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Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKs ~ Lodge 2679
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“CALABASH ELKS LODGE INITIATES NEW MEMBERS”

~ Lodge Experiencing Growth Spurt with Steady Acquisition of New Members ~

In a formal ceremony conducted on Saturday, July 28, 2018, the Calabash Elks Lodge initiated 11 New Members, making the event the fourth time they have initiated new members into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the local lodge in Calabash, NC, since the beginning of 2018.

As a cornerstone of the community since 1984, the Calabash Elks Lodge is attracting new members at a record rate, as members of the surrounding community are looking for ways to “Give Back,” and enjoy the company of others in a safe and friendly fraternal environment. The opportunity to participate in the benevolent programs offered by the Order and lodge is attractive to both new and long-time local residents. The membership rolls of the lodge are now approaching 700 current members.

As one of the 1,800 nationwide subordinate lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, headquartered in Chicago, IL, the Calabash Elks Lodge has been a local landmark of the area since 1984. The lodge has become a cornerstone of the local community for the past 34 years. The emphasis of the Elks Lodge is on conducting Youth Programs, Serving our Veterans, and doing Charitable Work in the community in which they live and work. Since 1984, the Calabash Elks have generously contributed nearly \$350,000 to local charities and Community projects. To learn more about the Calabash Elks Lodge, or to find out how to become an Elk, visit their web page at www.CalabashElks.Org

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Eleven (11) New Members were Initiated into the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 in a Ceremony Conducted on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Our New Members Pictured above (Back row – Left to Right) are: Robert “Bob” Muckian; - Ann Marie Waters; - Sandford “Sandy” Schlussman; - Cameron Lambert; - Douglas “Doug” Dickinson; and – Barry Childs. (Front Row – Left to Right) Richard “Rich” Russ, Current Exalted Ruler of the Lodge; - Susan Scott; - Thomas Shea; - Gaye Inman; - Jeanne Colletta; and – Sharon Merkel. Welcome to our Order, and – Welcome to our Lodge!