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SALISBURY ELKS LODGE #699 MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, December 4th, 2011—2 p.m.
Service to be held Downstairs



All Elks and their families and friends are invited to attend our annual Memorial Service to pay tribute of affection and honor to those Elks who have passed through the shadows into everlasting peace.

The ceremony will take place downstairs to accommodate those members and families who are not able to use the stairs.

Music will be provided

by St. John's Lutheran Choir.

Following the ceremony everyone is invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship.

We are asking members who are able, to donate a dish to pass to help with the meal after the ceremony.

Please note that the bar will be closed during the ceremony.

Our Fallen Members

Allen R. Arey

Irene M. Trexler

Melvin M. Pilligor

John F. Parker

Ken Cavender



Upcoming Events

December 3rd—Adult Christmas Party—7 p.m.—?

December 4th—Memorial Service—2 p.m.—Refreshments to follow service

December 10th—Bowling League Starts—2:15 p.m.

December 17th—Children's Christmas Party—11 a.m.—1 p.m.

January 15th—DD Clinic at the Lodge
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

January 28th—Reverse Raffle at the Lodge

ER Message

Hello Fellow Elks!

I hope everyone is doing well and is ready for the upcoming holiday season. There are a lot of things for us to be **thankful for** as the giving season approaches. We should all be thankful for the wonderful folks in our lodge that volunteer their time and effort to make **your lodge** a better place. **Please take a moment to stop and let all these people know how much you appreciate what they do for you and your lodge!!!!** Charity is the cornerstone of every Elk structure and the highest virtue of every Elk creed!

I want to thank all of the folks that have made the turkey shoot at the river park a success. Its taken a lot of work to put it together and to run it each week. Also want to thank all those that have participated in the turkey shoot. I know it has been a fun time for everyone and in the process it has allowed us to raise some money towards the pier reconstruction project. I'm sure everyone will be glad to hear that funds have been approved to completely rebuild the pier this winter. There are some other projects that are being discussed as well, and one of those is painting the downstairs of the



lodge and replacing the carpet down there. We have been very successful in keeping the downstairs rented this year and would like to be able to spruce it up to entice more folks to come and see what a beautiful facility we have.

I do need every Elk member to help spread the word to your family and friends about our facility. This is a good income for the lodge, and it is a nice facility for folks at a great price.

Congratulations to Oscar and Kay on their recent

wedding and reception here at the lodge. The place looked wonderful and I have been told everyone that came had a great time!!

Please join me in **congratulating Archie Blythe as Elk of the Month!** Archie has done a **wonderful job** organizing the rentals of the downstairs as well as being involved with many other activities. **Thanks Archie** for all of your hard work! I know everyone here **appreciates all of your efforts!**

There are a lot of great events coming to the lodge for everyone to participate in and some of those include: one more round for the **turkey shoot**, **Elks bowling league** starting up Dec. 10th, **Christmas party** on Dec. 3, **children's Christmas party** Dec. 17th, **Christmas parade and PER raffle** on Nov. 23, **reverse raffle** coming in Jan. and also trying to get an **APA pool league** started for Jan. Lots of things to participate in and to volunteer to help with. Please see any of the officers as well as the house committee and or river park for details.

I am looking for a **volunteer or volunteers to begin an antlers youth program** here at the

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lodge! **Our youth are vital to our continued success and legacy as a lodge.** If you are interested in participating please see me personally!

One other area that I need help in is to ask each and everyone of you to contact any member that is delinquent in their dues, especially if you know them personally or sponsored them into the lodge and to ask them why it is they have not renewed their Elks dues. We have 55 members that have not renewed for one reason or another, and **we need to find out why that is.** That is the only way we can make any changes to retain these **good members!** If you are one of these members and would like to contact me personally please feel free to do so at 704-202-5408.

Remember, you can be a part of changing the way things are done, but only if you show up to participate and to vote. Its your lodge, come and be a part of its success!!

I would like to wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!**

God Bless our members.

Kevin Frey
Exalted Ruler

Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 17th 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Bring kids to Lodge Christmas party



your the for a mas that

includes games, music, refreshments and Santa!!!

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

Thanks to those who paid their dues. We are down to 54 as of this writing. However and if nothing changes we will end the year with a net loss of 39 for a total of 345 total members. That's quite significant and while I know this number will be reduced substantially by March 31st, a net gain will be very difficult to achieve at this pace. So please, if you haven't paid your dues, do so asap.

December is a great month all the way around. Lots of exciting events going on with our families and community. However, a number of your brother elks are jobless. If you have something temporary, part time or even full time, please let us know here at the lodge. Our permanent e-mail address is Salisburyelks699@gmail.com Please save it in your address book.

Glenn Shimmel and I as well as a few others are working on a long term strategic plan to advance our Lodge. If you are interested in offering some input please let us know. To give you an idea of what the possibilities are go to www.elks.org, sign up as a member if you aren't already and check out the round table discussion that was held at the grand lodge convention in July. They highlight lodges who have been successful and this 45 minute video is quite impressive. It is not all gloom and doom out there and the lodges highlighted (including Hickory NC where unemployment is 10%+ and there is no "facility" drawing card) are making great strides in growing their Lodge and advancing the principles of our Order which are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Some exciting times await us.. if we will only seize the moment and begin to

Congratulations to: Archie Blythe



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Lodge Officers—2011-2012

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Loyal Knight	Archie Blythe
Lecturing Knight	Mike Ratz
Secretary	Mike Jones
Treasurer	Bob Sce
Tiler	Allison Holshouser
Esquire	Lillie Marks
Inner Guard	Ron Beall
Chaplain	Mike Sifford

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Ralph Henderson—5 year
Mike Davis—4 year
Brett Summers—3 year
John Salonen—2 year
Kent Roberts—1 year

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House & Entertainment—**Lily Marks**
Publicity—**Melanie Davis**
Membership—**Rich Penk**
Youth Activities—**Vanessa Eanes**
Drug Awareness—**Mike Ratz**
River Park—**Jim Oliver**
Caretaker—**Steve and Julie Copley and Allison Holshouser**
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Veterans Service—**Mike Davis**
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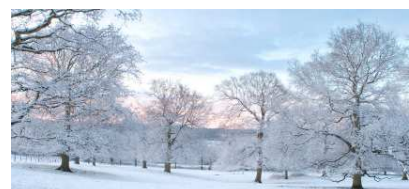


Secretary's Message cont'd

think of ourselves as Elks. Yes, our home lodge is here in Salisbury and not to negate what we do here but a big difference in perception from what most think. I hope you will consider joining us.

Fraternally

Mike Jones, Secretary



River Park News



When you get this the Turkey Shoot will have passed, and if you didn't attend you missed a great and very successful event with fun and a lot of hanging out in the woods by a fire and great food.

It was really great seeing the young men with their Dad's and looking so proud after shooting and some moving up to a larger gun and some actually winning.

This took a lot of effort by many people and I hope no one is left off the list. **Cathy Shoaf, Marcie Puckett, Larry Rodgers, Brett Summers, Tommy Miller, Mike Ratz, Chris Waller, Steve Reavis, Andy Jenkins, Rick Coalson, Archie Blythe, Kevin Frey, Donnie and Bryan Smith, Lorena Chase, Candi Riggs, Tammy Crocker** and donations from **Lillie Marks, Jeff and Elaine Pickles, BB Brittan, Tommy Miller, Larry Rodgers, Marcie Puckett, Randy Jenkins, Glenn Shimmel** and a very special thanks to **Rick Glover** for his weekly donations, he deserves a star on the new pier. If anyone helped the last week sorry but the newsletter had to be turned in before Saturday.

The Pier replacement has been voted on and approved and the permit process is on the way. So let's hope the water goes down, and we can get this done.

There is still Monthly,

Weekly, Daily, camping available. The fall is a wonderful time for camping.

If you have any suggestions for the River Park there is a mailbox next to the popcorn machine at the lodge, just drop me a note.

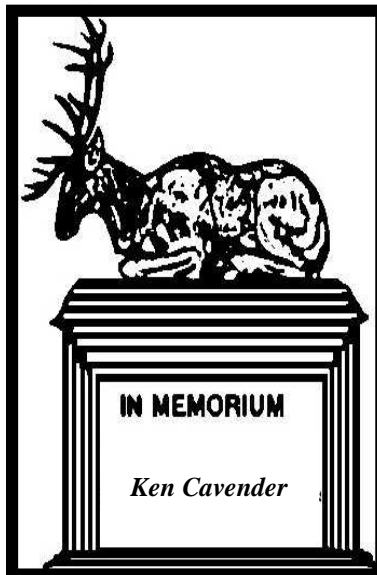
Remember, as an Elk this River Park belongs to ALL Elks and we ALL have a responsibility to follow River Park rules, and also to enforce the rules.

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

There is still camping available and reservations can be made by contacting me by cell phone 704-798-1912. The Annual spots have been filled for the year, and the waiting list is posted in the club room and on Facebook.

Next River Park meeting December, 13th 7:30PM at the lodge.

Jim Oliver
River Park Chairman



Membership News

My sincere thanks to all members who have renewed their membership. Unfortunately, we have 50+ members who have not yet paid. If you know someone who has not yet paid and/or sponsored them into the lodge, please encourage them to renew. There may be those who for a reason choose not to - maybe we can find out why they don't wish to. Let me know.

There is strength in numbers and many hands make light work. That is why a want to restate my challenge that whoever brings in the most new members this year, I will pay your dues next year. Even Grand Lodge has a contest for those bringing in 3 or more members.

Thanks to all who have sponsored someone this year and best wishes to all for a healthy and happy holiday season.

Rich Penk, Membership Chairman

Sickness & Distress

Our deepest sympathy to:

The family of Ken Cavender who passed away.

Best wishes for a speedy recover to:

John Salonen who is in the VA hospital in Asheville

George Rutzler who is recovering from colon cancer

Julie Copley who is recovering from recent knee surgery

Albert Culp who had a recent knee replacement

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December Birthdays



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

Scott Snider	12-5
Wayne Carter	12-6
Harry M. Ward	12-6
Peggy J. Glover	12-8
Gary L. Sill	12-10
James D. Caldwell	12-11
Bryan M. Smith	12-12
Michael Mauney	12-12
Arden Haagenstad	12-12
James Brett. Summers	12-12
Paul D. Boyer	12-12
John O. Salonen	12-14
Travis Causey	12-14
Timothy Page	12-14
William M. Hall	12-18
Danny Williams, Jr.	12-19
Frankie L. Martin	12-21
Mark Vaughan	12-23
Erin L. Vinson	12-23
James Earp	12-26
George H. Kirkpatrick	12-27
Tony Boggs	12-28
Jeffrey Pickles	12-29
Jeff Baughman	12-29
Mark Tomei	12-29
Nathan Harris	12-31
Angela Moore	12-31
Eddy D. Harwood	12-31

Winter

House Committee News

Greetings from the house committee and Happy Holidays! We have many events planned for the next couple of months. We hope you will come and join us for the fun and entertainment.

The Christmas party is December 3rd and tickets are on sale at the lodge or from the house committee members. *Mid Life Crisis* is a great band and normally draws a great crowd.

If you plan to eat you can reserve tables at the lodge. Tickets are \$20.00 for dinner and band. To come only for the band is \$10.00. The upstairs bar will close after the daily/weekly/monthly drawing on December 3rd around 6:30pm.

The bowling league will begin on December 10th at 2:15. Please come sign up your bowling team at the lodge. We are working on a band to play upstairs December 10th around 7:30 after bowling.

December 17th is the Christmas party for the youth from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you wish to donate kids toy please bring to the lodge unwrapped. You will receive a free drink for your donation.

The football Sunday is still going strong. For all that come and participate thank you! For those that have not had a chance to enjoy the NFL package we still have many weeks left. We would love to see your smiling faces. Come and bring a covered dish to share.

We need your input as to whether or not to have a New Year's Eve party. Please come to the lodge or contact the lodge to let us know if you would like the lodge to hold a New Year's Eve party. We need to know quickly to reserve a

band or DJ.

January 15th is the District Deputy Clinic. Your presence at the meeting would be awesome. Come and meet other members from other lodges.

On January 28th we are holding a reverse drawing. Tickets are \$50.00 for 2 for dinner and band. There will be beer, wine and well drinks -open bar - through the drawing. Tickets are available at the lodge.

If you have suggestions for the House Committee to help improve your lodge please feel free to come to our next meeting which will be the second Tuesday of December instead of the first due to several members will be out of town at 7:30.

As always we would like to extend a warm welcome to all Elks members to come and enjoy the fellowship at the lodge. Merry Christmas to all!

Respectfully submitted,

Lillie Marks

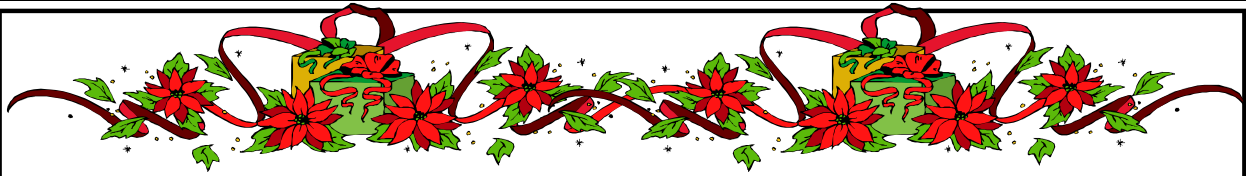
Bingo at the Lodge

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MONDAY NIGHT—
VOLUNTEER TO HELP
OUT OR JUST COME
TO PLAY.**

**MONDAY NIGHTS AT
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**LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS at the
SALISBURY ELKS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday, December 3rd, 2011
508 SOUTH MAIN STREET
DOWNTOWN SALISBURY**

**COCKTAIL HOUR AT 6:00 P.M.
DINNER SERVED AT 7:00 P.M.
ENTERTAINMENT AT 8:00**

Chicken Dinner presented by Mike Sifford

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**TICKETS FOR DINNER/DANCE NOW ON SALE AT
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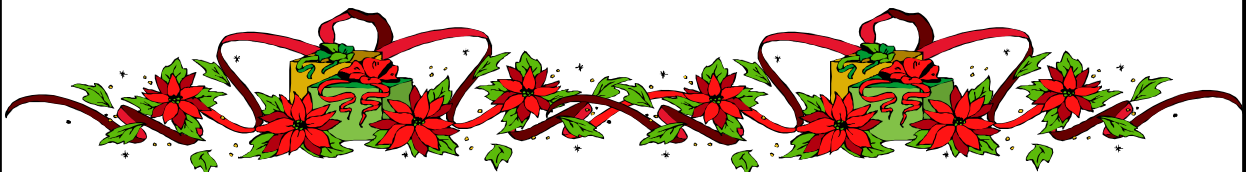
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**Antlers' Program to Start
at Salisbury Elks Lodge**



The newest program in Elkdom is an old one! Yes, it is the Junior Elks Program called "the Antlers." It is a chance for young people in our communities to get involved with the Elks in the many service-related projects our Lodges sponsor.

The program was initially organized in the late 1930's and went well for several years as an active arm of the Elks. However, by the 1960's interest in the program had waned and was ended. Recently, a few Lodges have restarted the program with great success.

The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has as its major objective the following:

- To quicken the spirit of American Patriotism
- To teach respect for parents and love of home
- To inculcate the fundamentals of good citizenship
- To aid in a worthy cause
- To establish foundation of character
- To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members
- And to respect the conviction of others in the matters of worship and religion is true Americanism

Membership in the organization is open to any individual who has passed their twelfth and not yet reached their twenty-first birthday, who is a citizen of the United States of America, of good character and who believes in the existence of God.

We will need adult volunteers to oversee the program and to develop worthy projects for the kids to work on.

If you have a child or grandchild who would be interested in joining or if you would be interested in becoming an Antlers' advisor, please contact ER, Kevin Frey at 704-636-1161.

It's Christmas Time
by Bob Lazzar-Atwood.

*Put your problems on probation
Run your troubles off the track,
Throw your worries out the window
Get the monkeys off your back.*

*Silence all your inner critics
With your conscience make amends,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!*

*Call a truce with those
who bother you
Let all the fighting cease,
Give your differences a breather
And declare a time of peace,*

*Don't let angry feelings taint
The precious time you have to spend,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!*

*Like some cool refreshing water
Or a gentle summer breeze,
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers
Or the smell of autumn leaves,
It's a banquet for the spirit
Filled with family, food and friends,
So allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again!*



**Bowling League Starts
Saturday, December 10th**



Dust off your bowling balls and shine your bowling shoes as Salisbury Elks lodge league starts on Saturday, December 10th.

Please plan to meet at Woodleaf Lanes at 1:45 p.m. the first Saturday for a league meeting and to draw for the lanes you will be bowling on.

Practice begins at 2:15 **sharp**, and games begin at 2:30 p.m.

If you haven't been up to the lodge to sign up, please give Bob Sce a call at 704-798-8813 to let him know that you do plan on bowling.

You don't have to be a great bowler to join this fun league.

At the end of the 16 week league, there will be a steak dinner and awards banquet where league prizes will be handed out.

If you've bowled in this league before, you know how much fun it can be. Come up to lodge afterwards for our weekly drawing and even more games — Join you fellow Elks in a game of Left, Right, Center in the club room, or just come up and have a beverage.

Saturdays are lots of fun during our bowling season.

Hope to see you all there!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	2	3 <i>Elks Christmas Dinner & Dance</i> 6 p.m.—til?
4 	5	6 <i>VA Bingo</i> 7 p.m. <i>House Committee Meeting</i> 7 p.m.	7 <i>Wings & Things</i> 5:30—7 p.m. <i>At the Lodge</i>	8 <i>Trustees Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	9	10 <i>Elks Bowling League Begins</i> —2:15 p.m.
11 		13 <i>River Park Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	14 <i>Wings & Things</i> 5:30—7 p.m. <i>At the Lodge</i>	15 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	16	17 <i>Children's Christmas Party</i> 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
18	19	20	21 <i>Wings & Things</i> 5:30—7 p.m. <i>At the Lodge</i>	22 <i>PER's Meeting</i> 7:30 .m.	23 	
25 		27	28 <i>Wings & Things</i> 5:30—7 p.m. <i>At the Lodge</i>	29 	30	31

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