



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

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Message from Exalted Ruler James Weed



On April 1st the new Elks year begins. The year will start with the Officer Installation at 5:00 pm and an Installation Ball and Dinner starting at 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 1st. Your new Officers hope to see you at the Installation Ceremony and at the Dinner. The Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 Officers for the Year 2017-2018 are:

Exalted Ruler	James Weed
Leading Knight	[position available]
Loyal Knight	[position available]
Lecturing Knight	Alicia Pomé
Esquire	Laurie Fearis
Chaplain	Pam McCarthy
Inner Guard	Patti Graves
Tiler	Ashley Steed

I look forward to serving our Lodge as your Exalted Ruler in the new Elks Year. The first order of business will be to fill the Loyal Knight and Leading Knight positions. If you are a current or new member, this is a good opportunity to get more involved with our Lodge. As an Officer, you will get to know the Lodge leadership, help plan and implement programs, and learn about the Elks organization at the District, State and National levels. If you think you might be interested, or if you know of another member in our Lodge who you think would be a good Officer, please contact me. My theme for the year is **MEMBER PARTICIPATION**. If you count dues-paying members, we can say that we have a large Lodge of over 600 members. If you count the members that we see at Lodge functions, meetings and club activities, we are a much smaller Lodge. With your help, I hope to develop some Lodge programs that everyone can and will want to be a part of. Does anyone know of a charitable or service program we can do on a regular basis, either weekly or monthly?

We will continue with club actives for Lodge members, and I have asked PER Rose Thiebaut to serve as the Club Activities Coordinator during my year. Rose will work with Lodge members and Officers to identify and schedule special club activities and events, and then ask members to step up as the Event Leader for each activity. Rose and the Event Leaders will coordinate with Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi to schedule the events on the Lodge calendar, and then provide details and information to the membership via newsletter and new flashes. I know that if we work together for the good of the Order, we can bring more fun and meaningful activities to our Lodge to make it thrive and prosper even more this year. **[ER Jim Weed]**

ELK OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2017: I have chosen to spotlight member **JIM EMERY** as this month's Elk of the Month for his dedication to Bingo and for contributing to the success of this vital Lodge program. Our Lodge is fortunate to have such a great team of Bingo volunteers. Congratulations to Jim!

Who We Are

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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.

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 or (703) 307-9605 (cell) to either renew or terminate your membership.

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 1, 2017 - 5:00P - Lounge

All Lodge members are encouraged to attend the Ceremony to support and welcome our new Lodge Officers at the Installation of Lodge Officers at 5:00 p.m. After the Ceremony, please stay for the *OPEN HOUSE* (until 7:00P) where all active members can enjoy assorted hors d'oeuvres and receive two complimentary drink tickets.

INSTALLATION BALL at #2188 -- Saturday, April 1, 2017

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Annual Awards Program and dancing to the music of Frank Napoli & the Family at 8:30 p.m. This is a formal event (men will wear a tux or dark suit and tie). The cost is \$35 per person for members, and \$40 per person for non-members. We encourage our members to come out to honor our new Lodge officers, and to share in this special annual celebration of our new Lodge year.

EASTER BRUNCH AT #2188 – SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

(10:30A TO 2:00P)



\$18.95 – Adults

\$12.95 – Children

FREE – Kids aged 5 and under

The Lodge will provide a delicious buffet for everyone to enjoy, prepared by Chef Jay Singer. Bring family and friends!



SAVE THE DATE

THE FABULOUS HUBCAPS at #2188

Saturday, May 27, 2017 – 7:30P to 11:00P

\$45 in advance (or \$50 at the door) – Cash Bar – Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Call (703) 560-2188 (Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi, or Press 1) for more information and/or reservations –

this is such a popular event that we recommend purchasing your tickets early! The band has such a big fan club throughout the metropolitan area, that we fill up the Ballroom with their fan base and tickets sell FAST!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON PARTY – 2:00P to 5:00P -- Lounge

Hosted by Karen Bender and Rose Thiebaut -- \$15.00 per person – enjoy music and an afternoon buffet.



MONDAY “LUNCH WITH FRIENDS”

EVERY MONDAY – starts at 12:00N – members and guests are invited to have lunch together in the Lounge dining area to get to know each other, to enjoy good conversation, and have a good time – each person pays for his/her own meal. If you want to have a good lunch and enjoy the company of others, please join us!

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP



The group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month – 11:00A to 2:00P. There are at least 12-14 participants at each session. If you wish to join this group, contact **Sharon Dunfrund at (703) 719-7644** for information and/or to sign up. They have fun creating items, and enjoy lunch from the Lounge/Bar menu afterwards.

Back Pack Lunch Program: Lodge volunteers pack lunches once a month for the Back Pack Lunch Program. Please contact **Chairman Lisa Gallimore** (lagallimore@hotmail.com) if you have an interest in joining the team.

Darts & Queen of Hearts – Every Thursday Night



Come out and join the fun at the Lodge on THURSDAY NIGHTS! A friendly game of DARTS begins at 7:00P, and everyone is welcome to play. If you don't know how to play, don't worry! Our DART leader (PER Vernon Gardener), or any of the other players, will be happy to teach you. Then at 7:30P, the weekly drawing for the QUEEN OF HEARTS game

will be held. This game is open to all Elks members/spouses, and you do not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at any time from the Bartender-on-duty or PER Patti Graves. **6 tickets for \$5**. This game pays out as follows: 60% to the winner, 30% to Lodge Charities, and 10% to VEA Charities. Be sure to buy your weekly tickets and check the Board in the Lounge entrance for the jackpot totals.



Poker Schedule at #2188

2 games every Saturday in April
Games begin 5:00P and 7:00P

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS at #2188



Come to the Lodge on Friday nights for the successful Friday Night Dinners, which feature the ever-popular NY Strip Steak, with an alternate entrée selection (see the attached calendar). What makes this night so special is the live entertainment that you can enjoy from two of the best entertainers in our area – **Terry Lee Ryan and Tom Saputo** – who alternate schedules each Friday (check the attached calendar

for their appearances at the Lodge). Join us for dinner (5:30P to 8:00P) and plan to enjoy the live entertainment (7:00P until 10:00P). Bring family and friends to share the evening with you. Reserve a table if your party will be 4+ by calling the Lodge at (703) 560-2188.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB

The Club has purchased new wine glasses for the Lounge that have markings for a 6-oz. pour and 8-oz. pour. The cost for a 6-oz. glass of wine will remain the same as before (with the exception of the Carlo Rossi wines, which will actually be reduced in price), while the 8-oz. glass of wine will cost just a bit more.

FROM A MEMBER: Watch our show "Spotlight on Mental Health" which can be seen on YouTube right now [Dr. Patricia Morgan, Ph.D., L.C.S.W. and Lee Morgan]
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RECENT EVENTS HELD at #2188

GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT – Held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017

PER Frank Burns was our Guest Bartender for March 2017 where he served up two great green drinks for the Saint Patrick's Day celebration in the Lounge. As you can see from the photos below, a good time was had by all. The proceeds for this event will benefit our Charity Fund. Many thanks to Frank and all of the other Guest Bartenders who have volunteered this past year. [Submitted by ER Tim Knotts]



On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, #2188 will feature a Guest Bartender Night where special beverages will be prepared and served by a member. Make plans to attend and enjoy a future event. Your support is very much appreciated.

#2188 Hosts Friday Night Dinner for Wounded Soldiers – March 17, 2017

(See article under "Veterans Committee News")

Elks Auxiliary Tea & Installation of Officers – Held Sunday, March 26, 2017

Held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 -- 2:00P to 5:00P in the Fairfax Room. Outgoing President Tim Knotts welcomed new President Rose Thiebaut, and PER Laurie Fearis installed the new Officers. The Tea and Installation was enjoyed by the members and guests who attended.

News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan (jsullivan@bpoe2188.org)



"Thank you" to all the members who have paid their dues, and a special thanks to all of you who have included contributions to the Lodge funds on the dues notice. Over 100 members have contributed to the Building Reserve, with special recognition to Art Wyman and Jerry Sall for their very generous contributions. Seventy-five members have sent contributions to the Elks National Foundation with their dues, in addition to those of you who have contributed either directly to the Grand Lodge or at the ENF/Auxiliary Dinner Dance. Thank you very much. This money comes back to us through the grants we receive from the Grand Lodge for our charitable projects.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Aleethia Dinner: Fuzzy & Nancy Collier, Geraldine Kahn, Barbara Marshall, Darren Young

Back Pack Lunch Program: Bernard G. Farrell, Jr., Joan Honore

USO: PER Frank Burns, Donna & Dale Crisp, Ed Healy, PER Patti Graves, John Henrehan, Michael Stevens, Clarence Sumner, Jim Eckels (in memory of George Moore)

Veterans: Shawn Bullard, Ray Helms, Andrew Johnson, Hal Koster, William Van Balen

Youth Camp: Richard Graves, Jack Kodrich, Paul Newcombe, Peggy Pape, Kevin Parrish, Gail Stansberry, Lisa Stevens

General Charity Fund to be used where needed: John Abaunza, Edward Baroody, Ray Bostow, John Bradley, Louise Brown, Renee Chandler, Kathryn Daylor, Steve Dodge, James Dziuk, Jack Frost, Fredi & Ken Hensley, James Herder, John R. Hornick, David Lacey, Larry Lindquist, Kwok Lee, Harold McClendon, Madeline Metcalf, Ron Murphy, David Noon, Anne St. Jacques, Shirley Stalnaker, Martin Robinson, Joe Tippet, Victor Weedn, Louise Weems, Jim Wooten

IN MEMORIAM

John D. Mountjoy (passed on February 26, 2017)

"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."

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please report any sickness or distress names to Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP



In the future, pursuant to a Board decision from 2011, the names of applicants to our Lodge membership will be posted on the Members Bulletin Board in the Social Quarters.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -- Initiated March 20, 2017



PER Frank Burns welcomes new members: Robert Brockway (proposed by PER Frank Burns), Diana V. Johnson (proposed by Peggy Pape), and Charles Bilivin (proposed by PER Frank Burns).

#2188 BY-LAWS CHANGES

At the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in July 2016, **Resolution 2016-8 was passed that allows Lodges to go back to a governing Board of Trustees.** Previously mandated in 2011, all Lodges were required to have a Board of Directors consisting of the Trustees and the 4 Chair Officers. Based on this new resolution, we move that our Lodge return to a governing Board of Trustees, as noted in the By-Law changes listed below. This motion will be voted on at the Lodge meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. The changes to the existing By-laws of Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 are proposed as follows:

Section 6

Old: "OF THE TRUSTEES OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS"

New: "**OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**"

Old: The Board of Trustees, or a Board of Directors established in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Grand Lodge Statutes Section 16.020 (collectively called "the Board") after each annual installation, shall meet and organize by the election of a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall be members of such Board.

New: **The Board of Trustees, after each annual meeting, shall meet and organize by the election of a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall be members of such Board.**

Old: There shall be five trustees and every trustee shall serve a five year term. One trustee will be elected at every regularly scheduled election, thus staggering the terms of the trustees. The trustees shall serve on the Board of Directors.

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Old: "OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS"

New: "**OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**"

Old: "The Board of Directors (herein called "the Board") shall be composed of the four Chair Officers of the Lodge and the Trustees. After each annual installation, the Board shall meet and organize by electing a Chairman and Secretary who shall be members of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall attend all District Deputy Clinics unless excused for good cause by the District Deputy, provided however, in the event the Exalted Ruler or Esteemed Leading Knight is the Chairman, then one other member of the Board shall be designated by the Board and required to attend all District Deputy Clinics."

New: **The Board of Trustees (herein called "the Board") shall be composed of five members as elected by the membership. After each annual installation, the Board shall meet and organize by electing a Chairman and Secretary who shall be members of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall attend all District Deputy Clinics unless excused for good cause by the District Deputy.**

News from the Trustees (Roy Seabolt, Chairman) roy.seabolt@gmail.com



I cannot believe it is April already and we are getting ready to start a new Lodge Year! Where did the year go? We are at the end of my 2nd year on the Board and we are slowly making progress. This year, we are still in reactive management mode. All the Board members recognize that we need to move to a proactive management approach, but this is easier said than done. We are a bit behind on my three-year plan, but if I am re-elected Chairman we will continue to move forward with that plan. This includes completing the review of our room rentals to ensure we are competitive in the market and we are protected from any legal actions. It also includes developing a comprehensive proactive maintenance schedule for our facility, a cohesive and expanded communication strategy to both our members and the Arlington-Fairfax community at-large, and of course, improving our overall financial standing. We continue to do maintenance as funds permit. The good news is that the problems with the broken water pipes that plagued me in the first years have subsided. We still have aging kitchen equipment, a Point-of-sale computer system that needs to be upgraded, and an ongoing

significant electrical problem on the lower level that I think we have finally identified and resolved. Members are also asking that handicap-accessible doors be installed in the main lobby, and I absolutely agree that this needs to be done. I am hopeful that members will give generously, as they have in past years, when they receive their dues notices this year, and the additional funding will allow us to move forward with this project. This year also presents a new challenge for the Board. Tom Lotfabadi, our Club Manager (and so much more), has announced his plans to retire in October 2017. The Trustees have already started to look at staffing and will do so more aggressively in the coming months to ensure that there is a smooth transition in Lodge and Club operations. This past year, we lost several very active members who moved or are planning to move out of the area. This includes Fredi & Ken Hensley, Sandy Mueller, Linda Gardner, Karen Bender, and a few others I am sure I missed. I would like to thank them for all they have done for our Lodge. If you are not involved in a committee, pick one that is close to your heart and get involved. Our Lodge provides great services to our community and to our Veterans. Your involvement is what makes this possible. Finally, I would like to thank the members who gave generously to replace the Flag that flies in the front of our building. I would also like to thank Sharon Dunfrund for her service to the Board these past five years. Sharon is active in several committees, so I am sure we will continue to see her at the Lodge. **[Roy Seabolt, Chairman]**

Past GER Ron Hicks' Note to Virginia Elks Encouraging Website Usage

I would like to urge all Virginia Elks to sign up for and use the Grand Lodge Website (www.elks.org), and our State Website (www.virginiaelks.org). There is much valuable information on both of these sites that will keep you fully informed and be of great benefit to your lodge and your community. A recent review of Grand Lodge Website usage by Virginia Elks shows that we are not taking advantage of this valuable online tool, and that only 16% of our members have an [elks.org](http://www.elks.org) account. If you are one of the 84% who is missing out on the possibilities, please take the time, right now, to go to www.elks.org and get in on the action. We need to create a better awareness of these Websites with our members and encourage them to "sign on" and find out what other lodges/states are doing, discover new ideas, and explore the many sources of information that can be at their fingertips. If your Lodge is not already doing so, please begin including information about these websites in your Lodge newsletter, perhaps reprint articles that would be relevant to your membership by posting them on your Lodge bulletin board, and make a discussion of these two websites an important part of your Orientation Program. Also, if your Lodge does not have a webpage, you will find it very easy to establish and maintain your own Lodge webpage at the [elks.org](http://www.elks.org) website. Be sure to include the Lodge webpage web address conspicuously on all Lodge communications with members. It will be another valuable resource for your members and can become an important communications tool for your Lodge. The three Virginia lodges leading the way in the percentage of member accounts on the Grand Lodge Website are Portsmouth-Chesapeake (45%), Richmond (29%), and Woodbridge (29%). **[Submitted by Past GER Ron Hicks]**

News from the Veterans Committee (Co-Chairs Patti Graves & Rose Thiebaut)

USO Food Deliveries in March to Reagan National Airport



The Lodge's Veterans Committee continues their support of the USO Center at Reagan National Airport. With their bi-weekly frozen food deliveries, they ensure the USO's freezer is stocked with hearty sandwiches and instant meals for our traveling military and veterans. Many of the traveling military have commented they are grateful for the food, which they could not afford otherwise. A few new items were delivered this month that look very yummy, and we hope they like them. Pictured here are PER Patti Graves and USO Volunteer "Bob". **Kudos to Patti for making the deliveries to the USO every month!**

The USO Food Delivery Program is only one of #2188's significant programs in which the Veterans Committee continues its support to make a difference for our active military and veterans. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to help our Lodge support this exceptional program, please mail or deliver a check to Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan, payable to "Elks #2188 Charities" with the notation on the check "USO Food Delivery." We rely on the generous donations from our members to keep this program alive.

Friday Night Dinner for Wounded Soldiers – Friday, March 17, 2017

On Friday, March 17, 2017, St. Patrick's Day at Elks #2188 was a special day. Lodge members, in coordination with the **Aleethia Foundation**, hosted a Friday Night Dinner for wounded service members (and their families) from the Walter Reed Medical Center. They enjoyed an Irish dinner of Shepherd's Pie and Beer-Battered Fish & Coleslaw provided by the Lodge, as well as a variety of side dishes, appetizers, and desserts donated by our Lodge members. Additionally, members PER Steve Thiebaut and Darren Young donated gifts for the service members, such as old-fashioned balsa wood airplanes for the children, goodie bags, and St. Patrick's Day beads for all. ER Tim Knotts gave a wonderful Elks welcome and thanked our guests for their service and for sacrificing so much for our country. ER Knotts also surprised **Hal Koster**, Aleethia's Executive Director, when Tim presented Hal with our Lodge's **2016-17 Citizen of the Year Award** for the difference he makes in the lives of service members/veterans. Approximately 80 service members, their families and guests attended the dinner. Based on the positive responses received from our guests after the dinner, the evening was a great success. Our Lodge will host another Friday Night Dinner for wounded service members in August 2017, with a barbeque-themed event.



FROM THE ALEETHIA FOUNDATION: Thanks so much for all your efforts in planning, organizing and so much more to make St. Patrick's Day a fun evening for the wounded/injured/ill service members and their families. As you can see from their comments, everyone had a wonderful time. Also, the "Avenge" sling back packs, phone chargers, 3-D goggles, St. Paddy candy, beads, etc. were a hit. Please convey our thanks to Chef Jay and all the members of the Elks Lodge who prepared and served all the wonderful foods and desserts. We posted a collage a few photos on Aleethia's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AleethiaFoundation/> (copy of photo collage attached). We'll see you in August! **[Margaret Thomas, The Aleethia Foundation]**

News from the Elks Auxiliary (President Rose Thiebaut) rthiebaut1949@outlook.com

The changing of the guard took place at our annual President's & Member's Tea with the swearing-in ceremony performed by PER and Auxiliary member Laurie Fearis. Outgoing Auxiliary President Tim Knotts presented officers and committee chairs with gifts of appreciation and thank you notes for all their hard work. I am very proud to serve as this year's Elks Auxiliary President and to represent this fine group of members who do so much for the local community and this Lodge. With a full slate of officers and committee chairs this year, we are ready to move forward and continue the good work of the Elks Auxiliary. Kudos to Past President Tim Knotts for a great year. Please consider joining us – Elks members and their spouses are welcome to sign up. For more information, contact me at rthiebaut1949@outlook.com. **[President Rose Thiebaut]**

BINGO NEWS (Susan Lyon, Chairman)

BINGO: MON&THUR -- Early Birds 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P

The Bingo program at #2188 has been fortunate for several years to have **Jim Weed** as a volunteer. Jim works almost every Monday and Thursday night, very generously giving his time to help out whenever and wherever he can. On April 1st Jim became our Exalted Ruler for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, following Tim Knotts' year (thank you, Tim, for your outstanding work as ER this year). I suspect that, if possible, Jim will continue as a Bingo volunteer in some capacity, even though he will be quite busy as the new ER. Best wishes to you, Jim, from all of

the Bingo volunteers, and especially from me, for your time and dedication to Bingo and to the Lodge. **If anyone would like to volunteer, even one night a month, please call me at (703) 241-8309.** I look forward to hearing from you! [Susan Lyon, Chairman-Bingo]

GOLF NEWS – “Par for the Course” (Ron Murphy, Chairman) bettyron.50@gmail.com

The 2017 Golf Association Schedule is complete and available. Copies of it and the 2017 Membership Application have been provided to the 2016 Association members and they also are available to any other interested parties from Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or (703) 866-4403. Some copies will be made available at the Lodge on the Golf Association bulletin board. Our season kicks off at Westpark on April 3rd. Also in April we will play at Old Hickory on the 17th. There are three dates in May -- Hidden Creek on the 1st, Prince William on the 15th, and Forest Greens on the 22nd. In June, we will play at South Riding on the 5th, 1757 on the 19th, and Bristow Manor on the 26th. On July 10th, we play at Pleasant Valley, at Heritage Hunt on July 24th, and at Penderbrook on the 31st. In August we play at Raspberry Falls on the 14th and Herndon on the 28th. We will play our 2017 Masters Tournament at Algonkian on September 11th and later that month play at Reston National on the 18th. We close out the season in October with games at Forest Greens on the 2nd and South Riding on the 16th. All our games are on Monday and will have 0900 shotguns except the last one at South Riding, which will start at 1000. Hidden Creek and Heritage Hunt are new to this year's schedule. 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 to 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-Golf Committee]

YOUTH CAMP NEWS – (Barbara Marshall, Youth Camp Lodge Director)

“It is almost time for Camping Season!” It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for another camping season at the Virginia Elks Youth Camp. For our newer members this is one of our major state projects and each year we send deserving youth from our community to camp for a week. This year the girls go July 2 to July 8 and the boys go July 16 to July 22. As our Lodge membership has dropped so has the quota of campers we are asked to send. While we sent close to 50 campers about 10 years ago, this year our quota is only 27. Believe it or not, I have already been approached by parents and counselors from the schools asking for spots so I know those 28 slots are going to be used up quickly. I would like to see us send more than our quota. The camp has the space but doing so increases the cost to the Lodge. **If you would like to sponsor all or part of the tuition for a camper, the cost is per camper is \$150.** This would allow us to serve more children in the community. Many of you may remember that last year's Camper of the Year was one of the boys we were able to send over our quota due to the generosity of our members. At a later time I will be looking for chaperones to accompany to kids to and from camp. This is a nice way to see the camp, which is about a 4 hour drive and located near Clifton Forge in southwest Virginia. Our Lodge has always been one of the biggest supporters of the camp. Let's keep it up this year and surpass our own performance! [Barbara Marshall, Youth Camp Lodge Director]

DINNER DANCE SCHEDULE at #2188 (Elks Year 2017-2018)
















In the #2188 Ballroom -- Dinner at 7:00P -- Dancing from 8:15P to 11:05P -- Cash Bar -- Members @\$35, Non-Members @\$40

Balls are formal events, with dark suits allowed; dances are business dress; and parties are casual events.

DATE (2017)	EVENT	BAND
April 1	Installation Ball	Frank Napoli
June 10	Flag Day Dance	Mike Surratt
August 19	Luau Party	Mike Surratt
September 30	Auxiliary Dance	Helmut Licht
December 16	Christmas Ball	Frank Napoli
December 31	New Year's Eve Ball	Mike Surratt

Please Note: (1) Attendees must be a guest of an Elks members or an affiliated group; (2) If a non-member wishes to attend, the reservation must be made through a member or by contacting Chairman Frank Burns; (3) Please make reservations by the Wednesday prior to the dance; (2) Guests may choose an alternate entrée of chicken or vegetarian, as appropriate; (3) Please indicate seating preference when making reservation; and (4) To make reservations, email dance2188@gmail.com or call Frank Burns (703) 591-3616.

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LOUNGE & KITCHEN HOURS OF OPERATION: <table><tr><td></td><td>LOUNGE</td><td>KITCHEN</td></tr><tr><td>MON-THU:</td><td>12:00N-9:00P</td><td>12:00N-7:00P</td></tr><tr><td>FRI:</td><td>11:30A-10:00P</td><td>11:30A-8:00P</td></tr><tr><td>SAT:</td><td>2:00P- 8:00P</td><td>2:00P-6:00P</td></tr><tr><td>SUN:</td><td>1:00P- 8:00P</td><td>1:00-6:00P</td></tr></table>				LOUNGE	KITCHEN	MON-THU:	12:00N-9:00P	12:00N-7:00P	FRI:	11:30A-10:00P	11:30A-8:00P	SAT:	2:00P- 8:00P	2:00P-6:00P	SUN:	1:00P- 8:00P	1:00-6:00P	BINGO: MON&THUR -- Early Birds 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P MONDAY ‘FRIENDS’ LUNCH: Every Monday at 12:00N in the Lounge KNIT & CROCHET: 3 rd Monday each month at 11:00A			1 Installation OPEN HOUSE Dinner Dance  POKER 1 st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P
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2	3 MONDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS (12:00N) 	4 BOARD MEETING (7:15P)	5 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (Pot Roast)	6  USO DELIVERY  ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET @ \$9.95 (Barbecue) (5:00P-9:00P) DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	7 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (NY Strip Steak) (Crab Cake) [Terry Lee Ryan]	8  POKER 1 st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P															
9 (Palm Sunday)	10 MONDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS (12:00N) 	11 (Passover Begins) Lodge Meeting (7:30P)	12 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (Prime Rib) Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting (7:00P)	13  ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET @ \$9.95 (Oktoberfest in April) (5:00P-9:00P) DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	14 (Good Friday) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (NY Strip Steak) (Sword Fish) [Tom Saputo]	15  POKER 1 st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P															
16 (Easter Sunday) EASTER BRUNCH (10:30A-2:00P) \$18.95 – Adults \$12.95 – Children Free – Kids 5-under	17 (Easter Monday) Knit & Crochet (11:00A) MONDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS (12:00N) 	18 Elks Auxiliary Potluck Luncheon (11:30A) BOARD MEETING (7:15P)	19 Guest Bartender Night “M.A.S.H.” (Rose & Karen) (5:00P-8:00P) WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (Meatloaf)	20  USO DELIVERY  ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET @ \$9.95 (Italian) (5:00P-9:00P) DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	21 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (NY Strip Steak) (Jambalaya) [Terry Lee Ryan]	22  POKER 1 st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P															
23 SUNDAY AFTERNOON PARTY (2:00P – 5:00P) @ \$15.00	24 MONDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS (12:00N) 	25 LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	26 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (Chicken Parmigiana)	27  ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET @ \$9.95 (Chinese) (5:00P-9:00P) DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	28 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P) (NY Strip Steak) (Mahi Mahi) [Tom Saputo]	29  POKER 1 st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P															
30	LODGE MEETINGS: 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays each month at 7:30P BOARD MEETINGS: 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays each month at 7:15P																				



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