



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

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AUGUST 2020 EDITION

Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.



Our transition back to normal, everyday life is slowly coming along. We still have a way to go before we can resume life as it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Small and important changes to our routines will remain and we continue to make the best of the situation. The Lodge has worked diligently in resuming normal operations – to the extent that is possible – while protecting our employees, members, and guests. We have returned our Lodge meetings to the building and will continue to hold these in the upstairs Ballroom to allow for proper spacing and social distancing. Please attend the upcoming meetings. They are important to the normal function of the Lodge and allows our members to participate. Come find out about the business, scheduled upcoming events, and help guide what will be scheduled in the future. Speak up for what you would like to see our great Lodge

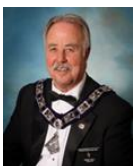
do and help us to be successful. You have heard the saying “Give the people what they want” -- well, now is the time to help us do that in a constructive way.

Looking to the immediate future, we will be announcing some events that require your assistance. We need to hear your opinions, but we also need members to volunteer and be present (as they are comfortable doing so). The next **Lodge Cleanup Day will be held on August 22**. Now that we are in a later phase of reopening in the State of Virginia, we will be able to make a larger coordinated effort to spruce up our Lodge. There are still plenty of projects to do and exterior maintenance that needs attention. **The Lodge needs you** (its members) to sign up. Details will be sent out soon which will include a full list of work projects that need to be completed for your review and to volunteer for.

The **Virginia Elks Youth Camp (“VEYC”)** is one of the most important programs the Lodge participates in each year. Due to the pandemic, this summer’s programs could not be held. However, our help is still needed to ensure the future availability and success of the camp. I am looking for volunteers to take a **road trip on August 8** to work down at the camp. We sponsor one of the cabins and it needs repairs (the outside needs scraping, priming, and painting; and the floor just inside the entry also needs repair). Please contact me directly to volunteer and help with this important staple of our Elks service.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for supporting our great fraternal organization -- Elks Lodge #2188. Remember “Elks Care, Elks Share.” [Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler, LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com]

ELK OF THE MONTH – AUGUST



The Elk of the Month for August is **Jerry Sall**. We recognize Jerry for his continual volunteerism and dedication to the Lodge. He takes ownership and pride in our Lodge. On numerous occasions, I have seen him power-washing the building, cleaning the exterior, and repeatedly volunteering time to meet with contractors for repairs to the building. Thank you, Jerry, for your untiring efforts. *We appreciate you!*

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TRUSTEES 2020-2021

Trustee-1st Year: Pamela McCarthy

Trustee-2nd Year: Diane Kaplon

Trustee-3rd Year: PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)

Trustee-4th Year: PER Frank Burns

Trustee-5th Year: PER Jim Weed

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and Jan Sullivan & Rose Thiebaut (News Flashes)

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

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

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

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

Membership

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

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

NEW LODGE HOURS:

Monday thru Saturday: 3:00P to 9:00P

Sunday: 12:00N to 6:00P



As the Lodge is now operating full steam ahead 7 days a week, we would like to invite all the members to come out and take advantage of our beautiful Patio. In recent days, it has been wonderful to see members meeting up with friends, members checking out the renovations, and, of course, dining with us in the evening. Today, one of our members was out practicing Tai Chi. The other day a member was reading a book in the sunshine. Remember this is your Lodge so take advantage of the sunny weather before we slip into Fall. Further, any member stopping by during Lounge business hours can receive

a free ice cream treat (while supplies last) -- ice cream in the summer -- a bit of nostalgia -- a bit of normalcy. Social distancing and mask guidelines apply. Please liaise with management on reserving seats for larger groups to ensure availability. [John Hyde, Club Manager]

OBSERVING COVID-19 GUIDELINES at #2188:



THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE (left to right): Albert Cervantes, Georgianna Knotts, Laurie Fearis, Mark Kaplon, Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Christine Caldwell, Jan Sullivan, Ashley Stead, and Joyce Loftis

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



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

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS:

The following new members were initiated on June 29: Rina Calvo, Paula Fisher, Marlene Hammon, Maria Imperati, and Brian Rajigah. **Welcome!**



CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

- Many members contributed to the memorial fund for Paul Todd's wife Lucy.
"Dear Elks: There are simply no words to express our thanks for the sympathy and support everyone has extended towards our family during the loss of my wife Doris ("Lucy") Todd. We are deeply grateful to all. With our love, Paul Todd and daughters Laura and Lisa."
- **Thanks to all for your generous donations to our Lodge's charitable work!**
- We received the \$10,000 Focus Grant from the Grand Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

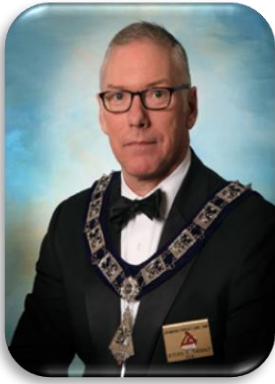
Dues -- A huge "Thank You" to all the members who have sent in their dues for 2020-2021. Thank you also to all those who have given extra money for the Elks National Foundation, Charity, and Building Reserve Funds. We have whittled down the delinquent members to 67. Remember, as the Lodge re-opens, we will be checking membership cards and you will not be allowed into the social quarters if you do not have a current card.

Email Addresses -- Thanks to all who have updated their email addresses with the Secretary. Please continue to send any changes to Jan Sullivan at secretary@bpoe2188.org. Email messages are the best way to keep in touch during this time of social distancing and you will not want to miss all the latest news of our Lodge.

All members are encouraged to go to the Grand Lodge site at elks.org and create a web ID, so you can keep up to date on the activities of Elks around the country. Many of the Elks lodges are being highly creative in their methods of getting together.

We continue to observe COVID-19 requirements for face coverings in the Lodge, so please come out and see the improvements, meet your friends, and attend our meetings. **We only have one membership meeting in August, which will be held August 25.** We are checking to see whether we will be allowed to include Zoom participation, so will let you know.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Steve Thiebaut, Chairman 2020-2021)



As we begin to reopen our doors, our primary concern is the health and safety of our employees, customers, members, and guests. Like most Lodges and small businesses, we are closely monitoring the latest information provided by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our local government officials, and we are adapting our plans to reflect the updated guidelines and evolving situation of COVID-19.

Since closing the Lodge back in March, we have been working hard to complete several projects in the member social quarters and hope you will come out to see the Lodge improvements first-hand. Please follow all the recommended COVID-19 guidelines and know that we always value your questions, ideas, and feedback.

GUIDELINES FOR LODGE E-BLASTS (ELECTRONIC NEWS FLASHES)

In order to simplify sending notices to our members online concerning Club and Lodge events, and to end confusion from misinformation being sent, we have put the following procedures in place: (1) One person per event should be designated as the “spokesperson” and that person should contact the Secretary of the Lodge (Jan Sullivan) concerning the eblast, with a copy to Rose Thiebaut; (2) The request needs to be written out completely and accurately and then sent to the Secretary as soon as the event is scheduled and marked on the Lodge calendar, and the details are in place; (3) The Secretary (or Rose Thiebaut in Jan’s absence) will respond to the spokesperson that the message has been received. If there is no response within a 24-hour period, please call; (4) The Secretary and her press team will be the only ones responsible for getting the message out. The event organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Exalted Ruler, the Club Manager, and the House and Entertainment Committees concerning staffing, food, times, etc.; and (5) If there is a change, the Secretary should be notified as quickly as possible with the new details.



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

The **Exalted Ruler** is the head or President of the Lodge and oversees all the work done by the Committees and members. The duties of the Exalted Ruler are more fully given in Article V, Section 2 of our Bylaws. The Esteemed Leading Knight is to serve as the backup to the Exalted Ruler. The duties of the other officers are defined in Sections 4 and 5.

The **Trustees** are to oversee the maintenance of the building and grounds. Their further duties are also provided in Section 6 of the Bylaws. The Board of Trustees’ actions are all subject to the control of the Lodge membership. Each year, one Trustee is elected for a five-year term. This provides for continuity on the Board of Trustees.

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



We kicked off our 2020 Golf Season at Bull Run Golf Club on June 15th. Naturally, some COVID-19 protocols were in place, including wearing masks and social distancing, however, we did get to play after having to cancel our first five events due to the pandemic.

Two events were held in July -- Pleasant Valley on July 13th and Heritage Hunt on July 27th. Two events are scheduled in August -- Penderbrook and Raspberry Falls on August 10th and 24th, respectively. All these events have shotgun starts at 9:00A. Association members will receive a reminder email a week prior to the event with pertinent information. Basically, they will need to respond by the Thursday preceding the Monday event with required information if they plan to play. Elks who are not Association members may play as guests. They can contact me at bettyron.50@gmail.com or (703) 866-4403 by that Thursday or, of course, play as the guest of any member.

A reminder that since we did lose about a third of our season when we had to cancel our early events, the Golf Association Membership fee for this season has been waived. Anyone who wants to join needs only to submit the membership form or just provide basic information (i.e., email address, home address and phone number) to Ron Murphy at the address or phone number provided above.

Finally, a reminder that our Master's Championship is scheduled for September 28th at Bull Run.



LOOKING GOOD:

This is a view of the newly renovated Lounge at #2188 (carpeting replaced by hardwood floors; ceiling and walls freshly painted; new chairs; stage area updated). A lot of effort went into this renovation by members of the Board, the staff, and Lodge members. Great job!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

(Friday Nights – 6:00P to 9:00P):

August 07 – Terry Lee Ryan

August 14 – Tom Saputo

August 21 – Terry Lee Ryan

August 28 – Tom Saputo

New Grand Exalted Ruler:



Paul R. Ryan (Wilmar, MN Lodge #952) was installed as the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in July 2020.

His biography is available at:

https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/ger/files/Ryan_Bio.pdf

New VEA President:



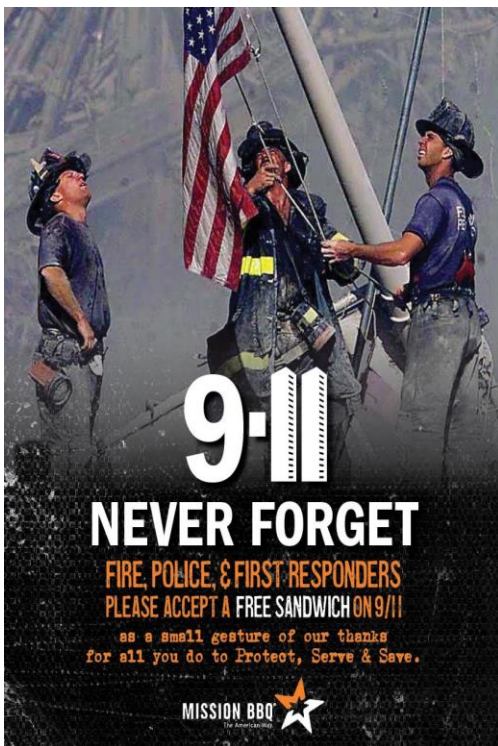
John Owen & First Lady Nancy Owen thanked Frank & Sandy Burns for their commitment to the Virginia Elks Association as President and First Lady for 2019-2020. They went on to thank the Members of their Lodge (**Bedford Lodge #2844**), the Members of the Southwest District, and all the VEA Members for their confidence. John and Nancy introduced their pins. John's slogan for this year is **"Reach for the Stars"**, echoed by Nancy's theme: "Reach out in your communities." They closed their introductory comments by reminding us of the Mission of the Elks: "To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and

enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share." Best wishes to John and Nancy for a successful and productive year, especially in these challenging times. More info is available at <http://virginiaelks.org/what's new/VEA President John Owen>.

New District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the VEA-North District:

Wanda Fritts (Loudon, VA Lodge #2406) – she will visit our Lodge on OCT 13

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT "MISSION BBQ"



Hi Folks! I wanted to let you know that we will be holding our 9-11 NEVER FORGET event this year here at **MISSION BBQ** on Friday, September 11. On September 11, our world changed forever. It is a day that we will NEVER FORGET those Heroes that ran in so that others could run out. Each year at MISSION BBQ we make September 11 a special day. It is our privilege to honor and support Our Hometown Heroes. As a small gesture of appreciation, all Firefighters, First Responders, and Police Officers are served a **Free Sandwich**. At noon, we will have a live version of the National Anthem outside the restaurant and we will thank all our local Firefighters, First Responders, and Police Officers in attendance for what they do for Our Communities. It would be our privilege to SERVE YOU. Please feel free to spread the word about this special day, and please contact me with any questions. *[Proudly Serving Those Who Serve, Liz and All Your Friends at MISSION BBQ]*

Elizabeth McGuirk, Regional Community Ambassador
MISSION BBQ

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis



hope your birthday
is as awesome
as you are!



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



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