



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

THE ELKS HORN

Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1961

MAY 2016 EDITION

Message from the Exalted Ruler



ER Tim Knotts in 1988

May marks the second month of the new Elks' year, and April was a very eventful month. On April 1st our yearly Youth Recognition Dinner was held to honor our Scholarship winners, Girl Scout Gold Award winners and Boy Scout Eagle Scout winners. What a way to start out the New Year. The first Lodge Cleanup Day has occurred and seventeen members and guests braved the elements and worked to spruce up the Lodge inside and out. Another one will be held in June just before the State Convention. Watch for more information. A very successful Spring Fling Fashion Show featuring Chico's Spring Fashions was held on April 23rd, with all the proceeds going to the Lodge Facilities Fund. Thanks go out to Sandy Mueller for putting this all together.

Please plan to attend at least one of our two monthly Lodge meetings. Guest Bartender Night is back, with State President Geoff Cox starting off on Wednesday May 25th. Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi is planning a **Memorial Day Picnic for May 29th** that you will not want to miss. As always, there are the Wednesday Night Dinners, and the Friday Night Dinners that include live music, singing and dancing. Be sure to check the Lodge calendar and/or the website, and look for the News Flashes for all the details.

I named Patti Graves (PER and Lecturing Knight) as the **April Elk of the Month** for all her usual committee work and her help and advice getting my year off to a smooth start. I am naming Lisa Gallimore as my **Elk of the Month for May**. Lisa agreed to be Chairperson for the Backpack Lunch program and packed 80 weekend lunches for April. She has truly demonstrated a willingness to do a "Little Extra" by taking on the community service. Thank you, Lisa.

I am still working on the committee assignments for the coming year. We are in need of an Americanism Chair. This person will coordinate the Grand Lodge Essay Contest for elementary students. If you are ready to help out the Lodge and are feeling a calling for this or any other committee, please contact me at either (703) 437-9221 or elktim@gmail.net. We are trying to broaden all our committees. Your help is needed. Until next month, have fun and I will see you around the Lodge. [Exalted Ruler Tim Knotts]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

hope your birthday is as awesome as you are!



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Who We Are

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

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 or (703) 307-9605 *cell) to either renew or terminate your membership.



Virginia Elks License Plates

In an effort to promote and raise funds for the Virginia Elks, we are attempting to have an Elks license plate (as shown above) approved by the Virginia General Assembly and issued by the DMV. This process requires the submission of 450 prepaid applications before the matter can be addressed by the General Assembly, and 1000 plates must be sold in order to receive revenue for the state association. We have approximately 8,500 members in 29 lodges in Virginia and the DMV will return \$15 per plate annually to us once we hit the 1,000 plates sold mark -- that's between \$15,000 and \$127,000 coming back to us! The \$15 is a charitable contribution and is therefore tax deductible. The plates will cost \$25 per plate (or \$35 for personalized plates). If you are interested in purchasing one of these plates, and helping the Virginia Elks Association, contact **Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan** for an application.

May is busy with events for mom, youth and vets!

A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks



May is a great month to showcase our "Elks Pride and Community Focus." Embrace the opportunities to recognize our youth, mothers, veterans and the armed forces, and be loud and proud as you conduct and participate in the many Lodge programs and community events intended to honor each of them this month. May 1-7 is Elks National Youth Week, a great time to showcase our many youth programs and recognize the achievements of our future leaders. The second Sunday in May is devoted to the one whose love and devotion is evident in most young lives, their mother. Mother's Day is the time to honor and celebrate our mothers and show our appreciation to the special lady who has meant so much to each of us. May is also dedicated to our military, our veterans and those who have sacrificed all in the defense of our freedoms.

During Armed Forces Week and Armed Forces Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who served in our armed forces in times of war and in peace. Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to remember those veterans who are no longer with us, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. Our commitment to veterans and the military has never wavered and is evident throughout the year, and the events of May serve as another reminder to our Members and to the Community that "the BPOE will never forget them." Memorial Day weekend is considered by many as the official start to summer. Nancy and I wish you a joyful and safe holiday weekend of cook-outs and gatherings with your fellow Elks, family and friends. Finally, best wishes for your new Lodge year. Let's make it the best ever! Follow our travels at www.virginiaelks.org/GER_Ron_Hicks_Blog.htm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AT #2188



On Sunday, May 8, 2016, please join us to celebrate **Mother's Day** with family and friends at the Lodge. A fabulous lunch buffet will be prepared by Chef Jay Singer, and provided from 12:00N to 3:00P. The cost is Adults @ \$17.95, Kids @ \$12.95, and Children under 5 are FREE. The menu includes Leg of Lamb, Ham, Pasta Alfredo, Asparagus, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad Bar, Dessert Bar, and Rolls & Butter. Reserve your special table by calling **Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi**. Advance reservations appreciated – call now!

OPEN MIC NIGHT with Terry Lee Ryan - Monday, May 16, 2016



Enjoy the music of Terry Lee Ryan – open to all members, singers, dancers, friends and new friends! A great time to relax and socialize with others on a Monday night at #2188. Held every **third Monday** of each month – your support is needed in order to keep this going on a regular basis at #2188 – join us!



CLUB MANAGER TOM LOTFABADI INVITES YOU TO THE

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC at #2188

Sunday, May 29, 2016

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Fairfax Room, Lounge & Patio)

ONLY \$10.00 PLUS BRING A DISH (OR \$15.00 WITHOUT A DISH)

DINNER BEGINS at 4:00 p.m.

FOOD FROM THE GRILL (provided by the Lodge)

ENTERTAINMENT by EDDIE POCKEY

(3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

JOIN THE FUN! ENJOY HORSESHOES, MUSIC, DANCING & GOOD FOOD

OPEN KARAOKE & CONTEST at #2188

CELEBRATE FAIRFAX KARAOKE COMPETITION 2016. Weekly qualifying rounds will be held at #2188 on Thursday nights. Free entry. Cash prizes (\$1,500 1st Place, \$750 2nd Place). For details, go to celebratefairfax.com or associatedconsultants.net. [Tom Lotfabadi, Club Manager]

2016 VEA Annual Convention - June 9-11, 2016

Marriott Fairview Park Hotel, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042, (703) 849-9400

FLAG DAY CEREMONY at #2188



Please join me and the officers of Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 at our annual celebration in honor of **Flag Day**. We will begin with an official Flag Retirement Ceremony on **Sunday, June 12th, at 2:00P sharp, under the patio tent outside the Lounge area**. 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 with the Club Manager no later than Noon on June 12th 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. **Immediately following the retirement ceremony, those who have attended are invited inside for hot dogs, beans and cake. Admission is free, but all are asked to bring a hot or cold side-dish to share with everyone.** [Michael Stevens, Chairman]

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

*We're planning a "SEAFOOD FEAST" at #2188
On Saturday, June 25, 2016 -- 4:00P to 7:00P*

More details to follow in the JUNE HORN and flyers will be posted around the Lodge in May.

SELF IMPROVEMENT, DISCOVERY, AND WELLNESS

ONE DAY ONLY -- JUNE 26, 2016 -- FOR A VERY SELECT GROUP

PART OF THE SHRINERS LADIES PROGRAM

A day that will prove transformative and will change your perspective and your life!

This premiere self-improvement event will be held on **Sunday, June 26th**. As part of the Shriners ladies program, it will be held at the **Kena Shrine, located at 9001 Arlington Boulevard in Fairfax, VA** for a very special one-time offering. Led by two experienced trainers, Lynn Saboe and Patty Maples who have 60+ years of experience training and coaching in the CIA and NIH. Gain in-depth knowledge to deal with change, optimize time, keep your energy, improve your health and wellness, and enjoy life more! Get real tools you can use every day. The cost is \$199 and includes breakfast, lunch, all sessions, and a personal follow-on coaching session (a \$200 value). Special savings for early registrations received by May 20th (save \$50), for groups of 4 or more (save \$25 each), for Shriners (save \$25 each). Open to the public. For registration forms, contact **Lynn Saboe** at (571) 363-1433 or lynnas2@verizon.net or **Patty Maples** at (703) 966-7215 or maplespatty@gmail.com.

RECENT EVENTS HELD AT #2188



I held my company's very first Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch at #2188 in March. Despite the weather, we had an excellent turnout and a good time was had by all, plus we were able to collect enough items to fill 15 Easter baskets which were donated to the **Bethany House!**
[Member Susan Mekenney]

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2016

The Installation of Officers was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fairfax Room, where the following Officers for the 2016-2017 year were installed:

- ✓ Exalted Ruler: Timothy Knotts (PSP)
- ✓ Leading Knight: Vernon Gardener (PER)
- ✓ Loyal Knight: James Weed (PER)
- ✓ Lecturing Knight: Patricia Graves (PER)
- ✓ Secretary: Jan Sullivan
- ✓ Treasurer: Frank Burns (DDGER)
- ✓ Tiler: Ashley Stead
- ✓ Esquire: Laurie Fearis (PER)
- ✓ Chaplain: Georgianna Knotts
- ✓ Inner Guard: Alicia Pomé
- ✓ Presiding Justice: Robert Goolrick (PCJGF)



Welcome new Lodge Officers!



Past Exalted Rulers and Lodge members and guests also present at the Installation of Officers



**ELK OF THE YEAR
Pat Cave**



**Officer of the Year
Gary Indre**



**Citizen of the Year
Daniel Dewberry**



**Special Recognition
Jan Sullivan & Art Wyman**



SCOUTS RECOGNITION

Held on April 1, 2016 in the #2188 Ballroom and coordinated by **Susan Mekenney and her team**. It was a very successful event and was well-attended. Kudos to the team!



LODGE CLEAN-UP DAY



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge had a successful **Lodge Cleanup Day** on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Braving cold conditions, rain and even a little snow, 17 Elks members and friends came to the Lodge for a much-needed spruce up. All pitched in to get the Lodge looking good, especially for the **DD Clinic** that was held the following day on Sunday, April 10th. Pictured (from L-R) (first row) are Dan Mullane, Anne St. Jacques, Louise Brown, Marilyn Lyles, William Maloney, and Ashley Stead; (second row) Scott Patterson, Richard

Langley, ER Tim Knotts, Laurie Fearis, Roy Seabolt, Art Wyman, Jerry Sall, and Keith Curtis. Not pictured are Buck Burrows, Vickie Indre, Jonathan Mekenney, and photographer Vernon Gardener.

Spring Fling Fashion Show & Lunch - Held Saturday, April 23, 2016



Held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at our Lodge from 11:30A to 2:00P and coordinated by Sandy Mueller. Connie Randolph and Brent from "Chico's" presented its 2016 Spring Fashions at #2188, featuring nine of our own "Ladies of the Elks" models (pictured here). Lunch and Mimosas were enjoyed by everyone. It was a very successful event. The profits from this event were donated to the Lodge Facility Fund.

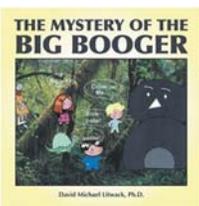


chico's



NOTE FROM SANDY: I would like to extend a huge “thank you” to all who helped make the Ladies Fashion Show a huge success. We had a total of 74 in attendance. All 9 models were fabulous, Art Wyman (our roving photographer) took some really good pictures, and Terry Lee Ryan furnished the backup music. Assistant Club Manager Jay Singer made it all run smoothly. We could not do this without your support. **[Sandy Mueller, Event Coordinator]**

CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITTEN BY A MEMBER



Member **David Litwack** just had published a children's book called *The Mystery of the Big Booger*, which is intended for children ages 3-7 (and maybe ages 65 on up, too). David Michael Litwack, Ph.D., read lots of stories as a child, and continues to read to his children and grandchildren. He has traveled the world, but is not sure he has ever really grown up. He has a passion for books about children and for children, and about words. The book is posted on barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com which shows several very complimentary reviews. Check his website at www.themysteryofthebigbooger.com.

News from the Secretary (Jan Sullivan, Secretary) jsullivan@bpoe2188.org



CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

Loveda Galgocy (in memory of PER Bill Hixenbaugh)

MEMBERSHIP:

A big “Thank you!” to all members who paid their dues so promptly. And a very special thanks to everyone who included extra dollars for the Reserve Fund. The names of those generous members are published herein. They are owed a great debt of gratitude for helping to keep our Lodge in shape for our membership and our charitable events.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS:

If you do not have a light green card that states the expiration date of 4/1/2017, you are delinquent. Notices have been sent out to all members. If you have not paid by the 18th of May, your name will be published in the June Horn.

PROPOSED MEMBERS:

We have no proposed members at this time -- it’s time to invite your friends to join!

To Be Balloted March 22, 2016:

- Jill Dawkins (proposed by Tom Lotfabadi)
- Jim Mayer (proposed by PER Patti Graves)
- Michael Vitale (proposed by Tom Lotfabadi)
- John Abaunza (for reinstatement)

Granted Life Membership:

- Robert Dillon (Member #4010)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (Initiated April 25, 2016)



Exalted Ruler Tim Knotts with 6 new members (back row L-R) David Jewell, Charles Heimach, David Lusk, Edward Barr; (front row L-R) Colleen Vossler and Christine Reynolds)

DONORS TO OUR BUILDING RESERVE FUND:

John E. Adams	Patti Graves	Arthur Moscatello
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Robert Goolrick	George Moore	Vance White
Clarence Gorham	John Moore	Arthur Wyman
Dr. Ronald Grant	Phillip Morris	

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Member **ANDREW JOHNSON** is in rehab following a broken leg. He is at The Fountain located at 5100 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311. Continue to remember members ART & RACHEL CHILDERS, NANCY COLLIER, SHERRY DAVENPORT, ERIC DEATON, PER JOHN FAIRFAX, GRACE KAYATTA, DEB STUART, JOHN SULLIVAN, and all other members who are ill or hospitalized. If you know of any members not listed here who are ill and/or hospitalized, please contact Secretary Jan Sullivan to let her know. ***"We are so sorry to hear that you are ill. Please know that we are thinking of you often and praying for your speedy 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]

IN MEMORIAM

The interment of **Sewell “Hutch” Hutchins** will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on **June 3, 2016 at 9:00A.**

“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.”

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



“Charity Begins At Home” is the guiding principal that the Board has adopted as we begin the new Lodge year. As a charitable organization, we are obligated to raise funds and support both our national and local charitable causes. This is something we do well as an organization and we should be proud of our work. Most of this work is done in our building and on our Lodge grounds. In order to facilitate these goals, we have fund-raisers and we have non-members attend these functions. The appearance of the lodge makes an impression on our members and visitors. For example, if a business is hosting a conference in the Ballroom and it is raining very hard, there is a good chance that the roof will have a leak and the attendees may get wet, or at the very least be impacted. (This recently happened). This makes a very poor impression on the attendees and the business renting the facility.

Here is the reality. Our facility is in need of repairs and upgrades. Some of these repairs are cosmetic and can be addressed with a few dollars in materials and a few hours of member labor. Others are more serious, some even presenting a safety issue. These may require additional funding, labor and expertise provided by outside companies. One project, adding automatic door openers to the main Lodge doors is a high priority for the Board. Finally, there are major repairs, such as the roof and upgrades required and the Board will need to develop a solution and funding plan for these repairs.

As part of the annual dues renewal, we asked the membership to consider an additional donation to the Lodge and many of you responded (THANK-YOU!). While we do not have all the funds we need, we do have some funds to work with. Even as I write this article, the Board is creating a list of all the repairs and upgrades required. We will review each repair/upgrade identified, estimate a cost for the work, assign a priority to the project and then move forward with making the necessary repairs. If you see a repair that is needed or if you have an expertise that you can provide (for example, you have a background in HVAC systems or you are good at building/repairing things) in addressing some of these repairs, please either send an email to roy.seabolt@gmail.com or drop a note in my mailbox located in the Club Manager’s office.

In April, we held a **Lodge Clean-up Day** and 17 members showed up to assist in this effort. While the weather did not cooperate (can you believe it, it snowed!), we were able to focus on the clean-up needed inside the building and had a very successful clean-up. This included a good cleaning and dusting of the entire member quarters and hallways, completely scrubbing both Ladies bathrooms, and reorganizing some of the storage space. We were able to throw out lots of accumulated junk, taking two trips to the landfill. We also had a team who spent hours repair the blue chairs in the member lounge. A big “thank you” to all who made time in their busy schedules to help with this effort. Mark your calendars because we are going to do this again in September (tentatively scheduled for the Saturday after Labor Day) and hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can focus on some landscaping. **[Chairman Roy Seabolt]**

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD: Responsible Club Behavior

Allow me to remind all members that your annual Lodge membership entitles you to come and enjoy all the privileges of the Lodge and the Club. However, what it does not entitle you to is to be loud, rude, disrespectful and obnoxious to other members, guests and visitors present in the facility. When I hear one member complain about another member (and I usually do a couple times a week), I tend to dismiss it as personal differences. However, when I receive multiple complaints from multiple members about other disrespectful member(s) behavior in the Club that occurred on a recent Friday night, I am obligated to address the issue. On this particular Friday night, I was not present, however, the complaints centered on a group of members sitting at the bar, displaying the negative behavior listed in my opening paragraph. This negative behavior can directly affect our ability to recruit new members and to retain existing members, as it may have on the evening in question. On that particular evening, two membership applications were given out, one to a high-ranking member of another non-profit organization. What type of impression do you think the negative behavior left on these potential members and other guests? It also makes the Club an uncomfortable atmosphere for other members, and they have as much right to be there as any other member. So, please come to the Lodge -- come to the Club -- have fun -- and enjoy yourselves, but conduct yourself in a responsible and respectful manner.

[Chairman Roy Seabolt]

Message from the Elks Auxiliary (Tim Knotts, President) elktim@gmail.com



At the April meeting the Auxiliary changed their bylaws and will now be joining the Elks Lodge in awarding a graduating high school senior with a \$1,000 college scholarship. We will coordinate with the Lodge Scholarships Committee for their selection. We have set our goals and have once again resolved to raise money for our 16 charities, help fund Lodge projects, help with Lodge committees, lend support, help our community, have fun and enjoy each other's company. We are looking for a few new members. Join us at our next business meeting on May 11 at 7:30P, or bring a dish to share to our daytime potluck luncheon on May 17 at 11:30A for a really good time. Come out and see what all the fuss is about. You will be glad you did. [President Tim Knotts]

ELKS YOUTH CAMP (Youth Camp Lodge Director Barbara Marshall)



It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for another camping season at the Virginia Elks Youth Camp. For our newer members, this is our major state project and each year we send deserving youth from our community to camp for a week. This year, the girls go July 3 to July 9, and the boys go July 17 to July 23. As our Lodge membership has dropped so has the quota of campers we are asked to send. While we sent close to 50 campers about 10 years ago, this year our quota is only 28. Believe it or not, I have already been approached by parents and counselors from the schools asking for spots, so I know those 28 slots are going to be used up quickly. I would like to see us send more than our quota. The camp has the space but doing so increases the cost to the Lodge. **If you would like to sponsor all or part of the tuition for a camper, the cost is \$150 per camper.** This would allow us to serve more children in the community. If you are interested, please contact me directly. At a later time I will be looking for chaperones to accompany the kids to and from camp. This is a nice way to see the camp, which is about a 4-hour drive and located near Clifton Forge in southwest Virginia. Our Lodge has always been one of the biggest supporters of the camp. Let's keep it up this year and surpass our own performance! [Barbara Marshall, Youth Camp Lodge Director]

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



Our golf season officially opens on 4 April at Westpark. Later this month we play at Old Hickory on the 18th. In May we play three times; at Bull Run on the 2nd, Prince William on the 16th, and Forest Greens on the 23rd. All will have 0900 shotgun starts. We will use the same sign-up procedures as last season. Golf Association members will be notified by emails a week prior to the event with appropriate instructions. They must respond by the Thursday preceding the event if they want to play. Sign-up can be accomplished either by email or by calling the tournament director. All Lodge members are invited to join the Golf Association. Elks who choose not to join may play as guests. Any questions regarding our golf program should be directed to Golf Chairman Ron Murphy at bettyron.50@gmail.com or (703) 866-4403.

Back Pack Lunch Program



Eighty backpack lunches were packed in April by (pictured left to right) ER Tim Knotts, Chaplain Georgianna Knotts, Dan Olivieri, Backpack Chairman Lisa Gallimore, Board Chairman Roy Seabolt, Dianne Walsh and Tiler Ashley Stead. The Lodge does this once a month. Contact Chairman Lisa Gallimore if you have an interest in joining this team of volunteers.

New “Elks Singles Club” Forming



Please join me in starting a new club for singles at #2188. Although Friday night is supposed to attract single members, we really do not know who we are. Several members have approached me about beginning such a club. It could produce more bonding for a subculture within the Lodge. As a group we could plan day trips to interesting places, dinner parties at members' homes, special support for parents without partners, widows and widowers, as well as divorced members. We could do special volunteer activities, and whatever other ideas that you bring to the club. We held our first meeting to learn how much interest there would be in such an undertaking on **Wednesday, April 27th**. Please contact me at (703) 691-4968 to signify your interest and for more discussion. [Chairman Patricia Morgan]

BPOE Committees

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Activities Committee: Jim Weed, Chair **(Statutory Committee)**

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Youth Activities – Barbara Marshall, Chair

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Drug Awareness: Patti Graves, Chair

Spina Bifida Christmas Party Program: Tom Thiebaut, Chair

Children’s Christmas Party/Program: Barbara Marshall

Fraternal Committee: Vernon Gardener, Chair **(Statutory Committee)**

Subcommittees:

Americanism: (vacancy), Chair

Elks National Fund (“ENF”): Tim Knotts, Chair

Flag Day: Michael & Lisa Stevens, Co-Chairs

Elks Memorial Service/Lodge of Sorrows: Rose Thiebaut, Chair

Membership: Don Weber, Chair

Lodge Activities: Frank Burns, Chair

Veterans Services: Linda Gardner & Rose Thiebaut, Co-Chairs

Accident Prevention: Vernon Gardener, Chair **(Statutory Committee)**

PER Association: Laurie Fearis, Chair **(Statutory Committee)**

Standing Relief Subcommittee: This Subcommittee is mandatory for all lodges and is automatically comprised of the current Lodge Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary & Treasurer. **(Statutory Committee)**

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Government Relations Subcommittee: Bob Goolrick, Chair

State Major Project Subcommittee: Barbara Marshall, Chair

Lodge Committees

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Children’s Fair: Brenda Slingerland, Chair

Communications: Rose Thiebaut (Elks Horn) & Steve Thiebaut (News Flashes & Website)

Darts: Vernon Gardner, Chair

Entertainment Committee: Club Manager Tom Lotfabadi, Chair

Food Baskets/Coat Drive Projects: Lisa Stevens, Chair

Golf: Ron Murphy, Chair

House Activities: Tom Lotfabadi, Chair

Indoctrination: Adam Samuel Roth & Frank Burns, Co-Chairs

Investigations: Laurie Fearis, Chair

Lapsation: Jan Sullivan & Tom Thiebaut, Co-Chairs

Lounge Relations: Tom Lapsation

Scholarship: Susan Mekenney, Chair

Sickness & Distress: Jan Sullivan, Chair

Travel: Paul Newcombe, Chair

Youth Recognition: Francis Schroeder, Chair

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat										
1	2 Mexican Train Game 10:00A 	3 BOARD MEETING 7:00P	4  WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Stuffed Chicken Breast)	5 – Cinco de Mayo  OPEN KARAOKE COMPETITION DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P	6  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Grilled Crab Cake) (Lou Neeley)	7 Fitness & Tai Chi Class 10:30A (Terry Lee Ryan) POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 ND Session 7:00P										
8 - Mother's Day Mother's Day Luncheon at #2188 Adults \$17.95 Kids \$12.95 Kids under 5 FREE 12:00N-3:00P	9 	10 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	11 Elks Auxiliary Business Meeting 7:30P  WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (Prime Rib)	12  OPEN KARAOKE COMPETITION DARTS @ 7:00P Queen of Hearts @ 7:30P	13  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5:30P to 8:00P (NY Strip Steak or Seafood Stew w/Andouille Sauce) (Terry Lee Ryan)	14 Fitness & Tai Chi Class 10:30A (Terry Lee Ryan) POKER 1 ST Session: 5:00P 2 ND Session 7:00P										
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MEXICAN TRAIN GAME 10:00A (the first Monday of every month)
DARTS-Thursdays- 7:00P-Lounge
QUEEN OF HEARTS-Drawings on Thursdays-7:30P

POKER: Saturdays - 1ST Session 5:00P – 2ND Session 7:00P
ELKS AUX: Business Meeting on 2ND WED; Daytime Lunch on 3RD TUE
Veterans Committee-Martinsburg VA Bingo (on the 5th Friday)



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