



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN
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OCTOBER 2020 EDITION

Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.



What a year so far! We are already 6 months into our club year! You would think with the challenges we are facing in our lives we might be in limbo or faltering – but not this Lodge. We are gathering strength and drawing on the strong bonds of our membership to succeed. We will not let these bumps in the road define us or stop us from fulfilling our duties.

It seems like every time you visit the Lodge there is something new happening or changing. Our upstairs **Tiki Bar Renovation Project** has now begun and will be an absolute attention-getter for our Lodge and our rental guests once it is completed. On a positive note, we have seen an uptick in our room rentals and have a few new events in the works. This Exalted Ruler and my wife, Monica, will be hosting a **LODGE**

FUNDRAISER on Saturday evening, October 17th in the Ballroom. The evening will include dinner followed by 5 Bingo games with chances to win big cash money. The cost is \$40 per person and we are limited to 60 attendees. In addition, there will be a **HALLOWEEN PARTY on Saturday, October 31st in the Ballroom.** I cannot wait to see everyone dressed up and make the best use of our Lodge's largest space. Be on the lookout for more information this month for both events.

With Fall upon us, the weather will be perfect for continuing our outdoor events. Dinner and dancing will continue to be held outdoors with heaters on the way for your comfort. Come enjoy some hot chocolate and apple cider as the evenings cool down and football resumes. Lastly, on **October 13th, we will have a visit from our District Deputy and her officers. Please come out that evening for our Lodge Meeting and to greet our District officers with all the welcome and hospitality we can demonstrate.** Petrona will be making her magical meatloaf dinner for the occasion.

Thank you all again for your membership and friendship. Please bolster our ranks by sponsoring a new member this Elks year! Remember ***Elks Care, Elks Share.***



ELK OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER



The Elk of the Month for October is **Lisa Stevens**. Even though Lisa and her husband Michael have been unable to physically be at the Lodge, they have been actively involved and supporting many events and programs this Summer and Fall. Lisa has been a wonderful advisor and help for our Flag Day ceremony and 50/50 raffles. She has also coordinated the Holiday Food Baskets Program externally and has even begun a new charitable Winter Gloves Program. (Look out for an article with more details and how you can participate!) We THANK YOU, Lisa, for your ongoing support amidst a difficult and isolating time.

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Who We Are

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Trustee-1st Year: Pamela McCarthy

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Trustee-3rd Year: PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)

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For the Grand Lodge newsletter, go to
www.elks.org to create an account.

For the Virginia Elks Association newsletter,
go to www.virginiaelks.org to sign up.

WiFi is available at the Lodge. Please see the
[bartender-on-duty for the Access Code.](#)

Are you on **active duty** with the U.S. military? Contact the Lodge Secretary for details concerning membership dues.

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 MEMBERS!

NEW LODGE HOURS:

Monday thru Saturday: 3:00P to 9:00P

Sunday: 12:00N to 6:00P



As the Lodge is now operating full steam ahead 7 days a week, we would like to invite all the members to come out and take advantage of our beautiful Patio. In recent days, it has been wonderful to see members meeting up with friends, members checking out the renovations, and, of course, dining with us in the evening. Remember this is your Lodge so take advantage of the good weather before we slip into Fall. We continue to follow the guidelines for keeping our facility safe for its members. Social distancing and mask guidelines do

apply. **It is highly recommended that everyone coming for dinner to please call in advance to reserve a table for the Wednesday and Friday Night Dinners. We simply want to provide the proper amount of food for all who attend.** It is also important to reserve seats for larger groups to ensure table availability. We look forward to and need your support. *[John Hyde, Club Manager]*

****CHECK YOUR EMAILS REGULARLY FOR THE WEEKLY MENUS, SPECIALS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND UPDATES****

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

(Friday Nights – 6:00P to 9:00P)

October 02 – Terry Lee Ryan

October 09 – Tom Saputo

October 16 – Terry Lee Ryan

October 23 – Tom Saputo

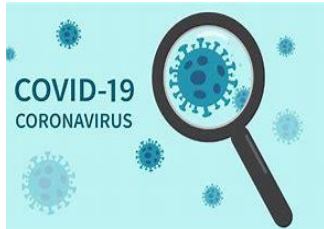
October 30 -- Wes Glover



News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan -- jsullivan@bpoe2188.org



If you need to see me during the weekday, please call me at (703) 560-2188 (ext. 2) to schedule a meeting.



IN MEMORIUM

Allen G. Freeman, Jr., passed on September 5, 2020



NEW MEMBERS

Initiated on Monday, September 21 (left to right) are new members Kelly Antekeier, Marion Glass, and Bernard Joiner. **Welcome!**

INITIATION

Plans are underway to get back to our regularly scheduled program of holding **Orientation & Initiation** each month. These events will now be held on the **third Tuesday** of each month, so the next night for these important programs will be October 20. Please plan to attend and greet our new members with a warm welcome to our Lodge. It has been said on occasion that our Lodge is "clique-ish" and new members do not feel the warmth that most of us enjoy here. Please make an extra effort if you see someone at the Lodge whom you do not recognize to please introduce yourself and make the person feel welcome here.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

USO: Barbara Wagner

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Dues

A huge "Thank you!" to all the members who have sent in their dues for 2020-2021. Thank you also to all those who have given extra money for the Elks National Foundation, Charity, and Building Reserve funds. We have whittled down the delinquent members and those members are listed below. If you know anyone on this list who may need assistance, please let the Secretary know. If you are on this list by mistake, please notify the Secretary at once.

John Abaunza
Lia Arias
Kevin Ball
David Ballard
Jack Barrett
Peter Barrett
Blanca Bermudez
Robert Bonner
Wanda Bonnnycastle
Sean Collins
Charles Constantino

Kristen Cuadros
Leonard Dileo
Mark Duke
John Eggerton
Donna Fujiwara
Diane Godding
Salvatore Guardino, Jr.
Kristen Healy
James Herder
Kathy Hollingsworth
Rick Hudson

Sallie Hudson
Lee Jacobs
Driss Jaohari
Amy Long
Tom Lotfabadi
John Mason, Jr.
Harold McClendon
Michael McKenna
Arthur Moldenhauer
Gregory Moldenhauer
John Moore

David Morrison
Vi Nguyen
John "Chap" Petersen
Charles Poland
Silvia Radwan

Joseph Regotti
Michael Robinson
Carol Schwartz
Roy Seger
Jewel Shea

Kenneth Sylvester
Kaveh Soltani
Linda Sullivan
Mollie Swicegood
Michael Wydro

Email Addresses

Thanks to all who have updated their email addresses with the Secretary. Please continue to send any changes to her at secretary@bpoe2188.org. Email messages are the best way to keep in touch during this time of social distancing and you will not want to miss all the latest news of our Lodge. Also, if you wish to get our newsletter (*The Elks Horn*) quicker, email is the way to go -- it goes out immediately via email, while it sometimes takes several days to receive the printed copy through the mail.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Minutes of Lodge Membership or Board Meetings will no longer be posted on our website. If any member wishes to receive a copy of the Minutes, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

CALLING ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL



As this year's Veterans Day observance in November approaches, we wish to pay tribute to all Lodge members who have served in our country's military. Therefore, to be certain we include all veterans, please contact Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan to let her know the branch of military service in which you served or are currently serving.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Steve Thiebaut, Chairman)



Greetings! I hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, and happy. If you are having difficulty with the happy part during these trying times, stop by the Lodge and enjoy some time with friends, catch up on the latest gossip, and support our great Elks Lodge. We have successfully made it through the month of September, and our Lodge is finally starting to feel a little more like it did back in February. Over the last month, we have been able to sustain our operations through the hard work and dedication of both our employees and our volunteering members. We have been happy to comply with the current regulations to offer a welcoming and safe environment for our members to enjoy, and it has been great to see the return of many of you. Stay safe and look after your family and friends. Keep our first responders, members of the law enforcement community, and other essential workers in your thoughts and prayers. We hope to see you again at the Lodge soon! **[Steven Thiebaut, Chairman]**

GOLF UPDATE (Ron Murphy, Chairperson – bettyron.50@gmail.com)



Since last month's issue of the Horn we played at Hidden Creek and Reston National. Charlie Wood and Mark Kaplon tied for low net at Hidden Creek and Frank Burns was low net at Reston National.

We have two events scheduled for October, Herndon on the 5th and South Riding on the 19th. Golf Association members will receive a reminder email a week prior to the event with instructions pertinent to that event. If they plan to play, they must respond by the Thursday preceding it with required information. All Elks are invited to play. If they are not an Association member. They can contact Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or by calling (703) 866-4403 by that Thursday. Our 51st Masters Tournament was played on 28 September at Bull Run. We will report the results in the next Horn.

Larry Fisher leads the **Chairman's Trophy** competition with 23 points. Close behind are Charlie Wood (16), Fuzzy Collier (15), Frank Burns (15), and Mack McGlumphy (14). Great job!

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2021 contest kicks off on **September 1, 2020**. The deadline for applications is **February 5, 2021 at 11:59A (Central Time)**.

1. For the 2021 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2018, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2018, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

2. The applicant must be a high school senior.

3. The applicant must apply online only at elks.org. The 2021 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 5, 2021 at 11:59A (Central Time).

4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elks members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.

5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2021 Legacy Contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.



If you have questions about your online Legacy Awards application, contact the ENF Scholarship Office via email at scholarship@elks.org. Learn more about the Legacy Awards contest at enf.elks.org/Leg.

The **Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest** opened on August 5. If you have a high school senior in your life, encourage them to visit enf.elks.org/MVS to learn more and apply! The deadline is November 15, 2020.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS PROGRAM – Lisa Stevens & Barbara Marshall



It is that time of year again when we sponsor families to help with holiday food. Due to COVID-19, this year's Food Basket Program will be totally different in that we are going to be giving our families grocery store gift cards and a pair of new gloves for each member of the family. We will be delivering them rather than asking the families to come to our Lodge. No coats will be collected this year. If you have already collected/purchased coats, please save them until 2021 when we hope to resume the old program that we all know and love. If you are interested in donating to the program this year, we ask for NEW winter glove donations. They can be given to the Lodge Manager for the Food Baskets Program. We need

NEW pairs of winter gloves for men, women, and children of all sizes. It will be easier for us to accept gloves than monetary donations, but if you prefer to make a cash or check donation to purchase gloves, we will happily accept your offer. Later, we will be looking for volunteers to make deliveries to the families. Watch for program details which will be coming soon! Please contact Lisa Stevens if you have any questions at (571) 585-7122. [Barbara Marshall & Lisa Stevens, Holiday Food Baskets Co-Chairs]



VETERANS COMMITTEE – PERs Patti Graves & Rose Thiebaut (Co-Chairs) Lodge #2188 Continues to Support USO Center at Reagan National Airport



The USO Center at Reagan National Airport was finally able to open again, but under limited conditions. Only a few traveling military/veteran personnel are allowed into the facility at one time, and only to pick up snacks and toiletries/supplies. Due to Airport Authority rules, no warm food is permitted to be cooked/served. The visitor can get pre-



packaged snacks (including chips, candy, soda pop, and water) which must be handed to them by the USO volunteer. With creative thinking between the USO Manager Angela Wenger and our Lodge, we were able to devise a system that can work in the interim and provide hearty, hot food to our traveling military and veteran members, and until the USO Center can return to full capacity. We are providing them with **\$15 gift cards** that can be used at one of the airport's food vendors/kiosks, such as Dunkin' Donuts or Chic-Fil-A. A hearty sandwich and a cup of coffee – a great way to give them nourishment for their travels. We also included a note with the gift card that thanks them for their service – and provides the addresses for Elks.org and the **Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 website**. (Lodge member donations help us to continue to support these Veterans program initiatives. To donate, provide a check to the Lodge Secretary, payable to **Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188 Charities**, with a note "USO Support" or "Veterans Program Support." Here are some of the comments we received: (1) A family with a 16-month-old son who had made it all the way through Security to find that no food vendors were open there, only outside Security. They made their way back to the USO Center and were especially thankful to receive the gift card. (2) A family of 4 traveling to Texas went to the USO Center for food and were

disappointed there were no hot items. Once the USO Manager brought out the gift cards, she said happiness spread across their faces. (3) A new service member, reporting to his first duty station in San Diego (and his first visit to the USO Center) received his gift card and could not believe it. **Pictured above (left to right) are USO Manager Angela Wenger, ER Larry Fisher, PER Patti Graves, and Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan at the USO Center in September.**

SAVE THE DATE

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM at #2188

Sunday, November 15, 2020 -- 4:00P

(NOTE: It will be a virtual/online program this year due to COVID-19; details to follow)



146TH RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY

Members and guests enjoyed Derby Day at #2188 on September 5, 2020. The ladies sparked up the event with their "Derby" hats, and winners claimed their prizes – an "Elks" face mask. It was a fun time enjoyed by all. Kudos to Lodge Secretary for coordinating this event, and thanks to everyone for your support!



LABOR DAY BBQ & SUMMER LUAU at #2188

Held Sunday, September 6, 2020

Live Music by Wes Glover

Food provided by #2188

What a wonderful turnout for this fun event!

Thanks to the Lodge staff, officers, members, and guests
who supported this event!



TO ALL LODGE MEMBERS – SAVE THE DATE!



District Deputy Director Grand Exalted Ruler WANDA FRITTS and her officers will visit our Lodge on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**. We invite all members to join them for dinner and attend the Lodge Membership Meeting afterwards. Dinner will include Petrona's delicious **Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes**, green beans, a side salad, and dessert -- and will cost \$10 per person. **Please contact Club Manager John Hyde at (703) 560-2188 (option #1) if you plan to attend.** We must give our Chef Petrona a head count by Friday, October 9 so that she can prepare enough meals for this special event. My wish is to have as many members as possible join me to greet our special guests and support our Lodge.

DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

TIME: Dinner at 6:00P, followed by Lodge Membership Meeting

Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler

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SAVE THE DATE



ER & FIRST LADY'S LODGE FUNDRAISER *Saturday, October 17, 2020 -- in the Ballroom*

The cost is \$40 per person and we are limited to 60 attendees.

The evening includes dinner, followed by 5 Bingo games with chances to win big cash. (More details to follow)



The Lodge held a successful Brunch on Sunday, September 13, 2020.

Due to the overwhelming response to have another Brunch, Club Manager John Hyde has confirmed the following date:

*****SUNDAY BRUNCH at #2188*****

Sunday, October 18, 2020

11:00A to 2:00P

\$12.95 per person

(also featuring Huevos Rancheros for an additional \$3)



*****HALLOWEEN PARTY at #2188*****

Saturday, October 31, 2020

6:30P – In the Ballroom (more details to follow)





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis



hope your birthday
is as awesome
as you are!



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NEWS FLASHES: Do we have your current email address? Also, to receive the important News Flashes and/or the monthly Elks Horn newsletter by email, you must contact the Lodge Secretary to be included on the email distribution list.

DID YOU KNOW? If you are over the age of 65 and have been a member of the Elks for 30 years or more, you qualify for Life Membership. If you do qualify, please contact the Lodge Secretary to request Life Membership. It is not done automatically so you must first submit your request to the Lodge Secretary, who will then bring your request before a Lodge meeting for approval by the membership. Upon approval, you will be notified by the Lodge Secretary.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT is to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization; and to provide for its government. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that "Elks Care and Elks Share."

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