



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN
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Welcome Message from New Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher



As we enter into a new Elks Year, the time to say “**Thank You!**” is upon us. Thank you to those members who gave their time, hard work, and dedication to the Lodge. Thank you also to those Elks who are day to day fixtures and consistently give their time without much fanfare. Thank you to the many committees that support our Lodge. Please know that your dedication is noticed and deserves a great amount of recognition. Thank you to all of our outgoing officers and to the Board of Trustees, PERs and Elks Auxiliary. You all made this year a successful one. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Looking ahead, I would like to make this a **year of inclusion and recognition**. Our Lodge has such a diverse membership with many skillsets and talents that I’m looking to tap into. Let’s lighten the load on some of our stalwart Elks. As members of Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188, we will be relying on you -- the membership -- to bring a willingness to serve and volunteer. **Help support our committees**, including Bingo, Veterans, Backpack, Hoop Shoot, Membership, Youth Activities, Program Awareness, and more. We are truly thankful for our longtime volunteers, new volunteers, and amazing members who have stepped in to fill unexpected gaps during the year. That teamwork makes our Lodge special.

I ask all of you to **bring your ideas for community involvement and membership inclusion** to our meetings, our events, and to me directly. Please don’t be afraid! Radical change isn’t on the menu and change is certainly NOT seen as a goal in and of itself here. We are looking forward to more regular member input and opportunities to make gradual improvements to our programs and additions to what service we already do. **Let’s take new ideas as opportunities to include as many members as we can in the events and direction of our Lodge**, NOT as an opportunity to criticize or dismiss “how things have always been done.” We will continue to honor our traditions and build on our benevolent programs. Let’s see how we can benefit the Lodge and Community in a positive and respectful way together.

With all of that said, I am really looking forward to working with the newly-elected officers to make this Elks Year one of the most memorable, and I hope to have the privilege of meeting many, many more of our members soon. I hope to see everyone at the Installation of our new officers and at regular Lodge and Board meetings. **The Installation Dinner Dance is planned for Saturday, April 4th! (Postponed)** More information and invitation to RSVP will be coming soon. [Larry Fisher, Jr. @ LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com]

P.S. We have the opportunity to continue to grow, but do not forget how vital it is to sustain our membership numbers. April is the time to **renew your dues**. *If you know an Elk that you haven’t seen lately, hasn’t renewed yet, or just lost touch with, PLEASE reach out to them with a phone call. A few minutes out of our day can make a huge difference for someone to know they are valued by the Lodge and belong.*

ELK OF THE MONTH – April 2020

My choice for April’s Elk-of-the-Month is member **ART WYMAN**. Art has unselfishly worked Bingo in the evenings, but also takes the time during the day to have everything ready for the Bingo crew before they arrive. He also takes photos at all our Lodge events. Thanks so much for your many hours of volunteerism and commitment to our Elks community.

Who We Are

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Exalted Ruler: Larry Fisher, Jr.
Leading Knight: Christine Marie Caldwell
Loyal Knight: Ashley Stead
Lecturing Knight: Joyce Loftis
Secretary: Jan Sullivan (703) 560-2188, Ext. 2
Treasurer: Tom Loftis (703) 560-2188, Ext. 4
Tiler: Albert Cervantes
Esquire: PER Laurie Fearis
Chaplain: Georgianna Knotts
Inner Guard: Mark Kaplon
Presiding Justice: PER Robert Goolrick

TRUSTEES 2020-2021

Trustee-1st Year: Pamela McCarthy
Trustee-2nd Year: Diane Kaplon (Chairman)
Trustee-3rd Year: PER Steve Thiebaut
Trustee-4th Year: Rick Hudson
Trustee-5th Year: PER Jim Weed

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Auditing: Brett Mullins/ Brian Singleton/ Marcia Mitrano
Community Activities: Michael Maloney
Public Relations: Rose Thiebaut (Newsletter "The Elks Horn") and Jan Sullivan & Rose Thiebaut (News Flashes)

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

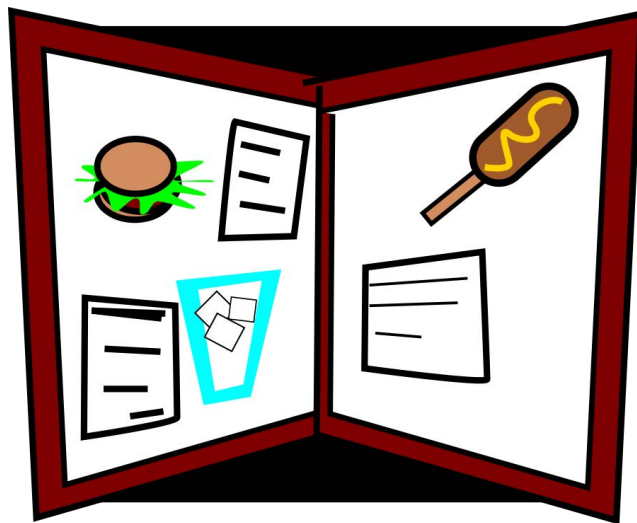
The Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposal for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character, and be at least 21 years old.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

All Lodge activities were cancelled for the latter part of March and may perhaps continue through the month of April due to the Coronavirus outbreak. However, we are hoping to resume normal activities as soon as the Lodge can safely reopen its doors to the membership. We will keep you posted of all updates by news flash emails.

A calendar will be distributed as soon as the Lodge returns to normal business hours and activities.



THE BAR IS OPEN FOR FOOD TAKEOUT ORDERS ONLY!

Call ahead to pick up your order

703-560-2188 ext. 3

DO YOU KNOW A MEMBER WHO NEEDS HELP?

During this unprecedented time for not only our Lodge, but the entire World, many people are focused on their own health and safety. Do you know of a secluded Member that may just need a phone call or one who may be at high risk that needs help with groceries? Please reach out to the Secretary so that we, as an Elks Family, can help our own. Contact Jan Sullivan at 703-560-2188 ext. 2 or secretary@bpoe2188.org.

News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan -- jsullivan@bpoe2188.org

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS



I am not in the office at a set time every day, however, I am here almost every day of the week. If you need to see me, please feel free to call. If I am not in, please leave a voice message and I will return your call as quickly as possible. For the time being, I will try to keep to the following hours:

Mondays and Thursdays: 12:00 noon to 5:00P

Tuesdays: 10:00A to 3:00P; and on meeting nights, back at 5:00P

Wednesdays: 12:00 noon to 3:00P

Fridays: 10:00A to 2:00P

Saturdays & Sundays: Depends on the calendar of Lodge events; my official duties often require me to run errands to the bank, the Post Office, and Office Depot or Staples.

IN MEMORIAM

Danilo Medigovich (passed away December 8, 2019)

Charles Estep Martin (passed away March 18, 2020)

INITIATION

Remember that if you attend the Initiation of any member that you sponsor, you will receive a certificate for a free dinner. Also, please invite your new member to an upcoming event and introduce them around. Make them feel appreciated and welcome.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, we held Orientation/Initiation in March. Watch for an eblast for the latest update on the Lodge reopening.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

USO:

Laurie Fearis

Patti Graves

Lisa Stevens

Paul Newcombe

Jim Herold

Pat Cave

Joan & Jerry Gavin

Jim Eckels

Backpack Lunch Program: Laurie Fearis, Michael Stevens, Marie Peppe, Ken & Fredi Hensley

Youth Camp: Adeline Caffo

General: Madelyn Metcalfe, Bob Goolrick, John Counselman, Nancy & Fuzzy Collier

Building Fund Donors:

Jan Ayres

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Adeline Caffo

Patrick Cave

Fuzzy & Nancy Collier

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Eugene Devereaux

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John Heimann

Ken & Fredi Hensley

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Barbara Marshall
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Kevin Parris
Suzanne Pastura
John Peterson
Durwood Rushforth

Christine Ryan
Anthony Santore
John Silva
Michael & Lisa Stevens
Steve Sylvester
Joe Talbot
Wayne Tannahill

Thanks to everyone for your generosity in supporting our charitable work.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Dues

A huge "Thank You!" to all members who have sent in their dues for 2020-2021. Your new cards are in the mail. Thank you also to all those who have given the extra dollars for the Elks National Foundation, Charity, and Building Reserve accounts -- it is very much appreciated. Your donations help us continue to keep the building in good repair and provide funding for our charities.

Marie S. Anderson (passed away January 16, 2020)

Fred A. Scheihing (passed away January 27, 2020)

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Letters have been sent to the delinquent members setting forth that their names will be stricken from the rolls of our Lodge if they have not contacted the Secretary by March 24. Please review the list in the February newsletter, to see whether you know anyone on it and contact them about payment. Oftentimes our members do not renew because they are unable to attend any functions at the Lodge anymore. However, our dues help with the expenses and charities of the Lodge and are still very much appreciated.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

The following note was in the last issue of the newsletter, but perhaps it went unnoticed, as I am still not receiving written reports from the Committee Chairpersons when they give a report at the meetings:

For those of you who give your reports at the Membership Meetings, please prepare them in writing and hand to the Secretary so she can file them with the minutes of the meeting as well as in the committee minutes book.

DJD YOU KNOW?

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: All members are invited to attend our Membership meetings held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We would like to see more members take an active interest in our Lodge and invite you all to attend. The meetings start at 7:30 p.m., and usually last for about an hour. Free food is served afterwards to all attendees. PLEASE NOTE that only members can attend the membership meetings. Non-member spouses and guests may wait in the Lounge during the meeting, but the bar is closed so no drinks or food may be purchased nor paid for during the meeting.



The following Officers for the upcoming Elks Year (2020-2021) were elected at the Membership Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – congratulations:

Exalted Ruler:	Larry Fisher
Esteemed Leading Knight:	Christine Marie Caldwell
Esteemed Loyal Knight:	Ashley Stead
Esteemed Lecturing Knight:	Joyce Loftis
Secretary:	Jan Sullivan
Treasurer:	Tom Loftis
Trustee:	PER Jim Weed

The **Exalted Ruler** is the head or President of the Lodge and oversees all the work done by the Committees and members. The duties of the Exalted Ruler are more fully given in **Article V, Section 2 of our Bylaws**. The Esteemed Leading Knight is to serve as the backup to the Exalted Ruler. The duties of the other officers are defined in **Sections 4 and 5**.

The **Trustees** are to oversee the maintenance of the building and grounds. Their further duties are also provided in **Section 6 of the Bylaws**. The Board of Trustees' actions are all subject to the control of the Lodge membership. Each year, one Trustee is elected for a five-year term. This provides for continuity on the Board of Trustees.

GUIDELINES FOR LODGE E-BLASTS (ELECTRONIC NEWS FLASHES)



In order to simplify sending notices to our members online concerning Club and Lodge events, and to end confusion from misinformation being sent, we have put the following procedures in place:

- (1) One person per event should be designated as the "spokesperson" and that person should contact the Secretary of the Lodge (Jan Sullivan) concerning the eblast, with a copy to Rose Thiebaut.
- (2) The request needs to be written out completely and accurately and then sent to the Secretary as soon as the event is scheduled and marked on the Lodge calendar, and the details are in place.
- (3) The Secretary (or Rose Thiebaut in Jan's absence) will respond to the spokesperson that the message has been received. If there is no response within a 24-hour period, please call.
- (4) The Secretary and her press team will be the only ones responsible for getting the message out. The event organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Exalted Ruler, the Club Manager, and the House and Entertainment Committees concerning staffing, food, times, etc.
- (5) If there is a change, the Secretary should be notified as quickly as possible with the new details.

Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 Supports USO At Reagan National Airport



Our Lodge continues to support traveling military, veterans and their families at the USO Center at Reagan National Airport with hearty frozen sandwiches and snacks. In February, USO Reagan moved into a newly renovated and larger space located just around the corner from its former location, and it will provide larger, more defined space for the various areas (i.e.,

the kitchen, eating area, the technology area, the TV/media area, and even a kid's nook). The supply/storage space will also include another freezer that we hope will allow our Lodge to bring a larger number of food supplies, allowing for less visits per month by our volunteers.

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



The 2020 Golf Schedule is now available. 2019 Golf Association members have already received copies. Any other interested parties may obtain one from Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com and a few copies will be posted on the Golf Association bulletin board at the Lodge (located down the hall from the Club Office near the entrance to the Men's Room). For the most part, we will play the same courses as in previous seasons. One change is the reduction of events from 17 to 15. We will not play two weeks in a row at all. The goal is to play every other Monday.

That should not be a problem through Labor Day. Then to accommodate the holiday, there will be a three-week break. We will continue to play on Mondays and have shotgun starts. Sign-up procedures will remain unchanged. A reminder email will be sent a week before the event with pertinent instructions, and interested players need to reply by the Thursday preceding it. All Lodge #2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who choose not to join may play in individual events as guests. Membership applications are available. **Mack McGlumphy and Christine Caldwell** have agreed to join in the management of the Golf Association for 2020. Thanks to both Mack and Christine! We also need to recognize **Fuzzy Collier** for his major improvements to our display at the Lodge. He has added several wooden shafted clubs and a nice piece of artwork. Please stop by and check it out when you have a chance.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Diane Kaplon, Chairman)



As we all face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic together, we can be thankful that we have the support of this caring community of Elks. Our definition of first responders has broadened to include all healthcare professionals, pharmacists, and essential personnel in every industry from day care providers to DoorDash drivers. During this time please remember our dedicated staff who are experiencing financial strain due to lost revenue as bingo, dinners and events are cancelled. Most of them have continued to work a reduced schedule to clean and organize the facilities and storage areas as well as provide take-out meals for members. Tips received on take-out orders will be shared with all employees.

The budget for the new lodge year is challenging since no one knows how long the crisis will continue. The good news is the current strength of our finances gives us a cushion to withstand a few months without revenue. We also plan to use this time to catch up on deep cleaning and organizing projects as well as get in some additional painting and repairs that are more easily done when the lodge is empty, for example flooring. We also continue to support charitable programs like Backpack lunch who, under the leadership of Chairman Jadz Janucik, delivered 100 meals that will be distributed to at-risk children in Fairfax County.

Please watch your e-Blasts for take-out specials, volunteer opportunities and virtual events to help keep us connected and keep our charitable programs fully funded. **If you currently do not receive eBlasts but would like to stay connected during this crisis please email your name and contact info to Rose Thiebaut rthiebaut1949@outlook.com or Janita Sullivan, Secretary secretary@bpoe2188.org**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

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is as awesome
as you are!



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NEWS FLASHES: Do we have your current email address? Also, in order to receive the important **News Flashes** or the monthly **Elks Horn** 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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