



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

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Message from the Exalted Ruler



November brings us memories of golden browned turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and pumpkin pie. We should, however, look at the big picture and be grateful for our family and friends that we have and be thankful for the joys we experience. Ah, yes Thanksgiving, a wonderful time of the year when we go from summer to fall with shorter days and longer nights. The leaves change and the air will become crisp. Please try and help out with our annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets & Coat Drive for our community adults and children. Donate a little time, a little cash, or a couple of gently used coats.

The Fall Convention for the Virginia Elks Association in Virginia Beach was unbelievable.

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge hosted the North District Hospitality Room for three days. The food was great, the atmosphere was exciting and the friendships new and old grew stronger with every conversation. I would like to thank all 12 brave Elks who helped make the Hospitality Room in Virginia Beach the best. This was a great example of volunteerism in action.

With PER Brenda Slingerland's leadership last year, our Lodge brought back the coveted "Andy Award," a state participation award given out to those lodges that complete all six strenuous categories. We were one of the six lodges to accomplish this feat. With thanks to Barbara Marshall, we once again received an award for 100% Youth Camp participial for sending boys and girls to camp.

November is the month for celebrating Veterans Day, and our Lodge will have the annual Veterans Day celebration on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 4:00P in the Ballroom. We will have the Kings Park Band, guests from the Martinsburg VA Hospital, a guest speaker, and a nice dinner afterwards. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend -- you will not be disappointed.

I would like to thank Jerry and Charmaine Boyer for being our Guest Bartenders for October. They brought us the featured drinks "Shark Bite" and "The Stingray," and a dessert drink "The Jelly Fish" served after 7:00P. These were three of the most interesting drinks I have ever had. Please circle your calendars for November 16th as Sammy Roth will be our next Guest Bartender. He will bring his brand of drinks to the bar. We still have several months left during the Elk Year, so if you would like to volunteer and share you favorite drinks with us, let me sign you up.

Our annual ENF giving drive is still going on. Please make a contribution to this worthy fund. Use the form in this issue of The Horn. Or you can go online at BPOE, click on Grand Lodge, move to the Elks National Foundation, and make a choice.

We need you to volunteer with one of our Lodge programs. Look over the calendar, read The Horn, and pick a committee that interests you. Also, we need some members to finish painting the lines in the parking lot. If you have a couple hours to give, let me know. Have a great month, and I will see you soon around the Lodge. **[Exalted Ruler**

Tim Knotts]



ELK OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2016

The Elk of the month for November is **Rose Thiebaut**. I chose her for all the behind-the-scenes work she does for our Lodge. Rose may be quiet, but she gets a lot accomplished for our Lodge. Thank you very much, Rose.

Who We Are

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

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.

18th Annual Pig Roast at #2188

Saturday, November 5, 2016

The 18th Annual Pig Roast is just around the corner. If you plan on attending please try to purchase your tickets as early as possible. Tickets are currently on sale in the Lounge or by contacting Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi at 703-560-2188. Our good friends "Honky Tonk Confidential" will once again be performing in the Lounge! See you on Saturday, November 5th.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM & DINNER at #2188
Sunday, November 6, 2016
4:00P



The annual **Veterans Day Program & Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.** in the #2188 Ballroom. We are 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 will be hosting special veteran guests from the Martinsburg VA Hospital in West Virginia, and Wounded Warriors from Fort Belvoir. Also included in our Program is the **Kings Park Band**, who will entertain us with rousing patriotic music for all to enjoy. A complimentary dinner will be provided for all in attendance at the conclusion of the program. Please note that alcoholic beverages are restricted and will not be served at this event out of respect for our special veteran guests. Please plan to attend this patriotic tribute to all veterans and to help us honor our special veteran guests.

[Co-chairs Patti Graves & Rose Thiebaut]

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS*****

PIG ROAST – Saturday, November 5, 2016

\$25.00 per person

Tickets on sale in the Lounge

3:00P to 8:00P

Food served at 5:00P

Annual Horseshoe Tournament at 2:00P

Live Entertainment by “Honky Tonk Confidential”

Bring family and friends

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM & DINNER

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

MEXICAN TRAIN GAME – Meets the first Monday of each month

Join us on Monday, November 7th at 10:00A (instruction available to newcomers).

KNIT & CROCHET CIRCLE – Meets the third Monday of each month

Join us on Monday, November 21st from 11:00A to 2:00P, and welcome anyone interested in joining our group.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS & COAT PROGRAM



Feeding the Community

It's autumn again and that means it's time to start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. Our **Annual Holiday Food Baskets & Coat Program** will be helping at least 50 needy families in our local community on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. For those of you who don't know about our program, this is one of our Lodge's largest charitable programs that we are involved with 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 for Thanksgiving. On the day of the event, we pick up the food items early in the morning and bring them to the Lodge. When the families arrive at our Lodge to pick up their box of food, they also can try on and choose coats that were donated by the membership. On the same day, we also give out Giant Food gift cards to the families so that they can buy their own holiday meal in December.



**COAT
DRIVE**

Please begin to think about the coats that you no longer wear or need, and offer them as a donation to this program for a person in need. Coats should be clean and in good condition. We need coats for men, women and children. Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi has requested that all donations be brought to his office so he can safely lock them away -- but not before Halloween has passed because our Lodge has so many public rentals coming up this time of year that there is little if no room to store the coats before then. If you need to drop off a donation sooner, please contact one of our team members so that we can make arrangements to store the donation for you. Elks members interested in helping us with the program should contact Lisa Stevens at (703) 503-5262. **We need help for only one day – Tuesday, November 22nd from 8:00A to 7:30P.** New members are encouraged to join the team of volunteers who participate each year. Many thanks from Co-Chairs Lisa Stevens, Barbara Marshall, Patti Graves, and Alicia Pomé.

THANKSGIVING DAY -- Thursday, November 24, 2016



THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THIS HOLIDAY. For many years, Americans observed Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November. Because the day after Thanksgiving marked the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt tried to move the holiday up in order to encourage higher retail sales. At the end of 1941, Congress officially changed the date of Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday in November. Because Thanksgiving is a federal holiday, it is observed by all levels of government, schools, public offices, and most businesses. Families gather

together for a turkey dinner and assorted side dishes. Although many people also have Friday off, retail stores are open and it is one of the busiest shopping days of the entire year.

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 4th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fairfax Room. The Service will be performed by the Past Exalted Rulers of our Lodge to honor the members who have passed away since December 2015 to present. Pastor Charlie Wood of Mount Calvary Community Church in Springfield, 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 for the families and members who attend. [Chairman Rose Thiebaut]

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 lagallimore@hotmail.com if you have an interest in joining the team. It's truly fun and rewarding.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL GAMES



Join the fun at #2188 on Sundays in the Bar/Lounge to enjoy the televised football games with other members and guests. Order beverages and food items from the Bar menu.

FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS available weekly!

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. (At the end of September, the jackpot total was approximately \$1,000.)

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS



The **2016 White House Ornaments** can now be purchased at the Lodge. This year's ornament honors the administration of our 31st 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 now on sale through December from Barbara Marshall (571) 203-0375 and Joan Gavin (703) 978-3029.

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. **[Fraternally, Laurie Fearis, PER Association President]**

FALL CLASSIC TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT at #2188

Saturday, November 5, 2016 – 11:00A to 7:00P

Entry fee only \$50 (includes Brunch Buffet) – Cash Bar

Register with Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi – tlotfabadi@bpoe2188.org

Lions Club Tournament Director Charles "Chuck" Griffith – tdrestonlions16@gmail.com

NEWS FROM:

Calabash Elks Lodge #2679, 937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC 28467

www.calabashelks.org

Like to Golf? Like the Beach? Like to Eat? Like to Play Bingo? Then you will love the Calabash Elks Lodge, located close to great golf courses, with an exciting restaurant selection, and great beaches. And while you are here, visit the most active Elks Lodge in the South Eastern North Carolina and Myrtle Beach area. We offer an extensive lunch menu every weekday from 11:00A–3:00P, and food choices on Monday and Friday evenings. Check out our award-winning website for menus, etc. Bingo is played on Tues evenings – eyes down at 6:30P – food served from 5:00P. Our normal Club opening hours are: Mon – Fri: 11:00A–9:00P / Sat: 12:00N–9:00P / Sun: 12:00N–7:00P. Call us on 910-579-4600 and join the many other Elks from "up North" who have enjoyed our hospitality.

RECENT EVENTS HELD AT #2188

GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT – Held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016



Our Lodge recently held another Guest Bartender Night. One-half of all tips from this event will go to the Lodge Building Fund. I would like to thank Jerry & Charmaine Boyer for being our Guest Bartenders for October. The featured drinks were “The Shark Bite” and “The Stingray,” and a dessert drink called “The Jellyfish” which was served after 7:00P. A fun time was had by all who attend – and it was a very good turnout! Everyone had to be on their toes not to lose an arm or leg! [ER Tim Knotts] [*“Thanks to Art Wyman and all for supporting Charmaine and me at Guest Bartender Night.” – Jerry Boyer*]

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

FAREWELL TO MEMBER SANDY MUELLER – Saturday, October 29, 2016

An article with pictures will appear in the next issue of The Horn

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

9:00A to 11:00A – Redskins v. Bengals -- Only \$7.50 per person – Bloody Mary Bar & Mimosa’s -- \$2.00 per drink

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

USO	PER Patti Graves / Gary Indre
Dictionaries	Raffle ticket sales / Bingo players donations
Holiday Baskets	Elks Auxiliary
Line of Giving at VEA	PER Frank Burns
General Fund	Mr. & Mrs. C.K. Gorham

MEMBERSHIP

Members proposed since the last issue of The Horn:

- Caitlin Gillett (proposed by Julia Olson, a member of Stillwater (MN) Lodge # 179)
- Charles "Chuck" Griffith (proposed by Roy Seabolt)
- Donna Fujiwara (proposed by Roy Seabolt)

IN MEMORIAM

- Charles R. "Chuck" Bowmaster, Sr. (October 22, 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:

- Sal Guardino is home and showing signs of improvement

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Exalted Ruler Tim Knotts welcomes new members to Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188: (L-R) Athena Louie, Caitlin Gillett, and Charles "Chuck" Griffith

MEMBERSHIP PRIMER:

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

1. An application blank must be completely filled out and given to the Lodge Secretary, with the application fee of \$40. If the candidate is under the age of 26, their application fee is only \$20.
2. The Application blank has confused some of our members. The member *proposing* (i.e., sponsoring) the new candidate must fill in the top portion of the blank, where it says "Proposer." The candidate fills in the remainder starting with "Proposes."
3. The Secretary will send the candidate a letter enclosing a Receipt showing they have paid the application fees, and entitling them admission to the lodge during their candidacy.
4. The application will be read at the next meeting after it is received. The second meeting after receipt, the candidate will be voted on.

5. After the ballots have been cast, and the candidates elected, the Secretary will send a letter setting forth the date for their orientation and initiation, and telling them the amount of their pro rata dues for the remainder of the year. Until they get that letter, or an email, they are not to show up for initiation. We may have one while they are in process, but it does not mean all new candidates are ready for initiation. All members are encouraged to attend the initiation.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS:

Mirza Baig
Peter Barrett
William Borrer
Patricia Brasseur
John Delaney
John Eggerton
Ted Farran
Chris Fialkovich
Alice Fontana
Kathryn Gill-Delaney
Donald Graham
Mark Harford
Jay Hern

Joseph Holland
Wayne Irwin
Lee Jacobs
Henry Kulesza
Ladda Lapp
Richmond Miller
Erik Milman
Richard Morris
Michael James Perry
(NOTE: not the singer)
Henry A. Peterson, Jr.
John R. Purkat
Donald Puskar

John Scomardi
Patricia Senkow
Stephen Senkow
Robert Seymore
James Sharp
Judy Strang
Cynthia Tallia
Michael Thompson
Victor Weedn
Tanya Wiertalla
Linda Wilson

If you do not have a light green card that notes the new expiration date of 04/01/2017, you are delinquent -- notices have been sent out to you. Thanks to all who have responded to date, however, there are still 36 members who have not. Their names will be published again in the next issue of *The Horn*. **Remember** that if you proposed someone for membership, you should continue to keep in touch with them and encourage them to renew their dues if they are on the delinquent list above. If you do not know whether you have sponsored someone, please give me a call.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER!

May you stay forever young. -- Bob Dylan

PHOTO GALLERY #1



BINGO VOLUNTEER CORNER (Bingo Chairman Susan Lyon)

For November, let me recognize volunteer **GAIL STANSBERRY** – one of the best BINGO callers the game has ever known! Her skills have been developed over many years of volunteering on Monday and Thursday nights. Gail is an awesome person, VERY MODEST, a devoted caregiver, a great friend, and a team player, often going above and beyond to help out when needed. I consider her one of the unsung heroes here at #2188. Thank you for your time and dedication to BINGO and other worthwhile projects throughout the year! Next time you see Gail just ignore her -- she hates the attention! If you wish to join the BINGO team of volunteers, please call Bingo Chairman Susan Lyon at (703).241-8309.



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

Congratulations to our 2016 Masters Tournament Champions -- Jerry Sall “A Flight,” and Tim Knotts and Gary Indre who tied for “B Flight” honors. They will be recognized at the **Golf Association Banquet, scheduled for Friday, November 11th, at Elks Lodge #2188.** Dale Crisp, our “Chairman’s Trophy” winner will also be honored at that time. The Masters Tournament was held at Forest Greens on October 3rd. The only other event held since the last edition of The Horn was at Reston National on September 19th. Dale Crisp was the low net winner and his 78 was the low gross score that day. Our last event for this season was at South Riding on October 17th where Mike Evers was our low net winner at South Riding, and Mack McGlumphy had the low gross score. The Banquet will conclude this year’s season. Planning for the 2017 season will commence soon thereafter.



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**
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(Attention: Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan)

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



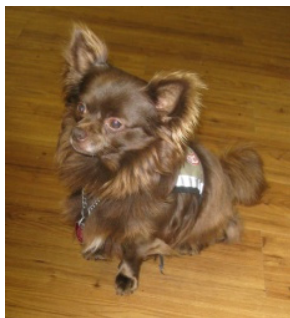
I would like to start by thanking the individuals who participated in the Lodge Cleanup Day event, especially Marilyn Lyles, Dick Langley, Adam Roth, Ernie, Chris Mekenney, Jonathan Mekenney, Tim Knotts, Jan Sullivan, and a big thanks to our Project Manager, Vernon Gardner. While the group was small 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 stream, 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** will be held on **Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Lodge Ballroom. We are 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 will be hosting special veteran guests from the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and Wounded Warriors from Fort Belvoir. Also included in our Program is the **King's Park Band**, who will entertain us with rousing patriotic music for all to enjoy. A complimentary dinner will be provided for all in attendance at the conclusion of the program. Please note that alcoholic beverages are restricted and will not be served at this event out of respect for our special veteran guests. Please plan to attend this patriotic tribute to all veterans and to help us honor our special veteran guests.

➤ **Bingo Night at Martinsburg VA Hospital - Friday, September 30, 2016**



Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188, accompanied by members of the Annandale Knights of Columbus, hosted Bingo for approximately 60 patients/veterans at the Martinsburg VA Hospital on September 30, 2016. The #2188 Veterans Committee is always proud to support these Bingo games, which we host 4 times a year at Martinsburg, West Virginia. Besides the Canteen Coupon books that are given as prizes, we also gave each attendee 2 coupon books at the end of the evening. This always brings smiles to their faces knowing that everyone is a winner. And as an extra bonus and "Thank You" for their service, we sponsor a "free store" for the attendees to browse through and choose from a multitude of items, including polo and tee-shirts, puzzles, back scratchers, etc. Attending from #2188: ER Tim Knotts, PSYCP Georgianna Knotts, Karen Bender, Joan Gavin, PER Rose Thiebaut, and PER Patti Graves. Pictured above is the Bingo caller's service dog "Max" -- a lively and cuddly helper.

➤ Reagan National Airport USO Food Deliveries - September & October



#2188 continues to support our traveling military and veterans who come through Reagan National Airport by providing frozen foods to the USO facility at the airport. It is a small facility where only a refrigerator/freezer unit can be accommodated, providing no space for a large freezer. Although this means bi-weekly food deliveries are needed to keep the freezer stocked for our traveling military and veterans, #2188 is up to the challenge. Deliveries were made on September 8th and 21st, and October 6th and 20th which require 2 ½ - 3 hours driving time (approximately 54 miles round trip). Anyone who has lived in the DC metropolitan area can relate to this as it seems the rush hour in the DC area never ends. But this is a minor inconvenience for the #2188 Veterans Committee to be able to provide our traveling military with a heavy snack or hearty meal to help them along during their trip. Pictured here is PER Patti Graves with USO Facility Manager Amy Altersitz.

The USO Food Delivery Program is only one of #2188's significant programs in which the Veterans Committee continues to support to make a difference for our active military and veterans. If you are interested in assisting in a future USO food delivery, please contact Patti Graves at gpgraves@msn.com. If interested in making a monetary donation to help our Lodge support this exceptional program, please mail or deliver a check to Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan, payable to "Elks #2188 Charities" with the notation on the check "USO Food Delivery." We rely on the generous donations from our members to keep this program alive.

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



I would like to thank the Elks Auxiliary members who baked cookies for the North District hospitality room at the Fall Convention in Virginia Beach. The cookies were a big hit. It was fun to watch as Elks from all around the state visited the North District room and browsed the trays for the perfect choice. The cookies were all gone by Saturday night.

Please take time to think of our Veterans. They are the brave men and women that secured our freedom and protected us. God bless our past and present military heroes. Please attend the Lodge Veterans Program on November 6th at 4:00P in the #2188 Ballroom. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors to pay tribute to our veterans.

Are you aware that Elks can be members of the Auxiliary? We are always looking for a few new members. Give us a try. Come out to our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday or join us for a relaxing daytime luncheon on the third Tuesday at 11:30A. Bring a lunch item and join in the fun. Don't forget to purchase your White House Ornaments and Giant Food Cards. They support all of the Auxiliary's charities. Hope to see you soon.

[Tim Knotts, Auxiliary President]

PHOTO GALLERY #2



NOVEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT															
WED NIGHT DINNERS: 5:30P-8:00P FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS: 5:30P-8:00P (Featuring choice of NY Strip Steak or the Alternate Entrée; highly recommend calling the Club Manager or bartender-on-duty in advance to reserve a table)		1 BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	2 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Roast Turkey)	3  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	4 USO Delivery FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Jumbo Crab Cake) (Terry Lee Ryan)	5 PIG ROAST (3:00P-8:00P)  POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 nd Session 7:00P															
6 VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (4:00P)	7 MEXICAN TRAIN (10:00A)  Volunteers Needed!	8 – Election Day  LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	9 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib) Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting (7:30P)	10  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	11 - Veterans Day FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Seafood Newburg) (Lou Neeley)  Golf Ass'n Banquet	12  POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 nd Session 7:00P															
13  Redskins v. Vikings (1:00P) <i>Food & Drink Specials</i>	14  Volunteers Needed!	15 Elks Auxiliary Luncheon Bring-a-Dish (11:30A) BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	16 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (1/2 BBQ Chicken)	17  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 7:30P	18 USO Delivery FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Salmon) (Tom Saputo)	19  POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 nd Session 7:00P															
20  Redskins v. Green Bay (8:30P) <i>Food & Drink Specials</i>	21 Knit & Crochet (10:00A)  Volunteers Needed!	22 Holiday Food Baskets & Coat Delivery LODGE MEETING (7:30P)	23 NO BUFFET Lodge Will Close @ 7:00P	24 Thanksgiving Day LODGE CLOSED NO BINGO  Redskins v. Dallas (4:30P)	25 NO DINNER or Entertainment Lodge Will Close @ 7:00P	26  POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 nd Session 7:00P															
27	28  Volunteers Needed!	29 BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	30 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Stuffed Pork Chops)	LOUNGE & KITCHEN HOURS OF OPERATION: <table><tr><th></th><th>LOUNGE</th><th>KITCHEN</th></tr><tr><td>Mon-Thurs:</td><td>12:00N-9:00P</td><td>12:00N-7:00P</td></tr><tr><td>Friday:</td><td>11:30A-10:00P</td><td>11:30A-8:00P</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday:</td><td>2:00P- 8:00P</td><td>2:00P-6:00P</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday:</td><td>1:00P- 8:00P</td><td>1:00P-6:00P</td></tr></table> BINGO: Mondays & Thursdays Early Birds Games 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P Bring friends / win prizes / have fun / support KNIT & CROCHET: Meets 3 rd MON of each month MEXICAN TRAIN: Meets 1 st MON of each month				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	1:00P-6:00P
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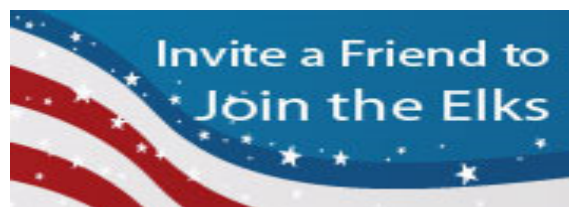


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