



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

**THE ELKS HORN**  
*Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1961*

## JANUARY 2021 EDITION



### *Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.*

*Oh! Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy New Year!* Nothing excites me more than looking forward to the new year. It is a time to reflect on the prior year and say thank you for helping get through one of the hardest years in our Elks history. Now that 2021 is upon us, it is time to ask every one of you to make an extra resolution – to step up and support your Lodge. Come out and be part of something new. I know many of you already enjoy what is offered – maybe dinner, music, and dancing – but what else can you do to support our brotherhood? Let me tell you. We need help with volunteers for our committees, fundraising to keep our lodge alive so everyone can enjoy Elks life.

I am putting out a challenge to each of you -- participate in our Lodge meetings. Give us your time. Give us your input on what we can do for the community and how we do things as a Lodge. Your membership means more than just the weekly night out. I have spoken to so many of you since I became Exalted Ruler, listened to you, and truly respect your words. But then I look around at nights we have initiation for new members. All that attend are the officers that are committed to their responsibilities and maybe the direct sponsors of the new members. Think what impression that gives a new Elk. They are probably left with a few questions. *Is this important? Where is everyone?* So, yes, where are YOU? We have our rituals, and these things should not be forgotten.

Let me express to everyone that we have imposed all safety regulations and committed to best practices to ensure the health of our Lodge. We have had no reported instances of illness during our Lodge operation. Nevertheless, we will continue to keep everyone safe and satisfied. Our employees are vigilant in providing the best service possible. Now is the time to come out and be the Elk you committed to be when you took the Oath at your own initiation. Let us be stronger than ever and show what it means to be an Elk. The new year brings one more step in rejuvenating our Lodge, my goal and commitment was to make our building something to be proud of. What a job and success it has been so far. The new ballroom bar has now been approved and is under construction. This will be something we will be proud of when our hall is used for our own events and generating rental income. Let us all work hard together to show Arlington-Fairfax Elks #2188 is one of the best lodges in the country. As always, I want to express how honored I am to be serving as your Exalted Ruler and always will be. Happy New Year! Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler – “Elks Care, Elks Share” -- [LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com](mailto:LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com)

### **ELK OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2021**



The Elk of the Month is member **Terry Lee Ryan** – the Maestro! Thank you, Terry, for all you do in supporting us with music, care, and joy. Terry was responsible for the production of our recent Veterans Day and Elks Memorial Service videos. Without his know-how and dedication, these productions might not have been possible. Thanks for bringing a spirit of togetherness to the Lodge.

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## Who We Are

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**Trustee-1<sup>st</sup> Year:** Pamela McCarthy  
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**Trustee-3<sup>rd</sup> Year:** PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)  
**Trustee-4<sup>th</sup> Year:** PER Frank Burns  
**Trustee-5<sup>th</sup> Year:** PER Jim Weed

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For the **Virginia Elks Association newsletter**, go to [www.virginiaelks.org](http://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!

Many of us will be all too eager to say goodbye to 2020. This is understandable. However, doing so would also marginalize the good work that has been conducted throughout the year. It is quite remarkable – especially when we look at our Lodge – at what has been accomplished. The Board has led the way with improvements to the Members Quarter's, a newly installed firepit, new stairs out back, refurbished men's restrooms, and so much more. Even during the pandemic when so many other Lodges have closed, we have remained opened, offering the same services and amenities our members have come to expect. This is testament to safety protocols, acceptance and adherence by the membership, and perhaps a little bit of luck. And one cannot forget the continued good work of our member volunteers who still supported the community with Thanksgiving baskets, virtual Veteran's programs, USO contributions, scholarships, etc., etc., etc. Finally, and most importantly, a huge thank you to the staff. They have worked throughout the biggest health crisis in generations and have done so without complaint. They have put themselves at risk in order keep this Lodge functioning. They deserve your recognition and so much more. Next time you see them, let them know how much they are appreciated.



**NOTE:** We continue to follow the guidelines for keeping our facility safe for its members. Social distancing and face mask guidelines always apply at our Lodge. **Also, once we return resume our Lodge events, please remember that it is highly recommended that everyone telephone in advance to reserve seats for the Friday Night Dinners and special events in the Ballroom.** *[John Hyde, Club Manager]*

**\*\*CHECK YOUR EMAILS REGULARLY FOR LODGE UPDATES\*\***



**SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD STEVE THIEBAUT IN THIS ISSUE CONCERNING THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

**The Minutes of Lodge Membership Meetings and Board Meetings will no longer be posted on our website. If any member wishes to receive a copy of the Minutes to either meeting, please contact the Lodge Secretary.**

## News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan -- [jsullivan@bpoe2188.org](mailto: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.

**ELKS COVID-19 face masks (with adjustable ear straps) available @ \$10 each in the Secretary's office.**



### IN MEMORIAM

Karen Bender (passed away January 2, 2021)

Frank Ryan (husband of member Chris Ryan; passed away January 4, 2021)

### NEW MEMBERS



Initiation of New Members was held on Tuesday, December 15. Shown with ER Larry Fisher (center) are (L) Frank Lyman and (R) Robert Kennedy.  
**Welcome!**

Orientation and Initiation will now be held on the third Tuesday of each month. However, due to e will notify the candidates and sponsors of the next Orientation and Initiation.

### CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

USO: Joan Honore

### IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP VOTE

It is time once again to review and update our Bylaws. Following are the proposed changes to our Bylaws and House Rules. Please read them carefully and be prepared to vote on them at our Lodge meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

#### **Article III: Life and Honorary Life Membership**

**Current:** Section 1. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment in advance of \$2,525.00 (25 times the annual regular Lodge dues of \$101.00 as set forth in Article X).

**Proposed:** Section 1. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment in advance of \$2,525.00 (25 times the annual regular Lodge dues of \$101.00 as set forth in Article X). ***For members over 85 years old, the Lodge may waive the Life Membership criteria.***



## **ARTICLE VI: APPOINTIVE POSITIONS AND DUTIES**

Section 7. has been removed, as we have no organist.

## **ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES**

**Current:** Section 1. First paragraph remains the same. Second paragraph will read ***"The Lodge has adopted a \$1 reduced initiation fee in connection with a membership drive in June and July."***

**Current: Section 3.** The reinstatement for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be \$50.00 The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a Transfer Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$50.00. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$50.0. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be \$50.00. **[The remainder of this paragraph remains unchanged.]**

**Proposed: Section 3.** The reinstatement for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be \$40.00 The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a Transfer Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$40.00. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$40.00. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be \$40.00. **[The remainder of this paragraph remains unchanged.]**

**Section 4.** Add a paragraph:

## **ARTICLE XIII: BILLS AGAINST THE LODGE**

**Current: Section 3.** The Treasurer may designate a specific member of the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable) or a Chair Officer, subject to Lodge approval, to sign Lode checks in the Treasurer's absence. Any such designee shall be bonded in the same amount as the Treasurer.

**Proposed: Section 2.** The Treasurer may designate a specific member of the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable) or a Chair Officer, or PER, subject to Lodge approval, to sign Lode checks in the Treasurer's absence. Any such designee shall be bonded in the same amount as the Treasurer.

## **The House Rules have been changed as follows:**

**Current:** 17. No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed in the Bar. An adult should accompany anyone under the age of sixteen (16) when in the lounge. Anyone under the age of sixteen (16) must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the Game Room and be restricted after 8:00 p.m.

**Proposed:** 17. The laws of Virginia regarding age of persons allowed in bars shall be followed in the Member Social Quarters.

**Current:** 23. The Club will not cash members' personal checks if they exceed \$25.00 over the embers' bill and in no case will checks be cashed for non-members. No third-party checks will be cashed.

**Proposed:** 23. The Club will not cash members' personal checks.

## **REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS**

We have many members who are staying safe at home this winter. If you know of anyone, please drop them a line, or give them a phone call to let them know we are thinking about them.

## **MEMBERSHIP NOTES:**

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

If you have applied for membership into our Lodge you will receive an official email or snail mail letter from the Secretary telling you when your initiation is to be held. PLEASE do not ask another member, even an officer, about your status because while they will know when the next orientation and initiation will be held, they may not know whether you are part of it. If in doubt, please call the secretary at 703-5600-2188, option 2, or email her at [secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto:secretary@bpoe2188.org). She can tell you when you will be eligible for initiation and can give you the details of the dues you will owe for the remainder of the year. Our Lodge year runs from April 1 to March 31, and the dues are \$125 for the entire year. When you join, they will be pro-rated so you only pay an amount due until the following April 1 when the entire \$125 will be due.

### **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.

### **Email Addresses**

Thank you to all who have updated their email addresses with the secretary. Please continue to send any changes to her at [secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto: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. If you wish to get *The Elks Horn* quicker email is the way to go. It is sent out immediately via email while it sometimes takes a week or more to receive the news through the mail.

**EBLAST NOTE:** If you are not receiving eblasts, but have given me your email address, check your spam or junk mail. When I put your name into the constant Contact list, a confirmation email will go out asking you to confirm your address. You need to respond that it is okay to get the messages. I find there are still some who have not responded to a confirmation request.

### **GUIDELINES FOR LODGE E-BLASTS (ELECTRONIC NEWS FLASHES)**

To simplify sending notices to our membership 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. (5) If there is a change, the Secretary should be notified as quickly as possible with the new details.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Steve Thiebaut, Chairman)**

#### **Attention: Members of Lodge 2188**



As we enter a New Year, I, as Chair of the Board of Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188, want to assure you that the fiscal status of the Lodge is strong. This is a significant statement because we, like many business and nonprofit enterprises across the United States, have experienced unprecedented financial losses because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. To date, we have been able confront these challenges. Combining \$223,000 in Federal loans with the strong financial condition we enjoyed entering into this crisis, we maintain total finances in excess of \$300,000, 10 months into this crisis. As a point of reference, in December 2017, we had less than one-third of that finance total (under \$100,000). We have acted to reduce recurring costs since March of 2020, reducing bi-weekly Lodge payroll from \$13,000 to less than \$8,000, with similar decreases in other ongoing or recurring costs. We continue to invest in improvements to the facility, which is what we should do during reduced operations—knowing that these improvements will yield revenue increases after the crisis. We are proud to note that over \$50,000 of those improvements, the vast majority in terms of cost, have come from donations or “payments in-kind” and not from routine Lodge finances.

Still, the question for the Lodge is whether we can continue to sustain losses for the duration of the Pandemic, or until we can return to the financially stable conditions we had established prior to the Pandemic. I believe that we can, with additional reductions in our monthly losses. More important than financial savings, however, is the urgent need for us to take steps to protect ourselves more strongly from potential virus infection, which will also reduce the level of financial losses we have experienced. As a result, we have decided to extend and expand the current curtailment of Lodge activities for a minimum of 30 days (through February 7, 2021), and for longer if deemed necessary. The plan is to suspend all food and beverage services, all related social activity, and all in-house meetings and gatherings at the Lodge, and to limit the operations of the Club office.

Four factors support such a decision currently: 1) the increased threat to the Lodge community of the COVID-19 virus and related stricter State requirements, 2) the virtually complete loss of room-rental income, 3) the recent greater than projected club financial losses due to decreased member participation in Lodge activities; and 4) the significant construction activity ongoing at the Lodge.

**Room-Rental Income:** For the previous four months, the Lodge had realized a partial recovery of room-rental income, which was reducing the COVID-related financial losses we had realized in the first four months of the Lodge year. However, in December, that revenue completely collapsed with the cancellation of events by usual renters. We remain hopeful for the future of the rental program but anticipate significant short-term limitations.

**COVID-19:** There has been an increase in the number of members who have reported exposure to the Coronavirus, even though there is no significant evidence that it is attributable to exposure at the Lodge. Nevertheless, we need to ensure full compliance with new State requirements applicable to organizations such as ours; and we want to take precautions to prevent the occurrence of transmission through Lodge activities. We can best achieve these objectives by shutting down such activities until it is deemed safe to resume them.

**Reduced Member Attendance at Lodge Events:** Financial losses associated with reduced participation at Lodge events was more significant in December than in previous months, clearly because of the increased threat of Covid-19. We believe it is unwise to plan to absorb these losses further, especially considering other income losses, such as room rentals.

**Construction in the Ballroom:** A significant element in our success in generating member and non-member (rental) revenue in the past four months has been ballroom events, which we cannot conduct during the period of renovation to that facility. We should limit disruption to efficient renovation efforts by severely curtailing ballroom activity until the construction is completed.

To ensure that we achieve significant financial savings associated with this action, estimated to be an additional \$25K per month, we will:

- Discontinue the purchase of food and beverage products and related supplies until the resumption of food and beverage service is initiated.
- Continue necessary cleaning and maintenance services and products (e.g., pest control, trash, cleaning), with the expectation of some reductions.
- Maintain office operations for the Secretary and Treasurer, but significantly reduce operations for the Club Office.
- Apply major, temporary reductions in payroll and related taxes: Club Manager salary reduction, elimination of bartender and food server hours, reduced kitchen and maintenance hours -- with the understanding that we do not want to lose our employees. Affected employees are prepared to accept these temporary changes.
- Pursue additional PPP financial support to reduce the impact of changes.

We have taken steps to ensure our employees are able to withstand reductions in income and will continue to pursue financial support that may help to mitigate such impacts; and we have assured them that these steps are temporary.

In July, we projected that the Lodge would continue to lose, and be able to absorb, approximately \$10-\$15K per month related to the recurring, necessary activities of the Lodge. Added losses are to be expected for "one-time" Lodge-improvement projects and charitable activities, which can also be absorbed. The factors we addressed above reflect circumstances that led to a loss of revenue greater than what we had experienced in the previous four months. The action we have taken to temporarily reduce expenses and ensure a safe routine-

activity loss rate, along with the still strong total finances currently available to the Lodge, will ensure that this Lodge will be able to endure the continued effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic for an additional 9 months to one year.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our regular activities in the not-too distant future, and that we will begin to realize a return to significant rentals within six months. With your help, we are confident that we will remain safe during this crisis, and that our financial condition will remain strong for the foreseeable future.

**[PER Steven Thiebaut, Chairman of the Board]**

### **GOLF UPDATE (Ron Murphy, Chairman – [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com))**

Work on the 2021 Golf Schedule is in the initial stage. For the most part we will play the same courses as in previous seasons. We have a goal to not play two weeks in a row but play every other Monday. Circumstances may dictate otherwise occasionally, for example, holidays or a pandemic. Hopefully, we will all be vaccinated by the first event. So, we will continue to play on Mondays and have shotgun starts. Sign-up procedures will remain unchanged. A reminder email will be sent a week before the event with pertinent instructions and interested players need to reply by the Thursday preceding it. All Lodge #2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who choose not to join may play in individual events as guests. We hope to have the schedule and membership application ready for inclusion in the March Horn.

### **THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**



Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2021 contest kicks off on **September 1, 2020**. The deadline for applications is **February 5, 2021 at 11:59A (Central Time)**.

1. For the 2021 contest, any child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2018, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2018, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only at [elks.org](https://elks.org). The 2021 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 5, 2021 at 11:59A (Central Time).
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elks members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2021 Legacy Contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.

If you have questions about your online Legacy Awards application, contact the ENF Scholarship Office via email at [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org). Learn more about the Legacy Awards contest at [enf.elks.org/Leg](https://enf.elks.org/Leg).

**ORIENTATION (6:30P) & INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS (7:30P) – EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY**

**LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (7:30P) – EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS (7:15P) – EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY**



## SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

Work on our new Ballroom Bar is underway and should be completed soon. This is a "Red Letter Day" for me and all the Lodge members who helped us raise \$25,700 to renovate the Tiki Bar. This resulted in funding 71% of the total contract cost of the new bar. Our first fundraiser was a Fashion Show & Silent Auction in which many of you modeled, bought Silent Auction items, or just supported this ground breaker. Our next fundraiser was a Jewelry Raffle which brought in a lot of money. Later in the year we held a Wine & Beer Tasting and we also had a small Silent Auction. You may have forgotten but we had a Pecan Sale last year and coupled with the one still underway, we sold a lot of delicious pecans which added a delightful treat at many Thanksgiving and Christmas tables. We also had one member (Peter Davenport) who donated \$500 to our pecan sales -- his offer extracted several dances from the ladies. We also want to thank Diane & Mark Kaplon for buying the most pecans during our sales. Our thanks go out to all the Lodge members who participated in the Fashion Show; bought tickets on our Jewelry Raffle; bought Silent Auction items (special thanks to those who donated the Silent Auction items and handled the sale); participated in our Wine Tasting & Silent Auction and bought pecans. This monumental effort could not have been achieved without the support of so many members and the leadership of PER Alicia Pomé (who talked me into being the Lodge Fundraiser Chairperson) and ER Larry Fisher (who supported my efforts). My thanks also to Jan Sullivan and Rose Thiebaut for handling the publicity. John Hyde and the kitchen staff who were available to always help and provided excellent food. My personal thanks go to my husband Tom Loftis who helped in so many ways. [Joyce Loftis, Fundraising Chairperson]

### TOYS FOR TOTS

**"TOYS FOR TOTS" CHRISTMAS SHOW at #2188**  
**WITH TOM SAPUTO & THE SINGING ELVES**  
**HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 - IN THE BALLROOM**



With special thanks to Tom Saputo and The Singing Elves  
And to the members and guests who attended this fun holiday event at #2188!

**MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION CELEBRATION**  
**Held on Saturday, December 19, 2020**



***NEW YEAR'S EVE at #2188***  
**Held on Thursday, December 31, 2020 in the Ballroom**





## REMEMBERING A BELOVED FELLOW ELK – Karen Bender (passed away in Colorado January 2, 2021)



Karen was a great member of our Lodge for 13 years. During that time, she had organized the Bingo nights and volunteers and planned several fundraisers. Among the activities she organized were a bus trip to a Nationals baseball game, a presentation of Margueritaville, a murder mystery dinner play, and several Kentucky Derby Day events. She was a fun person to be around, and always had a good idea for having fun while raising money! She started the Lodge Backpack Lunch Program before she left for Colorado.

A dear friend of Gram and mine lost her battle with breast cancer on Jan 2nd. Karen was without a doubt one of the funniest people I have ever met. She had such a great outlook on life and believed that you should always have fun. She loved her Elks family so much and was so active in her charity work and activities at the Lodge. I'm so thankful I got to see her one last time when I was in Colorado and the memories we made that weekend. Karen, you will be so greatly missed. Give them heck up there. [Member Ashley Steed]

Karen was a great person. Hilarious, big heart and fun. She was such an energetic person, even when going through her cancer treatments she still volunteered for Bingo and it was lots of work. She would take care of babies born to addict mothers- they would be brought to her often in the middle of the night. Amazing woman. [Member Kathy Showker]

Karen was a wonderful soul and a blessing to everyone who knew and loved her. We hated to lose her in Virginia, but moving to Colorado was a blessing for her and her children. The world mourns the loss of a truly good person. [Member Rose Thiebaut]

## REMEMBERING A BELOVED FRIEND -- FRANK RYAN



We lost **Frank Ryan** on January 5<sup>th</sup> (member Chris Ryan's husband). I have known Frank for around 30 years, and he will be dearly missed. He attended many events, parties, shows, and was an extremely kind and intelligent man. Our prayers are with Chris and her family. [Tom Saputo]



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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY**

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



*Happy Birthday*

hope your birthday  
is as awesome  
as you are!

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**ATTENTION:** The deadline for submitting articles for THE ELKS HORN is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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

**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.



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** is 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."

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