

THE 1654



HICKORY HEARD

HICKORY, NC

OCTOBER 2019

FROM THE ER

MARK COUCH

I hope this letter finds each of you and your families happy and well. I know we're all ready for fall, and it's going to be a great season at 1654.

I have some very exciting news. One of our members has offered to donate \$100,000 to our downstairs renovation campaign. I am truly astounded and humbled by this amazingly generous proposal. The only thing this donor asks is that as a lodge, we match the donation with \$50,000. Friends, \$150,000 would have us well on our way to completing Phase 2 debt free. Can I ask you to send a check this month? With 500 members, it only takes \$100 dollars each, and we will be there. This is certainly doable. Please join with your fellow Elks to make our downstairs dreams a reality.

October brings the Fall Elks Convention also. I know 1654 will be proudly represented in Clemmons October 25-27. If you haven't been to a convention, I urge you to join us!

September was an amazing month. Football kicked off, wings are back, we have new wine pairing nights, we hosted Jack Frost, and Cary and Samantha Bowman did a fantastic job of giving us all a tour of Scotland at the new member's social. Get ready for October and don't forget your tickets for the Lady Elk's Murder Mystery Dinner! I know it's going to be a fun night. We'll have a Special Needs night, a Halloween party, and other outstanding events as well.

I want to give a shout out to anyone who has been stocking the blessing box. As you know, this is near and dear to my heart. I have been so gratified to see all the food, water, and toiletries placed on a daily basis. This month I noticed school supplies and toys. Wow! You really are the "Best People on Earth"!

Speaking of how great all of you are, Julie and I faced quite a challenge recently, and we want to thank you for the prayers, concern, and love our family received. Special thanks to my brothers who covered the meeting for me, and those of you who traveled to Gastonia trip to help out a fellow lodge when I couldn't make it. It's incredibly gratifying to know that when a member needs help, you folks rise to the occasion beautifully. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Mark Couch

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FROM THE SECRETARY

TERESA ANDERSON

Fall is now upon us which usually means cooler weather and more events on the Lodge calendar. To stay tuned into all the happenings this month watch your weekly emails and Facebook posting in addition to the Newsletter. Please use the following links to stay connected for Lodge October Activities:

- Facebook: P.B.O.E. Hickory Lodge 1654
- <http://www.hickoryelks1654.org>
- <http://www.ncelks.org>
- <http://www.elks.org>

Initiated in September: Donna McKinney – proposed by Kenny Hollar; Scottie Nichols – proposed by Rodney Teague; Christine Plover – proposed by April Hewitt; Tim Daly – proposed by Andrew Geis

Proposed in September: Stan Lineberry – proposed by Kirk Coffey; Stephen White – proposed by Harry McComb; Catherine LeFevers – proposed by Jeanie Mull; Eric Kemper – proposed by Erik Sciandra; Maureen Goger – proposed by Karen Foster

The lodge would really like to be able to get the newsletter out to all the members in the quickest way possible and least costly which would be by email. Please call or email me at the address below with updated or a new contact email so that we can make sure you stay informed on lodge happenings.

See you at the Lodge!

Teresa Anderson

Secretary

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AMERICANISM

CHARLIE SELF

The Americanism Committee gives a huge SHOUTOUT of thanks and gratitude to all who came out to support the city's 9-11 Patriot Day Ceremony on 11 September. The American flags we presented to all who attended this event added a wonderful sense of patriotism to this solemn ceremony. We can all be proud of our Lodge's commitment to the concepts of Americanism and patriotism.

In support of Americanism, committee members delivered the 2019-2020 Americanism Essay Contest materials to both Northview and Grandview Middle



Schools. This year's theme is "What does freedom of speech mean to you?". Essays are due back to the Lodge by 15 December.

In the past, our local winners have also won recognition at the Elks district and state level. The essay of one of our 1654 lodge winners was awarded second place in the nation. What an accomplishment!

Charlie Self

Major, USAF (Ret), Americanism Chair

Meet Our New Members!

Be sure to introduce yourselves.



(l to r) Tim Daly, Donna McKinney, Christine Plover & Scottie Nichols

VETERANS

CHARLENE WALKER

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 1st for our next outing at the NC Veterans Home in Black Mountain for their annual Fall Festival. We will provide BBQ with all the fixings again this year. Although it is a weekday, we still will need some volunteers to help serve the food, so any great Hickory Elks who can spend a few hours that day with these worthy Veterans and their families would be greatly appreciated. We will leave the lodge at 9:30am and should be back by 3pm. Email me at walkerover61 @yahoo.com or call me at 828-612 -5124 for more information.

Locally, our committee is working with some organizations to help two homeless Veterans secure housing and jobs. When they are able to find housing, an email will be sent out to ask for donations of furniture and other household goods.

These another great examples of how:

Elks Care – Elks Share

Charlene Walker

Veterans Committee Chair

DRUG AWARENESS

DAVID HOYLE

I have visited the Gastonia, Newton, Hendersonville, and Asheville Lodges discussing the impact of Opioid abuse in each community. All the lodges are very interested in helping to make changes in their communities. Educating parents, teachers, and young people is the correct path to reducing drug usage and the resulting deaths attributed to it. The DAP committee and I are discussing ways to proceed with this educational process. If anyone has any ideas please let me know, because all of your ideas are important.

Octoberfest is rapidly approaching, and we will need help manning the Drug Awareness trailer. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the club level. I would appreciate the help if you have a few hours during any of the three days.

David Hoyle

NC West District Drug Awareness Chair

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

LESLI GARVETT

Please keep these family and fellow Elk members in your thoughts and prayers.

- Brenda Wronek's cousin is being treated for cancer and is starting 6 months of chemo
- David Barkers mother past away
- Steve Shuford's sister, Christa, has appendicitis
- Dr. George Ennis past away
- Mark and Julie Couch's daughter needs prayers
- Tim Herndon's grandson is improving and has almost doubled his birth weight



Lesli Garvett
Chaplain

We care about our members. If you know of a sick or distressed Brother, Sister or family member, please contact Lesli at imgarvett@aol.com.

Words for the Herd!

Expect to see progress again on the 1st floor reno project. Once the Grand Lodge has approved our proposal, members can check out the next round of improvements which will include new handicap accessible men's and women's bathrooms. This is long over-due and once complete, will make our lodge ready for most any rental request. Also included in Phase 2 is installing a new floor drain for the 1st floor bar, making for quick and easy cleanup.

Our lodge now has a membership over 500, and I'd like to encourage each of you to donate \$100 towards Phase 2. Consider what you spend at the lodge each day, each week, each month. I'm sure a good number of you spend close to \$100. Can you spring for that to aid in this endeavor? Some can, some cannot, but collectively at 500+ strong, we surely can. Think of what the lodge gives you. Will you assist by giving back to your lodge? It is YOUR HOUSE after all.

Lady Elks News

As we head into fall, the Hickory Lady Elks are excited to host our first Murder Mystery Dinner, - Evil Never Dies- on October 19th at 6pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person on the Hickory Lady Elks Facebook page through Eventbrite. You also can reach out to a Lady Elk to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so get your tickets now. Attendees are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume!

The show will feature a professional acting team that will provide you clues to determine who committed the crime. Dinner will be served, and the menu included Salad, Chicken Marsala, Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, a Vegetable, and Dessert. What a deal to get hours of entertainment and a great meal!

The Lady Elks work hard to support the children of our community through volunteerism and fulfilling monetary needs. This year alone from January to September, we have volunteered at total of 215 hours. If you are interested in learning more, please attend our next meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 1st at the lodge.

Also follow us on Facebook at Hickory Lady Elks, or email us at HickoryLadyElks@gmail.com for more info.

Elizabeth Brisben
Lady Elks Chair

Elks Loving Kare Social

Our August Dog Days of Summer event was such a hit with 1654 that we'd like to have Hickory Elks members participate in our Halloween event, "Trunk or Treat", on October 15th. There will be special reserved parking at the Lodge, so you can set up your vehicles/trunks for this event. Also we need a few people who can face paint, and we are sure there is some hidden talent in the 1654 family who may want to display their work on some special friends faces. Anyone who is willing to help with either of these two opportunities should contact Julie Couch or Sandy Lail.

Sandy Lail
Co-Chair, Adults with Special Needs

Elks Live - Elks Give

Elks Care - Elks Share

See what you're missing at the 1654...



HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHUCK McCAULEY & TOM McNAIR

Fall has arrived, and now we get down to our busy season! There is a lot going on at the lodge in October with the usual Monday Wings and Taco Tuesdays, and the new Wine Pairings every other Wednesday. October also brings back Ham Breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month with the addition of some healthy selections. It's a deal at \$7 per person, with all proceeds going to one of our charities.

Also this month, we will have a Shepard's/Chicken Pie dinner with Deacon Black on the 11th. Other great meals are planned, so check the calendar and the "What's Happening This Week at the Elks" email for info.

Two big events are on tap this month! The first is a Halloween themed Mystery Dinner "Evil Never Dies", presented by the Lady Elks on Saturday, October 19th. Only 80 tickets will be sold, and they must be purchased in advance. See a Lady Elk for tickets or go to the Lodge and Lady Elks Facebook pages.

The second event is the Elks Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for best costumes. There will be a band, heavy Hors d'oeuvres, and a Jack-O-Lantern carving contest. The House will supply 20 pumpkins for pick up on Friday the 18th on the club level. Take it home for carving and bring it back on Friday the 25th. They will be part of the decoration and one lucky member will win a prize for the "Best Jack-O-Lantern Carving" during the Halloween Party. It promises to be a great time. See you there.

Chuck McCauley
House Chair

Tom McNair
House Public Relations

save THE DATE!



- November 28 - Thanksgiving Day, lodge CLOSED
- December 14 - Lodge Christmas Party

E.L.K.S.

Tuesday, October 15, 6pm-8pm


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Monday Night Football - WINGS	Lady Elks Mtg 6:30 House Mtg 7:30	1 Wine Pairing Dinner With Tim Long \$10pp	Meeting 7:00 German Dinner w/David H and Allen	Country Style Steak w/Tom and Allen \$10 pp	Ham Breakfast 7:30- 10:30 \$7 pp
6 Lodge Open - Football	7 MNF - WINGS	8 Taco Tuesday \$6 pp	9	10	11 Deacon Black Band Shepard Pie Night \$12 pp	12 Lodge Open 3 -10
13 Lodge Open - Football	14 MNF - WINGS	15 E.L.K.S. 6-8 Trunk or Treat	16 Wine Pairing Dinner With Chuck McCauley \$10 pp	17 Meeting 7:00 Dinner by Darrin Harwell	18 Baked Ham Dinner \$12 pp Pick up Pumpkins	19 Ham Breakfast 7:30-10:30 \$7 pp Lady Elks Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser
20 Lodge Open - Football	21 MNF - WINGS	22 Taco Tuesday \$6 pp	23	24	25 Steak Night \$18 pp NCSEA State Fall Convention-Clemmons	26 Lodge Halloween Party w band & food NCSEA State Fall Convention-Clemmons
27 Lodge Open – Football NCSEA State Fall Convention-Clemmons	28 MNF - WINGS	29	30 Wine Pairing Dinner With Chuck McCauley \$10 pp	31 HALLOWEEN		

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Elks Lodge #1654 October Member Birthdays

Be sure to wish these Hickory Elks a Happy Birthday!

Day	Name
1	Arthur Drumheller Rosalind Smith Charles Trado
2	Marsha Allen Michelle Garrison
3	Jay Adams Bryan Chandler Ryan Edwards Richard Price
5	Larry Williams
7	James Brookshire
8	Chris Long
9	Kirk Coffey
10	Joe Frye Timothy Osborne Scott Shepard
11	Tamra Cook Jeff Richter
12	Barry Cook Eric Keever Daniel Sigmon

Day	Name
13	Jeff Pierce
14	Erik Sciandra
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17	Frans Teeter
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Day	Name
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