



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

The Elks Horn

Supporting our Community Since 1961

Jan 2014

ER's Corner



Happy New Year to All!

As we look back on this past year, it has been an incredibly challenging one for our lodge financially. We have fought tooth and nail to deliver our best to #2188 and the membership has been an indispensable inspiration that I have come to rely on. As a result, many ideas have been brought forth about different ways that we can enter 2014 stronger, better, and more focused than ever on our mission of helping to build and sustain a more successful Elks lodge as well as to continue serving our community. Isn't that what Elkdom is all about, CHARITY?

Lisa Stevens, Chairperson for Holiday Baskets and her team of dedicated Elks, worked tirelessly preparing the Holiday baskets for our needy neighbors. We were able to increase the number of families served this year. The volunteers for this remarkable act of giving constantly comment about the joy on the faces of the recipients, especially the children when picking out their very own new or gently worn coat.

We held our Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, December 1st. We paid tribute to 20 members that passed to realms on high throughout the past year. Rose Thiebaut, Committee Chair and team presented a very moving ceremony that was performed by our Past Exalted Rulers. Our guest speaker, Charlie Wood, Senior Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Community Church, was able to inspire all in attendance and what great music and song selection by Terry Lee Ryan with Charlie.

Sandy Mueller and her team have been doing a fantastic job of raising money for the Building fund. They have held raffles for a \$600.00 spending spree and 4 beautiful wine baskets. Congrats to the winners announced on Friday, December 13th. Turns out that is not such an unlucky day.

On December 18th, Trustee Board Chairman, Art Wyman was able to serve us some holiday cheer with a favorite of the ladies. His tasty confection was Brandy Alexanders. Patti Graves will entice us with "after the holidays" calorie saving drinks and treats on January 15th. Thank you to all of the members and their guests for supporting this effort and YOUR Lodge Officers!

I hope that everyone has wonderful and safe Holidays! As we look to the New Year as a new beginning, let us all remember those serving in our armed forces that can't be with their families over the holidays. It is because of them that we enjoy the very freedoms that we sometimes take for granted!

Laurie Fearis, Exalted Ruler

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Arlington-Fairfax Lodge No. 2188, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Elks of the Month

Sometimes we tend to overlook the constant volunteer. There are many in our lodge that have and continue to be those volunteers. My Elks of the Month for January are the ever-present and faithful **Gerry and Joan Gavin**.

Laurie Fearis, ER

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CHIMES OF MEMORY

Phillip Babcock, April 2013

Walter J. Lander, November 12, 2013

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Bingo Players, for the Youth Camp

Jerry Swart – Youth Camp, and for miscellaneous Charities

Note: If you know of a member who has passed away, please contact Jan Sullivan, 703-560-2213, so that the Lodge can be informed in a timely manner. Thank you.

TO THE MEMBERS:

Please let the secretary of the Lodge know if you have a change of address, email, or telephone number. The Lodge is charged for all mail returned due to our not having your correct address, and you may miss out on important information. There are some new innovations and activities planned for Arlington-Fairfax and you won't want to miss them. The Secretary's office number is 703-560-2213, or email her at secretary@bpoe2188.org. Also, if you have decided to get the *Horn* electronically, please advise the Secretary to remove your name from the mailing list.

Jan Sullivan, Lodge Secretary

The Virginia Elks Website is
www.virginiaelks.org

If you want Rose T to let members know about something, please send your item to: rthiebaut@orrick.com

Brenda Slingerland is the POC for Sickness and Distress for the Lodge. You can send an e-mail to Brenda at lodge2188@gmail.com or call her at 703-785-9974

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There is no Auxiliary Column this month. I'll be back when space allows. Happy New Year!

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Propositions for Membership

Joan Earyes

11510 Clara Barton Drive
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
Retired
Sponsor: Ronald Earyes

Ted Farran

7125 Dale Court
Annandale, VA 22003
Occupation: TAF Services, LLC
Sponsor: Riad Alzer

William A. Gibson

7605 Greenbrook Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Occupation: GCFE (Computer Security)
Sponsor: Brenda Slingerland

John M. Hotaling

2807 N. Beechwood Circle
Arlington, VA 22207
Occupation: Realtor Engineer
Sponsor: Albert Camacho

Joan Lyons

109 Quay Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Occupation: Investments
Sponsor: Albert Camacho

Anthony P. Marterella

PO Box 2928
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
Occupation: Inside Sales for DDK Sales, Inc.
Sponsor: Laurie Fearis

Jeffrey Sargent

14420 Four Chimney Drive
Centreville, VA 20120
Occupation: Fire Protection Specialist
Sponsor: Ronald L. Martin, Member #3382 (Fredericksburg Lodge)

For Life Membership:

Daniel J. Kear, Member # 2433

P.O. Box 7615
Lancaster, VA 22503

Aubrey H. "Buck" Burrow, Jr., Member # 3825

6610 Stagecoach Street
Springfield, VA 22150-1547

For Reinstatement:

Robert Stuckey, Member # 3384
3867 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
Retired
Transfer from Panama Canal Lodge # 1414
Sponsor: Jan Sullivan

Robert C. Volck, Member # 5263
7719 Pine Street
Manassas, VA 20111-1925

ER Laurie Fearis with new members Mary Ellen Babcock, Elly Marie Burton, William "Lee" Yarborough and Robert H. Sullivan. Photo by Wyman



DELINQUENT MEMBERS:

We have trimmed our delinquent list to 33 members! Thank all of you who have contacted me concerning some of the members on the list, and even though I have been told that some may not be renewing, unless I hear from the member himself, I cannot remove them from the list based on supposition.

If you have a purple membership card, that says 2012-2013, ***you are delinquent***. Pay your Dues! Make the check payable to BPOE #2188, in the amount of \$99.50, and mail to Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188, 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22031. Again, if you have sponsored one of these people, please encourage them to renew their membership.

Ana Aguirre	Mark Lint
Thomas Albert	Jeannie Loving
Ernest Bacon	Christopher Mekenney
Bart Bingham	Jonathan Mekenney
Valerie Brown	Amy Miller
Robert G. Dillon	Thomas Park
William Eberhardt	Gregory Parris
Lina El Tagi	Beth Parton
Mary El Tagi	Dutchess Lolita Richardson-Donaldson
Christy Eldridge	Brandon Robinson
Michael Flanigan	Robert Salem
Virginia Harford	James Schwartz
Elizabeth Hayre	R. Paul Sebra
Louis Heon	Stephen Shema
Michael Higgins	John Sullivan (the younger)
Marcia House	David L. Wilson, Jr.
Edward Lambert	

Jan Sullivan, Lodge Secretary

Jan 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Notice: There will be no dinner dance in January. The next one will be on 1 Feb 2014 and will benefit ENF.			1	2 Bingo-6 pm	3 Dinner, 530-8	4
5	6 Bingo-6 pm Mex Dom =11	7 BOD, 7:15	8 Aux mtg 7:30 Dinner, 530-8	9 Bingo-6 pm	10 Dinner, 530-8	11 Hoop Shoots 9-12 Crestwood elem school
12	13 Bingo-6 pm	14 Membership mtg, 7:30	15 Dinner, 530-8 Patti Graves, Bartender!	16 Bingo-6 pm	17 Dinner, 530-8	18
19	20 Bingo-6 pm Knit & Crochet, 11	21 Aux Daytime, 1130 BOD, 7:15	22 Dinner, 530-8	23 Bingo-6 pm	24 Dinner, 530-8	25
26 Terry & Tom 6-9 BR \$20	27 Bingo-6 pm Bunco, 11	28 Membership mtg, 7:30	29 Dinner, 530-8	30 Bingo-6 pm	31 M'Burg VA Hosp, 3 pm Dinner, 530-8	1 Dinner Dance see page 9 for details
Super Bowl Sunday and Chili Cook-Off 2 Feb 2014 hosted by the 2188 Grill Masters						

IN THE LOUNGE

Food & Entertainment

Wednesdays

Jan 1 Closed—Happy New year!

Jan 8—Stuffed Pork Chops

Jan 15—Chicken Cordon Bleu

Jan 22—BBQ Ribs

Jan 29—Pot Roast

Fridays

Jan 3—Grilled Crab Cake

Jan 10—Swordfish

Jan 17—Lasagne

Jan 24—Shrimp Alfredo

Jan 31—Chicken Vesuvius

A Pirate's Life for Me!



Entertainment News for January 2014

Jan 3—Terry Lee Ryan

Jan 10—Tom Saputo

Jan 17—Terry Lee Ryan

Jan 24—Tom Saputo

Jan 31—Mike Surratt
& Al Jones

Super Bowl Sunday
February 2, 2014

From the Desk of the BoD Chair

The Board of Governors, the Audit Committee and Lodger accounting staff conducted over the past few months, a comprehensive review of the Lodge's financial posture. Unfortunately the Lodge has experienced a significant loss of income combined with a huge increase in the cost of goods sold and operational expenses. This confluence has placed the Lodge's finances in a potentially, albeit not immediate precarious financial situation. As mentioned in previous messages to the members, the normal upturn in revenue did not occur as was expected. We cannot continue this downward trend without taking corrective action

As a result of the above, the Board will put in place a cost reduction and increase in revenue plan that we trust will stop the downward spiral and restore financial stability. We are sorry to say the plan will affect everyone. Increases will be in the rentals, and drinks (30 cents per drink effective January 6, 2014). Reductions in staff hours, and eliminating a managerial position. The Club employees will be provided a moderate meal while on duty at the Lodge. We will reduce the number of ballroom dances, beginning with the dances originally scheduled for January and March 2014. We will continue with the free dinner drawings at Lodge meetings when enough members attend. The plan also includes a potential reduction in Club operating hours (to be determined after review of updated financial data). We will still be able to have Wednesday dinners, and Friday night suppers/with entertainment (food prices have not been affected) and special events such as Chili Cook Off and Super Bowl Party, and playoff games.

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 is a fine lodge where members can come, have fun, experience camaraderie in a pleasant atmosphere at a very reasonable price while contributing to the community. Working together to support our Lodge, we can assure 2188's continued success.

Art Wyman

Chairman



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Where: Crestwood Elementary School

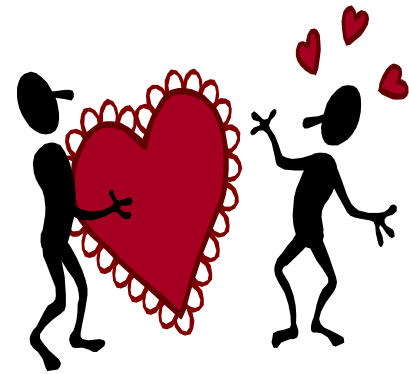
6010 Hanover Ave., Springfield, VA 22150

When: Saturday, January 11, 2014

Inclement Weather Makeup: January, 18, 2014

Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Questions: Contact Mark Kaplon, 571.251.6766 or mkaplon@x7si.com



VALENTINE/ENF



Saturday, February 1 -- Music of Frank Napoli

Dinner @ 7 -- Dancing 8:15 to 11:00

\$35 Members, \$40 Non-members

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*\$10 Donation to the Elks National Foundation is*

*Requested and Appreciated from All Attendees*

*For reservations email: [dance2188@gmail.com](mailto:dance2188@gmail.com) or call: 703-560-1770*



**ATTENTION:** The dances originally scheduled for January 11 and March 1 have been cancelled. The next dance following the February 1 dance will be the Elks Installation Ball on March 29, 2014.

# **Golf Update**

## **Ron Murphy, Golf Guru**

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Planning has already started for next season. A committee with representatives from The American Legion, Knights of Columbus and The Elks are working on the 2014 schedule. It will look a lot like last year, but there will be a few changes. Play at one or two different courses is planned. Currently, the plan is to open at Westpark on 7 April, and close at South Riding on 20 October. Everything else is in the works. It is important to remember all of it is tentative at this point.

Change to our sign up procedure is also under consideration. Some change for our Group is almost certain. There is also a proposal under consideration that will affect all three groups, Elks, Legion and Knights. Details on these matters will follow in future Horns. Stay tuned.

In the mean time, if you can't head south for better golf weather, there are heated driving ranges available in this area.

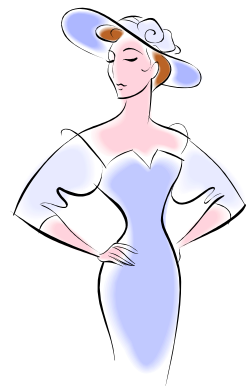
Ron Murphy

### **VALENTINE LUNCHEON/FASHION SHOW**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014  
11:00-2:30 P.M. in the FAIRFAX ROOM**

**FASHIONS FROM DRESS BARN**



**TICKETS \$20.00**

**INFORMATION - [mtjordan@simpsondev.com](mailto:mtjordan@simpsondev.com)**

**(TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE AND AT THE DOOR)**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO LODGE FACILITY FUNDRAISER FUND**

**TRUST US - YOU WILL HAVE FUN.**

## **Lodge 2188 Bingo Chair**

Barbara Marshall has notified us that she will step down as Bingo Chair at the end of calendar year 2014. This is sad news, but I think we all agree that Barbara has gone above and beyond in her support and service in the various years she assisted Peter when he was Chair/Co-Chair and in the ensuing years when Barbara has chaired our Bingo program. Thank you Barbara for the tremendous number of hours you have given in support of Bingo, as well for the other numerous programs in which you are involved! Also, thank you to the many members who have supported you and provided many volunteer hours to ensure Bingo is held each Monday and Thursday night with huge success.

Now onto the future! As everyone probably knows, Bingo is one of the most important and necessary programs our Lodge has; providing essential Lodge finances, as well as supporting many of our major programs. After discussions with Barbara, it has been recommended we revise the Chair structure to provide multiple Chair positions. This will provide backup support and ensure no one person has to do it all.

Although the following new Chair structure is proposed to begin January 2015, it is important that we identify these volunteers as soon as possible to begin working with Barbara and prepare for a smooth transition:

### **Monday Night Bingo:**

Chair

Co-Chair

### **Thursday Night Bingo:**

Chair

Co-Chair

I challenge our new Members to consider volunteering for one of these positions. You will provide essential support for the Lodge, meet many of our members who consistently "work" Bingo and make new friends along the way - both with the members and with some of our bingo players. Please contact Patti Graves [gpg Graves@msn.com](mailto:gpg Graves@msn.com) to volunteer or if additional info is needed.

**Thanks to all who have given and participated in funding our Lodge improvements.**

### **Additional fund-raising events.**

**Saturday, February 15, 2014 – wine tasting in the lounge. Hosted by Linda Gardner, Jerry Sall & Kathy Showker.**

**Saturday, February 22, 2014. International bring-a-dish dinner party in the Arlington Room/lounge.**

**Saturday, March 8, 2014 – Variety Show in the Ballroom. Hosted by Don Weber & Mark Richards.**

**Saturday, March 15, 2014 – beer tasting in the lounge. Hosted by Jerry Sall & Gary Indrie.**

**Saturday, April 12 scotch tasting in the lounge. Hosted by Ray Helms, Linda Gardner & Kathy Showker.**

**More events are in the planning stage and will be announced later. Sandy Mueller**

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**Terry & Tom Together  
for 2188**

**Sunday, January 26, 2014**

**6-9 PM in the Elks Ballroom**



**Tickets are \$20 and go on sale Jan 2**

**Information: (703) 597-1339**

**Terry Lee Ryan and Tom Saputo are teaming up to help our fundraising committee with proceeds going to our Lodge Improvement/Facility Fund. You don't want to miss this fabulous evening with our two best buds!**