



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

The Elks Horn

Supporting our Community Since 1961

Feb 2014

ER's Corner

As we begin to look at finishing our lodge year, I truly hope that I have inspired fellow members to become more active in their membership. We seem to have had an increase in Lodge Meeting attendance, which in the long run, increases communication between members and the officers that we elected to run our Lodge. In my book, that is a win-win!

Keeping that in mind, we are approaching that invariable time in our Lodge year when we make the decisions on which path our Lodge will take. Over the last several years, we have been grooming the officers that we feel will make an impact, not just on us, but our Lodge and community. I charge every member to be involved in the nomination and election process of our leadership. Nominations will be February 11th and elections will be February 25th. I anticipate great things from Patti Graves and her team!

The down side of February is that, while we are considering our Lodges future, our dues statements are getting ready to be mailed. I am more than proud of our long-term, new and somewhere in-between members for keeping up their membership. Along with Secretary Jan Sullivan keeping a tight rein on our rosters, members have kept and/or renewed their obligation this year. We are right on track for completing the year at a + one membership and then some. I truly appreciate the efforts made by all members to encourage people to join and get involved. Being a member of the Elks is definitely one of life's most fulfilling things that I've done! As with many members, I am involved in several private clubs. The Elks affords me the opportunity to help a diversity of groups within my community as opposed to focusing on one or two.

January 11th marked our Lodges Hoop Shoot Competition. After speaking with the chairman and his volunteers that day, I realized what I had missed. Mark Kaplon and his great group of volunteers saw upwards of 50 girls and boys competing this year. He had new and veteran volunteers to help inspire all of the kids to greatness. I encourage all to attend the District Hoop Shoot on the 26th in Loudoun to cheer on our competing kids.

On January 15th, Esteemed Leading Knight Patti Graves was able to allow all of us to keep our New Years Resolutions with her Guest Bartending theme of Resolutions Solutions. She had 3 different drinks and snacks that were all less than 100 calories per serving. I must say that Karan and I were pleasantly surprised when our shifts were over and we each tried a different, very tasty, drink. I am excited to report that our Tiler, Kathy Showker has agreed to entertain us on February 19th with a Valentine's Day theme. Not only are members given these very creative and inviting concoctions, but they are getting involved while enjoying dinner and fellowship, all while supporting our Ritual team.

I look forward to seeing everyone for the Superbowl and Annual Chili Cookoff. Until then, if your team is in it – Good Luck! Especially the two Trustees whose teams will compete against each other this weekend.

Some Elks are not the constant in the lounge or at a dance or other function, but still have a dynamic impact on our lodge activities. This Elk has gone out of his way to help make one of our very important Grand Lodge community programs a great success. I would like to thank and congratulate the **Elk of the Month** for February, **Joe Bosco**.

Fraternally,

Laurie Fearis, Exalted Ruler



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



CHARITABLE DONATIONS

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CHIMES OF MEMORY

Charline G. Walsh, Nov 21, 2013

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.

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TO THE MEMBERS:

Please let the secretary of the Lodge know if you have a change of address, email, or telephone number. The Lodge is charged for all mail returned due to our not having your correct address, and you may miss out on important information. There are some new innovations and activities planned for Arlington-Fairfax and you won't want to miss them. The Secretary's office number is 703-560-2213, or email her at secretary@bpoe2188.org. Also, if you have decided to get the *Horn* electronically, please advise the Secretary to remove your name from the mailing list.

Jan Sullivan, Lodge Secretary

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

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In the Horn

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MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Propositions for Membership

William A. Gibson, sponsored by Brenda Slingerland

John M. Hotaling, sponsored by Albelrt C. Comacho

Anthony Marterella, sponsored by Laurie Rearis

Madeline A. Metcalfe, sponsored by Bob Soburn

Colette Pieper, sponsored by Lisa Stevens

Larry Pieper, sponsored by Michael Stevens

Douglas Brian Tayrien, sponsored by Tom Lotfabadi

For Reinstatement:

Robert C. Volck, Member No. 005263

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703-560-2213

MEMBERSHIP There have been many reports of misinformation concerning our application process being given out, which has slowed the application process for some, and caused some to just not continue their membership.

PLEASE NOTE: (1) A membership application is to be accompanied by the application fee of \$40 for all members who have passed their 26th birthday. It is \$20 for persons under that age. The application cannot be entered into the system until the fee is paid. (2) There is no formal investigation, such as for a government position, or a security clearance. According to the Manual for the Investigation/Interview Committee:

The examination should reveal if the applicant:

1. Meets the qualifications for membership as set forth in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.
2. Understood each of these questions.
3. Answered the questions on the application form truthfully.
4. Understands and agrees with the purposes of the Order.
5. Is socially and financially acceptable.
6. Intends to participate in Lodge programs.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

We have trimmed our delinquent list to 31 members! Thank all of you who have contacted me concerning some of the members on the list, and even though I have been told that some may not be renewing, unless I hear from the member himself, I cannot remove them from the list based on supposition.

If you have a purple membership card, that says 2012-2013, **you are delinquent**. Pay your Dues! Make the check payable to BPOE #2188, in the amount of \$99.50, and mail to Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188, 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22031. Again, if you have sponsored one of these people, please encourage them to renew their membership.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have not contacted the secretary by February 28, 2014, your name will be removed from the Membership roster. If you are dropped from membership, you will need to apply for reinstatement and you will be charged a reinstatement fee.

From the Chairman of the Board

The Board extends a thank you to PER Vernon Gardener and the Auxiliary Daytime Activities Group for the beautiful job remodeling the downstairs ladies restroom. Our next upgrade project will be the first floor ladies restroom. Vernon also completed a much needed painting touchup of the Arlington room. Trustee Deborah Wilkes suggestion for music in the lounge and club area has been implemented with the installation of an online music system called Pandora. PER Steve Thiebault along with members Mark Kaplan, Kevin Cole, and Bob Sobun installed the system. The system was a donation to the Lodge from one of our members. This a fine example of how members working together have made much needed improvements to our Lodge for the enjoyment of members and guests.

December was a financially successful month for the Lodge. However, we need more of these months. A review of our financial situation still indicated adjustments had to be made. As a result of the review, the Club has started serving lunch at 12:00 Monday – Friday. Weekend hours remain the same. This may seem like a small adjustment, but it has a larger impact on the operational cost. Employee hours have been adjusted accordingly.

By working together to support our Lodge, we are sure 2188 is the place to enjoy friendship, good cheer, and banter in an enjoyable atmosphere at a very reasonable price.

Art Wyman

Chairman

From the Auxiliary President's Desk

Well, we have gotten through the first month of winter and I am ready for summer! I feel as if I am finally officially a home owner since we have had our first burst pipe. We were lucky as it only effected one room in our basement. I sure hope you all have weathered the winter better than that. Due to colder than normal weather, I cancelled the evening Christmas Party and the January evening meeting. I have always believed that discretion is the better part of valor and felt that we were better off safe at home than out and about in cold and potentially dangerous weather. My apologies to anyone from the northern mid-west who thinks this is just an early spring.

Our nominating committee will be contacting you to find interested parties to serve as 2014-15 officers: President, Vice Presidents 1 st & 2 nd, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Tiler. Historian, Parliamentarian and Chaplain are invited by the incoming President to serve. I hope you each consider serving in some capacity, even though most of you have been serving or have served before. The Auxiliary needs you!

Our next evening meeting will be Feb 12 at 7:30 and the daytime potluck will be Feb 18 at 11:30, weather permitting. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks to Georgianna Knotts, Patti Graves, Linda Gardner and Barbara Marshall (and of course Vernon Gardener and Tim Knotts for providing the brawn) for their efforts in improving and making quite beautiful, the lounge level ladies room. Great work!

A new day of Mexican Dominos has been added—second Monday of each month. Outside folks are invited. A \$3 donation per player goes to the Auxiliary. Thanks to Karen Bender and her friends for their donations this past year during Bunco and continued donations this year.

Fredi Hensley, Auxiliary President

Feb 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Valentine's Dinner Dance 7 PM
Don't forget the Valentine's ENF dance on Feb 1!						
	NEW—\$7.95 Dinner specials on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday		see page 6			
2 Super Sunday and Chili Contest	3 Mex Dom, 11 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	4 Bd of Dir, 7:15 Dinner Special \$7.95	5 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge	6 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	7 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge Terry Lee Ryan	8 Fashion Show 11-2:30 Fairfax Room
9	10 Mex Dom, 11 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	11 Mem Mtg, 7:30 Dinner Special \$7.95	12 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge Aux Mtg, 7:30	13 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	14 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge Tom Saputo	15
16	17 Knit & Crochet 11 Initiation, 7 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special	18 Aux DT, 11:30 Bd of Dir, 7:15 Dinner Special \$7.95	19 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge	20 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	21 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge Terry Lee Ryan	22 Bring a Dish Dinner 6-???
23	24 Bunco, 11 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	25 Mem Mtg, 7:30 Dinner Special \$7.95	26 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge	27 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner Special \$7.95	28 Dinner, 5:30- 8, Lounge Mike Surratt & Al Jones	

IN THE LOUNGE

Food & Entertainment

Wednesdays

5th- Chicken Parmigiana

12th-Chicken or Beef Burritos

19th-B.B.Q. Ribs

26th-Shrimp and Broccoli Stir Fry

Fridays

7th- Grilled Crab cake

14th- Surf and Turf Kabob

21st-Pan-Fried Talapia

28th-Sesame-Ginger Salmon

NEW Daily Dinner Specials

Only \$7.95

Monday-All you can eat
Spaghetti and Meatballs

Tuesday-Old Fashioned
Meatloaf

Thursday-B.B.Q. Ribs



Entertainment News for February 2014

Feb 7—Terry Lee Ryan

Feb 14—Tom Saputo

Feb 21—Terry Lee Ryan

Feb 28—Mike Surratt
& Al Jones

ELKS 2188

Annual CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

\$10.00 Cover Charge

HONKY TONK CONFIDENTIAL

TURKEY FRY

DART Tournment 1:30 PM SHARP

DOORS OPEN AT NOON! FOOD SERVED AT 4:30 P.M.!

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE

Superbowl Spectacular

Sunday, Feb 2

Annual Chili Cookoff

NEW! Fried Turkey

Honky Tonk Confidential

Dart Tourney starts at

1:30

Food served at 4 PM

Cover Charge—\$10

GOLF UPDATE

Ron Murphy, Golf Guru

bettyron.50@gmail.com –New e-mail address

The 2014 golf schedule is almost complete. Only the scheduling of one event is needed to finish it. It should be ready for inclusion in next month's Horn, along with the 2014 Golf Association membership application. 2013 Association members will receive copies of both when they are available. Prospective new members also can get copies Prior to the March Horn by contacting Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or 703 866-4403.

All Lodge 2188 members are invited to join the Association and play in our events. Guests are also welcome. Lodge members who choose not to join, may play as guests.

One change from the 2013 schedule will be the replacement of Bowling Green (South) by Reston National in 2014.

There will be a change to our sign-up procedures. We will no longer have sign-up sheets at the Lodge. Sign-up will be done either by email or by phone. Details on how this will be accomplished will be provided later.

Ron Murphy, Golf Guru

Lodge 2188 Fundraiser

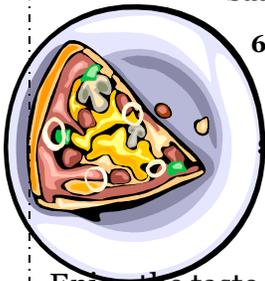
International "bring-a-dish" Dinner

Saturday February 22

6 PM to whenever

\$10 with dish

\$20 without dish



Enjoy the taste of foods from other countries.

We just may surprise you!

Support your lodge and have fun doing it.

Sandy Mueller, smmueller@cox.net

They're Back....

Don Weber & Mark Richards are stepping back in time presenting

THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW



Elks Lodge Ballroom
Saturday, March 8, 2014

Stay tuned for details

The Childrens' Christmas Party

Photos by Art Wyman



Santa (aka PER Tim Knotts) visited Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 on Sunday, December 22 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 75 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 and Lisa Stevens. Karen Bender (in her "ugly Christmas sweater") helped the little ones down off the stage after their visit with Santa.

Many thanks to those who contributed cookies to make the party extra special. Also to the club staff for their time in preparing the food and setting up the room. Ruth Nefflen, Joan Gavin, Charlotte Brown and Jan Sullivan 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.

Barbara Marshall, Auxiliary Charity Chair



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS CONTEST



Photos by Art Wyman

A lot of “Ugly Christmas Sweaters” were roaming the Lounge on Sunday, December 22. The contestants had to dodge rolls of wrapping paper and flying ribbons to strut their stuff on stage, and it was difficult for the judges to decide who should get the honors of winning our first contest. After much thought and deliberation, the winners were – Vernon Gardener, *Ugliest Male Sweater* (with an abundance of snowballs, reindeer and light-up Christmas bulbs); Linda Gardner, *Ugliest Female Sweater* (with a very clever motif of Ladies of the Loo and some off-color bathroom tissue); Rich Muentener, *Worst 80’s Ugly Sweater*; and Mark Kaplon, *Least Creative*. A big thank you to our judges. Although this was a spur of the moment event, we were very pleased with the participation and hope that next year, we’ll have many more entries. After all, you have a year to plan for it so have some fun!

The Christmas Wrapping project was a planned chaotic wonder. Elks 2188 members and friends brought their Christmas presents to be individually wrapped by Elks Diane Kaplon, Patti Graves and Linda Gardner. With helper Elves, Diane Kaplon and Patti Graves, began the planned chaos with the wrapping frenzy of the packages. Wonderful wrapping paper was strewn across the #2188 Lounge as the packages were wrapped with Christmas love and cheer. Once the package was beautifully wrapped, Lead Elf, Linda Gardner, developed a fabulous, original bow with the ribbon chosen to bring out the colors of the wonderful paper and to make the package POP with elegance.

Thanks to our Lady Elves and those who donated, \$305 was raised for the Lodge Building Improvements Fund.

Deborah Wilkes

PATTI'S PAGE

From Patti Graves, Leading Knight

USO – Food for our Traveling Military

Our Arlington-Fairfax lodge began participating in a new program to fill the freezer at the USO Center at Reagan National Airport. The frozen entrees and food are easily microwaved and give the traveling military members and their families a chance to enjoy a hearty snack or small meal. Thanks to donations from members we have been able to fund this program. More funds are needed. To help support this program, make a check out to Arlington-Fairfax Elks Charity and indicate USO Support in the Notes section and give/send to our Lodge Secretary, Jan Sullivan.

Patti & Members of Elks Lodge 2188,

Thank you for your donations to the USO Metro Lounge at Ronald Reagan National Airport! Your donations were so very much enjoyed by our guests!

One of our volunteers on the 6:00 – 10:00 PM shift told us a story about your sandwiches. A young Marine came through our doors at 9:40 PM. The lounge was deserted and the volunteers were cleaning up. The Marine had missed his connecting flight to the West Coast due to weather. He had no money and although the airlines offered him a voucher for food, it was for restaurants at the other end of the airport. As it was he was carry two duffle bags plus a ruck sack on his back. Being almost dead on his feet, the last thing he wanted to do was head out again. The volunteers offered him some of the food you had supplied us with. He very hungrily ate 4 burgers! The volunteers then loaded him up with snacks, juice and water. He was going to stay in the airport so they also gave him blankets and a pillow, and showed him where he could sleep before catching his very early morning flight. He was so very grateful!

So, on behalf of the young Marine, thank you! You are making a difference!

Warmest regards,

Linda Vine
USO Airport Services
Joint Base Andrews
Reagan National Airport

Bingo Coordinators Needed!

Is something missing in your life? This could be the opportunity you've been looking for! Make lots of new friends doing something fun and rewarding. We are looking for some very special volunteers to coordinate the Lodge bingo activities. As you know, Barbara Marshall is retiring from her Lodge Bingo activities at the end of this year and we need to train new people to fill behind her. The more coordinators we have, the less each volunteer will need to do. This is a great chance to give a little bit of your time not just for the Lodge, but to all of the charities supported by the bingo activities. Don't worry if you are not familiar with Bingo activities; we'll provide complete training and support. Bingo volunteers are some of the happiest Elks! Don't wait any longer - Please contact Barbara Marshall at bmarshall12@verizon.net or Patti Graves at gpg Graves@msn.com for more information.



January 11, 2014 - Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188 had a record setting year with 48 participants in this year's Hoop Shoot at Crestwood Elementary School.

The winners from the 8-9 year old boys and girls divisions were Jackson Clyburn and Andalyn Farrar, 10 -11 year old winners were Giovanni Ramos and Andalyn Farrar 12-13 year old winners were Zohaib Azahr and Katie Clyburn. Winners are invited to participate in the District Hoop Shoot sponsored by the Loudon Elk's Lodge on Sunday January 26th.

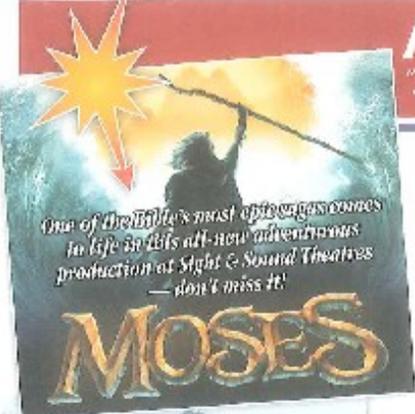
This year Elks 2188 had 15 Elks Volunteers who gave their time to make this year's Hoop Shoot a huge success. They were Mark Kaplon, Joe Bosco, Kevin Cole, Vernon Gardener (PER), Tom Thiebaut (PER), Steve Thiebaut (PER) Ken Hensley (PER), Bob Bonner, Brian Singleton, George Moore, RC Porter, Ashley Stead, Jan Sullivan, Fuzzy Collier and William Singleton. A special Rooster Fish award was handed out to Steve Thiebaut at this year's event.

Special Thanks to Joe Bosco for donating the Crestwood Facility and Janitor services, Kevin Cole for printing services and providing donuts, 7-11 - Vinny Singh for Slurpees and Coffee.



Travel Update

Paul Newcombe, Travel Guru



AMISHLANDS Pennsylvania
"...NYC-style shows at a fraction of the cost!"

One of the Bible's most epic stories comes to life in this all-new adventurous production at Sight & Sound Theatres — don't miss it!

MOSES

Featuring Sight & Sound's "MOSES"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

\$125 per person



One of the Bible's most epic stories comes to life in this all-new adventurous production. Travel with Moses on his quest for personal identity that changes the course of history. Journey back in time as you witness the moment God first speaks to Moses at the Burning Bush. Experience God's awe-inspiring power as you sit in the midst of the drama. Discover God's unique plan as this action-packed story is chronicled for the very first time on the Sight & Sound stage.

- 8:00 a.m. departure
- 11:30 a.m. Smorgasbord meal at Shady Maple
- 12:30 p.m. Time to shop in Shady's large gift shop
- 1:30 p.m. Bus departs for the Millennium Theatre
- 2:10 p.m. Arrive at the Millennium Theatre
- 2:45 p.m. "Moses" at the Millennium Theatre
- 5:30 p.m. Bus departs for home
- 8:45 p.m. Approximate time of return

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