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From Exalted Ruler Brenda Slingerland



One holiday down and two more to go before things quiet down a little in January. December is definitely a busy, fun, and rewarding time for our lodge. Check out our Lodge calendar!! It is chock full of events to not only celebrate Elkdom, our Lodge, our members, but to also pay respect to our deceased members and to reach out to our future - the children - in many, many ways! Our motto "Elks Care, Elks Share" will be very evident in all we do as a Lodge this month. Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks writes in his December message: *"It's a wonderful time of year for every Lodge to show its 'Elks Pride and Community Focus' by being a beacon of hope for the community and showing that Elks live and Elks give from the heart.."* If we do this, **we will continue to shine!** Starting in November with our food baskets and coat drive the week of

Thanksgiving, #2188 members and Elks Auxiliary members will continue to do this many times again in December. There are not only several opportunities for outreach but several opportunities for member-to-member fun and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to come along with you and introduce them to your Lodge and our programs. Show your pride as an Elk to others and let's continue to grow our membership.

Now onto something serious. **MEMBERS, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!** Many messages have been going out about our BINGO operation and how the financial rewards of it are so very important to the financial structure of our Lodge. ***IT REALLY IS!*** BINGO is being run and staffed by only a handful of dedicated volunteers; however, **we need more volunteers!** Even more critically, we need a couple of volunteers who will work together to be the "managers" of our BINGO program. This is currently being accomplished by one member who will be moving out of the area in a couple of months. Karen Bender works very hard, but a team of 2 or 3 could take over and do what Karen does while expending less time individually - many hands make for lighter work. We need members to step up now so you can learn from Karen before she moves away. It is so much better to learn "hands on" than to learn from notes and records. I repeat - this is an urgent and vital request for members to step up and volunteer, not only as coordinators but also as workers. We hold BINGO twice a week every month. Current volunteers work every Monday or every Thursday, More involved members might mean everyone might only have to work BINGO every other week (ideally once a month even). It would be extremely beneficial to have a revolving list to contact to staff "the line" at each session. Please contact me at er@bpoe2188.org or Karen Bender at karenbender443@msn.com, or any Officer, Secretary Jan Sullivan, or Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi to pledge us a bit of your time for the benefit of your Lodge.

Back to the "Reason for the Season." I and the entire team of Officers of #2188 wish each and every member and family members a very ***Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year!*** I hope to see you all throughout this month participating in our meetings, ceremonies, activities, the Christmas Dance and Annual Members Party - all the activities you can see noted on our calendar. Print out that page and post it up so you will not miss any event - a time of fellowship with other members. Always invite others to come with you so that you can introduce them to Elkdom. God Bless Everyone!

#2188 HAS THE BEST ELKS WEBSITE IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

I am extremely proud to report that our Lodge was selected as having the best website in the State of Virginia. Kudos to Lodge Webmaster **Steve Thiebaut** for all of his great efforts! Excellent job!

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Who We Are

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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.

ATTENTION UNPAID MEMBERS: Please contact
Membership Chair Don Weber at (703) 241-8309 to
either renew or terminate your membership.



Elks Memorial Service

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

"An Elk Is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken"

An Elks Memorial Service honoring Lodge members who have departed this past year will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fairfax Room. Members, widows, families and friends are invited to attend. The service will be conducted by the Past Exalted Rulers of our Lodge. Pastor Charlie Wood of Mount Calvary Community Church (Springfield, VA) will deliver his message to the families and our members, along with songs accompanied by Terry Lee Ryan (both are members of our Lodge). At the conclusion of the ceremony, a complimentary dinner will be provided. **[Chairman Rose Thiebaut]**



Cecil Feeney	January 2, 2014
Roy A. Jaynes	December 21, 2014
David Starnes	December 24, 2014
Ronald E. Grandon	January 2, 2015
David E. Weems	January 22, 2015
Charles M. Obrien	February 5, 2015
David L. Wilson	February 15, 2015
Albert D'Epiro	February 27, 2015
Henry L. Merkli	March 10, 2015
Raymond Register	May 31, 2015
David Brickles	June 5, 2015
Robert Federico	July 13, 2015
Daniel McGrath	August 14, 2015
Sewell "Hutch" Hutchinson	September 6, 2015
Edward F. Schenk III	November 5, 2015
John James Robinson	November 30, 2015

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

GENERAL REVISION OF BY-LAWS AND HOUSE RULES

At the Lodge meeting scheduled for **December 8, 2015**, Lodge members must vote upon the five-year general revision of By-Laws and House Rules, as required by Grand Lodge Statutes. (See the NOV issue for complete details.) Please attend the December 8th meeting to cast your vote.

Annual Elks Children's Christmas Party – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13, 2015

All children and grandchildren are invited to enjoy this FUN event



- ♥ SANTA will make his appearance and have a gift for the children
- ♥ The Blue Sky Puppet Theater will present a puppet show for the children
- ♥ Hot dogs and other snacks will be provided

#2188 LODGE STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY -- Sunday, December 13, 2015

The Lounge will close at 5:00 p.m. for the #2188 Lodge Staff Holiday Party.

KNIT & CROCHET CIRCLE – Monday, December 14, 2015

The group will meet on December 14th to whip together more creations. Please join us if you're interested.



Holiday Open House for #2188 Members

Saturday, December 19, 2015

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Lower Level

Enjoy great hors d'oeuvres and receive 2 free drink tickets



Christmas Ball at #2188

Saturday, December 19, 2015

Music of Frank Napoli

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. -- Dancing 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Formal Dress -- \$50 Members | \$55 Non-members

THE HUBCAPS WILL BE PERFORMING AT #2188 ON MARCH 5, 2016 – 7:30P-11:00P

The Hub Caps are making a return visit to our Lodge on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**. All 330 of us who attended the event last March 2015 had a "rip-roaring" good time and asked for the band's return. Tickets are \$45 each (or \$50 at the door) and would make a really nice Christmas or birthday present. **Sandy Mueller will be selling tickets at the Annual Christmas Party in the Lounge on Saturday, December 19th.**

Annual Ugly Sweater Contest & Gift Wrapping Extravaganza!



Sunday, December 20, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – Mark your calendar for a fun-filled afternoon! Wear your best ugly holiday sweater, bring a snack, dessert, or special dish to share, and drop off your gifts with the #2188 Veterans Committee Elves to be wrapped for your special holiday gifting. This is a popular event at the Lodge, so plan to come early for all the fun! All that the Elves ask in return is a donation for their efforts. In addition, the Elves will be raffling off a “Holiday Spirits” basket and are sneaking in an extra surprise for this year’s event. Proceeds from this year’s gift wrapping and raffle will go to host the March 11, 2016 dinner for wounded service members and their families. If you cannot make the December 20th event, but would still like to have your gifts wrapped, please contact Linda Gardner at lgardner9@cox.net or (703) 636-6392 and she will try to accommodate your schedule. All packages will be decorated with a hand-made bow. If you want your friends and family to “ooh and ah” about your gifts, let the #2188 Elves do the wrapping for you!

CHRISTMAS EVE – Thursday, December 24, 2015

THE LODGE WILL CLOSE AT 3:00P.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, December 25, 2015

THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS
WITH BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER!**
“May you stay forever young!” (Bob Dylan)

“Time is like a flowing river, no water passes beneath your feet twice, much like the river, moments never pass you by again, so cherish every moment that life gives you and have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.”



New Year’s Eve Ball at #2188

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Music of Mike Surratt

Dinner @ 7 -- Dancing through New Year, w/Champagne

Breakfast Afterwards -- Formal Dress

\$75 Members, \$80 Non-members

NOTE: NO ADVANCE TICKET SALES--PAYMENT AT THE DOOR

NEW YEAR’S DAY, Friday, January 1, 2016

THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY.

COUNTRY DANCE AT #2188, Saturday, January 16, 2016

Starts at 4:00 p.m. -- Enjoy Country music and lots of good Country food -- \$15 (at the door)

ELK OF THE MONTH – December 2015



My *Elk of the Month* for December 2015 is **Art Wyman**. Art has been a member of #2188 since 2005. He has always been an A+ example of the spirit of volunteerism! His list of support & participation in this Lodge is long. Art was a member of the Board of Trustees for several years. He participates in every function when he is in town for: meetings, dinners, Derby Day, the Pig Roast, the Elks Memorial Service, Law & Order Night, Toys for Tots, Veterans events, dances and special events, etc., and sells pull-tabs at BINGO. He is always on hand for Lodge cleanups, both on scheduled Saturdays and on many other days by himself, walking around the grounds and parking lot picking up trash, pulling weeds, sweeping, etc. When the Ballroom was painted years ago, Art assisted with the prep and cleanup afterwards. He also assisted in cleaning out the old sheds when replaced with the new ones. Besides being generous with his time, he is also an extremely generous donor -- mostly anonymous -- to our Lodge. When he wins 50/50s, he always donates the winnings back to the Lodge for necessities, such as the Lodge Improvement Fund. Examples of his generosity include a \$1,000 donation to the Virginia Youth Camp for repairs to a leaking dining hall roof, the purchase of a new Flag when needed for the outside pole, donations to the Lodge Strategic Reserve Fund, as well as to the Charity Fund for things such as the Aleethia Foundation dinner, frozen food items for the Reagan Airport USO, Labor Day event costs, the Bel-Airs concert, etc., etc. Art, along with another generous donor, paid for the structural engineering report needed for the Ballroom floor. He not only purchased one of the new bar stools, but also made a donation towards the cost of the plaque listing the names of all of the donors; the plaque is displayed in the Lounge. He has always been a major contributor to the Elks National Foundation. Art has been the "unofficial" Lodge Photographer for many years and documents all Lodge events, initiations and ceremonies in pictures for the State website publication and The Horn. He has also taken photos at private events. Art never charges for any of his time -- he does it because he enjoys it -- and besides, he truly is an example of the motto "Elks Care, Elks Share." Art shares his time and talents in every way possible, and this award of "Elk of the Month" is definitely well-deserved. Thank you Art for all that you do in support of #2188! You are indeed a valued member and a great friend to many.

MEMBERS SUPPORT "NO SHAVE NOVEMBER"

November was a hairy month at our Lodge. Many members grew mustaches, beards (or both) in support of MOVEMBER, an annual event involving the growing of moustaches and beards during the month of November to raise awareness of various cancers, such as prostate cancer. The goal of Movember is to "change the face of men's health." To learn about the important work that Movember is funding and the impact your donation will have, go to <http://us.movember.com/programs/strategy>. We're proud to report that **Team "ELKS CARE"** collected \$2,065 in tax-deductible donations to support the Movember movement. **Several members of #2188 participated in this cause to show love and encouragement for fellow member Michael Stevens who is fighting prostate cancer.** GO TEAM! [Lisa Stevens and Susan Mekenney]



Proudly exhibiting their support of MOVEMBER are Roy Seabolt, Laurie Fearis, Vernon Gardener, Art Wyman and Gary Indre. Also (not pictured), Sammy Roth has been a strong supporter for several years and encouraged members to donate.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS



Aleethia Dinner:

Pig Roast 50/50 & Basket Raffle \$382
Punch Tasting Admission - \$22.30
Punch Basket Raffle - \$270
Frank Burns

USO:

Vernon Gardener

Holiday Food Baskets:

Gloria Geer-Wood
Don Weber
Joan Honore

Safety Glasses:

Bar Change – \$55.10
Laurie Fearis

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of the members who have contacted me concerning their delinquent dues. We have lowered the number of outstanding dues, but there are still many overdue. Please continue to encourage anyone you know who has not paid to do so. If you know of anyone who has a financial burden, the Lodge does assist members in distress with their dues. Please let the Secretary know. For the currently paid up members, if you decide not to continue your membership, the time to let me know is prior to March 15, 2016, while you are still in good standing and able to get an Absolute Dimit. Otherwise, if you wait until after April 1 when your dues are delinquent, you will be dropped for non-payment. I realize it is considered by some to be harsh to put the names of the delinquent members in our newsletter. However, the Grand Lodge dictates that they be notified and their names posted in the members area. The purpose is not to embarrass, but to serve as a reminder for those who simply forget, and for others to let the Secretary know of any deaths or moves that have not been reported. Sometimes family members do not realize that they need to inform us that their loved one has died.

New Members Initiated November 24, 2015:



With ER Brenda Slingerland (L-R) Rosetta Wash, Dennis Delaney, Heidi Mackey, and William Greer

New Members Initiated October 27, 2015:



With ER Brenda Slingerland (L-R) Joe Quattrone, William Chapman, and Kevin Berry

Proposed For Membership:

John Delean (proposed by Adam Samuel Roth)
Robert Grave (proposed by Donald Weber)
John C. Silva (proposed by Ruben Velazquez,
member # 01278, Front Royal)

To Be Balloted November 24, 2015:

Judy Hamilton (proposed by Joyce Loftis)
Thomas Hilliard (proposed by Madeline Metcalfe)
Carol Martin (proposed by Maria Klop)

IN MEMORIAM

Edward F. Schenk III, November 5, 2015

"We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be the vacant chair, But though we no more possess him, Still our hearts his memory bear, But a while ago we gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye, Now the golden cord is severed, He has passed to realms on high."

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

LATEST UPDATE: Michael Stevens is still undergoing treatment for cancer. His oncologist predicts, with continued treatments that he should be cancer-free by late July or August 2016. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through this life crisis. Cards and messages of encouragement are welcomed and should be mailed to **Michael & Lisa Stevens, 9536 Wallingford Drive, Burke, VA 22015**. Telephone calls and visits are discouraged at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to **PER BILL HIXENBAUGH, PER JOHN FAIRFAX, EDDIE CAMPER, JOHN SULLIVAN, PEGGY PAPE, SHERRY DAVENPORT:** *"We are so sorry to hear that you are ill. Please know that we are thinking of you often and*

praying for your quick recovery. Take it easy, rest, and be kind to yourself, and if there's anything you need, call any of us first. We miss you, care about you, and look forward to seeing you restored to perfect health." [The Membership of #2188]



President's Lifetime Service Awards

Congratulations to six members of #2188 who recently received the President's Volunteer Lifetime Service Award. This award was started by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in 2003. It was a way to thank and honor Americans who, by example, inspired others to engage in volunteer service. Pictured from left to right with their certificates or letters signed by President Obama are Georgianna Knotts, Barbara Marshall, Jan Sullivan, Tim Knotts, Joan Gavin, and Patti Graves.

News from the Trustees (Roy Seabolt, Chair) roy.seabolt@gmail.com



\$150 to \$200 per year in additional dues! Do I have your attention now? That is how much we would need to collect from each of our members to replace the revenue generated by our BINGO operation, if members do not step forward **NOW**, and start supporting this critical fundraiser. In the past few months there have been numerous email blast and newsletter articles pleading for BINGO help, to no avail. Even in this newsletter, there is an article from our ER asking for help. I am going to be a bit more blunt in order to try and get the message across. BINGO is our **number one source of revenue** for the Lodge, generating well over \$100,000 in funds for our operational cost and our charitable causes per year. It is what pays the bills, it is what keeps the lights and the heat on. BINGO runs two nights a week most weeks of the year. While it is a labor-intensive operation, it is not a difficult operation. We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts -- in particular, callers and managers. This is such a critical source of revenue, that I have recently started training on being a caller for Thursday night BINGO. That is an additional two hours per week, above and beyond my current commitments to the Lodge. If you are not already doing so, **I challenge each member** of this Lodge to commit to at least two hours per week supporting this Lodge in one of our charitable causes (and NO -- sitting at the bar does not count). If you are willing to take me up on this challenge, send me an email at roy.seabolt@gmail.com and let's figure out where we can best use your talents. If you are not willing to take me up on this challenge, my question would be "Why did you join the Elks?"

News from the Elks Auxiliary (Barbara Marshall, President) bmarshall12@verizon.net



It is so hard to believe that the holidays are upon us already. Many Elks Auxiliary members assisted with the Holiday Food Baskets Program again this year by working, donating coats, or making monetary donations. Thanks to everyone who helped. Our **Anniversary Dance** was a great success. We combined it with the Halloween Dance and I think everyone had a fun time! Many, many thanks to Rose Thiebaut for the endless hours she put into making the 12 gourmet baskets that were raffled off. They were all themed and I know enjoyed by the 12 lucky winners. The Elks Auxiliary will have two Christmas events during December. Our **Annual Elks Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 9th** (instead of our regular meeting), and it will once again be a wine and cheese party. The festivities begin and 7:00 p.m. in the Fairfax Room and all Elks are invited to join us that evening for fun, food and fellowship. All you need to do is bring either a bottle of wine or cheese and crackers, or both if you wish. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what the Elks Auxiliary is all about and to meet its members. The second party will be held at our **Daytime Activity on Tuesday, December 15th**, where we will have a potluck lunch and do a White Elephant gift exchange. This always proves to be a lot of fun. And this is a final reminder to get your **2015 White House Ornaments**, which are available in the Club Office or by contacting Joan Gavin or me. I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season, and a safe and prosperous New Year. **[Chairman Barbara Marshall]**

News from the Veterans Committee Co-Chairs Ken Hensley (ken.hensley@cox.net) and Linda Gardner (lgardner9@cox.net)



USO Frozen Food Deliveries are funded through the Freedom Grant, generous donations by Lodge members, and fundraising activities. The deliveries fill the USO freezer at Reagan National Airport, and provide meals/hearty snacks for the military and veterans who stop by the airport lounge while waiting for their flight connections. Charitable contributions designated for the USO Frozen Food Deliveries ensure the continuity of this very important program. The upcoming dates for December deliveries are on the 4th, 18th and 26th. The committee also has two dinners planned for 2016 and need s Lodge member support to fund these events as well. Donations of liquor and wine to fill one or possibly two baskets to be raffled off at the December 20th Annual Ugly Sweater Contest & Gift Wrapping Extravaganza would also benefit the veterans programs. Drop off donations to the Club Manager by December 4th so we can assemble the basket(s). The Veterans Committee is a very beneficial and active group in our Lodge. We host Bingo for the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital every fifth Friday, we participate in their annual carnival for veterans and their families in

September, and host the Annual Veterans Day Program in November. If you are looking for a rewarding committee to be a part of, please consider joining us. We love what we do for America's veterans! Contact Ken or Linda at the email addresses listed for further information. For more information, please contact Ken (ken.hensley@cox.net) or Linda (lgardner9@cox.net).

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



We officially closed the 2015 season with our Banquet on Friday, November 13th, at the Lodge. The dinner was excellent, the bar was open, and all had a good time. Highlights of the evening included recognizing our major event winners for the season, door prize drawings and, of course, the 50/50 drawing. Frank Burns (A Flight) and Jim Corrigan (B Flight) were recognized for winning the 2015 Masters Tournament. Frank was absent, but fortunately his wife Sandy was there to accept his prize for him. Tim Knotts and Jerry Kwiatkowski tied for the Chairman's Trophy. Both were rewarded for their season-long efforts. Jerry was also recognized for being the only one of our group to play in every one of our 2015 events. We had many door prizes that included golf lessons, passes for 2016 to play the many courses we played this season, and a great number of

golf balls donated by Ed Munn. Even as we say goodbye to the 2015 golf season, we will begin to work on the 2016 schedule at a meeting planned in December. Hope to see you in the Spring! **[Chairman Ron Murphy]**

RECENT EVENTS HELD AT #2188

#2188 Supports Martinsburg VAMC Carnival



On **Saturday, September 19, 2015**, seven volunteers from #2188 traveled to the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to participate in the Annual Fall Carnival held by the Center for the veteran patients, family members, and volunteers. Several volunteer organizations participate in the event to provide food, games, entertainment, and a carnival-type atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. This has become an annual tradition for the #2188 Veterans Committee, and many of the long-term patients look forward to our return each year. Our Lodge provided pork barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, sodas, and bottled water to approximately 150 veterans, family members, VA staff and volunteers. This year, #2188 offered a ring toss game and other games for the veteran patients to enjoy (pictured here are PER Patti Graves and Jerry Sall).

#2188 Visits Martinsburg VA Hospital

On Friday, October 30, 2015, Veterans Committee members Linda Gardner, Betty Kuennen, Dale and Donna Crisp, PER Patti Graves, and Knights of Columbus members Dick Owen and Carroll Glass made the quarterly visit to the Martinsburg VA Hospital to entertain the 65 veteran patients with bingo games.



#2188 PIG ROAST A HUGE SUCCESS!

Held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at #2188 – great attendance – great fun – lots of good food! Kudos to the Grill Masters, the Lodge staff and volunteers, and all who supported this annual event!



#2188 VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Held on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at #2188 – Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Donna L. Crisp (Retired) Patriotic music by the Kings Park Band – a very nice dinner was provided after the ceremony See the complete article at [www.virginiaelks.org/whatsnew/Arlington-Fairfax 2188 News](http://www.virginiaelks.org/whatsnew/Arlington-Fairfax%20188%20News)



HOLIDAY PUNCH TASTING



On November 7, 2015, the **#2188 Veterans Committee** hosted a **Holiday Punch Tasting** in the Lounge -- just in time for holiday party planning! A variety of punches was served, along with a sampling of holiday "goodies." A basket containing the liquors used in the punch recipes and appropriate accompaniments was raffled off at this event. All proceeds were donated to the **USO Frozen Food Deliveries and the Friday Night Dinners for wounded service members**. [[Linda Gardner -- lgardner9@cox.net](mailto:lgardner9@cox.net)]

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET & COAT DRIVE

On Tuesday, November 24, 2015, #2188 purchased Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys from Shoppers Food Warehouse and brought them back to the Lodge to distribute to 44 local needy families with a holiday turkey dinner they can make at home, as well as \$50 worth of Giant Food scrip to be used for purchasing Christmas dinners. In addition to food and Giant scrip, the families were allowed to pick out children's coats and to get toys and knitted items made by Heart-to-Hand, a local knitting group cooperating with Elks charities. The Holiday Food Baskets & Coat Drive was organized this year by Ken Hensley, Barbara Marshall and Pat Graves, and they received the help of several Lodge volunteers. We look forward to continuing this effort in the years to come because it is one of the most popular volunteer projects in the Lodge. [**Chairman Ken Hensley**]



Elks National Foundation (2015-2016)

I NEED YOUR HELP! Last year the ENF started a new initiative to reward Lodges that had at least 15% of it members make an ENF donation. If we can reach that goal, our Lodge will get an extra \$500 with our Gratitude Grant next year. We would then get \$2,500 for our Dictionary Project, which would allow us to purchase over 250 more dictionaries. Now you are asking yourself "How can I help?" It is easy -- make a donation. #2188 has 676 members -- we need at least 102 members to make donations to reach our goal. So far, only 30 members have stepped up to the plate and made a donation. Help us give dictionaries to third graders. Make a difference: (1) Send your check and the form below to the Lodge Secretary; (2) Go online and make a donation at the national Elks website; or (3) Hand me your donation and I will send it in for you. We only need 72 more members to reach our new goal. Thank you all so much. [**ENF Chairman Tim Knotts**]



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION FORM

Please make your check payable to the **Elks National Foundation** and mail it to the Lodge Secretary.

Name: _____ Membership Number _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION (please mark): \$10__ \$15__ \$25__ \$50__ \$100__ OTHER \$_____

Please send this form and check to: **Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188**
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DECEMBER 2015

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6  ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE 4:00 p.m.	7  Redskins v. Cowboys 8:30P 	8 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	9 BEER TASTING 3:00p Elks Auxiliary Christmas Party (wine & cheese) 7:00P  Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib)	10  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	11 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Rainbow Trout w/Crabmeat) *(Terry Lee Ryan)*	12 POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 ND Session: 7:00P										
13  Redskins v. Bears 1:00P ELKS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 1:00 p.m. STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY 5:00 P.M.	14 Knit & Crochet 11:00A-2:00P 	15 Elks Auxiliary Daytime Activity 11:30A BOARD MEETING 7:00P	16  Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Spaghetti & Meatballs)	17  DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts 8:00P	18 USO Delivery FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Shrimp Gumbo) **(Tom Saputo)**	19 POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 ND Session: 7:00P CHRISTMAS BALL (Frank Napoli)										
20  Redskins v. Bills 1:00P Ugly Sweater & Gift Wrapping 1:00P	21 	22	23  Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30P to 8:00P (Pepper Steak)	24 No Bingo Lounge will close early at 3:00 p.m. for the Holiday	25 CHRISTMAS DAY LODGE CLOSED	26 USO Delivery POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 ND Session: 7:00P  Redskins v. Eagles 8:25P										
27	28 	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL (Mike Surratt)	DARTS: 7:00P-Thursdays QUEEN OF HEARTS: 8:00P-Drawings on Thursdays The Lodge will be closed on New Year's Day, Friday, JAN 1, 2016 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE											

BINGO: Monday & Thursday nights in the #2188 Ballroom – Early Birds 6:30P – Regular Games 7:30P – bring friends!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS: Featuring choice of NY Strip Steak or Alternate Entrée – call for table reservations



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