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THE ELKS HORN

Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge 2188

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Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188

Message from the Exalted Ruler



Happy February to all #2188 members and friends! February is “Heart Month.” High blood pressure, as we all know, is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke, and having your blood pressure checked regularly is important. Healthy eating is important. Socialization is important. Your mind deserves better than to be loaded down with the never-ending job of worrying about things. So **DON’T WORRY—BE HAPPY!** I am sure we have all heard that one before. Don’t sit at home and be lonely. Don’t fret about your life challenges. Staying active is an extremely important part of good health. Physical activity, healthy eating and emotion stimulation are all essential to effective stress management. This is especially true throughout the dull winter months when we cannot



just go outside to take long walks in the fresh air or work in our gardens or garages. Where can you find such stimulation? In many places, but have you considered your Lodge? Socialization is always plentiful through attendance at Lodge meetings, special events, dances, Wednesday and Friday night dinners, and participating in the many opportunities throughout the year for service and volunteering. Attending Lodge and Auxiliary meetings are opportunities for socialization. Watching the Super Bowl and eating the good food that will be served on February 7th with fellow members at the Lodge is another opportunity for socialization. The cheering (or booing) for your team is surely an activity. The Friday Night Dinners in the Lounge, and the Ballroom Dinner Dances are also opportunities to meet old and new friends that will enliven your senses through communication – and there’s always good food to enjoy!

The importance of socialization in our lives can hardly be exaggerated, and the added benefit of making someone else happy through service and communication is truly enriching. Check out our monthly newsletter (especially the calendar page) and your regular e-mails for dates and times of events at our Lodge that you can participate in and enjoy. If you have e-mail and are not receiving our “news flashes” from the webmaster, please call me at (703) 785-9974 so that you can be added to the distribution list. Bring your family, friends and neighbors as your guests to a Wednesday and/or Friday Night Dinner, or a monthly dance or special event. Don’t stay away – come out to play and make new friends – reacquaint yourself with old friends, and participate in our Lodge. Most importantly, your heart will reap benefits through it. **[Brenda Slingerland]**

“BRETT MULLINS” ELK OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2016



My Elk of the Month is the one and only Brett Mullins. What a “breath of fresh air” Brett is whenever he is at the Lodge. From the day he became a member, Brett (and his wife Laurie) have been very active participants in many Lodge activities. Brett volunteers at BINGO, is a very talented addition to the singers on Friday nights, and always has a broad and kind smile on the ready. His kindness and sincerity is infectious.

Who We Are

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Membership

The Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposal for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character, and be at least 21 years old.

ATTENTION UNPAID MEMBERS: Please contact
Membership Chair Don Weber at (703) 241-8309 to
either renew or terminate your membership.



CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

Aleethia Dinner Fundraising:

Gift Wrapping by Linda Gardner & Christmas Elves: \$787

Lager Basket Raffle: \$300

Stars Honoring Military Personnel to hang on the Lounge Tree: \$525

Safety Glasses:

Bar Change: \$13.50

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of the members who have contacted me concerning their delinquent dues. We have lowered the number of outstanding dues, but there are still more overdue. Please continue to encourage anyone you know who has not yet renewed to please do so. If you know of anyone who has a financial burden, the Lodge does assist members in distress with their dues. Please let the Secretary know.

For the currently paid up members, if you decide not to continue your membership, the time to let me know is prior to March 15, 2016, while you are still in good standing and able to get an Absolute Dimit. Otherwise, if you wait until after April 1 when your dues become delinquent, you will be dropped for non-payment.

PLEASE NOTE: The invoices for membership dues will be mailed out shortly to everyone. There will be some changes to the invoice this year. You can send your contribution for the ENF and donate to our local Lodge Building & Maintenance Fund in the same payment as your dues, if you wish. **However**, please remember that the membership dues are the only obligation you have, and the amounts you contribute to ENF and/or the Building & Maintenance Fund are optional. If you wish to send that money separately at a later time, that will be fine.

Proposed Members (to be balloted January 26, 2016):

Benjamin Harrington (proposed by Tom Lotfabadi)

Heidi Mirzakanian (proposed by Tom Loftis)

Scott Nosseltree (proposed by Roy Seabolt)

Wesley Seabolt (proposed by Roy Seabolt)

Gannon Tayrien (proposed by Doug Tayrien)

Requesting Reinstatement:

Christopher Mekenney (proposed by Susan Mekenney)

Jonathan Mekenney (proposed by Susan Mekenney)

IN MEMORIAM

*****Robert L. Bateman, October 24, 2015*****

"We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be the vacant chair, But though we no more possess him, Still our hearts his memory bear, But a while ago we gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye, Now the golden cord is severed, He has passed to realms on high."

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to **PER JOHN FAIRFAX, MICHAEL STEVENS, EDDIE CAMPER, JOHN SULLIVAN, PEGGY PAPE, SHERRY DAVENPORT, GENETTE MOORE** (widow of deceased member Obie Moore): *"We are so sorry to hear that you are ill. Please know that we are thinking of you often and praying for your quick recovery. Take it easy, rest, and be kind to yourself, and if there's anything you need, call any of us first. We miss you, care about you, and look forward to seeing you restored to perfect health."* [The Membership of #2188

[If you become aware of someone suffering from an illness or who has been hospitalized, please notify Secretary Jan Sullivan as soon as possible. Thank you!]

News from the Trustees (Chairman Roy Seabolt) roy.seabolt@gmail.com



"I Have A Plan" When I first joined the Elks, I did so with the intent of getting involved with the business side of the Lodge because of both my management and technical background. From day one, I attended almost every Lodge and Board meeting to learn and understand as much about the Lodge operation as I could. Over time, I identified three issues that I felt needed to be addressed: (1) Antiquated, undocumented network infrastructure (phone system/WiFi network); (2) Significant dependency on only three revenue streams, any of which if disrupted would cause severe financial distress for the Lodge; (3) Lack of "Elks" name recognition in both the local and business community. When the opportunity came for me to run for the Board, I did so and subsequently developed a three-year plan to address these issues.

Year One – Upgrade the existing network infrastructure. While this project has taken longer than I would like, I am pleased to report that we are entering the final phase of this project and sometime in February/early March there will be a new WiFi network, available throughout the entire Lodge. There will also be a new phone system, and yes the phone menu options will change. (We will publish more information in the March newsletter).

Year Two – Get involved with the local Business Chambers of Commerce, develop business connections, and market our facility as a place to have offsite business meetings on weekday (a time period when our rooms sit empty most days). The new phone system and WiFi network implemented in Year One supports this effort by making it possible for to make business conference calls and to logon to a network.

Year Three – Using the business connections developed in Year Two, seek **corporate sponsors** for our worthwhile charitable goals. Many of these sponsors have Grant money available that if we can tap into, will allow us to create name recognition and start to establish a brand. **Branding is important.** For example, when people hear the slogan "Pink Ribbon," they automatically think breast cancer. When they hear the word "ELKS," I want them to think "Veterans Homeless Program" or some similar cause.

My question to you is "What's your plan for your Elks membership"? What skills or ideas do you have that will help support this Lodge. Step forward and let a Board member know. **[Chairman Roy Seabolt]**



Message from the Elks Auxiliary (President Barbara Marshall) bmarshall12@verizon.net The beginning of the year is a busy one for the Auxiliary as we choose our charities for the year, present the budget for 2016-17, and elect officers for the coming year. Grace Kayatta and her committee have been busy putting together a great slate of officers. Thanks to everyone's support of our White House ornaments and Giant gift cards sales, Charity chairperson Georgianna Knotts will have a comprehensive list of charities to present to the group for approval. Once again this year we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a **Saturday Morning Breakfast on February 6th**, which will be coordinated by Rose Thiebaut.

We had great attendance at this event last year and everyone enjoyed fun and fellowship. I am sure this year will be no different. We invite you to come and join us. **[Barbara Marshall]**



News from the Veterans Committee (Co-Chairs Ken Hensley and Linda Gardner)

USO Frozen Food Deliveries are funded through the Freedom Grant, generous donations by Lodge members, and fundraising activities. The deliveries fill the USO freezer at Reagan National Airport, and provide meals/hearty snacks for the military and veterans who stop by the airport lounge while waiting for their flight connections. Charitable contributions designated for the USO Frozen Food Deliveries ensure the continuity of this very important program. The committee also has two dinners planned for 2016 and needs Lodge member support to fund these events as well. The Veterans

Committee is a very beneficial and active group in our Lodge. We host Bingo for the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital every fifth Friday, we participate in their annual carnival for veterans and their families in September, and host the Annual Veterans Day Program in November. If you are looking for a rewarding committee to be a part of, please consider joining us. We love what we do for America's veterans! Contact Ken or Linda at the email addresses listed for further information. For more information, please contact Ken (ken.hensley@cox.net) or Linda (lgardner9@cox.net).

GOLF NEWS – “Par for the Course” (Chairman Ron Murphy) bettyron.50@gmail.com



Work continues on the 2016 Golf Association schedule. It should be completed by the time you read this. When completed, copies of the schedule and membership application will be provided to the 2015 Golf Association members automatically. New members should contact Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or 703 866-4403 for copies. There will be significant changes to the schedule from last season, including five new/different courses. Two will replace Goose Creek and Osprey's, both closed last Fall. Two others replace Medal of Honor and The Gauntlet who had little support from the group. The fifth represents an additional event. This year there will be seventeen versus sixteen in 2015. The new courses are Raspberry Falls, Bull Run, 1757, Algonquian and Bristow Manor. We believe this schedule will be an upgrade over last year. This season will kick off at Westpark on April 4th, and close at South Riding on October 17th. Our sign-up procedures for individual events will remain the same. Players will need to sign-up by the Thursday preceding the event. A reminder email will be sent to members a week prior to the event with appropriate instructions. Sign-up can be accomplished by email or by calling the tournament director. All Lodge members are invited to join the Golf Association. Elks who choose not to join may play as guests. **[Chairman Ron Murphy]**

MESSAGE FROM THE TRAVEL COMMITTEE (Paul Newcombe)

AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT CRUISE



READ ALL ABOUT IT! The attachments below contain all the information as to city features, American Queen Cruise amenities, cabin categories availability, prices, features, and arrangements for reservations. Also, if you wish to use frequent flyer miles, you may do so and the cruise price can be adjusted. Discuss this with Grand American Tours when making reservations. Grand American Tours will be handling all the travel and financial arrangements which enables me to bring an occasional special

cruise offer to you. Those who book early get the best cabin locations. **Final payment is due by February 8, 2016.** It's a super cruise at a great price!

MEMPHIS to NEW ORLEANS ON THE AMERICAN QUEEN 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS -- JUNE 5 TO 13, 2016

Day 1: Hotel Stay – Memphis, TN - Your journey begins with a deluxe overnight hotel stay in Memphis

Day 2: Memphis, TN -- Enjoy the sights and sounds of Memphis before boarding the American Queen to begin your voyage – American Queen will depart at 5:00 p.m.

Day 3: Greenville, MS

Day 4: Vicksburg, MS

Day 5: Natchez, MS

Day 6: St. Francisville, LA

Day 7: Baton Rouge, LA

Day 8: Nottoway, LA

Day 9: New Orleans, LA



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NO DINNER DANCE IN THE #2188 BALLROOM FOR FEBRUARY



ELKS AUXILIARY BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 6, 2016

9:00A to 12:00N

\$6.00 per person -- you're invited! -- bring family and friends

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Coffee/Tea

11th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AT #2188

Sunday, February 7, 2016 -- \$20 Cover Charge (proceeds will benefit The Aleethia Foundation)
Entertainment by "Honky Tonk Confidential" beginning 3:30 p.m.

Food (prepared by the Grill Masters) will be served at 4:30 p.m.

WATCH THE SUPER BOWL GAME @ 6:00P



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY (details on Page 4)

Saturday, February 14, 2016 – Fairfax Room -- 6:00P to 10:00P



"OPEN MIC NITE" WITH TERRY LEE RYAN

Monday, February 15, 2016 – Lounge -- 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



"SQUIRE'S REUNION" PARTY (details on Page 5)

Saturday, February 20, 2016 - #2188 Lounge - 4:00P to 7:00P

Entertainment by Tom Saputo

\$10 at the door (finger foods included)



You're Invited!

Tom Loftabadi, Club Manager

INVITES YOU

To A Special Valentine Dinner

Sunday, February 14

Fairfax Room

6:00-10:00

Terry Lee Ryan Performing

setting the mood of love

Only \$30.00

Includes dinner, music,
glass of champagne & a rose.

RESERVATIONS PLEASE:

703-560-2188



“Squire Rockwell’s Reunion”

**Did you enjoy the music and
camaraderie at Squire Rockwell’s?**



Please join us at #2188 on
Saturday, February 20th
4:00P to 7:00P

\$10.00 charge at the door includes:
Entertainment by Tom Saputo (of course)
Heavy hors d’oeuvres
Singing & Dancing

Enjoy our special drink
“Squire’s Fire” for only \$3.00

Open to members/guests/the public

Join in the fun!



**RESERVATIONS
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THE HUBCAPS AT #2188 ON MARCH 5, 2016

Get your tickets soon – this event is always a sell-out!

Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188

Proudly Presents



in the
Elks Lodge 2188
Grand Ballroom
8421 Arlington Blvd
Fairfax, VA 22031
Saturday, March 5, 2016

7:30 pm
Cash Bar & Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres
\$45.00

For Tickets Contact:

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Patti Graves:	(571) 249-9858

Recent EVENTS HELD AT #2188

BEER TASTING – Saturday, January 9, 2016

The NFL Wildcard Playoff Games was celebrated with a **Beer Tasting** held on **Saturday, January 9th**, at 3:00P in the #2188 Lounge. Organized by **Jerry Sall** and his team, the event was well-attended and everyone tasted 10 different American craft lagers. A great time was had by all, and proceeds from this event were donated to the Lodge Building Fund.



“Let's Do Country” – Saturday, January 16, 2016

This fun event was held on Saturday, January 16th in the Lounge from 4:00P to 7:00 p.m., which provided homemade Country food and super Country music (by DJ Wes Glover). Hosted by the team of Sandy Mueller, Rose Thiebaut, Karen Bender, Linda Gardner, who brought lots of cornbread, tossed salad, and homemade desserts (fresh and delicious) for everyone to enjoy! The featured “Special Guest Chef” was **Tom Thiebaut** who served a big batch of Ham & Beans Soup. Proceeds from this event were donated to the Lodge Building Fund.



“OPEN MIC NITE” WITH TERRY LEE RYAN -- Monday, JAN 18, 2016

Mondays have always been very slow and quiet nights in the Lounge. However, with the genius of Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi, “Open Mic Nite” with Terry Lee Ryan was introduced to the Lounge on Monday, January 18th. It proved to be a very fun-filled evening and was well-attended. If member support proves successful, “Open Mic Nite” will continue once a month (on the 3rd Monday of each month). So come out on February 15th to have some fun!






ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DANCE – Saturday, January 30, 2016

Held on Saturday, January 30th in the #2188 Ballroom, with entertainment by Frank Napoli. A \$10 traditional contribution was requested of all attendees to support the Elks National Foundation which has helped finance our scholarships, the USO Project, the Wounded Warriors Project, the Children's Carnival Project, the Dictionary Project, and many other projects over the years. **[[Chairman PER Frank Burns]**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT															
	1  Volunteers Needed!	2 BOARD MEETING 7:00P	3  WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (BBQ Ribs)	4  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	5 USO Delivery  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Grilled Crab Cake) (Terry Lee Ryan)	6 ELKS AUXILIARY BREAKFAST 9:00A-12:00N POKER 1 ST Session 5:00P 2 ND Session 7:00P															
7 CHILI COOK-OFF & TURKEY FRY  Super Bowl Sunday	8  Volunteers Needed!	9 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	10  WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib Night) Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting 7:30P	11  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	12  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Tilapia) (Johnny Artis Band)	13 The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by! POKER 1 ST Session 5:00P 2 ND Session 7:00P															
14 VALENTINE'S DINNER 6:00P-10:00P 	15 Knit & Crochet Circle 11:00A-2:00P Open Mic Nite (Terry Lee Ryan) 6:00P 	16 Elks Auxiliary Daytime Activity 11:30A BOARD MEETING 7:00P	17  WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Chicken Cordon Bleu)	18  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	19 USO Delivery  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Broiled Salmon) (Tom Saputo)	20 “SQUIRE'S REUNION” PARTY 4:00P-7:00P (Tom Saputo) POKER 1 ST Session 5:00P 2 ND Session 7:00P															
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