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"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm"

Message from Exalted Ruler Karen Weed



TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX ELKS LODGE #2188:

As we begin the new 2023–2024 year of the Arlington–Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188, I hope that you are looking forward to getting started with enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved. If there was ever a year that you were inspired to step up to volunteer, let it be this one!

In this year we are faced with a financial shortage that must be dealt with in new ways. I want to establish a new Marketing Committee ask every member who has ever had experience in Marketing, Advertising, and IT to let us know so that we can have meetings to brainstorm about this issue.

The largest financial deficit we have is in room rentals of the Ballroom, Fairfax Room, and Arlington Room. After COVID, some of our regular customers have not returned or are not meeting in person. To help remedy this, I believe we need to Advertise, Advertise, Advertise!! This is somewhat new to the Elks. I don't want us to be the "best kept secret in America" anymore.

Advertising may involve contacting local newspapers or the PATCH, which arrives through email, which is one that I really like. We can write articles about Patti Graves, Rose Thiebaut and Lodge volunteers bringing food for the Veterans and servicemen at Reagan National Airport and for the Honor Guard at Fort Myer. The Patch also lets you upload your own article and pictures.

Another way we can reach out to the community to establish a stronger, social media presence is on our ELKS website that could be modernized.

The other deficit we have is loss of membership. Ten years ago, we had over 800 members and today we have about 500. I am very excited about our new Membership Committee co-chaired by Denise Moeller and Sunny Taylor. They have some exciting ideas for attracting new members.

We have a new slate of officers with new ideas that I am energized about.

With Spring already begun, let's remember the blessings of Easter and how it brings hope and love to the world. Celebrate with friends and family! ***[Fraternally, Exalted Ruler Karen Weed]***

ELK OF THE MONTH -- APRIL 2023



I have chosen PER Tim Knotts for **ELK OF THE MONTH**. Tim spent about 2 hours on Wednesday nights for 6 weeks to train me and the new Lodge officers in the Ritual, Initiation of New Members, and in leading the Lodge Meetings. Georgianna was also very helpful. Thank you!

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Who We Are

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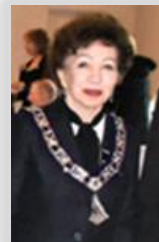
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Exalted Ruler: Karen Weed
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Loyal Knight: Christine Ryan
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Tiler: Marilyn Golias
Esquire: Jim Herold
Chaplain: Lisa Strandberg
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Presiding Justice: Peter Davenport
Alternate to Grand Lodge: PER Karen Thiebaut

TRUSTEES 2023-2024

Trustee-1st Year: Bob Butler
Trustee-2nd Year: PER Jim Weed
Trustee-3rd Year: Joyce Loftis
Trustee-4th Year: PER Larry Fisher
Trustee-5th Year: PER Steve Thiebaut

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. 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.**

LODGE & SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS



BUSINESS MANAGER: PER KAREN THIEBAUT

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manager@bpoe2188.org

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 APRIL 2023

(Friday Nights – 7:00P to 10:00P)

April 07 – Terry Lee Ryan

April 14 – Tom Saputo

April 21 – Terry Lee Ryan

April 28 – 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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all of you who so generously add money to your dues check for the Building Fund and our Charities.

Building Fund:

PER Frank Burns

Chongho Cho

Peter Conklin

Thomas Edwards

Floralma Flores

Rudolph Gierich Jr

John Heimann

William Hilton

Leonard Ignatowski

Georgianna Knotts

PER Tim Knotts

Ed Mac Donald

Faye Morford

Michael Moscovis

Ed Mundi

James Nefflen

Suzanne Pastura

PER Martin Robinson

Josef Schnabl

James Shepherd

John Silva

Anne St. Jacques

Gail Stansberry

PER Rose Thiebaut

John Waddick

CHARITIES:

General:

Maria-Esther Alva

PER Frank Burns

Christine Marie Caldwell

Thomas Carroll

Louise Christie (in memory
of Charlotte Dziuk)

Thomas Edwards

John Grimes

William Hilton

Robin Ingenito

Mark Kaiser

Ed Mac Donald

James Nefflen

James Shepherd

John Waddick

USO:

Chongho Cho

James Eckels

Ed Fishpaw

Georgianna Knotts

PER Tim Knotts

Barbara Marshall

Martie McCord

Michael Moscovis

Jim Nefflen

Backpack Lunches:

Art Wyman

Youth Camp:

Louise Christie

Rosemary Ferris

Jack Kodrick

Bud Mayo

Michael Moscovis

Christine Ryan

Gail Stansberry

Art Wyman

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Monica Cameron *(proposed by Lisa Strandberg)*

Michael Golias *(proposed by Marilyn Golias)*

Mark Kaiser *(proposed by Cathy Degi)*

Nynette Rourke *(proposed by Marilyn Golias)*

Marguerite Salah *(proposed by Marilyn Golias)*

Lillie Suthard *(proposed by Charlie Wood, Jr.)*

Anna-Marie Termini *(proposed by PER Frank Burns)*

Joan Wyman *(proposed by Art Wyman)*

The Initiation of New Members ceremony is open to all members of the Lodge. A big “Thank you!” to all the members who take 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.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE LODGE?

Well, come to a Lodge Meeting to find out what is really happening, rather than relying on the rumors heard at the bar or around the Lodge, which are oftentimes partially or totally incorrect. Get accurate information from the Lodge Meetings. In order to be a successful Lodge, we must all fully support the good works of our members, staff, and volunteers. Know the facts!

DUES: If you wish to pay your dues by credit card, call Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan at 703-560-2188, option 2, and give her the credit card information. This will allow you to use your credit card without paying the extra that is stated on the dues notice.

SPECIAL NOTE: Any member who does NOT 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.



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

The 2022 Golf Association Schedule is complete and available. Copies of it and the 2022 Membership Application have been provided to the Association members and are available to any other interested parties from Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or by calling 703 866-4403. Some copies also are available at the Lodge on the Golf Association bulletin board.

Our season kicks off at Pohick Bay on April 4th. Also, in April we will play at Old Hickory on the 18th. We play Prince William on May 2, Forest Greens on the 16th, and Hidden Creek on the 31st. In June we will be at Bull Run on the 13th, and 1757 on the 27th. On July 11, we play at Pleasant Valley and Heritage Hunt on the 25th. In August, we play at Penderbrook on the 8th and Raspberry Falls on the 22nd. We will play at Reston National on September 12, and our 2022 Masters Tournament will be held at Forest Greens on the 26th. Finally in October, we play at Herndon on the 3rd, and we close out the season on the 17th at South Riding. All our games are on a Monday, and will have 9:00A starts, except the last one at South Riding which will start at 10:00A.

Our printed schedules contain additional information, such as phone numbers, greens fees for each course, and whether or not range balls are included in those fees. Information pertaining to trips sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is also given. So, if you were interested in playing it would be good to have a copy.

Sign-up procedures remain the same as last season. Players will need to sign up by the Thursday preceding the Monday event. A reminder email will be sent members a week prior to the event with instructions. Sign-up can be accomplished either 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.

BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM – Susan Schwarz (Chairman) -- schwarz.susan912@gmail.com



Our Lodge is working with WESTLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Falls Church where over 70% of the children enrolled at the school come from low-income households. We provide 100 bags of food each month (each bag includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners, plus drinks and snacks). Chairperson SUSAN SCHWARZ needs volunteers each month, so please contact her at schwarz.susan912@gmail.com if you can help in any way. **OUR NEXT PACKING DATE IS APRIL 12, 2023, at 6:00P. Please help!**

BINGO IS A BLAST!!!

Thursday Night Bingo has taken off and attendance is constantly growing! Our members and their friends are enjoying the Bingo games! Our jackpots have increased immensely! Between the Lodge staff serving your favorite libations and half-price burgers, you can enjoy a great evening of good food and fun with everyone. We play 4 games per night, and our proceeds go to benefit the Lodge in many ways. We have multiple winners each time! Come join us every second Thursday at 7:00P! Good times, good food, and great fun! (Hosted by PER Larry & Monica Fisher)



VETERANS COMMITTEE – PER Patti Graves, Chairman

Arlington-Fairfax #2188 Volunteers Provide Support to Local USO's

The Arlington-Fairfax #2188 member volunteers stepped up in March 2023 to support the local USO Centers. We were asked to help organize and provide the food for 400 Army soldiers who were completing 3 weeks of vigorous training at Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall (Ft. Myer). This training for the MedCom/Infantry/Regiment soldiers was an opportunity for the participating soldiers to earn E38 badges. The food our Lodge provided for their Chow event gave these soldiers their first quality meal since the training exercises began and was prior to their graduation ceremony. Our Lodge members did not disappoint by donating hundreds of cookies, brownies, and bars to be used for dessert. Additionally, 14 members volunteered to set up, organize and serve the food - which consisted of pork barbecue sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, drinks, and the donated cookies. It was evident that the soldiers were hungry, tired, and very grateful for a good meal. Following the event, the leftover food was taken back to the Ft. Myer USO facility and helped serve an additional 100 hungry Marines.

Arlington-Fairfax #2188 members also continued their usual monthly support of the USOs at Reagan National Airport and Ft. Myer, with frozen food deliveries. Twelve boxes of hearty frozen food that can be easily microwaved were delivered to Reagan and 13 boxes were delivered to Ft. Myer. The USO managers continuously tell us how our Lodge's support is essential to their facilities. The Reagan USO manager was unable to meet us at Reagan when we delivered food, so she made sure she came to Ft. Myer to thank us personally for our support. Thank you to all our members who donate to help make this program and the USO support possible!



1st Pic: Reagan National Airport Delivery -- Member Jerry Sall; Member Michael Stevens; USO Volunteer Michael; PER Patti Graves; PER Rose Thiebaut. **2nd Pic:** Ft. Myer Delivery -- USO Volunteer Harry; Ft. Myer USO Manager Dawn; Member Jerry Sall; PER Patti Graves; Reagan USO Manager Barb; PER Rose Thiebaut; Member Michael Stevens.

Remaining Pics: Various pics of the Chow Event at Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall USO for the Army Soldiers' Field Training.



VEA YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER at #2188 – Held on Saturday, March 11, 2023

The Virginia Elks Association North District (organized by DDGER/PER Larry Fisher) held a **Fundraiser for the Virginia Elks Youth Camp** on **Saturday, March 11, 2023**, at Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188. The admission cost included music and hot/cold Hors d'oeuvres, with a cash bar, raffles galore, and door prizes all evening. The theme of this event was "Rock Your Jeans" and doors opened at 7:30P, with live music by "The Rockits" and fun from 8:00P to 11:00P. We all "rocked in our jeans" -- Oh, what a night!



Thank You for your Support!

Installation of Officers



Held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 - in the Ballroom



EXALTED RULER
Karen Weed



LEADING KNIGHT
Christine Marie Caldwell



LOYAL KNIGHT
Chris Ryan



LECTURING KNIGHT
Bruce Myers



TILER
Marilyn Golias



ESQUIRE
Jim Herold



CHAPLAIN
Lisa Strandberg



INNER GUARD
Jalaine Shombert



SECRETARY
Jan Sullivan



TREASURER
Shahla Shapouri



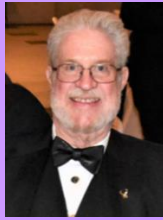
TRUSTEE-5th Year
PER Steve Thiebaut



TRUSTEE-1st Year
Bob Butler

List of Officers for 2023-2024	Effective April 1, 2023
EXALTED RULER	Karen Weed
LEADING KNIGHT	Christine Marie Caldwell
LOYAL KNIGHT	Chris Ryan
LECTURING KNIGHT	Bruce Myers
SECRETARY	Jan Sullivan
TREASURER	Shahla Shapouri
TILER	Marilyn Golias
ESQUIRE	Jim Herold
CHAPLAIN	Lisa Strandberg
INNER GUARD	Jalaine Shombert
PRESIDING JUSTICE	Peter Davenport
ALTERNATE TO GRAND LODGE	PER Karen Thiebaut
TRUSTEE-1 ST YEAR	Bob Butler
TRUSTEE-5 TH YEAR	PER Steve Thiebaut

GRAND EXALTED RULER for Installation of Officers: PER Tim Knotts
MASTER OF CEREMONIES for Dinner & Music: Charlie Wood, Jr.



PER Tim Knotts



Charlie Wood, Jr.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Jim Herold



ELK OF THE YEAR
Brad Tyree



LODGE SECRETARY
Jan Sullivan



NEW EXALTED RULER
Karen Weed

















SPECIAL KUDOS
Jackson



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: TERRY LEE RYAN & AL JONES

APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LODGE MEETINGS & INITIATION: 2nd & 4th TUES @ 7:30P BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday @ 7:15P AUXILIARY LUNCH MEETINGS: 3rd WED @ 11:30A KNIT & CROCHET LUNCH & SESSION: 3RD Wed @ 11:30A BACKPACK LUNCHES: APRIL 12 @ 6:00P						1 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) 
2 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing) 	3 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	4 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)	5 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) 	6 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (TRIVIA-7:00P)	7 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Terry Lee Ryan (7:00P-10:00P)	8 LOUNGE (Open 11:30A) 
9 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing) 	10 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	11 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING (7:30P)	12 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)  BACKPACK LUNCH PACKING (6:00P)	13 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (BINGO-7:00P)	14 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)	15 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) 
16 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing) 	17 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	18 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P)	19 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) KNIT & CROCHET (11:30A) ELKS AUXILIARY LUNCH MEETING (Lounge-11:30A)  BOARD MEETING (7:15P)	20 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (TRIVIA-7:00P)	21 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Terry Lee Ryan (7:00P-10:00P)	22 LOUNGE (Open 11:30A) 
23 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing) 	24 LODGE SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED	25 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing) LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING & INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS (7:30P)	26 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) 	27 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) HALF PRICE BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (BINGO-7:00P)	28 LOUNGE (11:30A-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)	29 LOUNGE (Open 11:30A) 
30 LOUNGE (11:30A-Closing) 	SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 20 – Chris Ryan & Jerry Katz Showcase (more details to follow)					



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

“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 e-mail 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 e-mail 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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