



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

The Elks Horn

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May 2014

Our Elks 2013-2014 year ended with a wonderful Installation program on March 29. Thank you to all who made our Installation a night to remember! Congratulations to our new and returning Officers – the leaders in our Lodge. They are a valuable source of information and help. Also congratulations to the new Auxiliary Officers; being led this year by their President Georgianna Knotts. I know the Auxiliary will continue to be an asset to our Lodge and to our community. Finally, congratulations to the award recipients (article in this Horn edition). Congratulations to all – so well-deserved!!

Our Lodge's 2014-2015 year will continue to be an exciting year. With so many events and activities planned to support the Special Building Improvements Fund (SBIF), there will be something for everyone. With Sandy Mueller's coordination and the support of so many dedicated members, these events are infusing a new energy in our Lodge. While they are raising much-needed funds to help us improve our physical Lodge, they are improving the spirit within our Lodge and spreading a new sense of friendship and fellowship – and "Making a Difference".

We have had several "Tastings" over the past few months; the Wine, Beer and Scotch Tastings. With the support and donations from Ray Helms, Kathy Showker, Jerry Sall and Linda Gardner, these 3 events alone have raised over \$2,200 for the SBIF! But if you missed those events, don't despair. There will be many other events over the next year that I encourage you to attend and support.

On May 10, the 2nd annual Bling Thing will be held. Ladies, if you didn't attend last year's event, you missed a fun, laugh-filled event. And you won't want to miss this year's! They are adding some new models to the already wonderful array of Elks masculinity. Now, picture that Elk male carrying a glamorous purse, wearing a pill box hat and modeling a "to-die-for" jacket??!! Mark your calendars Ladies (and Men); you don't want to miss this event! Proceeds from this event will support the Elks Youth Camp, one of our major programs.

May 18 is an important day in our Lodge; it is our annual Clean-Up Day. Led by Vernon Gardner, members are assigned to outside clean-up or inside clean-up chores. Outside clean up includes cleaning the grill, general yard clean-up, etc. Inside crews will help with general clean up and dust control. This is a day we can all show pride in our Lodge and make it shine and sparkle.

Additionally, we are resuming the Guest Bartender Night beginning May 21. The Guest Bartender Night will continue to be the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5p-8p with half the tips collected given to support the PER Fund. Lodge Chaplain Georgianna Knotts, assisted by her husband and our Ritual Coach Tim Knotts, will be the May guest bartenders. Look for more information on their theme and featured drinks in future email blasts. It will be a night of fun and great Elks socializing.

Yet, another annual event is our Memorial Day picnic, which will be held Sunday, May 25. Plan to attend and see our Grill Masters prove again why they are the best!

Our Lodge is also the proud recipient of two ENF Grants. The Gratitude Grant, administered by Ken Hensley, will help fund our Dictionary program – a wonderful program for children from low-income families. The Beacon Grant will support the Children's Carnival, led by Brenda Slingerland. This is one of our major events; Brenda will need everyone's help to make this a grand success again this year.

Finally, a Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. May you have a wonderful, well-deserved day of praise and lavish attention. You fill our lives with kindness, TLC, and unconditional love. Thank you for all you do!

Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler

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



Elk of the Month

Our members continually give of their time and energy to keep our Bingo program running smoothly and successfully. They all deserve our thanks for their hard work and commitment! One Bingo worker stands out as a shining example of that type of dedication. With untiring enthusiasm, he has faithfully worked as a Floor Walker on Monday nights; showing an eagerness and energy that the younger set only wish they could emulate. As **May Elk of the Month, Buck White** displays true Elks commitment and drive. He makes it look easy! Thank you Buck for helping to keep our Bingo players happy and our Bingo program the success it is!

Patti Graves, ER

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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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To all members: sorry for lack of photos, but this issue is too jam packed. Photos from our events will be posted to our website for you to enjoy. Thanks Art!

The Virginia Elks Website is
www.virginiaelks.org

If you want Rose T to let members know about something, please send your item to: rthiebaut@orrick.com

Brenda Slingerland is the POC for Sickness and Distress for the Lodge. You can send an e-mail to Brenda at lodge2188@gmail.com or call her at 703-785-9974

Our webmaster is Jessica Hensley. Contact her at jessbh2188web@gmail.com.

Chimes of Memory

Patricia Boroa, March 23, 2014

James Francis "Jim" Carney, April 3, 2014

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From the Board

It is my honor to once again serve a term as Chairman of the Board, though it is now the Board of Governors rather than the Board of Trustees. That first term was a few years ago and a year recalled with bittersweet memories, for though the Lodge did well in a material sense, we also endured the loss of several endeared members. I pray that this year, we again will maintain our material well-being though without such losses.

Recall, last year we found ourselves in a rather significant and worrisome financial downturn. Though it is not unusual for the Lodge to experience a bit of a downturn in the late summer to fall timeframe, the downturn this past year was well beyond the norm. In response and after many sleepless nights, especially by then Chairman Art Wyman, the Board developed, and with some resistance, implemented a recovery plan consisting of both cost cutting and revenue enhancement measures. Though it is too early to say we are out of the woods, predictions of our fiscal demise have thus far proven false with the most recent financial reports having been favorable. We thank you for understanding the need for those measures and we especially thank the many members who expressed confidence in the Board.

On another positive note, as reported in the April Horn, the Building Fund Committee raised twenty seven thousand dollars. This outstanding achievement was accomplished through the leadership of member Sandy Mueller. We thank all who either directly contributed or participated in the fund raising events. Sandy will continue with the fundraising efforts for the current year with a goal of twenty three thousand. The significance of this cannot be over emphasized. The direct result is that once Grand Lodge approval is provided, we will continue upgrading the restroom facilities.

In closing, please remember that the Board of Governors meets at 7:15 pm every first and third Tuesday of the month. That meeting is open to every current member. Also, if you would like to bring up an item for Board discussion, please advise any Board member and it will be placed on the meeting agenda.

Respectfully,

Jerry Boyer, Board Chairman

Golf Update

Ron Murphy, bettyron.50@gmail.com or 703-866-4403

We did not kick off our golf season at Westpark on 7 April, due to inclement weather. Hopefully we got to play at Old Hickory on the 21st. Westpark has been rescheduled for Monday, 4 August at 9:00 am.

We have two events scheduled for May; Osprey's on the 5th and Prince William on the 19th. Both will have the usual 9:00 am shotgun start.

Westpark did give us the opportunity to try out our new sign up procedures and they seemed to work well. Under these new procedures, players will be contacted before each event with instructions for that event. An email reminder will be sent a week before. The easiest way to sign up is to just respond to that email: hit reply, add your information and send. If you don't do email, you can sign up by phone. When you want to play with a particular person or persons, include that information in your response/phone call.

The responsible club for each event is indicated on our schedule. Normally, the tournament director will be either Ron Murphy (Elks), 703 866-4403 or bettyron.50@gmail.com, Joe Cappello (Legion), 703 534-4818 or joecappello@cs.com or Warren Kaufman (K of C), 703 532-4810 or kaufmanwarren@msn.com.

When you play, you should report to the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the tee time (usually 9:00 am) and pay your green fee in the pro shop. Next report to the golf committee desk, pay a \$3 fee, get your hole assignment, buy 50/50 tickets (optional) and receive any pertinent instructions for that day's play. You should be at your cart and ready to play fifteen minutes before the tee time to receive instructions from the course representative and/or tournament director, witness the 50/50 drawing (collect winnings??) and be ready to attack the course.

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

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

CONTACT PAUL NEWCOMBE, Chairman, Travel Committee, FOR TRIP AND RESERVATION INFORMATION:

703 451 2127; paulnewcombe@verizon.net

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 (Bus Tour): Sight & Sound Theater production of "Moses" – Lancaster, PA.; Smorgasbord meal at Shady Maple. \$125 per person. 21 reservations have been received but we need additional reservations to ensure the trip. Please make reservations by May 9, 2014.

NOTHING BUT NATITUDE! - Nationals vs. Braves: Sunday, June 22 @ 1:35 PM. Bus, game ticket, and \$10 food voucher. \$65 per person. Make reservations by **June 1**. Make checks payable to Paul Newcombe and mail to Paul Newcombe, 7412 Spring Village Dr. Apt. To8, Springfield, VA 22150.

Saturday, September 20, 2014: Virginia Wine Tour and Tastings, Rappahannock Wine Country: Wine tastings at Gray Ghost Vineyards, and Rappahannock Cellars, lunch at Flint Hill Public House and a self-walking tour of the shops at Washington, VA. \$120 per person. Please make reservations by **August 1, 2014.**

Saturday, November 8, 2014: American Music Theater Christmas Show – Lancaster, PA. Visit the Farmer's Market, Amish Lunch at the Good'N Plenty Restaurant, and the American Music Theater Christmas Show. \$140 per person. Please make reservations by September 1, 2014.

The *Beacon Grant*, which is awarded by the Elks National Foundation, is a grant used by lodges to develop ongoing, Elks-led community projects. We received a \$1,000 grant last year. Those funds - combined with donations from members and the community - enabled us to host 60+ children from local organizations to come enjoy a "carnival-themed" day of fun, food, games, and each child left with backpacks, school supplies and very big smiles!!

This year we have been awarded \$2,000 and we need to get planning events for the 2nd Annual Youth Carnival which will be held on Sunday, July 27th. Now that we know the grant has been received - the planning needs to begin. VOLUNTEERS are needed in many arenas. This year's theme will be "Shirts & Shoes" where each school-age child will receive a Payless Gift Card to get their new school shoes and younger children will receive gifts. Members will be asked to purchase school-appropriate t-shirts for the children to select their own from what is collected.

This is just the beginning of the planning and ideas. We need your suggestions, ideas, and most of all - participation. Please contact Leading Knight Brenda Slingerland, 703-785-9974 or sophiesgma98@aol.com, with any questions and/or suggestions to help us ensure that we make this another memorable event for under-privileged children in our community. Keep July 27th on your calendar! THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Slingerland, Leading Knight

Comedians Wanted

ELK COMEDY HOUR

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Elks Club Lounge

WANTED: Comedians

Interested members contact (703) 849-1282 or smmueller@cox.net

May 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Honor Flag Day on Sunday Jun 8 at 2 PM under the tent. Joint ceremony with Loudon Lodge.						
				1 Bingo, 6 PM	2 Terry lee Ryan Dinner till 8	3 Mother's Day Dance
4	5 Bingo, 6 PM Mex Dominos 11, Lounge Golf, 9, Osprey	6 Bd of Gov, 7:15	7 Aux Mtg, 7:30 Dinner till 8	8 Bingo, 6 PM	9 Tom Saputo Dinner till 8	10 Bling Thing!
11 Mom's Day Brunch 10-1	12 Bingo, 6 PM Mex Dominos 11, Lounge	13 Lodge mtg, 7:30 Vote on proposal	14 Dinner till 8	15 Bingo, 6 PM	16 Terry lee Ryan Dinner till 8	17
18 Clean-up Day 8-1	19 Bingo, 6 PM Initiation, 7PM Crochet, 11 Golf, 9, PW	20 Bd of Gov, 7:15 Aux Daytime 11:30	21 Guest barkeep Georgianna Knotts Dinner till 8	22 Bingo, 6 PM	23 Tom Saputo Dinner till 8	24
25 Memorial Day Cookout	26 Bingo, 6 PM Bunco, 11	27 Lodge mtg, 7:30	28 Dinner till 8	29 Bingo, 6 PM	30 Western Electric Country Band Dinner till 8	31

IN THE LOUNGE

Food & Entertainment

Wednesdays

Prime Rib Night every Wednesday.

Fridays

May 2..Grilled Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

May 9..Rosast Pork Loin

May 16..Spicy Shrimp Diablo

May 23..Oriental Flank Steak

May 30..Chicken Cordon Bleu

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

Make Mom Happy!

Take her to brunch at Arlington-Fairfax Lodge on

Reservations Sunday May 11
suggested 10:00—1:00
703-560-2189 Bring your Grands and Greats

Adults—\$16.95

Children 12 and under—\$12.95

Under 5—free

Carving Station—Glazed Ham

Omelette Station Made to order

Pancakes

Beef Burgundy with Rice Pilaf

Home Fries

Bacon and Sausage

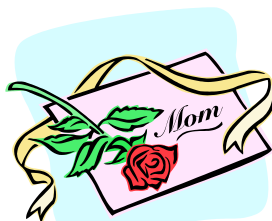
Biscuits and Gravy

Assorted Breads

Smoked Salmon

Fresh Fruits & Salads

Ice Cream Bar



Entertainment News for Apr 2014

May 2—Terry Lee Ryan

May 9—Tom Saputo

May 16—Terry Lee Ryan

May 23—Tom Saputo

**May 30—Western
Electric Country Band**

Memorial Day Cookout

Sunday, May 25 from 2-6

Lounge and Tent

Food from the Grillmasters

Bring a dish—\$10

No dish—\$20

Children 10 & under—free

Entertainment by Eddie Pockey

Food served at 4

Bring a friend!



Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Members One and All – Come to our Annual Lodge Clean-Up Day at #2188 - Sunday, May 18 – 8a-1p!

It's that time of year again, and we need your help for Clean-up Day at #2188 on Sunday, May 18! Much clean up is needed at our Lodge and lots of volunteers are required to make our Clean-Up Day a success. Attention will be paid to cleaning up both the exterior and interior areas of the Lodge. We want to make sure we look really good for all of the upcoming events our members have planned at our Lodge. Participants should bring work gloves and dress comfortably for the weather -- should it rain, we will concentrate on Lodge interior projects. Inside cleaning tools, such as dusters, etc., will help with the interior cleaning. Bottled water, coffee, juice and donuts/pastries will be provided in the morning. The volunteers will be treated to a hot dog social and fellowship following the clean up.

Thank you in advance for your support! [PER Vernon Gardener]

"LADIES REV UP YOUR ENGINES FOR THE BLING THING

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

11:00-2:30 p.m.

\$20.00

OUR GOAL is to have some fun, and raise money for our Youth Camp. Please join us for a real treat. There will be jewelry and ladies accessories (including scarves, handbags, hats, belts, etc.) for sale at costs you cannot resist.

THEY 'RE BACK. The guys last year got their feet wet on the runway, and are anxious to "strut their stuff" again this year. NOT TO BE MISSED.

Enjoy a champagne fountain, mimosas & tasty hors d'oeuvres that are guaranteed to set the mood.

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED HELP - we are soliciting donation items for our event. Only items in top notch condition will be accepted. Think "next to new". We will start to accept items April 15 through May 5. NO CLOTHES PLEASE. Please identify your donations with your name & phone number.

TICKETS will go on sale April 20, 2014 and can be purchased through the committee members: Linda Gardner, Barbara Marshall, Georgianna Knots, Joan Gavin, Betty Kuennen, Rose Thiebaut, Mary Graves, or Sandy Mueller. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Reservations not required. Information number is (703) 849-1282.

From the Desk of the Auxiliary President – Georgianna Knotts

The few, the proud, the mighty, the Auxiliary. Imagine my surprise to learn there are still naysayers concerning the existence of the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Auxiliary. Our 75+ members pale in comparison to the 684 members of the Arlington/Fairfax Elks #2188, hereafter referred to as the Elks, But our accomplishments and good deeds do not. Many of our members have dual membership and work tirelessly for both organizations.

Each year we give to 17 locally chosen charities, the Virginia Elks Youth Camp, and the Elks National Foundation. 61+ Easter baskets, a box full of toiletries, and a box full of stuffed animals were delivered to Bethany House an organization that serves battered women and their children. At least one scholarship is given to a raising senior at George Mason University. Twice a year, at the beginning of the school year and at Christmas, gift cards are collected and given to needy families to help ease their burden at each of these times.

For the Elks Children's Christmas party, we wrap the presents. Provide cookies and help serve the food. We are quite the worker bees helping when and where ever needed.

Since 1977 we have given back to the Elks by helping with lodge improvements. Below are some but not all of the upgrades provided by the Auxiliary:

- The china used at dances and other affairs
- The drapes in the lobby and the ballroom
- The furniture in the lobby and the downstairs ladies restroom
- The decorations for dances
- The lighted Christmas tree used in the upstairs lobby
- Two of the serving carts

In amongst all we do take time to socialize with each other at potlucks, Christmas and Valentine parties and a Tea at which we celebrate the fellowship and accomplishments of the Auxiliary.

Come see for yourself that the Auxiliary is a viable, worthwhile, and fun organization worthy of respect.

Georgianna Knotts, Auxiliary President

MEMBERSHIP : A huge thank you to all of you have paid your dues. However, there are still 137 unpaid members! If you do not have a card that says "Paid to 4/1/2015" and is light blue in color, you are delinquent. 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.

I will be sending out a reminder notice early in May, and the delinquent list will be published in the June issue of *The Elks Horn*. If you do not want your name published in that list, please pay your dues.

PLEASE 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.

Janita Sullivan, Lodge Secretary

Please join the officers of Arlington/Fairfax Lodge #2188 and our friends, the officers of Loudoun Lodge #2406 for our first ever joint celebration in honor of **Flag Day**. We will begin with an official Flag Retirement Ceremony on **Sunday, June 8th, at 2PM sharp, under the tent on our lodge rear patio**. If you have never attended a flag retirement ceremony, I strongly encourage you to attend and to bring along family and friends. The entire ceremony lasts about an hour and will take place outside so please dress for the weather. If you have an American flag which has served well but is torn, tattered, faded, or otherwise unserviceable, please drop it off at the lodge no later than Noon on June 8th so that it may be prepared for proper retirement. In the event of rain, the ceremony will go on as planned; however, flags (except one ceremonial flag) will be retired at a later date.

–Michael Stevens, Flag Day Chairman



Immediately following the retirement ceremony, those who have attended are invited inside for a fellowship barbeque.

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April 18, 2014

Dear Members,

As has been discussed during the past year, the Lodge is undertaking a project of renovating and upgrading the restroom facilities; indeed, the downstairs ladies' room has already been substantially improved. The Board of Directors has made a decision to proceed with fully upgrading the downstairs men's restroom as well as both the men's and ladies' upstairs restrooms. However, the magnitude of this project is such that Grand Lodge approval is needed. Part of that process is to inform the membership via mail, thus this letter. Specifically, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.050 of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes for a project exceeding \$25,000 Lodge members must be informed by mail of the Board's proposal to finance the project and of the date for the General Membership to vote on the proposal's approval.

Date: Proposal to be presented at the General Membership meeting on May 13, 2014

Purpose of Project: Renovate the lower level men's restroom, and upgrade upper level men's and ladies' restrooms, and make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Amount to be expended: The estimated cost of this project is \$100,000.

Financing: At this time, the Lodge has approximately \$100,000 in Special Facilities Improvement Funds. These funds have been collected over the past several years specifically for projects of this magnitude and are continuing to grow. Further, these funds have been considered separate from other Lodge operating and maintenance funds.

Property to be mortgaged: None

Persons to be authorized to act for the Lodge: Chairman, Board of Directors and other Board members as designated.

Membership approval is required for the project to move forward and then must be approved by the Grand Lodge. We ask you to attend the General Membership meeting and vote as you deem fit.

Sincerely,

Gerald L. Boyer

Gerald L. Boyer
Chairman,
Board of Directors

Community Outreach Initiative

It has been said that the existence of the Arlington/Fairfax Elks is one of the best kept secrets of Fairfax County. One of the new initiatives, starting in 2014 is a Community Outreach marketing effort to make the public more aware of the Arlington/Fairfax Elks and all of the good work that we are involved in. This includes our programs to support our veterans and our programs to support the disadvantaged children of Fairfax County. The last part of the message will be an invitation for the individuals to become members and help us do this work, and oh by the way – we have fun while we are doing it. For 2014, we have identified several opportunities where we can effectively start this effort – and the first one is fast approaching – The Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

Celebrate Fairfax is the largest springtime festival held in Fairfax County. It is the best attended three day festival in the area. With lots of music, food, activities for kids and adults alike (think **Craft Beer Garden**, for our beer loving members), there is plenty to do and see.

This year, Lodge 2188 will have a booth at this festival as our first Community Outreach effort. This is where, you the member come in. We need your **HELP**, manning the booth, talking to attendees and letting them know how they can get involved and help. We will be promoting our youth Drug Awareness program, giving out coloring books and are hoping to have a guest appearance from Elroy the Elk. The festival is three days, **Friday June 6th** (6 PM to midnight), **Saturday June 7th** (10 AM to midnight) and **Sunday June 8th** (11 AM to 7 PM). That is a lot of hours to cover and we are planning to have at least two people in the booth during peak festival hours. If you can cover a 2 hour, 3 hour or 4 hour shift, this would be very important in making this first outreach effort a success. As an exhibitor, we are given a limited number of free tickets and these will be distributed to the members who sign up to cover a shift(s) on a first come, first serve basis.

We also need help developing marketing material to give to visitors and developing the booth display material. If you have any type of artistic or marketing ability, your talents would be welcome.

Roy Seabolt will be the event coordinator for this effort. Please feel free to contact Roy at 703-880-6692 or roy.seabolt@gmail.com with any questions, or to volunteer in this effort. Remember, one person cannot do this alone, so any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler



ELKS LODGE



Mother's Day Dance

*Saturday, May 3, 2014 -- Music of Frank Napoli and
the Family*

Dinner @ 7 -- Dancing 8:15 to 11:00

Business Dress -- \$35 Members, \$40 Non-members



Americanism/Flag Day Dance

Saturday, June 7 -- Music of Helmut Licht

Dinner @7 -- Dancing 8:15 to 11:00

Business Dress -- \$35 Members, \$40 Non-members

Contact the reservation hotline at 703-560-1770

Awards Presented for the Lodge Year 2013/2014 by Laurie Fearis, Past Exalted Ruler

I would first like to Congratulate Patti Graves and her Officers as well as Georgianna Knotts and her Officers on their recent installation. I look forward to another great year for our Lodge.

The Grand Exalted Ruler authorizes Local Lodges to recognize two individual members for Outstanding Service Commendation. This year I chose to recognize two members that are exemplary in their dedication to our Lodge. For their continuing Outstanding Service and Dedication, awards were presented to Tim Knotts, PER and Gary Indre.

I was privileged to give a very special award to an extremely deserving member. I gave an etched glass Elks Head Sculpture to Robert M. Goolrick, PER for his 20+ years of unwavering and constant dedication to the health and well being of our Lodge.

One of the announcements that I know members were anxiously awaiting was the winner of the Guest Bartender Challenge. There were 10 different themed nights with wonderfully creative concoctions that, with the very generous support of the members, raised a total of \$1,633.00. The Guest Bartender with the most Drinks sold was awarded to Kathy Showker and the award for the most tips in one evening was Gary Indre with a total of \$249.00. Every officer did a great job and made it fun for all members attending!

One of the most challenging tasks to complete during my year as Exalted Ruler was to narrow down to just a few worthy recipients of the annual awards. With so many truly giving and tireless members that devote their time, money, etc., to our lodge and community, that task was daunting to say the least. I believe that the members that I chose dedicate themselves fully to any venture they pursue and in everything they do, put the honor & dignity of our Lodge first and foremost.

There are many members that are involved in more than one committee in our lodge, but one name kept being raised as the spearhead of initiatives. Especially the unending commitment to the USO program, which has prompted our Lodge to be recognized not only in our community, but on the Grand Lodge level as well. That continued undying support of all of our endeavors is why I named Patti Graves the Citizen of the Year.

I hadn't fully realized, before becoming Exalted Ruler, the amount of time, paperwork and communication that it takes to successfully complete an Elks year. Thankfully I was able to completely rely on one of the best secretaries we have ever had to make sure that I didn't miss anything. Our Officer of the Year is Jan Sullivan.

For my final award, though there are more than 700 members to choose from, I elected to name a member that has chaired or Co-Chaired multiple committees each year. At the beginning of the year this member informed me that due to health reasons she would have to start stepping back some. Instead, by the end of the year, she has become much more involved and vows to continue that trend. The Elk of the Year for 2013/2014 is Lisa Stevens.

PER EVERETT PARRIS HONORED BY DONATION

Congratulations to Everett Parris who has been honored by a \$1000 donation to the Virginia Elks Youth Camp. Everett has been an Elk for over 50 years. He is a Past Exalted Ruler, served as Secretary for over 10 years, and was instrumental in forming what is now our Auxiliary. Everett was very active in the camp at our Lodge when the camp was still the Virginia Elks Boys Camp. He did work on our cabin, chaperoned the boys as well as other duties.

The donation was given to the camp by Dominion Engineering Associates, which is owned by Kevin Parris, Everett's son and a member of our Lodge. The donation will help enrich the lives of many deserving youth as they experience a week at camp. Thank you Kevin and congratulations Everett.

Barbara Marshall

Youth Camp Secretary

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As you all know that April 1st marks the beginning of a new Elks year. With that we also start collecting for the new ENF year. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to donate last year to the Elks National Foundation. With your help, Arlington-Fairfax Elks 2188 exceeded Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering's goal of \$4.50 per member. Lets do it again. It is never too early or too late to donate to the ENF. You could select a date and give on a yearly or monthly basis. You can make donations several different ways. You could send a check to Chicago with your name, lodge name and membership card number to: **BPO Elks 2750 N. Lakeview Ave. Chicago, IL 60614-2256**. You can make donations on line at www.BPOE.org. You can set up a monthly giving plan. You can use the form in this newsletter and send in your tax-deductible donation to the lodge Secretary. I will make sure that it will be sent to the Grand Lodge ENF fund in your name for full credit. I hope all 700 members will give this year. Give early. Thank you for your help. Ask our Exalted Ruler how many Dictionaries our Lodge plans to give to 3RD graders with the money we earned from the ENF Gratitude Grant. They will get many years of use from your generosity. I am looking forward to another successful year.

Tim Knotts, Lodge ENF Chairman



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION FORM Please make your check out to the **Elks National Foundation** and mail it to the Lodge Secretary.

Name: _____ Membership Number _____

(Look on your ELKS card)

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION: \$10 \$15 \$20 \$25 \$50 \$100 OTHER _____

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