Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

The Elks Horn

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ER's Corner

On Tuesday, September 9, our District Deputy (DD) Geoff Cox visited our Lodge for the annual DD visit and attended the evening's Lodge meeting, along with other Elks State and District dignitaries. Following the visit, we received a wonderful report from Geoff regarding our Lodge's activities and initiatives, fund raising efforts, and finances. This positive report of our Lodge is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of many 2188 members who continue to give freely of their time and energy. Thank you!!

Although our new upper level bathroom renovation is completed, there are many other projects that need to occur to maintain our aging building. We need to increase our "revenue reserves" for our Lodge to prepare for normal yearly slumps and to be able to weather those times when a slump in the economy occurs. In his article in this edition of the Horn, our Board Chairman Jerry Boyer addresses actions discussed by the Board that have been or will be implemented to continue to improve Lodge finances.

Although we have paid staff to provide some services, let's not forget that our Lodge is a volunteer-based organization. There are things we can do that will make a difference. There are so many volunteer opportunities where your services are needed and where you will make a difference. It is also often the simple actions that make all the difference – clearing our own areas, especially when seated at side tables in the bar; picking up trash when we see it, whether outside or inside the Lodge; turning off lights if you are the last to leave a room after an activity, etc.

Additionally, individual Program Chairs are reviewing ways to be more economical in delivery of their programs without affecting the quality of services to help increase our revenue reserves. Some have already made changes that have lowered funding requirements; while others are reviewing what they can do differently.

These are examples of how our Lodge continues to strive to improve and ensure we are a strong, vibrant Lodge in future years. Individual members are also continuing to "go the extra mile" to make our Lodge the best it can be. Just look at how many activities and initiatives are happening in our Lodge in October reflecting the outstanding dedication of our members.

Kathy Showker, with help from Karen Bender, has recently volunteered to develop weekend activities to bring more members into the Club, and thus increase weekend revenues. These activities are fun and tasty, from the Seafood Saturday to the Redskins Game Day fun. Our Guest Bartenders volunteer their time and money to make that 3rd Wednesday of the month a fun and profitable evening in the Club. Be sure to come out for the October Guest Bartender on the 15th. Deliveries of hearty, frozen foods to the Reagan National Airport USO continue thanks to all those who donate to help fund the program and to the volunteers who donate their time and gas/mileage to make those deliveries. Our annual Dictionary program with delivery of dictionaries to Title 1 elementary schools also begins again. This is primarily funded by the Gratitude Grant our Lodge was awarded and is supported by Chairman Ken Hensley, Tim & Georgianna Knotts, Barbara Marshall and Laurie Fearis.

The Lodge annual Pig Roast is scheduled for Oct. 11. Thanks to Steve Thiebaut and his team of workers, this will be another fun, yummy event! And our own Sandy Mueller continues to stage events to raise money for the Building Improvement Fund. Her Fashion Show program on Saturday, October 18 will have some of our ladies modeling and walking the "runway" in a continued effort to raise money for the fund. Our Veterans Committee continues to be one of our Lodge's most active committees and will be hosting Bingo at the Martinsburg VA Hospital on October 31. Finally, the \$2,000 Promise Grant our Lodge was awarded is helping to fund a new exciting program – the Backpack Lunch program. With Karen Bender spearheading this program and assist from Fredi Hensley, this is a program that is sure to make a difference in the lives of many children.

Your help and assistance is needed to make these programs and activities a success. You can volunteer to help directly with a program, donate money to help fund the initiative or volunteer to be on the planning committee. We are a great Lodge thanks to those members who continually make a positive difference!!

Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler

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



Newsletter: Please let the secretary know if you are receiving the Horn electronically, either through email, or from our website. We are trying to cut down on the expense of mailing and printing the newsletter. If you are a regular at the Lodge and would be willing to pick up a copy here, we can save \$.56 by not mailing the copy to you.

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.

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MEMBERSHIP : A huge thank you to all of you have paid your dues. Reminders have been mailed, and many are responding. We are now down to 66 delinquent members. Please get your dues paid as promptly as possible. If vou do not have a card that says "Paid to 4/1/2015" and is light blue in color, you are *delinguent*. Please submit your dues payment of \$99.50 (\$29.25 for Life Members) to the Lodge Secretary immediately. Checks should be made payable to Arlington-Fairfax Lodge #2188, or BPOE 2188.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a service member on active duty, please notify the secretary. You are not required to pay dues to Lodge 2188 while serving our country, and I will send you a new card.

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From the Board

In an effort to further improve the financial status of the Lodge, the Board recently held an executive session, the purpose of which was to discuss and decide upon the feasibility and potential value of various suggested changes or adjustments. Recall, a reason for executive session is not to meet in secret, but rather to meet with a degree of privacy so as to facilitate discussion and decision making. That said, I would like to share topics discussed and decisions made at the recent executive session.

(1) Employee Pay: Nearly all of our employees have received cuts in rates, hours or both. The discussion centered on whether the cuts were sufficient, should be deeper, or could be rolled back. The Board made the difficult decision to maintain current cuts. Rates are in line with those of private industry and considering the revised hours, we are realizing significant payroll savings - up to \$3,000 per pay period.

(2) Electricity Use: This was easy. The Board agreed to a policy of lights out when rooms are unoccupied. The Club Manager will ensure that Club employees comply. We also ask members to turn lights off when leaving a room unoccupied.

(3) Volunteer Servers: There was a time when volunteers cooked and served on Friday nights. This may no longer be feasible, though a volunteer to look after the buffet may be tried. Also, the Board accepted Trustee Jerry Sall's offer to organize a staff of volunteers to serve food during bingo as was done in the past.

(4) Operating Hours: The Board agreed to maintain current operating hours.

(5) Food Costs: Food costs, especially the cost of beef, have shot up considerably. Therefore, the Board made the difficult decision to reduce the offering of prime rib to the second Wednesday of the month. Steaks will continue to be offered each Friday.

(6) Reduce Friday Night Entertainment/Implement a Cover Charge: Friday nights are profitable, especially during the busier non-summer months. Therefore live entertainment will continue for now. The Board discussed a concern about folks, particularly non-members, who visit for the entertainment yet contribute little or nothing in the way of food or drink purchases. The Board explored several potential ways to implement a cover charge, especially one that could be reimbursed with the purchase of food or drink. Finding none to be satisfactory, we tabled this item for the time being.

(7) Food/Drink Prices: The Board determined that current prices within the Club are appropriate and that Bingo food prices should be determined by the Bingo Committee.

The above, of course, is not inclusive of all that was discussed, space limitations alone would prohibit that, but rather it is a synopsis of what I believe would be of most interest to the membership. As I'm sure you can conclude, an executive session such as this is not the most enjoyable way to spend an evening, but it is at times necessary.

Respectfully,

Jerry Boyer, Board Chairman.

Lodge Officers 2015-16

Golf Update

We are pleased to recognize our event winners since the September issue of the Horn. Bill Timmons won at both Medal of Honor andHerndon with net scores of 64 and 59, Jerry Kwiatkowski had the low net at The Gauntlet, a 61. Noteworthy gross scores were Don Saboe's 77 at Herndon and Mack McGlumphys string of 80's atMedal of Honor (82), Herndon (80) and The Gauntlet (81). The Chairman's Trophy race standings through The Gauntlet, with three events still to play, were very close. Bill Timmons and Mack McGlumphy were in the lead with 31 points each, Jerry Kwiatkowski was close behind with 29, followed by Tim Knotts 21, Mike Evers 19 and Dale Crisp with 18 points.

There will be two outings in October; Forest Greens on the 8th and South Riding, our last of the season, on the 20th. The Forest Greens start will be the usual 0900, whereas South Riding 's will be at 1000. Golf Association members will receive an email from the tournament director about a week prior with sign up instructions. The easiest way to sign up is to respond to this email. You can also sign up by phone, the applicable number will be included in the email. If you are an Elk, but not a Golf Association member, and want to play as a guest, contact Ron Murphy at <u>bettyron.50@gmail.com</u> or 703 866-4403. In any case sign up must be completed by the Thursday preceding the Monday event. Any questions regarding these procedures, the golf schedule, etc. can be directed to Ron Murphy.

When you play, report to the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the tee time, and pay your green fee in the pro shop. Next report to the committee desk, pay a \$3 fee, get your hole assignment, buy 50/50 tickets (optional) and receive any pertinent information for that day's play. Finally, you should be at your cart, ready to play, fifteen minutes before the tee time, to receive instructions from the course representative and/or tournament director and witness the 50/50 drawing (good luck). When you complete play, you must get your score to Ron Murphy, either in person at the course or by email or phone. Neither the Legion or the Knights have any interest in your score. If you want to get credit for playing and be included in that day's recap, you must make sure Ron receives you score.

Auxiliary President's Corner

Before you think I'm crazy, please realize the article for the September Horn had to be sent in before the Auxiliary Pot Luck and Anniversary Dance thus explaining why I am writing about them in October!!

The Pot Luck was well attended, the club provided the meats and accoutruements, and the members provided the covered dishes. By all accounts everything was delicious and enjoyed by all in attendance. Another event organized and well done by Brenda Slingerland.

The Anniversary Dance was a musical and gourmet basket extravaganza. Frank Burns was a gracious host who made the songs he sang sound beautiful. The 10 recipients of the gourmet baskets were thrilled. A tremendous thank you goes to Rose Thiebaut for compiling the baskets.

The majority of the money we earn for our charities comes from the selling of White House Ornaments and Giant Gift Cards, so once again I am pushing both. Help a friend or neighbor buy groceries or trim a Christmas tree by buying them Giant Gift Cards and ornaments from your Auxiliary.



Happy Halloween!!

Georgianna Knotts, President

Oct 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Initiation of new members is the 3rd Monday at 7			1 Dinner till 8	2 Bingo, 6	3 Dinner till 8	4
5	6 Bingo, 6 Mex Dom, 11 Forest Greens 0900	7 Board Mtg, 7:15	8 Aux Mtg, 7:30 Dinner till 8	9 Bingo, 6	10 State Conver	11 ntion, VA Bch Pig Roast 3-8 Honky Tonk Confidential
12	13 Bingo, 6 Mex Dom, 11	14 Lodge Mtg 7:30	15 Guest Bartender Dinner till 8	16 Bingo, 6	17 Dinner till 8	18 Chico's Fashion Show 1130-2
19	20 Bingo, 6 Knit and Crochet, 11 So Riding, 10	21 Board Mtg, 7:15 Aux Daytime, 1130	22 Dinner till 8	23 Bingo, 6	24 Dinner till 8	25
26	27 Bingo, 6 Bunko, 11	28 Lodge Mtg 7:30	29 Dinner till 8	30 Bingo, 6	31 Halloween Party in Lounge Dinner till 8	Nov 1 Halloween Dinner Dance, 7

Chico's Fashion Show Fund Raiser Saturday Oct 18 from 1130-2

\$25.00 (at the door) includes sit down lunch RESERVATIONS PLEASE - Sandy Mueller (703) 849-1282 or <u>rthiebaut1949@outlook.com</u> Lady Elks will be modeling the fashions Proceeds go to the Lodge Improvement Fund And, Chico's will donate 10% of sales to charity

IN THE LOUNGE Food & Entertainment

Wednesdays

Oct 1 Spaghetti and Meatballs

Oct 8 Prime Rib Night

Oct 15 Chicken Marsala

Oct 22 Shepherd's Pie

Oct 29 Fried Chicken

Fridays-Always a great steak or

Oct 3 Crabcake

Oct 10 Broiled Salmon

Oct 17 Fried shrimp

Oct 24 Sole Amandine

Oct 31 Swordfish



New Lounge and Kitchen Hours Lounge M-TH 12-9 Fri-11:30-10 Sat 2-8 Sun 1-7 Kitchen M-TH 12-7 Fri-11:30-8 Sat 2-6 Sun 1-6

> Entertainment News Oct 2014

3 Oct Tom Saputo

10 Oct Terry Lee Ryan

17 Oct Tom Saputo

25 Oct Terry Lee Ryan

31 Oct Michael Perry

The 2014 White House Christmas ornaments have arrived. This year's ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, our 29th President. The cost of these two ornaments together is \$20.00.

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Buy Giant Gift Cards from Joan Gavin and help the Auxiliary fund charitable enterprises

Ornaments are available from Barbara Marshall (571-203-0375) and Joan Gavin (703-978-3029).

October Elk of the Month

The October Elk of the Month has been instrumental in chairing or supporting several essential Lodge activities and initiatives over the years. This year, Sandy Mueller continued to spearhead our major fund raisers to ensure our new upstairs bathrooms could be completed. Thanks to her dedication & hard work and her gentle persuasion enlisting the help of other members, our Lodge had the necessary funds to complete the upper level bathroom renovations. From the many, many compliments received, our members agree they are incredible. Sandy is continuing her efforts to raise money for the Building Improvements Fund to ensure we can continue to fund essential facility updates and to support the needs of our aging building. Let's continue to provide Sandy all the help and support we can. Thank you Sandy!

Patti Graves, ER

NEW MEMBERS:

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Proposal for Life Membership

John W. Peterson, Member No. 004205

9304 Lundy Court

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Mr. Peterson has been a member for 51 years, and a member of this Lodge for more than 10 years.



New Member Louise Brown with ER Patti Graves.

Dear Members,

October is when we usually start needing our winter coats for the first time. How would it feel if you had no coat to wear? Even worse, what if you had no coat to put on your child? Our annual holiday food and coat team is already in motion with plans to feed and provide coats to 40 large families this year! The program will be held on Tuesday November 25th. The food portion of this program is fully-funded in our lodge budget so how can you help **this** year? Here are the best ways:

- Set aside your own gently used winter coats to donate to someone in need. Collect more from your friends and neighbors.
- Donate a new coat from a discount retailer or a used coat from a thrift shop <u>in a child's size</u>. Most needed are normally sizes for toddlers and children in the 7-10 age group.
- Donate new winter hats, socks, mittens or gloves for children, men or women.
- Donate baby or toddler items like diapers or cereal.
- Donate adult/teen toiletries
- Have a skill? ...for the past 2 years Fredi Hensley and Sharon Dunfrund and friends have crocheted a pair of potholders for each food basket. That's a lot of potholders! I hear they are already working on 2015!! Please contact me if you want to offer something new to our growing program.
- Think outside the box with your donation. What makes your holiday table special? Do you have napkins or table cloths in good shape which are collecting dust? A charitable donation is a great way to make use of them again.
- Donate your time. We have a solid and seasoned team but new members are *always* welcome. You must be free to help 3 or more hours between 8AM-7PM on Tuesday November 25th. Most in need are those who are fluent in Spanish. Please contact me ASAP to offer your time.

NOTE: Please hang on to your donations. Collection of all items will begin after Halloween.

Very sincerely,

Lisa Stevens

Food Basket Chair

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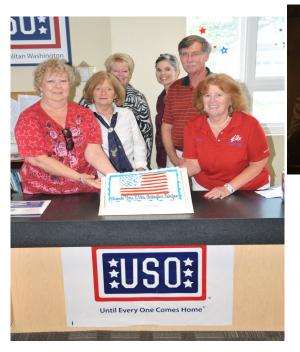




Labor Day Festivities at 2188!

Photos by Art Wyman

USO Thank You











Halloween Dance Party!

Saturday, November 1 -- Music of Frank Napoli!! Ghostly Halloween Buffet Dinner @7 -- Dancing 8:15 to 11:00 Costumes Optional (Prize Will Be Awarded) \$35 Members, \$40 Non-members For reservations, call: 703-591-3616 or email:

dance2188@gmail.com



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Elks National Foundation

2014-2015

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen has set his ENF goal for each lodge member at \$4.60. Arlington-Fairfax is starting its drive by asking each member to make a contribution in one of five different ways: 1. Fill in the form below and send it to the Arlington-Fairfax Lodge. 2. Mail in a donation to the Elks National Foundation at 2750 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1884. 3. Sign up online at BPO Elks and get a password and then start giving online at the ENF online giving center. (I make a donation yearly on my birthday). 4. **If you are a federal Worker and donate to the Combined Federal Campaign, please look up the Code Number and consider giving all or part of you contribution to the Elks.** Arlington-Fairfax will receive credit. 5. Give a donation to me, Tim Knotts, and I will send it in for you.

Last year we had 87 of our 714 members made a donation. That was only 12.2%. Lets strive for 100% participation this year. As soon as you finish reading this article, take ten minutes to send in your support. With everyone's help, we can give 1000 new dictionaries to deserving Arlington and Fairfax County third graders again this year.

Thank for your support.

Tim Knotts, ENF Chairman

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION FORM Please make your check out to the Elks National Foundation and mail it to the Lodge Secretary.		
Name:	Membership Number	
	(Look on your ELKS card)	
AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION: \$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 OTHER		
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