



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

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Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.



Greetings! I hope that everyone is doing well and staying healthy. We have a couple of important upcoming dates this month -- on February 9th we will hold nominations for officers and for a 5-year trustee chair – and if there is more than one nomination for any position, an election will be held on February 23rd. I am truly hoping we will be able to hold our meeting in person in the upstairs Ballroom with all safety precautions in place. Details will be provided via e-blast.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding this past year. All of us have had to endure and persevere through very troubled times and even through personal loss. However, through it all, we will see a brighter future and be able to welcome each other back to enjoy life as it once was.

Please be sure to call or visit the Fairfax County Health Department's COVID website to find information about available vaccines and how to schedule yours. There is a registration list, and it is best to sign up as soon as possible for the County to schedule an appointment as vaccines become available. Reach out to the Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan if you need assistance. Be safe.

The Lodge is moving forward in its renovations. The Ballroom bar will be completed in the coming weeks. It looks fantastic so far and I am sure everyone will be pleased with the result. This improvement will serve our rental guests and the Lodge well for years to come.

In closing, I want you all to know how proud I am of every member that has worked with me and supported me this year. Your love for the Lodge and commitment will be remembered. Thank you! **[Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler]**



ELK OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2021

The Elk of the Month is **PER Patti Graves**. Patti not only supports many Lodge activities but also has been involved with the Veterans Committee's USO program at Reagan National Airport (for many years), and most recently the Fort Meyer USO. She is truly amazing and brings so much pride to our Lodge. Thank you for all you do in supporting the Lodge and our USO program.

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Who We Are

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Secretary: Jan Sullivan (703) 560-2188, Ext. 2
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Tiler: Albert Cervantes
Esquire: PER Laurie Fearis
Chaplain: Georgianna Knotts
Inner Guard: Mark Kaplon
Presiding Justice: Peter Davenport

TRUSTEES 2020-2021

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

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Auditing: Brett Mullins/ Brian Singleton/ Albert Cervantes
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Public Relations: Rose Thiebaut (Newsletter "The Elks Horn")
and Jan Sullivan/Rose Thiebaut (E-Mail News Flashes)

For the **Grand Lodge newsletter**, go to www.elks.org to create an account.

For the **Virginia Elks Association newsletter**, go to www.virginiaelks.org to sign up.

WiFi is available at the Lodge. Please see the bartender-on-duty for the Access Code.

Are you on **active duty** with the U.S. military? Contact the Lodge Secretary for details concerning membership dues.

Membership

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

News from Club Manager John Hyde



As I was updating our 2021 event calendar, it dawned on me that I should remind our #2188 Elks members that banquet availability is very limited this year. Many of our 2020 bookings have been carried over to 2021, leaving fewer open dates. If you have any events that you would like schedule, please reach out to me so that we can get the dates reserved asap. As you can imagine, Saturdays in Spring and early summer are in high demand.

This year I want to encourage our members to take advantage of our beautiful Patio. With the fountain, fire pit, and covered tent, it is truly a great environment to hold your next function. The board has worked hard to improve the grounds in anticipation of a busy Spring and Summer. After such a long and difficult winter, now is the time to start planning all those events that have been put on hold. Finally, do not forget that all members in good standing get the preferred rate when booking rooms at the Lodge. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to place a booking. *[John Hyde (Club Manager)]*

****CHECK YOUR EMAILS REGULARLY FOR LODGE UPDATES****



ATTENTION MEMBERS: At the February 9 Lodge Meeting, we will hold nominations for Lodge officers and a 5-year Trustee for the upcoming Elks Year 2021-2022.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Minutes of Lodge Membership Meetings and Board Meetings will no longer be posted on our website. If any member wishes to receive a copy of the Minutes to either meeting, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

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



If you need to see me during the weekday, please call me at (703) 560-2188 (ext. 2) to schedule a meeting.

ELKS COVID-19 face masks (with adjustable ear straps) available @ \$10 each in the Secretary's office.



BYLAWS

The Bylaws have been sent to the Grand Lodge for their approval. If you would like a copy of the current bylaws, you can go our Lodge's virtual home page at www.elks.org and download them. If you have problems with the download, contact the Lodge Secretary and she can send you a copy.

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS

Please continue to remember our members who are staying safe at home this winter. Consider sending them a note, email, or give them a phone call to let them know we are thinking of them.

INITIATION:

There was no Initiation in January. The next Initiation will be held on February 16.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

Chap Petersen

Building Fund Donors:

Joe Archuleta
Craig Beals
Chris Fialkovich
Robert Anderson
Ron Earyes
Mark Quigley

Dan Burnett
Joe Tipped
Raquel Jordan
Chap Petersen
John Schneider

MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

Please note that while the Lodge social quarters are closed, the Secretary and Treasurer are still working. If you need to speak with the Secretary, please call her office at (703) 560-2188, option 2, and leave a message. She will contact you.

Dues

If you are on the Delinquent list from last year, you should have received a renewal notice from the new Billing Renewal Program at the Grand Lodge. A huge "Thank You" to all the members who have sent in their dues for 2020-2021. Thank you also to all those who have given extra money for the Elks National Foundation, Charity, and Building Reserve Funds. We have whittled down the list of delinquent members and those members names appear below. If you know anyone on this list who may need assistance, please let the Secretary know. If you are on this list by mistake, please notify the Secretary at once.

Please note that if you have not paid your dues for the 2020-2021 year (current year) by the 15th of March, your name will be dropped from our Roster.

John Abaunza
Lia Arias
Kevin Ball
David Ballard
Jack Barrett
Peter Barrett
Blanca Bermudez
Robert Bonner
Wanda Bonnnycastle
Sean Collins
Charles Constantino
Leonard Dileo
Mark Duke
John Eggerton
Donna Fujiwara
Diane Godding
Salvatore Guardino
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James Herder
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Sallie Hudson
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David Morrison
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Joseph Regotti
Michael Robinson
Carol Schwartz
Roy Seger
Jewel Shea
Kenneth Sylvester
Kaveh Soltani
Linda Sullivan
Mollie Swicegood
Michael Wydro

Email Addresses

Thank you to all who have updated their email addresses with the Secretary. Please continue to send any changes to her at secretary@bpoe2188.org. Email messages are the best way to keep in touch during this time of social distancing and you will not want to miss all the latest news of our Lodge. To save the Lodge money, we are trying to shorten the list of people who receive *The Elks Horn* by regular mail, so unless it is an absolute necessity that you receive it by mail, please consider getting it via eblast -- it is the quicker way to go. It is sent out immediately via email while it sometimes takes a week or more to receive the newsletter by U.S. mail.

GUIDELINES FOR LODGE E-BLASTS (ELECTRONIC NEWS FLASHES)

To simplify sending notices to our membership online concerning Club and Lodge events, and to end confusion from misinformation being sent, we have put the following procedures in place: (1) One person per event should

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

EBLAST NOTE: If you are not receiving eblasts, but have given me your email address, check your spam or junk mail. When I put your name into the constant Contact list, a confirmation email will go out asking you to confirm your address. You need to respond that it is okay to get the messages. I find there are still some who have not responded to a confirmation request.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Steve Thiebaut, Chairman)



As always, I hope this message finds you and your families in good health during these difficult times. It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of February with the new Lodge year just around the corner.

We have spent the better part of the year adjusting to new norms and regulations in our personal lives as well as at the Lodge. Unfortunately, last month we had to make the difficult decision to temporarily close the Lodge and are committed to reopen the Lodge later this month. On a positive note, during the shutdown, we have made great progress with the Ballroom bar renovations and should be completed within the next couple weeks.

Looking ahead for our Lodge to be successful in 2021 and beyond, Elks #2188 will need and rely on increased participation of our valued membership. The Lodge will be better positioned for success with your support and of Lodge events, lunches, dinners, and takeout orders.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 guidelines and communicate to the membership any significant changes to the local restrictions that may impact Lodge operations. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this time as we all work together for the safety of our membership, staff, and guests. Hope to see you soon at the Lodge! **[PER Steven Thiebaut, Chairman of the Board]**

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time for our annual meeting and election of officers. Nominations for Lodge Officers for the 2021-2022 year will be called for at our meeting on February 9, 2021, as follows:

- Exalted Ruler
- Esteemed Leading Knight
- Esteemed Loyal Knight
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 5-Year Trustee

If you are interested in becoming a Lodge Officer, please come to the February 9 meeting and either have a friend nominate you or place yourself on the ballot. If you have questions about the duties of these Officer positions, check the Bylaws online at:

<https://www.elks.org/lodges/bylaws.cfm?lodgeNumber=2188>.

VETERANS COMMITTEE (Patti Graves & Rose Thiebaut, Co-Chairs)

Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188 has EXPANDED their support of the USO to include deliveries to the Fort Meyer Honor Guard USO

The challenges due to Covid-19 continue with limited services allowed at the USO Reagan National Airport, per State and Airport Authority requirements. However, Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188 continues to provide support by using creative measures they established in late summer. Thirteen boxes of frozen sandwiches/food were delivered to the Fort Meyer Honor Guard USO on January 6, 2021. (The Fort Meyer USO is not under Airport Authority, and therefore, is able to continue as a full-service USO.) This USO facility has an average of 125 visitors per day. This includes the funeral service Honor Guards from all service branches, who participate in 3-4 funerals per day at Arlington National Cemetery. They often stop in at the USO before or after the funeral service to both relax and recharge.

Elks #2188 is also continuing support for the USO at Reagan National Airport by providing \$15 gift cards that can be used at an airport food vendor/kiosk, such as Dunkin Donuts or Chick-fil-A. With Airport Authority restricting their services during Covid-19, these gift cards will ensure our traveling military/veterans members can still receive a hot, nourishing meal as they await their flight. Twenty \$15 gift cards were delivered to the Reagan National USO on January 24, 2020. The gift cards include a note to provide the Internet addresses for Elks.org and the A-F 2188 website.

We continue to receive exceptionally positive feedback that these programs are making a difference for our traveling military members and veterans. When taking the picture at the Fort Meyer USO, one of the servicemen who volunteered to be in the picture was so excited, he had a picture taken with his camera so he could send to his Mom. (How fun!)



1st Picture: (December Reagan National Airport Delivery) New USO Manager Dencil Harrison, PER Patti Graves, and USO volunteer; **2nd Picture:** (Fort. Meyer Delivery) PSYCP Georgianna Knotts and PSP Tim Knotts; **3rd Picture:** (Fort Meyer Delivery) Two Servicemen with PSYCP Georgianna Knotts, PER Patti Graves and PSP Tim Knotts; **4th Picture:** (Reagan National Airport Delivery) PER Patti Graves and USO Volunteer Christine.

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



Work on the 2021 Golf Schedule is in the initial stage. For the most part we will play the same courses as in previous seasons. We have a goal to not play two weeks in a row but play every other Monday. Circumstances may dictate otherwise occasionally, for example, holidays or a pandemic. Hopefully, we will all be vaccinated by the first event. So, we will continue to play on Mondays and have shotgun starts. Sign-up procedures will remain unchanged. A reminder email will be sent a week before the event with pertinent instructions and interested players need to reply by the Thursday preceding it. All Elks #2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who choose not to join may play in individual events as guests. We hope to have the schedule and membership application ready for inclusion in the March Horn.



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hope your birthday
is as awesome
as you are!



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NEWS FLASHES: Do we have your current email address? Also, to receive the important News Flashes and/or the monthly Elks Horn newsletter by email, you must contact the Lodge Secretary to be included on the email distribution list.

DID YOU KNOW? If you are over the age of 65 and have been a member of the Elks for 30 years or more, you qualify for Life Membership. If you do qualify, please contact the Lodge Secretary to request Life Membership. It is not done automatically so you must first submit your request to the Lodge Secretary, who will then bring your request before a Lodge meeting for approval by the membership. Upon approval, you will be notified by the Lodge Secretary.



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Elks Care and Elks Share.”

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