



Arlington- Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

# THE ELKS HORN

*Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1961*

**JULY 2020 EDITION**

## *Message from Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Jr.*



Now that we have moved into Phase II of Virginia's COVID-19 reopening plan, we are transitioning from isolation and separation back to a sense of normalcy and belonging within the Lodge. This transition is still going to take a lot of partnership and teamwork to resume normal activity and make decisions about the future of the Lodge. We have missed some beloved holiday gatherings and annual volunteer activities like the Elks Youth Camp. There is no question we will still need to respect the risks that come with increased activity and gathering. We will maintain what we have learned and follow the health and safety protocols mandated by local government and adopted by the lodge. Stay mindful of all the precautions that are in place to keep yourself and all others around you healthy and safe. Our

officers and lodge employees will all work to ensure we stay compliant with public health mandates as they come out and evolve from reopening phase to phase. Gradually, we are restarting our events and expanding lodge hours as we go. Be on the lookout for e-blasts for the most up to date information.

Summer is now upon us and we move into an important time to start gearing up to coordinate with our committees. This vital work must continue to fulfill our charitable responsibilities, back to school programs, veterans' programs, food drive programs and many others. We will all feel the residual effects of this downturn for the months to come. We will be filling our calendars with opportunities to help our local community and make our presence known. If you care, then please volunteer for one of our great charitable committees.



I am so excited to see so many of you coming back out to enjoy what our great lodge has to offer. We celebrated Flag Day with a genuinely nice turnout. PER Alicia Pomé presented awards to Lodge members from the last Elks Year. (See the Flag Day feature in the newsletter for more information.) Looking ahead, we will be holding our normal Lodge meetings, initiations, and trustee board meetings back inside our building. I encourage all members to attend these meetings and share in the decision-making process. Your input is more important than ever and is **always** welcome.

I also want to congratulate our new members that were initiated on June 29<sup>th</sup> and say **welcome!** If you know anyone that would like to be part of this great fraternal organization, bring them in and sign them up! Now is the time to give people the opportunity to make new connections and serve their community. There is nowhere better to do it than here at #2188. I thank every one of you for being an Elk. Remember "Elks Care, Elks Share." [Larry Fisher, Exalted Ruler [LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com](mailto:LarryBPOE2188@gmail.com)]

## **ELK OF THE MONTH - JULY 2020**

My choice for **Elk-of-the-Month** for July 2020 is member **JADZ JANUCIK**. She has continued to run the Backpack Program to feed the kids during the COVID-19 crisis. *Thank you and congratulations!*

## Who We Are

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**Presiding Justice:** (vacancy)

## TRUSTEES 2020-2021

**Trustee-1<sup>st</sup> Year:** Pamela McCarthy

**Trustee-2<sup>nd</sup> Year:** Diane Kaplon

**Trustee-3<sup>rd</sup> Year:** PER Steve Thiebaut (Chairman)

**Trustee-4<sup>th</sup> Year:** PER Frank Burns

**Trustee-5<sup>th</sup> Year:** PER Jim Weed

## FRATERNAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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and Jan Sullivan & Rose Thiebaut (News Flashes)

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**For the Virginia Elks Association newsletter, go to [www.virginiaelks.org](http://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.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS!

All Lodge activities were cancelled for March, April, May, and part of June due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The U.S. is slowly reopening, and it is hoped that the State of Virginia will let us resume some normalcy – we shall see. In the meantime, continue to practice social distancing, wear a face mask when traveling outside your home, and always wash your hands. We will keep you posted of all updates via news flash emails, and a Lodge calendar will be distributed as soon as the Lodge can return to normal business hours and activities.

### **All Virginians are directed to stay at home, except for allowable travel to:**

seek medical attention, work, care for family or household members, obtain goods and services like groceries, prescriptions, and others; and engage in outdoor activity with strict social distancing requirements

### **DO YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO NEEDS HELP?**

During this unprecedented time for not only our Lodge, but the entire world, many people are focused on their own health and safety. Do you know of a secluded member of our Lodge who may just need a phone call or who may be at high risk that needs help with groceries? Please reach out to the Secretary so that we as Elks can help our own. Contact Secretary Jan Sullivan by phone (703) 560-2188 (Ext. 2) or by email ([secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto:secretary@bpoe2188.org)).

The **EXALTED RULER** is the head or President of the Lodge and oversees all the work done by the Committees and members. The duties of the Exalted Ruler are more fully given in Article V, Section 2 of our Bylaws. The Esteemed Leading Knight is to serve as the backup to the Exalted Ruler. The duties of the other officers are defined in Sections 4 and 5.

The **TRUSTEES** are to oversee the maintenance of the building and grounds. Their further duties are also provided in Section 6 of the Bylaws. The Board of Trustees' actions are all subject to the control of the Lodge membership. Each year, one Trustee is elected for a five-year term. This provides for continuity on the Board of Trustees.

## News from Lodge Secretary Jan Sullivan -- [jsullivan@bpoe2188.org](mailto:jsullivan@bpoe2188.org)



If you need to see me during the weekday, please call me at (703) 560-2188 (ext. 2) to schedule a meeting.

### **INITIATION:**

At the time of this writing, we plan to hold an Initiation on June 29. We have eleven candidates awaiting Initiation.

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

James & Mary Ann Shepherd (in memory of George Irish)

Ron Earyes

*Thanks to all for your generous donations to our charitable work!*

## **BUILDING FUND DONORS:**

Robert P. Anderson, Jr., Ron Earyes, Chris Fialkovich

## **MEMBERSHIP NOTES:**

**Dues:** A huge “Thank You” to all the members who have already sent in their dues for 2020-2021. Thank you also to all those who have given extra money for the Elks National Foundation, Charity, and Building Reserve Funds. We currently have 74 members who have not paid their dues for this year. Remember, as the Lodge re-opens, we will be checking membership cards and you will not be allowed into the social quarters if you do not have a current membership card.

**Email Addresses:** It has been brought to my attention that I do not have correct email addresses for some members. The ones in the system are very possibly the same as when you joined and were work emails. If you have since changed employers or retired, please make certain the Lodge Secretary has your current email address. Please send her a note at [secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto:secretary@bpoe2188.org). Email messages are the best way to keep in touch during this time of social distancing and you will not want to miss all the latest news of our Lodge.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Steve Thiebaut, Chairman 2020-2021)**



As we begin to reopen our doors, our primary concern is the health and safety of our employees, customers, and members. Like most Lodges and small businesses, we are closely monitoring the latest information provided by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our local government officials, and we are adapting our plans to reflect the updated guidelines and evolving situation of COVID-19. Since closing the Lodge back in March, we have been working hard to complete several projects in the member social quarters and hope you will come out and see the Lodge improvements firsthand. We are hopeful and optimistic things will return to “normal” soon. Please follow all the recommended COVID-19 guidelines and know that we always value your questions, ideas, and feedback. **[Steven Thiebaut, Chairman]**



**The Lounge has been completely renovated with a new hardwood floor, new dining chairs, freshly-painted walls, and ceiling – lovely!!!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Sarah Purdy, granddaughter of member Don Purdy, is a Legacy Scholarship Winner. She will be attending St. Mary’s College in Frederick, Maryland. Congratulations, Sarah!**

## **GOLF UPDATE (Ron Murphy, Chairperson – [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com))**

We kicked off our 2020 Golf Season at Bull Run Golf Club on Monday, June 15. Naturally some COVID-19 protocols were in place, including wearing masks and social distancing. But we did get to play after having to cancel our first five events due to the virus. We have two events in July -- Pleasant Valley on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Heritage Hunt on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Two more are scheduled in August -- Penderbrook and Raspberry Falls on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, respectively. All these events will have shotgun starts at 0900. Association members will receive an email reminder a week prior to the event with pertinent information. Basically, they will need to respond by the Thursday preceding the Monday event with required information if they plan to play. Elks who are not Association members may play as guests. They can contact Ron Murphy at [bettyron.50@gmail.com](mailto:bettyron.50@gmail.com) or by calling (703) 866-4403 by that Thursday or, of course, play as the guest of any member.

A reminder that since we did lose about a third of our season when we had to cancel our early events, the Golf Association membership fee for this season has been waived. Anyone who wants to join needs only to submit the membership form or just provide basic information (i.e., email address, home address and phone number) to Ron Murphy at the address or phone number provided above.

Finally, a reminder that our 2018 Masters Championship is scheduled for September 28 at Bull Run.

## **UPDATE: Ballroom Tiki Bar Renovation**



We are happy to report that we can now move forward on this project after receiving several members' suggestions for improving the design. Several of their ideas proved useful and we thank all who participated. We met with the equipment vendor to advise us on the size and locations of the bar equipment. ER Larry Fisher is checking on water and drain routing. Using Larry's and the expert's information, Michelle will revise the earlier plan. We should be able to put this job out for bids soon. Our fundraising effort got us in the ballpark of the bar renovation cost, however, we do need more funds. One of our members promised to make a sizable donation once we

have the final plans. I am inviting any other member who wishes to donate to please call or email our Secretary Jan Sullivan at 703-560-2188 or [Secretary@bpoe2188.org](mailto:Secretary@bpoe2188.org). **[Joyce Loftis, Project Manager]**

## **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.; and (5) If there is a change, the Secretary should be notified as quickly as possible with the new details.

# ELKS #2188 RESUMES DINNERS

What a wonderful time we had on the patio on Saturday, June 6. A special dinner was served from 5:30P to 8:30P, and Terry Lee Ryan provided live music from 6:00P to 9:00P. This night marked the first event in our Lodge's resumption of service since the COVID-19 Pandemic shut down the country for about four months. The Wednesday and Friday Night Dinners are back on track (on the patio for now). Thanks to everyone for your continued support!



A member sent us this picture of their tree observing the COVID-19 guidelines. Cute!

# FLAG DAY SERVICE at Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

**Observed on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 2:00P**

*The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. The resolution read: 'Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation. (<https://www.military.com/flag-day>)*

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, our Lodge held the Annual Flag Day Ceremony outside on the Patio. Participating in the ceremony were Exalted Ruler Larry Fisher, Leading Knight Christine Caldwell, Loyal Knight Ashley Stead, Lecturing Knight Joyce Loftis, Esquire Laurie Fearis, Chaplain Georgianna Knotts, Tiler Albert Cervantes, PSP/PER Frank Burns and Guest Speaker PSP/PER Timothy Knotts. Nearly forty guests were in attendance to celebrate the U.S. Flag's birthday with refreshments served afterwards.



Prior to the ceremony, Past Exalted Ruler Alicia Pomé finally had the opportunity to present her awards from her term at an in-person gathering. **Joyce Loftis was named "Elk of the Year"** for her work as a successful fundraiser. **Georgianna Knotts (Chaplain) received "Officer of the Year."** **Terry Lee Ryan was selected as "Citizen of the Year"** for his contributions at our Elks Memorial Service and other Lodge events each year. Also, **our Lodge and Exalted Ruler (2019-2020) Alicia Pomé received the GER Special Citation Award.** Receiving the **GER Special Commendation Award** was **PER Frank Burns** for his work on the Audit Committee and the Orientation of New Members, and **Art Wyman** for his work as Lodge Photographer and Bingo Pull-Tab Sub-Chair. We are grateful for their teamwork and dedication to the Lodge.



The following Lodge members received the GER Award Pin for "excellence in membership procurement" – Diane Kaplon, Alicia Pomé, Jan Sullivan, and Don Weber, Sr. (this award is given to members each year who recruit at least 3 new members into our Lodge).



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JULY**

*“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” - C.S. Lewis*



hope your birthday  
 is as awesome  
 as you are!



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**NEWS FLASHES:** Do we have your current email address? Also, to receive the important **News Flashes** or the monthly **Elks Horn** by email, you must contact the Lodge Secretary to be included on the email distribution list.

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are over the age of 65 and have been a member of the Elks for 30 years or more, you qualify for **Life Membership**. If you do qualify, please contact the Lodge Secretary to request Life Membership. **It is not done automatically** so you must first submit your request to the Lodge Secretary, who will then bring your request before a Lodge meeting for approval by the membership. Upon approval, you will be notified by the Lodge Secretary.



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