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# THE ELKS HORN

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## Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge 2188

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MARCH 2016 EDITION

## Message from the Exalted Ruler



### Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome to Spring – or is it?? The Farmer’s Almanac tells us that in the Northern Hemisphere, Spring begins with the Equinox on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:29 a.m. (EDT). At Arlington-Fairfax #2188 “Spring” begins in April – the “springing” in to a new Elks year! Congratulations to our newly-elected 2016-2017 Lodge Officers team headed by Exalted Ruler Timothy Knotts. Also elected was Board of Governors 5<sup>th</sup>-Year Member Adam “Sammy” Roth, and the 2016 Auxiliary President Timothy Knotts. This is my last article as Exalted Ruler and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of #2188 for your support, for sharing your talents, and for your volunteerism and continued support of our many Lodge projects and endeavors.

Thank you to Esteemed Leading Knight Adam “Sammy” Roth, Esteemed Loyal Knight Douglas Tayrien, Esteemed Lecturing Knight James Weed, and Chaplain Ken Hensley for the many hours devoted to the fulfillment of your duties -- and to Vernon Gardner, Frank Burns, and the other PERs who have filled in when needed to serve in these positions when necessary. Thanks to Alicia Pomme for stepping up and filling a vacant position when needed. To the entire Board of Directors, including Roy Seabolt, Jerry Sall, Sharon Dunfrund, Don Weber, and Gary Indre, who have spent so many hours all year managing the complex details of Lodge/Club operations and budget requirements. Three very important individuals who continue to serve our Lodge are Secretary Jan Sullivan, Treasurer Francis Burns, Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi, and Banquet Coordinator Jay Singer. Barbara Marshall is to be commended for once again serving this past year as President of the Elks Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is so vital to the many missions of our Lodge, the generous ways they serve our 17 charities, and their camaraderie and support of Lodge programs and endeavors. And also to Horn Editor Rose Thiebaut and #2188 Webmaster Steven Thiebaut -- you rock! You do so much to keep members informed of Lodge happenings. And kudos to Photographer Art Wyman who documents much of what we do in pictures throughout the year. *Last, but not least, special thanks to all Lodge members for the countless hours devoted to #2188 through volunteerism as committee Chairs and members, attending meetings, supporting BPOE programs, such as Veterans Programs and the Hoop Shoot, member events, dinners and dances, and the list goes on and on. Members are the lifeblood of our Lodge, and I thank you all for supporting our Lodge, and for supporting me throughout my tenure as your Exalted Ruler.* May God bless everyone, and, again, thank you all. **ER Brenda Slingerland**

### NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017:

Exalted Ruler: Timothy Knotts (PSP)  
Leading Knight: Vernon Gardener (PER)  
Loyal Knight: James Weed (PER)  
Lecturing Knight: Patricia Graves (PER)  
Secretary: Jan Sullivan  
Treasurer: Frank Burns (DDGER)  
Tiler: Ashley Stead  
Esquire: Laurie Fearis (PER)

Chaplain: Georgianna Knotts  
Inner Guard: Alicia Pomme  
Presiding Justice: Robert Goolrick, (PCJGF)

## Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188 – The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

### Who We Are

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### Membership

The Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. 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.

**ATTENTION UNPAID MEMBERS:** Please contact  
**Membership Chair Don Weber** at (703) 241-8309 to  
either renew or terminate your membership.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & OPEN HOUSE

*Saturday, April 2, 2016 - 3:00P*

The Installation of Officers for 2016-2017 will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fairfax Room. All Lodge members are encouraged to attend to support and welcome our new 2016-2017 Lodge officers. Please stay to attend the Open House afterwards, including appetizers for all to enjoy, and complimentary 2 free drinks for members, music from 3:30P 7:00P,

## IMPORTANT NEWS!

### Infrastructure Update

In the last week of February 2016, the long-awaited **Infrastructure Upgrade** project was completed. This project included a phone system replacement, an upgrade and expansion of the Lodge's Wi-Fi network, and an upgrade in the TV service.

**Phone System** – The phone system has been updated to utilize the latest business phone system technology, and the key point here is that now there is a **single phone number** to call for your Lodge business which is **(703) 560-2188**. All of the other numbers have been retired, so that when you call the Lodge, please listen to the **updated menu options** (and yes, our menu options have changed).

**Wi-Fi** – The internet service has been upgraded to provide triple the speed/bandwidth of the old Wi-Fi network. Additionally, the entire building has been wired to provide Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the building, not just the bar area. There will be two new Wi-Fi networks, Elks-Members and Elks-Guest. The old Elks2188 Wi-Fi will be retired. Network logon information will be available at the bar. **Note:** For members who have smart phones that support Wi-Fi calling, this new network will allow you to make and receive calls throughout the building if you enable the function on your phone.

**TV Service** – The TV service has been upgraded to a new digital service with access to the Local broadcast channels, the College Sports network, and the Professional Sports network.

## ELK OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2016

My selection for the March 2016 Elk of the Month is **Rose Thiebaut** for serving in her many "behind the scenes" endeavors at the Lodge. From serving as an Officer for several years before becoming the first-ever female Exalted Ruler of our Lodge in 2005, to helping organize and participate in many Lodge events throughout the years, to being involved with the Auxiliary, and most importantly for serving as the Editor of The Horn. Thanks for all that you do! **[ER Brenda Slingerland]**



Time Change  
March 13

Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour  
before you go to bed on March 12



\*\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\*\*

***THE HUBCAPS at #2188 -- MARCH 5, 2016 -- 7:30P-11:00P***

The fabulous Hub Caps will be returning to #2188 on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**. We had a wonderful fun-filled evening last March with 330 guests attending, and can be certain that this will be a repeat performance. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Tickets are \$45 each (or groups of 8 or more for only \$40 each) , and can be purchased by contacting **Sandy Mueller at (703) 849-1282 or [smmueller@cox.net](mailto:smmueller@cox.net)**. This event is always a sell-out, so be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. \$45 per ticket. Vintage wine, classic cars, pop art, and the authentic classic rock and roll music of the 50's and 60's as only the Fabulous Hubcaps can deliver.



Celebrate their 42nd year of touring with us. Expect not only the "Oldies" to awaken the senses and your memories of the sock hop, your prom, driving to the drive-in, American Bandstand, watching the Beatles, Elvis, Stones, and so many others. Truly these were the best of times. You don't want to miss this memorable evening. **THIS WILL BE A REALLY BIG SHOW.**

***ALEETHIA DINNER at #2188***

**"Thanksgiving in March":** #2188 will be hosting a Friday Night Dinner for severely wounded service members and their families on **Friday, March 11, 2016** in the Lodge Ballroom. This will be our 2nd Thanksgiving in March event to show our appreciation for the sacrifices and service these service members have made. Under the general direction of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Virginia North District, who is overseeing the participation of the Grand Lodge, the event is being organized by both the Lodge Veterans and Scholarships Committees. The Elks Scholars, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, will be visiting the Washington Area that week for the Spring Elks Scholar Service trip. The Scholars will be participating in the March 11th dinner as volunteers and guests of the Lodge. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, you must contact Linda Gardner by Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at either (703) 636-6392 or [lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net). Lodge volunteers who wish to dine with the soldiers and their families will be asked to contribute \$10 to cover the cost of beverages, amenities, and to cover the cost of our additional guests. The Lodge will provide the main course, but we need Lodge volunteers to bring homemade side dishes. Think of your favorite dish from your own Thanksgiving dinners (i.e., sweet potatoes, stuffing, sweet salads, corn pudding, vegetables, casseroles, etc.). Please plan to make a dish that will serve 10 to 20 people. Volunteers should plan to be at the Lodge no later than 5:30P, Friday, March 11, 2016. Our special guests will be arriving between 6:00P and 6:30P.



***ELKS AUXILIARY TEA***

***Sunday, March 13, 2016 – 2:00P to 4:00P – Fairfax Room***

Members and guests are encouraged to attend this special event to mark the end of another successful year with the Elks Auxiliary under the leadership of President Barbara Marshall, and to welcome the new Auxiliary Officers for 2016-2017. Please bring a tray of finger sandwiches and/or tea cookies to share with everyone. **RSVP to Social Activities Chair Rose Thiebaut [rthiebaut1949@outlook.com](mailto:rthiebaut1949@outlook.com) or (703) 573-7890**





## RECENTLY-HELD EVENTS AT #2188

### *Elks Auxiliary Breakfast*

*Held on Saturday, February 6, 2016*

**From 9:00A to 12:00N**

**What a great turnout (approximately 60 guests)**

**Great attendance! Thanks to Chef Jay Singer for preparing the delicious food!**

Breakfast

### *11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & SUPER BOWL PARTY AT #2188*

*Held on Sunday, February 7, 2016*



Judges Patti Graves, Tim Knotts, and Brian Singleton selected the winning Chili Cook-off entries: 1st Place Douglas Tayrien, 2nd Place Ashley Stead, 3rd Place Bob Sobun, and Honorable Mention John Fitzgerald. The **Honky Tonk Confidential** band provided great entertainment for all to listen and dance to. The mighty **Grill Masters** team (including Bobby Bonner (a/k/a Head Turkey Fryer), with assistants Steven Thiebaut, Mark Kaplon, Kevin Cole, Joe Bosco, and Gary Indre) prepared the grilled meats that were served at the food table – delicious! And after the food and entertainment, many folks stayed to watch the Super Bowl game. Great attendance! Great food! Great fun! Looking forward to next year!

### *VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER*

*Held on Sunday, February 14, 2016*

**From 6:00P to 10:00P**

**Entertainment provided by Terry Lee Ryan**

**Dinner, music, a glass of champagne, and a live red rose for the ladies**

**A great party, with lots of music, song and dancing!!!**

**Thanks to everyone for supporting this event!**



## ***SQUIRE ROCKWELL'S REUNION at #2188***

***Held on Saturday, February 20, 2016***

**4:00P to 7:00P**

### **Music by Tom Saputo**

What a wonderful party, attended by many who were "regulars" at Squire Rockwell's in its hey-day (located at 8700 Little River Turnpike in Annandale) until it was, unfortunately, totally demolished by fire on June 29, 2008. Tom Saputo was the star entertainer (since he was the featured singer/musician at Squire's for many years), and many of the customers/singers/dancers from Squire's attended this event. Lots of food, thanks to Chef Jay Singer and his staff, and the gals who helped Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi organize the event and brought appetizers and desserts (Karen Bender, Kathy Showker and Rose Thiebaut). And the bartenders (Jennifer and Jay) poured many beverages. The Lounge/Bar was packed. It was a whopper of a night (with 92 guests), and we were able to pay for the entertainment and food, with plenty to donate to the Lodge Building Fund. And was it a successful night? Yes, indeed, it was! We thank everyone who supported this event! [Go to Tom Saputo's website [tomsaputo@msn.com](mailto:tomsaputo@msn.com) to view the excellent video from the Squire Rockwell's party – very nice!] -- <https://youtube/beydWsYJVmo>



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## **News from the Secretary (Jan Sullivan, Secretary) [jsullivan@bpoe2188.org](mailto:jsullivan@bpoe2188.org)**

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### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

#### **Aleethia Dinner Fund Raising:**

Frank Burns  
Art Wyman  
Super Bowl/Chili Cookoff 50/50: \$115

#### **Safety Glasses:**

Adam Samuel Roth  
Bar Change – \$5.00

#### **USO:**

Frank Burns  
Gerry & Joan Gavin  
Patti Graves  
Betty Kuennen  
Adam Samuel Roth  
Rose & Tom Thiebaut  
Art Wyman

#### **General Fund (in Honor of PER Bill Hixenbaugh):**

Gerry & Joan Gavin

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you to all of the members who have paid their dues and a special "Thank You!" to all of you generous donors to the Reserve Fund. These donations will help us build a reserve for the Good of the Lodge, and your generosity is very much appreciated.

We still have 26 delinquent members, listed below, who will be removed from the roster unless they contact me by March 15. Please continue to encourage anyone you know who has not paid to do so. If you know of anyone who has a financial burden, the Lodge does assist members in distress with their dues. Please let the Secretary know.

**For currently paid up members, if you decide not to continue your membership, the time to let me know is prior to March 15, 2016 while you are still in good standing and able to get an Absolute Dimit. Otherwise, if you wait until after April 1 when your dues are delinquent, you will be dropped for non-payment.**

### Delinquent Members as of February 16, 2016:

Oscar Andino

Adrian Anson

Somsakdi Arbuaratna

Mike Cabell

Caryl Clippinger

Pedro Diaz

Charles Emely

Gerald Fournier

Paul Halstead

Michael Hanchulak

Jeffrey Love

Joseph Nadeau

Michael James Perry

Robert Peterson

Silvia Radwan

Jorge Reyna

Victoria Reyna

Chris Roche

Alphonse Santarelli

John Schmeling

Evan Smith

John Stanley

Robert Sullivan

Karan Thakur

Daniel Zaharevich

Michael Zavodny

### Proposed Members:

Charles E. Heimach (proposed by Vernon Gardener)

David Jewell (proposed by Steven Thiebaut)

### To Be Balloted February 23, 2016:

Renee Greer (proposed by William Greer III)

Robert J. Hassett (proposed by Robert Sobun)

Benjamin Ogletree (proposed by Brian Singleton)

Theresa Van Cort (proposed by Brian Speech)

### Requesting Transfer In:

Brian Speech (member of Rotterdam (NY) Lodge # 2157)

### Requesting Reinstatement:

A James Skonier, Jr., Member No. 2978

William Monroe, Member No. 6089

**NOTE:** A member has asked whether anyone is interested in participating in an *ad hoc* group which will be formed to discuss financial matters, stock market trends, etc. Please contact Secretary Jan Sullivan if you are interested.

### New Members:



Past Exalted Ruler Frank Burns with the **new members** who were initiated on Tuesday, February 2, 2016

(L-R) Thomas Hilliard, Carol Martin, John Silva, Daniel Olivieri, and Lisa Gallimore.



Exalted Ruler Brenda Slingerland with the **new members** who were initiated on Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Back Row (L-R) Judy Hamilton, Chris Carlson, Benjamin Harrington, Scott Nesseltree, Wesley Seabolt, Don McLean, Jr. Front Row (L-R) Heidi Mirsakanian, Robert Grace and Jean Terrill

### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Our special thoughts and prayers go out to **CLAUDE ALLEY, NANCY COLLIER, SHERRY DAVENPORT, ERIC DEATON, PER JOHN FAIRFAX, GRACE KAYATTA, PEGGY PAPE, MICHAEL STEVENS, JOHN SULLIVAN, and all other members who are ill or hospitalized:** *"We are so sorry to hear that you are ill. Please know that we are thinking of you often and praying for your speedy recovery. Take it easy, rest, and be kind to yourself, and if there's anything you need, call any of us first. We miss you, care about you, and look forward to seeing you restored to perfect health."* [The Membership of #2188]



## IN MEMORIAM

- *Robert W. Stuckey (Wednesday, January 6, 2016)*
- *Eddie Camper (Monday, February 22, 2016)*

*"We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be the vacant chair, But though we no more possess him, Still our hearts his memory bear, But a while ago we gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye, Now the golden cord is severed, He has passed to realms on high."*

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## **News from the Trustees (Roy Seabolt, Chair)** roy.seabolt@gmail.com

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**Year-End Update:** Well, to say the least, my year as Chairman has been interesting and a definite learning experience. My goal was to maintain a steady course and to that end we were successful. While we were not able to accomplish as much as I would have liked due to our continuing financial constraints, we were able to deal with the emergencies, such as two broken water pipes, heating/cooling issues in the Ballroom, and repair to the leaking roof in the Ballroom. We were also able to complete the long overdue infrastructure upgrade with a new phone system, a Wi-Fi network throughout the building, and digital TV service.

The next year, we will continue to experience the financial stress that has been present for the past several years. We will start the new fiscal year performing a complete financial and operation review to see if there is any place where we can reduce expenses, improve reporting, and prioritize repairs to the Lodge. We will also be initiating a marketing effort to local businesses in an attempt to increase our daytime hall rentals and, thus, improve our revenue streams.

Finally, we will continue to look for new ways to improve our long-term financial viability. This is where you (the members of this Lodge) come in. Please, if you have suggestions on programs that may move us in that direction, share your ideas with a Board member. Let me give you an example. In the last month, two different members approached me and suggested that we setup a Legacy Endowment Fund. Now, this is something I do not know anything about, but I know three members who do, so we are putting together a working group to explore this possibility to see if it is something we should implement. Before this encounter, I never even thought about Endowments, but because two members suggested it, it is something we are looking into. Do you have any suggestions? **[Board Chairman Roy Seabolt]**

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## **Message from the Elks Auxiliary (Barbara Marshall, President)** bmarshall12@verizon.net

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February was a very busy and productive month for the Auxiliary. It started with our Valentine Breakfast on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. This event was well attended and although I wasn't there, I understand everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Rose Thiebaut for planning the breakfast, and to the Club staff for preparing the food. At our business meeting in February, we elected officers for the coming year and approved the budget. Congratulations to Tim Knotts who will be our new President. He is joined by a very capable slate of officers. Georgianna Knotts presented the list of charities for our support this year, which was also approved. The Auxiliary will give a total of **\$6,500** to

**16** different worthy organizations. This is money that we raised through our sale of White House ornaments, the sale of Giant gift cards, and our annual Auxiliary Ball. The **Annual Membership Tea** will be held on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. At that time, besides honoring this past year's officers and committee chairpersons, we will be installing the officers for the coming year. This will be my final Horn article as Auxiliary President. I would like to thank everyone – both Auxiliary and Lodge members -- for your support. **[President Barbara Marshall]**

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## **News from the Veterans Committee** Co-Chairs Ken Hensley (ken.hensley@cox.net) and Linda Gardner (lgardner9@cox.net)

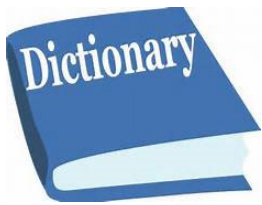
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under the direction of the Grand Lodge, will be visiting the Washington Area that week for the Spring Elks Scholar Service trip. The Scholars will be participating in the March 11th dinner as volunteers and guests of the Lodge. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, you must contact Linda Gardner by Monday, February 29, 2016. **Linda can be reached at either (703) 636-6392 or email at [lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net).** Elks Lodge volunteers who wish to dine with the soldiers and their families will be asked to contribute \$10 to cover the cost of beverages, amenities, and to cover the cost of our additional guests. The Lodge will provide the main course, but we need Lodge volunteers to bring homemade side dishes. Think of your favorite dish from your own Thanksgiving dinners (i.e., sweet potatoes, stuffing, sweet salads, corn pudding, vegetables, casseroles, etc.). Please plan to make a dish that will serve 10 to 20 people. Volunteers should plan to be at the Lodge no later than 5:30P, Friday, March 11, 2016. Our special guests will be arriving between 6:00P and 6:30P. Please contact Linda if you need additional information about the dinner. If you need additional information concerning the Elks Scholars' visit, please contact Susan Mekenney via email at [susan@movetovirginia.com](mailto:susan@movetovirginia.com). Let's show these special groups our Elks Lodge spirit and appreciation!

## THE DICTIONARY PROJECT



The Dictionary Project has been a great success this year and every year since we started using the Gratitude Grant to fund it. Special thanks to the dedicated people on our committee, Tim & Georgianna Knotts, Pat Graves and Barbara Marshall. We gave out over 1,000 dictionaries to third graders in eleven Fairfax County elementary schools. I have been doing the original six schools along Franconia Road with help from other Elks for the last five years. Unfortunately, Fredi and I will be moving to Florida the first week of April, and I will no longer be able to deliver dictionaries to those schools. While the other committee members will take over the project

after I depart the area, they will need help in distributing dictionaries to those six schools, two of which are classified as Title I (with students who are in the most need). The other schools also have kids in need, as well, and our free dictionaries help them learn and understand the English language better. To keep our program going, I ask that Lodge members (especially those of you who just joined in the last year or so and are looking for ways to help) either contact me by email [ken.hensley@cox.net](mailto:ken.hensley@cox.net) or by telephone at (703) 644-1149, and leave a message if I don't answer. I will forward your names to the Dictionary Project Committee, and they will contact and invite you to future committee meetings to plan for dictionary delivery next fall. Without your help, we may have to cut some of the schools I have been delivering to, and that would be a shame, as those kids really benefit from our program. Remember our motto – "Elks Share-Elks Care!"

## Elks National Foundation

I would like to thank every member who took the time to donate to the ENF this year. We have reached the goal set for us. Our own Virginia Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks, from Fredericksburg Elks Lodge # 875, set a goal of \$4.65 per member to qualify for the Grand Lodge "Gratitude Grant."

We have more than doubled that amount. Way to go! That's what I am talking about. In addition to that, for the first time we have had more than 15% of our membership make a donation. By doing that, we qualified for an additional \$500 of Grant money. That is a total of \$2,500. Our Lodge has been using this Grant for the dictionary project. Chairman Ken Hensley and his committee give out over 1,100 dictionaries to third graders in Arlington and Fairfax Counties. I hope everyone who gave so easily this year will do the same next year. The new ENF year starts April 1, 2016. Thanks again for your support. [Tim Knotts, ENF Chairman]



## GOLF NEWS – "Par for the Course" (Chairman Ron Murphy – [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com))



The 2016 Golf Association schedule has been completed and is now available. Copies have been provided to the Association members from the 2015 season, and will be available to other interested parties from Ron Murphy at [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com). Some copies will also be available on the Golf Association bulletin board at the Lodge. Our season starts on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Westpark.. with a play at Old Hickory on April 18<sup>th</sup>. There are three dates in May: at Bull Run on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Prince William on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and at Forest Greens on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. In June we will

play at South Riding on June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1757 on the June 20<sup>th</sup>, and at Bristow on June 27<sup>th</sup>. On July 11<sup>th</sup> we play at Pleasant Valley, and on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Virginia Oaks. In August we play on the 1st, 15th and 29th at Penderbrook, Raspberry Falls and Herndon, respectively. We will play our 2016 Masters Tournament at Algonkian on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and also play at Reston National that month on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we close out the season at Forest Greens on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at South Riding on October 17<sup>th</sup>. All of our games will have 0900 shotgun starts, except the last at South Riding which will start at 1000. Sign-up procedures remain the same as last season. Players will need to sign-up by the Thursday preceding the event. A reminder email will be sent to members a week prior to the event, with appropriate instructions. Sign-up can be accomplished by email or by calling the tournament director. All Elks #2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Elks who choose not to join may play as guests. **[Chairman Ron Murphy]**

## ***Back Pack Lunch Program—New Leadership Needed***



As many of you know, my family and I will be moving to Florida and Karen Bender is moving to Denver, so the Back Pack Lunch Program needs a new head honcho to organize the shopping, packing and distribution of the back pack foods. There is a terrific, experienced packing crew, but that's what they like to do, pack. This program needs someone with the time to keep the shelves stocked, the grant proposal written and submitted (with Jan Sullivan's expert guidance), and the food distributed to the school(s). If you are interested in assuming leadership of this wonderful project, please

let me know as soon as possible so that I can give you some assistance before I leave. Thanks. Fredi Hensley, [fredi.hensley@cox.net](mailto:fredi.hensley@cox.net), 703-644-1149

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TRAVEL COMMITTEE (Paul Newcombe)**

### ***AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT CRUISE***

### ***MEMPHIS to NEW ORLEANS ON THE AMERICAN QUEEN***

### ***9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS -- JUNE 5 TO 13, 2016***

Final payment was due by February 8, 2016, however, if you missed the deadline and are interested in this cruise, please can contact Grand American Tours and Cruises (Cathy Malinowski, Operations Manager) to learn what is available 1 (800) 423-0247.

























**Facebook for the Senior Generation** (for those of my generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists): I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. And it works just like Facebook. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. I already have four people following me -- two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist. **[Hope this gave you a chuckle today! Submitted by Ray Helms]**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH!**

***"May you stay forever young!" (Bob Dylan)***

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat															
<b>LOUNGE &amp; KITCHEN HOURS OF OPERATION:</b> <table><tr><td></td><td><b>LOUNGE</b></td><td><b>KITCHEN</b></td></tr><tr><td>Mon-Thurs:</td><td>12:00N-9:00P</td><td>12:00N-7:00P</td></tr><tr><td>Friday:</td><td>11:30A-10:00P</td><td>11:30A-8:00P</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday:</td><td>2:00P- 8:00P</td><td>2:00P-6:00P</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday:</td><td>1:00P- 8:00P</td><td>1:00-6:00P</td></tr></table> <b>BINGO: Mondays &amp; Thursdays</b> Early Birds 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P  <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS:</b> See listed "specials"  <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS:</b> Featuring choice of NY Strip Steak or the Alternate Entrée; please call the Club Manager or bartender in advance for table reservations			<b>LOUNGE</b>	<b>KITCHEN</b>	Mon-Thurs:	12:00N-9:00P	12:00N-7:00P	Friday:	11:30A-10:00P	11:30A-8:00P	Saturday:	2:00P- 8:00P	2:00P-6:00P	Sunday:	1:00P- 8:00P	1:00-6:00P	<b>1</b> Funeral Service for Bill Hixenbaugh at Arlington National Cemetery 12:30P  <b>BOARD MEETING 7:00P</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (Roast Pork Loin)	<b>3</b>  <b>DARTS @ 7:00P</b> <b>Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (NY Strip Steak or Grilled Crab Cake) (Terry Lee Ryan)	<b>5</b> <b>POKER</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P  <b>POKER WIDOWS CLUB 5:00P</b>  <b>THE HUBCAPS 7:30P to 11:00P</b>
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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Mexican Train Game 10:00A  	<b>8</b> <b>LODGE MEETING 7:30P</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (Roast Prime Rib)  Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting 7:30P	<b>10</b>  <b>DARTS @ 7:00P</b> <b>Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (NY Strip Steak or Trout Amandine) (Johnny Artis)  <b>Aleethia Dinner 6:00P</b>	<b>12</b> The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!  <b>POKER</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P  <b>POKER WIDOWS CLUB 5:00P</b>  Set your clocks forward at bedtime!!!!															
<b>13</b>  Spring Time Change (set your clocks ahead one hour if you haven't already!)  <b>ELKS AUXILIARY TEA 2:00P-4:00P</b>	<b>14</b>  OPEN MIC NIGHT Terry Lee Ryan 6:00P  	<b>15</b> <b>Elks Auxiliary Daytime Activity 11:30A</b>  <b>BOARD MEETING 7:00P</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (Corned Beef & Cabbage)	<b>17 – St. Patrick's Day</b>   <b>DARTS @ 7:00P</b> <b>Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (NY Strip Steak or Fried Shrimp) (Tom Saputo)	<b>19</b> The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!  <b>POKER</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P  <b>POKER WIDOWS CLUB 5:00P</b>															
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Knit & Crochet Circle 10:00A  	<b>22</b> <b>LODGE MEETING 7:30P</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (Rotisserie-Style Chicken)	<b>24</b>  <b>DARTS @ 7:00P</b> <b>Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (NY Strip Steak or Grilled Swordfish) (Mike Surratt)	<b>26</b> The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!  <b>POKER</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P  <b>POKER WIDOWS CLUB 5:00P</b>															
<b>27 – Easter Sunday</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> <b>5:30P to 8:00P</b> (Rigatoni wi/Meatballs)	<b>31</b>  <b>DARTS @ 7:00P</b> <b>Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P</b>	<b>Mexican Train Game 10:00A (the first Monday of every month)</b> <b>DARTS-Thursdays- 7:00P-Lounge</b> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS-Drawings on Thursdays-7:30P</b> <b>POKER: Saturdays - 1<sup>st</sup> Session 5:00P – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P</b> <b>Veterans Committee-Martinsburg Bingo (every 5th Friday)</b>																





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