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Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Thurs, May 8, at OCGOP HQ
Meeting starts at 7:00pm

Triangle Republican Women

Wed, May 14, 6:30pm
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham
RSVP by May 12 to:
trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com

RWCH-Chatham

Thurs, May 22, 11:30am
Gov Club, 11000 Governors Dr,
Chapel Hill

NCGOP State Convention

June 5-8, Joseph Koury
Convention Ctr., Greensboro
www.ncgopconvention.org

OCGOP Politics & Pancakes

Sat, June 14, 8-11am
Schley Grange Hall
3416 Schley Rd, Hillsborough

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a

difference! To volunteer visit
orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, sign up at
<https://orange.nc.gop>.

Questions? Email us at
info@orangencgop.com

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Hillsborough, NC 27278
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Office Hours

M, W, F 12pm–2pm



OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Please join us for our regular monthly meeting, where we will hear from special guest Andy Nilsson, former businessman and candidate for US Senate. He will be challenging Senator Thom Tillis in the 2026 primary. Bring a friend!

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 7:00pm

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough

A Letter from our Chairman

I recently attended the funeral for Richard, the father-in-law of a good friend.

During the celebration of his life, it occurred to me that I have never been to a funeral where the list of material possessions was listed as part of the life of the one being remembered. The same was true in this case and is a reminder to us all that the most important things in life are our relationships and not our stuff. During the celebration of Richard's life, his family and friends remembered him as a man who worked hard, building a successful CPA business, being a good provider and father for his family and a man of faith.

You may be asking, "What does this have to do with the Republican party?" I would say everything. He enjoyed and exemplified all of the values that we believe and fight for as conservatives. The value of hard work and making your own success or failures without government interference. The importance of the traditional family unit, especially the father that provides both love, resources, and protection to the family. All things that many on the left believe that the government can and should provide. Finally, the freedom to worship and practice our faith according to our conscience and not what the government or some social elites think we should believe.

Consider the case that is currently being considered by the Supreme Court that would allow parents to "opt their children out" of curriculum, based on their religious convictions, that involves books with hyper-sexual themes or pornographic images. It appears from the line of questioning that the court is going to rule on behalf of the parents and not the government schools. Let's pray that happens. Richard was a veteran that had fought for our freedom and lived in it. This is why as Republicans we fight for the values of hard work, family, and freedom.

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith, Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

NCGOP State Convention

If you were a delegate at our Orange County GOP Convention, please consider attending the NC Republican Party State Convention to be held **June 5-8, 2025**, at the Koury Convention Center, 3121 West Gate City Blvd., in Greensboro, NC.

The main business sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday. Base Registration is \$75.00. There is a service fee for tickets.

You must register if you plan to attend. For complete information and to register, visit www.ncgopconvention.org. Info will be posted there as it becomes available.

Election Judges

A key goal of OCGOP leadership this year is to recruit a deeper bench of election officials to serve in the polls. Bipartisan balance among the people who work in our elections is critical to ensuring election integrity and fostering trust in the outcome. A review of election officials in the November 2024 election revealed that Republicans are greatly outnumbered by Democrats at the polls in Orange County. With that in mind, we are seeking Republicans and conservative Unaffiliated voters who are interested in working as Chief Judges, Judges, and Assistants. These are paid positions appointed by the Orange County Board of Elections.

To learn more, visit our website at https://orange.nc.gop/judge_info_session or email us at info@orangencgop.com to let us know of your interest **by July 15**. Or attend our information session on **Thursday, June 26, at 7pm** at OCGOP HQ. We will answer your questions to help you determine if it's right for you, so please stop by!



Ready to sign up? Visit <https://bit.ly/judgeinterestform> or scan the QR code and complete the online interest form today!

Election officials serve two-year terms starting in August of odd-numbered years, so **even if you have served in the past, please fill out the online interest form** if you want to serve again so we can be sure your name is included on the list we send to the Board of Elections for consideration.

OCGOP Leadership

OCGOP leadership held its first Executive Committee meeting on May 3. Thanks to all who attended! Chairman Smith talked about the various functions needed to run the party. While we have leaders who have stepped forward in some roles, we are always looking to expand the party to new people who are interested in getting involved. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping in the following areas, please email us at info@orangencgop.com and let us know. Someone will contact you to discuss your interests and answer your questions.

Leadership Roles/Committees

- Legal Counsel
- OCBOE/NCEIT Liaison
- Fundraising Events
- Outreach Events
- Voter Registration
- UNC College Republicans Liaison
- Young Republicans Outreach
- Veterans Outreach
- Law Enforcement Outreach
- Hispanic Outreach

Orange County Property Tax Valuations

The Board of County Commissioners will hold its first [public hearing on the budget](#) for fiscal year 2025-26 on **Tuesday, May 13, at 7 PM** in the Board room at the Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill.

If you are a property owner in Orange County and have questions about your recent property tax valuation, you may be interested in following the budget process closely. If you missed the April 15 business meeting, you may find this presentation on the [revenue neutral property tax rates](#) of interest.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, you can always make your concerns known by emailing the County Commissioners at ocbocc@orangecountync.gov (note that all emails are public record).

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Conservative Veterans Coalition

Orange County GOP is sponsoring a coalition of Conservative Veterans. The stated goals are to influence Veterans legislation at the state and local level. It will also provide Veterans with current information, help with issues that affect the individual Vet and Vet community. Another intention is to partner with other conservative organizations in order to expand this effort. For further information contact Ken Ward at 301-904-8453 or herkybird72@gmail.com.

Precinct Development

Our first precinct organizational meeting of this election cycle was held on Saturday, May 3. **We still need leadership in the following precincts:** Carr, Carrboro, Coker Hills, Coles Store, Damascus, Dogwood Acres, Eastside, Eno, Estes Hills, Glenwood, Hillsborough, Hogan Farms, Kings Mill, Northside, OWASA, Patterson, Ridgefield, Tolars, Town Hall, UNC, Weaver Dairy.

If you are interested in serving as a precinct chair, or want to learn more about it, please contact Shawnee Seese, OCGOP 2nd Vice-Chair, at sseeseocgop@gmail.com for more information.

Politics & Pancakes Returns!

OCGOP will host a *free* pancake breakfast on **Saturday, June 14, from 8-11 AM** at Schley Grange Hall, 3416 Schley Road in Hillsborough. This event is part of our outreach efforts and is a great way to meet fellow Republicans and conservatives in Orange County. If you enjoy meeting like-minded neighbors, please come out and enjoy some pancakes and bacon on us!

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event, so please email us at info@orangencgop.com to be added to the organizing committee e-mail list if you are interested.

Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The NC Federation of Republican Women will hold its annual Legislative Day on **Tuesday, May 6**. This is an opportunity for *current* members to meet and interact with our Republican legislators in the General Assembly. Following an informal lunch, the members hear from our Council of State officials. Contact Donna Stewart at stewart859@att.net if interested in attending.

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their monthly luncheon on **Thursday, May 22, at 11:30am** at their new location, Governors Club, 11000 Governors Drive in Chapel Hill. Guest speakers will be from the local Board of Elections. For more information contact RWCHC Vice-Chairman Terri Tyson at (919) 923-2476 or territyson100@gmail.com.

North Carolina Federation of Republican Men

The NC Federation of Republican Men will hold its annual convention on **Saturday, May 10**, at NCGOP Headquarters in Raleigh. Registration begins at 9:00am. Convention begins promptly at 10:00am.

Guest speaker is Representative Keith Kidwell who will discuss the Permitless Concealed Carry Bill and other pressing legislative issues affecting our state and our freedoms. Elections will also take place for all officer positions.

\$30 registration fee includes lunch from Sam Jones BBQ. Click [HERE](#) to register.

NCEIT News

The North Carolina Election Integrity Team (NCEIT) hosted a Legislative Action Day on April 30 at the NC General Assembly in Raleigh. Attendees lobbied key legislators in support of election integrity bills related to shortening same-day registration, improving the voter registration process, and requiring proof of citizenship to vote, among other actions. It was a successful event as NCEIT has been invited back for a longer discussion to provide input on an election-related omnibus bill. Stay tuned!

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