



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

# The Elks Horn

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**Feb 2015**

## Exalted Ruler's Corner

We are coming to a close for our Elks business year, and our Lodge begins to prepare for the new Elks year. At the first Lodge meeting in February, I will call for nominations for Lodge Officers for the 2015/2016 year. There are positions open for Trustees, as well as Ritual Team Officers. If you are interested in either, contact Jerry Boyer or any of the current Trustees for further information and Brenda Slingerland regarding the Ritual Team positions. Volunteering as a Lodge Officer is a very rewarding job, and you will know you are making a difference in our Lodge.



In the month of January, our Lodge sponsored several special events. Our Lodge's Hoop Shoot competition was held on January 10. Chair Mark Kaplon and his cadre of volunteers held another exciting and fun event for the competitors. That same day, volunteers were aplenty to assist with the Backpack Lunch program, which ensures children in need have nutritious meals for the weekend. Our Volunteer Recognition Dinner is always a great time for our Lodge to thank our Volunteers, and it was my pleasure to host this event to thank you for your continued commitment to our Lodge. Our Lodge continues to thrive because of our volunteers. A big thanks to Chef Jay and his staff for providing another scrumptious Lodge Breakfast. And let's not forget the Guest Bartender Night with Rose Thiebaut. With her energy and laughter, Rose continues to make any event fun and entertaining.

In February, please plan to attend the Lodge meetings on February 10 & 24. Officer nominations occur at the first meeting; followed by voting at the 2nd meeting. This is your opportunity to vote for Officers who will make a difference. Don't forget about the Super Bowl/Chili Cook-Off on 2/1; this is one of our annual events that is always a good time. On February 18, Frank Burns will serve as Guest Bartender and will be enticing us with his signature theme drinks. Initiation has been rescheduled to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 2/23, due to the Holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. On 2/28, a special Vodka Tasting has been planned, and will include music by the Balalaika Ensemble, a Russian folk orchestra. This will be an event featuring both wonderful Tastes & Sounds.

These events and initiatives are testimony to our Lodge's exceptional members and their commitment to our Lodge and our programs. I am so proud of what our Volunteers continue to accomplish!! However, there are also times I am disappointed in the response of our members. As these Volunteer members give all their time and energy to make our Lodge the best it can be, I am amazed by some of the complaints I hear. After an event or Lodge activity, there is inevitably that person who complains about some minor item. Typically, this is a person who has never volunteered in the Lodge. I challenge you instead to volunteer to help with the program; you can be a part of the planning and share your ideas & constructive suggestions as a member of the Team. Once you become a part of the Team, you will understand how fabulous our Volunteers are in bringing together these amazing events. You will understand how much time, energy and even personal funds these Volunteers give on a daily basis to prosper our Lodge and develop great events and activities for all the members. Please remember to thank these Volunteers for the difference they make. Also remember to thank our Lodge staff. They are often working behind the scenes, going above and beyond to ensure our members receive the best service and also help ensure that Lodge event is successful.

Finally, as everyone should be aware, the Bingo program is one of our most needed programs. Bingo program revenues ensure we can pay building-related operational bills and fund charitable initiatives. New Bingo volunteers are critically needed to assist in selling Pull Tabs, "working the line", acting as callers or being a "floor walker". This need is even more critical as two of our major Pull Tab workers step down – Tom Thiebaut & Ray Helms. Together, they have put in almost 30 years as Pull Tab volunteers. Our Lodge thanks them for their unbelievable dedication and support! Please consider volunteering to fill that gap, even for one night a month. Contact Karen Bender, Larry Linquist, Don Weber or me, if you are interested in volunteering. As a Bingo/Pull Tab worker, you will meet other members, become a part of a fun Team and know that what you are doing is making a difference!

Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler

**The Lodge website is under construction. Calendar at [bpoe2188.org](http://bpoe2188.org)**

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



**Help wanted**—I could use some help on maintaining and updating the content on the websites. The new temporary website uses a very simple and easy to use tool. Content can usually be updated in less than five minutes. If you have basic computer skills, I can train you on the tool in less than an hour. I have found it is always good to have a backup in case I want to do something like go on vacation or if I win the lottery and move to the Florida Keys ☺☺. Roy Seabolt, Webmaster

**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.

## New Secretary Hours:

**Mon 2-4**

**Tues 3-5**

**Thurs 1-3**

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## Thank You

**We just want to take a moment to thank everyone at the Lodge and our Bingo Players for the generosity and interest shown to the children benefiting from the Backpack Lunch Program. Along with donations of food and funds, we have also had many members donate their time to packing the lunches and delivering them to Garfield Elementary. When we started in September we delivered food for 10 students. We are now up to 19 students.**

**We must also thank the Springfield Giant for providing fresh fruit at greatly discounted prices. These are usually the only fresh foods these children get.**

**Thank you for opening your hearts!**

**Karen Bender and Fredi Hensley, Co-chairs**

## Website Update

Due to technical difficulties, the website has been updated with a temporary new website. This website does not have a member login section. Please be patient while development work on the new website is completed. Most information is available via the public pages. Please make sure that your browser is pointing to <http://www.bpoe2188.org>.

If you need old newsletters, Lodge meeting minutes or Board meeting minutes send an email to [webmaster@bpoe2188.org](mailto:webmaster@bpoe2188.org) and requested information will be provided.

If you would like to receive The Horn via email please send an email with your name and email address to [webmaster@bpoe2188.org](mailto:webmaster@bpoe2188.org) and I will ensure that you are on the email list. Roy Seabolt, Webmaster

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## **From the Board Chairman's Desk**

We have been fortunate over the past few years in that the roster of Lodge Trustees has been stable. However, election season at the Lodge is upon us and it is anticipated that there will be at least two open Trustee positions. Although Lodge governance has changed a bit in that we now have a Board of Governors to include the elected Chair positions, the responsibilities of the Trustees are little changed. The Trustees are the managing body of the Club and you might think of them as the business arm of the Lodge. As is evident from previous Horn articles, our financial health is a primary concern as well as is the condition of the Lodge facility and grounds.

The open Trustee positions offer an opportunity for those who may want to serve the Lodge in the areas described above. The primary qualifications are a desire to serve the Lodge, a large dose of common sense, a bit of patience and some would say a thick skin. The time required is not excessive and the work is accomplished with little fanfare.

If interested, please let that be known.

Respectfully,

**Jerry Boyer**

**Board Chairman**

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## **From the Auxiliary President's Corner**

Hear Ye Hear Ye the Auxiliary sold 1200 plus White House ornaments and we want to give a huge thank you to all of you who made this happen. Whether you bought or helped sell, your efforts were appreciated. Along with the Giant Gift cards, these ornaments enable us to give to 16 charities and provide one scholarship to a rising George Mason University senior.

The Auxiliary has been busy getting ready for our new year beginning in April. New by-laws were approved in January and the budget and charities were presented for any changes members deemed necessary. At the February meeting the budget and charities will be approved and the slate of officers for 2015 will be presented.

For Valentine's Day we celebrated on February 7 with a first ever breakfast. The eggs and bacon were supplemented with muffin, bagels and juice provided by the members. A delicious time was had by all.

If you run out of thing to do, come to the daytime activity on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, with a dish to share and a desire to socialize. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

As the cold weather and all that go with it settles in for a spell please stay warm and healthy.

**Georgianna Knotts, Auxiliary President**

## **Golf Update**

Work continues on the 2015 Golf Association schedule. It should be completed by the time you read this. When available, copies of the schedule and membership application will be provided to the 2014 Golf Association members automatically. New members should contact Ron Murphy at [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com) or 703 866-4403, for copies.

There will be little change to the schedule from last season. At this point the courses look to be the same. There may be some change to the order in which they are played. Generally, we have been successful in holding the line on greens fees. As reported in last month's Horn, currently the plan is to open at Westpark on 6 April and close at South Riding on 19 October. All our events will be played on Mondays.

Again, we will use the sign-up procedures introduced last year. Players will need to sign-up by the Thursday preceding the event. A reminder email will be sent a week prior to the event with appropriate instructions. Sign-up can be accomplished by email or by calling the tournament director.

All Lodge 2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Elks, who choose not to join, may play as guests.

Ron Murphy

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## ***From the Travel Desk***

**Paul and I have started to formulate some exciting travel events for members of the Elks and their associates (friends).**

**First, by popular demand, I have been looking into one-day trips to area places which should entice all our Elks . I am going to try and have one day trip every other month.**

**Trips which prove to be enchanting are a possible trip to the Finger Lakes region in August (best time of month to get away from Fairfax hot humid weather). This trip would include museums and a brief side trip to a casino.**

**Another trip formulating is a cruise to New England and Canada.**

**I believe all of these trips will prove to be exciting. Look for the flyers.**

**Peggy**

**Travel Coordinator**

**Contact Peggy Pape at [travel@bpoe2188.org](mailto:travel@bpoe2188.org) with your suggestions or for information**

# Feb2015



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<b>Feb 1 is Superbowl Sunday and Chili Fest. Fried Turkey too. Don't be deflated, get elated!</b>						
<b>1</b> Super Bowl Festivities	<b>2</b> Bingo, 6	<b>3</b> Board Mtg 7:15	<b>4</b>  Dinner till 8	<b>5</b> Bingo, 6	<b>6</b>  Dinner till 8	<b>7</b> Aux Bkfst 9 Backpack Lunches 1 pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bingo, 6 Mex Dominos 11 am	<b>10</b> Membership Mtg 7:30 Nominations	<b>11</b> Aux Mtg 7:30  Dinner till 8	<b>12</b> Bingo, 6	<b>13</b>  Dinner till 8	<b>14</b> Valentine's Dance, 7  Helmut Licht
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bingo, 6 Knit & Crochet 11 am Presidents Day	<b>17</b> Board Mtg 7:15 Aux Daytime 1130	<b>18</b> Guest Bartender Burns  Dinner till 8	<b>19</b> Bingo, 6	<b>20</b>  Dinner till 8	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bingo, 6 Bunco, 11 am Initiation, 7:30	<b>24</b> Membership Mtg 7:30 Voting	<b>25</b>  Dinner till 8	<b>26</b> Bingo, 6	<b>27</b>  Dinner till 8	<b>28</b> Vodka Tasting Russian Music  Res needed
<b>The new Elks Year begins on 1 April! Nominations for officers and trustees will be on Feb 10 and voting will take place on Feb 24. There are still positions without nominees, so please throw your hat into the ring and be part of the leadership team.</b>						

## IN THE LOUNGE

### Food & Entertainment

**Wednesdays Prime Rib is the second Wednesday every month!**

Feb 4th-B.B.Q. Ribs

Feb 11th-Prime Rib

Feb 18th-Chicken Parmigiana

Feb 25th-Stuffed Pork Chop

**Fridays Great Steak or**

Feb 6th-Grilled Crab Cake

Feb 13th-Surf and Turf

Feb 20th-Rainbow Trout

Feb 27th-Shrimp Scampi

#### 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 Feb 2015

**Feb 6 Terry Lee Ryan**

**Feb 13 Tom Saputo**

**Feb 20 Terry Lee Ryan**

**Feb 27 Tom Saputo**



**Volunteer Thank You  
Dinner, 1/18/2015**

**Photos by Wyman**





## MEMBERSHIP

### February Elk of the Month

He makes it to the Lodge on Thursday night no matter the weather or the season. He arrives around 5p and works until about 9p. He tirelessly pushes his cart and hawks those pull tabs to ensure a “successful Bingo night.” He always has a smile and chats with everyone he sees. **Bill Van Balen** has been volunteering as a Bingo Pull Tab worker for over 20 years! Can you imagine working approximately 200 hours a year without pay, and for a total of 4000+ hours over 20 years?!? Bill, you are one of several Bingo workers who has been supporting our Lodge for years & years and with little recognition. You represent the hard work and dedication of all those workers. Although this is only but a small token of appreciation, as February Elk of the Month thank you for all you do. You represent the selflessness of our seasoned Bingo workers and the goodness they bring to our Lodge. Thank you and all the workers who have provided similar support. Bill, you represent our Lodges Unsung Heroes – our Bingo Workers. Congratulations Bill, as February Elk of the Month!

Patti Graves, ER

### Installation of Officers for 2014-2015 will take place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

2 positions are still open – Esquire and Inner Guard.

If you have a desire to serve your lodge as an Officer,

please contact Brenda Slingerland at 703-785-9974

[brenda.slingerland@rsgpc.com](mailto:brenda.slingerland@rsgpc.com)

or Adam Samuel Roth at [elks@asroth.com](mailto:elks@asroth.com)

Mark your schedules to attend Installation and support your lodge officers!

**THANK YOU**

## **Vodka Tasting/Russkie Musikanti**

**February 28, 2015, 4 PM in the Lounge**

The Elks Lodge Building Fund volunteers are taking their tasting demonstrations up a notch on February 28, 2015! The next tasting will include entertainment provided by the Russkie Musikanti, an ensemble of the Washington Balalaika Society orchestra. The ensemble will be playing authentic Russian folk instruments and bringing the music of Russia and Eastern Europe to the Elks Lodge lounge. The musical program will include a sampling of Russian and Eastern European music styles. There will be happy songs, sad songs, songs to dance to, and songs to listen to – music that reflects the vastness of Russia and Eastern Europe and the diversity of their people.

Your Elks Lodge Building Fund volunteers will introduce you to the world of Vodka with a sample tasting of different vodkas. For the mere cost of \$15.00 (at the door) you can enjoy this sure to be delightful event. Volunteers will also be providing light refreshments to accompany the tasting and a basket containing the vodkas and appropriate accompaniments will be raffled at this event.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Lodge Building Fund. This is another great way to support our Lodge improvements, enjoy multi-cultural musical entertainment, and socialize with fellow Elk members. Reservations are recommended for this event. Please contact Linda Gardner via e-mail at [lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net) or at 703/636-6392 to get your name on the reservation list. See you there!!





# ELKS 2188

ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX

# SATURDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 PM Cash Bar & Hors d'Oeuvres | Pre Sale \$40 ★ At Door \$50 | Live Music 7:30 PM

## ROCK 'N ROLL

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*featuring*



## VALENTINE/ENF DANCE



*Saturday, February 14 -- Music of Helmut Licht*  
*Dinner @ 7 -- Dancing 8:15 to 11:00*  
*\$35 Members, \$40 Non-members*

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*\$10 Donation to the Elks National Foundation is*  
*Requested and Appreciated from All Attendees*

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*For reservations email: [dance2188@gmail.com](mailto:dance2188@gmail.com) or call:*  
*703-591-3616*



### REVISED SCHEDULE

#### DATE DANCE EVENT BAND

February 14 Valentines/Elks Foundation Dance Helmut Licht

March 28 Installation Ball Mike Surratt

May 9 Mother's Day Dance Helmut Licht

June 13 Flag-Day Dance Frank Napoli

August 22 Luau Party Mike Surratt

September 19 Auxiliary Dance Frank Napoli

October 30 (Fri.) Halloween Party Mike Surratt

December 19 Christmas Ball Frank Napoli

December 31 New Year's Eve Ball Mike Surratt

For reservations, email: [dance2188@gmail.com](mailto:dance2188@gmail.com) or call Frank Burns:  
703-591-3616.

# 10TH ANNUAL



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

**\$5.00 Per Person | Bring a Covered Dish | Food Served at 5:00 PM | Chili Judging 4:30 PM**

**BENEFITING ELKS 2188 VETERANS PROGRAMS ★ CHILI REGISTRATIONS & RULES at [ELKS2188EVENTS.ORG](http://ELKS2188EVENTS.ORG)**





**Tom T and Rose mixed it up as Guest Barkeeps.**

**Photos by Wyman**



### **Auxiliary Valentine's Breakfast**

**The Auxiliary is celebrating Valentine's Day with a bacon and egg breakfast on Feb 7 from 9-11.**

**Please bring breadstuffs, juice or dessert that will make the most of our main course.**

**\$5.00**

**Please let Brenda know by 5 Feb so the kitchen will be able to plan.**

**[Brenda.slingerland@rsgpc.com](mailto:Brenda.slingerland@rsgpc.com)**



# ELKS 2188 HOOP SHOOT CONTEST



## 2015

**Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188** held its annual Hoop Shoot at Crestwood Elementary School this past Saturday January 10, 2015. Hoop Shooters ages 8 - 13 from Crestwood, Key and Garfield Elementary battled the inclement weather to compete, practice sportsmanship, learn new skills and most importantly have fun. The winners from each Boys and Girls age group will be traveling to the Loudon Lodge in Sterling VA this coming Saturday 1/18/2015 at 9:30AM for the District Hoop Shoot. Anyone interested in attending the District Hoop Shoot please contact me to set up arrangements.

I would like to thank Joe Bosco, Steve Thiebaut and Kevin Cole for securing the Crestwood facility, photography and marketing. Vernon Gardener did his usual exceptional job with crowd control.

I would also like to thank all the 2188 Volunteers that helped out this year:

Mike Maloney, Dennis Gehley, Ashley Stead, Deb Wilkes, Vernon Gardener, Brenda Slingerland, Bob Bonner, Ken Hensley, Clara Ritger, Robert "Fuzzy" Collier, Tom Thiebaut, David Rand, and Tim Knotts.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Kaplon, Hoop Shoot Director



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## **Thanksgiving in March**

**The Lodge 2188 Veterans Committee in association with the Aleethia Foundation will host Thanksgiving on Friday, March 13 for wounded veterans and their families as they reintegrate into society.**

**We are asking our members to assist by providing side dishes and/or desserts to serve in addition to turkey which will be provided. Please plan to make something that will feed at least 20 people. We are expecting up to 100 guests in total.**

**In order to ensure that we have a terrific assortment, please let Linda Gardner ([lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net)) or Fredi Hensley ([fredi.hensley@cox.net](mailto:fredi.hensley@cox.net)) know what you are bringing no later than 28 February.**

**We know that your generous spirits will make this a tasty and fabulous special holiday!**

