

February 2012

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HELP WANTED—CARETAKER AT THE RIVER PARK

Job Description for Caretaker

Maintain Grounds: mowing, weeding, clearing, as needed year round to include: weekly mowing in spring/summer months as required; and at a minimum bi-weekly mulching, mowing, and clearing as needed in fall/winter months. This would include fallen limbs, trees, etc.

During Peak Usage Months (Memorial Day – Labor Day), Caretaker should maintain the facilities before and after weekends, to include: bathrooms, kitchen, dock, beach, shelter, trash, and common areas.

Clean, maintain, and stock restrooms before and after weekends during peak months

The Caretaker should purchase and replenish supplies as needed, toilet tissue, paper towels, hand soap, light bulbs, etc.

The Caretaker should make minor repairs to any and all equipment, housing, sheds, dock, etc.

The Caretaker should notify either the river park committee with any major repairs or problems with any equipment, sheds, dock, shelter, etc., which need attention or are creating a hazardous condition.

Confirm receipts for monthly, daily, and primitive campers - notify those not paid to pay at lodge and also notify River Park Committee.

Nightly gate lock when present and after events.

Ensure the yard equipment is maintained to include servicing, tune-ups, oil etc.

Report on broken, failing and/or damaged equipment and whether repairs, replacement and/or removal is necessary.

Ensure that events held at river park have a cleanup staff/volunteers to assist in cleanup after event.

Ensure that Dumpster is emptied routinely before overflow.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact ER Kevin Frey or River Park Chairperson, Jim Oliver or call the lodge 704-636-1161.

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ER Message

Hello fellow Elk members!

What a busy season this has been with all of the fun activities to participate in and a lot of work getting started in the coming weeks. You will notice some capitol improvements going on at the lodge and at the river park. These include the construction of a new pier at the river park as the old pier has long since passed its life expectancy as well as a new roof going on the lodge. The recent hail storm that came through a couple months ago caused significant damage to the roof and the insurance company has seen fit to give us the money to replace it completely. Both of these projects are slated to start within the next week or so.

I want to thank all of those that have been participating in the many events we have held over the last month which have included the dinners downstairs, karaoke upstairs the bowling league and football Sundays! All of these have been a lot of fun and I hope you will take the opportunity to thank the wonderful members of our lodge who have volunteered their time to make all of these things happen.



The year is winding down but we still have a lot to do. We are getting the Elks youth antler program kicked off on February 10th with a dance. If you have a child between the ages of 14 and 20 be sure to bring them to the lodge that night for some fun entertainment and an introduction to the antlers program. This is a golden opportunity for our lodge to begin cultivating the youth in our community towards what Elkdom is all about.

I am pleased to announce **Joyce Higdon** as our Elk of the month!! Joyce is actively involved in almost every activity we do at the lodge and she has put in a great deal of time volunteering to make many of the events you enjoy possible. Please join me in thanking Joyce for all she does for you our members!! Great Job Joyce!!!

Well next month promises to continue with many things to do including the nomination of officers at the 1st. meeting in February. This meeting will be conducted by the PERS of the lodge. The election of officers will be at the following meeting which is the 3rd Thursday. Please make plans to attend both of these as they are very important to our lodge. If you have interest in serving as an officer our as a committee member please let any of the current officers know so that your name can be considered.

Remember its your lodge, come and be a part of its success!!!!

Sincerely,

Kevin Frey, Exalted Ruler

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Sickness & Distress



Our sympathy to the families and friends of:

Charlotte Lambert, our bartender who was killed in a tragic car accident.

Tony Kluttz, whose sister passed away recently.

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to:

John Salonen, who is still recovering from recent surgery.

Jim Oliver, who had a recent foot surgery.

Wednesday Night Wings
'N Things Menu

Chicken Wings (6) \$3.50 or (10) \$5.00

Chicken Tenders \$3.50

Onion Rings \$2.50

Mozzarella Sticks \$2.50

Hamburgers \$2.50

Cheeseburgers \$2.75

French Fries \$2.00

Don't Forget your Elks National Foundation

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January 2012



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Secretary's Message

We are coming down the home stretch for the membership year and we still have way too many who have not paid their dues and will be dropped for nonpayment at the end of March. At this rate we will lose at least 20 overall and that's not good. I know dues have gone up a little but still we are worthy of supporting even if you do not participate. The \$59 in dues is essentially a contribution given all the many good things we do here in our community. So I hope all 49 on this extensive list will consider seriously paying both this AND next years dues. Also, your employer may have a policy where they will pay your dues (or reimburse you). It can be written off by them as a deductible business expense. Just so you know, \$14 goes to Grand Lodge and of that \$3.50 is for the *Elks Magazine* (you can view that on-line now too) and \$3 for Liability insurance. An additional \$3 goes to our State association.

As I'm certain will be touched on elsewhere in this newsletter. February is an important month in Elkdom. Our first meeting on Thursday the 2nd is the Past Exalted Rulers and Old-timers meeting. We'll have a meal that will be served downstairs and we will be specially inviting all the old timers and new members from this fiscal year to attend. It is usually a great meeting yet not excessively lengthy. Bring your spouse too if you are thinking of attending. Officer's for the coming year will be nominated that evening. On Thursday the 16th, Officer elections are being held. This auspicious day also marks the 154th birthday of our Order! That's quite an achievement and I hope we'll have something special going on to celebrate this special occasion.
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BANQUET HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTALS



The downstairs hall is available for rent for your private party, wedding reception, or reunion. The downstairs can accommodate up to 200 people. Contact **Archie Blythe** for information @ (home) or 704-267-5309.

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www.SalisburyElks.org or contact us at
<http://facebook.com/salisburyelks>
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Lodge Officers—2011-2012

Exalted Ruler	Kevin Frey
Leading Knight	Rich Penk
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

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—**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**
National Foundation—**Kent Roberts**
Veterans Service—**Mike Davis**
Bingo—**Julie Copley**
Social & Community Welfare—**Archie Blythe**
Steering Committee—**Glenn Shimmel**

(Secretary's Message continued)

For a look back at our amazing history of one of the greatest fraternal organizations of the 20th century go to www.elkshistory.org. Lots of fascinating and interesting articles and pictures of a time when America was being transformed into an industrial giant.

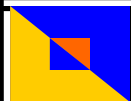
I'll be sending out dues notices for the coming year about mid February. Rates are unchanged from the previous year. Think that's it for the moment and I hope to see many of you at the Lodge very soon.

Mike Jones, Secretary



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House Committee News

Greetings from the House Committee to all Elks.

December and January have been very busy at the Lodge. We had the Elks Christmas party, children's Christmas party, a special DJ event, New Year's Eve party, football on Sundays and the Elks' bowling league.

In January we hosted the District Deputy Clinic on January 15th. Thanks to **Willie** and **Joyce** for decorating and to **James** and **Julie Caldwell**, **Bernie MacDonald** and **Bob Sce** for the wonderful lunch.

Two Friday night dinners were prepared by James Caldwell and Bob Sce with waitresses Joyce Higdon and me and **Rhonda Bumgardner** as the downstairs bartender. The steak dinner was delicious and over 60 steaks were served. Thanks for the great meal. Afterwards those that ate stayed at the lodge for fellowship. Thanks Lorena for working late following the dinner.

Sadly, we are mourning the loss of our bartender, **Charlotte Lambert**. She will be missed.

Star Peninger is a new bartender at the Lodge. Please come say hello and introduce yourself and fellowship with us. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces, especially those that have not been to Lodge in a while. Please come fellowship with us.

By the time you read this, we will already have enjoyed another Friday night dinner, Italian night, which included spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, baked eggplant and raviolis. Thanks to chefs Bob Sce and James Caldwell for their fine cooking. Following that dinner, guests enjoyed the music of DJ.

On 1/28/12 the Elks held a reverse drawing. Congratula-

tions to the lucky winner of \$2,000. Following the drawing guests enjoyed a steak dinner. Entertainment was provided by DJ Chad Sain. Thanks to all who participated in these events.

The football club dinner was held 1/22/12 with an excellent meal provided, again, by Bob Sce, Bernie MacDonald and James Caldwell. Congratulations to **Brent Hartman** and **Jim Oliver**, both of whom came in first place and to all of those who were fortunate enough to win prizes.

The Elks began an APA pool league in January with 8 Elk members participating on Wednesdays. We play at the Elks every other Wednesday and will be back at the lodge 2/1/12. Please come and cheer the players on during this pool competition. All support will be appreciated.

On February 5th we will be holding our annual Super Bowl Party. There is no charge -- just bring a covered dish or your favorite snack food to share with all if you so desire. It should be lots of fun!

February 10th is a dance to introduce to youth 14 to 20 years of age the Elks Antler program with DJ **Dana Grubb**.

February 16th as Mike Jones mentioned in the secretary's report is the 154th year of our order and a meeting night with elections for next year's officers. Food will be available for all. Please plan to attend.

Keep a watch out for Friday night dinners at the lodge.

In March we will have a St. Patrick's Day party on 3/17/12 at no charge, and the ER Ball will be on March 24th. Entertainment will be provided by the Carolina Breakers. Tickets will be available to purchase at the lodge at a cost of \$20 per

person including dinner and band and \$10.00 per person for the band only. Please plan to attend as this should be a lot of fun as we welcome in the new ER and say goodbye to outgoing ER Kevin Frey. Tickets will be available second week of February.

I would like to take this time to thank all who have helped and participated with all of the events held at the lodge last year and so far this year. If you have any suggestions, concerns or interest for the House Committee please come to our next meeting to be held on 2/7/12 at the lodge at 7:30pm or contact me at lmmarks@live.com or leave a message at the lodge for me to contact you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your House Committee Chairperson during 2011 to 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillie Marks



Friday Night Dinners February

February 10, 2012
5 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Seafood Feast \$12.00

February 24, 2012
5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Poor Man's Surf & Turf
\$14—NY Strip
\$16—Ribeye

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Membership

As this fraternal year is nearing an end, anyone who has still not renewed their membership has precious little time left. Once you are dropped from the roster, you will no longer receive Elk mailings and information. We are planning for a big upcoming year and hope you will continue to be a part of it.

Also, there is still time to sponsor new friends and get in on the Grand Lodge promotion for getting 3 new members, as well as my own challenge.

Thanks.

Rich Penk,
Membership Chairperson

MEMBERS IN DANGER OF BEING DROPPED

Maybe you just forgot, or maybe you think that you don't come up to the lodge often enough, or maybe you don't feel like you're a part of our community. Please reconsider paying your dues.

Our lodge, like so many throughout the country, contribute to the future of our veterans, youth and local communities.

In addition, we have amenities to be enjoyed by our members — our lounge, the River Park, social events, and the opportunity to belong to a great organization.

The following list shows members who will be dropped at the end of March. If your name is on this list, please make it a point to get your dues in so that you can continue to be a member of the Salisbury Elks.

William J. Allen, Vincent Benedetto, Patricia Brown, Teddy Bryan, Russ Cannito, Jeff Carter, Karen Clary, Joseph Combs, Edward Crabtree, Charles Crook, Jr., Audrey Dennis, Dan Doiron, Terri K. Doyle, Dan Fisher, Krista Flannery, William Matt Hall, Alicia Heath, Charles "Chuck" Henderson, David Henderson, Dawn Holder-O'Brien, John Edward Howard, Paul Isenberg, Mona Joplin, George H. Kirkpatrick, Kirk Laps, Joe Leazer, Doyle Livengood, Marcus Livengood, Ron Main, Frankie L. Martin, Michael A. McGowan, Teresa Miller, Edward H. Monroe, Stan Myers, Charles V. Nance, Luther Newby III, Russell A. Norris, J.G. Pope, Jr., Charles Quinn, William A. Ramsey, Tracie Rendleman, Rita Roberson, James Roberson, Jr., Geronimo Rodrigues III, Michael j. Rogers. At Smith, Brad Smith, Erin L. Vinson, Dr. Boyd Watts.

Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 Presents *Exalted Ruler Ball* Saturday, March 24, 2012,

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DINNER AND DANCE \$20.00/PERSON, \$10 FOR DANCE ONLY.



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RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR DINNER.

**TO RESERVE TABLES, PLEASE
VISIT THE LODGE OR CALL 704-636-1161**

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River Park News

Hello Fellow Elks:

Please be advised that the Caretaker's position at the River Park has a vacancy. (See caretaker duties on first page.) Please contact **Kevin Frey** or **Jim Oliver** if you are interested in the position.

Many thanks go out to **Julie (Momma Hood)** and **Steve Copley** for their many years of hard work and dedication keeping our River Park looking great and clean.

The time is approaching to sign new leases and pay for camping. If you know that you will not be renewing your annual rental please let me know ASAP so new campers can be prepared to start camping on April 1st.

The pier project is still moving along and hopefully the pier will be under construction by the time you receive this newsletter. Thanks for all the help and donations to make this possible. We truly have great people in our organization. A special thank you goes out to **Mike Ratz**, **Andy Jenkins** and **Scott Moore** for removal of the floating docks which was a requirement from Alcoa for the new pier permit. If anyone wants the one that was on the beach contact me ASAP because it will be destroyed soon.

The bathrooms and kitchen have been winterized and are locked out for the winter and the water has been turned off to the campground. If access is needed please contact someone on the river park committee and we can open the rooms.

We have new windows for the bath house on site and hopefully will be installed soon.

If there are any suggestions for the River Park there is a mailbox next to the popcorn ma-

chine 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 February, 7th 7:00PM at the lodge.

Jim Oliver
River Park Chairman

2011/2012 Football Club



Again this year's football club came down to the last week, to decide who was the most knowledgeable football fan at the Elks Lodge. In the many year's we have had the football club we have never had a tie, until this year. This year, **Jim Oliver** and **Brent Hartman** tied for first place, with 178 wins each. Both Jim and Brent had won in previous years, and now hold the record with 1 ½ winning seasons each. Finishing in second place, only one win behind the winners, was **Bernie McDonald**. Congratulations to Jim and Brent for being the most knowledgeable football fans at the lodge for the 2011/2012 season. Just to note, there were 29 players this season and only 7 wins separated the top 10 players.

Thanks to all who participated in this year's football club; enjoy the Super Bowl, and I'm sure we'll all be looking forward to next season, to once again see who is the most knowledgeable football fan at Salisbury Elks Lodge # 699.

Upcoming Events

February 2nd—Old Timers' and PER Meeting—nominations for 2012/13 Officers

February 5th—Super Bowl Party at the Lodge

February 10th—Youth Dance at the Lodge—8 p.m.

February 10th—Seafood Dinner 5—7:30 pm

February 16th—Second lodge meeting and Election of New Officers

February 24th—Poor Man's Surf N' Turf

March 17th—St. Patrick's Day Party at the Lodge

March 24th—ER Ball at the Lodge

vol-un-teer

Noun

1. A person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking.
2. A person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

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February Birthdays



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

Teresa "Terry" Dunn	2-1
Steve Daniels	2-2
Julie Caldwell	2-6
John F. Rink	2-7
Bennie Fulcher	2-9
Steve F. Copley	2-11
Edwin F. Oberle	2-13
Peggy Glasco	2-16
Kenneth B. Fink	2-20
Richard Monroe	2-20
Rita Roberson	2-20
Wayne Tilly	2-21
Louis B. Horne	2-24
Dr. Charles Lockert	2-25
Thomas N. Woodson	2-25
John L. Morehead	2-28

Bingo at the Lodge

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5 p.m.—9:30 p.m.



**SALISBURY ELK'S 16TH ANNUAL
SUPER BOWL PARTY
Sunday, February 5th, 2012**



**Join all of your friends at the Lodge for a great time. Come and Cheer for your favorite team!!!
Enjoy feasting on a variety of foods.**

TIME: Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

No Charge—Members are asked to bring a dish or their favorite football snack.

FOOD SERVED: 3:00PM – 9:00PM

\$1.00 Domestic Beer

Half and Half Drawing during Half-Time Show



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>PER and Old-timers Meeting at the Lodge Downstairs Food will be served 7:30 p.m.</i>	3	4
5 <i>Super Bowl Party 1 p.m - ???</i>	6	7 <i>VA Bingo 7 pm House Committee Meeting 7:30 River Park Meeting 7:30</i>	8	9 <i>Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	10 <i>Seafood Dinner 5—7:30 p.m. Youth Dance 8 p.m.</i>	11
12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13	14 <i>Valentines' Day</i>		16 <i>Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>		
19	20 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	21	22	23 <i>PER's Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	24 <i>Poor Man's Surf N' Turf 5 p.m.—8 p.m.</i>	25
26	27	28	29			



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