



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

**THE ELKS HORN**  
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**JUNE 2020 EDITION**

### *Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.*



We are all working hard to persevere through an abnormal time while isolation keeps away those we love, cherish and respect. In spite of those challenges, Lodge #2188, its officers and its trustees continue to move forward with daily operations and preparing for everyone's return to smiles, laughs and camaraderie. While we have been isolated from each other, progress has been made on our interior renovation projects. The downstairs bathrooms and new flooring in the dining room, around the bar, and behind the bar look fantastic. The new dining chairs have arrived, we are sprucing up the dining/lounge area, and we have also refurbished the bar itself along with the bar area.

Spring cleaning has been serious business around here. I would like to thank those that have continuously offered their time and selfless efforts to maintain our Lodge in a difficult time. I am looking forward to a time we can properly celebrate everyone's efforts.

With help from a federal employee assistance program, we have been able to bring all of our employees back to the Lodge to work despite our closure. We welcome them back with open arms after a very uncertain and difficult period. They are an important part of our family. While we are closed, they are feverishly working to clean, disinfect and make the Lodge ready for eventual reopening.

The Lodge has also worked to honor our mission statement and serve our external communities in this uncertain time. We have donated safety glasses to the Fairfax Inova Health system, Fairfax Health & Safety, and to the medical center next door. The Backpack program has continued their mission contributing to our local schools. We also have answered a call to partner with local lodges donating funds to meet the needs of an honored veteran. While some of our own regular yearly activities continue to be delayed or canceled, I urge our members to use their time to reach out to their own immediate circles to stay connected or find opportunities to lend a hand to a neighbor. In closing, I wish all of you to stay healthy, stay in touch and know you are thought of always. Remember **Elks Care, Elks Share**. [Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler, [LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com](mailto:LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com)]

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

To one of our newer members, **Larry Koffer** who heads up the DC Vets, a group of veterinarians from the Washington metro area, who meet at our Lodge every month for seminars, lunch, networking, etc. They have been holding virtual seminars during the shutdown of business. Their Board met recently and decided not to hold any in-person seminars until after June 2021, but, in order to help us out during this time of lost income from rentals, they decided to give a large donation (it amounts to several months' rental fees). **Thank you, Larry, for spearheading this effort and for your loyalty to Arlington-Fairfax Lodge # 2188.**

### **ELK OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2020**

My choice for **Elk-of-the-Month** for June 2020 is Lodge Secretary and member **JAN SULLIVAN**. Thanks for always being willing to lend a hand. You are a key contributor and play a crucial role in our Lodge's success. *Thank you and congratulations!*

## Who We Are

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**Inner Guard:** Mark Kaplon

**Presiding Justice:** (vacancy)

## TRUSTEES 2020-2021

**Trustee-1<sup>st</sup> Year:** Pamela McCarthy

**Trustee-2<sup>nd</sup> Year:** Diane Kaplon

**Trustee-3<sup>rd</sup> Year:** PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)

**Trustee-4<sup>th</sup> Year:** PER Frank Burns

**Trustee-5<sup>th</sup> Year:** PER Jim Weed

## FRATERNAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Auditing:** Brett Mullins/ Brian Singleton/ Marcia Mitrano

**Community Activities:** Michael Maloney

**Public Relations:** Rose Thiebaut (Newsletter "The Elks Horn")  
and Jan Sullivan & Rose Thiebaut (News Flashes)

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For the **Virginia Elks Association newsletter**, go to [www.virginiaelks.org](http://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!**

All Lodge activities were cancelled for March, April and May due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The U.S. is slowly reopening, and it is hoped that the State of Virginia will let us resume some normalcy – we shall see. In the meantime, continue to practice social distancing, wear a face mask when traveling outside your home, and always wash your hands. We will keep you posted of all updates via news flash emails, and a Lodge calendar will be distributed as soon as the Lodge can return to normal business hours and activities.

## **All Virginians are directed to stay at home, except for allowable travel to:**

seek medical attention, work, care for family or household members, obtain goods and services like groceries, prescriptions, and others; and engage in outdoor activity with strict social distancing requirements

## **DO YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO NEEDS HELP?**

During this unprecedented time for not only our Lodge, but the entire world, many people are focused on their own health and safety. Do you know of a secluded member of our Lodge who may just need a phone call or who may be at high risk that needs help with groceries? Please reach out to the Secretary so that we as Elks can help our own. Contact Secretary Jan Sullivan by phone (703) 560-2188 (Ext. 2) or by email ([secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto:secretary@bpoe2188.org)).

## **News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan -- [jsullivan@bpoe2188.org](mailto: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 MEMORIAM**

Forrest Eric Deaton (age 81, passed away May 4, 2020)

George Howell Irish (age 91, passed away April 25, 2020)

## **INITIATION**

Due to the COVID-19 virus, we are not holding meetings. However, membership applications will be processed as much as possible. While we will be unable to hold in person orientation or initiation until we can reopen, we may plan a virtual meeting for that purpose. Watch for an eblast for the latest updates.

## **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Dana Shafie, Melinda Rhodes, Kwok Lee, and T.J. O'Brien

## **BUILDING FUND DONORS**

Sharon Dunfrund, David Lacey, Kwok Lee, William Maloney, Valentino Sacco, Dana Shafie, Bob Sobun

*Thanks to all for your generous donations to our charitable work!*

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### Dues

**Thanks to all members who have paid your membership dues for 2020-2021, and also to everyone who gave extra money for the Elks National Foundation, Charity, and Building Reserve Funds. While our Social Quarters and Bar remain closed and we can have no rentals, we depend on our dues to keep our charities financed and the Lodge utilities paid. While some members have expressed the opinion that there is no need to send dues since the Lodge is closed, we depend on those membership dues to keep the Lodge running so we can open again as soon as possible. We realize it may be a hardship for some, but your continual help is appreciated, if you can manage it. We especially wish to continue our charity work in the community during this time of uncertainty and business closings. The Lodge Office is open for the payment of dues and other Lodge business. We mail membership cards out every day, so send in your dues for the current year at your convenience. If you wish to pay by credit card, please leave a message for the Secretary to call you when she is in the office. As a reminder, once we reopen a current year (2020-2021) membership card will be required for entrance into the member quarters/lounge. So please RENEW NOW if you haven't already done so! (We currently have 91 members who have not paid their dues for this year.)**

### Email Addresses

It has been brought to my attention that I do not have correct email addresses for the membership. The ones in the system, are very possibly the same as when you joined and were work emails. If you have since changed employers or retired, please make certain the Secretary of the Lodge has your latest email address. Please send her a note at [secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto: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.

### Meetings

We held a virtual meeting of the Lodge membership on Thursday, May 14 and will be continuing this practice for the immediate future. As usual, only members in good standing may participate in the virtual meetings being held at this time. Eblasts giving the details of the meetings will be sent only to those members who have paid their dues for the 2020-2021 year.



Esteemed Loyal Knight **Ashley M. Stead** has received her Associates Degree from Northern Virginia Community College. Congratulations, Ashley, you have worked very hard to achieve this goal while working as a teacher's aide for Special Education kids and volunteering at our Lodge whenever needed.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Steve Thiebaut, Chairman 2020-2021)



The Board is looking forward reopening our Lodge on a limited basis as soon as Saturday May 30, 2020 as part of the Northern Virginia transition to Phase One, joining the rest of the state in easing coronavirus restrictions. As we begin to reopen our doors, our primary concern is the health and safety of our employees, customers, and members. Like most Lodges and small businesses, we are closely monitoring the latest information provided by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our local government officials, and we are adapting our plans to reflect the updated guidelines and evolving situation of COVID-19.

Since closing the Lodge back in March, we have been working hard to complete several projects in the member social quarters and hope you will come out and see the Lodge improvements firsthand. We are hopeful and optimistic things will return to “normal” soon. Please follow all the recommended COVID-19 guidelines and know that we always value your questions, ideas, and feedback. [Steven Thiebaut, Chairman]

## GUIDELINES FOR LODGE E-BLASTS (ELECTRONIC NEWS FLASHES)

In order to simplify sending notices to our members online concerning Club and Lodge events, and to end confusion from misinformation being sent, we have put the following procedures in place: (1) One person per event should be designated as the “spokesperson” and that person should contact the Secretary of the Lodge (Jan Sullivan) concerning the eblast, with a copy to Rose Thiebaut; (2) The request needs to be written out completely and accurately and then sent to the Secretary as soon as the event is scheduled and marked on the Lodge calendar, and the details are in place; (3) The Secretary (or Rose Thiebaut in Jan’s absence) will respond to the spokesperson that the message has been received. If there is no response within a 24-hour period, please call; (4) The Secretary and her press team will be the only ones responsible for getting the message out. The event organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Exalted Ruler, the Club Manager, and the House and Entertainment Committees concerning staffing, food, times, etc.; and (5) If there is a change, the Secretary should be notified as quickly as possible with the new details.

The **Exalted Ruler** is the head or President of the Lodge and oversees all the work done by the Committees and members. The duties of the Exalted Ruler are more fully given in Article V, Section 2 of our Bylaws. The Esteemed Leading Knight is to serve as the backup to the Exalted Ruler. The duties of the other officers are defined in Sections 4 and 5.

The **Trustees** are to oversee the maintenance of the building and grounds. Their further duties are also provided in Section 6 of the Bylaws. The Board of Trustees’ actions are all subject to the control of the Lodge membership. Each year, one Trustee is elected for a five-year term. This provides for continuity on the Board of Trustees.



## GOLF UPDATE (Ron Murphy, Chairperson – [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com))



COVID-19 continues to raise havoc with our golf schedule. We had to cancel our first five events -- Bristow Manor (April 6), Old Hickory (April 20), Prince William (May 4), Forest Greens (May 18) and Hidden Creek (June 1). Next on the list is Bull Run on June 15. We are hoping to celebrate "opening day" at Bull Run. Current trends seem to be encouraging depending on whom you listen to. This is being written on May 15. We have another event scheduled for June 29 at 1757. Two events are scheduled for July at Pleasant Valley on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Heritage Hunt on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Shotgun starts are planned for all. Normal sign-up procedures will apply. Golf Association members will receive a reminder email a week prior with pertinent instructions. Basically, they will need to respond by the Thursday preceding the Monday event with required information. Other Elks who desire to play but aren't members can contact Ron Murphy at [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com) or by calling (703) 866-4403 by that Thursday.

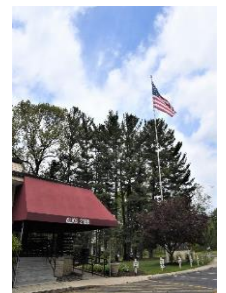
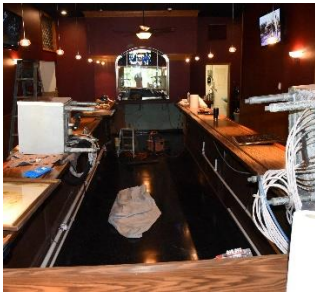
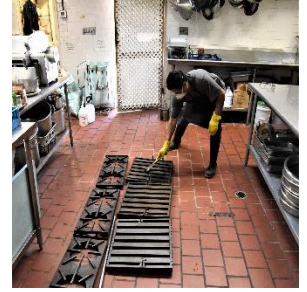
*Since we have already lost almost a third of our schedule, the Golf Committee decided we should not have a membership fee this year. So, any Elk who wants to join can do so at no expense. It is our "coronavirus special" - however, you will need to either submit the membership form or provide basic information (i.e. email address, home address and phone number) to Ron Murphy at the address or phone number provided above.) Those members who had already joined have received a refund.*

### Woman's Poem Is Inspiring Millions During This Coronavirus Pandemic (by Laura Kelly Fanucci)

"When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theater  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.  
When this ends  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way — better  
for each other  
because of the worst."

# LODGE CLEANUP DAY at #2188 -- Saturday, May 16, 2020

*(pictures taken by member Art Wyman)*



Several volunteers (ER Larry Fisher, Larry's wife Monica and daughter Paula, PER Steve Thiebaut, PER Laurie Fearis, Jerry Sall, Mark Kaplon, Don Weber, Fuzzy Collier, William Maloney, Art Wyman) and staff (Carl Ogle, Jennifer, Petrona, Nino) participated in this effort to clean the Lodge. Great job – and thank you!

*We look forward to the opening of the Lodge!*

"Tough times never last, but tough people do." ~ Robert Schuller





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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

*"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, in order to receive the important **News Flashes** or the monthly **Elks Horn** 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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