



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188
THE ELKS HORN
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Message from Exalted Ruler Karen Thiebaut



Dear Members: I'm back! It is my sincere honor to serve (once again) as Exalted Ruler of Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188. I am eternally grateful for the love and support of my family, friends, and of course my fellow Elks. Please join me in congratulating all our Lodge Officers and Trustees as we settle into our new Lodge year and some into their new roles. I look forward to working closely with this great team of dedicated Elks.

No Exalted Ruler has ever faced the challenges that ER Larry Fisher experienced the last 2 years with the Pandemic. Yet, #2188 prevailed under his noble leadership! "Hats off to Larry!"

This year we can establish a hard working yet fun-filled environment here at #2188 -- yes, we can whistle while we work! The officers and I cannot do this alone, we need member participation. If you have positive suggestions, concerns, or complaints, then come to a Lodge Meeting where your voice will be heard.

I challenge all members to get involved, attend a social gathering, join a committee, or help rip tickets for the 50/50 raffles (a nice sit-down job)!

I look forward to continuing our Lodge's traditions and Ritual is back at #2188! This year, let's focus on more community involvement -- and let's get the word out that **"Elks Rock!"**

*new year
new beginnings*

Elk of the Month -- APRIL 2022



I am delighted to bestow the honor of **ELK OF THE MONTH** to a gal who is always there when you need another hand. Her smiling face is contagious as she helps with Trivia Night and Bingo Night and volunteers her bartending skills in our social quarters. Thank you, **ASHLEY STEAD**, for all that you do for #2188!

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Who We Are

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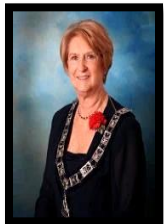
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Alternate to Grand Lodge: PER Larry Fisher

TRUSTEES 2021-2022

Trustee-1st Year: PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)
Trustee-2nd Year: PER Frank Burns
Trustee-3rd Year: PER Jim Weed
Trustee-4th Year: Joyce Loftis
Trustee-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 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. Proposals 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.

INSTALLATION CELEBRATION AT #2188

(Saturday, March 26, 2022)



News from Club Manager John Hyde – (703) 560-2188, ext. #1



Lodge Hours:

MON – Lodge Closed (All Day)

TUES (Lounge/Bar) -- 1:30P-8:30P (takeout available)

WED (Lounge/Bar) -- 1:30P-8:30P (takeout available)

WED NIGHT DINNER SPECIAL (Lounge/Bar) -- 5:30P-8:00P (takeout available)

THURS (Lounge/Bar) -- 1:30P-8:30P -- Half-Priced Burgers & Game Night

FRI (Lounge/Bar) – 5:00P-8:30P (Friday's Standard Bar Menu: Chicken Wings, Chicken Quesadilla, Caesar Salad, Chicken Salad Sandwich or Platter)

FRI NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) – 5:30P-8:00P (takeout available)

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT (Ballroom) – 7:00P-10:00P

SAT (Lounge/Bar) -- 1:30P-8:30P (takeout available)

SUNDAY (Lounge/Bar) -- Open 12:30P – TV screens tuned into sports events, etc.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2022

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

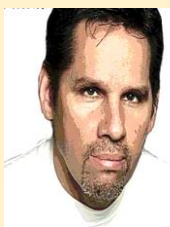
April 01 – Terry Lee Ryan

April 08 – Tom Saputo

April 15 – Terry Lee Ryan

April 22 – Tom Saputo

April 29 – Wes Glover



SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL -- April 9, 2022

Featuring WES GLOVER (5:00P-8:00P)

We're trying out something new on a Saturday night in the Lounge – \$5 cover -- if successful, we will do this once a month -- bring as many friends as possible to have a fun and relaxing time together, along with fellow Elks – order your favorite beverages and food from the bar menu – dance the night away, or just sit back and listen to some really good tunes!

Rain or shine!

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 pay dues, to donate, etc.).

NEW HOURS FOR LODGE SECRETARY

Monday: Varies (please call if you need to conduct business with 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

IN MEMORIUM



IRENE SARIKINIS *(Passed away last year on April 13, 2021)*

TED FERGUSON *(Passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2022)*

DEBORAH STUART *(Passed away on Friday, March 25, 2022)*

BRETT MULLINS *(Passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2022)*

DUES

You should have received your dues notice from the Grand Lodge by now. Please note that the annual dues have gone up to \$130 due to an increase in insurance premiums. The dues notice that the Grand Lodge sent out is somewhat confusing. **If you are a Regular member, your dues are \$130. If you are a Life Member, your dues are \$49.** The Lodge must pay the per capita assessments, which are passed on to the individual member.

ALSO, please note that if you wish to pay by credit card, you can still call the Lodge Secretary 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.

Any member who does not plan to renew their membership will no longer be permitted to enter the Lodge or its Social Quarters, even as a guest, but will be allowed to reinstate your membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are not receiving eblasts from the Lodge, please notify the Lodge Secretary. There have been instances of people being unsubscribed (either inadvertently or intentionally). When you were first signed up to receive emails from Constant Contact (our eblast provider) you would have been sent an email asking you to verify that you wished to be receiving them. If you did not respond to the email, you will not receive the Lodge eblasts.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

BUILDING FUND:

Susan Baldassano

PER Frank Burns

Renee Chandler

James Colevas

Thomas Edwards

Rudolph Gierich, Jr.

Michael Gilbert

John Henrehan

Tex Hunt

Everett Johnson

Jack Kodrich

Larry Lindquist

Ed Mac Donald

Cynthia McGrory

Philip Morris

Michael Moscovis

James Nefflen

Kevin Parris

Suzanne Pastura

Connie Randolph

Durwood Rushforth

John Silva

Gail Stansberry

Sharon Summers

Wayne Tannahill

PER Rose Thiebaut

Bob Thompson

Victor Weedn

CHARITIES:

- **General:** PER Frank Burns, Renee Chandler, Michael Gilbert, Tex Hunt, Kevin Parris, Ed Mac Donald, Wayne Tannahill, Gail Stansberry, PER Rose Thiebaut
- **USO:** PER Patti Graves, John Henrehan, Donald N. Miller, Michael Moscovis, James Nefflen, Mark Richards
- **Veterans:** Victor Weedn
- **Elks Youth Camp:** Jack Kodrich

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Initiated March 15, 2022



Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher with new members Maria-Esther Alva (sponsored by Victor Weedn) and Robert Jackson (sponsored by PER Alicia Pomé). WELCOME!

PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP AT THE NEXT INITIATION: Vincent Leone (proposed by PER Patti Graves), Michael Miller (transferred from Santa Ana Lodge #294), Kyle Peter Strandberg (proposed by Tori Guardino), and Lisa A. Strandberg (proposed by Amy Long).

ALSO: John Hyde (proposed by PER Frank Burns), Joyce Myers (proposed by Bruce Myers), and Layne Bryan Sweatt (proposed by Susan Lyon).

The next Initiation of New Members will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Steve Thiebaut, Chairman



Greetings to All! As we move into the new Lodge year, I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Lodge officers and welcome as 5th Year Trustee, our new Past Exalted Ruler, Larry Fisher.

I'm sure that everyone would agree the last two years have certainly been a challenge, yet here we stand today open for business. Special thanks to Club Manager John Hyde and his exceptional staff members who contribute daily to our operations.

Finally, I want to thank all our members for their continued support of our Lodge. Without member participation we would not be the Lodge we are today. I sincerely hope that you will continue to give your incoming Officers and Trustees the support you have shown me as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. [PER Steven Thiebaut, Chairman]

ATTENTION MEMBERS: A Special Message from Trustee PER Frank Burns

Greetings to all my friends of Lodge #2188! I have not written a message to you in ages, and it feels good to be doing it now. I am writing to help us prepare for the next six months, as we finally and hopefully put the worst of this Covid business behind us. For many reasons, and especially because of very good people—members and staff, we are coming out of this in very reasonable condition, financially and otherwise. Although we have significant “long-term” debt, we have money in the bank. We still have a very solid base of members, who are able to come together at the Lodge to share our lives. The facility, old as it is, is in reasonable shape, and we have adequate resources to maintain it at this time. Business is still coming back, but we are not yet where we were before.

As a result, we do have challenges, especially in the financial arena, and we need, immediately, to make some changes to address those. Primary among those challenges are the significant rises in the costs of the goods and services we need to stay open. I'm not going to provide a laundry list of increases, because all of us are experiencing this in our daily lives. However, as I prepare this year's budget, I must report that we will face unacceptable financial losses if we do not raise prices for the food and beverage services that we, as members, provide for ourselves. To immediately begin to prevent significant financial decline, the Board has approved the following changes:

- For Wednesday Night Dinners, we will increase the dinner price to \$14.
- We will increase the regular base price of the burgers to \$12 (and on Thursday's Half-Priced Burger Nights, folks will pay \$6).
- For the Friday Night Dinners, we will raise the price of the steak dinners to \$21.50 and the price of the alternate dinners to \$17. We will also assess a charge of \$5 to any individual who does not purchase either of these options (this is necessary to cover entertainment expenses).

These changes will give us a head start to reduce the losses that we will experience in the coming months. However, we are also making other changes to reduce our costs, especially in the areas of payroll and food and beverage expenditures. If such changes have a significant impact on the member experience, we will address those specifically with you. As noted above, prominent among these changes is the reduction of payroll, which will be achieved partially through greater involvement of member volunteers in some club operations. We want to keep the Lodge open, but we must reduce paid work hours, so we will be inviting members at certain times, and in certain reasonable circumstances, to serve as cooks, bartenders or wait staff to avoid payroll spending. Any and all of you who are interested in participating in such activity should notify the Lodge Secretary, who will then pass the information on to the Board in order to coordinate this activity. This applies especially to the days of the week and the hours of the day when attendance at our club facilities is very low.

Together, for two long years, we have endured a massive disruption to our valuable social, community, and charitable enterprise. We are winning the battle, however, and will continue to overcome and put these very substantial obstacles behind us. It is my pleasure to work, serve, and engage with our members, and I am confident we will emerge from this with healthy finances, an improved facility, and stronger friendships. God bless you all. **[PER Frank Burns]**

VETERANS COMMITTEE – PERs Patti Graves & Rose Thiebaut, Co-Chairs

It was a beautiful spring-like day in March when Elks #2188 volunteers made food deliveries to support our local USOs. Ten boxes of frozen food/hearty sandwiches were delivered to both the Reagan National Airport USO and the Honor Guard USO at Joint Base Ft. Myer/Henderson Hall. Two boxes of ice cream treats were included with each of those deliveries. These will be a refreshing snack as our weather continues to get warmer.

Reagan USO provides a place of rest and food for the weary military/veteran travelers and their families. While Ft Myer provides a respite, food, and other amenities for the Honor Guard members performing funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery and for The Old Guard that provides security and ceremonial duties at the Tomb of the Unknown.

At both USO facilities, the USO manager and volunteers tell us how important our food deliveries are to them. And as we passed out food to the Honor Guard members at Ft Myer, their smiles and thanks said it all.



1st Pic: #2188 members PER Rose Thiebaut, Karen Weed, Fuzzy Collier, and PER Patti Graves, with one of the USO volunteers at Reagan National Airport. **2nd Pic:** USO Manager Dawn surrounded by our food delivery. **3rd Pic:** #2188 members surrounded by Air Force Honor Guard members. **4th Pic:** Air Force Honor Guard Members enjoying the USO facility.

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 me at (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 11 July 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 12 September 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 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. *[Ron Murphy, Chairman]*

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). Volunteers are needed to pack this month's bags in the Lounge (details will go out by e-blast soon). Delivery of the bags will be completed the following day. Chairperson **SUSAN SCHWARZ** needs volunteers each month, so please contact her at schwarz.susan912@gmail.com if you can help in any way. Also, if you can donate any of the

following items or make a monetary donation, we certainly would appreciate it. This is such a rewarding program for our Lodge. We need your help!

Breakfast Items:

Oatmeal Packets
Cereal (single servings)
Granola Bars
Nutri-Grain Bars

Lunch/Dinner:

Chili Cups
Mac & Cheese Cups
Tuna/Chicken Salad Kits w/Crackers
Chef Boyardee, Ravioli

Snacks:

Fruit Cups (in juice not syrup)
Cheese & Crackers
Granola Bars
Fruit Snacks, Dried Fruits

Drinks: 100% Fruit Juice, Capri Sun Juice Boxes, Shelf-Stable Milk

DO NOT INCLUDE: Peanut butter or any items containing peanut butter or peanuts; Candy; Pop-Tarts; Vienna Sausages; Glass Containers; High-sugar items; Applesauce Cups with tinfoil lids; Bottled Water.

ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX ELKS LODGE #2188 DELIVERS DICTIONARIES TO THIRD GRADERS

With the COVID pandemic for the past two years, it has been hard finding schools that would allow Lodge members into their buildings. We were able to find three of our normal eight schools who opened their doors and let us in for our seventh year of giving dictionaries/reference books to about 400 boys and girls. It was again a joy to see their smiling faces and hear their excitement as we gave one to each student. I would like to thank **Co-Chairs Georgianna Knotts, Barbara Marshall, and Jerry Sall** for helping distribute the dictionaries or "Gazetteer" (look it up) this year. We hope to get back to full strength next year as schools are opening in early September. *[PER Tim Knotts, PSP]*



Pictured above are **PER Tim Knotts, Jerry Sall, and Georgianna Knotts** getting ready to hand out student dictionaries to 3rd Graders at Hoffman-Boston Elementary School.



Barbara Marshall reviews the dictionary/reference books with over 150 students from different classes at Braddock Elementary School as they found a good day to be outside.

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH AT #2188

Sunday, April 17, 2022

(11:00A – 2:00P – in the Lounge)

Adults @ \$20 – Children (ages 5-12) @ \$10



Fabulous Buffet Menu

Drink Specials: Mimosa & Bloody Mary @ \$3.00

Reservations A Must (minimum of 40 reservations required)

To Confirm A Reservation, Please Call (703) 560-2188, ext. 3

APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: 2ND & 4TH Tuesday @ 7:30P BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday @ 7:15P NEW MEMBERS: 3rd Tuesday – Orientation @ 6:30P – Initiation @ 7:30P ELKS AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00P KNIT & CROCHET: 3RD Wednesday @ 11:30A-2:00P (Arlington Room)					1 LOUNGE (5:00P-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Terry Lee Ryan (7:00P-10:00P)	2 LOUNGE (1:30P-8:30P)
3 Lounge/Bar Opens 12:30P	4 LODGE CLOSED	5 1:30P-8:30P	6 1:30P-8:30P WEDNESDAY DINNER SPECIAL (5:30P-8:00P)	7 1:30P-8:30P HALF PRICE  BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (Trivia-7:00P)	8 LOUNGE (5:00P-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)	9 LOUNGE (1:30P-8:30P) SPECIAL NIGHT WITH WES GLOVER (Lounge) (5:00P-8:00P)
10 Palm Sunday DD Breakfast (8:00A) DD CLINIC (9:00A) Lounge/Bar Opens 12:30P	11 LODGE CLOSED	12 1:30P-8:30P LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING (7:30P)	13 1:30P-8:30P WEDNESDAY DINNER SPECIAL (5:30P-8:00P) ELKS AUXILIARY MEETING (7:00P)	14 1:30P-8:30P HALF PRICE  BURGERS (1:30P-8:00P) GAME NIGHT (Bingo-7:00P)	15 LOUNGE (5:00P-8:30P) GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Terry Lee Ryan (7:00P-10:00P)	16 LOUNGE (1:30P-8:30P)
17 Easter Brunch (11:00A-2:00P) 	18 LODGE CLOSED	19 1:30P-8:30P NEW MEMBERS: --Orientation (6:30P) --Initiation (7:30P)	20 1:30P-8:30P Knit & Crochet Group (11:30A) (Arlington Room) WEDNESDAY DINNER SPECIAL (5:30P-8:00P) BOARD MTG (7:15P)	21 1:30P-8:30P HALF PRICE  BURGERS GAME NIGHT (Trivia-7:00P)	22 LOUNGE (5:00P-8:30P) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Ballroom) (5:30P-8:00P) Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)	23 LOUNGE (1:30P-8:30P)
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"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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