



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1961

OCTOBER 2015 EDITION

From Exalted Ruler Brenda Slingerland



Our Grand Exalted Ruler **Ronald L. Hicks** is from our grand state of Virginia -- Fredericksburg Elks Lodge #875! If you receive the notices from the Virginia Elks Association webmaster, you can see that he and First Lady Nancy are having a very busy schedule since his installment in July, traveling to lodges in Montana, North Dakota, Kentucky, Washington, Alaska, Colorado and Wisconsin -- so far! Everywhere they go they carry with them the GER's Programs theme "**Elks Pride -- Community Focus.**" His message reminds all lodges that this "speaks to our responsibility to each other and our obligation to the communities we serve." GER Hicks also asks in his message to all Elks "What should we be doing to retain our current Members and to attract new Members?"

I am always proud that Arlington-Fairfax #2188 installs new members every month. We can do more! It starts with each and every one of us exhibiting our pride in being a member of Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 and actively participating in all of our programs, community service endeavors, and meetings. It starts with inviting new members and embracing our new members each month by attending their Initiations. We need to show them we care about them and that they truly are welcome into our Order and in to our lodge. We must get new members involved into whatever arena they can share their talents and thus their pride as a member as well. I encourage at least one member from each committee to attend the Indoctrinations and let the new members know just what the committee stands for and how what we do affects our community. This is not just up to the Officers and committee chairs, but to each and every member. We have many programs and activities in our lodge -- there surely is something for everyone. **Participation = retention!**

To reiterate the GER's message to members: "The combination of Elks Pride and Community Focus sends a powerful message to our Members and the Community. It will raise the reputation and status of your Lodge, bring recognition and praise for your good works, and return many benefits, including the attraction of new Members. I believe we can reclaim some of the new realities and readjust attitudes by embracing the theme "**ELKS PRIDE — COMMUNITY FOCUS**" in OUR Lodge." **Let's do it!** Let's absorb Ron's message and strive to make it ours as well.



Additionally, our Tuesday, October 13th membership meeting is a big one: The annual visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, who this year happens to be our very own Frank Burns. We are honored also that Geoff Cox, the President of the Virginia Elks Association will be in attendance, as well as other past leaders from our Lodge and around the North District. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, Frank and his District review team will inspect our facility, review our finances and other management practices, and will report to the Grand Lodge about the health and vitality of the Lodge. A key measure in demonstrating our vitality is the number of members who attend the membership meeting during the District Deputy's visit, so please come out and show your support. To honor our guests we will have a dinner before the meeting, to which all members are invited. On the menu is Prime Rib and the cost is \$16.95. Reservations are appreciated, so please call 703-560-2188 (select "Option 1") to speak with Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi, or leave a message.



ELK(s) OF THE MONTH (October 2015)

I am recognizing two individuals for this month's Elk(s) of the Month: **Larry Lindquist and Karen Bender** (pictured above between ER Brenda Slingerland and PER Frank Burns) – a powerhouse couple! Larry and Karen truly embody the spirit of Elkdom and dedication to #2188. From the time they both became members in March 2009, they have been very involved in every aspect of the Lodge, both charitable and social. Karen and Larry often attend both Lodge and Board meetings. Karen is chairman of Bingo and is also a caller, and Larry volunteers every week selling pull-tabs.

They both support every social activity, as well as help with the Backpack Lunch Program, the Children's Fair, the holiday food and coat drives, and on and on. Karen has volunteered with delivering food items to the Reagan USO. She is a member of the Elks Auxiliary and has organized the Bunko and Mexican Train activities enjoyed by members during the daytime. Karen has been instrumental in helping to write and submit grant requests, and also organizes the half-time games during the football season, as well as group trips for members to Nationals baseball games. Thanks to Karen and Larry for their dedication to #2188 and its programs. **YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!!**

Who We Are

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VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, OCT 8 to Sunday, OCT 11, 2015

VEA Fall Convention (in Virginia Beach)

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.



CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Dictionary Project: Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study group, David Newell

USO Frozen Food Project (Ronald Reagan National Airport): Patti Graves

Holiday Food Fund: Art Wyman, William & Evelyn Jones

IN MEMORIAM

Sewell "Hutch" Hutchins, September 6, 2015

We are sad to announce the passing of fellow Elk member **Sewell "Hutch" Hutchins** who passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Hutch was a 10-year member of the Elks and retired from a long distinguished career in the U.S. Army, followed by many years of dedicated government service. Upon his retirement, Hutch took up residence in Florida, but still visited the Lodge occasionally. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



"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.



NEW MEMBERS INITIATED ON SEP 22, 2015

#2188 initiated three new members into our Lodge on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Pictured (from left to right) are ER Brenda Slingerland with new members **Renee Chandler** (sponsored by Laurie Fearis), **Joseph Tippett** (sponsored by Tom Thiebaut), and **Shirley Stalnaker** (sponsored by Art Wyman). *Please welcome them when you see them at the Lodge!*

Candidates Voted into our Order on Sep 22, 2015:

William Chapman (proposed by Vernon Gardener)

Joe Quattrone (proposed by Tom Lotfabadi)

Jean Terrill (proposed by Adam Samuel Roth)

Roseta Wash (proposed by Jan Sullivan)

Tia Young (proposed by Marcia Mitrano)

Proposed for Membership:

Heidi Mackey (proposed by Ann Seaman)

Proposed for Reinstatement:

Allan Freeman, Jr. (Member #5735) (sponsored by Tom Loftis)

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.

MEMBERSHIP: The following members have not paid their dues for 2015-2016, nor have they notified me of their intent not to renew:

Robert Anderson, Jr.
Oscar Andino
Adrian Anson
Somsakdi Arbuaratna
Rudolph Arkin
William Borrow
Phyllis Bradley
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Jeffrey Love
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Jorge Reyna
Victoria Reyna

George Roiniotis
Alphone Santarelli
John Scghmeling
Evan Smith
John Stanley
Deborah Stuart
Lyle Stuart
Robert Stuckey
Linda Sullivan
Robert H. Sullivan
Gary Tnaglin
Karan Thakur
Daniel Zaharevich
Michael Shane Zavodny
Nichols Zavolta

If you know anyone on this list, please call and urge them to renew right away, and have them contact me about their status. Please note that if you know that they are suffering a hardship, the Lodge will consider helping them with their dues.

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



I want to begin by thanking **Sammy Roth** for his very generous purchase and contribution of the new American Flag that flies proudly in front of our Lodge. The old Flag will be retired at our next Flag Day ceremony. The other new addition is an Elks Head ("Herman") donated by Dennis Brining, a local resident looking for a good home for Herman. Herman is now mounted on the main stairway wall.

The turnout for the Lodge clean-up was disappointingly low, where less than a dozen people showed up to help. Those who did participate managed to get quite a bit accomplished. A trio from the Elks

Auxiliary (**Marilyn, Joan and Dan**) cleaned out the Auxiliary shed and reorganized its contents. **Fredi Hensley** tackled the storage closet in the pool hall – all of the old bar chairs and all of the different holiday decorations were removed and placed in storage. This closet is now reorganized and ready to support the Back Pack lunch program. New members **Alicia and Teresa** cleaned out all the dust and dirt buildup surrounding the Lodge member entry area on the lower level, particularly in the guest sign-in area -- this was no small task. Alicia also assisted with the cleaning of all the lamp and chandelier globes in the member dining room. **William** assisted with globe and light bulb replacements. **Don Weber** vacuumed the dust buildup from the air-circulation vents on the lower level, wiped down all of the chairs and bar stools, and performed other cleaning tasks. **Jerry Sall** first scraped off all of the old gum and gook from the ramp (this is not a fun task) and from stairs of the main entrance. He then helped **William, Roy and Jay** clean out and reorganize the three remaining storage sheds. The outside work was made more challenging due to the rainy weather; however, it was desperately needed. In future, please **do not** place anything into the sheds without prior approval from Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi.

Thanks to all who participated in this major cleanup! We will attempt another Lodge Cleanup Day in the Spring, where I hope participation will be better. The Lodge is like your home -- there is always maintenance and cleaning work to be completed, and our list keeps growing. Please plan to help out in the Spring!



The Elks Auxiliary is back in full swing after a summer hiatus from meetings. Our next big event will be our **Annual Auxiliary Anniversary Dance** on **Saturday, October 3, 2015**. Rose Thiebaut is working hard on assembling baskets to be raffled off that evening. Joan Gavin and Rose are selling tickets for chances to win. 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 interesting items and goodies. Tickets are \$1 each or 8 for \$5. Please consider purchasing some tickets to help us raise funds for our charities. We also hope you can join us at the dance on October 3rd.

Our **2015 White House Ornaments** campaign is also 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 in his office. The ornaments are \$20 again this year. The proceeds from the sale of the ornaments are our main source of income each year, so we hope that you will support this program again this year.

On **Tuesday, October 20th**, the Auxiliary is hosting a very special **Daytime Activity**. We will be hosting a speaker from one of our charities, **Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center**, who will speak to us about the work they do for our community. We are opening this up to everyone in the Lodge and would love to have you join us. This group provides a wide range of services for the area. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. (bring a dish) and will be followed by a short talk from our speaker. We are hoping to have a nice crowd for this event, so please consider joining us. On that day we will also be honoring our two scholarship winners from George Mason University, thanks to the hard work of Scholarship Chair Fredi Hensley and her committee. **Chairman Barbara Marshall**



BINGO NEEDS YOU! Our BINGO program is a major source of revenue for our Lodge and its programs, and it is very important that BINGO be supported by our members. BINGO is held twice weekly on Monday and Thursday evenings. The list of dedicated volunteers remains very limited at this time, and they each work every week, while some work both nights. This does not need to

happen when we have so many members in our Lodge! If we could add more names to the volunteer list, current members would only have to volunteer one evening a month, which would be so ideal! We especially need Bingo callers and cashiers. If we had at least 3 more volunteers for each session, those volunteers would only have to be present for 2 hours. Bingo requires that 7 volunteers "work the line" selling cards to the Bingo players, while others "sell pull tabs." This is an important way to support your Lodge and the call for new volunteers is an immediate and urgent need. Please contact **Karen Bender at (703) 451-4626** to volunteer a minimum of at least 1 session a month. Let's all make this work by volunteering because BINGO is a very important and major source of income for our Lodge. Once you get into volunteering, you will find that it is fun and rewarding part of membership at #2188!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER!!!!

"Live long and prosper." (Mr. Spock)

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

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Member **Michael Stevens** is undergoing cancer treatment with an upcoming surgery at Walter Reed scheduled for October 9th and several months of follow-up care. Please keep him and Lisa 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 due to numerous doctor visits and Michael's rest requirements. Messages can also be sent to Michael through Lisa's email at lisa@scantravelinternational.net.

Please keep member John Sullivan in your prayers. He recently had surgery at Fair Oaks Hospital and is now in a nursing center.

And there are other members who have not been reported here, however, the following prayer also applies.

FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT #2188: 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.

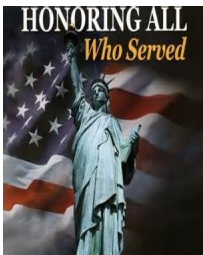
GOLF NEWS -- "Par for the Course" (Ron Murphy, Chairman) bettyron.50@gmail.com



Since the last Horn, we played three events. Our low net winners were Mack McGlumphy (Medal of Honor), Tim Knotts (Herndon), and Ed Munn (The Gauntlet). Mack McGlumphy had the low-gross score at each place.

Our last two events of the season will be played in October. The penultimate event will be at Forest Greens on the 5th, and the final game at South Riding on the 19th. The 2015 Masters Tournament will be played at Forest Greens on the 5th.

Golf Association members are reminded by email a week before each event. When they want to play, they must respond by the Thursday preceding the event either by email or phone. Should they want to play with a particular person or group, that information must be included in their response. Elks who want to play but are not Association members, can play as guests, and should contact Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or 703 866-4403. Players should report to the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the tee time, 9:00 at Forest Greens and 10:00 at South Riding, and pay their green fee in the pro shop. Next they should report to the golf committee desk, pay a \$3 fee, get hole assignment, buy 50/50 tickets (optional), and receive pertinent information for that day's play. Everyone should report to their golf carts and be ready to play 15 minutes prior to tee time to receive instructions from the golf course representative and/or tournament director, and witness the 50/50 drawing. With three events to play, Tim Knotts leads the Chairman's Trophy race with 32 points; Jerry Kwiatkowski with 26 points, and Fuzzy Collier at 22.



Veterans Committee Update

Co-Chairs Ken Hensley (ken.hensley@cox.net) and Linda Gardner (lgardner9@cox.net)

The #2188 Veterans Committee plans and coordinates a variety of activities for veterans service members. Most recently, we hosted a Special Cookout at the Lodge for wounded service members and their families. We partner with the Aleethia Foundation to host the Friday Night Dinners, but I must say that the success of the dinners is due in large part to the support we receive from Lodge volunteers. MANY THANKS to all Lodge volunteers who help the Veterans Committee make these events so successful for our guests. **If you are interested in being a part of any (or all) of the activities supported by the Lodge Veterans Committee, please contact one of the co-chairs of this Committee – either Ken Hensley (ken.hensley@cox.net) or Linda Gardner (lgardner9@cox.net). We sure could use your help!**



DICTIONARY PROJECT

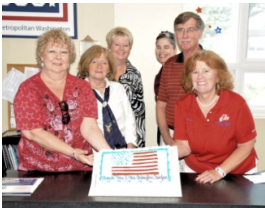
#2188 has been donating dictionaries to selected Fairfax County Elementary School third graders for several years now as part of the Grand Lodge-sanctioned **Dictionary Project**. The project (operated out of Charleston, South Carolina) works with civic and fraternal organizations across the United States to get dictionaries to school children to enhance their reading and writing skills, and to get them interested in learning the English language. On Friday, September 18, 2015, Lodge members **Art Wyman** and **Ken Hensley** delivered 132 books to third graders of Braddock Elementary School. The students and teachers assembled in the school cafeteria to receive their dictionaries and were both excited and appreciative. The **Dictionary Project Committee is composed of Ken Hensley, Tim & Georgiana Knotts, Barbara Marshall, and Patti Graves**, several of whom are former teachers. Lodge volunteers will donate more than 1,000 dictionaries to students at 11 elementary schools in Fairfax County this Fall, utilizing our ENF Gratitude Grant and additional fundraising by the Committee. This, and many other projects, run by the Lodge exemplify the Elks motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share."



#2188 demonstrates GER Hicks' theme of "Elks Pride ~ Community Focus" with its support of community service projects at local schools. Pictured here is **Ken Hensley, Chair of the #2188 Dictionary Committee**, who distributed dictionaries to children at Garfield Elementary School in Springfield, VA, on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. The children were excited by the information contained in the dictionary, but as usual, their favorite item was the longest word in English found on page 373.



Garfield Elementary is the recipient of the #2188 **Back Pack Lunch Program**. Additionally, fresh fruit is provided monthly to students. This month the students have a choice between MacIntosh and Gala apples, which fits in with their study of apples which started recently. **Fredi Hensley, Chair of the Back Pack Program**, is seen talking with two of the students about different kinds of apples.



USO 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 and provide meals or hearty snacks for the military and veterans

who stop by the airport lounge while waiting for their flight connections. Contributions to the Lodge Charities and those designated for the USO Frozen Food Deliveries ensure the continuity of this important program. Deliveries for October will be made on October 9 and 21. **[Co-chair Linda Gardner]**



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

It is now October and that means it's time to start thinking about the holiday giving season. Our Lodge's **Annual Holiday Food Baskets & Coat Donations** team will be helping local needy families on **Tuesday, November 24, 2015**. If you want to sponsor a family's food, it is \$50 per family, per holiday – so that's \$100 to sponsor a family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. (CONTINUED)

Please mail a check to the Lodge this month, adding a notation on your check that it is for the "Holiday Food Fund." Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi has requested that all material donations be brought to his office (downstairs level) so that he can safely secure them. Please do not bring your donations until after the 1st of November (we have so many room rentals during the holiday season that there is very little room to store the donations before that time). Stay tuned for more details in the October Horn and news flashes. **[The #2188 Food Baskets & Coat Donations Team]**



The position of ESQUIRE is still open

If you can devote your time and are seriously interested in joining the Officers Team, please contact **ER BRENDA SLINGERLAND** er@bpoe2188.org right away – the team needs you!



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 (I make a donation yearly on my birthday); (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** (#2188 will receive credit); and (5) Give your donation to me, Tim Knotts, and I will send it in for you. Thank for your support, and I’m looking forward to another successful year. **[ENF Chairman Tim Knotts]**



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION FORM

Please make your check out to the **Elks National Foundation** and mail it to the Lodge Secretary.

Name _____ Membership Number _____
(Look on your ELKS card)

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION: \$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 OTHER _____

Please send this form and check to: **Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188**
8421 Arlington Boulevard
Fairfax, VA 22031-4689

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 **ELKS AUXILIARY ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**

In the #2188 Ballroom

Dancing 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

Members \$35 – Non-Members \$40

Purchase **raffle tickets** for chances to win one of the **10 beautiful gourmet baskets** that will be given out during the dinner dance. Tickets are \$1.00 each, or \$5.00 for 8 tickets -- please buy as many as you can for more chances to win.

Friday, October 30, 2015 – Halloween Dance Party!

In the #2188 Ballroom

Dancing 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Mike Surratt

Costumes Optional (Prize Will Be Awarded)

Oktoberfest/Halloween Buffet

Members \$35 – Non-Members \$40

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

For reservations: (703) 591-3616 or dance2188@gmail.com



Saturday, October 31, 2015 – #2188 Annual Pig Roast

12:00N to 9:00P -- This annual Lodge tradition, put on by several long-serving volunteers, is always a fun-filled day at #2188, featuring great live entertainment by "Honky Tonk Confidential" -- great food provided by the Elks Grill Masters – and exciting raffle prizes. **Purchase your tickets today at the Lodge – only \$20.** Plan to participate in the **Annual Harry K. Thiebaut Memorial Horseshoe Tournament** – Sign-up by 1:30P – Start time 2:00P. This is a great Lodge event to share with family and friends.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 -- ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER

Our **Annual Veterans Day Dinner** will be held 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 50th 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 on November 1st. [**Veterans Committee Co-Chair Linda Gardner**]

RECENT EVENTS AT #2188

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015 – DINNER FOR WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS

On Friday, August 21st, the #2188 Veterans Committee coordinated with the Aleethia Foundation to host a Friday night cookout for 50+ wounded service members, their families, and volunteers. Fried chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, bbq chicken and sausages were prepared by Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi, with help from Lodge volunteers Jerry Sall, Tim Knotts, Art Wyman and Doug Tayrien. Thirty five Lodge volunteers prepared side dishes and desserts to complete the cookout feast. It was a very successful event. Great job everyone!

Pictures taken by Art Wyman:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015 – LABOR DAY PICNIC at #2188

#2188 celebrated Labor Day on Sunday with a delicious barbeque, side dishes, and a large selection of desserts provided by members – held from 2:00P to 6:00P -- entertainment by Eddie Pockey and his band – well-attended!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 – LODGE CLEANUP DAY

(See the article on page 5 by Board Chair Roy Seabolt)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 2015 – CABARET SUNDAY

Held in the #2188 Ballroom from 6:00P to 9:00P -- with live entertainment by TOM SAPUTO -- a great evening of food, dancing and socializing!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 – DDGER Frank Burns Holds North District DD Clinic at Front Royal Elks #2382

Go to [http://www.virginiaelks.org/whats_new/DDGER Frank Burns Holds North DD Clinic at Front Royal 2382.pdf](http://www.virginiaelks.org/whats_new/DDGER_Frank_Burns_Holds_North_DD_Clinic_at_Front_Royal_2382.pdf). Or if the link doesn't work, go to www.virginiaelks.org, click on "What's New," then click on the article.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 – ITALIAN SPAGHETTI DINNER



Another successful Lodge event: A special Italian Spaghetti Dinner was held on Saturday, September 26th in the Lounge, from 5:00P to 8:00P. Live entertainment was provided by Lou Neeley, and the cost of dinner was only \$10 at the door. The "all-you-can-eat" buffet was specially prepared by #2188 volunteers Rose Thiebaut (meat sauce), Karen Bender (hors d'oeuvres and salad), and Linda Gardner (desserts). Bartender Carl stayed very busy pouring beverages for everyone, and Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi and staff assisted in the smooth operation of the dinner. It was very well-attended by

members and guests, and all proceeds were donated to the Lodge Facility Fund. Thanks to everyone who supported this fun event! [Event Coordinator Sandy Mueller (703) 849-1282 – great job team!]

OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>LOUNGE & KITCHEN HOURS OF OPERATION:</p> <p>Mon-Thurs: LOUNGE: 12:00N-9:00P KITCHEN (great menu!): 12:00N-7:00P</p> <p>Friday: 11:30A-10:00P 11:30A-8:00P</p> <p>Saturday: 2:00P- 8:00P 2:00P-6:00P</p> <p>Sunday: 1:00P- 8:00P 1:00-6:00P</p> <p> DARTS: Thursdays at 7:00P in the Lounge QUEEN OF HEARTS: Drawings held on Thursdays at 8:00P</p>				1 DARTS 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	2 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Terry Lee Ryan)	3 ELKS AUXILIARY DINNER DANCE 7:00P (Gourmet Baskets)
4 Redskins v. Philadelphia Eagles 1:00P Enjoy the game with others at #2188!	5 	6 BOARD MEETING 7:00P	7 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Roast Pork Loin) Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting 7:30P	8 DARTS 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	9 Delivery to USO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Lou Neeley)	10 Back Pack Lunch Program (volunteers should meet at 1:00P in the Lounge)
11 Redskins v. Atlanta 1:00P Enjoy the game with others at #2188!	12 Columbus Day GOLF (The Gauntlet) 	13 Elks Auxiliary Daytime Activity (Potluck Luncheon) 11:30A LODGE MEETING 7:30P	14 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib)	15 DARTS 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	16 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Terry Lee Ryan)	17 I'M BORED The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!
18 Redskins v. New York Jets 1:00P Enjoy the game with others at #2188!	19 Knit & Crochet Circle 11:00A to 2:00P 	20 BOARD MEETING 7:00P	21 Delivery to USO Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Chicken Marsala)	22 DARTS 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	23 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Tom Saputo)	24 I'm Bored! The bar is open 2:00P to 8:00P – stop by!
25 Redskins v. Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1:00P Enjoy the game with others at #2188!	26 GOLF (Reston National) 	27 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	28 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Oktoberfest)	29 DARTS 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	30 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake (Tom Saputo) HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY In Ballroom 7:00P	31 PIG ROAST 12:00N-9:00P

BINGO: Monday & Thursday nights in the #2188 Ballroom – Early Birds 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P – bring friends!

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



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