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## NEWSLETTER

November 2015

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# Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188

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## From Exalted Ruler Brenda Slingerland



*"In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields."*

*Written by Colonel John McRae  
In Flanders Fields  
November 11, 1918 – Armistice Day  
Veterans Day Remembered*

November is a month filled with many holidays and events, not the least of which include Veterans Day, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving. **Remembrance, honors, fellowship and respect** -- four important keywords for the month. And on November 15, 1867 a small group of actors and entertainers, led by an Englishman named Charles Vivian, organized a drinking club "The Jolly Corks" in New York City – now known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The cardinal principals of the Elks are **Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity**. The definition of fidelity is: faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support. To quote our Virginia State President Geoff Cox, "**ELKS DO!**" Elks do all these things – not just now in November, but throughout every month of every year.

Arlington-Fairfax #2188 is indeed "Benevolent and Protective" -- WE DO! We take pride in our patriotism. We take pride in honoring our military. We take pride in the many, many charitable endeavors we participate in – contributing to each other, our community, our schools, our youth, as well as our military. We take pride in our fidelity to our mission, our nation, and our Lodge. Read through this issue; check our calendar! There are many activities throughout the month and several opportunities to share your pride in your membership while sharing your time and talents. We need you to support our Thanksgiving Coat Drive and Food Basket Program, our deliveries to the USO at Reagan National Airport, and attend our Veterans Day Program on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> honoring our military - both past and present members.

Come to the Lodge often for lunch or dinner, entertainment, and socialization. Display the November calendar on your desk, wall or refrigerator (see page 11 of this newsletter) and refer to it often for events and menus. Attend Lodge and committee meetings. Be active in your Lodge activities where you not only help to support our Lodge operation, but will feel welcomed and appreciated. Your officers look forward to greeting you.

**HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY BLESSINGS TO ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY  
And HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL BPOE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

**ELK OF THE MONTH - November 2015:** Congratulations to **DON WEBER** for being selected as my "Elk of the Month" for November in recognition of his many, many hours of volunteerism at the Lodge. Don is a valued member of the Board of Trustees, he volunteers working at BINGO and many events, and is the Chairman of the Membership Committee, among many other things. Don has been instrumental in reducing the number of delinquent members through personal contact and letters – he and his committee have made a real difference. **YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!!**

## 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) 307-7960 to  
either renew or terminate your membership.

## **ATTENTION #2188 MEMBERS**

### **GENERAL REVISION OF BY-LAWS AND HOUSE RULES**

At the Lodge meeting scheduled for **December 8, 2015**, Lodge members must vote upon the five-year general revision of By-Laws and House Rules, as required by Grand Lodge Statutes.

#### **By-Laws**

The By-Laws to be voted upon will be the same as the present Lodge By-Laws dated April 6, 2011 with all automatic changes mandated by amendments to Grand Lodge Statutes, and with the following proposed amendments to be presented for Lodge vote:

#### **Proposed Amendment to Article IX – Club Operations and Management**

**Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph 1:** “The operation, management and control of the Home, Club, or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by the ~~Trustees~~ **Board of Directors of the Lodge, consisting of the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and the Trustees.**”

**PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:** *To provide for combined management of both Lodge and Club by the Board of Directors, consisting of the four chair officers and five trustees. It is believed that combination of functions will be a more efficient method of operation and management.*

#### **Proposed Amendment to Article X – Fees and Dues**

**Article X, Section 1, Paragraph 1:** “The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be ~~\$40.00~~ **\$50.00**, to accompany the proposition.”

**Article X, Section 1, Paragraph 2:** “The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday shall be ~~\$20.00~~ **\$25.00**, to accompany the proposition.”

**Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 3a:** “The regular Lodge dues shall be ~~\$80.50~~ **\$84.50** commencing **April 1, 2016**, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 3b:** “The regular Lodge dues shall be ~~\$80.50~~ **\$88.75** commencing **April 1, 2017**, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 3c:** “The regular Lodge dues shall be ~~\$80.50~~ **\$93.20** commencing **April 1, 2018**, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 3d:** “The regular Lodge dues shall be ~~\$80.50~~ **\$97.80** commencing **April 1, 2019**, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 3e:** “The regular Lodge dues shall be ~~\$80.50~~ **\$102.00** commencing **April 1, 2020**, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

**Article X, Section 2, Paragraph 4:** “In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay ~~\$13.25~~ **\$20.00** towards Lodge administration expense.”

**Article X, Section 3:** All instances of **\$30.00** will be replaced with **\$40.00**.

**PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:** *To increase fees and dues in order to obtain additional necessary revenues for the Lodge.*

#### **House Rules**

The House Rules to be voted upon will be the same as the present House Rules as posted in the members lounge, with this one change. If the proposed amendment to By-Laws Article IX, Section 1 is approved by the members, then the term “Board of Trustees” wherever it appears in House Rules will be changed to “Board of Directors.”

#### **Voting**

Adoption of the amendments and revision requires a majority vote of members present at the meeting to consider the changes.

#### **The position of ESQUIRE is still open**

If you can devote your time and are seriously interested in being involved with the Officers Team at #2188, please contact  
**ER BRENDA SLINGERLAND @ [er@bpoe2188.org](mailto:er@bpoe2188.org)**





### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

**Donations:** Mr. & Mrs. Clarence K. Graham

**USO Frozen Food Project (Ronald Reagan National Airport):**

Betty Kuennen, Dale & Donna Crisp

### **IN MEMORIAM**

***Ray Jaynes, December 21, 2014***

***"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."***

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Elks member **Peg Hurd** passed away at 12:10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. According to her husband Jack, she died from an infection of the liver and pneumonia. Peggy will be cremated and there will be a memorial service and burial in Fairfax probably in March 2016. Details will be provided at a later time. Jack was a member of #2188 for 16 years, and Peg became a member with the first group of women who became Elks at #2188 (along with "First Lady" Marie Anderson). Both Peggy and Jack were very active members of #2188 for many years before moving to Vero Beach, Florida in September 2002, where they became very involved with the Vero Beach Elks Lodge. Jack will be celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Elks. Cards can be mailed to **Jack Hurd, 7580 14<sup>th</sup> Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966, telephone 1-(772) 299-1524**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jack and the entire family.

**New Members Initiated NOV 2015:** New members will be initiated into our Lodge on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. A picture (along with their names) will be posted in the December HORN Issue.

**Candidates Voted into our Order on OCT 27, 2015:** To be posted in the DEC Horn.

**Proposed for Membership:** Dennis Delaney (proposed by Don Weber); William C. Greer (proposed by Brian Speech, PER of Rotterdam (NY) Lodge # 2157)

**Proposed for Life Membership:** Robert Ullery, Member #5596

Thanks to all of the members who have contacted me concerning their delinquent dues. We have lowered the number of outstanding dues, but there are still many who are overdue. Please continue to encourage anyone you know who has not paid to do so. If you know of anyone who has a financial burden, please notify the Lodge Secretary -- the Lodge does assist members in distress with their dues. I am pleased to report that we received the **Andy Anderson Award** again for last year due to the lowering of our lapsation rate -- let's make that an annual occurrence. **For the currently paid-up members:** If you decide not to continue your membership next year, 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 Demit; otherwise, if you wait until after the April 1 deadline, you will be dropped for non-payment.

### **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

**UPDATE:** Michael Stevens is recovering slowly but surely from his October 9<sup>th</sup> cancer surgery. He will begin 2 months of radiation therapy late this year or early next year once his wounds are fully healed. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and messages of encouragement are welcomed and should be mailed to **Michael & Lisa Stevens, 9536 Wallingford Drive, Burke, VA 22015**. Telephone calls and visits are discouraged at this time due to the numerous doctor visits and recovery/rest requirements for Michael. Messages can also be sent to Michael via Lisa's email @ [lisa@scantravelinternational.net](mailto:lisa@scantravelinternational.net).

**There are a few Lodge members who have not been reported here -- we offer the following message to all:**

***"We are so sorry to hear that you are ill. Know that we are thinking of you often and praying for your quick 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." [From the membership at #2188]***

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**MEMBERSHIP 101:** It has become apparent that many members are confused about the steps to membership. When a potential member fills out the application form, unless he or she is on active duty in the U.S. military, the \$40 membership application fee *must* accompany the application when it is sent to the Secretary. If the candidate is under the age of 26, the fee is only \$20. This must be paid prior to the person being entered into our CLMS account and being proposed at a meeting. Upon completion of balloting, at Orientation the member must then be prepared to pay the pro-rated dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends April 1. This is **in addition to** the application fee. **PLEASE NOTE:** If a candidate questions you about their initiation date, please ask them to contact the Secretary directly for confirmation. Unfortunately, confusion and disappointment occurs when candidates receive incorrect information from others, so it is requested that members please direct them to the Secretary.



## **BINGO URGENTLY NEEDS YOU!**

The BINGO Program in our Lodge needs you. We need not only volunteers in every capacity; but also a new chairman/coordinator for the program. BINGO provides a serious financial boost to our Lodge and one that cannot go away because of the lack of volunteers. BINGO is held every Monday and Thursday night. If we had enough people working either night just once a month it would help our Lodge tremendously. Volunteers are needed to work the line, to help sell pull-tabs, as cashiers, and as floor workers to verify the winning cards and distribute the pay-outs. **MOST IMPORTANTLY** we need either one chairperson or 2 co-chairpersons in order to keep this vital program up and running. Our current Chairman Karen Bender cannot continue after the end of the year. We need volunteers to step up NOW so that Karen can train new volunteers. The old expression of "many hands make light work" is truly relevant to what would work to keep our BINGO Program stable and alive. We are down to begging - yes, begging -- for your help. Please send an email to either Susan Lyon at [susanlyon@hotmail.com](mailto:susanlyon@hotmail.com) or to Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan at [jsullivan@bpoe2188.org](mailto:jsullivan@bpoe2188.org). If you don't have email, then please call Jan Sullivan directly at (703) 560-2188 (choose "Option 2"). Tell us that you will step up and help at BINGO in one way or another. Drop in on one of the Monday or Thursday night sessions to see what each job entails and what our BINGO Program is all about (ask for the BINGO chairperson on-duty). For new members to the Lodge, this is an excellent way to meet fellow Lodge members and see just how much a few hours of volunteerism helps our Lodge. We cannot stress enough how important the BINGO Program is to the existence of our Lodge. **PLEASE HELP!!**

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

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That's right! ***On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Texas Hold'em is returning to the Arlington Fairfax Elks #2188 Lodge as a free recurring Club-managed fundraising event.*** Each Saturday, there will be two games -- the first at 5:00 p.m., and the second at 7:30 p.m. As it turns out that, just like with Bingo, there are people who love to play Texas Hold'em, many who play several nights a week. Not too worry, we are not going to put our liquor license at risk

because at the local game level, there is no money involved. #2188 is teaming up with the entertainment company **World Tavern Poker** to attract more business to the Lodge on Saturdays, when business is very, very slow and there are no member activities scheduled. You will typically see these poker games (and trivia games) in restaurants on their slow weeknights to draw in more business. By holding games on Saturday nights when most restaurants are busy and we are slow, we believe that we will be filling a market void and will be able to raise money by charging non-members event prices for food and drink. (The games that I have seen have had between 20 to 30 players per game.)

### **Here is how it works.**

1. Players may create an account online and sign-up for games to earn extra chips.
2. Players arrive for the game and are signed in.
3. Every player that shows up is given \$10,000 in free chips per game, plus any earned bonus chips.
4. Each table has up to eight players.
5. Blinds start at \$100/\$200 and are raised every 15 minutes by the Tournament Director.
6. As players are eliminated, tables are consolidated until there is a final table.
7. The goal is to be one of the three finalists. (Finalists earn points towards cash prizes awarded by WTP and tournament seats to regional tournaments to qualify for national tournaments held in Las Vegas.) The first place winner of each game will also receive a gift certificate for use on food and drink at their next game at the Elks.
8. As players are eliminated, they are either signed out or can play in a sit-n-go game while waiting for the 7:30 game.

So, if you miss your Texas Hold'em games from the good old days, come on out and play! For more information, go to the website <https://www.worldtavernpoker.com/>. **Please Note:** We need a few more Tournament Directors (TD) to help manage the event and, yes, TDs are allowed to play while they are managing the event. Only one TD is needed per Saturday, so, if you know the rules to Texas Hold'em, consider becoming a TD and help raise funds for the Lodge. **[Chairman Roy Seabolt]**



The **Annual Elks Auxiliary Anniversary Dance** scheduled for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions; however, it is now on the calendar for **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**, to be held in conjunction with the Halloween Dinner Dance in the Ballroom. The positive side of the date change is that you still have time to purchase tickets for our special gourmet baskets that will be raffled off that evening. Rose Thiebaut has worked hard on assembling the baskets, and both Joan Gavin and Rose are selling tickets for chances to win one of these baskets. You do not have to be present to win, and if the past years' baskets are any indication, they will be filled with lots of goodies and interesting items that the winners will truly enjoy -- only \$1.00 per ticket and 8 tickets for \$5.00. Please consider purchasing some tickets to help us raise funds for our charities.

This month's **Membership Meeting** will be held on **November 11**. At our **Daytime Activity on November 17**, where we will be wrapping the gifts for the Children's Christmas Party – this is always a fun activity and a big help to Santa!

Our **White House Ornament** sales are in full swing. You can arrange to purchase your ornaments from Joan Gavin (703) 978-3029) or me (571) 203-0375. Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi also has a supply of ornaments in his office. They are \$20 again this year. The proceeds from the sale of these ornaments are our main source of income each year.

The **Holiday Food Baskets & Coat Drive** will take place on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. I hope everyone will support this project by helping out the day of the event and/or by donating coats for adults and children. The Elks Auxiliary will be helping and also putting money towards the food baskets for our adopted families.

The **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** will take place on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to attend to have some food, see Santa, and enjoy the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre! Bring all the children – the more the merrier!

Here's wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving as you spend time with your family and friends. [Chairman Barbara Marshall]



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## ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST CONTEST WINNERS

The 2015 Annual L. Glenn Morris Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest was held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Annual VEA Fall Meeting in Virginia Beach. Winning First Place was Sherry Chereskin (Norfolk #38); Second Place went to our very own Brenda Slingerland (Arlington-Fairfax #2188); and Third Place went to Karyn Swenor (Virginia Beach #2268).

**Congratulations to all!**

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## #2188 Welcomes DD Frank Burns & Staff – Tuesday, October 13, 2015



For the first time in over ten years, #2188 got to welcome one of its own as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the North District of Virginia. **DDGER Frank Burns**, assisted by State President Geoff Cox and District Auditor Marcia Mitrano, reviewed the Lodge operations and facilities. They enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner prepared and served by Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi and Chef Jay Singer, and enjoyed the Lodge meeting, well-run by Exalted Ruler Brenda Slingerland. #2188 was also honored to have in attendance PDDGER Pete Decatur and wife Linda of Fredericksburg #875, and Milton Werner, Central District DD Esquire and Exalted Ruler of Harrisonburg #450. Virginia Drug Awareness Committee Chair Pete Decatur attended at the invitation of ER Brenda Slingerland and presented the "President's Call to Service Award" to six

members of the Lodge. Frank and Geoff spoke to the Lodge about GER Ron Hicks' theme of *Elks Pride—Community Focus*, highlighting the confidence it reflects in the fundamental value of Elks programs and in the high potential for attracting local residents as members. Geoff further encouraged "right-sized" membership committees and success in achieving his goal of a ten percent increase in charitable giving and work.

## #2188 Meets with Chairman Sharon Bulova – October 21, 2015



In support of GER Ron Hicks 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Program "Focus on Community", three members of #2188 met **Wednesday, October 21, 2015** with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. **Exalted Ruler Brenda Slingerland, Scholarships Chair Susan Mekenney, and Past Trustee Art Wyman** called on Ms. Bulova at her County office. Ron Hicks writes in his 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Program booklet: *"Be **"Loud & Proud"** of the support and assistance you provide to your community. Make your Lodge the shining **"Beacon of Hope"** and let your community know that you **"Give from the Heart."**"* #2188 is definitely LOUD & PROUD, and we were happy to have an opportunity to say so!

We were allotted a good deal of time to speak with Chairman Bulova about Elksdom, both on the national scale and within our Lodge, and she was presented with a folder full of information, pamphlets and flyers with facts about the Elks history, our Lodge history, and Lodge programs. Several handouts were prepared explaining the Dictionary Project, our Thanksgiving Baskets and Backpack Lunch Programs, our service to Veterans, our Children's Fair, and the Red Ribbon Campaign. Handouts included pictures of our Lodge in action. Each page included "Elks Care, Elks Share" as the header. **Past Trustee Art Wyman** informed Ms. Bulova that our Lodge proudly hosted informational booths at two local community carnivals – *"Celebrate Fairfax"* and *"Viva Vienna"* – our newest endeavors.

**Scholarships Chair Susan Mekenney** gave Ms. Bulova a very informational briefing on the BPOE scholarship programs and how our Lodge executes and makes awards through not only those programs, but our additional Lodge scholarships (for example, the Prenzel Scholarship, a scholarship unique to #2188, provided by the family of Past Exalted Ruler Jack Prenzel and his wife Evelyn).

A bag full of ribbons for the Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Campaign was presented, the significance explained, and the request made for Ms. Bulova to share them with her staff in support of our Elks campaign. She was more than happy to, and put her ribbon on immediately! We also asked for her support in our community endeavors and programs, and asked what we could do for the County. Ms. Bulova shared with us about an urgent need regarding homelessness, and we pledged to see how we could support that community effort as well. I was wearing State President Geoff Cox's pin "Elks Do!" and explained the significance. Ms. Bulova replied "You sure do!" Her official photographer took pictures which will be posted on Chairman Bulova's official Facebook page and in her next memo to constituents. *[Go to <https://www.facebook.com/sharon.bulova> to see the post.]*

Additionally, included in the folder we left with Ms. Bulova was a Lodge pin, 2 certificates for a free dinner at the Lodge, and a membership application! We told her we hoped to see her again soon. The three of us were a great tag-team of information and education for the County Executive, and she sincerely thanked us for visiting with her. A very rewarding meeting! **[Submitted by ER Brenda Slingerland]**



### Dictionary Project

#2188 continues to donate dictionaries to selected Fairfax County Elementary Schools third graders, as part of the Grand Lodge-sanctioned Dictionary Project. Chairman Ken Hensley is pictured here with third grade students who recently received dictionaries.

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

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We have played just one event since the last edition of the Horn. We played at Reston National on September 21<sup>st</sup> and Dale Crisp was both our low net and low gross winner. The other event we had scheduled during this time was at Forest Greens on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We planned to play our Masters Tournament at that time; unfortunately, we had to cancel due to adverse weather conditions. The Masters was rescheduled for South Riding on October 19<sup>th</sup>, and Forest Greens was put back on the schedule for October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will report the results for these in the next Horn. Winners of the Masters, the Chairman's Trophy and other accomplishments will be recognized at the **Golf Association Banquet**

**that will be held at the Lodge on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.** Details regarding the Banquet have been provided to Golf Association members. The event will include a cocktail hour and dinner, followed by the awards ceremony. We feel we had a successful 2015 season and look forward to another in 2016. Hope you can join us then. **[Chairman Ron Murphy]**



## **MOWVEMBER** (<https://us.mowvember.com>)

Member Susan Mekenney invites the members of the Lodge to participate in a program known as **MOWVEMBER**. This is to show support for member **Michael Stevens** who is fighting cancer. **MOWVEMBER** is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke active conversation and raise cancer awareness. There is no cost involved to sign up. The goal of **MOWVEMBER** is to grow awareness by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free. Donate the money you typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle. Participate by growing your hair, a beard, cultivating a mustache, letting those legs go natural, and skipping that waxing appointment. Put down the scissors and razor and participate. If you're not ready to get hairy, sit back and **support someone who is**. The rules of **MOWVEMBER** require that participants put down their razors for 30 days and donate their monthly hair-maintenance expenses to the cause. Have a strict dress-code at work? Don't worry about it! We encourage participation of any kind -- grooming and trimming are perfectly acceptable. Learn more about how you can get involved and start getting "hairy" by contacting **Susan Mekenney** at [susan@movetovirginia.com](mailto:susan@movetovirginia.com).

**HERE'S AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ABOUT ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS** which appeared in "Inside Nova" -- <http://www.insidenova.com/news/arlington/uniquely-arlington-haddock-an-encyclopedia>

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## Veterans Committee Updates



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The #2188 Veterans Committee plans and coordinates a variety of activities for veterans service members, and welcomes Lodge members to join them. If you are interested in being a part of any (or all) of the activities supported by the Committee, please contact one of the co-chairs of this Committee – either Ken Hensley ([ken.hensley@cox.net](mailto:ken.hensley@cox.net)) or Linda Gardner ([lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net)).

**FROZEN FOOD DELIVERIES** are funded through a Freedom Grant from the Elks National Foundation, from generous donations by Lodge members, and from various fundraising activities. The deliveries fill the USO freezer at Reagan National Airport, and provide meals/hearty snacks for the military and veterans who stop by the airport lounge while waiting for their flight connections. Contributions to Lodge Charities and those designated for the USO Frozen Food Deliveries ensure the continuity of this very important program. **[Co-chair Linda Gardner]**



## **ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER** **Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Our **Annual Veterans Day Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, November 1, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Lodge Ballroom. We are honored this year to have as our **Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Donna L. Crisp (Retired)**. Donna is a #2188 member and an active participant in the Veterans Committee. She began her military career in 1974 as an Ensign in Officer

Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. She enjoyed an illustrious career in the Navy and retired after 35 years of military service. Donna was a Master Training Specialist and Secretary of Defense Reengineering Excellence award recipient. Her personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with three gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and various other unit and service medals. Donna will share some of her experiences as the Commander of the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Accounting Command. Veterans from the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and the Wounded Warriors from Fort Belvoir will be attending as our honored guests. We are also honored to have the **Kings Park Band** at this dinner to entertain everyone with patriotic music – this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the band. A complimentary dinner will be provided to everyone in attendance. Please note that no alcoholic beverages will be served at this event out of respect for our special guests. Lodge members are encouraged to attend this dinner, and should be seated by 3:45 p.m. Please join us to pay tribute to America's veterans. **[Co-Chair Linda Gardner]**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## **HOLIDAY PUNCH TASTING -- Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The #2188 Veterans Committee is hosting a **Holiday Punch Tasting** on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Lounge -- just in time for holiday party planning! We will be serving a variety of punches, along with a sampling of holiday "goodies." For the mere cost of **\$10 per person (at the door)** you can enjoy this special event with other members and guests. A basket containing the liquors used in the punch recipes and appropriate accompaniments will be raffled at this event. All proceeds will be donated to the **USO Frozen Food Deliveries and the Friday Night Dinners for wounded service members**. This is another great way to support our Veterans Committee programs, get some fun holiday party ideas, and socialize with fellow Elks members. Early reservations are highly recommended so that we can provide enough goodies and punch for everyone. Please contact **Linda Gardner** at [lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net) or at (703) 636-6392 to get your name on the reservations list.

## **GOLF ASSOCIATION BANQUET – Friday, November 13, 2015**

Winners of the Masters, the Chairman's Trophy, and other accomplishments will be recognized at the **Golf Association Banquet** that will be held at the Lodge on **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Details regarding the Banquet have been provided to Golf Association members. The Banquet will include a cocktail hour, dinner, and the awards ceremony. **[Chairman Ron Murphy]**

## **BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM – Saturday, November 14, 2015**

Volunteers are needed to pack lunches on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to stay for two hours because we will be packing lunches for two months. Unfortunately, both Fuzzy and Ken are out-of-commission, so we will need volunteers who can load the car and put the December lunches into the stockroom. **[Fredi Hensley]**

## **WASHINGTON SAENGERBUND ANNUAL FALL DANCE -- Sunday, November 15, 2015**

Everyone is invited to attend this annual fall event to be held in the #2188 Ballroom at 6:00 p.m. There will be a concert, dinner, desserts, beer/wine, and dancing. Purchase tickets in advance @ \$30 (or \$25 for seniors/students) by contacting Mary Stradley at (703) 591-1640. Visit [www.saengerbund.org](http://www.saengerbund.org) for more information. **[Josef Schnabl at [jjschnabl@cox.net](mailto:jjschnabl@cox.net)]**

## **KNIT & CROCHET CIRCLE – Monday, November 16, 2015**

We will meet on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and would welcome anyone interested in joining us. **[Fredi Hensley]**

## **HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS – Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

Volunteers are needed on November 24<sup>th</sup> to perform numerous tasks involved with the annual **Holiday Food Baskets and Coat Donations Program**. Volunteers who can speak Spanish, Farsi or Korean are sorely needed. We also need donations of coloring books and crayons, stuffed animals, table linens, children's coats, hats and mittens. Please contact Ken or Fredi Hensley @ (703) 644-1149 if you wish to donate your time or offer gift items. Donations should be sent to the Lodge Secretary, marked for "Food Basket Program." It costs \$50 to sponsor a basket or to donate a Christmas Giant Gift Card.

## **THANKSGIVING DAY -- Thursday, November 26, 2015**

**THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY.** For many years, Americans observed Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November. Because the day after Thanksgiving marked the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt tried to move the holiday up in order to encourage higher retail sales. At the end of 1941, Congress officially changed the date of Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday in November. Because Thanksgiving is a federal holiday, it is observed by all levels of government, schools, public offices, and most businesses. Families gather together for a turkey dinner and assorted side dishes. Although many people also have Friday off, retail stores are open and it is one of the busiest shopping days of the entire year.

## **ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE – Sunday, December 5, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.**

Please put this special Lodge service on your calendar and plan to attend on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. An Elks Memorial ceremony will be performed by the Past Exalted Rulers of our Lodge to honor the members who have passed away since December 2014 to present. Pastor Charlie Wood of Mount Calvary Community Church will deliver the sermon, along with songs accompanied by Terry Lee Ryan (both members of our Lodge). At the conclusion of the service, a warm dinner will be provided for the families and members who attend. **[Chairman Rose Thiebaut]**

## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (2015–2016)

Virginia's own Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks from the Fredericksburg Lodge has set his ENF goal for each lodge member at \$4.65. Arlington-Fairfax currently has 676 members. So far **23** members have made an ENF donation -- that is **3.5%** of our membership. The Grand Lodge has started a new incentive for giving. If **15%** of our Lodge members make a contribution, they will give us an extra \$500 to our Gratitude Grant. That would make \$2,500! Last year we had 87 of our 714 members made a donation. That was only 12.2%. Let's strive for 100% participation this year. **As soon as you finish reading this article, take ten minutes to send in your support.** With everyone's help, we can give 1,200 new dictionaries to deserving Arlington and Fairfax County third graders again this year. You can make a contribution in one of **five** different ways: (1) Fill in the form below and send it to Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188; (2) Mail in a donation to the Elks National Foundation at 2750 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1884; (3) Sign up online at BPO Elks and get a password, and then start giving online at the ENF online giving center; (4) **If you are a federal worker and donate to the Combined Federal Campaign, please look up the Code Number and consider giving all or part of your contribution to the Elks** (where #2188 will receive credit); and (5) Give your donation directly to me, and I will send it in for you. Thanks for your support, and here's to another successful year. [ENF Chairman Tim Knotts]



### ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION FORM

Please make your check payable to the Elks National Foundation and mail it with this form to the Lodge Secretary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION (please mark): \$10\_\_ \$15\_\_ \$25\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$100\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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### State Major Project: Safety Glasses










Distributing safety glasses to schools is one of the State Major Projects of the Virginia Elks Association. The Association splits the cost of the safety glasses with the local Elks Lodges. This year over 10,000 pairs of safety glasses will be given to local schools by Virginia Elks Lodges. Make a charitable donation to the program with a check payable to "Arlington-Fairfax 2188" with the note "Safety Glasses" and mail it to the Lodge Secretary for processing (request a receipt for tax purposes). We already have a case of 144 pairs of goggles, and Chairman Tim Knotts is coordinating this effort.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS  
WITH BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER!!!!**

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

# NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT															
1  Annual Veterans Day Program 4:00 p.m.	2  BINGO!  Volunteers Needed!	3  VOTE in Virginia (polls open 6:00A to 7:00P)  BOARD MEETING 7:00P	4   Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Chicken Parmigiana)	5  BINGO!  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	6  USO Delivery  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Tom Saputo))	7  The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!  Holiday Punch Tasting 4:00 p.m.															
8   Redskins v. New England Patriots 1:00P Enjoy the game with others at #2188!	9  BINGO!  Volunteers Needed!	10 – Marine Corps Day  LODGE MEETING 7:30P	11 – Veterans Day  Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting 7:30P  Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib Night)	12  BINGO!  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	13  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Tom Saputo))  Golf Ass'n Banquet	14   I'm Bored! The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!															
15   Redskins v. New Orleans Saints 1:00P  WASHINGTON SAENGERBUND FALL DANCE @ 6:00P	16  BINGO!  Volunteers Needed!	17  Elks Auxiliary Daytime Activity 11:30A  BOARD MEETING 7:00P	18   Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (BBQ Ribs)	19  BINGO!  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	20  USO Delivery  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Lou Neeley))	21   I'm Bored! The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!															
22   Redskins v. Carolina Panthers 1:00P Enjoy the game with others at #2188!	23  BINGO!  Volunteers Needed!	24  Food Baskets & Coat Delivery  LODGE MEETING 7:30P	25  NO BUFFET  Lodge Will Close @ 7:00P	26  Thanksgiving Day  LODGE CLOSED  NO BINGO	27  NO DINNER or Entertainment  Lodge Will Close @ 7:00P	28   I'm Bored! The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!															
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**BINGO:** Monday & Thursday nights in the #2188 Ballroom – Early Birds 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P – bring friends!

Volunteers urgently needed for BINGO – on either MON or THU night to help out – **HELP!!!!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS:** Featuring choice of NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Lump Crab Cake every Friday



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