



The Official Newsletter of Mount Airy Lodge No. 2061
of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks

ELK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations, Win King!

Our Elk of the Month for the second month in a row is a Past Exalted Ruler of Mt. Airy Lodge (are these P.E.R.'s good or what?). Win King took it upon himself to see that our memorial service was a special one. He personally arranged for the florist, the programs, the guest speaker, the musician, stuffed and mailed letters, and even made a special trip to Elkin to hand select candles. That's dedication!

Win, thanks for being an Elk. Thanks for staying involved.

The Members of Mount Airy Lodge

Thanks for being a part of Elkdom!

The E.R. says

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded in 1868 by a group of actors in New York City, Over the course of the last 128 years a lot of things have changed. Within our organization there has always been one constant, membership was for men only. Not so any longer, as many of you are aware of, and some of you may not be. This organization has made a dramatic change and gender is no longer a factor when applying for membership. Women **are** becoming Elks all across this great country of ours. My first reaction, as I'm sure many of you, was to ask why. The answer is a simple one, **SURVIVAL**. Aside from the fact of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling granting gender equality, membership in the order has been steadily decreasing over the past several years. There has to be changes if this organization is going to continue to exist. Myself, I tend to be an optimist. Rather than look at this as a negative, I feel it is a golden opportunity for our lodge to grow and thrive. It's not going to be easy. With any change, the first step is always the most difficult, but we must be willing to make that first step, not only the future of the order, but the future of *our lodge* depends on it.

Sincerely,
Joe Cooke

Thank You

We would like to extend a thank you to the following: Jeff Hemric and Bob Edwards for their work on the memorial service committee; Rick Dunbar for typing and printing letters, Joe Maye and Grady Lewis for their participation in the service, and a special thank you to Jane King, Kat Cooke, Susan Hemric, Fern Smith, Vicki Dunbar, Cindy Baer, Patty Carpenter, Eileen Newman, Missy Gordon and Cheri Massey for all the good food and of course to Walt (great chicken livers Walt!).

Sincerely,
Joe Cooke Win King

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Dallas Smith.
He will be sorely missed at the lodge.

Have you invited a friend to join!

ANNUAL HOOP SHOOT SET FOR JANUARY 5TH AT 2:00 PM

Our Annual Hoop Shoot for the Local School Winners will be held on Sunday, January 5th at 2:00 pm at Reeves Community Center. We need volunteers to make this a successful project. If you are available to help please be at RCC at 1:00. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge.

Thanks,
David Taylor
Hoop Shoot Director

**PROPER ATTIRE
REQUESTED!**

JANU

			Ham, Pe Greens, Bread - \$
5 Oregon Raspberry Wheat \$1.50 HOOP SHOOT RCC - 1:00 pm	6	7 Member #'s 1-600 30% off Entree	Ladies Auxilia Reg. Meeting - Country Steak - \$ Salad Bar
12 Coors Winterfest .75 DD Clinic - Lexington Lodge	13	14 DINING ROOM CLOSED	Member 601-9 30% off E
19 Sam Adams Scotch Ale \$2.00 Coors \$1.00	20	21 SKILO BUFFET \$6.00	Chick Pot P \$4.2
26 Covered Dish Super Bowl Party	27	28 Birthday Night 30% off any entree	Meat \$4.9 Salad Ba

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SHIRTS WITH COLLARS AND NO HATS

<p>1</p> <p>Peas, ns, Corn \$4.25</p>	<p>2</p> <p>WALT'S CHOICE</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Popcorn Shrimp & Deviled Crab \$7.95</p>	<p>4</p> <p>New York Strip \$13.45</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Auxiliary ting - 6:30</p> <p>try Style k - \$5.95 Bar Extra</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Regular Meeting 6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Clam Chowder on Salad Bar</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veal Parmesan \$9.45</p>
<p>15</p> <p>ber #'s 1-900 off Entree</p>	<p>16</p> <p>WALT'S CHOICE</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Fried Catfish, Hushpuppies, FF Slaw - \$6.25</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Prime Rib \$10.25</p>
<p>22</p> <p>hicken ot Pie \$4.25</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Regular Meeting 6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Shrimp Creole \$8.75</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ralph's Tiny Diner Chili \$2.50 Bowl</p>
<p>29</p> <p>eatloaf \$4.95</p> <p>Bar Extra</p>	<p>30</p> <p>WALT'S CHOICE</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Member #'s 901-1100 30% off Entree</p>	

From the Auxiliary President:

"Happy New Year!" It is now 1997 and I hope it finds you in good health. I would like to start out by saying Thank You to everyone for all the help and support you have give the lodge last year. 1996 was full of fun and great times for everyone.

It does my heart good to see how the Ladies of the Lodge came together for the Baptist Children's Home of Thomasville. They all reached in their pockets to give ten boys, ages 6-13, their Christmas dreams and everything they asked for Christmas. The children were so happy. Children are our future and we need to keep them close to our hearts at all times. Thank you Ladies so very much.

Our Christmas Extravaganza was wonderful. I was so pleased to see not only auxiliary couples, but many members too. (Great turn out!) Walt's buffet was terrific as always (We love you Walt!). Ladies, you out did yourselves with that dessert bar. (Wow, we are good cooks.) Kat Cooke came up with our entertainment - Dickie Hodges & Friends. Kat, they were great. By the way Rick, I didn't know you could play the harmonica like that - Way to go! And Jeff you missed your calling. You should have been a country singer - Yee Ha!

Congratulations to Frances Sumner, librarian at Franklin School. She won the beautiful Country Christmas basket. Thank you to all the ladies who helped with crafts, goodies and hard work that went into that basket. At our Christmas Dinner, the auxiliary members voted on volunteer of the year. Our winner was non other than Karen Dodson. Thanks Karen for all you hard work. Sometimes it is hard for us to keep with you. There are many ladies who gave a lot of time and hard work to help this lodge. Thank you all for being there for us.

This year was the first time our Lodge was in the Mount Airy Christmas Parade. What fun was had! Richard Sommers, you are the best. You came through with flying colors. You gave your truck, trailer and time, even running a round town for us. Thanks you so much from all the ladies of the Auxiliary.

I would like to thank Eileen Newman for a wonder idea, and the great things you have done for our auxiliary. The children in the parade had a ball, even the big ones like Carl Massey who ran up and down the street passing out 100's and 100'2 of candy canes with Karen. Thank you 1996 was a wonderful year!

Ladies, don't forget our first meeting of the year is Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 pm. Please come so we can make 1997 better than 1996. We would love to have new members - come join us.

Ladies, if you would like to come by to see what we do you are more than welcome. Give us a try.

*Happy New Year
Have a terrific 1997*

Sincerely,
Cheri Massey
Auxiliary President

Manager's Message

Start your New Year off right! The Elk's New Year Party is only \$25.00 per couple (if it has not sold out by the time you read this).

Each member should resolve to visit the lodge at least once per month. Most clubs in our area rely on a "Forced" visit to support their restaurants. We like to think that you can support your lodge because the food and service are good. And that it's just plain fun to be on the hill. We have new activities in the lounge and lots of new members who are coming to the lodge quite often that would like to meet some of the other members.

Hope to see each and every one of our 700 members soon.

Live long and prosper.

Rick

1996-97 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Joe Cooke
Leading Knight	Jeff Hemric
Loyal Knight	Don Hicks
Lecturing Knight	Barry Payne
Secretary	J.T. Nichols
Treasurer	Alton Smith
Tiler	Don Hoover
Inner Guard	Todd Akers
Esquire	Jay Roberts
Chaplain	Ray Payne
Organist	Jim Bray

HOUSE COMMITTEE

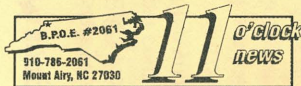
Rich Rybarczyk
Travis Holland
Gary Kidd
Jeff Hemric
Marty Dunbar
Jim Jackson
Steve Button
Bowman George

TRUSTEES

Jim Roberts
Stonie Dunbar
Gary Kidd
Marty Dunbar
Bob Edwards

You Should Have Been Here Lottery!

731	Fred Jennings	Free Meal	Absent
62	Floyd Rees	\$25 Certificate	Absent
1059	Robert Moody	\$300.00	Absent



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