



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

The Elks Horn

Supporting our Community Since 1961

Jan 2015

As we brought December to a close, our Lodge continued to prove what wonderful, giving members we have. We were tenacious in our support of programs that make a difference and have a positive effect on the lives of children, veterans/active military, our community and our members. The Toys for Tots Drive was an incredible success again this year. Our Elks Memorial Service was one of the most moving and inspiring ceremonies we have had; a true tribute to our departed members. The annual Children's and Spina Bifida Christmas parties again gave the children a filled with food, presents, Santa and wonderful memories. The Backpack Lunch program ensures children in need food for the weekend; while the USO Food Delivery continues to serve our active soldiers and veterans.

Mrgs Tom /Jay and Staff threw a fabulous 2188 Open House/Holiday party; always a fun, festive event. The Elks Christmas and New Year's Eve Dances were true celebrations with marvelous music and dancing. The Auxiliary continues to thrive and provide support; their evening and daytime Christmas parties demonstrating the vibrancy this group consistently brings to our Lodge. The Ugly Sweater Contest and Holiday Gift Wrapping activities not only proved fun but raised money for the Lodge-sponsored Friday night dinners for recovering injured soldiers. Additional funds for that program were also raised through the liquor and wine basket raffles. Another successful Guest Bartender night also brought good cheer and wonderful fellowship.



These, as well as all of our Lodge programs and events, are made possible through you, our volunteers. Your hard work and dedication ensures the success of all activities and initiatives. Volunteers – you are the Shining Stars of our Lodge. As a small token of thanks to all our volunteers, the ER Hosted Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 4p. Please join us if you have volunteered this year for any Lodge program, event or activity. Your commitment and enthusiasm are what sustain our Lodge and lets us continue to grow and do better. I hope to see all of our volunteers at this event.

The coming month also has other scheduled initiatives and activities planned, including the 2188 Hoop Shoot on Saturday, January 10. This is an enjoyable Grand Lodge program that gives school-aged children fun competition and a chance to show off their hoop shoot abilities. This year's Lodge event is on track to be another great success.

Stop by for a shot of Lodge hospitality on Wednesday, January 21, when Rose Thiebaut volunteers as January's Guest Bartender. Rose will provide interesting drinks, lots of laughter and a night of good old fashioned 2188 hospitality.

Finally, join your fellow members at the Lodge breakfast scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 9-11a. For \$8, you can enjoy a wonderful breakfast buffet, sure to satisfy any appetite.

In closing, I want to share my appreciation to those members who have pledged to "sponsor" a new bar stool that will help fund its purchase. The sponsorship of the bar stools was quickly embraced by several members and grew as other members pledged their support. This is just another example of how our members step up every time to meet a need. What amazing members you are!

In 2015, may our Lodge continue to grow in fellowship; in service to children, veterans, and our community; and in the dedication and support we give to our fellow Elks. May 2015 prove to be an exceptional year for our Lodge and also for you personally!

Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler

The Lodge website is under construction. Calendar at bpoe2188.org

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



Help wanted—I could use some help on maintaining and updating the content on the websites. The new temporary website uses a very simple and easy to use tool. Content can usually be updated in less than five minutes. If you have basic computer skills, I can train you on the tool in less than an hour. I have found it is always good to have a backup in case I want to do something like go on vacation or if I win the lottery and move to the Florida Keys ☺☺. Roy Seabolt, Webmaster

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

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS RE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

We are in the process of updating our email address list for sending Lodge Notices from Constant Contact. Some of you (or someone in your household) have “unsubscribed” from the notices that were coming from entertainment or jollycorkspub and now wish to begin receiving them again. Due to the strict policy that Constant Contact follows, I am prohibited from adding your name back onto our list once you have unsubscribed. If you wish to receive our notices, you will need to resubscribe. Please email me at dwilkes@cox.net for the link and instructions. I have sent a personal email to all of those who have unsubscribed with the necessary instructions should they choose to receive the notices again. For those of you who would like to be added to the list, please send me an email.

Deborah Wilkes, Trustee

New Secretary Hours:
Mon 2-4

Charitable Donations

For the USO:

Barbara Marshall, Art Wyman, Gary Indre, Esther Dunlap, Sharon Dunfrund

For the Backpack Lunches:

Donna Yevonshin, Sharon Dunfrund

For the Aleethia Dinner:

Pat Graves, Art Wyman

Tues 3-5
Thurs 1-3

Chico's donated 10% of Elks purchases

Website Update

Due to technical difficulties, the website has been updated with a temporary new website. This website does not have a member login section. Please be patient while development work on the new website is completed. Most information is available via the public pages. Please make sure that your browser is pointing to <http://www.bpoe2188.org>.

If you need old newsletters, Lodge meeting minutes or Board meeting minutes send an email to webmaster@bpoe2188.org and requested information will be provided.

If you would like to receive The Horn via email please send an email with your name and email address to webmaster@bpoe2188.org and I will ensure that you are on the email list. Roy Seabolt, Webmaster

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From the Board Chairman's Desk

As we enter into the final quarter of our fiscal year, it's a pleasure to report that the Lodge is in relatively sound financial condition. Credit for this is widespread. We thank our employees, many of whom took cuts in their rates and hours. We thank our managers who took significant cuts in pay though certainly not hours. We thank our committee members who graciously took funding cuts and we thank all members who graciously accepted any price changes.

Notice above the use of the qualifier "relatively" in describing our financial condition. That is because though we are financially better off than we were a year or even 6 months ago, we have a few rather critical funding streams, each one of which is either somewhat volatile, fragile or simply declining. Be assured, by "critical" I mean that the loss of any single one would significantly jeopardize our financial security. Below are some examples. Note - these are exclusive of Club social events (the Club is operating efficiently) and of the fund raising activities put on and funded by our volunteers.

BINGO Revenue - The importance of this revenue stream along with the accompanying pull tap operation cannot be overemphasized, yet over the course of eight years on the Board, I have seen it drop precipitously, rebound significantly and start back down again. Then, of course, there are also the short term bumps such as occur during weather closings. The Bingo Committee has an important job as they try to keep the operation attractive to our customers and profitable.

Membership Dues - Unlike with Bingo, the concern here is not volatility. However, with our rate per member being rather stable, this revenue source is a direct function of our membership numbers and, therefore, with a long term decline in membership comes a decline in dues. Hopefully we can maintain or even increase our membership level.

Parking Lot Income - This important source comes primarily from the use of our lot by the medical facility next door. This has been going well. It is mentioned here only because of its significance and the fact that long term demand for our space is not guaranteed.

Facility Rentals - This revenue source is becoming ever more important to our fiscal health. Unfortunately, for quite some time we have relied on a few substantial and loyal customers, the loss of whom would be devastating. Fortunately, we have kept those folks happy.

The Future: Hopefully, considering the space limitations, the above conveys at least some sense of what we currently rely on and of the precarious nature of each funding stream. So now what? Certainly we will nurture and hopefully grow or at least maintain each of the above. But also, as mentioned above, rental income has become ever more important. Our Club Management has been successful in developing this rental income, and by this I mean all that goes with it from the sale of food and beverage to the supply of linens; however, much of this growth is by means of dances or private parties in the evening. For the future, I believe that we not only can, but must diversify our customer base by further attracting the business community during the day and during the week when much of the facility is idle. Our Arlington and Fairfax rooms can be attractive and can easily accommodate moderate sized business meetings and conferences while the Ball Room is more than substantial for large conferences. Our rest room facilities are mostly updated. Our front entrance is still out of the sixties, but with a bit of investment there our facility could be attractive to the business community. I suggest, especially to future Boards, making that investment and developing that source of funding.

Respectfully,

Jerry Boyer, Board Chairman.

Golf Update

Planning for next golf season has started. Representatives from The Elks, American Legion and the Knights are already working on the 2015 schedule. There will be few if any changes from the courses we played in 2014. Currently we plan to open at Westpark on 6 April and close at South Riding on 19 October. It is important to remember that everything, including those dates, is tentative at this point. As usual, all our events will be on Monday.

We will continue to use the sign-in procedures introduced last year. Players will need to sign-in by the Thursday preceding the event. A reminder email will be sent a week before the event with appropriate instructions. Sign-in can be accomplished by email, or by calling the tournament director.

All Lodge 2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who choose not to join may play as guests.

We hope to have the schedule and membership application ready for inclusion in the February Horn.

Ron Murphy, Golf Guru

Travel Update

I was happy to offer my previous skills to BPOE 2188 as Travel Coordinator. I know I will have some very, very big shoes to fill, but I am pleased to state that Paul Newcombe has agreed to assist me while I get my feet wet in this Elks position. When I met with Paul, it appeared to me that it would be to the benefit of everyone that Paul still be involved in this position. I know when money is being exchanged between parties, it is good to have someone besides one person on the financial matters that ensued in this task. Paul will also be there to assist me with his many contacts he has developed over the years. This is of great importance to BPOE 2188 to obtain the best rates, etc., for the fun we plan on having on these trips. So don't forget that I will be including Paul in my dealings with this endeavor, and he will be there to be a great compatriot in this position.

I have done travel for Federal, private industry, and 503(c) companies, but it has been a while since I have retired.

Please let me know if there is a day or 3-4 day trip that may be of interest to you. I also have some new exciting trips that may be of interest to all of us.

Thank you, Patti, for accepting me as your new Travel Coordinator.

Peggy Pape

Email address is travel@bpoe2188.org

Jan 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Feb 1 is Superbowl Sunday and Chili Fest. See flyer on page 11 for details.				1 Happy New Year!	2 No Entertainment Dinner till 8	3
4	5 Bingo—5:30 PM	6 Board Mtg, 7:15	7 Dinner till 8	8 Bingo—5:30 PM	9 Tom Saputo Dinner till 8	10 Hoop Shoots
11	12 Bingo—5:30 PM Mexican Dominoes, 11	13 Lodge Mtg, 7:30	14 Aux Mtg, 7:30 Prime Rib Night Dinner till 8	15 Bingo—5:30 PM	16 Terry Lee Ryan Dinner till 8	17
18 Volunteer Apprec Dinner, 4 PM	19 MLK Day Bingo—5:30 PM Knit/Crochet, 11	20 Aux Daytime 1130 Board Mtg, 7:15	21 Guest Bartender, Rose T Dinner till 8	22 Bingo—5:30 PM	23 Tom Saputo Dinner till 8	24 Breakfast from 9-11, \$8
25	26 Bunco, 11 Bingo—5:30 Initiation 7:30	27 Lodge Mtg, 7:30	28 Dinner till 8	29 Bingo—5:30 PM	30 Terry Lee Ryan Dinner till 8	31
Please Note: Due to Federal Holidays on the 3rd Mondays of Jan and Feb, Initiations will be Jan 26 and Feb 23!						

IN THE LOUNGE

Food & Entertainment



Wednesdays Prime Rib is the second Wednesday every month!

7th-Chicken Cordon Bleu

14th-Prime Rib Night

21st-Roast Porkloin

28th-Chicken Parmigiana

Fridays Great Steak or

2nd-No Buffet and No Entertainment

9th-Grilled Crabcake

16th- Stuffed Shrimp

23rd-Grilled Salmon

30th- Sword Fish

New Lounge and Kitchen Hours

Lounge M-TH 12-9 Fri-11:30-10 Sat 2-8 Sun 1-7

Kitchen M-TH 12-7 Fri-11:30-8 Sat 2-6 Sun 1-6

Entertainment News Jan 2015

Jan 2—No Entertainment

Jan 9—Tom Saputo

Jan 16—Terry Lee Ryan

Jan 23—Tom Saputo

Jan 30—Terry Lee Ryan

From the Desk of the Auxiliary President

Happy New Year! Let us hope that 2015 will be as productive and energizing for the Elk, Auxiliary and their families of 2188 as 2014 proved to be.

Words can never express the Auxiliary's gratitude to Joan Gavin who tirelessly ordered, stored (much to Jerry's chagrin) and sold the White House Ornaments. Many thanks also go to all of you who purchased or sold said ornaments thus keeping our charity giving alive.

Several things occurred at our Christmas Party. Members brought in gift certificates for our two adopted families, three new members, Tom Lotfabodi, Nancy Collier and Fuzzy Collier, were installed, and a rip-roaring good time was had by all that attended.

January is the month that the budget and list of charities are presented for the members approval. Business as usual!

Georgianna Knotts



Happy New Year everyone. Yes it is time to celebrate. We have reached our Grand Exalted Ruler, John Amen's, goal of \$4.60 per member. That means that we are once again eligible for the ENF Gratitude Grant of \$2000.00. This is all possible because of the generosity of the Arlington-Fairfax Elks lodge members. We do not have to stop here. We have 697 members right now. To date, we have had 90 members make donations. It would be great if the other 600 members would donate at least \$10.00. That would sure make a grand New Years statement. Go on line, send the lodge secretary or me a check and we will see that your donation is credited to you and finds it way to the ENF headquarters in Chicago. Everyone wins. Take ten minutes and make it happen.

Thanks and Happy New Year.

Tim Knotts, ENF Chair

MEMBERSHIP

January Elk of the Month

Sometimes, it is the little things a member does that can make the biggest difference. It is the calm, modest member working behind the scenes that makes an event a success. It is the member we know we can always count on to volunteer that ensures initiatives meet their goals and helps our Lodge continue to thrive. Mary Graves is a true example of this type of member. She always volunteers to assist at the annual Thanksgiving Food and Coat Drive; leading her team in organizing the coats in an amazing systematic order that provides the utmost efficiency and ease of selection by the visiting families. Her eye for color, detail and fashion accessories has made her an essential team member in coordinating many Lodge events over the years. She always answers the call when asked to assist, including as a model at the recent Lodge Fashion Show that raised money for our Building Improvement Fund. As expected, Mary proved to be a fun and fashionable model. Mary is a true Lady and a joy to work with on any activity; bringing a sense of calm, sophistication and elegance to any event in which she participates. Thank you Mary and congratulations as January's Elk of the Month.

Patti Graves, ER

New Members Initiated November 17, 2014:

Reebekah Jewell

10720 Norman Avenue

Fairfax, VA 22030-2931

Rebekahlinjewell@gmail.com

Christian Mirasol

10823 Santa Clara Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030-4464

Mirasol.christian@gmail.com

Proposed Members:

Jennifer Allison

John P. Fitzgerald

Alice Fontana

Dennis Klein

John Henrehan



New members John D. Moore, Laura Strafer, Delgadina and David G. Racer with Exalted Ruler Patricia Graves .

Phil Medell, Member No. 4122, has requested Life Membership

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

Delinquent Members

We still have 32 delinquent members. Please get your dues paid as promptly as possible. If you do not have a card that says "Paid to 4/1/2015" and is light blue in color, you are **delinquent**. If you do not plan to continue your membership, please let me know that as well. If you know the status of any of these members, please let the secretary know. Sometimes we do not find out a member has died until long after the fact. If you see your name on this list and believe it is erroneous, please let the secretary know.

Sheila Ambrogne	Charles Mills
Ronald Barber	David Newell
Craig Beals	Kem Parton
William Borrow	Edeliza Perez
Colette Cannon	Leslie Peterson
Frank Cefola	Helen Phillips
Susan Charter	Silvia Radwan
James Corder	Gisela Schull
Mo Cvijanovic	R. Paul Sebra
Leonard Dileo	Kaveh Soltani
John Eggerton	Janet Strohl
Cecil Feeney	Sherman VanDevender
John Gracza	Michael Zavodny
Jay Hern	
Linda Katz	
Nelson Kimmey, Jr.	
Russell Laney	
Bruce Miller	
Zachary Miller	

Please submit your dues payment of \$99.50 (\$29.25 for Life Members) to the Lodge Secretary immediately. Checks should be made payable to Arlington-Fairfax Lodge #2188, or BPOE 2188.

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

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188

Rock and Roll Party

Mar 7, 2015
Featuring the
HUBCAPS

Cash bar and hoes d'oeuvres at 6:30

Music starts at 7:30

Tickets are \$40 pre-sale or \$50 at the door

Tickets are available now and can be purchased from: Sandy Mueller, Patti Graves, Karen Bender, Jerry Sall, Frank Harris, Club Office & Secretary's Office.

To order by credit card, contact Sandy Mueller (703) 849-1282.
If you wish to purchase tickets at the Holiday Dance on December 20th, see Sandy Mueller or Karen Bender.

Proceeds to benefit the Lodge Facility Fund.

A Tale of Two Santas—2188 hosts Annual Spina Bifida Christmas Party and the Annual Lodge Christmas Party, Dec 14, 2015



Santa RC



Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Hosts Spina Bifida Christmas Party

A-F 2188 partnered with the Spina Bifida Association of the National Capital Area to provide children with Spina Bifida with a wonderful Christmas celebration. The children, their siblings and their parents enjoyed music, food, presents and, of course, a visit from Santa. The Spina Bifida Association provides a gift for each child thanks in part to a donation from A-F 2188. One child could be heard telling Santa “This is the best present I have ever received.” Approximately 80 children and family members attended this annual Spina Bifida Christmas Party.

Pictured presenting A-Fs donation are: 2188’s Spina Bifida Chairman Tom Thiebaut; Ms. Jill Hill, President, Spina Bifida Association of the National Capital Area; Santa Claus (aka Member R.C. Porter); and Exalted Ruler Patti Graves



Santa (aka PER Tim Knotts) visited Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 on Sunday, December 14 for the annual Children’s Christmas party. Before Santa arrived the children were treated to a puppet show. Then children had a visit with Santa who gave each of them a special gift. About 50 children from the community attended. Families who received Thanksgiving baskets, sent children to Youth Camp, were from a local shelter, as well as friends and relatives of members and employees were invited. Santa’s helpers were Georgianna Knotts, Lisa Stevens and Karen Bender.



Santa Tim, Mrs Clause and lucky child!

Many thanks to the club staff for their time in preparing the food and setting up the room. Ruth Nefflen, Marianne Vail, and Brenda Slingerland were a great help in serving the food to our guests. Once again thanks to the Auxiliary for wrapping all the gifts. As you can see many people made this wonderful event possible.

Elves Ruth Nefflen, Karen Bender, Brenda Slingerland, Mary Ann Vail, Mrs C (Georgianna Knotts), Barbara Marshall and Lisa Stevens.

10TH ANNUAL



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2015

\$5.00 Per Person | Bring a Covered Dish | Food Served at 5:00 PM | Chili Judging 4:30 PM

BENEFITING ELKS 2188 VETERANS PROGRAMS ★ CHILI REGISTRATIONS & RULES at ELKS2188EVENTS.ORG

ELKS LODGE 2188

DINNER DANCE SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd.
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. -- Dance from 8:15 to 11:05 -- Cash Bar

**Cost: Member-\$35, Non-Member-\$40--Christmas: Member-\$50, Non-Member-\$55 New
Year's Eve: Member-\$75, Non-Member-\$80**

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO DANCE

Attendees must be a guest of a Member Elk or an affiliated group.

If an non-member wishes to attend, make your reservation through a member or Frank Burns,
Dance Committee Chair. See contact information below.

Balls are formal events, with dark suits allowed; dances are business dress; Parties are casual
events.

SCHEDULE

DATE DANCE EVENT BAND

February 14 Valentines/Elks Foundation Dance Helmut Licht

March 26 Installation Ball Mike Surratt

May 9 Mother's Day Dance Helmut Licht

June 13 Flag-Day Dance Frank Napoli

August 22 Luau Party Mike Surratt

September 19 Auxiliary Dance Frank Napoli

October 30 (Fri.) Halloween Party Mike Surratt

December 19 Christmas Ball Frank Napoli

December 31 New Year's Eve Ball Mike Surratt

Notes:

Guests may choose an alternate menu of chicken or vegetarian entree as appropriate.
Please indicate seating preference with reservation.

For reservations, email: dance2188@gmail.com or call Frank Burns: 703-591-3616.

DANCE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT 2188!!

Dear Members,

As you all know I am stepping down as Chairman of Bingo. Although I will continue to work and support the program, I will not be overseeing the program or doing the weekly schedule. Karen Bender will be the overall Chairman and will run the Thursday night program. Sharon Dunfrund, Jim Weed and Susan Lyon will be sharing the duties on Monday night.

Susan Lyon will be doing the scheduling of workers on Monday night and Karen will do Thursday nights. Please call or tell them, beginning immediately, if you are unable to work on your assigned night.

Susan Lyon: 703-241-8309

Karen Bender: 703-451-4626 (h)

703-608-6627 (c)

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your support of this very important Lodge program. I know that you will all continue your support to the new leaders. A huge thank you to Gail Stansberry, who has shared this responsibility with me. I would not have been able to continue this job as long as I did without her. When I had to jump into to this job "feet first" I agreed to it if Gail and Pat Cave would back me up and work with me. Both stepped up to the plate.

Again, thanks to everyone for your wonderful support and know that I will not be a stranger at Bingo. I plan to work and support Karen, Susan, Sharon and Jim in anyway I can.

Barbara Marshall

On November 25th, after months of preparation, 26 volunteers from Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 spent the day uplifting the spirits of 42 local families. These working families, were referred to the lodge by a social services organization. They were having trouble making ends meet. The lodge stepped up in support of their needs with a holiday food basket and winter coat program. This annual program grows a bit every year. This year the lodge collected nearly 400 toys, 184 new or gently-used winter coats, a few pairs of boots, scores of toiletry items, nearly 100 hand knitted potholders, dozens of hats, gloves, tablecloths and more. They provided each family with a large crate of groceries (including fresh vegetables and pantry items) plus a frozen turkey to cook their Thanksgiving meal. The family was allowed to "shop" the other donated items and take what was needed. Additionally, they were given gift cards for a local grocery store to purchase their own December holiday meal. In all, 182 people from those 42 households were assisted.

My thanks to all those folks who made this day possible by volunteering to pick up the food, distribute it to the families, donating coats and other items. I couldn't do it without you!

Lisa Stevens, Coat and Food Basket Chair

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WE COME TOGETHER TODAY TO HONOR THE
MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS
WHO PASSED BETWEEN NOV 2013-DEC 2014

- WILLIAM W. WIELAND (JUNE 26, 2013)
- WALTER J. LANDER
- CHARLINE G. WALSH
- THOMAS O'DEA
- JOHN M. OLEYAR, JR.
- KARL BERGSVIK
- PETER J. GRITIS
- STEPHEN L. TIDLER
- PATRICIA BOROS
- JAMES FRANCIS "JIM" CARNEY
- ROGER B. WALLER
- GEORGE MAGLIETTA
- STEPHEN J. COLEVAS
- WILLIAM LEARNEY
- ROBERT "DEX" ARMSTRONG
- FRANKLIN E. MORGAN
- ANTHONY "TONY" TARTARO

**Elks are never forgotten,
Never forsaken**