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**SALISBURY LODGE #699 WELCOMES NINE NEW MEMBERS
AT MARCH 2011 LODGE MEETING**



James D Smith, Don Boehm, George Rutzler, Vance Lapish (lexington lodge) Catherine Burrows, Gary Bradshaw, Sharon VanAuken, Ed Johnston, Wayne Carter & Greg Benton. ER Bill Brown in background

Upcoming Events

- April 7, 2011—Lodge Meeting and New Officer Installation—7:30 p.m.
- April 29—May 1, 2011—State Convention, Asheville, NC
- May 7—Salisbury Lodge #699 110th Birthday Celebration
- May 14th—Elks Bowling League Awards Banquet

ER MESSAGE

Hello all fellow Elk members!

I hope that everyone is doing well. I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in reelecting me to the position of Exalted ruler. It is a pleasure to serve all of you once again. I am looking forward to a prosperous new year and hope that I have an opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the great things **we are going to accomplish together this year.**

I want to thank **Bill Brown** for the good job that he has done during this past year, and I know I can count on you to help the lodge once again be successful during this new year. I have already been fortunate to hear from a lot of good folks that are willing to do their part in making the lodge a success and if I haven't heard from you, be expecting a phone call from us as we want to get everyone involved in **OUR** success. Its up to all of us to come together **and do our part however large or small that may be. I believe our greatest tool we all have to our success is a positive "can do" attitude.** If we can promote ourselves, our lodge, in a positive and cooperative manner we can



In conclusion, lets all get together and make some great things happen for our lodge and our community and remember—**be positive!!! WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER.**

Respectfully,

Kevin Frey, Exalted Ruler

Committee Chair Vacancies

While most of the committee chairs have been filled for this year, we are still in need of committee chairpersons for Americanism, Publicity, Drug Awareness and Veterans Service. If you are a veteran, or if you have connections to the school system, or if you know people in the media, we could surely use your help.

Please contact Kevin Frey if you would like to consider heading up any of these committees. It is amazing how great you feel when you involve yourself in these worthwhile activities.

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accomplish anything we want to.

Each of us has a voice in our destiny. The place for that voice is at committee meetings and at lodge meetings. **Please** respect all the committee members, officers and trustees by making your opportunities for improvement known at the appropriate time, ie not at the bar. Each member is **required by their obligation to respect one another** and to defend each member's home and fireside! Remember that part! **This will be enforced!!! No exceptions!**

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Secretary's Message

Welcome to the nine new Brother and Sister Elks who were initiated on March 17th. I hope we will see ALL of you at our next meeting.

As of this writing, 28 Elks have not paid their dues and will be dropped on 3/31/11. Consequently and if nothing changes we will end up with a net loss of 5 for the year for a total of 381.

As for current receipts, 44% of our members have paid their dues. Thanks to all for sending their dues in so promptly. That's a very good start and I hope this positive trend continues. However, we really need for all to pay as soon as possible as we will have to pay the GL and state association per capita fees of \$6,477 on May 1. Couple that with the \$4,000 plus insurance premium and the first 50% of dues received is already allocated for mandatory Grand Lodge expenses.

One other "required" expense is associated with our club room operations. The NC wine, beer and mixed drink permits are due April 30. The first two are \$200 each with the mixed drink permit costing \$750. I struggle with us continuing with this process and at our first meeting in April I will introduce a motion that the lodge apply for a brown bagging license. That license is only \$200 and by brown bagging instead of offering mixed drinks, this frees us from onerous record keeping rules, the cost of procuring and stocking various brands of liquor while allowing for less experienced bartenders and unpaid volunteers to work the bar. If approved, this has to be done at this meeting in order to allow time to sell our \$3000+ of liquor inventory by the end of April.

This past year's poor financial re-

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**Bob Sce, President
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sults in particular is a good enough reason in justifying that. However, I have been involved with the Lodge leadership for the past 20 years and we have ALWAYS had challenges in regulating this high cost service. I believe brown bagging will be a win/win situation for all. In addition, brown bagging allows us to bring back storage lockers where for a small fee a member or a husband and wife can keep up to 8 liters of liquor and/or wine for their use. This far less expensive approach just makes sense for a small non-profit with a weak bar business to adopt. Yes, it would initially be an inconvenience for liquor drinkers but in time it will be an opportunity to reduce our club room losses and actually entice others with lockers to patronize the lodge more frequently. I will e-mail the lodge leadership with my thoughts prior to the meeting but if there are others interested in discussing this subject prior to the meeting, please call or email me at 704-798-5426 or mikejonea2@yahoo.com.

Mike Jones, Secretary

New Membership Proposals

Jack Burgin requesting transfer from San Francisco #3.

Sickness & Distress



We are very happy report that we received no reports of any of our members ill or in distress!!!

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stairs hall is
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Lodge Officers—2011-2012

Exalted Ruler	Kevin Frey
Leading Knight	Rich Penk
Loyal Knight	Mark Mauney
Lecturing Knight	Archie Blythe
Secretary	Mike Jones
Treasurer	Bob Sce
Tiler	Allison Holshouser
Esquire	Lily Marks
Inner Guard	Mike Ratz
Chaplain	

Trustees

Ralph Henderson—5 year

Mike Davis—4 year

Brett Summers—3 year

John Salonen—2 year

Kent Roberts—1 year

Committees

Americanism—

House & Entertainment—Mike Mauney

Publicity—

Membership—Rich Penk

Youth Activities—Vanessa Eanes

Drug Awareness—

River Park—Jim Oliver

Caretaker—Steve and Julie Copley and

Allison Holshouser

National Foundation—Kent Roberts

Veterans Service—

Bingo—Julie Copley

Social & Community Welfare—Archie

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Steering Committee—Glenn Shim-
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Bingo at the Lodge



Monday Night Bingo is
growing....along with the
prizes. Come join us to play
or to help the
Volunteers.

Refreshments available all
evening.

Sign-up Sheet at the Lodge.
7 p.m.—9 p.m.



RIVER PARK NEWS

By the time you get this the Clean up day has past and a new Elk year has begun. I would like to thank the entire group of Volunteers who donated their time, materials and machinery to the Elks and beautification of the River Park.

The upgrades to the bathrooms are complete and thanks again to all who helped out. I encourage all Elks to visit the River Park and enjoy all it has to offer. This is the kick off to a new Elks year and I would like to thank new ER **Kevin Frey** for asking me to stay on as the chairman of the River Park. Also joining me on the committee are **Cathy Shoaf, Archie Blythe, James Caldwell, Allen Riggs, Marcie Puckett and Tammy Rivers.**

New Keys will need to be purchased for the River Park and

are available in the club room at a cost of \$25. If there are any suggestions for the River Park there is a mailbox next to the popcorn machine at the lodge; just drop me a note. Remember as an Elk this River Park belongs to ALL Elks and we ALL have a responsibility to follow River Park rules and also to enforce the rules.

We have set up a Facebook account **SALISBURY ELKS RIVER PARK.** Please join this and be informed of events going on. You can also leave messages of what we can do better or if you can help out.

There are still camp sites available, and reservations can be made by contacting me by cell phone 704-798-1912. All of the Annual spots have been filled for the year.

Jim Oliver
River Park Chairman

House Committee News

Greetings Fellow Elks:

The new House Committee is on board and is looking forward to a very productive year at Elks Lodge #699. We would love to have this be a great year, and the House Committee already has some events on the calendar. Here are some of the activities we are planning this coming year:

May 7th—110th Year Anniversary of the Lodge

June 14th—Flag Day

Poker Runs are scheduled for June 18th and August 13th.

March 17th, 2012—ER Ball

The House Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month . Members are welcome to attend these meetings , or contact a committee member if they have any suggestions or concerns.

House committee members this year are:

- Mike Mauney**
- Mike Sifford**
- Lily Marks**
- Joyce Higdon**
- Brad Henderson**

We can always use volunteers when we have any of these events, so let us know if you would be willing to help.

Mike Mauney
House Committee Chairman



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Lawn Care Bids Sought for Lodge Year 2011/2012



The Trustees will be taking bids for this year's yard maintenance at the Lodge, 508 S Main St., Salisbury, NC.

It will be a one year contract starting May 1st, 2011 running through April 30th, 2012. Anyone interested should submit a bid to the Trustees no later than April 14th.

Scholarship Winners Announced



Two area boys each won a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Elks Most Valuable Student Contest, and two area girls won the \$1,000 Don Stout Memorial Scholarship awarded by Elks Lodge No. 699.

Congratulations to **Luke Thomas**, East Rowan High School, **Joshua Price**, North Rowan High School, **Amber Williamson**, East Davidson High School, and **Victoria Everette**, Central Davidson High School.

Awards will be sent to the college each student will be attending in the Fall.

April Birthdays



Come to the lodge on or near your birthday for a free birthday drink.

James O'Connor	4-2
Fred Setzer	4-3
George Rutzler	4-8
Gregory R. Tano	4-8
Mike Sharpe	4-9
Tim Wheat	4-9
JR Christy, L.A.	4-10
Dominque Shifs	4-12
Douglas Isham	4-14
John N. Kepple	4-15
Newton Walser	4-16
Alicia Heath	4-16
Billy E. Payne	4-17
Teresa Miller	4-18
Joyce Higdon	4-19
Michael R. Jones	4-19
Edward A. Crabtree	4-19
Tony A. Ward	4-20
William T. Brown	4-22
Sharon D. Vanauken	4-23
Benjamin Vaughan	4-23
Marcie Puckett	4-27
Lorena Chase	4-27
Bill Brown	4-29
Sam A. Nash	4-30
Brad Treece	4-30



Elks Bowling League Results for 2011



This year's league went down to the last week to decide the winner this season. Heading into the last week, Pin Therapy had a 5 point lead over the second place team, The Ace Holes. Pin Therapy took 6 out of 8 points to claim first place, for the 2010/2011 season. Congratulation to this year's first place winning team of, **Diane & Dan Spicer** and **Barbara & Payson Schumocher**. Great bowling.

Individual stand-outs are as follow:

Men high series, and average belong to **Mark Cyphers**, with a high series of 716 and high average of 209. **Jim Oliver** had high game with a 288. For the Ladies, **Julie Caldwell** holds the high series 567, and high average of 164. **Becky Cyphers** had the high game of 220.

In the handicap category, for the men high handicap series of 763 goes to **Payson Schumocher**, and high handicap game of 295 to **Scott Moore**. The ladies high handicap game belongs to **Joyce Higdon** 272, and high handicap series is held by **Deb Tomei** with a 727. Great bowling everyone.

The awards banquet will be a steak dinner held on May 14th, at the lodge and is free to league members. Guests may attend at a cost \$11 per person. Sign-up sheet will be at the lodge. Please sign-up or notify **Bob Sce** by May 10th if you plan to attend the banquet.

ER Ball & Awards
Ceremony Held
March 12, 2011

Our Lodge ER Ball was held on Saturday, March 12, to honor our outgoing Exalted Ruler, **Bill Brown**, and to welcome our new ER, **Kevin Frey**.

A delicious chicken dinner was prepared by Mike Sifford and wife Becky.

Dinner was followed with entertainment by the very talented **Chad Sain**. Members and guests danced the night away, and everyone had a great time.

ER Bill Brown then handed out the two most prestigious awards that a member can receive, the **Elk of the Year** Award which was given to **James Caldwell** for his hard work and dedication to our lodge in the capacity of House Committee Chairman, but also for his willingness to give of his time every Monday evening, sometimes from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. to call Bingo so that our lodge can continue to raise money for our charities.

Bob Sce received the **Officer of the Year** for his organization of so many activities many of our members enjoy, such as the golf league, the bowling league, the football club and also for running our Don Stout Golf Tournament which allows us to award two \$1,000 scholarships to local students each year.

Congratulations to Bob and James.

The Liquor Basket was won by **Allie Holshouser**, and the Half and Half was won by **Buddy Henderson**, who generously donated his winnings to the Elks National Foundation.

This is the time of year to celebrate the good works of the outgoing ER, and the welcoming in of our new Exalted Ruler, and the evening did not disappoint!!!



PER Bill Brown with Elk of the Year James Caldwell



PER Bill Brown and Officer of the Year, Bob Sce





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		<p><i>House Committee Meeting 7 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>VA Bingo 7 p.m.</i></p>		<p><i>Lodge Meeting & New Officer Installation 7:30 p.m.</i></p>			
10		12	13	14	15	16	
				<p><i>Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i></p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22		
<p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>				<p><i>Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i></p>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
<p><i>Easter</i></p>				<p><i>PER's Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Arbor Day</i></p>		