



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

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JANUARY 2017 EDITION

Message from the Exalted Ruler



First let me say *Happy New Year* to everyone. I am looking forward to 2017 as another exciting and productive year. We finished the month of December strong with a festive **Open House** and **Christmas Ball** on Saturday, December 17th, and a **New Year's Eve Ball** on Saturday, December 31st. The Lodge was filled with the feeling of celebration. I would like to thank Tom Lotfabadi, Jay Singer, Frank Burns, Jan Sullivan, and everyone else who have helped close the 2016 year with a bang. Now 2017 brings new opportunities to our Lodge. We are in the process of looking for new officers to lead us into the next Elks Year. The calendar year and Elks Year are on a different time line. Our new officers will take their oath of office on April 1, 2017. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, come to one or both Lodge meetings in January (on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays) and check it

out. Those who do not attend have been missing a good time. The meetings are open to all members and are where everything is decided upon for the Lodge. You are missing out on one of the most exciting parts of being an Elk. You can also call PER Jim Weed at (703) 860-4894. Jim is serving as Chairman of our Nominating Committee. We need your help and ideas.

I would like to thank **Sammy Roth** for his exciting night as the Guest Bartender for December. It was a time to remember. We will have a Surprise Guest Bartender for January, so mark your calendar for January 18, 2017. Be there between 5:00P–8:00P to enjoy the fun, fellowship and excitement, and you can also enjoy the Wednesday Night Dinner special. In addition, bring your spouse and friends out for the Friday Night Dinner (with live entertainment) and experience a really good time with everyone.



Georgianna and I are now proud grandparents for the first time. On December 15th, **Maxwell James Knotts** came into our world at 8 lbs-2 oz and 21-½ inches long. Our son Nathan and daughter-in-law Katy are doing well, but are very much sleep deprived.

I am giving recognition for the **January Elk of the Month to Jan Sullivan**. She has gone well past her duties as Secretary of the Lodge, and has made my job as Exalted Ruler a whole lot easier -- I am glad she has my back. Thank you, Jan!

I hope you will all have a very happy and prosperous New Year. Come out and join us in the Lodge activities, membership meetings, and to enjoy just plain old fun in the Lounge. There is something for most everyone, and if we need to improve in any area, please let us know. Until next time, I hope to see you around the Lodge. [Exalted Ruler Tim Knotts]

Who We Are

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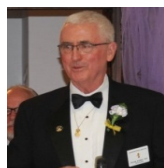


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For the **Virginia Elks Association newsletter**, go to www.virginiaelks.org to sign up.

WiFi is available at the Lodge. Please see the bartender 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

LODGE MEETINGS: Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month – please attend.

KNIT & CROCHET CIRCLE: Meets the third Monday of each month – 11:00A to 2:00P – please join the group!

Back Pack Lunch Program: Volunteers from our Lodge 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. It's truly fun and rewarding.

Darts & Queen of Hearts – Held on Thursday Nights

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:

3 games every Saturday in January

Games are at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & TURKEY FRY AT #2188 – Sunday, February 5, 2017
\$20 Cover Charge – “Honky Tonk Confidential” -- Food Served at 4:30P
SUPER BOWL Game Begins 6:30P (ET)

DINNER DANCES at #2188 (2017)

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; parties are casual events

DATE (2017)	EVENT	BAND
February 11	Valentine's/ENF Dance	Helmut Licht
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.



Special recognition goes to member Art Wyman who many of you have seen around the Lodge, either at leisure in the Lounge or roaming around the room at an event taking pictures of members and guests enjoying a special time together. Art is our *ex officio* photographer and we all want to let him know how much we appreciate his contributions to the Lodge. His pictures memorialize the great happenings at #2188. Thank you, Art!

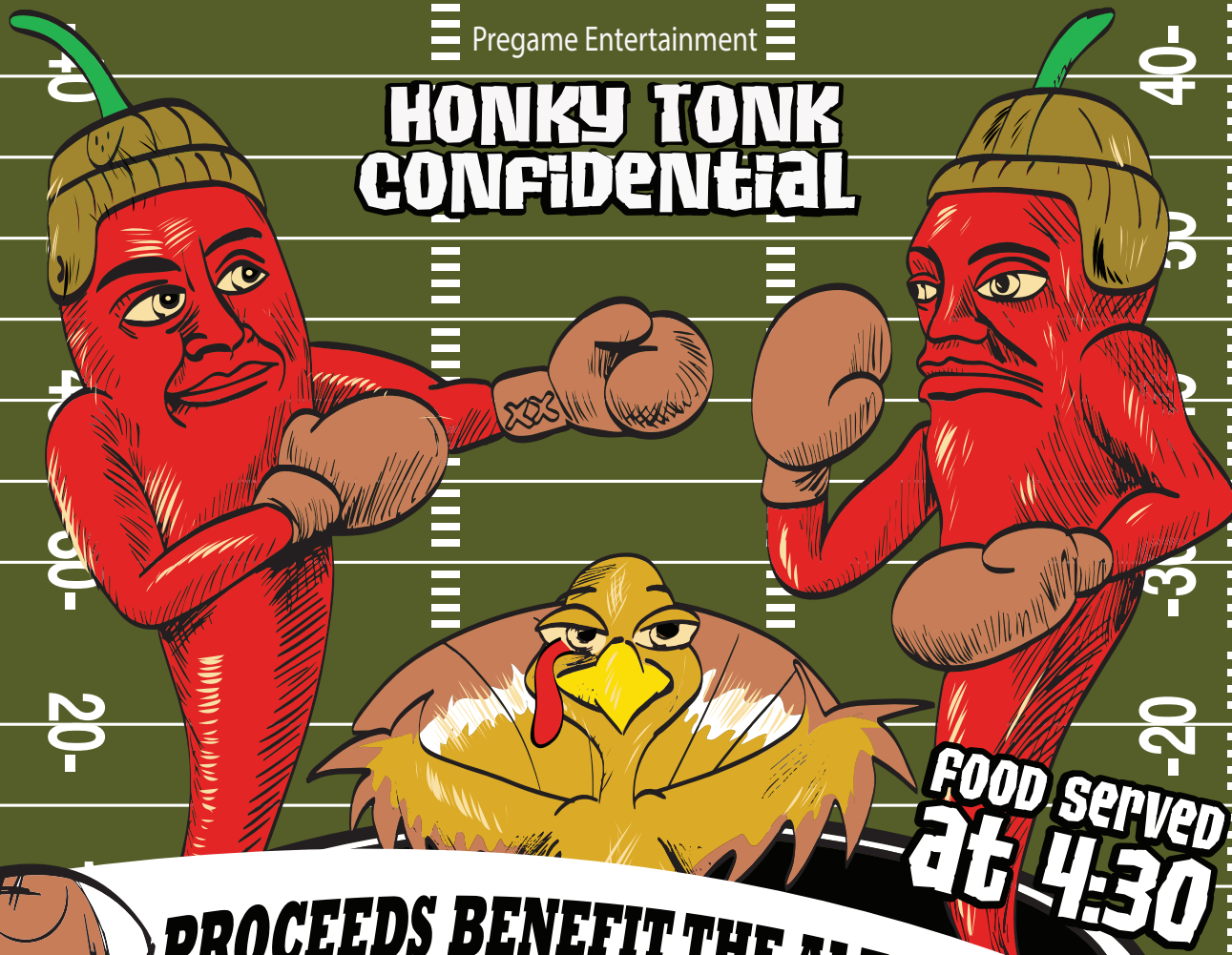
**Super Bowl
Sunday**

Annual **CHILI COOK-OFF**

& TURKEY FRY

≡ Pregame Entertainment ≡

**HONKY TONK
CONFIDENTIAL**



**Food served
at 4:30**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALEETHIA FOUNDATION

\$20.00
Cover Charge

BINGO VOLUNTEER CORNER (Bingo Chairman Susan Lyon)



As we say goodbye to 2016 and greet 2017 with an enthusiastic "Hello!" Elks Lodge #2188 wishes to thank our fabulous **Bingo Volunteers** for a job well done! You all contributed to creating a fun atmosphere for our Bingo players and helping make a significant financial contribution to the tender-loving care of the Lodge. Bingo would not exist without our dedicated volunteers stepping up to the cause consistently throughout the year. We are a little 'family' of special and often unrecognized members who help the Lodge **stay alive and thrive**. Please consider joining us in 2017. Special thanks also to the **Pull Tabs Team** (Larry Lindquist, Don Weber, Art Wyman, Brett Mullins, Gary Indre and Dan Olivieri) for their hard work! **Happy New Year To All and God Bless Elks Lodge #2188!**

GOLF NEWS – "Par for the Course" (Chairman Ron Murphy)



Planning for next golf season has begun. Representatives from Elks #2188, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus have started work on the 2017 schedule. For the most part, we will be playing the usual courses, however, expect some changes. Currently, we plan to open play on April 3 and close on October 16. Our events again will be held on Mondays and have shotgun starts. We will continue with the same sign-up procedures as last season. Players will need to sign-in the Thursday preceding the event. A reminder email will be sent a week before with appropriate instructions. Sign-in can be accomplished by email or by calling the tournament director. All #2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who choose to not join may play individual events as guests. We hope to have the schedule and membership application ready for inclusion in the February Horn. **[Ron Murphy, Golf Chairman]**

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB



The Club has purchased new wine glasses for the Lounge that have markings for a 6-oz. pour and a 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. If you prefer to have an 8-oz. glass of wine the charge will be a little higher than the 6-oz. of wine.

From the Past Exalted Rulers Association

As long as I have been a member, Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 has sent a Ritual Team to compete at the Grand Lodge Convention each year. Funds raised via the Friday Night 50/50's and Guest Bartender Nights have accumulated throughout the year to help off-set the costs for this competition. Since we won't be sending a Ritual Team to this year's Convention or next, the PER's have voted to disburse those funds to charitable endeavors that are not being funded by the Lodge budget but by Member donations or Fundraisers. Those include, but are not limited to, the USO Fund, the Back Pack Lunch Fund, the Safety Glasses Fund, the VA Elks Association Trust Fund, and we have even donated to help the Lodge purchase the patio tent. Please continue to be as generous or more generous as you see fit when a PER or Member volunteer asks you to purchase tickets on Friday nights or when tipping for the Wednesday Guest Bartender Nights. **[Laurie Fearis, PER Association President]**

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

May you stay forever young. -- Bob Dylan

RECENT EVENTS HELD AT #2188

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS & COATS PROGRAM

#2188 held its Annual Holiday Food Baskets & Coats Program on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, from 8:00A to 7:00P. The Lodge helped nearly fifty (50) needy families in our local community. This is one of the largest charitable programs that we are involved in each year. Each family received a turkey and a box of food items that would feed them for several days. They also had the opportunity to choose a coat for themselves and every member of their family. In addition to the coats, there were gloves, scarves, mittens, and toys for the families. A Giant Food gift card was given to each group for their December Holiday Celebration. Many thanks go out to our Club staff and over thirty (30) Elks volunteers for their many hours of work to make this one of the best projects of the year. Thanks to everyone!



HOLIDAY SPECIAL at #2188



The **Santa and Singing Elves Show** was held on **Friday December 2, 2016** at the Friday Night Dinner in the Lounge. It was a great Christmas sing-a-long event with **Tom Saputo** at the keyboard and **Mark Richards** as MC and the surprise Santa. In addition, everyone brought in new (unwrapped) toys for the "Toys for Tots" collection box in the Lounge. It was a very successful and fun evening. **[Mark & Linda Richards]**



ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE at #2188

HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 AT 4:00P IN THE FAIRFAX ROOM. Members and guests came together to honor the memory of those members of our Lodge who have passed away during the year. Organized by PER Rose Thiebaut. Elegantly performed by PERs Bob Goolrick, Everett Parris, Tim Knotts, Tom Thiebaut, Vernon Gardener, Jim Weed, Laurie Fearis, and Brenda Slingerland. Photos taken by Art Wyman. Guest Speaker Pastor Charlie Wood provided a very inspirational and moving message to the families, guests, friends and members in the audience. Singers Terry Lee Ryan, Byl Walker and Matt Lanham (also from Mount Calvary Community Church in Alexandria, VA) sang beautiful and inspiring songs. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner after the ceremony, prepared by Chef Jay Singer, and served by his great staff.



Our Departed Members from 2016

Robert Milligan (May 29, 2015)
Robert L. Bateman (October 24, 2015)
John James Robinson (November 30, 2015)
William E. Hixenbaugh, PER (December 24, 2015)
Robert W. Stuckey (January 6, 2016)
Charles ("Eddie") Edward Camper (February 22, 2016)
Claude Franklin Alley (March 21, 2016)
Genevieve Respass (April 20, 2016)
Marianne Vail (May 5, 2016)
Sherry Lynn Davenport (May 5, 2016)

John D. Sullivan (May 9, 2016)
John A. Baldwin (May 17, 2016)
John M. Fairfax, Jr., PER (May 23, 2016)
Charles L. Mills (June 4, 2016)
John A. Krytusa (July 20, 2016)
Robert Gene Dillon (August 17, 2016)
Charles R. Bowmaster (October 22, 2016)
Henry F. Kulesza (October 29, 2016)
Salvatore ("Sal") Guardino (November 9, 2016)
Michael R. Thompson (November 16, 2016)

"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."



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT #2188



On Sunday, December 18th over 60 children and the "jolly man" himself were spotted at #2188. It was the day of our annual Children's Christmas Party. They were entertained by the fabulous Blue Sky Puppet Theater, ate hot dogs, chips, punch, cookies and ice cream, and got a chance to sit with Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes. Santa, as usual, also had an early Christmas present for each child. This year our party once again expanded to include the community with our food basket families receiving invitations. Many people helped make the day run smoothly. Of course, Santa (a/k/a Tim Knotts) was the star of the show. His helpers Patti Graves, Laurie Fearis, Rose Thiebaut and Athena Louie kept the children entertained while they waited to see Santa, passed out Beanie Babies and helped them on and off his lap. Helping with the food line were Louise Christie, Sharon Dunfrund, Joan Gavin, Mary Graves and Barbara Wagner. Hope Marshall and Alicia Pome greeted the families and passed out numbers. Many thanks to Mary Graves for donating the Beanie Babies and Georgianna Knotts for helping Santa with the shopping! Huge thanks to the staff who prepared the food. Finally as usual kudos to the Elks Auxiliary who helped Santa by wrapping all of the gifts! **[Barbara Marshall]**

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS AT #2188

Held on Sunday, December 18th. Spina Bifida is the most common permanently disabling birth defect in the U.S. Every day, about 8 babies are born with Spina Bifida or a similar birth defect of the brain and spine. Our Lodge is very proud to include the Spina Bifida Association in our annual Christmas celebrations for children. Pictured below are PER Tom Thiebaut, Santa (a/k/a "RC") and PER Frank Burns as they presented our Lodge's donation to Jill Hill (President of the Spina Bifida Association of the National Capital Area).



Annual Christmas Ball at #2188

Held on Saturday, December 17th with the music of Frank Napoli

MONDAY LUNCH WITH “FRIENDS”



The very successful startup lunch for this new venue was held on Monday, December 19th, and will continue every Monday thereafter, where members can meet for lunch at 12:00N in the Lounge area. You can order a nice lunch from the bar menu, and enjoy fun conversation and laughter with others. It's a nice way to be with fellow Lodge members and for new members to meet us. And you will be supporting the Lodge as well. The invitation is open to any member who is interested, and it sure beats eating alone at home or elsewhere. [Grace Kayatta, Maria Jordan, and Rose Thiebaut]

GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT – Held on Wednesday, DEC 21, 2016



SAMMY ROTH was the Guest Bartender on December 21st. Featured drinks included “Mulled Wine” and “Hot Toddy” prepared by Sammy. It was such a fun time, enjoyed by all who attended.

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, #2188 will feature a different guest bartender who will be serving a special concoction. Make plans to attend and enjoy a future Guest Bartender Night event. Your support is appreciated.



CHRISTMAS WITH TERRY LEE RYAN: On Friday, December 23rd, Terry Lee Ryan presented a Christmas show for all to enjoy during the Friday Night Dinner. Very good turnout and everyone had a wonderful time.

New Year's Eve Ball at #2188

Held on Saturday, December 31st with the music of Mike Surratt

News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan jsullivan@bpoe2188.org



CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

USO: Gary Indre / Laurie Fearis

Back Pack Lunches: Laurie Fearis/ Bingo Raffle Basket netted \$144

MEMBERSHIP

In the future, pursuant to a Board decision from 2011, the names of new applicants to our Lodge membership will be posted on the Members Bulletin Board in the Lounge/social quarters.



Welcome New Members!

Exalted Ruler Tim Knotts welcomes new members (l-r) Donna Fujiwara, Patrick Sequi, Jonna S. Wooten, and Chris Hedge.

Initiated Monday, December 19, 2016

IN MEMORIAM

- Henry F. Kulesza (passed away October 29, 2016)
- Michael R. Thompson (passed away November 16, 2016)
- Richard Britton (passed away December 1, 2016; father of member Lisa Stevens)

"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

- Jennifer Ryan (wife of member Terry Lee Ryan) is recovering well after surgery
- Luis Lazarte (husband of member Marti Lazarte)

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

MEMBERSHIP PRIMER:

I have received many comments from prospective members and candidates concerning the process of becoming a member of our Lodge. I thought it might be helpful to remind everyone of the steps we each have taken to become a member. If you have any questions, please contact Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan.

1. An application blank must be completely filled out and given to the Lodge Secretary, with the application fee of \$40. If the candidate is under the age of 26, their application fee is only \$20.
2. The Application blank has confused some of our members. The member *proposing* (i.e., sponsoring) the new candidate must fill in the top portion of the blank, where it says "Proposer." The candidate fills in the remainder starting with "Proposes."
3. The Secretary will send the candidate a letter enclosing a Receipt showing they have paid the application fees, and entitling them admission to the lodge during their candidacy.
4. The application will be read at the next meeting after it is received. The second meeting after receipt, the candidate will be voted on.
5. After the ballots have been cast, and the candidates elected, the Secretary will send a letter setting forth the date for their orientation and initiation, and telling them the amount of their pro rata dues for the remainder of the year. Until they get that letter, or an email, they are not to show up for initiation. We may have one while they are in process, but it does not mean all new candidates are ready for initiation. All members are encouraged to attend the initiation.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

We have whittled down the Delinquent Member list greatly, but there are still several members who have not paid. Thank you to all who have responded. A final list appears below, and is a final opportunity to pay before being removed from our membership rolls. If you do not have a light green card that shows the "expiration date" of 4/1/2017, you are delinquent. If you know of any member who is delinquent, please have them contact me as to whether they wish to continue or not. **Remember:** if you propose someone for membership, you should continue to keep in touch with them and encourage them to renew their dues if they are on this list. If you do not know whether you have sponsored someone, please give me a call.

Mirza Baig
Peter Barrett
Patricia Brasseur
Ted Farran
Chris Fialkovich
Alice Fontana
Mark Harford
Jay Hern
Joseph Holland
Lee Jacobs
Richmond Miller
Erik Milman

Michael James Perry (**NOTE:** not the singer)
Henry A. Peterson, Jr.
John R. Purkat
Donald Puskar
John Scomardi
James Sharp
Judy Strang
Cynthia Tallia
Victor Weedn
Tanya Wiertalla
Linda Wilson
William L. Yarborough

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



For those who have read my articles in the past, I have emphasized that I strongly believe that if we as Elks are going to survive as a charitable organization, we need to change our business model. We need to find new sources of revenue since the old revenue streams are either disappearing or declining. Let me give you an example. We have two very worthwhile charitable causes, the Backpack Lunch Program for school children in need where we pack approximately 80 lunches monthly so the children have food to eat on weekends. There is also the Veterans USO Food Delivery Program where we deliver food, twice a month, to the USO at Reagan National Airport for veterans and active military personnel where they can grab something to eat while traveling. Both programs were originally funded with grants awarded by the Elks National Foundation. This year, we did not receive a grant for either program, so the programs are being funded directly by our Lodge. Finding new grants and funding will be critical in the continuation of these programs. Another way that we can change how we do business is to start partnerships with other organizations so that we are not assuming all the financial burden. Recently, during the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program, a non-profit group provided linens and other household items that the recipients of the Thanksgiving food baskets could take with them, along with the food and coats our members had provided. For the month of December, we have a partnership going with the World Tavern Poker League (our Saturday night poker group) where approximately 5 poker venues are collecting canned food each week from the participating players and donating them to our Lodge for distribution to those in need. By the end of the drive, we will have collected over 500 pounds of food. This food will be donated in January when holiday giving has ended and the families need it most. As I frequently say, it is nice that we donate the Thanksgiving baskets, but people are not just hungry around the holidays -- they need to eat, all year. In January, we will join at least one (possibly two) local Chambers of Commerce with the goal being to develop additional business partnerships to help us complete our charitable goals. Many of these businesses have grants available to non-profits and they may be a source for recruiting new members. Finally, as we start to develop these partnerships, it is also important to improve our public relations outreach so that the non-Elks community becomes more aware of all the important work we do. **[Board Chairman Roy Seabolt]**

HELP WANTED: If anyone has public relations experience or grant-writing experience, please contact me directly.

Calling All Elks

Now that Christmas and New Year's Eve have come and gone, we are embarking on the last quarter of the 2016–2017 Elks Year. Most importantly, the **Election of Officers** is just around the corner. Officers will be nominated at the first meeting in February (FEB 14) and elected at the second meeting (FEB 28). I have agreed to serve as the Exalted Ruler for the 2017–2018 Elks Year. We have other Past Exalted Rulers who can be the other officers. Although the existing officers and PERs have done a very good job of leading our Lodge in the past, we need new ideas, enthusiasm, and new leadership to continue to move our Lodge forward. Do you have new ideas for projects or activities for the Lodge? Would you like to become a part of the Lodge leadership team and learn more about the Elks organization and Ritual? Would you like an opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills? If so, I encourage you to consider being one of our officers next year. **There are 8 Lodge Officers:** the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Esquire, Chaplin, Inner Guard, and Tiler. The only requirement to run for office is to be a Lodge member in good standing. Alicia Pome has stated a desire to be Lecturing Knight, and Pamela McCarthy would like to be Chaplin. I ask all members (new and old) who have not ever served as an officer to consider becoming an officer of the Lodge. If you would like to discuss these possibilities, please give me a call or see me at the Lodge. **[Jim Weed (703) 860-4894 and Jweed123@comcast.net]**

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

One more trip was made in 2016 to the Martinsburg VA Hospital Center on Friday, December 30th to host (along with the Knights of Columbus-Annandale Chapter) the Bingo games for our veterans who reside at the Center. It is always a rewarding experience for our volunteers, and our effort brings many kind comments and smiles from the veterans who enjoy our Bingo games. We also bring along items (i.e., paperbacks, CDs and videotapes, board games, back-scratchers, playing cards, etc.) for the players to take with them to their rooms at the end of the evening. Kudos to Patti Graves, Maria Jordan, Kathy Showker, and the Knights of Columbus volunteers who made the December 30th trip.



#2188 continues to support our traveling military and veterans who come through Reagan National Airport by providing frozen foods to the USO facility at the airport. It is a small facility where only a refrigerator/freezer unit can be accommodated, providing no space for a large freezer. Although this means

bi-weekly food deliveries are needed to keep the freezer stocked for our traveling military and veterans, #2188 is up to the challenge. **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 assisting in a future USO food delivery, please contact Patti Graves at gpgraves@msn.com. If 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.**

News from the Elks Auxiliary (President Tim Knotts) elktim@gmail.com



The #2188 Elks Auxiliary finished the year with a bang. We had our **Christmas Wine & Cheese** meeting on December 14th with a long table full of delicious food, holiday tunes on the CD player, lively conversation, and good fellowship amongst all the 45 members and guests who attended. At our Daytime Meeting luncheon on December 20th, we had our annual Gift Exchange/Yankee Swap. The gifts were great, the swapping was fast and furious, and the Spirit of Christmas filled the air. We all left with the joy of the Season and the hope for a wonderful family weekend. I would like to wish a **Happy New Year** to everyone! The Elks Auxiliary is hard at work selecting their new officers for the upcoming year (which begins April 1, 2017). If you would like to serve as an officer this year, please contact me and I will pass your name on to the nominating chairperson. The Auxiliary is ready for your ideas and leadership.



Georgianna and I are now grandparents. **Maxwell James Knotts** came into our family on December 15, 2016, weighting in at 8 lbs and 2 oz. He was 21-½ inches long and doing fine. Nathan and Katy are doing well and adjusting their sleeping times to accommodate Max's sleeping habits. What a wonderful addition to our family.

As always, we are looking for new members. Give me a call and we can get you signed up to meet new friends, share lunch, work on committees, and feel really good about yourself. Hope to see you around the Lodge soon.

[Tim Knotts, President of Elks Auxiliary]

VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP (Barbara Marshall, Youth Activity Chairman)



CAMPER OF THE YEAR FOR THE VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP: Our Lodge is very proud of our Camper of the Year, Cesar Solórzano! Before the opening of the December 13th Lodge meeting, Cesar was presented his award by Lodge Camp Director Barbara Marshall and Exalted Ruler Tim Knotts, PER. His parents and School Counselor Mary Durgala (from Pine Spring Elementary) accompanied him. Lodge officers and other members congratulated Cesar for a job well done.

Cesar was a returning camper in 2016 and hopes one day to return as a counselor. Pictured here are Mary Durgala (School Counselor at Pine Spring Elementary School), Barbara Marshall (Youth Activity Chairman), Mrs. Solórzano, Cesar Solórzano (Camper of the Year), Mr. Solórzano, and Tim Knotts (Exalted Ruler).

NOTE FROM THE SOLÓRZANO FAMILY: Thank you so much. One thing that I want the Elks Lodge to know is that they do a wonderful job for the community. Had it not been for that room full of generous leaders, kids like my son wouldn't experience a summer camp. They finance an expensive trip and they are the people behind the scenes that make these memories last. Every parent is oblivious to the work involved to make all this possible and that needs to change. I don't know if it ever comes back to the Elks Lodge financially. God willing it does -- it's reaching out to the kids that get a beautiful chance to spend their time doing something positive. My gratitude goes out to everyone involved. It was a pleasure meeting the president and accepting the award with my son. I am still overwhelmed. I'm happy that my son was able to bring recognition to your program and show that the youth in this area can be a positive influence. But it's only because you all believe in doing what is right. From my family to yours, thank you and happy holidays. You guys rock!

Elks #2188 Helps Legacy Scholar Renew Scholarship



We helped "Legacy Scholarship" recipient **Martha Durkee-Neuman** renew her scholarship. Martha fulfilled her volunteer requirement by helping with our Monday Night Bingo. She worked on the floor verifying winning cards. Martha attends Northeastern University in Boston, but is currently in Washington, D.C. doing an internship. She was very excited to help out in the program that is the major source of revenue for our charities. She also commented that she has enjoyed seeing different Elks lodges since the first year she volunteered in her home state of Washington -- last year in Boston, and now in Virginia.

** JANUARY 2017 **

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT															
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY  Redskins v. Giants (4:25P) Food & Drink Specials	2  Volunteers Needed!	3 BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	4 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Roast Pork Loin)	5  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	6 USO Delivery FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Grilled Crab Cake) [Tom Saputo]	7  POKER 1 ST Session: 3:00P 2 nd Session 5:00P 3 RD Session: 7:00P															
8	9  Volunteers Needed!	10 LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	11 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib) Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting (7:30P)	12  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	13 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Salmon) [Terry Lee Ryan]	14  POKER 1 ST Session: 3:00P 2 nd Session 5:00P 3 RD Session: 7:00P															
15	16 Knit & Crochet (10:00A)  Volunteers Needed!	17 Elks Auxiliary Luncheon Bring-a-Dish (11:30A) BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	18 Guest Bartender Night (5:00P-8:00P) WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Chicken Parmigiana)	19  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	20 USO Delivery FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Shrimp & Pasta) (Tom Saputo)	21  POKER 1 ST Session: 3:00P 2 nd Session 5:00P 3 RD Session: 7:00P															
22	23  Volunteers Needed!	24 LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	25 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Pepper Steak)	26  	27 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Orange Roughy) (Terry Lee Ryan)	28  POKER 1 ST Session: 3:00P 2 nd Session 5:00P 3 RD Session: 7:00P															
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