YEARS KERMIT HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH FOUR PAID PARTICIPATING MEMBERSHIPS. HE HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF MOST EVERY CAUSE THE ELKS PROPOSE.

ROBERT S. MESSER, PDDGER AND LONG TIME FRIEND AND ELK BROTHER OF KERMIT HOFFMAN, PENNED A PORTION OF THE FOREGOING ON BEHALF OF PAT AND KERMIT IN 1996 CELEBRATING KERMIT'S "HAPPY 50TH ELKS ANNIVERSARY".

OUR BROTHER ELK, KERMIT ROY HOFFMAN, DIED JULY 7, 2000. HE IS SURVIVED BY WIFE, PATRICIA REYNOLDS HOFFMAN; SONS AND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW, JOSEPH KERMIT AND KAREN E. HOFFMAN, GEORGE ANTHONY AND JANET S. HOFFMAN, WILLIAM ALLEN HOFFMAN, JAMES LAWRENCE HOFFMAN, KENNETH LEE HOFFMAN, SON-IN-LAW TIMOTHY REILLY; 20 GRANDCHILDREN; THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

HE HAS PASSED INTO THE LIGHT WHICH IS BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH. THE PLACES THAT HAVE KNOWN HIM SHALL KNOW HIM NO MORE; BUT HIS VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY. AMEN AND AMEN.

WILLIAM ERNEST BELL-PAST STATE PRESIDENT-GRAND LODGE OFFICER

ERNEST DIED MARCH 30, 2002. HE WAS BORN IN CHESTER, PENN., JUNE 1, 1920. ERNEST ATTENDED DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVED IN WORLD WAR 11 AND THE KOREAN WAR AS A U.S. MARINE. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE. HE ALSO SERVED AS A BOY SCOUT LEADER OF THE OCCONEECHEE COUNCIL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

ERNEST AND HILDA WERE MARRIED 57 YEARS AND HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, SUSAN, AND TWO SONS, DOUG AND SAMMY. THEY HAVE FIVE GRANDCHILDREN,

ERNEST ACHIEVED 32 DEGREE MASON AT THE EAGLE LODGE OF HILLSBOROUGH AND WAS A LIFE LONG MEMBER OF PLEASANT GREEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

ERNEST WAS INITIATED INTO THE DURHAM LODGE SEPTEMBER 25, 1961 AND SIX MONTHS LATER APPOINTED LODGE ESQUIRE. HE WAS THEN ELECTED TO ALL CHAIRS AND BECAME EXALTED RULER IN 1966. DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE LODGE YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM AND RECEIVED SEVERAL AWARDS FROM THE STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION. IN 1969 HE WAS APPOINTED STATE YOUTH ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN AND HELD THIS POSITION UNTIL 1974. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ELKS BOYS CAMP IN 1971 AND SERVED ON THIS COMMITTEE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.

HE WAS APPOINTED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER IN 1968 BY THE HONORABLE ED MC CABE, GRAND EXALTED RULER.

HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION IN 1976. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE GRAND LODGE YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE IN 1981 AND 5 YEARS LATER AT THE GRAND LODGE SESSION IN SEATTLE HE WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. ERNEST RECEIVED THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD IN 1979 AND SERVED AS SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER FROM 1987-1994. IN 1993 HE WAS GRAND INNER GUARD AND THE DURHAM LODGE #568 VOTED HIM AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

ERNEST WAS CERTAINLY A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE AND DEDICATION AS EVIDENCED BY HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE IN THE EVENTS IN ELKDOM, BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. THIS DURING A TIME WHEN HE WAS IN SEVERE FAILING HEALTH. WHEN HIS NAME WAS CALLED IN THE ATTENDANCE CHECK AT THE STATE CONVENTIONS HIS ANSWER WAS ALWAYS, "GOOD TO BE HERE".

MANY HAVE SERVED OUR GREAT ORGANIZATION, BUT WHEN THE NAME ERNEST BELL IS MENTIONED WE ALL GIVE PRAISE.

THANKS ERNEST!

JOHN D. SULLIVAN, PAST STATE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY EMERITUS

DURING THE YEARS ELKDOM HAS BEEN A PART OF NORTH CAROLINA, WE HAVE WITNESSED MANY OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF "COMMUNITY SERVICE." JOHN D. SULLIVAN HAS CERTAINLY BEEN ONE OF OUR GREAT CONTRIBUTORS.

JOHN WAS BORN OCTOBER 15, 1912, IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. JOHN AND MARIANNE WERE MARRIED DECEMBER 20, 1941. JOHN WAS DRAFTED JANUARY 1943. MARY ANNE SULLIVAN WEATHERSPOON WAS BORN MAY 16, 1943. KATHLEEN SULLIVAN GRIMM WAS BORN DECEMBER 31, 1946. JOHN WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY DECEMBER 7, 1945.

JOHN AND FAMILY LEFT PHILADELPHIA ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 1, 1959 TO BEGIN A NEW LIFE. JOHN HELPED START A NEW PLANT IN SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA. BACK IN THOSE DAYS YOU HAD TO LIVE IN A TOWN 6 MONTHS BEFORE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO JOIN AN ELK LODGE. JOHN SUBMITTED HIS APPLICATION IN JUNE. HE WAS INITIATED SEPTEMBER 1959 IN THE SOUTHERN PINES LODGE #1692. ELECTED LECTURING KNIGHT IN 1961, LOYAL KNIGHT AND LEADING KNIGHT IN 1962, EXALTED RULER IN 1963-64 AND DISTRICT DEPUTY IN 1965-66. VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE 1971-72 AND STATE PRESIDENT 1972-73.

TWO MAIN GOALS FOR THE YEAR WAS TO INCREASE OUR STATE MEMBERSHIP AND FINISH #1 IN THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. ON MEMBERSHIP WE FINISHED WITH 40 LODGES AND A MEMBERSHIP OF 16,713. THE HIGHEST IN NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND ON THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, WE FINISHED #1. OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR ANY STATE. JOHN BECAME A STATE TRUSTEE 1973-77. THE STATE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WAS BESTOWED ON JOHN IN 1975. GRAND LODGE "LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE" 1977-79. PRESIDENT PAST EXALTED RULER'S ASSOCIATION 1980-81. JIM CRANE, STATE SECRETARY, RESIGNED JANUARY 1, 1982 AND STATE PRESIDENT, BILL ALLEN, APPOINTED JOHN AS STATE SECRETARY. JOHN SERVED 19 YEARS AND RESIGNED JANUARY 1, 2001. JOHN SERVED ON MANY COMMITTEES IN THE STATE ASSOCIATION AND HAS MISSED ONLY 5 GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS SINCE 1963. JOHN HAS ATTENDED THE NATIONAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE ELKS HOME IN BEDFORD, VIRGINIA FOR THE LAST 29 YEARS.

ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND SOUTHERN PINES LODGE LEVEL YOU WILL WONDER HOW JOHN HAD TIME FOR ALL HE ACCOMPLISHED. ELECTED LODGE TRUSTEE 1964-1975. ELECTED SECRETARY OF LODGE IN 1975 TO THE PRESENT. ELECTED TO HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP JUNE 7, 1973. SERVED ON EVERY COMMITTEE IN THE LODGE OVER THESE YEARS. SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELKS HOME, INC. THE BOARD WAS IN CHARGE OF THE GOLF COURSE FROM 1963-1980. SERVED 3 YEARS ON THE PLANNING BOARD OF SOUTHERN PINES. A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SERVED THREE YEARS AS A DEACON AND 3 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE, LAST 2 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN. ONE OF FOUR MEN WHO STARTED THE FOOD BANK IN SOUTHERN PINES. RETIRED FROM FULL TIME WORK WITH FLETCHER INDUSTRIES.

AFTER 50 1/2 YEARS AS VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, JOHN HAS WORKED SINCE AS A CONSULTANT.

WE CAN CERTAINLY SAY THAT THE AFORE LISTED DUTIES, ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS EXEMPLIFY THE CARDINAL PRINCIPALS OF OUR ORDER--CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY. JOHN HAS DONE IT ALL!

MAY JOHN AND MARIANNE CONTINUE TO LIVE A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS LIFE.

WILLIAM L. GOODWYN, JR. - PAST STATE PRESIDENT - SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE

MANY MEN HAVE SERVED THEIR COMMUNITY AND ELKDOM, BUT ONE OF OUR FAVORITES IS WILLIAM L. GOODWYN, JR. HIS LOCAL LODGE, ROCKY MOUNT #1038, THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAS BENEFITED BY HIS UNTIRING DEVOTION TO HIS COMMUNITY AND ELKDOM.

BILL WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 5, 1923 IN LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA. HIS EDUCATION INCLUDED LEGGETT HIGH SCHOOL AND WAKE FOREST COLLEGE. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE. ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD, NORTH CAROLINA MOTOR CLUB (DISTRICT MANAGER), ROCKY MOUNT UNDERGARMENT (TREASURER-EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT), AND SCANTI LINGERIE (OWNER-MANUFACTURING) HAS BEEN BILL'S AVOCATION.

BILL HAS SERVED HIS LODGE BEGINNING AS ESQUIRE 1965-66, LECTURING KNIGHT 1966-67, LOYAL KNIGHT 1967-68, LEADING KNIGHT 1968-69, EXALTED RULER 1969-70, TRUSTEE 1970-75, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES 1974-75 AND PRESIDENT OF PAST EXALTED RULER'S 1990-91.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATIONS TENURE BEGAN AS VICE PRESIDENT EAST 1971-72, SECRETARY OF PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION 1971-73, PRESIDENT OF PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION 1973-75, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN 1974-75, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN 1975-76, VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE 1977-78, STATE PRESIDENT 1978-79, BOARD OF TRUSTEE 1979-83, CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES 1982-83, VICE CHAIRMAN ADVISORY BOARD 1987-88 AND CHAIRMAN OF ADVISORY BOARD 1988-89.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION HONORED BILL IN MAY 1994 BY PRESENTING HIM THE THAD EURE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND WAS APPOINTED SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER.

BILL SERVED THE GRAND LODGE AS DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER 1972-73 AND WAS APPOINTED AS SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER IN 1989. BILL STILL HAS THE HONOR OF BEING APPOINTED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BY THE HONORABLE GERALD R. COATES, P.G.E.R.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE HE HAS RENDERED IS ALSO OUTSTANDING - PAST CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DEACONS; ELDER, OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT; 32ND DEGREE MASON; MEMBER TWIN COUNTY LODGE #729; MEMBER ROCKY MOUNT SHRINE CLUB; MEMBER SUDAN TEMPLE; PRESIDENT-ELECT ROCKY MOUNT CIVITAN CLUB; LIFE MEMBER ROCKY MOUNT JAYCEES; SENATOR - JAYCEES INTERNATIONAL; MEMBER PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL-REGION L; PAST PRESIDENT-JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; PAST DIRECTOR-BENVENUE COUNTRY CLUB; PAST SECRETARY-

EDGECOMBE COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS; PAST PRESIDENT-CAROLINA
COTILLION CLUB AND DIRECTOR-TREASURER OF COVENANT HOMES, A
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IN ROCKY MOUNT FOR THREE YEARS. A
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPONSORED COMMUNITY WITH 100 APARTMENT
UNITS.

ALL OF THE ABOVE WITH UNTIRING DEVOTION AND DEDICATION TO
WHOMEVER HE HAS TOUCHED. THANK YOU BILL GOODWYN, JR.

GARY W. PLOUGH - PSP - GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM COMMITTEE -
NCSEA TREASURER

GARY IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER JANET THOMAS. GARY AND JANET HAVE TWO MARRIED DAUGHTERS AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. GARY RETIRED AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM. HE AND JANET NOW OWN THE LAUGHING GULL GALLERY AND CUSTOM FRAME SHOP.

GARY WAS INITIATED IN GROTON, CONNECTICUT WHILE SERVING IN THE US COAST GUARD IN 1965 AND TRANSFERRED TO MOREHEAD CITY-BEAUFORT LODGE #1710 IN 1968. SERVED AS EXALTED RULER 1972-73 AND TRUSTEE 1973-76. SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OR MEMBER OF MOST LODGE COMMITTEES AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OR CO-CHAIRMAN FOR SIX NC STATE CONVENTIONS. ELECTED TO HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1992.

THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL OF ELKDOM HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH THE MANY ACTIVITIES OF GARY PLOUGH. HE SERVED AS ALL-STATE ESQUIRE, LOYAL KNIGHT, LEADING KNIGHT, AND EXALTED RULER IN STATE RITUAL. REPRESENTED NORTH CAROLINA IN FOUR NATIONAL RITUAL CONTESTS. 1972-73 GARY WAS EXALTED RULER OF THE YEAR. GARY SERVED THREE TERMS ON OUR STATE RITUAL COMMITTEE, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN AND SERVED ON THE ELKS CAMP BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 26 YEARS. HE WAS DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER 1979-80- AND PRESIDENT OF THE EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION 1986-87. ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT 1990-91 AND TRUSTEE 1991-95 AND 1996-99. IN 2000 GARY WAS PRESENTED THE THAD EURE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM COMMITTEE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE ESSAY CONTEST AND A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HURRICANE FLOYD DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM. PRESIDENT, NORTH CAROLINA CHARITABLE TRUST 1994-2002 AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS NCSEA CHARITABLE TRUST DIRECTOR AND NCSEA TREASURER.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: FORMER COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH; FORMER MAYOR, TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH; BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FIRST CITIZEN BANK; BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CARTERAT COUNTY RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM; BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CARTERAT COUNTY SMART START; ADVISORY BOARD, CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICE; RETIRED CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, US COAST GUARD RESERVE; MOREHEAD CITY NOON ROTARY, SECRETARY AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN; SMALL BUSINESS ADVISOR, CARTERAT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; BOARD MEMBER, CARTERAT COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS; BOARD MEMBER, CARTERAT COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS; AND BOARD MEMBER, NC STATE CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE.

"IT TAKES SO LITTLE TO MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY". WHEN WE CONSIDER WHAT GARY DOES, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT AN IMPACT HIS CONTRIBUTION HAS ON HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. WOOW!

D. STEVE GUNTER - PAST STATE PRESIDENT AND GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

STEVE MARRIED JUNE CURRIN, DAUGHTER OF THE LATE WADE CURRIN, LIFE MEMBER DURHAM LODGE #568. STEVE AND JUNE HAVE TWO SONS, STEVE II AND DAN AND BOTH ARE MEMBERS OF THE SANFORD LODGE #1679.

STEVE IS SALES MANAGER OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY LOCATED IN NEW ENGLAND.

STEVE GRADUATED FROM NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1966 AND HAS TWICE BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF THE ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

THE UCP GROUP HOME BURNED AND STEVE AND JUNE HAD JUST MOVED TO A NEW HOME AND ALTHOUGH THEIR VACATED HOME WAS ON THE MARKET, THEY ALLOWED THE GROUP TO OCCUPY THE HOME UNTIL THE UCP GROUP HOME WAS REBUILT.

STEVE JOINED THE SANFORD LODGE #1679 FEBRUARY 22, 1967 AND HAS SERVED IN ALL THE CHAIRS AND WAS EXALTED RULER 1982-1984. HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT-AT-LARGE 1987-1988 AND AS STATE PRESIDENT 1988-1989. STEVE HAS SERVED ELKDOM IN SO MANY WAYS - LOCAL LODGE, STATE ORGANIZATION AND GRAND LODGE AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY.

STEVE HAS SAID:

THE MOST REWARDING PROJECT THUS FAR HAS BEEN THE SEEKING AND NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY AND THE NORTH CAROLINA ELKS CAMP.

THE MOST HEARTFELT AWARD HAS BEEN RECEIVING THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FROM HIS SANFORD LODGE #1679.

THE MOST SATISFYING ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN TO SERVE AS GRAND LODGE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FAYETTEVILLE LODGE #1081.

THE MOST CHALLENGING WORKING TO FORM NEW LODGES OAK ISLAND AND CARY-APEX.

A JOB WELL DONE IN ALL CASES - MANY THANKS STEVE.

J. BYRON LONG -PAST STATE PRESIDENT AND CHAPLAIN

MANY MEN HAVE SERVED ELKDOM AND THEIR COMMUNITY FOR DECADES BUT ONE OF MY FAVORITES HAS JUST RECENTLY RETIRED AS CHAPLAIN OF OUR STATE ORGANIZATION.

BYRON AND HIS WIFE HELEN DUFFER LONG HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL PARTICIPANTS IN OUR STATE PROGRAMS FOR THE PAST 42 YEARS. BYRON WAS INITIATED INTO THE BURLINGTON LODGE #1633 MARCH 29, 1960. HE SERVED IN THE CHAIRS IN THE LODGE, MANY MORE THAN ONE TIME AND SERVED AS EXALTED RULER NINE TIMES WHICH IS SOME KIND OF RECORD. BYRON WAS ELECTED ELK OF THE YEAR IN 1970 AND IN 1981 WAS ELECTED TO HONORY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN LODGE #1633. WHEN SERVING AS EXALTED RULER 1982-1983 HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND AND BUILDING FOR A NEW ELKS HOME IN BURLINGTON. HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT IN 1976-1977 AND WAS DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER IN 1977-1978. BYRON WAS VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION IN 1983-1984 AND SERVED AS STATE PRESIDENT 1984-1985. BEGINNING 1986 BYRON SERVED FIVE YEARS AS A TRUSTEE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELK ASSOCIATION BOARD.

IN MAY OF 1992 BYRON WAS PRESENTED THE "THAD EURE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE ORDER OF ELKS.

IN 1990 CHAPLAIN RALPH PITTS DIED AND BYRON WAS APPOINTED STATE CHAPLAIN AND SERVED FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO HAVE SUCH AN HONORABLE ELK SERVE AS CHAPLAIN FOR SO MANY YEARS.

IT IS WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING THAT WE SALUTE J. BYRON LONG FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

HARRY TANGEN

NATIONAL DIRECTOR ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

HARRY AND WIFE JEAN MOVED TO NORTH CAROLINA FROM THEIR HOME OF THIRTY YEARS IN 1991. THEY LEFT EAST BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY AND CAME SOUTH. DURING HARRY'S LIFE IN EAST BRUNSWICK HE JOINED THE EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE NUMBER 2370 IN 1977 AND THIS BEGAN A VERY IMPRESSIVE SERVICE RECORD IN ELKDOM. HARRY SERVED AS LODGE OFFICER IN THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS: LECTURING KNIGHT, LOYAL KNIGHT AND LEADING KNIGHT AND ELECTED AS EXALTED RULER FOR THE 1982-83 LODGE YEAR. HE SERVED AS TRUSTEE FOR TWO TERMS FROM 1983-1990. FROM 1983 TO 2002 HARRY HAS BEEN A CERTIFIED RITUAL JUDGE AND RITUAL COACH. HE SERVED AS DISTRICT CHAIRMAN STATE ASSOCIATION PARADES COMMITTEE FROM 1983 TO 1985. DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE 1985 TO 1986 AND STATE CO-CHAIRMAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 1986 TO 1987. 1987-1988 ELECTED DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER 1988-1989. STATE CO-CHAIRMAN LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 1989-1990 AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AUDITING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES THE SAME YEAR.

ALL OF THE ABOVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EAST BRUNSWICK LODGE NUMBER 2370 NEW JERSEY.

IN 1991 HARRY AND JEAN CAME TO NORTH CAROLINA, TRANSFERRED TO THE GREENSBORO LODGE NUMBER 602 AND BEGAN ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE SERVICE TO NORTH CAROLINA. FROM 1991 TO 1992 HE WAS STATE CHAIRMAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND FROM 1992 TO 1996 SERVED AS STATE CHAIRMAN DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE. DURING 1992 TO 1993 HARRY WAS A LODGE TRUSTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE. HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, INDOCTRINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AUDITING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT PER ASSOCIATION OF THE GREENSBORO LODGE. HARRY WAS DESIGNATED TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO GERALD L. COATES ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER 1996-1997. APPOINTED ASSISTANT NATIONAL DIRECTOR ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM 1997-1998 AND APPOINTED NATIONAL DIRECTOR ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM 1999-2002. 1999-2002 STATE CHAIRMAN BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARITABLE TRUST.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON..

C. BLAYNE TURNER - PAST STATE PRESIDENT - SECRETARY NCSEA

BLAYNE TURNER WAS BORN AUGUST 10, 1931 IN POLK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. HE WAS EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN ASHEVILLE. ON OCTOBER 24, 1951, HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. HE WAS TRAINED IN ELECTRONIC DISCIPLINES AND PERFORMED VARIOUS MAINTENANCE, CALIBRATION, INSTALLATION AND TROUBLE SHOOTING ON MANY FIGHTER TYPE PLANES IN THE AIR FORCE. MANY OF THE FUNCTIONS REQUIRED A "TOP SECRET" SECURITY CLEARANCE. HE SERVED IN MANY LOCATIONS IN THE FAR EAST - JAPAN, KOREA AND OKINAWA.

BLAYNE JOINED THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (LIGHTING SYSTEMS) IN HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. AND ENJOYED ALMOST 41 YEARS OF FRUITFUL SERVICE. HE WORKED AS A DESIGN ENGINEER AND WORKED ON MANY ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRO-MECHANICAL PRODUCTS. MANY OF THE LIGHTING FIXTURES THAT ARE ON OUR STREETS, OUR PARKING LOTS OR OUR SPORTS STADIUMS HAVE BALLASTS AND/OR ELECTRONIC CONTROLS THAT WERE DESIGNED BY HIM. DURING HIS WORK YEARS, HE WAS GRANTED SEVERAL PATENTS. HE IS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

BLAYNE AND BARBARA WERE MARRIED IN JANUARY 1987. THEY HAVE A COMBINED FAMILY OF 5 CHILDREN AND 13 GRAND CHILDREN.

BLAYNE WAS INITIATED IN THE HENDERSONVILLE ELKS LODGE #1616 ON AUGUST 19, 1969. HE WAS APPOINTED AS ESQUIRE IN 1970 AND HAS HELD AN OFFICER POSITION SINCE. HE SERVED TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS EXALTED RULER IN 1975-1977. HE WAS ELECTED AS SECRETARY IN 1979 AND STILL SERVES IN THAT POSITION.

HE SERVED ON MANY STATE ELK COMMITTEES AND WAS ELECTED DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1979-1980 AND APPOINTED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER 1982-1983. HE WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT AT LARGE FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION IN 1984-1985 AND BECAME STATE PRESIDENT 1985-1986. HE SERVED AS STATE ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE FOR 4 YEARS. HE WAS ELECTED AS ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY IN 1999-2000 AND BECAME STATE SECRETARY IN JANUARY 2001 AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF STATE SECRETARY JOHN SULLIVAN.

AN HONOR OF WHICH BLAYNE IS VERY PROUD IS THE APRIL 25, 1998 "THAD EURE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" FOR SERVICE TO ELKDOM, HIS COMMUNITY AND FELLOW CITIZENS.

A VERY DEDICATED ELK AND A HECK OF A NICE GUY.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 1. Every lodge in the state of North Carolina in good standing with the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America shall be eligible for membership in the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., upon complying with the by-laws of said Association.

SEC. 2. Every member lodge shall be entitled to representation at all meetings of the Association, whether regular or special. Each Lodge must be in good standing as of the date of the Associations meeting. Each lodge shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, as shown by its latest Annual report to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS

SEC. 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, President Elect, four (4) District Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chaplain, Tiler, Organist and four (4) Trustees, one from each district. These officers shall be elected from those members who have served as exalted ruler of their respective lodges, or some other subordinate lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

SEC. 2. All officers, except the Tiler, Organist and Trustees, shall be elected annually and shall hold office for one year. The office of the President and President Elect shall rotate from district to district at each annual election. The President shall be elected in 1982 from the east district and years to follow by rotating from the east district to the west central district, to the east central district to the west district, and back to the east district on a four (4) year rotation thereafter and in that order. The President Elect shall be elected in 1982 from the west central district and rotate therefrom in the same order as the President. The Trustees shall hold office for four (4) years, with one Trustee being elected at each annual meeting with the said Trustee coming from the district of the retiring Trustee. The Tiler and Organist shall be appointed by the President and serve at the President's pleasure.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of electing district Vice Presidents and Trustees, the state of North Carolina shall be divided into four (4) districts to be designated as North Carolina East, North Carolina East Central, North Carolina West Central. and North Carolina West. The said districts shall be the same as designated by the Grand Lodge. A Vice President must reside in the district he represents and be a resident at the time of his election.

SEC. 3A. For the purpose of nominating officers for the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., each district at the district deputy's clinic held in January of each year pursuant to the Grand Lodge Rules and Statutes, shall nominate from each respective district, a Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chaplain, and a President Elect and Trustee when it's said district's turn for President Elect or Trustee from said district.

SEC. 4. At the spring 1983 district deputy clinic each district must establish rules for the nomination of the officers as set forth above, however, in adopting procedure for the nomination of the officers from each district, the lodges shall be entitled to vote as set forth in Article I Sec. 2. above. A simple majority is necessary for the adoption of officers. The Vice President of each district shall preside at the meeting or meetings in his district for the purpose above. In the absence of the Vice President at such meetings, the Vice President shall designate a former Vice President from his district to preside. Upon the Vice President's failure to designate a former Vice President to preside at such meeting or meetings. the state President shall designate a former Vice President of the district to conduct the meeting or meetings.

SEC. 4A. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit nominations from the floor; provided, however, the person nominated shall comply with the residency requirements above set forth.

SEC. 5. President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Association, decide all questions of order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, perform all other duties as may be required by an action of the Association, and such duties as are customarily performed by the Chief Executive Officer of an Association. It shall be his duty to make such official visits to the lodges of the Association, as the interests of the Association require, and to attend such district meetings, as he deems necessary for the good of the Association.

SEC. 5A Vacancies: Should a vacancy in office occur between annual meetings, the vacancy may be filled by the State President, with the approval of the Advisory Board, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws.

SEC. 6. President Elect: The President Elect, having been elected by the Association shall succeed to the Presidency in the year following this election and shall assist the President in the performances of his duties, shall preside at meetings of the Association in the absence of the President, shall serve as coordinator for all permanent, special or consolidated committee activities, and shall succeed to the office as acting President of the Association in the event of the death, resignation or permanent disability of the President. If such a vacancy should occur, the advisory committee shall meet and elect an interim President Elect to fill the remaining term. The President Elect shall prepare a proposed State Association program for the year and make all Committee assignments prior to March 31, these assignments and program shall be sent to the State Sponsor, State Secretary, Advisory Board and Trustees of the Association by April 1, for review.

SEC. 7. District Vice President: It shall be the duty of each District Vice President to visit all of the lodges in his district at least once during the term of his office, promote interlodge visits and ritualistic contests among the lodges in his district and attend their District and State Ritual Clinics. He shall promote all the programs of the State Association and perform such duties as may be requested or delegated by the President and assisting him in the discharge of any duty existing within the district. In cooperation with the district deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, the Vice President shall hold at least a meeting in January of each year for representatives in his district. He shall conduct the meeting for the nomination of officers as herein, above, set forth in addition each Vice President, shall be the Hoop Shoot Chairman in his district and be a member of the State Hoop Shoot Committee. He shall conduct his district's Hoop Shoot Contest. He may appoint members in his district to serve with him in conducting and promoting the said contest.

SEC. 8. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, keep true record of the proceedings, preserve all books and documents, receive all moneys paid into the Association, and promptly pay same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and perform such other duties as are required of him. He shall, before assuming the duties of his office execute and deliver to the Board of Trustees, such bonds as may be required by them, the expense of such bond to be paid by the Association.

SEC. 8A. Assistant Secretary: The Assistant Secretary will assist the Secretary in all duties of office as outlined in Section 8 above and act in his absence due to death, disability or resignation until the next annual election.

SEC. 9. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Association and receive and have custody of all the moneys belonging to the Association. He shall pay the money of the Association only upon proper warrant drawn by the Secretary, countersigned by the President, and approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. He shall make an annual fiscal report to be presented to the Secretary for distribution to member lodges, to present said report to the advisory board at each Spring convention and to present a budget to the advisory board for the next fiscal year. He shall, before assuming the duties of his office, execute and deliver to the Board of Trustees a bond as may be required by the Trustees, the expense of said bond to be paid by the Association.

SEC. 9A. Assistant Treasurer: The Assistant Treasurer will assist the Treasurer in all duties of office as outlined in Section 9 above and act in his absence due to death, disability or resignation until the next annual election.

SEC. 10. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall attend all meeting of the Association and perform such duties as are customary to be performed by such officer.

SEC. 11. Tiler: The Tiler shall have charge of the doors of the hall in which the meetings are held and shall perform the duties usually incidental to the office of the Tiler in the lodge.

SEC. 12. Trustees: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be from the same district as the State President. The Secretary of the Association shall be the recording Secretary for the Board of Trustees. The Board shall hold four (4) regular meetings a year at a time and place determined by the Chairman. In addition the chairman may call a special meeting when deemed necessary. The Board of Trustees shall, during the interim between meetings of the Association, take charge of its property and the direction of its affairs. During such interim, it shall be the governing body of the Association and it shall take such action as may be necessary to promote its objects and protect its interests. It shall have control of the finances of the Association, and shall recommend ways and means of raising funds to defray the expenses of the Association. It shall prepare and submit at the annual meeting, a budget for the ensuing year. The Lodge entertaining the State Association must submit a program of entertainment to the Board of Trustees for approval, and the Board shall have the power to limit the amount of money to be spent by the lodge for entertainment. The Board of Trustees shall have full charge and control of each convention held by the Association, and shall make rules and regulations for the conduct of the convention and the members of the order attending same. The Board of Trustees shall pass upon all bills for accounts to be paid from the funds of the Association. The President and the President Elect shall be exofficio members of the Board of Trustees, and shall be entitled to vote as such. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. The Vice Chairman shall come from the same District as the President Elect. The Association owns a camp in Henderson County North Carolina, which shall be known as the North Carolina Elks Camp. The Trustees through an "Elks Camp Architectural Committee" shall administer the camp property.

SEC. 13. The officers elect shall be installed on the last day of the annual meeting. The President shall designate the installing officers, and they shall prepare to perform the ceremony necessary.

SEC. 14. Reports: The President shall make a report at the annual and fall meetings of the Association of his activities and the work in progress of the Association under his administration. The President Elect and the District Vice Presidents shall report to the President, and upon his request, give an oral report at the meeting of the Association. The Secretary shall submit a report of his office at each meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall submit a report of the financial condition of the Association at each session thereof. The President may require reports of committee chairman and others as he deems necessary.

SEC. 15. The President, President Elect, District Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chaplain, Organist, Tiler and the Board of Trustees shall be given an allowance for reimbursement for travel, postage, supplies, and other necessary expenses in the conduct of the Association's business and the attending of the meetings. The allowance shall be set by the Board of Trustees in its proposed annual budget and approved by the Association at its annual meeting.

SEC. 16. The President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall attend the National Convention. For attending the National Convention the Board of Trustees shall designate an amount for each officer to assist him in attending the Grand Lodge convention. The amount of the allowance shall be set by the Board of Trustees in its proposed annual budget and approved by the Association at its annual meeting. The allowance made to the said officers shall not exceed the allowance made to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in attending Grand Lodge sessions as set forth in Section, 4.240 of the Grand Lodge statutes.

SEC. 17. The salaries of officers, if any, shall be recommended by the Trustees and approved by the Association.

SEC. 18. All officers elected under the provisions of these by-laws or who were elected under the provisions of the North Carolina Elks Association shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 19. Conflict of Interest No State Association Officer shall simultaneously occupy another position in the Association, when the relationship between the Association Office held and the other position occupied is such to give rise to an apparent, potential or actual Conflict of interest. No officer may simultaneously hold more than one office of the association either elected or appointed.

ARTICLE III

NORTH CAROLINA ELKS' CAMP

Sec. 1. The North Carolina Elks Association owns a camp in Henderson County, North Carolina, which shall be known as the North Carolina Elks Camp. The camp property shall be administered by an "Architectural Committee" recommended by the District Vice Presidents and State President and when elected by the State Association, shall operate under the supervision of the State Association Trustees as set forth herein

Sec. 2. The Architectural Committee shall have total responsibility for general maintenance and capitol improvements of the camp property. It shall look for ways to upgrade and promote the camp facilities to insure that our "State Project" is the best that it can be. The Architectural Committee shall consist of four (4) members, one for each district. In 2000, four members shall be elected to the committee, one for each of one, two, three and four year terms. The four-year member shall come from the same district as the immediate Past State President. The senior member shall become Committee Chairman on his final year on the committee making him the Chairman the same year as the Trustee Chairman. The State Association President, President Elect and the Chairman of the Camp Executive Committee shall be exofficio members of the committee, and shall be entitled to vote as such.

Sec. 3. The Board of Governors and Board of Directors shall be responsible for operating the camp during the "Encampment Sessions". Each member of the Board shall be entitled to a vote providing that they are present at the meeting of the Board; except, however, a Board member may nominate in writing any member of their Lodge to be a proxy at the meeting of the said Boards. The written proxy must be presented to the person presiding at the meeting of the Boards.

Sec. 4. The Board of Governors and Board of Directors as hereinafter set forth, shall meet annually at the camp on the third Sunday in September. The president of the Association may call a special meeting of the Boards at any time by giving not less than ten (10) days written Notice to each member of the Boards.

Sec. 5. The responsibility for the actual operation of the North Carolina Elks Camp during the camping sessions is delegated to the Board of Governors and Board of Directors. The Board of Governors shall consist of sixteen (16) members, four from each district. One member from each district shall be elected annually and serve a four year term. The Association President, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary shall be exofficio members of the board. In the event of a vacancy, the President of the Association shall fill the vacancy by an interim appointment from the district where the vacancy occurred. The appointment shall be for the remainder of the Association year. The nominee shall stand for election at the next annual meeting of the Association. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Exalted Rulers of each lodge that is a member of the North Carolina State Elks Association. An Exalted Ruler, if he so chooses may appoint a member of his lodge to fill his place as a member of the Board of Directors providing the chairman of the Elks Camp Executive Committee is notified in writing of the appointment. All members of the Board of Governors and Board of Directors shall continue to serve until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and qualified. Eight members from each Board along with the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting. The Board of Governors and Board of Directors shall meet at annual meetings of the Association and all matters of business shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

Sec. 6. At the meeting of the Board of Governors and Board of Directors to be held on the third Sunday in September, the Board of Governors from its membership shall elect a member to its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of four (4) members, one from each district. The newly elected member shall come from the same District as the immediate past State President. Members of the Executive Committee shall also serve as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Committee, with the newest member of the Executive Committee acting as Secretary. The Executive Committee members will progress in seniority, with the Chairman coming from the same district as Trustee Chairman. Members of the Executive Committee shall not be allowed to succeed themselves during the year after their term expires. The Executive Committee will operate the camping sessions and will carry out the policies established by the North Carolina Elks Association and the Boards of Governors and Directors. The Executive Committee must approve all bills and checks shall bear the signature of the Chairman or another member of the Executive Committee and the Camp Director. At the annual meeting of the Boards of Governors and Directors, a certified public accountant shall be named to audit the books of the camp at the conclusion of each session. The Association may order an additional audit of the encampment session if deemed appropriate. The Camp Director will pass all bills to the Executive Committee not later than the 5th day of the month following their occurrence. The Executive Committee and the Camp Director will be bonded in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Sec. 7. The Board of Governors and Board of Directors shall meet in the spring at a time and place designated by the State President. At this meeting, a proposed budget shall be adopted and passed to the State Trustees for approval. The budget must then be approved by the Association at its annual meeting. The President of the State Association may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee or Boards of Governors and Directors at any time by giving not less than ten (10) days written notice to each member.

Sec. 8. After the operational policies are established and the budget is adopted by the Boards of Governors and Directors and the State Association, no change in said policies may be made except by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Boards of Governors and Directors; provided however, that a two-thirds (2/3) majority is required for any such change. The two-thirds majority shall be computed on the combined voting strength of members present at the joint meeting of both boards called for the purpose of considering said changes.

Sec. 9. The Executive Committee shall make a final report of camp operations to the Boards of Governors and Directors at the September meeting and to the Association at the next annual meeting. The Boards may also submit any recommendations for future encampments.

Sec. 10. The Camp Architectural Committee is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the State Association Trustees for major improvements to the camp. All Proposed improvements must be set fourth in writing, containing a detailed description of what is to be done along with contractors and cost estimates. The State Association must approve all major improvements.

Sec. 11. No Mortgage shall be placed on and property of the Association, or money borrowed in the name of the North Carolina Elks Camp or any conveyance of real estate whatsoever without the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Association. No sale of personal property of the Association shall be made with out the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Grand Trustees of the Order of Elks must subsequently approve any transactions of this type in accordance with Section 16.050 of the Statutes of the Order.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

SEC. 1. This Association shall hold two regular meetings each year. The Spring meeting shall be designated as the annual convention meeting at which officers are elected and all other business transacted. The fall meeting shall be a regular meeting and all business may be transacted at such meeting. The place and time of the annual convention meeting and the fall meeting, shall be determined by the delegates in convention, or the Board of Trustees may be authorized by the delegates to determine the time and place, or both. Notice of the time and place of the annual meetings shall be given to the member lodges not less than sixty (60) day before the first day of said meeting, except where an emergency causes a change of place or time within such period, and in such event, notice of the change must be given promptly, but in no event shall a meeting be held on less than twenty (20) days notice.

The Trustee from the district hosting the convention will be responsible for the convention.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Board of Trustees upon not less than twenty (20) days notice in writing to the member lodge.

SEC. 3. Delegates representing not less than fifteen (15) lodges shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Any activity involving, or proposed to involve the North Carolina Sate Elks Association must be brought up at a regular meeting of the Sate Association for discussion and must be voted on favorably before any action is permitted to be taken. Any committee or proposed interlodge organization desiring to take any statewide action with the lodges, or members of the State Association, must have the sanction of the North Carolina State Elks Association meeting in regular session before proceeding with the planned activity.

SEC. 5. The Past Exalted Rulers Association is an activity authorized, sponsored by and a part of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., and its acts, as well as the acts of its officers and agents, are within the jurisdiction of the Sate Association and so recognized.

ARTICLE V

REVENUE

SEC. 1. Each member lodge shall pay annually to the Association, three dollars (\$3.00) for each member of its rolls on March 31st next preceding the annual meeting. Member lodges must pay Association dues prior to the convening of the annual convention so that delegates may be seated and entitled to participate in the proceedings. Fifty, (50) cents of said fund shall be a subscription fee allocated to financing the official publication of a state newspaper; however, if funds from other sources are available for said purpose, any excess from this fund shall be deposited to the general fund as set forth in Sec. 2. of this Article V.

SEC. 2. The per capita dues of three dollars (\$3.00) per member shall be allocated as follows:

(a) fifty (50) cents for the financing of the official newspaper for the organization; except, however, any excess as set forth in (b) Sec. 1. of this article shall become a part of the general fund and administered as set forth in Sec. (b) here under.

(b) two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of said per capita dues shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund and used exclusively to defray the budgetary expenses of conducting the affairs and business of the Association. All accumulated moneys heretofore received from a portion of the per capita dues and carried as a savings fund shall be frozen and earmarked as a continuing fund to which contributions may be made from time to time, and all income therefrom shall be budgeted annually for necessary capital improvements, and for any educational, recreational, or charitable program involving youth and all classes of deserving people which the Association itself directs.

SEC. 3. A new lodge instituted in the state shall be entitled to membership in the Association upon application, but shall not be assessed the annual charge until after the first annual meeting of the Association, following its induction.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

SEC. 1. The President shall appoint, within thirty (30) days after each annual meeting, the following standing committees, each of which shall comprise not less than four (4) members nor more than the number of lodges in the state. The Camp Architectural Committee will be elected by the Association membership in accordance with Article III of the bylaws.

Credentials	National Foundation	Major Projects
By-laws & Resolutions	Lodge Development	Lodge Activities
Ritualistic	Americanism	Youth Activities
Public Relations	National Service	Scholarship
Auditing	Membership	Indoctrination
Government Relations	Better Business Practice	Hoop Shoot
Drug Awareness	Fund Raising	Camp Architectural

The President shall have the power to name special committees to have charge of different features of the annual meeting and such other special committees as are, in his opinion, necessary for the good of the Association. The District Deputies shall constitute the committee in the Grand Lodge. It shall be the duty of this committee to correlate and promote relations of the Association to the Grand Lodge, to report all resolutions and reports concerning amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and especially upon resolutions endorsed by this Association. The District Vice Presidents shall constitute a committee on interlodge relations. It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for interlodge visits among the members of the subordinate lodges and to promote district meetings throughout the state.

SEC. 2. The committee on credentials shall examine the credentials of all delegates, alternate delegates, and others with privileges of delegates, and shall have power to pass upon the regularity of same. It shall make a preliminary report immediately after the opening of the annual meeting or of any special meeting.

SEC. 3. The committee on auditing shall examine and audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and shall submit annually to the Association its findings and recommendations it deems good for the Association. It shall report specifically whether the budget has been observed. The President may appoint an auditor to examine the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 4. The committee on by-laws shall have referred to it and shall report to the Association all proposed amendments and proposed resolutions. The chairman of such committee shall be the Chief Law Officer of the Association and shall assist the President in the interpretation of its law.

Sec. 5. The committee on Public Relations will provide guidance in the compiling and distributing to all news media activities of individual Elks, Lodges or the State Association as may be appropriate, and to collect and distribute to individual Lodges and Elks within the state, information which may be of interest to or helpful to the aims of Elkdom. Other duties may include training, media coverage of GER visits or help with State Newspaper.

SEC. 6. The Fund Raising committee shall be responsible for the planning, development and implementation of all state fund raising activities. The committee shall provide detailed information to the State Trustees for its approval prior to any activity. The purpose of the fundraiser shall indicate where the proceeds of such activity shall be designated. Proceeds of fund raising efforts shall be processed in accordance with Article II section 8 of the by-laws.

Sec. 7. The Camp Architectural Committee shall be responsible for the implementation any and all approved major or permanent improvements to the Elks Camp. One elected member from each district will serve on this committee, who will operate under the direction of the State Association Trustees

ARTICLE VII

RELATIONS WITH GRAND LODGE

SEC. 1. The Secretary of the Association shall furnish from time to time to the Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Secretary, and the Chairman of the Committee on State Associations of the Grand Lodge the following:

- a) Copies of its by-laws, rules and regulations and amendments thereto.
- b) copy of proceedings of each annual meeting including report of Treasurer.
- c) all official circulars issued by it or under its authority.
- d) list of lodges comprising the Association
- e) list of officers immediately following each annual meeting, with correct post office address of each officer.

SEC. 2. The Association shall observe strictly the provisions of the Constitution and Statues of the Grand Lodge relating to state Associations. No questions of political or sectarian character shall be introduced at a meeting of the Association, and no person shall directly or indirectly be endorsed for any public or Grand Lodge office. A resolution recommending action by the Grand Lodge shall be filed with the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary, and shall not be given publicity until it has been submitted and approved by the Grand Lodge, and then only in accordance with the Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE VIII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SEC. 1. The order of business at all meetings of this Association shall be as follows, unless otherwise changed by a majority of the delegates:

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Tribute to the flag.
4. Roll call of officers.
5. Roll call of lodges.
6. Report of committee on credentials.
7. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
8. Election of officers.
9. Reports of officers.
10. Comments by State Sponsor
11. Report of District Deputies.
12. Reports of standing committees.
13. Unfinished business.
14. New business.
15. Good of the Order.
16. Selection of next meeting place.
17. Installation of officers.
18. Benediction.
19. Closing and adjournment.

SEC. 2. In the event there is a dispute as to the rules and procedure, Robert's Rules of Procedure will be followed except when they are in direct conflict with these by-laws.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. Any proposed amendment or amendments to the By-Laws of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., shall be presented in writing to the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee of the State Association. The Proposal shall be signed by the delegate or in case of submittal by a Lodge, the Secretary. The Committee on By-Laws will review the proposal either by personal meetings, written or electronic means. Their recommendations and motions will be sent to each subordinate Lodge for their consideration. In no case shall the State Association vote on the amendment unless the Subordinate Lodges have had at least 30 days notification. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast to adopt any amendment. Such amendments shall become effective when approved by the Committee on Judiciary of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE X

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

SEC. 1. The Association shall publish a newspaper to be known as "North Carolina Elks News".

SEC. 2. The President of the State Association shall name the editor who shall serve at the President's discretion. The President may name such other editors, business and circulation managers, and any other persons he deems necessary for the publication of said newspaper, however, the President may delegate this power to the editor.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees of the Association, with the advice of the editor, are authorized to make rules and regulations regarding the publication, advertisements contained therein, frequency of publication, and any other rules and regulations which in its discretion it deems necessary to carry out the publication and distribution of said newspaper to members of the Association.

ARTICLE XI

FISCAL YEAR

SEC. 1. The fiscal year of the North Carolina State Elks Association shall be from May 1--April 30.

ARTICLE XII

ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 1. The past Presidents of the Association shall constitute the advisory board. The advisory board shall meet on Friday at a time predetermined at their previous meeting, prior to and in conjunction with the fall and spring conventions. The advisory board at the spring meeting of each year shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The Secretary of the State Association shall serve, exofficio, as Secretary of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall advise the President and other officers of the Association. It shall present to the general meeting a slate of officers to be voted on at the spring convention. The board is obligated to present the slate based on the reports of each district as provided by these by-laws and presented to the advisory board. The Chairman, or the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, may call special meetings of the Advisory Board when so requested by the President of the Association. The board may meet in person or by conference calls. The Board shall have no powers other than those of an advisory nature, and any actions taken by the board shall not be binding on the convention unless passed by the Association according to other provisions of these by-laws.

The members of the Advisory Board may make other rules and regulations to govern its meetings which are not inconsistent with these by-laws, and after written ten (10) day's notice to all living past state Presidents, provided, however, a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of at least 40% of living past State Presidents. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be sworn in as officers at the same time the other state officers receive their oaths of office. The President and President Elect of the Association shall be exofficio members of the Advisory Board without voting privileges. The Chairman of the Advisory Board, with the assistance of the President of the Association, may determine the guests, if any, to attend the Advisory Board dinners.

ARTICLE XIII

NORTH CARILINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST

Sec 1. The North Carolina State Association Charitable Trust was established and incorporated in 1993 for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds for charitable purposes by the N.C. State Elks Association.

Sec 2. The NCSEA Charitable Trust has its own by-laws and elects its own officers.

Amended October 26, 2001 at the fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association, in New Bern North Carolina.

BYLAWS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

CHARITABLE TRUST

ARTICLE I

NAME, SEAL, AND OFFICE

1. NAME. The name of the Corporation is North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust.

2. SEAL. The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall bear the word "SEAL" in the center and around the outer edge shall bear the initials N.C.S.E.A.C.T. The Board of Directors may change the form of the seal or the inscription thereon at their pleasure.

3. OFFICES. The principal office of the Corporation shall be the residence or office of the Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS AND MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

1. MEMBERSHIP. The members of the Corporation shall consist of every lodge that is a member of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc. and shall be entitled to vote as is set forth in Section 9 of this Article II.

2. RIGHTS OF LODGES. The right of a lodge to vote and all its rights, title, and interests in or to the Corporation shall cease on the termination of its membership in the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc. No lodge shall be entitled to share in the distribution of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the Corporation.

3. RESIGNATION OF LODGES. Any lodge may resign from the Corporation by delivering a written resignation to the President or Secretary of the Corporation.

4. ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held in conjunction with and at the same place as the Spring Meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., and may be held prior to, during or at the end of the annual meeting of the said North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc.

5. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS: The Secretary of the association in conjunction with the Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc. shall send to each member lodge of said association a notice that the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust shall be held in conjunction with the meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc. by not less than twenty (20) nor more than fifty (50) days before the meeting.

6. SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the members, other than those regulated by statute, may be called at any time by the President or Vice President or by two (2) Directors and must be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of the written request of one-third (1/3) of the subordinate lodges which make up the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc.

7. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS. Notice of a special meeting stating the time, place and purpose or purposes therein shall be sent by mail to each subordinate lodge of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., not less than ten (10) nor more than forty (40) days before such meeting.

8. QUORUM. The quorum shall consist of delegates representing not less than fifteen (15) lodges from the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc.

9. VOTING. At every meeting of the Corporation, the delegates from each lodge shall be entitled to vote. Each lodge shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof as shown by the latest annual report to the grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

10. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS. Any director or officer may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, for conduct detrimental to the interest of this Corporation, for lack of sympathy with its objectives, or for refusing to render reasonable assistance in carrying out its purposes. Any such officer or director proposed to be removed shall be entitled to at least five (5) days notice in writing by mail of the meeting at which said removal is to be voted upon and shall be entitled to appear before and be heard at such meeting.

11. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Directors and officers shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors and officers may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses in connection with the performance of their duties and attendance at the meetings.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

1. ELECTION. The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, who shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the members or until the election and qualification of their respective successors, except as hereinafter provided for filling vacancies. The directors must be members of the Corporation and shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Corporation by the delegates representing the lodges as is hereinabove set forth.

2. NUMBER. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be seventeen (17). Four (4) directors from each of the four (4) districts of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc. and the President of said association, ex officio, shall be a member of the Board.

At the January 2000 District Deputy Clinic, each district will nominate four (4) directors, one (1) for a four (4) year term, one (1) for a three (3) year term, one (1) for a two (2) year term and one (1) for a one (1) year term. In subsequent years in January each district will nominate a four (4) year director.

Directors will be installed at the business session at the Annual Spring Convention of the North Carolina State Elks Association during the meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Charitable Trust.

3. RESIGNATION. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Board of Directors.

4. VACANCIES: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors occurring during the year, may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the directors then serving, although less than a quorum, by affirmative vote of the majority thereof. Any directors so elected by the Board of Directors shall hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting of the members of the Corporation or until the election and qualification of successors.

5. ANNUAL MEETINGS: Immediately after each annual election, the newly elected directors may meet forthwith at the site of the annual meeting for the purpose of organization, the election of officers and the transaction of other business, and if a quorum of the directors be then present, no prior notice of such meeting shall be required to be given. The place and time of such first

meeting may, however, be fixed by written consent of the directors.

6. SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or Vice President and must be called by either of them on written request of any three (3) members of the Board.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS: Notice of all directors meetings, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be given by mailing the same at least three (3) days or by faxing the same at least one (1) day prior to the meeting to the usual residence or business address of the director, but such notice may be waived. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and such place as determined by the Board. Any business may be transacted in any director's meeting.

8. CHAIRMAN: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the President or Vice President, or in the absence of a Chairman chosen by the Directors present, shall preside.

9. QUORUM: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice to any absent director, and may take such other and further action as is provided by these Bylaws.

10. COMPENSATION: Directors may not receive any compensation for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board, they may be allowed reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties or in attendance at special meetings.

11. POWERS. All the corporate powers, except as are otherwise provided for in these Bylaws and under the laws of the State of North Carolina, shall be and are hereby vested and shall be exercised by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate committees of their own number or to officers of the Corporation, or to other members of the Corporation, such powers as they may see fit.

12. DUTIES. The Board of Directors shall present at the annual meeting of members a report, verified by the President and Treasurer or by a majority of the Directors, showing in appropriate detail the following: (a) the assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Corporation as of the end of the fiscal year immediately preceding the annual meeting; (b) the principal changes

in assets and liabilities, including trust funds during the year immediately preceding the date of the report; (c) the revenue or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the year immediately preceding the date of the report; and (d) the expenses and disbursements of the Corporation, both general and restricted purposes, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

1. NUMBER: The officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers with such powers and duties not inconsistent with these Bylaws as may be appointed and determined by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) offices, except those of President, Vice President, and Secretary may be held by the same person.

2. ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE AND QUALIFICATIONS. The President shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors from among their number and the other officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors from such persons as the Board of Directors may see fit, at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual meeting of members of the Corporation.

3. VACANCIES. In case any office of the Corporation becomes vacant by death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or for any other cause, the majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, may elect an officer to fill such vacancy, and the officer so elected shall hold office and serve until the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual meeting of members next succeeding and until election and qualification of his successor.

4. PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors. He shall have and exercise general charge and supervision of the affairs of the Corporation and shall do and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

5. VICE PRESIDENT: At the request of the President, or in the event of his absence or disability, the Vice President shall perform the duties and possess and exercise the powers of the President; and to the extent authorized by law, the Vice President shall have such powers as the Board of Directors may determine, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

6. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall charge of such books, documents and papers as the Board of Directors may determine and shall have the custody of the corporate seal. He shall attend and keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Directors and members of the Corporation. As long as the Secretary of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., has a record containing all of the members of the Corporation and their addresses, the Secretary of this Corporation shall not be required to maintain such a list of members and their addresses. The Secretary may sign with the President or shall Vice President, in name of and on behalf of the Corporation, any contracts or agreements authorized by the Board of Directors, and when so authorized or ordered by the Board of Directors, he may affix the Seal of the Corporation. He shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary subject to the control of the Board of Directors, and shall do and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8.

7. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, property and securities of the Corporation, subject to the regulations as may be imposed by the Board of Directors. He may be required to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors may require. When necessary or proper, he may endorse on behalf of the Corporation for collection of checks, notes, and other obligations, and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Corporation at such banks or depositories as the Board of Directors may designate. He shall sign all receipts and vouchers and, together with such other office or officers, if any, shall be designated by the Board of Directors, to sign all checks of the Corporation and bills of exchange and promissory notes issued by the Corporation, excepting cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly designated by the Board of Directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation. He shall make such payments as may be necessary or proper to be made on behalf of the Corporation to be kept by him for the purpose full and accurate accounts of all monies and all obligations received and paid or incurred by him for or on account of the Corporation, and shall exhibit such books at such reasonable times as any director or member on application at the offices of the Corporation. He shall, in general, perform the duties incident tot he office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

8. SALARIES. No officer shall be paid any salary for the performance of his duties; however, the Board of Directors may authorize reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses of an officer.

9. REMOVAL: Any officer who may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, for nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance, for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Corporation, for lack of sympathy with its objectives, or for refusal to render reasonable assistance in carrying out its purposes. Any officer proposed to be removed shall be entitled to at least five (5) days notice in writing by mail of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such removal is to be voted upon and shall be entitled to appear and be heard by the Board of Directors at such meeting.

ARTICLE V

AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

The Board of Directors may appoint such agents and representatives of the Corporation with such powers and to perform such acts or duties on behalf of the Corporation as the Board of Directors may see fit, so far as may be consistent with these Bylaws, to the extent authorized or permitted by law.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTS

The Board of Directors, except as in these Bylaws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance. Unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable pecuniary for any purpose or to any amount.

ARTICLE VII

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the same as the fiscal year for the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII

PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING IN CORPORATE FUNDS OR EARNINGS

No member, director, officer, or employee of or member of a committee or a person connected with the Corporation or any other private individual shall receive at any time any earnings or profit

from the operations of the Corporation, provided that this shall not prevent the payment to any such person of such reasonable compensation for service rendered to or for the Corporation in effecting any of its purposes as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the Corporation. All members of the Corporation shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that upon dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the Corporation, after all debts have been satisfied, then remaining in the hands of the Board of Directors shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over, in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine, or as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction upon application of the Board of Directors, exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE IX

INVESTMENTS

The Corporation shall have the right to retain any or all of any security or property acquired by it in whatever manner, and to invest and reinvest funds held by it, according to the judgment of the Board of Directors, without being restricted to the class of investments which a director is or may hereafter be permitted by law to make or any similar restriction; provided, however, no action shall be taken on behalf of the Corporation is such action is a prohibited transaction or would result in the denial of the tax exemption under Section 503 of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any meeting of the Corporation by a majority vote of the delegates, representing the subordinate lodges, provided that the proposed action is inserted in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE XI

EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member, director, officer, employee, or representative of this Corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the Corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE XII

GERALD AND LEA COATES ENDOWMENT FUND

1. There is established the Gerald and Lea Coates Endowment Fund, the corpus of which shall be invested in income producing property and securities, and the income of which shall be applied from time to time in such manner as the Directors of the North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust may determine, for the furtherance of such of the charitable, educational, and benevolent activities of the Major Projects and Charities of the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., or otherwise, as said Directors may determine; provided, that money or property may be received by the Directors for other purposes than accumulation in the corpus of the Fund, if the donors thereof so direct, and within the general scope of the Fund.

2. The Endowment Fund shall be administered by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust.

3. The North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust Directors are hereby granted and given plenary powers to promote, develop, and administer the said Fund to accomplish its charitable, educational, and benevolent purposes; that said Directors be, and are authorized and empowered to received from any source any moneys, securities, or other property that may be properly transferred to them, in trust for the purposes for which the Fund is established; to invest the same in such safe securities and other property, to sell, transfer, and reinvest the same in such manner as shall best safeguard the Fund and assure the continuity of its income; and may either accumulate such moneys, securities, or other property as a part of the corpus, using only the income thereof, or may use all or part of such moneys, securities, or other property for purposes of distribution, in case the respective donors thereof may so direct, within the scope of the charitable,

educational, and benevolent purposes of the Fund. The said Directors shall report semi-annually to the North Carolina State Elks Association, Inc., their activities, the income and expenditures of the Fund during the past year and their prospective work and activities for the future. The disbursement of all moneys from the Endowment Fund shall be upon order of the Board of Directors, such order to be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of such Board.

