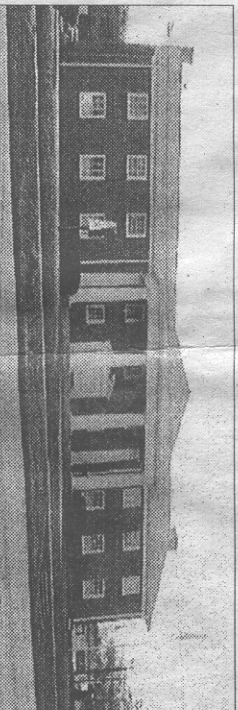


CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

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Club profile — Elks Lodge 699



LODGE: The Elks Lodge is located at 508 S. Main St.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a fraternal organization founded Feb. 16, 1868, is the largest benevolent organization in the United States. North Carolina state membership is a b o u t 13,500, and 383 members belong to Salisbury Lodge 699 that was chartered May 11, 1901.



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Membership in the local order means being a part of the national organization that has over one million members.

Not a social-business club, the Order of Elks is dedicated to community service, particularly aimed at youth through scholarships, camps, Scouts, sports; also assisting handicapped and needy youth and adults, supporting veterans, promoting Americanism, drug awareness and law and order, contributing to Elks hospitals, volunteering for blood drives and being in-

involved in many charitable activities.

Lodge 699 supports Nazareth Children's Home, patients at the W.G. "Bill" Hefner VA Medical Center, and conducts fund raisers for individuals and families when the need arises. Members also collect glasses and hearing aids for the Lions club.

Along with its service commitments, the local lodge offers entertainment, sports, games, trips, bingo, meals, parties, dances, leadership training, inter-lodge visitations and family activities.

Emergency educational grants are available to children of deceased and totally disabled Elks.

Elks Lodge 699 owns property at High Rock Lake. Known as River Park, the

*lake-side site is used for get-togethers, cookouts and dances for the local lodge and other organizations. Elks sometimes host events here for residents of Nazareth Children's Home. Salisbury Elks is one of few organizations that owns property of this kind. River Park has a building with restrooms and a kitchen, picnic shelter, and campground for recreational vehicles. Campers pay a fee for use of the area. Lodge members maintain the property.

The local lodge is interested in starting a youth Antlers organization for young people ages 12-19. Five adults will serve as advisers.

Lodge meetings are smoke-free and alcohol-free. Current officers: Exalted

Ruler Robert Wall, Esquire Brad Walworth, Secretary Mike Jones, Treasurer Brett Summers, Leading Knight Steve Jarrett, Loyal Knight Elbert Culp, Lecturing Knight Mike Davis, Tiler Eddy Harwood, Inner Guard Willie Green, Chaplain Don Stout. Trustees and terms are Linda Brown, five years; Bill Brown, four years; Ray Paradowski, three years; Jim Hill, two years; Red Littleton, one year.

Committees: Brad Walworth, Americanism; Patricia Smith, house and entertainment; Don Stout, publicity and veterans service; Willie Greene, membership; Mary Arey, drug awareness; Ray Paradowski, River Park; Steve and Julie Copley and Allison Holsouser, caretakers; Harry Agner, national foundation; Julie Copley, bingo.

Salisbury Elks 699 meets first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 508 S. Main St. For more information, www.SalisburyElks.org