

January 2012

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Salisbury Elks Lodge Welcomes Five New Members to our Order



From left to right, ER Kevin Frey, Rusty Lakey, Chris Waller, Vickie Prince, Gary Sebold, David Doherty

Upcoming Events

- **January 13th—Steak and Shrimp Dinner at the Lodge 5:30 p.m.—8 p.m.**
 - **January 15th—DD Clinic at the Lodge 10 a.m.—2 p.m.**
 - **January 22nd—Football Club Banquet—4 p.m.**
 - **January 27th—Italian Night at the Lodge 5:30 p.m.—8 p.m.**
 - **January 28th—Reverse Raffle at the Lodge**
- **February 2nd—Old Timers and PER Meeting and Nominations for 2012/2012 Officers—Meal will be served**
 - **Super Bowl Party—Sunday, February 5th, 2012**
- **February 16th—Second Lodge Meeting—Election of 2012/2013 Officers**
 - **March 17th—St. Patrick's Day Party**

ER Message

Merry Christmas fellow Elk members!

I hope everyone is ready for the big day because it is fast approaching. I will be glad to receive all of your Christmas gifts between now and the 3rd of January! **Just kidding!** But really cash is appreciated! LOL. The lodge is decorated very nicely for the season and **a big thanks goes out to Lily, Joyce, and especially Willie** for going out and getting us some much needed new decorations. You guys did a great job and I know from a lot of comments that others thought so too!!

Thanks also go out to all that helped make the children's Christmas party a success. **Lorena Chase is to be thanked especially** for getting a \$200.00 dollar donation from the **Salisbury animal hospital** to purchase gifts for the kids and for the 10 pizzas they provided as well. **Great job Lorena!** Unfortunately I could not be here due to work obligations but **again thanks to everyone that helped out as this is why we are Elks!!**

There are a lot of good folks that do many wonderful things here at this lodge and it is my pleasure each month to try and select one as **Elk of the month!**



This is no easy task and I assure you there are many that deserve the honor! Some months there are more than one so I try to make sure and recognize them the following month. Please know that I take this **very seriously** as do the members and you should! It is our opportunity each month to recognize **the good works of our members** and I hope that each of you takes the time to congratulate the person selected. With that it gives me **great pleasure to announce Jim Oliver as the Elk of the month!** Jim has worked very

hard this year to organize the river park committee and the river park! Anyone that has been there and has had any dealing with Jim and his handling of the committee would agree that he has done an **exemplary job!** Not only that but the turkey shoot that just raised over \$1,500 toward the replacement of the pier and his participation in many of the Elk activities **more than qualifies Jim as Elk of the month!!** Truly a great job Jim and we are very grateful for all your hard work this year!

I want to **thank everyone** that attended the Christmas party as it was a great time! **Mike and Becky Sifford** did a great job with the food as usual and the entertainment by Midlife Crisis was outstanding! Again **thanks to Lily and Mike and the rest of the house committee for a great time.** Please be here to join us for a few more good times before the year ends with **Mark Tomei** on the 23rd and New Year's Eve party!

As this is the season of **giving**, I would like to encourage each of you to think about **what Elks are really about** and what we do for our veterans and our kids

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and others in the community. Ask yourself **have I** done my part to give to these worthy efforts? If so **thank you for your support!** If not, **it's not too late to get involved and do your small part** to make us who we are! BPOE!!! **BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH!**

Have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous New Year! Come and join your lodge in making a difference for you are what make us the **BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH!!!**

God Bless our members.

Kevin Frey
Exalted Ruler

SUPER BOWL XLVI **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5,** **2012**



Join us for an all-day event—Super Bowl Party at the Lodge. Lots of food, games, 1/2 and 1/2 drawing, discounted beer prices, and door prizes.



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

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Bob Sce, President
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Secretary's Message

Fellow Members:

Happy New Year to all of you.

Please remember that the Old Timers' and PER Night will be held the first meeting in February. This is the night that officers for 2012 will be nominated. Officers will be voted on during the second meeting in February. It is crucial that we field a strong slate of Elks who have exhibited leadership qualities here or elsewhere. If you would like to be nominated, or if you know of someone you would like to nominate, please make sure to attend both meetings in February.

The Memorial Service, which was held in December was video-recorded and is available on-line in Facebook at Salisbury Elks link.

Mike Jones, Secretary

Sickness & Distress



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Julie Copley who is recuperating from recent surgery.

John Salonen who has begun rehab in the Asheville VA and hopes to be back in Salisbury in February.

Pat Bencini who is recuperating from a recent fall.

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House Committee News

Greetings to all Elk members and families:

The Christmas parade, PER drawing and Christmas Party has past. Thanks to the youth (**Katelyn, Destinee and Amber**) for working the Christmas Parade, **Mike Sifford** for cooking, **Paul Isenberg** for setting up the electrical, **Bob Sce** for setting up and **Brad Walworth and Mike Ratz** for parking control with their boy scout troops. Thanks to all others that leant a hand.

The Christmas party was attended by about 60 members including their spouses. We had a wonderful time and I would like to thank **Joyce and Willie** and some of the youth for decorating the lodge.

If you have not been to the lodge lately I encourage you to come by and fellowship with your brother and sister Elks.

The Children's Christmas party was held on December 17. Children were visited by Santa and thanks go out to **Donald Ribelin** who did a great job with the kids. A very special thanks to Salisbury Animal Hospital (hardworking staff) for the \$200.00 donation for the youth gifts.

On December 23rd Elk members enjoyed DJ Mark Tomei for some pre-Christmas entertainment.

Should you be fortunate enough to receive this newsletter before January 1st, we will be having a New Year's Eve party upstairs from 8pm until. Again there will be no charge for the event. If you would like to bring finger foods that would be awesome.

Rowan Helping Ministries always needs food. If you would like to drop off nonperishable foods and cans goods at the lodge we will be sure to get them to Ro-

wan Helping Ministries.

On January 15th Salisbury Lodge is hosting the District Deputy Clinic. We will have food, basket of cheer and half and half. If you have never attended a DD clinic this would be a great opportunity for you to check it out.

On January 28th we will have a reverse drawing and tickets are available at the lodge for purchase. The cost is \$50 and is good for 2 for food and open bar (well drinks, beer and wine) during the drawing and the DJ. The prize giveaway will be \$2000.00 and Chad Sain will DJ after the drawing.

In March we will have a St Patrick's Day party and the ER ball.

The NFL Sunday football is in full swing with a few more games to go. Please plan to attend the lodge on Sundays, for the playoffs and, of course the Super Bowl. All are welcome on Sundays. We have a great time. Beer prices will be \$2.00 effective January 1st.

If you have suggestions or comments to help the house committee better serve you the members please let us know in writing or at the lodge or you can email me at lmarks@live.com. The lodge is an amenity for the members and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all to come and enjoy fellowship with other Elks.

The lodge has added a bowling machine and the golf machine is on its way.

The Bowling league began 12/10/11. If you are interested in bowling please contact Bob Sce.

We are also beginning a Pool league APA beginning in January 2012 which will be on Wednesdays. We currently have 5 signed up to be on

the team and really need 8 to start the team. Cost is \$25.00 per person for the year and \$7.00 when you play on Wed. Not everyone will need to pay on Wednesday. It depends upon the team we will be playing. If you like to shoot pool or would just want to begin please feel free to be part of this team. Sign up is available at the lodge.

I hope all have had a blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year! God bless you all and best wishes for a Happy and healthy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillie Marks, House Committee

Football Club Winds Down for the 2011 Season



The awards banquet for the football club will be held on January 22nd with a steak and shrimp dinner. There were 30 members in this year's club.

Awards dinner is free for members. Guests are welcome to attend at a cost of \$12 per person.

Currently leading is **Brent Hartman** with 157 points followed closely by **Linda Brown** and **Ron Johnson** who each have 154.

With only two weeks to go, it will be a fight to the finish to see who's the most knowledgeable football fan this season!!!

Good luck to all the front runners.

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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

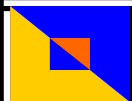
Committees

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**



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**Salisbury Elks
Celebrate the Holiday
Season at the
Christmas Dinner and
Dance December 3rd,
2011**



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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*



Poor Man's Surf and Turf
Friday, January 13, 2012



Join us on Friday, January 13th between 5:30 and 8 p.m. for a steak and shrimp dinner at the lodge. Preparation by Chefs **Bob Sce** and **James Caldwell**.

*You must call to make reservations for dinner and indicate whether you would prefer **New York Strip or Rib Eye steak**.* Call Bob at 704-798-8813.

Menu

- Salad
- Steak & Shrimp
- Baked Potato
- Corn or Green Beans
- Rolls
- Dessert
- Iced Tea or Coffee

\$14.00 per person

Italian Night at
Salisbury Elks Lodge
Friday, January 27, 2012



Chefs **Bob Sce** and **James Caldwell** will be serving a very delicious Italian dinner on Friday, January 27th, 2012 between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

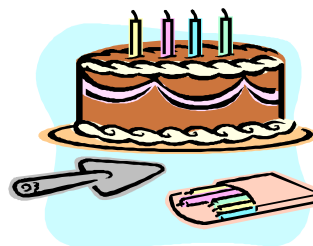
Please call Bob at 704-798-8813 to make dinner reservations.

Menu

- Salad
- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Lasagna
- Bread
- Dessert
- Iced Tea or Coffee

\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 10 and younger

January Birthdays



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

Dan Fisher	1-1
Joe Leazer	1-1
Jackson Simmons, Jr.	1-2
Gary "Bubba" Swindell II	1-3
Mark R. Dinse	1-7
Nina Pope	1-7
Tom W. Porter	1-7
Steven D. Reavis	1-8
Gail Sce	1-11
Franklin Leonard	1-12
Ronald S. Johnson	1-13
Rusty Lakey	1-13
Brad "Weasel" Williams	1-13
Steven C. Jarrett	1-14
Freddie D. Kelley	1-14
Lily Wetzel	1-14
Patrick W. Bencini	1-15
Oscar L. Foster	1-15
Richard McCoslin	1-15
Nelson E. White	1-18
Don Decker	1-19
Joseph C. Fernandez	1-20
Charlotte R. Dula	1-21
Vincent Benedetto	1-22
Jonathan T. Bost	1-23
Vickie Prince	1-23
Walter Hubbard	1-23
Kirk Laps	1-23
Duane Hurrell	1-24
Tracie Rendleman	1-27
Matthew Vail	1-27
Patricia Ann McHone	1-29
Karl M. Ahrens	1-31
Debbie Y. Bost	1-31
Oscar Shields	1-31

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Salisbury Elks and Santa Welcome Kids to the Annual Children's Christmas Party



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RIVER PARK NEWS

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the turkey shoot as it was very successful and fun for everybody who attended. A few more thank yous' go out to **Mike Sifford, Alan Riggs, Brett Summers** and Rick and **Olwyn Wagoner** for their donations. The last week was our best so hopefully we are gaining momentum to have another great event next year.

The pier project is still moving along and hopefully by spring we will be sporting a new pier.

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

There is still Monthly, Weekly, Daily, camping available.

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 posted on events going on, also leave messages of what we can do better or if you can help out.

Reservations for camping at the River Park 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.

The River Park Committee has a new meeting time. We

will still meet the second Tuesday of the month, however, new meeting time is at 7 p.m.

Jim Oliver
River Park Chairman


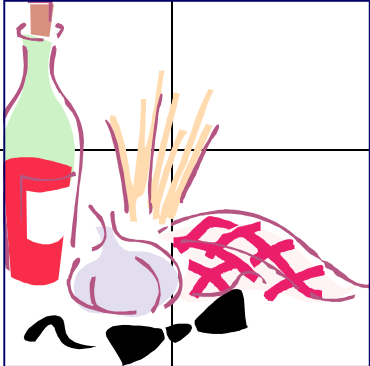
Autumn Fun at the River Park Enjoyed by Turkey Shoot Participants





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 VA Bingo—7 p.m. House Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6 	7
8		10 River Park Committee Mtg. 7 p.m.	11	12 Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13 Steak & Shrimp Dinner 5:30—8 p.m.	14
15 DD Clinic Salisbury Lodge 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	16 	17	18	19 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 	21
22 Football Club Banquet & Awards Celebration 4 p.m.	23			26 PER's Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27 Italian Night at The Lodge 5:0 p.m.	28 Reverse Raffle At the Lodge 6 p.m.
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VA Bingo is always the first Tuesday of the month. Mike Davis is the VA Chairperson. He needs volunteer help with this. One hour session for about 50 vets. Please call him at 980-234-5082. The VA location is on Brenner Avenue, Building 6 at 7 p.m.

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