

#### Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

# THE ELKS HORN

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## **APRIL 2021 EDITION**

# Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.



Welcome back to a new Elks Year! Thank you for your support last year. Now that the crisis management work winds down and we see the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, we need to pivot and turn our attention back to our real work. Let me explain this statement. We, as Elks, have a responsibility to our charities, veterans, youth groups, and our community. The last year really took a toll on participation in all areas (understandably). This is not to minimize the actions of those who were able and willing to carry on our essential charitable works but starting now this lodge will require more volunteers and hands than ever before. Our Officers and Committee Chairs will have full agendas and specific needs that every member will be called upon to help fulfill this year.

Communicating these initiatives and opportunities to help will be a crucial part of their service. Meeting attendance by the broader membership will also be vital to drive these goals to completion. Whatever you decide to do, I challenge you to help create momentum for the future of our lodge and Elkdom by showing up and extending a hand.

We just held our annual installation of Officers. They have all taken oaths and were sworn to uphold all responsibilities and duties as Officers of the Benevolent Order of Elks. Let us start off strong and not put off things for tomorrow that we can do today. Let us enjoy the lodge together with all its upgrades and renovations. We will be bringing back the camaraderie we all enjoyed so much in the past - our picnics, guest bartender nights, pig roasts and patriotic events. These are my goals for the year. The agenda will be large, but it will be doable as a team. Congratulations to all my new and returning Officers and Trustees. Thank you in advance for all the hard work and time that will be given to our lodge and the Elks organization. *Remember Elks Care, Elks Share!* [Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler]



## **ELK OF THE MONTH - April 2021**



The Elk of the Month is member **JOYCE LOFTIS**. We welcome Joyce as a new Trustee this year and thank her for her service as Lecturing Knight throughout the last year. Her commitment to the Lodge can be described as nothing less than exemplary. We value her proactive mindset, creative ideas, and positive attitude. Joyce has provided decorations for numerous Lodge events, volunteers whenever she can, and of course led the multi-year fundraising effort for the new Ballroom bar. This project would not have been possible without her relentless commitment. Thank you, Joyce!

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#### Who We Are

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#### **OFFICERS 2021-2022**

Exalted Ruler: Larry Fisher, Jr.
Leading Knight: PER Tim Knotts
Loyal Knight: PER Karen Thiebaut
Lecturing Knight: Karen Weed

**Secretary:** Jan Sullivan (703) 560-2188, Ext. 2 **Treasurer:** Tom Loftis (703) 560-2188, Ext. 4

Tiler: Frank Lyman

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Presiding Justice: Peter Davenport

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#### **TRUSTEES 2021-2022**

Trustee-1st Year: Diane Kaplon

Trustee-2<sup>nd</sup> Year: PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)

Trustee-3<sup>rd</sup> Year: PER Frank Burns
Trustee-4<sup>th</sup> Year: PER Jim Weed
Trustee-5<sup>th</sup> Year: Joyce Loftis

#### FRATERNAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Auditing:** Brett Mullins/ Brian Singleton/ Albert Cervantes

Community Activities: Barbara Marshall

**Public Relations:** Rose Thiebaut (Newsletter "The Elks Horn") and Jan Sullivan/Rose Thiebaut (E-Mail News Flashes)

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

For the Virginia Elks Association newsletter, go to <a href="www.virginiaelks.org">www.virginiaelks.org</a> to sign up.

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

Are you on <u>active duty</u> 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.

## News from Club Manager John Hyde - (703) 560-2188, ext. #1



This month I would like to ask for your assistance. As more of our membership gets vaccinated, we are seeing a significant uptick in demand for Friday night and special event dinners. This is great news on two fronts. Our members are safer, and our members are spending money at the Lodge. However, we only have a limited number of reservations available. Recently, we have been overwhelmed with requests. It is not possible to honor all the reservations as we are still constrained due to Fairfax County Health regulations. We do our best, but there are only so many tables available in the Ballroom. I ask

that all of you make your reservations early in the week. Call the Lounge to book your seats, and please leave a message if no one answers. Staff member "Ally" is very good about returning phone calls. If you wait until Thursday, do not be surprised if we are fully booked for an event. Please do not ask others to process a reservation for you as these will most certainly get lost in the mix. If you make reservations and do not show multiple times, we will think twice about reserving a table for you in the future because no-shows hurt those who call and can't get a reservation. We try to be fair in how we delegate tables which is based on the size of the group and when the reservations were booked. I am hopeful that with everybody's help and understanding, we can minimize any future issues. Have a great month and we look forward to seeing you soon. [John Hyde, Club Manager @ 703-560-2188, ext. #1]

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

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



Please call me at (703) 560-2188 (ext. 2) if you have any questions or concerns or wish to schedule a meeting with me (to pay dues, to donate, etc.).

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









"Thank you!" to all the loyal Lodge members who have come out to support our Club operation during this difficult time of ever-changing lockdown rules. The Lodge is now open from 1:30P to 8:30P from Wednesday through Saturday, except for Friday when we will stay open until after the live entertainment ends at 10:00P. Please come out as much as possible to enjoy and show your support to our Lodge. If you are still not comfortable at this time with dining at the Lodge, please know that most of our menu items can be purchased for takeout.



#### **MEMBERSHIP NOTES**

Please note that when the Lodge social quarters are closed, the Secretary and Treasurer are still working in their offices. If you need to speak with the Secretary, please call her office at (703) 560-2188, option 2, and leave a message and she will contact you.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to member **DR. VICTOR WEEDN**, who has just been named the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland.

#### **LODGE OF SORROWS**

- **❖** *Don Wellen* (March 23, 2021)
- \* Ríchard ("Ríco") Courtemanche (March 8, 2021)
- \* PER Lester S. Blaylock (February 26, 2021)
- Frederick J. Wendehack (February 23, 2021)
- \* Walter C. Pumo (February 16, 2021)
- Daniel J. Kear (December 30, 2020)

#### **INITIATION**

There was one new member initiated on March 16 -- CARMEN LIEBELER. Welcome to #2188!

#### **DUES**

With gratitude and thanks to all Lodge members who have paid their dues for the 2021-2022 year. If you have not paid your dues for the past year of 2020–2021, you are now taken off the active membership rolls. If you feel this is an error, please contact the Secretary immediately.

#### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

#### General:

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#### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Thanks to all who have updated their email addresses with the Secretary. Please continue to send any changes directly to <a href="mailto:secretary@bpoe2188.org">secretary@bpoe2188.org</a>. 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. In an effort to save some money for the Lodge, we are trying to shorten the list of people who receive *The Elks Horn* by regular mail. So unless it is an absolute necessity that you receive the hard copy by U.S. mail, please consider getting it via eblast -- it is the quicker way to go because it is sent out immediately via email, while it takes a week or more to receive the news through the U.S. mail.

#### **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)**

We have been through an unusual year, but together we have been able to keep the Lodge accessible to the membership. Even with the distancing and masking requirements, the Lodge and social quarters has provided us a place to escape the frustrations and worries that have weighed on us all. Now that the vaccination process is in full swing and the numbers contracting the virus continue to go down, we can start to get back to somewhat normal lives.

Since becoming a member of the Board of Trustees, it continues to be a privilege and an honor to serve alongside people who devote their time and energy for the Good of the Order. I have been reminded often over the past year that those who serve are motivated by a deep love for our Lodge and fellow Elks. I am committed to the success and longevity of our Lodge and while I do not claim to have all the answers, I can assure you I will do everything in my power to keep us safely open, growing, and moving forward. Please come out and support your Lodge and enjoy the company of fellow members in our wonderful social quarters. Hope to see you soon at the Lodge! [PER Steven Thiebaut, Chairman]







## VETERANS COMMITTEE (Patti Graves & Rose Thiebaut, Co-Chairs)



The USO Manager for Reagan National Airport and Fort Myer Honor Guard continues to shout out his praises for our Lodge #2188's support of those USOs. In March, we made multiple deliveries. First, to provide Reagan USO with 20 additional gift cards for the traveling military/veteran members to use at airport food vendors during the limited USO service restrictions due to COVID-19. Then a few weeks after that delivery, we heard the great news that the USO Reagan is now allowed to serve hot foods. We

immediately planned frozen food deliveries to both the Reagan and Fort Myer USOs with 10 boxes of hearty food delivered to each. During that delivery we realized what a small world it is when Lodge member Fuzzy Collier ran into someone he knew -- well actually, they did not realize they knew each other. When Fort Myer USO volunteer Jerry Paul heard Fuzzy had been a plumber in the area, he inquired if he knew a particular man. It just happened to be the owner of the company Fuzzy worked for. Then Jerry asked, "Do you know a guy named Fuzzy?" Fuzzy's reaction was great -- he patted his own chest and said, "I'm Fuzzy." Turns out Fuzzy and Paul had played golf together once on a local VFW team. But due to the masks



(and maybe because of a few more gray hairs), they had not recognized each other. Then we heard that Paul was one of the first people to paratroop into Vietnam when the war began. What a great encounter with a special person! (Jerry Paul is the 3rd person from the left in the USO Fort Myer picture below.) [PER Patti Graves, **Co-Chair Veterans Committee**]











## GOLF UPDATE - March 2021 (Ron Murphy, Chairman - bettyron.50@gmail.com)



The 2021 Golf Association Schedule is complete and available. Copies of it and the 2021 Membership Application have been provided to the Association members and are available to any other interested parties from Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or by calling (703) 866-4403. Some copies also are available at the Lodge on the Golf Association bulletin board.

Our season kicks off at Bristow Manor on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, in April we will play at Old Hickory on the 19<sup>th.</sup> We play Prince William on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Forest Greens on the 17<sup>th</sup>. In June we will play

at Hidden Creek on the 1st, Bull Run on the 14th and 1757 on the 28th. On July 12th we play at Pleasant Valley and Heritage Hunt on the 26<sup>th</sup>. In August we play at Penderbrook on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Raspberry Falls on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will play at Reston National on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and our 2021 Masters Tournament will be held at Forest Greens on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Finally, in October we will play at Herndon on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and we close out the season on the 18<sup>th</sup> at South Riding. All our games are on Monday and will have 0900 starts, except the last one at South Riding, which will start at 1000 and the Forest Greens events start at 0830. Our printed schedules contain additional information, such as phone numbers, greens fees for each course, and whether range balls are included in those fees. Information pertaining to trips sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is also given. So, if you were interested in playing it would be good to have a copy.

Sign-up procedures remain the same as last season. Players will need to sign up by the Thursday preceding the Monday event. A reminder email will be sent members a week prior to the event with instructions. Sign-up can be accomplished either by email or by calling the tournament director. All Lodge members are invited to join the Golf Association. Elks who choose not to join may play as guests.



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION at #2188

Held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Live Entertainment by Tom Saputo (7:00P-10:00P)

#### IT WAS ALSO THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW BALLROOM BAR





#### A VERY SUCCESSFUL NIGHT ENJOYED BY ALL































# GREAT NEWS!

The Lodge is now open for Friday Night Dinner (5:00P to 8:30P) with Live Entertainment (7:00P to 10:00P)



#### FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER at #2188

Held Friday, March 19, 2021 -- In the Ballroom -- Terry Lee Ryan









Held Friday, March 26, 2021 -- In the Ballroom -- Tom Saputo













## MENU for Friday Night Dinners:

New York Strip Steak w/baked potato -OR- the Alternate Entrée Both Choices Include: Side Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Advanced Reservations Highly Recommended! (703) 560-2188

# INSTALLATION CEREMONY & DINNER at #2188 Held Saturday, March 27, 2021









It was an amazing night at #2188, and congratulations to **Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher and his Officers**. The Ballroom was beautifully decorated, and the dinner was SUPERB! Members and guests came together to celebrate the installation of the 2021-2022 Lodge Officers. We are grateful for the wonderful job by **PSP/PER Frank Burns** who hosted the Installation. Live entertainment was provided by a new band, "The Rockits" (yes, that is the correct spelling) -- everyone enjoyed the music so much that they filled the Ballroom dance floor all night long! Kudos to First Lady Monica Fisher, Joyce Loftis, Jan Sullivan, Club Manager John Hyde and the entire Lodge Staff, photographer Art Wyman, and everyone involved in making this event so successful.

Congratulations to **PER Patti Graves** who received the **Elk of the Year** award presented by Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher. Patti has not only served our military personnel with years of delivering frozen food and gift card donations to the USO Lounge at Reagan National Airport, but during this pandemic year she added the Fort Myer USO Lounge in Arlington, VA to our Lodge's donation program. Patti epitomizes the expression "Elks Care; Elks Share!" Congratulations also to the recipients awarded by ER Larry Fisher, as follows:



Elk of the Year PER Patti Graves



Officer of the Year PER Steve Thiebaut



Outstanding Service Secretary Jan Sullivan



Outstanding Service PER Rose Thiebaut



















# **APRIL 2021**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
The New Elks Year (2021- 2022) Begins April 1 <sup>st</sup> Good Friday is on April 2  Easter is on April 4 <sup>th</sup>				1 2021-2022 ELKS YEAR BEGINS Congrats to all Officers!	2-Good Friday FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Terry Lee Ryan)	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY	5	6	7 WEDNESDAY SPECIAL	8	9 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Tom Saputo)	10
11	12	13 Lodge Meeting 7:30P	14 WEDNESDAY SPECIAL  Auxiliary Meeting 7:00P	15	16 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Terry Lee Ryan)	17
18	19 Initiation of New Members 6:30P	20	21 WEDNESDAY SPECIAL  Board Meeting 7:00P	22	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Tom Saputo)	24
25	26	27 Lodge Meeting 7:30P	28 WEDNESDAY SPECIAL	29	30 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (Wes Glover)	

LODGE MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30P
BOARD MEETINGS: Changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00P (effective APRIL 2021)
INITIATION OF NEW LODGE MEMBERS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6:30P
AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00P

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: 5:00P to 8:30P -- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: 7:00P to 10:00P



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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

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



#### ATTENTION: The deadline for submitting articles for THE ELKS HORN is the 15th of each month.

<u>NEWS FLASHES</u>: 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.

<u>DID YOU KNOW?</u> 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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