

Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

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JANUARY 2023 EDITION "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm"

Message from Exalted Ruler Karen F. Thiebaut



Happy New Year!

DEAR MEMBERS: I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for an amazing year. The success of Elks Lodge #2188 is based on the relationship we have built over the years with the support of our members and the support of our community, as well as our many Elks programs and Elks endeavors. We really would not be here today without the combination of all of these.

Over this past year, we have initiated new members, have paid our respects to deceased members, said hello to new staff, and goodbye to departing staff; we have used enough rolls of 50-50 tickets to pave a path to Pittsburgh; made enough chicken dishes (wings, fried, baked, salad and sandwiches) to support the entire Perdue family

for years to come; rescued our Treasurer Frank Burns and Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan from drowning in their offices from a leaking roof (repaired the roof); line danced 52.2 times to the Cha-Cha Slide; and answered 1,044 trivia questions; think about how many half-priced burgers were consumed this past year; we delivered enough Hot Pockets to supply the entire Marine Corps at Henderson Hall. (Wait a minute--WE DID-just ask Patti Graves!)

! gave away coats and Thanksgiving gift cards to needy families, packed umpteen bags of lunches for Westlawn Elementary kids, sent kids to camp, delivered dictionaries to schools, as well as safety glasses for science and shop students, just to name a few things we have done this past year. But one of the most rewarding is seeing the innocent faces of kids awaiting the arrival of Santa. Many thanks to **PER Tim Knotts** who played Santa upstairs in the Ballroom for the Children's Christmas Party, who this year had to ADD a pillow to his Santa suit. Also, many thanks to **Jim Herold** (who was our least likely candidate to don a Santa suit), and boy did he prove us wrong. He was a natural for the Christmas party downstairs in the Fairfax Room for the Spina Bifida Party. He has already graciously volunteered to play Santa downstairs again next year. He said he had a blast doing it. I also want to thank all of the elves who did a magnificent job wrapping the presents that Santa gave away . A huge "Thank You!" to **Barbara Marshall** and **Georgianna Knotts** for their amazing orchestration of this heartwarming event. Also, thanks to **Michael Stevens**, as DJ, **Lisa Stevens**, who made goodie bags for all the kids, and **Gail Stansberry** and **Louise Christie**, who volunteered their time to help with this party. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. I want to thank everyone who was involved with this heartfelt event. When Santa arrived, you should have seen the sparkle in these kids eyes. This is what ELKDOM is all about!

My passion for this Lodge has certainly grown over the years and even though once my term as Exalted Ruler ends on March 31, my passion will remain just as strong. I remain fraternally yours. *[Exalted Ruler, Karen Thiebaut, PER]*

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Who We Are

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OFFICERS 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler: PER Karen Thiebaut Leading Knight: Karen Weed Loyal Knight: Christine Ryan Lecturing Knight: James Herold Secretary: Jan Sullivan (703) 560-2188, Ext. 2 Treasurer: PER Frank Burns (703) 560-2188, Ext. 4 Tiler: PER Tom Thiebaut Esquire: PER Tim Knotts Chaplain: Georgianna Knotts Inner Guard: Frank Lyman Presiding Justice: Peter Davenport Alternate to Grand Lodge: PER Larry Fisher

TRUSTEES 2022-2023

Trustee-1st Year:PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)Trustee-2nd Year:Art WymanTrustee-3rd Year:PER Jim WeedTrustee-4th Year:Joyce LoftisTrustee-5th Year:PER Larry Fisher, Jr.

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

For the Virginia Elks Association newsletter, go to <u>www.virginiaelks.org</u> to sign up.

WIFI IS AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE. PLEASE SEE THE BARTENDER-ON-DUTY FOR THE ACCESS CODE.

Are you on <u>active duty</u> 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. A 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.



ELK TEAM OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2023

When it comes to **Elk of the Month**, I wish I could give it to all who contribute so much to Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188. One couple who have contributed so much this year with the planning of and music for our Flag Day Program and the Coat Drive and making goodie bags and providing music for the Children's Christmas Party – a special **ELK TEAM of the MONTH** goes to TEAM STEVENS! Yes, **Michael and Lisa Stevens**, a well-deserved award. Thank you both for your support at #2188.

LODGE & SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS

MON – Lodge Social Quarters Closed – Lodge Office Open TUES (Lounge/Bar) -- 11:30A-8:30P – Bar Menu Available WED (Lounge/Bar) -- 11:30A-8:30P – Bar Menu & Dinner Special THURS (Lounge/Bar) -- 11:30A-8:30P -- Half-Priced Burgers (all day) -- Game Night @ 7:00P FRI (Lounge/Bar) – 11:30A-8:30P -- Bar Menu Available FRI NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) – 5:30P-8:00P – 2 Special Dinner Choices FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT (Ballroom) – 7:00P-10:00P SAT (Lounge/Bar) -- 11:30A-8:30P – Bar Menu Available SUNDAY (Lounge/Bar) -- 11:30A-8:30P – Bar Menu Available

LOUNGE/BAR MENU – Available Daily (until 8:00P)

(Buffalo Wings, Chicken Tenders, Chicken Quesadilla, Caesar Salad, Chicken Caesar Salad, Hot Dog, Burger, Steak & Cheese, Chicken or Tuna Salad Sandwich, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Onion Rings, Kettle Chips)

HAPPY HOUR - Daily (3:00P to 6:00P)

Specials on Rail Drinks, Beer & Wine
Lodge Social Quarters Closed on Mondays

The Lounge/Bar has 5 big screens tuned into sports events, etc. 2 pool tables -- gaming machines – a dart board

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2023

(Friday Nights - 7:00P to 10:00P - in the Ballroom)

January 06 – Terry Lee Ryan January 13 – Tom Saputo

January 20 – Terry Lee Ryan January 27 – Tom Saputo



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



Please call me at (703) 560-2188 (ext. #2) if you have any questions or concerns or wish to schedule a meeting with me (to donate, pay dues, etc.).

OFFICE HOURS FOR LODGE SECRETARY

Monday: Open (please call if you need to see the Lodge Secretary) Tuesday: 11:00A to 4:00P (and on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays for meetings) Wednesday: Noon to 3:00P Thursday: Noon to 5:00P Friday: 10:00A to 2:00P

<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>



JACK WILES, passed away November 27, 2022 JOAN D'EPIRO (widow of member Albert D'Epiro), passed away December 12, 2022 AL HARRISON (husband of member Mary Harrison), passed away December 20, 2022 LAURENCE J. (LARRY) LINDQUIST, passed away December 23, 2022 JOHN D. WILLIAMS, SR., passed away December 23, 2022

DUES



The following **29** members still have not paid their membership dues, nor have they responded to a request as to whether they are going to. Check your card – if it does not say *Paid To April 1, 2023*, you are delinquent. I know that some of you have

simply forgotten about this, and I have also received some of the invoices back signifying the address I have for you is incorrect, so this is to remind you to please send me your dues. If you have, and you see your name listed below, please let me know right away. And if you see someone on this list who has left this earth, please let me know as well. As stated elsewhere, the Lodge will have to pay \$34 for each of the delinquent members listed on our roster as of April 1, 2023.

Benny Abney Thomas Affourtit Lia Arias Walter F Bronder Barclay Brown Albert C Camacho C. Mitchell Chambliss, Jr Donald Cooper Dennis F. Delaney Milagro E. Delaney Leonard M. Dileo Solomon Fitaw Patrick D. Hatch Darlene Henderson Donald Henderson, PER Abbie John Christopher A. Kammler John F. Kren Susan Lane William Lane Marvin Marceron Donna Marcopulos Pamela McCarthy Patricia A. Morgan Mac H. Morris Thomas J. O'Brien John J. Onufrak John Opie Rosalee B. Townsend

If you wish to pay by credit card, call the Lodge Secretary at (703) 560-2188, option 2, and provide her with your credit card information (this will allow you to use your credit card without having to pay the extra that is stated on the dues notice). <u>ATTENTION</u>: Dues notices will be coming out soon from the Grand Lodge, so I will be removing these members from our membership roster, unless I am notified that payment will be received by check or credit card (or cash) by the end of February 2023.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS</u>: Thank you to all of you who so generously add money to your dues check for the Building Fund and our Charities.

Building Fund: Burgers & Bingo *USO:* Louise Christie, Dale & Donna Crisp, PER Patti Graves

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP



Floridalma Flores (left) and Steve Reece (right) with Exalted Ruler Karen Thiebaut (center) – Floridalma and Steve were both initiated on December 13, 2022

New Applicants:

Thomas Heffelfinger (proposed by Joyce Myers) W. Kirk Lang (proposed by James Marshall)

To Be Voted on January 10, 2023:

John Casana (proposed by Joyce Myers) Chip Hoagland (proposed by Alicia Pomé) Jalaine Shombert (proposed by Peter Davenport) Kenneth Vogel (proposed by Bob Thompson)

To Be Initiated January 24, 2023:

Aura Baldarez (proposed by Gianfranco Maravi) Edson Bellot (proposed by Gianfranco Maravi) Gloria Brazelton (proposed by Cynthia McGrory) Edward Fishpaw (proposed by Loren Kropat) Edith Griffith (proposed by Joyce Loftis) Jane Hansen (proposed by Art Wyman) Linda Hornsby (proposed by Art Wyman) Vincent Long (proposed by John Hotaling) Linda Richards (proposed by Christine Ryan) Michael Sciuto (proposed by Alicia Pomé) <u>SPECIAL NOTE</u>: Any member who does <u>NOT</u> plan to renew their membership will no longer be permitted entrance to the Lodge or its Social Quarters (even as a guest); however, they will be allowed to reinstate membership at the Lodge.



ATTENTION MEMBERS: If you are **not** receiving e-blasts from the Lodge, please notify Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan. There have been instances of people being unsubscribed – either inadvertently or intentionally. When you were first signed up to receive the email from Constant Contact (our e-blast provider) you would have received an email asking you to verify that you wanted to receive those emails. If you did not reply, you will not receive them.

<u>MEMBERSHIP NOTES</u>: There seems to be some confusion about Life Membership in our Lodge. If you are over the age of 65 and have been a member in good standing for 30 years, you still have to pay dues, but they are greatly reduced. The Lodge still must pay the Grand Lodge assessment (which will increase in 2023 to \$29) and the State assessment of \$5.00. The assessments totaling \$34.00 that are listed on the dues statement you will receive are not optional. The Lodge has to pay them for every member who is listed on our roster on April 1.



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE LODGE? Well, come to a Lodge Membership Meeting and find out what is really happening, rather than relying on the rumors heard at the bar or around the Lodge, which are oftentimes incorrect. Get accurate information from a Lodge meeting.

A big "Thank you!" to all the members who take the time from their busy schedules to attend the Lodge Meetings and the New Members Initiations. Kudos to all of you and keep up the good work of welcoming our new members.

VETERANS COMMITTEE – PER Patti Graves, Chairman

ELKS LODGE #2188 SUPPORTS OUR MILITARY/VETERANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The "stormageddon" that crossed the country over the Christmas weekend caused havoc for so many travelers, including 3 military members who found themselves stranded at Reagan National Airport due to their flights being cancelled. Instead of having to spend 1-2 nights stranded in the airport, they were able to spend a comfortably night in a nice hotel. Thanks to the generous donations of Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188 members and our agreement with a local airport Hyatt and the Reagan Airport USO, our Lodge was able to provide two servicemen one night hotel lodging each and the other serviceman a two-night stay, when he was finally able to fly out on Christmas morning. A little Christmas present for them all.

Besides our Lodge's regular monthly frozen food deliveries to both the Reagan National Airport USO and the Honor Guard USO at Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall (Ft. Myer), Elks Lodge #2188 provided additional support for the Christmas season.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, our Lodge provided 4 dozen donuts and several dozen cookies to help supply a Christmas Breakfast the Ft. Myer USO held on December 16 for the Honor Guard. Additionally, the Marine Caissons held their Christmas Party on December 10, and Elks Lodge #2188 ordered/provided a Red Aisle Runner to be used for their festive entrance. We hope this support lets our Troops know how much their service means to us all. The USO program is one of our Lodge's prime programs and one that we are very proud to sponsor. [PER Patti Graves, Chairman]

1st Pic: Reagan National Airport delivery -- PER Rose Thiebaut; ER Karen Thiebaut; USO Manager Barb Peachy; Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan; PER Patti Graves. **2nd Pic:** Ft. Myer delivery -- PER Rose Thiebaut; ER Karen Thiebaut; USO Manager Barb Peachy; Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan, PER Patti Graves with Honor Guard members. **3rd Pic:** Marine Christmas Party - Red Aisle Runner. **4th Pic:** Donated Little Debbie's treats.



Message Received By Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan From A Grateful Airman's Family

On December 23, my son was on his way home to Grand Rapids, MI from Dallas, TX. He is in the Air Force, just graduated from BMT two weeks ago, and was very excited to get home. Like many others that weekend, his flights were canceled and rebooked, and canceled again. On Friday morning he ended up in the DC Airport, with no flights home available until Sunday - Christmas Day. He was stranded for two days. He made his way to the USO Lounge in the airport for a safe place to hang out, and they realized he was a "newbie" and worked to get him a hotel room for the two nights he was stuck there. They were able to put him up in the Hyatt just outside of the airport, and I'm told it was all paid for by your Elks Lodge! I cannot thank you enough for taking care of my baby while he was on his own and we were so many miles away. I cried a few tears just knowing he would be somewhere warm and safe until he could get home. Your generosity is amazing, and I just don't know how to thank you!!!! I pray you all had a very Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year! Thank you again for EVERYTHING!!!

_ODGE EVENTS HELD at #2188 – DECEMBER 2022

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE at #2188 -- Held on Sunday, DEC 4, 2022

This special service was performed by the Past Exalted Rulers of Elks Lodge #2188 (Timothy Knotts, Larry Fisher, Alicia Pomé, Jim Weed, Tom Thiebaut, Rose Thiebaut, Laurie Fearis, Patti Graves, Karen Thiebaut) and Senior Pastor of Mount Calvary Community Church (Charlie Wood, Jr.), who delivered a special message to the families and our members. He also joined the MCCC singers who

filled the room with inspirational songs during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the service, a complimentary dinner was provided for all to enjoy. It was a very special evening.

The Lodge members memorialized at this service included: Ronnie E. Nichols (September 11, 2015); Irene Sarakinis (April 13, 2021); Raynold ("Ray") John Bostow (December 9, 2021); Ronald Alfred Dooley (February 23, 2022); Deborah Ann McCormick Stuart (March 25, 2022); Brett Thomas Mullins (April 1, 2022); Desdie Prince Archuleta (April 27, 2022); Grace L. Kayatta (May 1, 2022); Andrew Martin Johnson (May 23, 2022); Charles Robert (Bob) Mekenney (June 26, 2022); Mark Joseph Richards (July 26, 2022); Clifford Donald Carrico (August 2, 2022); Richard S. Rankin (August 5, 2022); Bernard Harold Zeavin (October 25, 2022); PER Ronald Lee Roy Plamondon (November 9, 2022) -- *"An Elk Is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken"*



TOYS FOR TOTS at #2188 – Held on Friday, DEC 9, 2022

This wonderful holiday event was hosted by Linda Richards, accompanied by Tom Saputo who provided a great evening of music, a visit from Santa (a/k/a Bob Thompson), and a special Christmas show by the lovely Singing Elves (Linda Richards, Chris Ryan, Robin Ingenito, Kathy Jones (McCorkle). Several boxes of children's toys donated by generous members and guests were collected for Toys For Tots. What a great evening at #2188!



MEMBERS APPRECIATION PARTY at #2188 -- Held on Saturday, DEC 17



ELKS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (Held in the Ballroom - DEC 18)

Santa was spotted at Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 on Sunday, December 18. It was the day of our Annual Children's Christmas Party. The children were treated to a puppet show by the always entertaining Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. Each child was able to visit with Santa and receive a small gift from him, as well as enjoy a lunch of hot dogs and chips. Many thanks to all who helped to make this possible -- beginning with Barbara Marshall and Georgianna Knotts doing Santa's shopping and then the crew who wrapped the gifts before the party. Louise Christie, Suzanne Pastura, and Gail Stansberry served the food. Santa's helpers were PER Laurie Fearis, PER Patti Graves, Georgianna Knotts and Lisa Stevens, who also assembled treat bags for each of the children. Michael Stevens played Christmas music for everyone to enjoy during the festivities. Finally, it wouldn't have been a Christmas without the jolly man in the red suit himself, a/k/a PER Tim Knotts! [Barbara Marshall, Youth Activities]





SPINA BIFIDA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (Held in the Fairfax Room - DEC 18)

Elks Lodge #2188 proudly hosted the **Annual Spina Bifida Children's Christmas Party** on December 18, which was coordinated by **PER Tom Thiebaut** and **Jill Hill** (Spina Bifida Foundation). Member **Jim Herold** volunteered as Santa and did a great job interacting with the children, as did Santa's three elves. The children and their parents always enjoy their parties at #2188.



JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	2 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	3 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)	4 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) The Wednesday Night Special	5 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (BINGO-7:00P)	6 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Terry Lee Ryan (7:00P-10:00P)	7 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)
8 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing)	9 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	10 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING (7:30P)	11 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)	12 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (TRIVIA-7:00P)	13 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)	14 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)
15 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing)	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	17 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)	18 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) KNIT & CROCHET (11:30A) Gree Wednesday Night Special Special BOARD MEETING (7:15P)	19 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (BINGO-7:00P)	20 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Terry Lee Ryan (7:00P-10:00P)	21 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)
22 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing)	23 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	24 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING & INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS (7:30P)	25 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) The Wednesday Night Special	26 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALE PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (TRIVIA-7:00P)	27 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)	28 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)
29 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing)	30 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	31 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)	2023 HAPPY NIEW YEAR			
Happy New Year			LODGE MEETING & INITIATION: 2 nd & 4 th WED @ 7:30P BOARD MEETINGS: 3 rd Wednesday @ 7:15P AUXILIARY LUNCH MEETINGS: 3 rd Tues @ 12:00N KNIT & CROCHET LUNCH & SESSION: 3 RD Wed @ 11:30A BACKPACK LUNCHES: JAN 11 @ 6:00P			

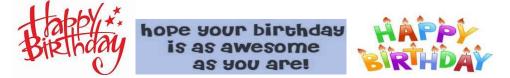


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

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



ATTENTION: The deadline for submitting articles for THE ELKS HORN is the 15th of each month.

<u>NEWS FLASHES</u>: Do we have your current email address? Also, to receive the important News Flashes and/or the monthly <u>Elks Horn</u> 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, the Lodge Secretary will notify you.



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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