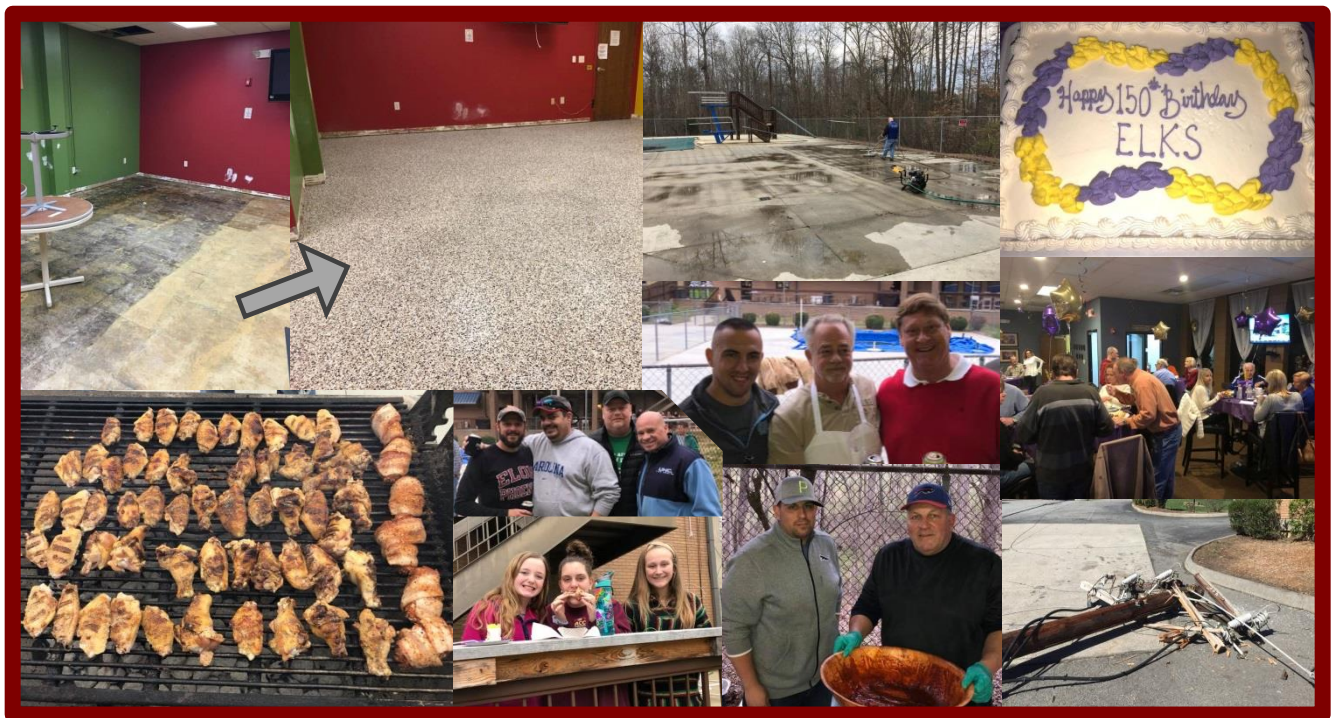




The Bugle

WHAT A BUSY COUPLE OF WEEKS WE HAVE HAD!

Some big improvements around the Lodge, some wild winter weather, some wings, and celebrating 150 years of Elks traditions – March is shaping up to be quite a month at the High Point Lodge! We have some great events planned for the next few weeks as well. We hope to see you at the Lodge soon!



YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

Bob Gold...Exalted Ruler
Tommy Frazier...Leading Knight
Britt Moore...Loyal Knight
Tom Connolly...Lecturing Knight
Shari Driscoll...Secretary

Vanessa Slack...Treasurer
Mark Vernon...Esquire
Blair Weavil...Tiler
Stewart Wright...Inner Guard
Terry Herndon...Chaplain



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Exalted Ruler Letter

Writing this in a spring snowstorm, it's hard to believe this is my final message for the Elk year. While it still feels like winter, the calendar says I only have three weeks left as your Exalted Ruler. By all accounts it's been a terrific year for our Lodge and it has been an honor to serve as your ER for the past 12 months. But like all things, times change and now it is time for us to usher in our next Exalted Ruler, Tommy Frazier, to lead the way. We are excited to have Tommy take over as the new Lodge President and we know he will do a great job leading the way next year! Tommy and the rest of our new officers will be installed on Friday, March 30th.

We accomplished many things this year and have a lot to be proud of as our Lodge is poised to do well for its Members and our community for years to come. One of the biggest areas of success was in our Membership growth. I am proud to announce that we will finish the Elk year with MORE Members than we began the year with (and by a good margin!). This is the first time we have had at least a +1 in Membership in over a decade. We are projected to finish in 3rd place in "Members Gained" among all 33 NC Elk Lodges! Much of this credit goes to a dynamic Membership Committee led by Doug Orcutt and his team of Stewart McGlaughlin, Shari Driscoll, Whitney Cook, David Labiak & Tom Connolly. They were active and creative in finding ways that we can bring in new Members and also to retain the ones we have. Thank you all for your efforts!

Other key accomplishments this year include:

- Completing the transition to a different bank (First Citizens) that is a much better fit for what we do and values our contributions to the community.
- Refinancing our mortgage to a lower fixed rate, longer fixed term and freeing up a good amount of monthly cash flow which allows us to save for capital expenditures.
- We celebrated as our very own Shari Driscoll was elected to become the first female State President (for 2019-2020) and the 5th State President in our Lodge's history.
- Replacing two HVAC units that were over 20 years old and causing service problems (\$18,200 cost).
- Successfully balancing our budget. With the year almost over, we project a slight profit for the year.
- The House Committee under Gary Feldner's leadership will finish in the "black" for the first time in several years.
- Replaced the floors in the upstairs bar and downstairs Kid's room. Much needed, safer surface, better looking, and will last for a very long time.
- Repaired and replaced large portions of the roof that were leaking.

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- Raised over \$5,000 for Hospice of the Piedmont in May with the Annual Andy Albertson Memorial Golf Tournament.
- Raised over \$5,000 for Swim For Cancer in June.
- Raised over \$2,000 for Camp Carefree during our August event and silent auction.
- Raised over \$2,000 by hosting our First Annual Disabled Veterans Car Show in September.
- Presented \$1,500 in grant funds to High Point CAV (Community Against Violence) which works closely with the High Point Police Department to prevent violent crimes.
- Visited the VA Hospital every month to serve our Veterans. We also hosted the annual spring cook out and fall BBQ for the Veterans.
- Hosted several exciting events for our Members and guests. Just some of them: Chili-Cook Off, Wing Fest, ER Steak Nights, Hypnotist Night, Band Nights, Theme Party Nights, Halloween Party, Super Bowl Party, NFL Sundays, Family Burger Nights, Trivia Nights, Name That Tune, Breakfast with Santa, New Year's Eve Party, and many more.

As we move into the 2018-2019 year there is still much for us to do. Please support Tommy Frazier in his efforts to lead our Lodge. As I transition to the 5 year Trustee role, I look forward to working closely with our Board to create a five year plan that will identify some things that will need to be addressed in the coming years. Our plumbing continues to challenge us on a regular basis with old copper pipes. The roof will be due for a complete replacement in just a few years and it would be great to upgrade our Pool House, Lounge, and upstairs dance floor, just to name a few. I look forward to working on long range solutions to these needs.

Please plan to attend our Installation & Awards Night on Friday, March 30th. We will have Dinner/Social at 6 pm. Installations of New Officers at 7 pm along with presentation of our Annual Awards: Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. Afterwards, the party will continue down in the Lounge with live music from Big Bump and the Stun Gunz. This is a free evening for all who attend. Dinner and Awards Ceremony is family friendly. Please make your dinner reservations by March 28th by calling the Office at 336-869-7313.

On behalf of all the Lodge Officers, I thank you for supporting us this past year. I know we did the very best we could do and we hope we made you proud to be a Member of the High Point Elks Lodge.

Finally, congratulations to David Labiak for being named our February Elk of the Month!



Fraternally yours,

Bob Gold, Jr.
Exalted Ruler

ELK OF THE MONTH



David Labiak

Our February Elk of the Month is David Labiak. David has been an important leader for us all year as our Swim Team Chairperson and a key player on our Membership Committee.

David has served as our Swim Team Chairperson for several years and this will be his last in that role. David's leadership as Swim Team Chair has been a game changer for the Lodge. Since he took over this role, the Swim Team has been very efficiently run and they've made their budget each and every year. He, along with his wife Holly have worked hard to hire the best coaches and to make sure our kids have a great experience during the summer. David has been instrumental in helping with the transition to our incoming Chairperson, Char Edwards, and will remain with the committee this coming year to make sure we don't miss a beat.

Over the past several months David's contribution to the Membership Committee has been invaluable as we work to find ways to continue growing our Membership. We really appreciate all of his wisdom, leadership and time spent to make sure our Lodge is performing well in these two very important areas. Thank you David for all you have done for us as Pool Chairperson these past few years! We are so lucky to have you!

-Bob Gold



All events are Adult Only unless otherwise noted.

2018 MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
			Member's & Spouses Night	Family Grille Night	ER Steak Night & 150th Celebration	Comedy Hypnotist
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mike's Famous Wings			Member's & Spouses Night	Family Grille Night		ACC Basketball Tournament
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Antler's Meeting 2pm Mike's Famous Wings	House Committee Meeting 7pm	House Committee Meeting 7pm	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm <i>Indoctrination & Initiation</i>	Family Grille Night Membership Committee Meeting 6pm		St. Patrick's Day and NCAA Basketball 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Swim Team Committee Meeting 2pm Mike's Famous Wings	Board of Directors Meeting 6pm		Member's & Spouses Night	VA HOSPITAL VISIT Family Grille Night	Pool Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Bunny Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Hops & Hoops 6:30pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Mike's Famous Wings			Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	Family Grille Night	Officer Installation & Awards Dinner 6pm Ceremony 7pm	

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March Birthdays

James Berg, 3/1
Joseph Hellinger, 3/1
Craig Frazier, 3/2
WC Magnum, 3/2
James Sizemore, 3/2
Donnie Dailey, 3/3
Larry Allen, 3/4
Jefferey Hedrick, 3/4
Philip Austin, 3/5
Nathan Ayers, 3/6
Donna Craig, 3/6
Jessie Crumley, 3/6
Carroll Moseley, 3/6
Michael Schiltz, 3/7
Tim Hight, 3/8
Jon Thomson, 3/9
Kathryn Blakemore, 3/10
Jason Scott, 3/15

Bowen Swink, 3/15
John Harkey, 3/17
Betsy Evans, 3/18
Justin Gibhardt, 3/18
Steve Perdue, 3/18
Greg Prochnow, 3/18
Larry Peters, 3/19
George Smith, 3/19
Thomas Heiple, 3/23
Don Sheffield, 3/23
David Horne, 3/26
David Scott, 3/26
Tonya Cauble, 3/27
John Richardson, 3/28
Clint Bullock, 3/29
Eric Pearson, 3/30
Bonnie Murdock, 3/31



Hops & Hoops

Saturday, March 24th @ 6:30pm



NCAA Tournament action and samples of State and Nationally acclaimed Ales and Lagers compliments of the **High Point Hops Beer Club**. Finally, your chance to try all those beers that you never had the nerve to order!

\$12 Member/Spouse, \$15 non-Member

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See ya at the Elks!

