



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1961

DECEMBER 2019 EDITION



Message from Exalted Ruler Alicia Pomé

December is a great time of year for many of us! It's a time of celebration with family and friends, but it is also time to think about Giving, Brotherly Love, Respect to Others, and Camaraderie. *"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."* (**Mother Teresa**). I

am pleased to report that we celebrated our veterans with a Veterans Day Salute & Dinner in the Ballroom. **As reported by Leading Knight William Maloney, on October 24-26, the Virginia Elks Association Convention was held in Virginia Beach, VA. The occasion (hosted at the Wyndham Oceanside Hotel) included the election of VEA officers, Grand Lodge presentations, a luncheon honoring Lodge Secretaries, charitable fundraisers, hospitality suites, and the Ms. Virginia Elk Contest. The Convention had 261 registrants, with our Lodge #2188 proudly represented by members PER & VEA President Frank Burns & Sandy, PER Tim Knotts & Georgianna, PER Laurie Fearis, PER Patti Graves, PER Jim Weed & Karen, Leading Knight William Maloney, Barbara Marshall, Ashley Stead, Diane Walsh, Barbara Wagner and Gloria Bennett.** We also enjoyed a great Guest Bartenders Night that included the raffle of the gold bracelet to go towards the amount needed for redoing the bar in the Ballroom. We raised a considerable amount of money and will begin working on the project in January 2020. Job well done, Joyce! We were blessed with helping 50 area families who are in need with a turkey, a box of groceries, scarfs, hats and coats. Thanks to Lisa and volunteers for chairing the Food Baskets & Coats Program for so many years! We had an excellent year and have accomplished many projects like painting, cleaning the floors, and several most needed repairs in our Lodge. We also repaired and replaced the heating and air-condition systems making our Lodge more comfortable for our staff and members. We also had a very successful Lodge Cleanup Day. I would like to see 2 or more cleanup days in the future. The Charity activities continue to excel and bring much-needed funds for our Backpack Lunch Program, USO frozen meal deliveries, safety glasses, dictionaries, veterans' projects, etc. Many thanks to all Lodge Officers, Committee Chairs, and Lodge members, with special thanks to Bingo Chair Susan Lyon and volunteers who have contributed to another successful year for our Lodge. Not everything is work at the Lodge, we had enjoyed many fabulous Guest Bartender nights, sports parties, Nats and Redskins games which were so successfully run by our wonderful staff and volunteers. We continue to have the support of our members and friends on Friday and Saturday nights which continue to be a well-attended and rewarding events. **Mark Your Calendars:** The **Elks Memorial Service** (December 1st) dedicated to our members who passed away this year; the **Children's Christmas Party** and Spinal Bifida Christmas Party (December 8th), the **Lodge Membership Appreciation Party** (December 14th), and **Annual Christmas Dinner Dance in the Ballroom** (December 14th) and **New Year's Eve Party** (December 31st). Watch your e-mails for more details. I will end with another quote: *"W. C. Jones: "The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas."* Merry Christmas to you and your families and may the New Year bring you Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity! I hope we can continue to practice the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

ELK OF THE MONTH: I selected member Albert Cervantes as Elk of the Month for December for his exemplary service to our Lodge. He volunteered for Lodge Cleanup Day and helped power wash the outside walls of the building and stair treads, as well as other Cleanup Day activities. Albert also volunteered the use of his truck to deliver pieces of furniture to our Lobby and Office. He works at Bingo, helps the Grill Masters at special Lodge events, and is always willing to pitch in and help wherever he is needed. Great job!

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE at #2188

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

An Elks Memorial Service to honor Lodge members who have passed this year (as well as those who were not reported in our 2018 program) will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2019 (promptly at 4:00 p.m.) in the Fairfax Room. Members, widows, families and friends are invited and encouraged to attend this very important Elks program. The service will be conducted by the Past Exalted Rulers of our Lodge. Pastor Charlie Wood, accompanied by the Mount Calvary Community Church singers (including Terry Lee Ryan who will provide the musical accompaniment), will deliver his message to the families and our members. After the ceremony, a complimentary dinner will be provided for everyone in attendance. Let us all come together to demonstrate our warm support to the widows/widowers/families/friends of the dearly departed members of our Lodge. [PER Rose Thiebaut, Chairman]

“An Elk Is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken”

James L. Buckler (September 12, 2017)

Anna Maria Stivers (April 23, 2018)

William Sigalos (July 3, 2018)

Luther B. Dawson (August 7, 2018)

Robert Austin Hallex (October 4, 2018)

John R. Jones (November 16, 2018)

Jerome M. Kwiatkowski (December 1, 2018)

John “Butch” Depasse (December 13, 2018)

Amelia “Amy” Keary, February 10, 2019]

Delmar H. Wright (March 9, 2019)

R. Paul Sebra (April 19, 2019)

Michael F. Evers (May 9, 2019)

PER Everett C. Parris (May 12, 2019)

Mose Lewis, June 28, 2019]

Arthur S. Childers, July 18, 2019]

Paul L. Hirt (August 10, 2019]

Anne M. Johnson (spouse of member

Everett Johnson, Jr.) (August 18, 2019)

Elly Mae Burton October 21, 2019]

Kent A. Caldwell (October 27, 2019]

Aubrey (“Buck”) H. Burrow, Jr. (October 30, 2019]

Gilbert (“Gil”) Butler Rhodes (spouse of member

Melinda Rhodes) ((November 3, 2019)

Edward D. Connor (November 12, 2019]

Rosella Trahan (spouse of Gerald Trahan)

“TOYS FOR TOTS”

Christmas Singalong with Santa & The Singing Elves at #2188

Friday, December 6, 2019 – 7:00P w/ Tom Saputo

Bring an UNWRAPPED CHILD’S GIFT (or more) to add to the Toys for Tots box in the Lounge.

This is such a fun holiday event, hosted by member Mark Richards and friends.

Join everyone for a fun evening!



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 1:00P in the Ballroom

Bring the children, grandchildren, other children to enjoy an afternoon of great fun!

Puppet Show, a Visit from Santa, Wrapped Gifts, Hot dogs, Snacks

Who We Are

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

For the **Virginia Elks Association newsletter**, go to www.virginiaelks.org to sign up.

WiFi is available at the Lodge. Please see the [bartender-on-duty for the Access Code](#).

Are you on **active duty** with the U.S. military? Contact the Lodge Secretary for details concerning membership dues.

Membership

The Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposal for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character, and be at least 21 years old.

DINNER & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at #2188

IN THE LOUNGE: Come to the Lodge on Friday and some Saturday nights for dinner and live entertainment. The dinner menus are issued weekly by the Club Manager. What makes these nights so special is the **live entertainment** that you can enjoy (at no extra cost to members and guests). Join us for dinner (5:30P to 8:00P) and live entertainment (7:00P to 10:00P). We are so fortunate to have the **BEST ENTERTAINERS IN TOWN (see below)**. Call the Lodge at (703) 560-2188 to reserve a table in the Lounge (highly recommended for parties of 4+, and especially if you plan to have dinner). Feel free to bring family and friends to enjoy a great dinner, dancing, and live entertainment at #2188.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: All non-members/guests are required to sign the Guest Book located at the entrance to the Lounge/Bar.



TOM SAPUTO & Friends
Fri, DEC 06 (7:00P-10:00P)
Fri, DEC 27 (7:00P-10:00P)



WES GLOVER & Friends
Fri, DEC 13 (7:00P-10:00P)



TERRY LEE RYAN & Friends
Fri, DEC 20 (7:00P-10:00P)

**BEGINNING JAN 2020, NEW TALENT
WILL BE ADDED TO OUR MUSICAL TEAM
FOR SATURDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING
(STAY TUNED!)**

MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – 5:00P-7:00P in the Lounge
For members only – 2 drink tickets -- enjoy assorted hors d'oeuvres



HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION at #2188

- **Tuesday December 24th – Shortened hours of operation, 12:00N-5:00P**
- **Wednesday December 25th - Christmas Day – CLOSED**
- **Thursday December 26th - Shortened hours of operation, 12:00N-5:00P if no Bingo (if Bingo is held, we will be open regular hours)**
- **Wednesday January 1st – Shortened hours of operation, 12:00N-5:00P**

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE ELKS IS REWARDING!

A volunteer is a person who freely offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking without the expectation of pay or other tangible gain. **WHY VOLUNTEER?**

VOLUNTEERING IS A WAY TO:

- Meet new people
- Support a cause you feel strongly about
- Learn new skills -- no need to be an expert, just be willing to help
- Express gratitude for help you may have received in the past -- pay it forward
- Make a difference to your Lodge and community -- ***every person counts!***

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER BY:

- Selling Tickets (50/50 Raffles, Lodge Events, etc.)
- Greeting Members
- Cooking for Special Events
 - Decorating for Holidays & Special Events
- Backpack Program
- Assisting with Flyers, Bulletins
- Community Events
- Veterans Committee
- *And MANY MORE!*

There are many opportunities to serve your Lodge and Elksdom. Select one or more items from the list above that are right for you. **Call the Club Manager or Exalted Ruler if interested in helping your Lodge NOW!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LOUNGE & KITCHEN HOURS:

<u>LOUNGE</u>	<u>KITCHEN</u>	
MON-THU:	12:00N-9:00P	12:00N-7:00P
FRDAYS:	11:30A-10:00P	11:30A-8:00P
SATURDAYS:	2:00P- 8:00P	2:00P-8:00P
SUNDAYS:	1:00P- 6:00P	1:00-6:00P

****CHECK FOR HOLIDAY HOURS IN DECEMBER****

BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00P
LODGE MEETINGS: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 7:30P
AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00P
AUXILIARY POTLUCK LUNCHESES: 3rd Tuesday @ 11:30A
INITIATION OF NEW LODGE MEMBERS: 3rd Monday @ 6:30P

BINGO: Every Monday & Thursday Night
(Early Birds @ 6:30P; Regular Games @ 7:30P)

BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM: One Wednesday each month (5:30P-6:30P)

DARTS: Every Thursday night (7:00P) (everyone welcomed)

POKER – 2 games every Friday (7:00P and 9:00P) & Saturday (5:00P and 7:00P)

KNIT & CROCHET: 2nd Monday of every month (11:00A-1:00P) (all items are donated to our charities)

GROUP DANCE CLASSES at #2188 -- Every Sunday (4:00P-5:30P)

Dance Instructor: De Eddleman – Requires minimum of 10 students

6-week series of group dance classes @ \$72 per person (50/50 split teacher/Lodge)

If interested, please register with De Eddleman (deedleman@aol.com)

GUEST BARTENDER NIGHTS at #2188

Held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (5:30P-8:00P)



Held November 20 -- Hosted by Joyce Loftis & Denise Moeller – great night!

Also, Denise Moeller and I will be hosting the Guest Bartender Night on **Wednesday, December 18th** and we will have pecan samples that night – please support the new Georgia pecans fundraiser. Jim (Guitarist) will be our entertainment (he is considered the best in Northern Virginia and has played at our Ladies Luncheons where everyone loved him). This will be Denise and my 4th time as Guest Bartenders. We invite you, family and friends to participate and help us make this a fun holiday event.

We Need Guest Bartenders!

Haven't you always wanted to know what it is like to be BEHIND the bar? Try a theme and make it fun for everyone. Maybe a Holiday or the Capitals or Nationals or Redskins. We need Bartenders for the third Wednesday of the month from 5:00P to 8:00P. Guest Bartenders put the fun into fundraising! Please email PER Laurie Fearis for more information on how it works at lfearis@tylerprint.com.



CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE at #2188

Saturday, December 14, 2019 in the Ballroom

7:00P to 10:30P -- \$35 per person

Dance to the music of the Helmut Licht Band

Make reservations by email to rthiebaut1949@outlook.com

or by telephone (703) 573-7890 (leave a message if no answer)

(provide your name + phone # + names of all at your table)



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at #2188

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 in the Ballroom

7:00P to 1:00A -- \$70 per person

Champagne and Breakfast Buffet at Midnight

Make reservations by email to rthiebaut1949@outlook.com

or by telephone (703) 573-7890 (leave a message if no answer)

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



SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

I am not in the office at a set time every day, however, I am here almost every day of the week. If you need to see me, please feel free to call. If I am not in, please leave a voice message and I will return your call as quickly as possible. For the time being, I will try to keep to the following hours:

Mondays and Thursdays: 12:00 noon to 5:00P

Tuesdays: 10:00A to 3:00P; and on meeting nights, back at 5:00P

Wednesdays: 12:00 noon to 3:00P

Fridays: 10:00A to 2:00P

Saturdays & Sundays: Depends on the calendar of Lodge events; my official duties often require me to run errands to the bank, the Post Office, and Office Depot or Staples.

IN MEMORIAM

Elly Mae Burton (October 21, 2019)

Kent A. Caldwell (October 27, 2019)

Aubrey ("Buck") H. Burrow, Jr. (October 30, 2019)

Gilbert ("Gil") Butler Rhodes (November 3, 2019)

Edward D. Connor (Col., USAF-Ret) (November 12, 2019)

Rosella Trahan (November 27, 2019)

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Brian Singleton (recovering from chemo and radiation treatments for cancer)

Sue Burke (recovering from hip surgery)

NEW MEMBERS -- Initiated on November 18, 2019



Exalted Ruler Alicia Pomé with new members:

John R. Cook, Gary Rapp, Susan Schwarz, Dana Shafie, and Roger Wallace. *Welcome!*

Our Lodge will be hosting a Wine & Cheese Party to welcome all new members initiated from the beginning of the year until the present (details to follow in a news blast).

Remember that if you attend the Initiation of any member you sponsor, you will receive a certificate for a free dinner. Also, please invite your new member to an upcoming event and introduce them around. Make them feel appreciated and welcome as members of #2188.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Backpack Lunch Program: John E. Waddick

USO: PER Patti Graves

General: Winner of 50/50 on November 8

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our charitable work!

DUES

A huge thank you to our wait staff and bartenders for diligently checking the cards to assist in getting all members paid current. We are slowly inching down our delinquencies, and now only have 25 delinquent members. We would like to eliminate all delinquencies as soon as possible, in order to have a gain in membership this year. It has been a long time coming. Last year, Virginia Elks Association had a membership gain overall of 27. The Grand Lodge reported a membership gain for the first time in 30 years! Let's keep the momentum going. As a "Head's Up" our dues will be increased slightly this year, as the Grand Lodge assessment has increased by \$2.00 and the Virginia Elks Association assessment was also increased. The dues notices will be going out in late January or early February.

DONATE LIFE

By registering your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor in the **National Donate Life Registry**, you are helping to save lives and give hope to the 113,000 people in the United States currently waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. Thousands more people need tissue or corneal transplants to restore health. One donor can save and heal more than 75 lives. 95% of Americans support donation, but only 58% are registered — help us bridge the gap! If you are interested in becoming an organ donor, go to www.donatelife.net and find out what is necessary to do so.

COMMITTEES

The following note was in the last issue of the newsletter, but perhaps it went unnoticed, as I am still not receiving written reports from the Committee Chairpersons when they give a report at the meetings:

For those of you who give your reports at the Membership Meetings, please prepare them in writing and hand to the Secretary so she can file them with the minutes of the meeting as well as in the committee minute book.

FROM THE ANNALS OF HISTORY

While culling old files, I found what appears to be a copy of the premier edition of *The Elks Magazine*. I have not had an opportunity to review all of it, but found the following excerpt about prayer for us of interest:

Billy Sunday Asks God to Prosper the Elks: In a sermon preached at Kewanee, Ill, Rev. William A. Sunday offered the following prayer for the Elks: "And then the Elks; now God, they are a speedy bunch, help them. Thou knowest they are the warmest-hearted bunch in the world and if I were in trouble I would go right up to one of these men who wear the little Elk pin and Thou knowest he wouldn't give me the stony stare and the marble heart but would put out the good right hand and help me. Now God, help them; they have got hearts as big as the dome of the Baptist church. O God, help them all."

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A huge thank you to our wait staff and bartenders for diligently checking the membership cards to assist in getting all members paid current. We are slowly inching down on our delinquencies. The Membership and Lapsation Committee members will be contacting those who are still unpaid to bring our losses down even more. Our membership is growing, and we welcome all new members, but we also need to seek ways to maintain the current members.

GUIDELINES FOR LODGE E-BLASTS (ELECTRONIC NEWS FLASHES)

In order to simplify sending notices to our members 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 (Diane Kaplon, Chairman)

Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees! Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!



If you have not met our new **Club Manager John Hyde**, please stop by to introduce yourself. John is a VCU grad and Fairfax resident with 15+ years of restaurant management experience. He also holds the designation of certified wine specialist from the Guild of Sommeliers. John has made improvements to our POS and inventory systems and has some great ideas for improving the food and beverage experience for our members and guests. Watch for new member events in the Lounge, including new happy hour specials, Trivia and Guest Chef Night!

As most of you know, the Board oversees the Club/dining and event rental operations. For the 6-month period of April-September 2019, Club gross profit is outperforming budget at \$280,000 and our food/beverage/labor costs are all meeting the Grand Lodge targets for the first time in many years.

The Board also oversees facility maintenance and has recently completed urgent HVAC upgrades and roofing repairs, as well as other painting and repair needs throughout the Lodge. By the time you read this article we should be in the final stages of projects to renovate the downstairs men's and handicap restrooms and replace our aging dining room chairs. Next up on our agenda includes working with the Decorating Committees and other interested members to address flooring concerns throughout the Lodge, various door repairs/upgrades, lobby renovations, lighting and (of course) the Tiki Bar! Future projects include improving our RV area, stages, and resurfacing the parking lot. **The Board of Trustees invite all interested members to attend our meetings which are usually the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our email addresses are in this newsletter and we appreciate your suggestions on any matters concerning the Club and facilities. Please come to the meetings and participate in the discussions on the projects.**

Meet Venture Crew #2188



Venture Crew #2188 is a new scouting unit that is chartered (supported) by our Elks Lodge. Venture Crew 2188 has 15 members - 12 boys and 3 girls ages 14-20 -- and it is a subset of the Mantua Troop #1533 that has been meeting at our Lodge for the past few years.

Venturing is a BSA program built around the "ALPS Model"

- A - Adventure** - Mentoring, leading and participating in crew-led adventures
- L - Leadership** - Ongoing leadership development through training, mentoring, and hands-on leadership.
- P - Personal Growth** – Goal setting in support of personal growth.
- S - Service** - Leading and participating in community service.

In the short time since the Venture Crew 2188 was founded, Crew members have already embraced these principals through planning and experiencing activities including whitewater rafting, an Escape Room, and Ax Throwing. With their crew leader John Prette, they have been participating in service activities, such as **Scouting for Food** and assisting with our **Backpack Lunch** and **Thanksgiving Baskets** programs. They are planning a food drive to help stock our pantry for Backpack lunches. Upcoming events include a Bowling Party, Climbing Lock-in (overnight), Ski Trip, Ropes Course, and an amusement park trip. As the name suggests, Venture Crew #2188 LOVES adventure! They are always available to help the Elks with service projects. **Please consider how your committee may be able to use them for a future service event. [Submitted by Diane Kaplon, Chairman, Board of Trustees]**

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



VETERANS DAY SALUTE & DINNER was held at #2188 on Sunday, November 3rd. The ceremony paid tribute to our veterans (past and present) for their service to our great country. Our Lodge was honored to have VEA President Frank Burns (who is also a PER of #2188) as our Guest Speaker. The Kings Park Concert Band performed beautiful patriotic music for all to enjoy. Special thanks to PER Laurie Fearis, PER Rose Thiebaut, Loyal Knight Larry Fisher for their participation in the program, and to member Art Wyman for photographing this event, which was well-attended. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner after the ceremony. Lodge #2188 is proud to honor our veterans!

USO DELIVERIES -- The Veterans Committee continues to make deliveries to the USO Center at Reagan National Airport. The two November deliveries were made by Rose Thiebaut and Maria Jordan. These deliveries are made every ten days by #2188 volunteers to keep the USO Center freezer stocked with a substantial supply of frozen foods and snacks for the military personnel and their families who travel through Reagan National Airport and stop by the USO Center. USO volunteer "Rebecca" thanked #2188 for our continued support.



BINGO AT MARTINSBURG VA HOSPITAL -- The Bingo games were very successful. The patients enjoy being able to "shop" through the make-shift store for all the free items. They enjoy knowing they can take whatever they need. The patients also enjoyed receiving two Canteen books at the end of the evening, as we say goodbye and thank them for their service. They learn that "everyone is a winner at the Lodge 2188 Bingo sponsored-program." Special thanks to members PER Patti Graves, PER Tim Knotts, and Georgianna Knotts for completing this event at Martinsburg.

BINGO CORNER (Susan Lyon & Barbara Marshall, Bingo Co-Chairs)

The Bingo world limped along in late October/early November. The turnout of players was minimal due to a variety of reasons, such as end-of-month limited player funds, weather, and the World Series (GO NATS!). More eyes were focused on baseball games than on Bingo games. Last week we redeemed ourselves with a \$2,000 night and a \$3,200 night, respectively. The profits are always a result of the Bingo and pull-tab take-ins combined. It's a great feeling for all the volunteers when the evening pays off for the Lodge. Now we're headed for the holidays. **We wish all our Elks members a very happy holiday season! And a personal "THANK YOU!" from Susan and Barbara to all our fantastic Bingo and pull-tab volunteers – you are the lifeblood of #2188.** [Susan Lyon & Barbara Marshall, Bingo Co-Chairs]

GOLF NEWS – “Par for the Course” (Ron Murphy, Chairman) bettyron.50@gmail.com



We officially closed the 2019 Elks golf season with our Golf Banquet on Friday, November 15th at the Lodge. The dinner was excellent, the bar was open, and everyone was in the right frame of mind for the rest of the evening. Following cocktail hour, we sang our National Anthem led by Christine Caldwell, then enjoyed dinner, saluted our major event champions, awarded door prizes, and finally the 50/50 drawing. **Mark Kaplon and Tim Knotts were the Masters Champions and Frank Burns earned the Chairman's Cup.** There were many door prizes, including golf lessons, passes for 2020 from most of the courses we played this season, and golf balls. Even as we say goodbye to 2019, work begins on the 2020 Schedule. We look forward to the Spring!

DECORATIONS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES (Joyce Loftis, Chairperson)

By the time you read this the Jewelry Raffle will have taken place -- and we will have raised approximate \$17,000. Our next fundraising campaign will be the sale of **chocolate-covered pecans and pecan halves**. We are getting a fresh crop from the State of Georgia and they will be sold at \$12 per bag (with \$6 going to our fundraiser). Please support us by purchasing pecans for your enjoyment and to give as holiday gifts for family and friends.

BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM (Diane Kaplon)

The Backpack Lunch Committee partnered with the FCPS Kilmer School in October to combine a Drug Awareness campaign with our regular lunch program. Students from the Kilmer School, under the direction of Trish Kyle (the Employment Transition Coordinator), practiced life and workplace skills by stuffing backpacks with Drug Awareness materials. The Backpack Lunch Committee then added the regular nutritious meals and snacks to the backpacks and delivered them to Daniel's Run Elementary School in Fairfax for distribution to third grade children in need. Special thanks to Trustee & PER Steve Thiebaut for donating the reusable drawstring backpacks, and to member Dickie Tye for his generous donation to the program. The Backpack Lunch Committee was assisted by our very own Venture Crew #2188. Scoutmaster John Prette and the boys and girls of Venture Crew #2188 and Troop #1533 are always willing to help us with lifting, packing, food drives and anything else that we need. In November they helped us collect food and pack Thanksgiving baskets for 10 families whose children participate in the Backpack Lunch program. A shout out to Grover Gaming for donating fifteen \$20 gift cards to help these families purchase a turkey for Thanksgiving. I am always thankful and amazed at the generosity of all the faithful volunteers that help this program month after month with their donations of food, money and time. We could not continue this program without every one of you! [Diane Kaplon, Chairman, Board of Trustees]

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS & GIANT GIFT CARDS (Joan Gavin)



The Elks Auxiliary is selling the **2019 White House Ornament**. This year's ornament honors Dwight D. Eisenhower, our 34th President. His administration spanned the years 1953 to 1961, between President Harry S. Truman and President John F. Kennedy. Throughout his notable Army career and Presidency, Eisenhower was an innovator, a trait to which the helicopter represented in the ornament pays tribute. The cost is \$22. We also have a limited supply of previous years. Ornaments are available from **Joan Gavin (703-978-3029) and Barbara Marshall (571-203-0375)** and at many Lodge and Auxiliary functions. The Auxiliary also sells **Giant Gift Cards**, available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. They make great gifts!

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS & COATS PROGRAM at #2188 Held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019



The Holiday Food Baskets & Coats Program was a great success, and I want to thank each of the volunteers who participated in this year's program! This effort helps to bring holiday cheer to 50 families in our community who are in need. We provided a fresh turkey and food items (from Shopper's and Safeway) for their Thanksgiving meal, as well as gloves, scarves and hats (handmade by the Knit & Crochet group), winter coats (donated by members and volunteers), and other items. I want also to recognize a couple **special helpers -- Brendan and Matthew Cecka, brothers who live in Burke and go to Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax.** They stopped by the Lodge on Tuesday around 3:30P (by my invitation) to see the results of their good deed. Their family spends the summers at the beach where the boys enjoy playing the claw machines -- you know, the ones where you can win stuffed toys? Well, last year and this year combined, they have donated over 300 new stuffed animals for the children of our Food Baskets Program. Last night I sent a text to their mother, thanking her for bringing them by

the Lodge. When she replied, she said the boys were so moved by our program and how the toys were being put to good use that they are going to work extra hard to win more animals for us next summer. I don't know if we have a way to honor them as good citizens, but I certainly think they are worthy of our praise and have included their picture below. Again, my thanks to everyone who made donations of coats and other items, and who volunteered their time in this year's program. Here's wishing you all a perfect Thanksgiving! [Lisa Stevens]



Generosity of spirit is the openness and willingness to share our own 'gifts' freely with others, joyously and willingly and without expectation of receiving anything in return. Generosity of spirit is created through respect and compassion for others; it involves experiencing and celebrating that which is important to another person.

HOOP SHOOT (Tejas Patel, Event Chairman)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot event will take place on Saturday, December 7th (inclement weather date is January 12th). The Hoop Shoot is a free-throw shooting competition for youth ages 8-13. We are looking for Elks to volunteer some time to help me run this competition (no experience is required; training will be given on the day of the event). Help support our area's youth (ages 8-13) as they compete in a basketball free-throw shooting competition. We would like to fill the following positions:

Registration (2 Volunteers)

Scorekeepers (2-3 Volunteers)

Judge (4-8 Volunteers)

As Needed Assistance (4-8 Volunteers)

Any questions? Please contact Tejas Patel, 301-602-7124 or tmpatelsoccer@yahoo.com.

Elks Launch Campaign to Support Pearl Harbor



At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. *"I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"* During their travels throughout the country, Barbara and Mike Luhr visited the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii, in awe of the veterans who were aboard the USS Arizona that fateful day. And yet some of the displays and signage at the memorial were not as expected. They were old, weather-beaten and outdated.

They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial. All funds raised will be used to:

- Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation, and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten. **As of November 12, Elks have donated \$29,733 for this cause!**

Donation totals will be updated the first week of every month. Stay tuned to the blue thermometer for the latest totals! These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation. Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. **Will you help?**

DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE (4:00P in the Fairfax Room) (dinner afterwards In the Arlington Room)	2 	3 BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	4 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P)	5 THURS SPECIAL (5:00P-9 :00P)  DARTS @ 7:00P	6 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 9:00P) (NY Strip or Alternate) **Tom Saputo** (7:00P-10:00P) TOYS FOR TOTS & SINGALONG Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P	7 HOOP SHOOT COMPETITION Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P
8 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (1:00P in the Ballroom) SPINA BIFIDA CHRISTMAS PARTY (2:00P-5:00P) (Fairfax Room)	9 	10 Lodge Meeting (Fairfax Room) (7:30P)	11 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (Prime Rib) (5:30P to 8:00P) ELKS AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETING (Arlington Room) (7:00P)	12 THURS SPECIAL (5:00P-9 :00P)  DARTS @ 7:00P	13 USO DELIVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 9:00P) (NY Strip or Alternate) **Wes Glover** (7:00P-10:00P) Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P	14 ELKS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE (Lounge) (5:00P-7:00P) CHRISTMAS DANCE (Ballroom) Helmut Licht Band Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P
15 Come to #2188 on Sundays (doors open 1:00P)	16 Knit & Crochet (11:00A-1:00P) 	17 Elks Auxiliary Potluck Lunch (Arlington Room) (11:30A-1:00P) BOARD MEETING (7:00P)	18 BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM (5:30P-6:30P) GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT (5:30P to 8:00P) WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 8:00P)	19 THURS SPECIAL (5:00P-9:00P)  DARTS @ 7:00P	20 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 9:00P) (NY Strip or Alternate) *Terry Lee Ryan* (7:00P-10:00P) Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P	21 Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P
22 Come to #2188 on Sundays (doors open 1:00P)	23 USO DELIVERY Initiation of New Members (6:30P) 	24 Lodge Meeting (Fairfax Room) (7:30P)	25 CHRISTMAS DAY LODGE CLOSED 	26 THURS SPECIAL (5:00P-9:00P)  DARTS @ 7:00P	27 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 9:00P) (NY Strip or Alternate) **Tom Saputo** (7:00P-10:00P) Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P	28 SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER (5:30P to 9:00P) (Alternate Menu) **Terry Lee Ryan** (7:00P-10:00P) Free League POKER 1st Session 5:00P 2nd Session: 7:00P
29 Come to #2188 on Sundays (doors open 1:00P)	30 	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (Ballroom) 7:00P-1:00A	INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS (3rd Monday @ 6:30P) BINGO MONDAYS & THURSDAYS (Early Birds @ 6:30P) (Regular Games @ 7:30P)	BOARD MEETINGS 1st and 3rd TUES @ 7:00P LODGE MEETINGS 2nd and 4th TUES @ 7:30P AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETINGS 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00P AUXILIARY POTLUCK LUNCHES: 3rd Tuesday @ 11:30A		



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