

The Inlet Sail

MURRELLS INLET ELKS LODGE 2797

November 2024 Volume 24 Issue 8



ATTENTION !!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Is from October 26th to November 23rd

******* LODGE HOURS*******

**Sunday 12-8pm, Monday & Tuesday 2 - 9pm , Wednesday 12 - 9pm
Thursday 2 - 9pm, Friday 12pm -10pm, Saturday 2 – 8pm**

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LODGE INFORMATION

Regular Lodge Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, except in July, August, and December in which the Lodge shall meet the first Wednesday only. Initiation of new members will be held at the 3rd Wednesday night meeting.

Lodge Officers 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler: Walter Riehl
 Est. Leading Knight: John Mummert
 Est. Loyal Knight: Dr. Jennifer Serviss
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 Inner Guard: Brian O'Connell
 Chaplain: Fred Horman

House Committee

Chairman: John Serviss, PER
 Members: Sue Colabelli, Rob Cron, Dave



Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Greetings,

A big thank you to everyone who came out to donate for the blood drive for Alzheimer's.

The Cancer Committee had a busy month. We appreciate all who helped make the recent events our breast cancer walk at Brookgreen Gardens and the bowling event at Surfside Bowling. a huge success.

Our Thanksgiving food drive is currently underway. You may pick up bags in the lobby and return by November 23rd. Let's continue to make it a success, just as in past years.

Also, as in previous years, Dave Hansen will be selling 2025 calendars, with all proceeds going to charity. Look for more details in the newsletter.

Save the date for the Elks Christmas Party, coming up on December 21st! Be sure to keep an eye on your newsletter and e-blasts for updates on all upcoming events..

Fraternally,

Walt Riehl
Exalted Ruler



Please Welcome our
 Newest Members!
 Donna Gucwa,
 Catherine Mezzateste,
 Melissa Estes,
 Jonathan Estes, and
 Richard Coogan

November Meetings

November 6th

Officers Meeting — 6:30pm
 Lodge Meeting—7pm

November 13th

Orientation —6pm

November 20th

Officers Meeting — 6:30
 Lodge Meeting —7:00



Propositions and Balloting of Members from October 2nd & 16th Meetings:

Propositions for Membership: Lisa Osborn proposed by Walt Riehl, Michael Woytoviech proposed by Walt Riehl. Douglas Paley proposed by James Qualey, Marguerite Kerins proposed by Colleen Riehl, Stanley M. Gucwa Jr proposed Stanley Gucwa, Lynnette Stelly proposed by Walter Riehl

Balloting of Candidates: James Brewer for Reinstatement,
 David Musko

Volunteer of the Month
Bob Johnson



To Our Absent Member

Walter J. Mitchell #420

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

Ladies of the Elks #2797	Charlie McCaffrey
John & Lou Neese	Tommy Murray
Ken & Jan Anderson	Barbara Parrish
John & Kim Przybylski	Chuck Tidwell
Harold Dawson	Bev & Gary Rosenquist
Sandra Sheedy	Bob Johnson
Dottie & Bob Balzer	Mary Alyce Liska
Edward Steele	Peter & Ellen Uram
John Serviss, PER	Sue Colabelli
Dr. Jennifer Serviss	Dan & Sandra Menich
Ken & Amy Field	Anne Greenleaf



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Ed Brown by Amy Field

Michael Colabelli by Sue Colabelli

Roger Cusson by Barbie Hein

Joe Greenleaf, PER by Anne Greenleaf

John "Bill" Carman by Sandy Foster

Ed Carman by Karen Jackson

Bob Hanratty by Diane/Fred Thompson, PER,PDD,PSP

Freddie DeCastro by Carolyn Sandt

Pat Hunt by Sandy Foster, PER

Paul Igoe by Ron Mahon & Lisa Berghauser

Don Nyser by Bill & Ronni Craft

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER MEMBERS!!!

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Charles Eisberger | 14 Anita Micciulla |
| Betty Johnston | 15 Brian Hanranhan |
| Keith Reynolds | 16 Joseph Kerr |
| Michael Smith | 17 Leon Raab |
| 2 John Melvin | 18 Fred Crandell |
| 3 James Case | Debra Oliveira |
| Brian Conway | George Schaefer |
| 4 Pamela DaCunha | 19 Cynthia McIntyre |
| Steven Avant | 20 Jean Hoag |
| David Todd | Patrica Hunt |
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| 5 Timothy Capilongo | 21 Susan Burbank |
| Richard Gondeck | William Grayson |
| Richard Johnson | 22 Tom Dietrick |
| 6 Michael Drankoski | Arlene Hilton |
| 7 Kenneth Laukhuff | James Kearney |
| Clayton Powers | Staci Snyder |
| David Slider | 23 James Wittman |
| 8 Joseph Gromults | 26 Timothy O'neill |
| James Murphy | 27 Augustus Carson |
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| 10 Daniel Menich | 29 Martin Gruber |
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| Robert Sypniewski | Michael McParland |
| 11 ShermanThompson | David Moyer |
| 12 Todd Montgomery | 30 William McNelis |
| John Zuclich | Dwight Robinett |
| 13 David Callihan | |
| Chet Homicki | |



Celebrate!! Have a free drink on us!

Grant Committee Report

The Special Abilities Committee is hard at work with The Beacon Grant.

In total the Lodge received \$9500.00 in Grant money this year to help and support local charities within our community. Our Lodge always does a great job in helping out others in need and I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Elks National Fund program

Thank you *John Serviss* Chairman

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Veterans Committee Report

Our "At The Hop" fundraiser will be on November 2; see bartender for tickets. November 7 we will be doing our Veterans Day ceremony. Please join us. Also, Wreaths Across America. Look for applications on the bulletin board or at the end of the e-news letter.

Thank you,
Ray Durocher Veterans Committee Chairman

Alzheimer's Committee Report

Thank you to all that donated to the blood drive!
 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Market Commons is on Saturday, Nov. 02. Registration is at 10am.
 Mark your calendars Next Blood Drive will be on Feb. 17, 2025

Thank You *John Sewiss*, Chairman

PER Committee Report

At our last Past Exalted Rulers meeting we discussed having a PER fund raising dinner on January 18 2025. We will be serving Open Roast Beef Dinner. Keep an eye out for tickets to this event in the next couple of weeks. Our next PER meeting will be held on November 11th at 3pm all Past Exalted Rulers are welcomed to attend.

Thank you Past Exalted Ruler *John Sewiss*

Special Abilities Committee Report

After the summer break, our committee and event supporter volunteers jumped right into action. On Monday, Oct. 21, we had a glitch. The volunteers were ready for a Halloween Party but no buses arrived. After that line of communications was corrected, we provided festive time and lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 22 for the Jr. & Sr. High Special Abilities students of St. James and Socastee. Volunteers pictured.



Sandy Sheedy,
 Tom Campbell,
 Debra Oliveira,
 Ruth Zuclich,
 Donnette Wager,



Anna Bryson,
 Kristy Simmons,
 Sandy Sheedy,
 Tom Campbell,
 Donnette Wager,
 Ruth Zuclich,
 Lou Neese, Jim

Then on Wednesday, Oct. 23, Jim Brotherton, John Zuclich, Ruth Zuclich and Sandy Sheedy delivered 2/3 of the Beacon Grant supplies to the Georgetown 3rd-5th grade therapists. The occasion appeared to be an 'early Christmas'. They were so grateful.

At our November meeting on Monday, Nov. 18 at 2pm, we will plan for the Dec. 9-10 Christmas Parties for St. James and Socastee. Everyone is encouraged to attend to help support our Special Abilities efforts.

Friday, October 25, 2024 **Murrells Inlet Elks # 2797** **Diamondback GC**

Individual low nets/Flights:

A-B FLIGHT; Neal Andreae 68, Tom Liacos 68, Rob Cron 71, Bryan Hoffman 72, Bob Martin 73, Dave Beitter 74, Dave Todd 76, Barney Barnhorst 76.

C-D FLIGHT; Rich Whitehouse 70, Bob Doherty 71, Phil Dupuis 72, Pete Hronis 73, Bill Anderson 74, Barney Evangelista 75, Stan Data 76, Ray McKinstry 77.

Low Gross; Rob Cron 77. **Low Net;** Neal Andreae 68, Tom Liacos 68.

Closest to Pin; # 4 Rob Austin 10' 10", # 8 Phil McGhee 5' 1", # 12 Larry Johnson 4' 5", # 16 Bob Doherty 6' 6".

L.O.T.E. OFFICERS 2024-2026

President	Penny Randall	Chaplain	Catherine McGill
Vice-President	Bonnie Lyons	Trustee—3yr.	Anna Bryson
Secretary:	Carol Slider	Trustee—2 yr.	Gail Barnhorst
Treasurer:	Debbie Goggins	Trustee—1 yr.	Gail Tucker

L.O.T.E. November Birthdays**no Lovely Ladies this month****L.O.T. E. Report**

LOTE's would like to thank all who participated in our fundraiser dinner in October during the jam session !

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!

Holidays are coming fast! Hope you all enjoy a "Happy Thanksgiving"!

LOTE's are going to lunch Wednesday, November 6 at Inlet Crab House (pink and blue building) at 11:30. If you would like to join us, please contact Lou Neese at 843-655-5259 or Anna Bryson at

843-467-5406.

Resolution to be Voted on December 4th Meeting

Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Lodge
Presents Frederick Shawler Thompson for
Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight

Whereas, The Officers and Members of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Lodge No. 2797 do recognize and appreciate the leadership, accomplishments, and many years of dedicated service rendered by Frederick Shawler Thompson to Murrells Inlet Lodge No. 2797 of the Northeast District of South Carolina, the South Carolina Elks Association, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America; and

Whereas, He was initiated into the Alexandria, Virginia, Lodge No.758 on September 22, 1975, and later transferred to the Arlington-Fairfax, Virginia, Lodge No. 2188. Transferring to the Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Lodge No. 2797 in February 2007. He served as Chairman of numerous committees, Esteemed Loyal Knight in 2008-2009, Esteemed Leading Knight in 2009-2010, and then serving as Exalted Ruler in 2010-2011 and being elected an Honorary Life Member in 2020; and

Whereas, He served the South Carolina Elks Association as a member of numerous committees in 2012 to present, Chair of State Veterans Committee in 2012 to present, Northeast District Director in 2011-2013, Vice President in 2015-2018, President-Elect in 2018-2019, State President in 2019-2020, Board of Directors Chair in 2020-2025, Charitable Trust Board of Directors Chair in 2023-2024, South Carolina Elks Association State Secretary 2025-present; and

Whereas, He served the Grand Lodge with distinction as District Deputy for the Northeast District of South Carolina in 2013-2014 under Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering, served the Elks National Veterans Service Commission as Representative for South Carolina in 2012-present; and

Whereas, He is a Life Member of the American Radio Relay League, an active Amateur Radio Operator since high school, currently with the Call Sign of W4FST, and active with the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club with an emphasis in Emergency Operation Centers in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina area, and since 1979 a Platelet Donor twice a month with the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, He has been married to his very supportive wife, Diane, also a member of the Murrells Inlet, South Carolina Lodge No. 2797, for 29 years and they have a son and a daughter, and four grandchildren; and

Be it resolved, That the Officers and Members of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Lodge No. 2797 are honored and privileged to present to the 2025 Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, the name of Frederick Shawler Thompson as a candidate for the office of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Cancer Committee

On [October 27](#), we took over the Surfside Bowling Lanes, selling out all 32 lanes! Special thanks to Carol Zuck for her invaluable help, as well as to the Elks and local neighborhoods that showed up to support breast cancer awareness.

We still have some shirts available for purchase see bar tender to pay.

Cancer committee will be selling bake goods the third Thursday of every month. Come try our delicious cakes and cookie.

Our next big event is a Dinner Dance on February 2 so mark your calendar and save the date. Thank you for your support



Colleen Riehl Chairman



House Committee Report

Hello Everyone

At the last House committee meeting the members present discussed having a sign up sheet for Thursday night dinners. The reason for this is to get a more accurate count so we can prepare enough food and not have food waste. Starting this Thursday the 31st of October a sign up sheet will be placed on the near popcorn machine in the bar area. If you plan on have dinner on Thursday nights please place your name on the list no later than Tuesday.

We also discussed and voted on raising the prices of all drinks by 25 cents. This is due to the high cost of the alcohol, soft drinks, and all the products that we need to keep the bar operating. This price increase will go into effect on November 01 2024.

Thursday night dinners for the Month of November will be

Stuff Shells on the 7th, Chicken cordon blue on the 14th, Beef Burgundy on the on the 21st

We will have pizza for sale on Wednesday night the 27th Thanksgiving eve. The Lodge will be closed on Closed Thanksgiving

Tom Campbell will be hosting Music Bingo on Monday the 18th the kitchen will be open and we will be serving Wings.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

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NOVEMBER 2024 Lodge Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Karaoke Every Thursday @ 6:30pm All are welcome Happy Hour is 4pm to 6pm when open	Cleaning every Saturday @7am Inside & out All are welcome	Shuffleboard @2 open @ 6 League 			1	2 Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Market Common Sock Hop 5—9pm Tickets @ the bar
3 OPEN @ NOON for football Free Food 	4	5 Shuffleboard @2 open @ 6 League 	6 Officer's Meeting @ 6:30pm Lodge Meeting @ 7pm	7 LOTE's Bake Sale during dinner Veteran's day Ceremony Dinner 5:30pm - 6:30pm — Stuff Shells	8	9 
10 OPEN @ NOON for football Free Food 	11 PER Meeting @ 3pm	12 Shuffleboard @2 open @ 	13 Orientation @ 6pm 	14 LOTE Meeting @ 1pm Dinner 5:30pm - 6:30pm — Chicken Cordon Blue	15	16 Sons & Daughter of Italy Dinner See Flyer around lodge
17 OPEN @ NOON for football Free Food 	18 SA Meeting @ 2pm Music Bingo @ 6pm Wings will be served	19 Shuffleboard @2 open @ 6 League 	20 Officer's Meeting @ 6:30pm Lodge Meeting @ 7pm	21 Dinner 5:30pm - 6:30pm — Beef Burgundy	22	23 Thanksgiving Food Drive Donations are Due!
24 OPEN @ NOON Football Game time food	25	26 Shuffleboard @2 open @ 	27 Pizza will be available to buy! 	28 CLOSED 	29	30

NOVEMBER 2024 Lodge Events

Dinner Thursday night

5:30 to 6:30

November 7th Stuff Shells—\$12.00

November 14th Chicken Cordon Blue —\$12.00

November 21st Beef Burgundy— \$12.00

November 28th THANKSGIVING (LODGE IS CLOSED)

Spaghetti available every Thursday \$10.00

Karaoke every Thursday night @
Come sing your heart out!



6:30pm!

2025 Calendar (11th Edition)

by Dave Hanson

Calendar will be available in early November

300 copies to be sold

COST: \$15.00 each

plus \$3.00 Postage & Handling to cover mailing

Again proceeds will be split between

St Jude Children's Research Hospital

Save the Date

Saturday, November 2nd

50's & 60's Themed Sock Hop Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 2nd

Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Market Commons

Saturday, December 21st

Elks Christmas Party

Saturday, January 18th

PER Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, February 1st

Cancer Dinner Dance

Monday, February 17th

Blood Drive

Look for flyers around lodge for more information,

Also at end of the Newsletter email and Facebook

2024 ELKS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE HAS BEGUN

The following list of food items are needed:

- * Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- * Boxed stuffing mix
- * Canned yams (sweet potatoes)
- * Cranberry sauce
- * Boxed macaroni & cheese
- * Boxed cornbread mix
- * Dry gravy mix or canned turkey gravy
- * Canned vegetables- green beans, corn, peas
- * Dessert mixes, cake mix, cookie mixes ect.
- * Canned fruit
- * Canned pumpkin pie mix
- * Pie crust mix- boxed or pre-formed shells
- * Evaporated milk (cans only)



We need a total of 2000 items to feed 90 Families

Pick up a grocery bag in Lobby and fill with the 4 items on bag.

May also drop off anything on the list.

NEED ALL ITEMS BY NOV. 23 AT THE LODGE

DONATION for Turkey's are also welcomed!
cash or Checks made out to "Elks Lodge 2797"
memo Turkeys. may leave with bartender.

Deadline for information going into "The Inlet Sail" must be submitted by the **25th of each month**. All articles are to be turned in as an attachment MS word format.

Please email to news2797@sccoast.net. Thank you, the News Team



P.E.R. Dave Dailey presented Colleen Brennan Riehl with yellow roses and the Former First Lady of Murrells Inlet Elks Lodge

Dr. Jennifer Serviss presented her with her Lodge First Lady pin.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with things in the lodge. Many hands make light work.

Son & Daughter of Italy

November 16th

6pm

Tickets \$20.00

You may purchase tickets on Thursday

A representative from

S.D.O.L Lodge #3006 will be available

Working to build their own lodge!

Quote of Month "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know when it will be too late."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson