



# THE ELKS HORN

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#### **DECEMBER 2016 EDITION**



# Honoring Our Departed Members (2015-2016)

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Robert L. Bateman (October 24, 2015)
John James Robinson (November 30, 2015)
William E. Hixenbaugh (December 24, 2015)
Robert W. Stuckey (January 6, 2016)
Charles E. Camper, Jr. (February 22, 2016)
Claude Alley (March 21, 2016)
Genevieve Respass (April 20, 2016)
Marianne Vail (May 5, 2016)

Sherry Davenport (May 5, 2016)
John D. Sullivan (May 9, 2016)
John A. Baldwin (May 17, 2016)
John Fairfax, Jr., PER (May 23, 2016)
Charles L. Mills (June 4, 2016)
John A. Krytusa (July 20, 2016)
Robert G. Dillon (August 17, 2016)
Charles R. Bowmaster (October 22, 2016)
Salvatore Guardino (November 9, 2016)

# Message from the Exalted Ruler



The Holiday Season is just around the corner. I know we are all ready for the fun and excitement it brings and the pleasure it gives helping others. We will start off our December with the Annual Elks Memorial Service to be held on December 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fairfax Room at the Lodge. Every Elks lodge in the United States pays tribute to their members who have "passed through the light and have gone into the green pastures of knowledge and beside the still waters of peace." Please join us as we pay respect to our departed Brothers and Sisters and their families on the 4th of December. I would like to thank the Past Exalted Rulers and members who participated in the two Elks Funeral Services last month. The families of Roger Wilbrandt and Sal Guardino were very appreciative. and impressed. Our lodge will have its Annual Holiday Open House for all members on

December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the lower level, with two complementary drinks and light hors d'oeuvres. This will be held right before the Christmas Ball upstairs, so plan to come to both and have a complete evening at the Lodge. And to complete the month, there is the New Year's Eve Ball in the Ballroom. See details in this issue (Page 3). We are still looking for volunteers, new members, as well as new officers for the upcoming Elks year (beginning April 1, 2017). If you have the interest and time, give me or any other officer a call to discuss the possibility of becoming involved in your Lodge. Better yet, join us for one of our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. I would like to announce the Elk of the Month for December. It is the "Lodge Decorating Team" consisting of Richard Langley, Marilyn Lyles, Tom & Joyce Loftis, Joan & William Honore, and John & Susan Sommar. These fine members and their spouses decorate for every dinner dance and special occasion around the Lodge. Thank you very much for perking up the Lodge and making it pop. Please note that other members also add a special flair to the Lodge. Their work is always welcomed and appreciated. And as this year comes to a close, please take time during this holiday season to reflect on this past year and be thankful for what you have. On behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, to all Elks and their families "Happy Holidays!" As always, I hope to see you around the Lodge and all next year. [Tim Knotts, Exalted Ruler]

#### Who We Are

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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\*\*\*\*

# **#2188 HOLIDAY SPECIAL**



You're in for a real treat! The **Santa and Singing Elves Show** is scheduled for **Friday December 2, 2016** in the Lounge, while everyone is enjoying the regular Friday Night Dinner. It will be a Christmas singalong with none other than **Tom Saputo**. In addition, let us all send a



little joy to a needy child this holiday season by bringing with you a new (unwrapped) toy for the "Toys for Tots" collection box located in the Lounge. [Mark & Linda Richards]

## **ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

### Sunday, December 4, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

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

### **Annual Holiday Open House (for all members)**

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 5:00P-6:30P – Lounge/Lower Level Light Hors d'oeuvres & 2 Complimentary Drinks

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# **Christmas Ball (in the Ballroom)**

Saturday, December 17, 2016 -- Music of Frank Napoli Dinner @ 7:00F -- Dancing 8:15F to 11:00F -- Formal Dress \$50 Members, \$55 Non-members — Payment at the Door Only



# New Year's Eve Ball (in the Ballroom)

Saturday, December 31, 2016 -- Music of Mike Surratt Dinner @ 7:00P -- Dancing 8:15P through New Year, w/Champagne --Breakfast Afterwards -- Formal Dress \$75 Members, \$80 Non-members — Payment at the Door Only

# Come one, Come all - All Children Invited



# Annual Elks Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 18, 2016 Starting at 1:00 p.m.

SANTA will visit and have a gift for all of the children -- the "Blue Sky Puppet Theater" will entertain -- and food will be served

### KNIT & CROCHET CIRCLE - Meets the third Monday of each month

Meets on the third Monday of each month from 11:00A to 2:00P, and welcomes anyone interested in joining 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** at <a href="mailto:lagallimore@hotmail.com">lagallimore@hotmail.com</a> if you have an interest in joining the team. It's truly fun and rewarding.

#### SUPPORT BINGO

SUPPORT BINGO - Either serve as a volunteer or play Bingo with friends and family!

# 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.

# WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS - Last Call Before Christmas!



The **2016 White House Ornament** honors the administration of our 31<sup>st</sup> President Herbert Hoover. The ornament is inspired by the five engines that responded to the 1929 Christmas Eve fire at the White House. The cost of each ornament is \$21, and they are on sale through December from Barbara Marshall (571) 203-0375 and Joan Gavin (703) 978-3029.

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



We officially closed the 2016 Elks golf season with our Banquet on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Lodge. The dinner was excellent, the bar was open, and all had a good time. Highlights of the evening included recognizing our major event winners for the season, door prize drawings, and of course the 50/50 drawing. Jerry Sall (A Flight), Tim Knotts

and Gary Indre (B Flight) were recognized for their 2016 Masters Tournament championships and Dale Crisp for winning the Chairman's Trophy. The 2015 winners, Frank Burns (Masters), Tim Knotts and Jerry Kwiatkowski (Chairman's) participated in the awards program. We had many door prizes that included golf lessons, passes for 2017 play at many of the courses we played in 2016, and a great number of golf balls which were donated by Ed Munn. [Golf Chairman Ron Murphy]

# \*\*\*\*<u>RECENT EVENTS HELD AT #2188</u>\*\*\*\*

# PIG ROAST - Held on Saturday, November 5, 2016

Everyone had a wonderful time – the food was plentiful – Honky Tonk Confidential played while we enjoyed beverages, food, dancing and socializing!





















#### FALL CLASSIC TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT at #2188

Held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 – 11:00A to 7:00P – great participation!

### **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM & DINNER**

### Sunday, November 6, 2016 - 4:00P -- #2188 Ballroom

Our Lodge held its annual **Veterans Day Program on Sunday, November 6, 2016** to honor our veterans and active military, and to also recognize our Lodge members who are veterans/military. The event included 45 minutes of rousing musical scores performed by the Kings Park Concert Band. The songs had many members and guests tapping their toes or singing along to the well-known military and patriotic songs. Guest Speaker James Pierce told stories of his life as an Army Staff Sergeant, his suffering serious wounds after a suicide bomber, and losing friends/fellow soldiers in that same incident. His courage and words of wisdom on how he was able to move forward in his life after such devastating events had the members and guests near tears but inspired at the same time. The Lodge was also honored to have veterans from the Martinsburg VA Hospital in attendance. These guests have been attending A-F 2188's Veterans Day programs for many years. We actually try to schedule our program to ensure their participation. Following the program, a complimentary meal of fried chicken, pulled pork, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls and desserts was served to all in attendance. The food prepared by Chef Jay Singer and his staff was excellent, and Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi made sure the food trays were never empty, encouraging many Martinsburg guests to prepare a "to-go box" to enjoy later on (or maybe even snack on during the long bus ride home). Thanks go to the #2188 Veterans Committee for its planning efforts and organization to make this yet another successful event. It is estimated that 125 people attended this event, with compliments ranging from "What a dynamite speaker!", "The Kings Park Band was better than ever!" to "The food was great!" With special "Thanks!" to all who supported this special program.











Co-chairs PER Patti Graves (Introduction) and PER Rose Thiebaut (Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance), PER Laurie Fearis (Welcoming Remarks), and Hal Koster of The Aleethia Foundation (Introduction of Guest Speaker)











**Guest Speaker: Army Staff Sergeant James Pearce** 







Musical Scores by Kings Park Concert Band, led by assistant conductor Jack Dusek









Special thanks to Art Wyman for taking the great pictures above, and to Chef Jay Singer, Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi and Staff for providing the wonderful meal and service to all who participated and attended this great Lodge program

### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS & COAT PROGRAM





The Annual Holiday Food Baskets & Coat Program was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, from 8:00A to 7:30P. #2188 helped at least 50 needy families in our local community. This is one of the largest charitable programs that we are involved in each year. We receive family referrals from a County organization and work with Shopper's Food Warehouse to purchase turkeys and crates of food for each needy family on our list for Thanksgiving. When each family arrived at our Lodge to pick up their box of food, they also chose a winter coat which were donated by our Lodge's membership. Giant Food gift cards were also given to each family in order to buy their own holiday meal in December. We appreciate the assistance of Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi for storing the donated coats in his office, and thanks goes out to all of the volunteers (pictured here) who donated their time and efforts to assist in this program. [Co-Chairs Lisa Stevens, Barbara Marshall, Patti Graves, and Alicia Pomé]

### **GUEST BARTENDER NIGHTS**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from 5:00P to 8:00P, #2188 will support a Guest Bartender Night, which will offer a special concoction (or two) served by a volunteer member. Make plans to attend and enjoy these fun events. Your support is appreciated.

#### FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR MEMBER SANDY MUELLER

Held on Saturday, October 29, 2016

Sandy is relocating to Columbus, GA; members and guests enjoyed a farewell celebration for Sandy, with Mark Richards and PER Frank Burns presiding over the event with kudos to Sandy for her many contributions to the Lodge over the years that she has been a very active member. We wish Sandy a wonderful life in Georgia! The Lodge and your friends will miss you!



### GAME DAY BREAKFAST at #2188 - Held on Sunday, October 30, 2016

9:00A to 11:00A - Redskins v. Bengals - it was a great breakfast - the Redskins won - nice turnout.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER! May you stay forever young. -- Bob Dylan

#### 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 Backpack 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]

#### **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. In the coming weeks we will be announcing a wine tasting event that will introduce some "premium" wines to the Lounge.

A WORD OF THANKS: The Elks motto <u>Elks Care-Elks Share</u> has a special meaning to me as PER Brenda Slingerland made a donation to the Elks of a motorized electric wheelchair that has benefited my son Ricky. Several years ago Ricky had an accident that took away his ability to walk and he will always have to depend on a wheelchair. When I learned of the electric wheelchair, I immediately thought of Ricky and imagined how much better it would be for him. When Ricky received the electric wheelchair it not only made him very happy to be the owner of such a wonderful gift, but it has given him the freedom and ability to go places that he couldn't manage with the standard wheelchair that he was using. Ricky and I offer many thanks to Brenda. [Member Dick Langley]

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



#### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS:**

**USO:** Dale & Donna Crisp / Michael & Sandra Moscovis / Robert Collier / Jerry Sall

Backpack Lunches: Frank Burns / Jerry Sall

### <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>

#### To Be Balloted December 13, 2016:

Parick Segui 3606 Colony Rd Fairfax, VA 22030

Occupation: Business Owner Sponsor: Michael L. Perry

Jonna S. Wooten

7027 Williamsburg Blvd. Arlington, VA 22213

Occupation: State Farm Agent

Sponsor: Jim Emery

Roy "Darren" Young

7435 Little River Turnpike, #201

Annandale, VA 22003

Occupation: Division Admin., CBO

Sponsor: Laurie Fearis

#### The following members joined following the Celebration of Life held for Sal Guardino:

Salvatore Guardino, Jr. ("Tory")

920 Hillcrest Drive, SW Vienna, VA 22180 Occupation: Painter Sponsor: Jan Sullivan

Amy S. Long

920 Hillcrest Drive, SW Vienna, VA 22180

Occupation: Head of Human Resources

Sponsor: Ashley Stead

Richard A. Calio, Jr. 5700 Hinsdale Place Glen Allen, VA 23059 Sponsor: Tom Lotfabadi

**Marlo Cooper** 

6712 River Road Manassas, VA 20111 Occupation: IT Recruiter Sponsor: Larry Lindquist



### NEW MEMBER (Initiated November 21, 2016)

Pictured (I-r): PER Frank Burns, Pamela McCarthy (sponsored by Ashley Stead), and ER Tim Knotts

A SPECIAL "HELLO" FROM LAS VEGAS!
From Hilkka & Michael Perry



### IN MEMORIAM



# Salvatore (Sal) Guardino (on November 9, 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."

# Sickness and Distress:

- Michael Stevens (broke his foot)
- PER Brenda Slingerland (recuperating from foot surgery)

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

#### 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 will be printed in the January newsletter, after which time, they will be given a chance to pay before being removed from our rolls. If you do not have a light green card, that states 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.

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



I would like to start by thanking the individuals who participated in the Lodge Cleanup Day event, especially Marilyn Lyles, Dick Langley, Adam Roth, Ernie, Chris Mekenney, Jonathan Mekenney, Tim Knotts, Jan Sullivan, and a big thanks to our Project Manager, Vernon Gardner. While the group was small and the weather was really, really hot, this did not stop this hard-working group from accomplishing a lot. Thanks to the carpentry skills of Chris, Jonathan and Tim Knotts, we were able to put shelving into two of the storage sheds. Adding these shelves doubled the storage capacity in the sheds. It should also be noted that we now have shelves in a third shed, courtesy of Tim's additional work. While the shelves were being built and installed, the rest of the team emptied

the units' and discarded old files, old paint, broken and unidentifiable items in the sheds for who knows how long. Now onto other Lodge matters. I cannot decide which challenge that I or the other Board members likes dealing with the most. Let's see, there is the ever-leaking Ballroom roof, that despite multiple efforts to identify the source of the leaks and repair by Board members the last three years, continues to elude us. Then there are the breaking water pipes. Last count, I think we were at five broken water pipes in the two years I have been on the Board. Most recently, we have a broken door in the Fairfax Room with a quote of \$2,500 to repair. Finally, we may have to adopt a European custom of drinking our drinks with fewer ice cubes, since our primary ice machine just died and cannot be repaired – the cost to replace, approximately \$3,500. Now, why did I share the above information with you? Because, unless you sit on the Board, many members are unaware of the challenges that the Board members and Lodge management deal with on a regular basis, and I think it really important that the members understand the challenges. There are two realities that we have to face: (1) we have an aging Lodge facility, and (2) we have limited financial resources. The usual argument I get from members is that their dues cover maintaining the Lodge. Trust me, while the dues paid by the members do contribute to the overall maintenance of the Lodge, they do not even come close to covering all of our expenses. We have three primary sources of revenue other than dues: (1) Bingo, (2) room rentals, and (3) parking revenues. If any of these revenue streams are disrupted, the Lodge will be severely impacted financially. So, if you have any suggestions for fundraisers or, even better, a recurring revenue steam, please feel free to share your ideas with me. One area in particular where I could use some help is with Grants. We have many large companies in this area that have Grant money available for charitable organizations and I would like to pursue this avenue. So, if you have experience writing Grants or navigating the Grant landscape, please let me know as soon as possible. [Roy Seabolt, Chairman]

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



Our annual Veterans Day Program & Dinner was held on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. We were honored this year to have as our guest speaker Mr. James Pierce. James was seriously wounded in Afghanistan by a suicide bomber – that attack killed 3 of James's fellow soldiers and wounded another. After a long recovery, James became a U.S. Park Ranger in Washington, D.C. One of James' duties as a National Park Ranger is maintaining the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. He organizes volunteers for regularly-scheduled washings of the Memorial, and also manages other Park Service volunteer opportunities in the DC area. In addition to our special guest speaker, we hosted special veteran

guests from the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and Wounded Warriors from Fort Belvoir. Also included in our Program was the **King's Park Band**, who entertained us with rousing patriotic music for all to enjoy. A complimentary dinner was provided for all in attendance at the conclusion of the program.



#### Reagan National Airport USO Food Deliveries - November

#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, with no space for a large freezer. Although this means bi-weekly food deliveries are necessary to keep the USO freezer stocked, #2188 is up to the challenge. A delivery was made on November 10<sup>th</sup> by members Maria Jordan and Rose Thiebaut.

The USO Food Dellivery 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 <a href="mailto:specialser:gpgraves@msn.com">spgraves@msn.com</a>. 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 Elks Auxiliary is always helping and planning. After the November Daytime Luncheon, ten members wrapped presents for the Elks Children's Christmas Party. At our regular meeting in the Arlington Room on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Wine & Cheese Christmas Party. Please plan on joining us. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine and a small plate of cheese and crackers or some fruit. We will also be collecting Gift Cards for our two adopted families. If you wish to help, bring them to the party or simply drop them off at the office. The gift card can be from Target, Walmart, K-Mart or Giant. These cards go a long way to ensure that these families have a Holiday to remember. At our potluck luncheon on December 20th, we will be having our annual gift exchange. If you

would like to join us for food and fun, just bring a wrapped \$20.00 gift and a food dish to share. Everything starts at 11:30 a.m. It is always a time to remember. On behalf of the officers and members of the Auxiliary, we would like to wish you Happy Holidays and a great New Year. [Tim Knotts, Elks Auxiliary President]

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#### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION FORM**

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

NAME	Membership Number (found on your ELKS card)
AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION: \$10 _	\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 OTHER \$
Please send check and this form to:	Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 8421 Arlington Boulevard Fairfax, VA 22031-4689

(Attention: Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan)

DECEMBER 2016								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
LOUNGE & KITCHEN HOURS OF OPERATION:  LOUNGE KITCHEN  Mon-Thurs: 12:00N-9:00P 12:00N-7:00P  Friday: 11:30A-10:00P 11:30A-8:00P  Saturday: 2:00P-8:00P 2:00P-6:00P  Sunday: 1:00P-8:00P 1:00-6:00P  BINGO: Mondays & Thursdays  Early Birds Games 6:30P - Regular Games 7:30P  Bring friends / win prizes / have fun / support #2188  KNIT & CROCHET: Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> MON of each month		DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Grilled Crab Cake)  Santa & Singing Elves Show (Tom Saputo)	POKER 1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P				
4 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE (4:00P) Dinner Afterwards	Volunteers Needed!	BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	7 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Stuffed Pork Chops)	DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Rainbow Trout) (Terry Lee Ryan)	POKER  1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P  2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P		
Redskins v. Eagles (1:00P) Food & Drink Specials	Volunteers Needed!	LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib)  Elks Auxiliary Christmas Party (7:30P)	DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or BBQ Ribs) (Tom Saputo)	ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE (5:00P-6:30P) CHRISTMAS BALL (7:00P) POKER (?) 1 <sup>ST</sup> Session: 5:00P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session 7:00P		
ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (1:00P)	Knit & Crochet (10:00A)  Redskins v. Panthers (8:30P)	Elks Auxiliary Luncheon Bring-a-Dish (11:30A)  BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	Quest Bartender Night (5:00P-8:00P) WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Chicken Cordon Bleu)	DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Orange Roughy) (Terry Lee Ryan)	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Lodge Closed  Redskins v. Eagles (1:00P)		
25 CHRISTMAS DAY Lodge Closed	Volunteers Needed!	LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Beef Burgundy)	DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	30 Martinsburg Bingo FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Shrimp Scampi) (Tom Saputo)	NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL (7:00P)		



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