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**Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 Welcomes New Members
Initiated at the March 20th Lodge Meeting**



Pictured from left to right: Jeff Carter, Mark Tomei, Allen Stewart, ER Kevin Frey, Angela Moore, Kim Pryor, Ronald Beall, and Richard Penk

Upcoming Events

- River Park Meeting at the Lodge—April 9, 2009—7 p.m.
- Shag Club Social—April 11, 2009— Elks welcome to participate—8 p.m.
- Salisbury Elks Golf League Begins—April 15th—5 p.m.
- DD Clinic April 19th—Mount Airy is hosting this.
- Salisbury Elks Bowling League Banquet—April 18th—6:30 p.m.
- River Park Clean-Up—April 25, 2009—9 a.m.
- State Spring Convention—May 1—3, 2009—Asheville, NC
- Mothers Day Brunch—May 10th, 2009 at the Lodge

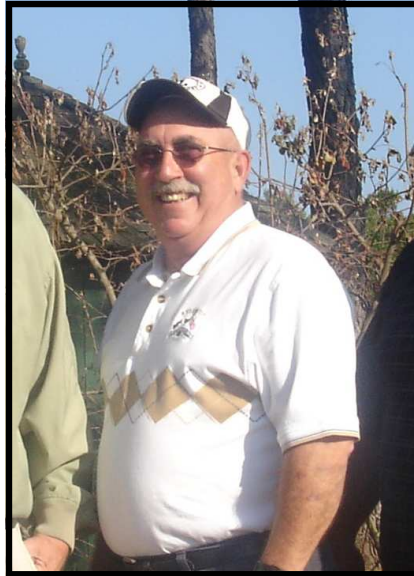
ER Message

Greeting Fellow Elks,

Let me start out this month's message by thanking the out-going Exalted Ruler, **Kevin Frey**, for his dedicated service over the last year. Under his leadership and guidance, once again the Salisbury Lodge had a positive membership gain. There were also numerous events held at the lodge over the year. To note, The Mother's Day Breakfast, Shaggers events and a dinner to honor those who served our country on Veterans Day. Congratulations Kevin, for a job well done.

I'm honored and privileged to once again serve as Exalted Ruler of the Salisbury Elks Lodge for the upcoming year. I look back and ask myself, "Is this Ground Hog Day, deja vu, here we go again, he's baaaaack?" all those old sayings. I never thought I'd be singing Gene Autrey's classic song "Back in the Saddle Again", but here we are.

Not sure if anyone remembers one of my ER messages early in my second year - it had something to do with baseball. Hopefully this year there will a lot of base hits and occasionally some home runs. I'm sure there will be some strike outs and a few errors,



but hopefully, when the year's over, we will have had another winning season. Winning seasons take a lot of team work, and I hope I can count on the members of this lodge to step up to the plate and swing for the fences. There are many committees that need coaches (committee chairperson) and players. If you would like to serve on or chair one of these committees please let me know. Thank You.

There will be a meeting of river park residents and all members wishing to obtain a permanent site on Thursday April 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the lodge. At this meeting we will also elect a River Park chairperson and select a committee, review the lease agreements and go over any concerns anyone may have.

Officer installation will be held at the first meeting in April (Apr. 2nd). Please plan to attend and support your newly

elected officers for the up coming year.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Sce , Exalted Ruler

River Park Clean Up



The annual clean-up at the River Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, 2009 beginning at 9 a.m.

Bring your rakes, leaf blowers and elbow-grease to help get our park in shape for the upcoming season.

All volunteers are welcome to join in.

Julie Copley will be serving, as usual, one of her famous stews to help keep your energy levels high.

See you all out there!!!



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River Park Meeting



The River Park Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 9th at 7 p.m. The meeting will have the following agenda:

- **Appointment of River Park Chairperson and selection of River Park Committee**
- **Concerns regarding River Park**
- **Review of Leases/Waiting List**

You should attend if you would like to be part of this committee and/or if you are interested in securing a permanent spot at the River Park.

House Committee News

The House Committee for 2008/2009 will be co-chaired by **James Caldwell** and **Bernie McDonald**. They will be meeting shortly to review and plan a full year of events to allow our members to enjoy the Lodge as well as the River Park.

House Committee news and events will be posted in the Newsletter in up-coming months.

They can always use volunteers to make our events more successful. Please see James or Bernie if you would like to sign up to help with an event.

Don't Forget your Elks National Foundation Pledge! You can contribute on-line now at www.elks.org/ donate.

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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

What is family, I ask? Family, I believe, is the main core of a person. The way we are brought up determines the social character of our society and is the building block for the community. Family is where we all learn to care for one another, love one another unconditionally, show compassion when needed, and learn respect not only for ourselves but for others as well. It's where we learn out about honesty, fairness, common sense, and what our family values are.

What exactly makes up a strong family that possesses good values? A strong family is one that sustains its members by supporting and nourishing the members throughout the life span of the family. It creates a safe, positive and supportive place for family members to thrive and grow each day.

Our brotherhood of Elks is a family too, if you think about it. We take an oath to support the Constitution, obey the rules, give assistance to members in need, protect the members and their good names, respect and defend their families, or..... "May I wander through the world forsaken".

Take time to examine both "families". What can you do to make the family strong?

Are you really supporting and nourishing the Lodge throughout the life span? Are you contributing to the building block of the community?

Promote family values.

Vanessa Eanes, Secretary



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Sickness & Distress



Our sympathies to Donnie and Bryan Smith on the loss of Donnie's Mother. Sympathy also to Archie Blythe, as this was his grandmother.

Sympathy as well to Cal Flannery whose mother recently passed away.

Sympathy to Tommy Miller whose sister has passed away.

Sympathy to Sheila Whaling on the loss of her brother.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Nancy Stout, Jim Stout's wife who had recent knee surgery

Paul Flahive who sustained injuries when assaulted recently in downtown Salisbury.

Vickie Revis, Gail Sce's sister, who had recent cancer surgery in Philadelphia.

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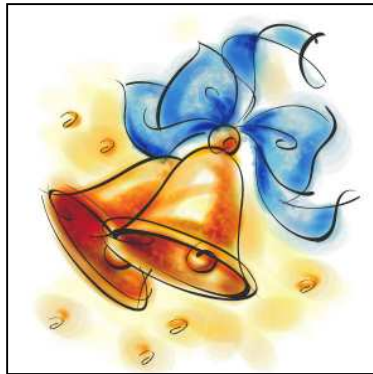
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Elks Care and Elks Share and Sometimes, Elks Even Marry Elks!!!



There must be something in the air at Salisbury Elks Lodge #699. There has been a spike in Elk weddings between February 14th and March 21st of this year. Six members have "tied the knot," and all are members of our lodge.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to:

Patricia (Smith) and **Butch Brown** who were married on St. Valentine's Day.

Julie (Sce) and **James Caldwell** were married on February 20th.

Shellie (Eagle) and **Rob Stubbs** were married on March 21st.

Lodge Officers—2009-2010

Exalted Ruler	Bob Sce
Leading Knight	Julie Caldwell
Loyal Knight	Eddy Harwood
Lecturing Knight	Jeff Mills
Secretary	Vanessa Eanes
Treasurer	Mike Jones
Tiler	Archie Blythe
Esquire	Steve Arey
Inner Guard	Allison Holshouser
Chaplain	Ray Paradowski

Trustees

Brett Summers—5 year

John Salonen—4 year

Rob Stubbs—3 year

Mike Davis—2 year

Jim Hill—1 year

Committees

Americanism—

House & Entertainment—**James Caldwell & Bernie MacDonald**

Publicity—**Gail Sce**

Membership—**Kevin Frey**

Youth Activities—

Drug Awareness—

River Park—

Caretaker—**Steve and Julie Copley and Allison Holshouser**

National Foundation—**Kent Roberts**

Veterans Service—**John Salonen**

Bingo—**Billie Jean Proctor**

April Birthdays



We were unable to get an updated birthday list for this edition of the newsletter. We will publish both April and May birthdays next month.

Birthday cards will also be sent out on a monthly basis to our members and included in each card will be a free drink coupon to use at the lodge!!!

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**2008/2009 Salisbury Elks Bowling
League Awards Banquet
Saturday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.
Downtowner Restaurant**

PRIME RIB DINNER



Bowling Members receive free dinner. Other Elk members and Friends are invited to this end-of-season celebration for \$15.00 each. Reservations must be made one week in advance!!!

Come join us for an evening of fun!!!



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Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 2009 Golf League to Begin in April!!!



Finally!!! We can golf again!!! The Salisbury Elks Lodge golf league will begin Wednesday, April 15. Point scoring will begin May 13th. The first few weeks will be mainly for practice and to establish a handicap.

Bernie McDonald will be league coordinator for 2009.

Golf will be played at Corbin Hills. Price will be \$25.00 for banquet and prizes — a one-time fee. Weekly cost to golf will be \$7.00 to walk, \$13 with cart.

Sign up at the Lodge today!!!!

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VA Bingo is always the first Tuesday of the month. John Salonen is the VA Chairperson. He needs volunteer help with this. One hour session for about 50 vets. Please call him at 637-7101. The VA location is on Brenner Avenue, Building 6 at 7 p.m.

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