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As my time as Exalted Ruler comes to an end, I would take a moment to thank everyone who helped support the Lodge and myself this past Elk year. I know if I start to list names, I will inevitably and mistakenly leave someone out, so a group thank you will have to do. So, "Thank you" to all of the Committee Chairs and their respective committee members, our Lodge Officers and Trustees, our amazing office staff, the Ladies Auxiliary, our Social Media team, the Antlers program, the Bar Staff, our members and all of those who came out and supported the lodge in one way or another over the past 12 months.

Our Lodge is run primarily by volunteers who are sacrificing time with their families so you have a nice, safe, enjoyable place to go with yours and make life long memories. Our "Service Before Self" motto was as true and strong as ever, and for that I am grateful.

Looking ahead I am very excited for our future as I know Tim Hight will make an excellent ER and I hope everyone will show him the same support that I was afford. It truly is a team effort at our Lodge and as always we need our team to grow not only in members, but in volunteers. I was able to experience firsthand how willing and ready people are to "step up" when asked or given the chance.

Our ship has floated for 112+ years now, through bright days, dark nights, in both calm and rough waters—and we have always prevailed and headed in the right direction. I'm proud to have played a small part in the history of this great lodge and community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead our Lodge and if I may be so bold to borrow (and slightly adjust) a line from one of my heroes, Peyton Manning, when his time with Colts came to a close:

Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. I truly have enjoyed being your Exalted Ruler.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge soon.

Thank you, Tom Connolly Exalted Ruler 2019-2020 High Point Elks Lodge # 1155



Exalted Rulen Letten

This coming year will hold some new challenges that we have never faced before. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented unprecedented challenges for all of us and has already made a major impact on all of our lives. Schools are temporally closed, restaurants are closed, many businesses are closed and many of us are working from home. For our Lodge, the Lounge and grill are closed as is the upper level event area. This does not, however, mean that the Elks Lodge is closed. We are in fact open for business. April is the start of the new Elk year for all Elks Lodges. This means new faces in key places like our new Elk Officers, our various Committees Chairpersons and Committee Members. I'm honored to be the Exalted Ruler for High Points Elks Lodge #1155 and I'm looking forward to all the great opportunities we will have for this upcoming year.

Before kicking off the new and exciting new year, I'd like to introduce you to High Point Elks Lodge Officers for this year. Please be sure to thank them for their efforts and we are all here to help answer any questions you may have as the year progresses.

Tim Hight – Exalted Ruler
Phil Driscoll– Leading Knight
Kevin Scott – Loyal Knight
Vanessa Slack – Lecturing Knight
Shari Driscoll – Secretary

Deanna Vernon – Treasurer
Mark Vernon – Esquire
Steve Perdue – Inner Guard
Chick Overby – Tyler
Tommy Frazier – Chaplain

Antlers Program – Melissa Butner

News Letter Editor – Whitney Cook

I would also like to acknowledge and thank some of the people who are chairing our Committees/Auxiliaries this year:

House Committee – Ben Adams & Tom Adams

Membership – Doug Orcutt

Veterans – Phil Driscoll

Lodica Appiliant – Thomas Franklin

Public Relations / Webmaster / Social Media – TBD

Ladies Auxiliary President – Theresa Franklin

Pool – Tom Connolly
Swim Team – Char Edwards

Americanism – Deanna Vernon

Please contact me or the office if you would like to get involved with any committees.

Lastly, communication is the key to having a successful year. Please make sure you are signed up for our weekly email blast (1 step to subscribe link is below) and check our website for our monthly newsletter and upcoming events. You can click on most of the events that are listed to get more information.

<u>Upcoming Events</u> – <u>E-blast Sign Up</u> – <u>Social Media</u> – <u>Event Calendar</u>

Congratulations to Whitney Cook for being named our March Elk of the Month!

I hope to see you at our Lodge soon!

Got Bless America.

Fraternally Yours, Tim Hight Exalted Ruler



Officen Installation



Chick Overby (Tiler) and Vanessa Slack (Lecturing Knight)

The new 2020-2021 Lodge Officers were installed in a very unique way this year. Using our new approach of 'Social Distancing' everyone maintained a safe distance from each other, in groups of 5 or less, just prior to the state's Stay At Home mandate went into effect.

Kevin Scott (Loyal Knight), Steve Perdue (Inner Guard), Tim Hight (Exalted Ruler), and Tommy Frazier (Chaplin)







Mark Vernon (Esquire), Deanna Vernon (Treasurer), Phil Driscoll (Leading Knight), and Tom Connolly (5-year Trustee)

All of this year's officers were installed by NC State President Shari Driscoll! (who was then installed as Secretary by PER Tommy Frazier)



ELK OF THE MONTH

Whitney Cook



Usually our Elk of the Month is a surprise for our recipient and they have no idea until they see their name in our wonderful newsletter when it is released each month. However, this time around is an exception and the winner will know wayyyy before pretty much everyone else. Why? Because this month's winner, and my final choice for the 'Elk of the Month Award' as ER, is none other than our Newsletter creator extraordinaire—Whitney Cook!

I know first-hand how hard she works each and every month to make our newsletter something we can be proud of. Her creative talents amaze me each and every month, and she has the uncanny ability to make our pages just come to life and display the fun and energy at our events each and every time. I know that when I send her boring and basic info that she will be able to transform that into something exciting for the readers to enjoy. I hope everyone looks forward to and appreciates the newsletter as much as I do.

As the daughter of Phil & Shari, Whitney knows more about Elkdom than most, myself included. Her spin on our stories always shows the best of our Lodge and how it relates to our commitment as Elks. One of my favorite memories about our newsletter was during a local District meeting we hosted a few months back, we put several copies of the newsletter out for our visiting guests to enjoy. When it was time to clear the tables when the meeting was over, we realized that each copy was gone. Upon a little more investigation, it turns out that they were taken back to the various Lodges to be used as an example of how a newsletter should be done. That's quite an honor for Whitney, and for us!

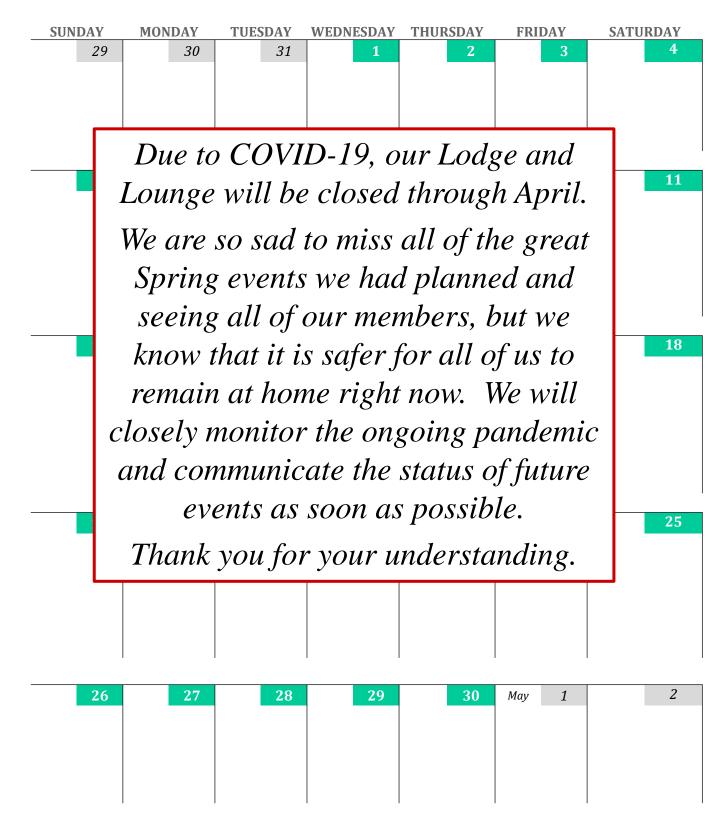
Did I mention is she also a very valuable member of our Membership Committee? She is a pleasure to work with on that team, always has great ideas, and thinks outside the box for a variety of goals and projects we have when we try and reach out to the community to let them know what the Elks is all about. We have had a positive gain in membership over the past few years, and there is no doubt in my mind that Whitney is a big reason for it.

Please be sure to tell Whitney how much you enjoy our newsletters and thank her for all she does to make our Lodge as successful as it is.



Visit hpelks.com for more information about upcoming events!

2020 APRIL



Amil Binthalays

Steve McAllister, 4/3 William Shamburg, 4/3 Jack Green, 4/4 Benjamin Hodges, 4/4 Patricia Hutchinson, 4/4 Christopher Lyon, 4/4 Chris Sartin, 4/6 Minda Barefoot, 4/8 Edward Pedersen, 4/9 Bobby Burchette, 4/10 Richard McKinley, 4/10 Ginger Yacuzzo, 4/10 April McEntire, 4/11 Timothy Miller, 4/11 Ralph McCracken, 4/12 James Bertschi, 4/13 Tatlock Lauten, 4/14 Todd Kester, 4/15 Matthew Winslow, 4/15 Greg Demko, 4/16 Jameson Schultz, 4/17 Jeffrey Tickerhoff, 4/17 Chris Wichman, 4/18 Brian Gane, 4/19

Kenneth Garber, 4/19 Carlson Howerton, 4/19 Mary Jo DeLille, 4/21 Monika Haja, 4/21 Colen Powell, 4/21 Michael Ivey, 4/22 Gregory Matthews, 4/24 David "DJ" Moore, 4/24 Jason Duval, 4/25 Alex Gossett, 4/25 Ada Sanchez, 4/25 Jeff Whitlock, 4/25 Michael Harvell, 4/26 Tom Connolly, 4/28 David Millis, 4/28 Brent Peters, 4/28 Darian Johnson, 4/30





Birthday drink coupons will be extended once we know when our bar is open again!

First of all, I would like to thank Mike Meunier for doing 99% of this project. Without him, this simply would not have been done. Thanks Mike!

Sometimes it the little things that make a big difference. In our upstairs ballroom, where we have our regular Lodge meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, we have what is known as our "11 o'clock toast clock". We use it whenever we have an initiation of new members, or at 11pm any Elks event that is held upstairs in the ballroom.

For years this clock has sat somewhat crooked on the wall, and didn't light up properly. This was something, albeit small, that always bothered me. Unfortunately, "out of sight/out of mind" seemed to always be the case as the only time that it popped in my head to think about fixing it, is when I saw it on the wall. Well, I'm happy to say, thanks to Mike we now have that clock level and working perfectly again. He and I worked on straightening it out one day together (he did all the heavy lifting, I had the easy job) and then shortly thereafter he went out and got all of the needed bulbs to make it work as it should. As one PER told me, he didn't think that clock had worked right for almost 20 years....and now it does. Please be sure to thank Mike for his efforts in helping make our Lodge look as "Elk-Proud" as we can.





Interested in helping with one of our volunteer groups or an event? Call our office and we'll put you in touch with the following leaders in our organization:

Committees & Contacts:

Americanism - Deanna Vernon Elks National Foundation - Phil Driscoll Hoop Shoot - Bob Gold House Committee - Russ Pallaci Ladies Auxiliary - Theresa Franklin Membership Committee - Doug Orcutt Past Exalted Rulers - Bob Gold Pool Committee - Tom Connolly PR/Social Media - Stewart McGlaughlin Scholarships - John Pascavage Special Events - Tim Hight Swim Team - Char Edwards Trustees - Phil Driscoll Veterans - Beth Hawks Youth / Antlers - Robyn Feldner











See you at the Elks!

