# Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

# The Elks Horn



Sept 2014

# **Supporting our Community Since 1961**

FAIRFAX

# **ER's Corner** What a memorable summer! We have been blessed with unbelievable weather while enjoying a memorable summer of events and initiatives at our Lodge. The major initiative to renovate our upper level bathrooms has been completed – and the bathrooms are gorgeous! This could not have been completed without the monetary support and hard work by our members/spouses – especially Sandy Mueller and Linda Gardner for their amazing fund raising efforts and the bathroom design efforts by Karen Bender, Carolin Schebish and Jerry Boyer. Projects to update the foyer and upstairs hallway will continue to improve our Lodge and make it beautiful and welcoming to members and guests. Your continued support of the fund raisers for the building fund will ensure these much -needed improvements can be done.

Thanks to Karen Bender's leadership & Fredi Hensley's assistance, our Lodge was awarded another Grant – the \$2,000 Promise Grant to be used for a new program called Backpack Lunches. What a great new initiative for children! Also, a big Thank You to all who helped out at the August Lodge clean up; and a special Shout Out to Vernon Gardener for his leadership in continuing to coordinate the project. It was clear how much work was done both outside and inside. Weeds were pulled, chairs white washed, dust bunnies eliminated and fixtures brought to shining glory. Beautiful!

Other amazing events included the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Children's Carnival, a continuing success as a result of Brenda Slingerland's coordination and direction; the dinner for the injured soldiers from Walter Reed in partnership with the Aleethia Foundation, chaired by Linda Gardner; and 2188's annual participation in the Virginia Elks Youth Camp program, chaired by Barbara Marshall. This year we sponsored 34 campers, 5 over our Lodge quota, with one of the boys being named Camper of the Week. Other Lodge initiatives included the delicious Shots and Shooters tasting to support the Building Fund; the bus trip to Hollywood Casino; guest bartender nights by Sammy Roth (July) & Steve Thiebaut (Aug); and the on-going USO Food Deliveries, led by the 2188 Veterans Committee.

Our Ritual Team participated in the Ritual Competition at the July Grand Lodge Convention, and well-represented our State and Lodge with their performance. Also, the convention was a great success with several featured events, including the installment of John D. Amen as the Grand Exalted Ruler for 2014/2015.

A special recognition goes to our Club Mgr Tom Lotfabadi and Assistant Mgr Jay Singer. Working as a team, one of them is at the Lodge, ensuring all runs smoothly. From opening the Lodge in the wee morning hours to accommodate special meetings or for bus trip participants - to their remaining until 3-4a in the morning following a rental event -Tom & Jay are there to support the Lodge and the members - going above and beyond their job requirements!

As we move into September, we return to our normal meeting schedules. Board meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month; Lodge/member meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Initiations are conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Please plan to attend and become an active member of the Lodge. We are also pleased to host the District Deputy Clinic and breakfast on Sunday, November 7 beginning at 8am. Although this program is designed for the Officers, all are welcome to attend. Additionally, our annual District Deputy (DD) visit is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9. Please plan to attend the evening's Lodge meeting to show DD Geoff Cox and the accompanying State dignitaries our full support. We will also be hosting a dinner in their honor prior to the meeting – look for information on cost and time in future email blasts.

Dust off your dancing shoes and come out to support the Auxiliary at the annual 2188 Auxiliary Dance on Saturday, September 6. Also, mark your calendar for the next Guest Bartender Night on 9/17. Both are always fun events.

Also in September, the very active Veterans Committee will participate in the annual Martinsburg VA Hospital Carnival to provide the hospitalized veterans a day of fun and good food as a small thanks for their service and sacrifice.

Finally, we are planning a recognition dinner later in the year for our 32 members who have been Elks for 50+ years. We have asked them to provide pictures and anecdotes that we can share. We look forward to hearing from these members who have provided our Lodge so much support over the years.

Patti Graves, ER

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



<u>Newsletter</u>: Please let the secretary know if you are receiving the Horn electronically, either through email, or from our website. We are trying to cut down on the expense of mailing and printing the newsletter. If you are a regular at the Lodge and would be willing to pick up a copy here, we can save \$.56 by not mailing the copy to you.

**Note:** If you know of a member who has passed away, please contact Jan Sullivan, 703-560-2213, so that the Lodge can be informed in a timely manner. Thank you.

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**MEMBERSHIP** : A huge thank you to all of you have paid your dues. Reminders have been mailed, and many are responding. We are now down to 66 delinquent members. Please get your dues paid as promptly as possible. If you do not have a card that says "Paid to 4/1/2015" and is light blue in color, you are **delinquent**. Please submit your dues payment of \$99.50 (\$29.25 for Life Members) to the Lodge Secretary immediately. Checks should be made payable to Arlington-Fairfax Lodge #2188, or BPOE 2188.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a service member on active duty, please notify the secretary. You are not required to pay dues to Lodge 2188 while serving our country, and I will send you a new card.

| <b>Charitable Donations</b><br>Art Wyman   | Chimes of Memory   |  |  |  |
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| Art Wyman  |  |  |  |  |
| Bar Change for Children's Carnival:  | Stephen J. Colevas, June 11,<br>2014<br>William Leamey, June 26,<br>2014<br>Robert "Dex" Armstrong, July<br>8, 2014  |  |  |  |
| Raffle for Aleethia Dinner: \$335<br>Baseball Raffle for Children's Carnival:  |  |  |  |  |
| The following Vendors have made<br>generous donations to our Charitable<br>Fund following a recent solicitation<br>letter:   | Franklin E. Morgan, July 15,<br>2014   |  |  |  |
| Capital Elevator<br>Dewbury<br>Imagery Print & Advertising<br>Tyler Business Services  | In the Horn<br>Page 1, ER's Corner<br>Page 2, Business<br>Page 3, Chair of the Board, Notes<br>From Knotts, Notice for Officers  |  |  |  |
| The Virginia Elks Website is<br>www.virginiaelks.org<br>If you want Rose T to let members know<br>about something, please send your item to:<br>rthiebaut1949@outlook.com  | Page 4, Travel and Golf<br>Page 5, Sep Calendar<br>Page 6, Lounge specials and<br>entertainment; White House<br>ornament<br>Page 7 Elk of the Month, Youth   |  |  |  |
| Brenda Slingerland is the POC for Sickness<br>and Distress for the Lodge. You can send an<br>e-mail to Brenda at <u>lodge2188@gmail.com</u><br>or call her at 703-785-9974 | Camp Wrapup, Notices from<br>Secretary<br>Page 8, Pictures from summer<br>activities<br>Page 9 Aleethia dinner pictures<br>Page 10 Dinner Dance Flyer<br>Page 11 Children's Carnival   |  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>\$68.17</li> <li>Raffle for Aleethia Dinner: \$335</li> <li>Baseball Raffle for Children's Carnival:</li> <li>\$276</li> <li>The following Vendors have made generous donations to our Charitable Fund following a recent solicitation letter:</li> <li>Capital Elevator Dewbury Imagery Print &amp; Advertising Tyler Business Services</li> <li>The Virginia Elks Website is www.virginiaelks.org</li> <li>If you want Rose T to let members know about something, please send your item to: rthiebaut1949@outlook.com</li> <li>Brenda Slingerland is the POC for Sickness and Distress for the Lodge. You can send an e-mail to Brenda at lodge2188@gmail.com</li> </ul> |  |  |  |

page 12 Pig Roast

From the Board

With summer comes less activity around the lodge and less revenue. We call it the summer slump. It arrived on time again this year, but with September, we look forward to things picking up. Also, our Club Manager, Tom Lotfabodi, is still ever diligent in seeking ways to operate more efficiently.

One thing that hasn't slowed though is our quest for renovation. The restroom project took priority and now we are looking at sprucing up front entrance and the corridor alongside the Andy Anderson Ballroom. These areas of the Lodge are the first that many visitors see, and currently that first impression isn't as good as it should or could be.

Another highlight of the summer was the Lodge cleanup spearheaded by PER Vernon Gardener. It was well attended with members attending to grounds maintenance as well as to cleaning projects both inside and out. All that at no cost! It was almost enough to make a grumpy old Trustee smile - almost.

Fraternally,

Jerry Boyer

Board Chairman

#### Notes from Knotts

Where has the summer gone? Does it seem to you as it does to me that it goes by faster each year? The Auxiliary Dance will be on the sixth of September three days before our first business meeting after the summer break. Please come out and help us celebrate. If you wish to be an Auxiliary Patron you can send a donation to Sharon Dunfrund 6481 Linleigh Way, Alexandria, VA 22315-3471.

Rose Thiebaut is once again busy as a bee making the gourmet baskets to be raffled off. Tickets can be purchased from Brenda Slingerland.

Auxiliary members came to the Children's Carnival and helped at all the activities. Congratulations Brenda Slingerland for a job well done.

Giant Gift cards and the new White House Ornaments (check out the ornament in the Auxiliary Display case outside the ballroom) are for sale from Joan Gavin. Please help the Auxiliary with your purchases as these enable us to continue giving back to the community.

#### Georgianna Knotts, Auxiliary President

Notice: Officer candidates are needed to fill positions for Lodge year 2015-16. If you are interested in insuring that our Lodge <u>remains viable and also if you would like to exhibit leadership,</u> please contact Leading Knight Brenda Slingerland at Brenda.slingerland@rsgpc or 703-785-9974.

#### TRAVEL OPPORTUNTIES

#### <u>CONTACT PAUL NEWCOMBE, Chairman, Travel Committee,</u> <u>FOR TRIP AND RESERVATION INFORMATION: 703 451 2127; paulnewcombe@verizon.net</u>

I have received word from Paul Newcombe that the wine tasting tour and the American Music Theatre Christmas Show Tour have been cancelled.

Look in this space for travel opportunities in the future.

#### **Golf Update**

We are pleased to recognize our winners for the events played since the last edition of the Horn. Mack McGlumphy had the low net at South Riding with a 68, he also had the low gross, an 81. Jerry Sall had the low net at Goose Creek and Don Saboe had a low gross 80. Tim Knotts's 64 was low net at Penderbrook and Bill Timmons had the low gross, 90. Dale Crisp's net 66 was low at Pleasant Valley, his 86 was low gross. Don Saboe had both low net and gross with 63 and 75 at Virginia Oaks. Finally, Bill Timmons's net 58 was low at Westpark; Don Saboe had the low gross, 75.

The Chairman's cup race standings through Westpark are very close. Mack McGlumphy was in the lead with 24 points. Rounding out the top five scorers were Jerry Kwiatkowski and Bill Timmons with 20, Tim Knotts with 18 and Dale Crisp had 16. With a full one third of the season left, six events, virtually all Association members are still "in the running".

Two of those events are scheduled for September; The Gauntlet on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Reston on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Two more are scheduled for October; Forest Greens on the 6<sup>th</sup> and our final outing of the season, South Riding on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The 2014 Masters Tournament will be played at Reston on the 27<sup>th</sup>. All Golf Association members are eligible to compete.

All our events will have 0900 shotgun starts. If you are a Golf Association member, you will receive an email from the tournament director about a week prior with sign up instructions. The easiest way to sign up is to respond to the email. If you want to sign up as a twosome or as a group, you can do that also. Please coordinate with the other player(s). You can also sign up by phone, the applicable number will be included in the email. If you are an Elk, but not an Association member, and want to play, contact Ron Murphy at <u>bettyron.50@gmail.com</u> or 703 866-4403. In any case sign up must be accomplished by the Thursday preceding the Monday event. Any questions regarding these procedures, the golf schedule, etc. may be directed to Ron Murphy.

When you play, report to the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the tee time, usually 0900, and pay your green fee in the pro shop. Next, report to the golf committee desk, pay a \$3 fee, get your hole assignment, buy 50/50 tickets (optional) and receive any pertinent information for that days play. Finally, you should be at your cart and ready to play, fifteen minutes before the tee time, normally 0845, to receive instructions from the course representative and/or the tournament director, witness the 50/50 drawing and be ready to play. When you complete play, you need to get your score to Ron Murphy, either in person at the course or by phone or email. If you play with fellow Elks, one of you can take responsibility for the group. If you play with non-Elks, you must do it.

Neither the Legion, nor the Knights, has any interest in your score. If you want to get credit for playing and have your score included in the recap, you have to report it to Ron Murphy.

All Lodge members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who Choose not to join may play as guests.

Ron Murphy, Golf Guru

bettyron.50@gmail.com

# Sept 2014

| Sun                 | Mon                           | Tue                     | Wed           | Thu | Fri             | Sat                                   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 31                  | 1                             | 2                       | 3             | 4   | 5               | 6                                     |
| Labor Day<br>Picnic | LABOR DAY                     | BOD mtg 7:15            |               |     | TLR 7 :00       | Auxiliary<br>Dinner Dance,<br>7-11:30 |
| 2-6, \$15           |                               |                         | Dinner till 8 |     | Dinner till 8   | Helmut Licht                          |
| 7                   | 8                             | 9                       | 10            | 11  | 12              | 13                                    |
|                     | Mex Dom, 11<br>Golf, Gauntlet | Lodge Mtg<br>7:30       | Aux Mtg, 7:30 |     | Tom Saputo, 7   |                                       |
|                     |                               |                         | Dinner till 8 |     | Dinner till 8   |                                       |
| 14                  | 15                            | 16                      | 17            | 18  | 19              | 20                                    |
|                     | Knit &<br>Crochet, 11         | Aux Daytime,<br>11:30   |               |     | Tom Saputo, 7   |                                       |
|                     | Initiation, 7:00              | BOD mtg 7:15            | Dinner till 8 |     | Dinner till 8   |                                       |
| 21                  | 22<br>Golf, Reston            | 23<br>Lodge Mtg<br>7:30 | 24            | 25  | 26<br>TLR, 7:00 | 27                                    |
|                     |                               |                         | Dinner till 8 |     | Dinner till 8   |                                       |
| 28                  | 29<br>Bunco, 11               | 30<br>BOD mtg 7:15      |               |     |                 |                                       |
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## IN THE LOUNGE

Wednesdays

Sep 10 Fajitas

Sep 19 Tilapia

Sep 26 Jambalaya

Sep 3 Prime Rib only

Sep 24 BBQ Chicken

Sep 5 Grilled Crabcake

Sep 17 Spaghetti & Meatballs

Sep 12 Stuffed Rainbow Trout

Prime Rib Night every Wednesday

Fridays-Always a great steak or

### **Food & Entertainment**



New Lounge and Kitchen Hours Lounge M-TH 12-9 Fri-11:30-10 Sat 2-8 Sun 1-7 Kitchen M-TH 12-7 Fri-11:30-8 Sat 2-6 Sun 1-6

#### Entertainment News Sept 2014

Sep 5–Terry Lee Ryan

Sep 12–Tom Saputo

Sep 19–Tom Saputo

Sep 26—Terry Lee Ryan

#### Labor Day Celebration Picnic

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Tent, Lounge & Fairfax Room 2:00-6:00 p.m

Chicken, Hamburgers & Hot dogs Entertainment- TBD

Dinner served at 4:00 p.m. \$15.00 (at the door)

The 2014 White House Christmas ornaments have arrived. This year's ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, our 29<sup>th</sup> President. The cost of these two ornaments together is \$20.00.



Buy Giant Gift Cards from Joan Gavin and help the Auxiliary fund charitable enterprises

Ornaments are available from Barbara Marshall (571-203-0375) and Joan Gavin (703-978-3029).

Joan Gavin, Chairman

#### September Elk of the Month

This member has done so much for our lodge over the years, and particularly during this year. She readily volunteered to assist in writing our Grant applications; she leads the Knitting & Crocheting group, volunteering to teach visitors and guests at different functions how to nimbly move their fingers; and she never fails to be an active, integral member of our Lodge's Veterans Committee. Her support and leadership has been evident in the many activities and committees she is involved, including our Auxiliary. Her continued support as Editor of our newsletter month after month, ensuring the writers and contributors are on-time with articles and that the Horn is interesting and informative makes Fredi Hensley our September Elk of the Month, a well-deserved honor. Thank you Fredi for all you do for our Lodge!

Patti Graves, ER

#### **Another Camping Season Behind Us**

Once again this year I want to thank you as a Lodge for your support of the Virginia Elks Youth Camp, our Major State Project, by helping to send deserving youth to camp. Arlington-Fairfax continues to be one of the leading Lodges in the state with our attendance. We sent 34 campers, which is 5 over our quota. It is heartwarming to hear the stories these campers tell when they return home. Many are from very difficult family situations and a week away is a welcome relief.

I'd like to thank those who chaperoned the bus trips: Karen Bender, Sharon Dunfrund, Joan Gavin, Tim Knotts and Frank Burns. Thanks also to the Jay and Tom for the set up the mornings the campers left and for the bagged lunches. Once again this year I would like to make special mention of DC Trails bus company. We have used them for many years now for camper transportation. The company has always been helpful and accommodating.

This is our State Project and our Lodge is one of the major supporters in the state. I want to thank Jay and the club staff for arranging the departure setups for the campers and their families and lunches for the campers and chaperones.

Thank you again for your help and support.

Barbara Marshall, Lodge Camp Director

**NOTICE:** Two Amendment Ratifications to the Constitution were adopted at the Grand Lodge Session in New Orleans and pursuant to Statute will be voted on at our September 9 meeting. The first is to change the office of Grant Tiler from an elective to an appointed position; and the second is to allow a Lodge in Texas to become a member of the New Mexico Elks Association with the concurrence of the Sponsors of both states.

**Newsletter**: Please let the secretary know if you are receiving the email electronically, either through email, or from our website. We are trying to cut down on the expense of mailing and printing newsletter. If you are a regular at the Lodge and would be willing to pick up a copy there, we can save \$.56 for mailing the copy to you.

#### Scenes from Summer 2014



Sammy Roth tending bar



Beer Tasting



North District Color Guard on Flag Day, Don DeLapp commanding



Vernon tending bar



Prepping the flags for retirement





Patti Graves & Don DeLapp at USO delivering food for travelling Servicemen

Children's Carnival

Photos mostly by Art Wyman

#### Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge 2188 Hosts Friday Night Dinner for Injured Service Members

The Elks pledge to never forget our veterans was truly fulfilled on July 25, 2014, at the Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188. The Lodge hosted a dinner for injured soldiers and family members from the Bethesda National Military Medical Center, National Intrepid Center of Excellence, and Bethesda Fisher House. The Elks Lodge Veterans Committee partnered with the Aleethia Foundation to coordinate this special event.

The Aleethia Foundation was founded to support newly injured service members recovering at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Aleethia provides "Friday Night Dinners" as an integral part of the healing process. The Friday Night dinners provides a "hands on" opportunity for our members to interact on a personal basis with the wounded service members and their families. Forty-seven service members, family members, and Aleethia volunteers began arriving at the Lodge about 6 PM.

Lodge volunteers were on hand to welcome these special guests and ensure their evening was enjoyable. These special guests enjoyed some social time before being served a succulent dinner of prime rib, baked potato, salad, asparagus, rolls and strawberry cheesecake. Dinner was prepared by the Elks Lodge Club Manager, Tom Lotfabadi, who came in on his day off to serve as a volunteer for this event. The meal was served by Lodge volunteers who made the service in a 5 star restaurant appear sloppy!

The event was funded through fundraising activities of the Veterans Committee members and other donations. The success of the evening was evident by the hum of happy banter that filled the Fairfax Room of the Lodge throughout the evening. Guest comments to the volunteers such as "this is the best Friday night dinner I've been to," "the food was fabulous", "thank you so much for having us," confirmed the success of the evening. The following 19 Lodge volunteers worked to make this evening a success: Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler; Linda Gardner, Veterans Committee Co-Chair; Ken Hensley, Veterans Committee Co-Chair; Fredi Hensley, Dale and Donna Crisp, Karen Bender, Betty Kuennen, Sharon Dunfrund, Veteran Committee members; Margaret Yowell, Tom and Rose Thiebaut, Kathy Showker, Jerry Sall, Bob and Anna Goolrick, Marilyn Golias, and Art and Joan Wyman, Lodge member volunteers.

Linda Gardner, Veterans Committee Chair

Scenes from our first Warriors Dinner co-sponsored with the Aleethia Foundation.



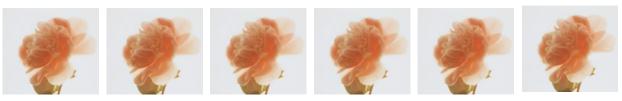




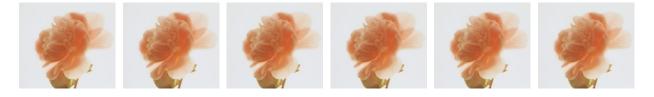
## THE AUXILIARY DANCE

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### Saturday, September 6, 2014



Come join Auxiliary President, Georgianna Knotts and the Auxiliary Officers for the annual Auxiliary Dance! Saturday, September 6, 2014 -- Music of Helmut Licht Dinner @ 7 -- Dancing 8:15 to 11:00 Business Dress -- \$35 Members, \$40 Non-members To reserve, email: dance2188@gmail.com Or call Frank Burns: 703-591-3616



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# Raffle Tickets on sale to win one of our terrific gourmet baskets

#### 2014 Children's Carnival



Volunteers for Children's Carnival

Because of the generosity and support of many, many members, the 2188 Second Annual Youth Carnival was a very successful event. There are so many members to thank for their time, energy, donations, and dedication to this lodge program. 67 children from 5 organizations went home with \$20 pre-paid Payless gift cards, a new shirt for school and items they chose from our "Marketplace". They also had their pictures taken in the photo booth, had Child IDs made by our guests from the Fairfax County Sheriffs Office, and received fire hats and tours of 2 firetrucks and an ambulance manned by members from Fairfax County Fire Department Station 30 located at 8739 Lee Highway.

Four members of the Kena 500 Klowns put on a fantastic show in their midget cars in the parking lot. All children (and many adults) had their pictures taken in the cars. Our very own Drug Awareness mascot ELROY (PER Laurie Fearis) escorted by ER Patti Graves, gave all the children coloring books and crayons. Fredi Hensley and her crochet group, Heart to Hand Knit and Crochet for Charity, taught 12 young ladies how to crochet.

70+ lodge members helped set up the activities both Saturday and Sunday, they played games with the children, inflated and hung up balloons, handed out the gifts, had a delicious dinner prepared and served by our fabulous lodge staff, and served ice cream and toppings (provided by our Auxiliary members).

Member Linda Gardner made up a wonderful basket that was raffled and gave us \$350 profit that was used for the event expenses. The Nationals donated an Adam LaRoche autographed ball that garnered over \$270 dollars for the cause - and - was won by our very own "Adam" Sammy Roth.

A very special, honored guest for the day was Virginia Elks State President Beverly Hamby from Norfolk who drove up specifically to support our lodge carnival. It was such a pleasure to have her join us and witness how wonderfully our members sponsored this worthwhile event.

Again and again I could say this member did this, this member donated that, this member made a child's day one of fun and friendliness..... I thank each and every one of you who participated in the carnival activities in any way! Elks Care - Elks Share truly shone brightly that day as our lodge made very rewarding use of our Beacon Grant.

Brenda Slingerland, Leading Knight

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