

# ELK'S HORN

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**FROM THE  
EXALTED RULER**

*To all ELKS of the Lodge*



**Barbara McDonald**

It is time to start a new year and I look forward to continue working with our committee's and helping them in any way that I can so they can achieve their goals. If anyone is interested in joining a committee, please let me know and we can try to locate a place that would fit you and your schedule.

One area that needs improvement is our Membership. If you know anyone that might be interested, bring them and show them around. Maybe for a Saturday night dinner or a Sunday morning for breakfast so they can learn what we are about.

The spring District Deputy meeting will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Norfolk Lodge. Breakfast will be available starting at 8:30 am and the cost is \$10.00. Required to attend are the ER, Leading Knight, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee Chair. If you cannot attend please let me know. If anyone would like to attend other than those that are required please join us.

We will have a few events coming in the next few months. Please check the Lodge Calendar and your Newsletter for information.

*Barbara McDonald - Exalted Ruler*



## LODGE OFFICERS 2024 - 2025



**Leading Knight  
Ellen Gillard**



**Loyal Knight  
Dana Burton**



**Lecturing Knight  
Michelle Rowe**



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Monica Braxton**



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**Two Year Trustee  
Jack Waddy**



**Three Year Trustee  
Jeffrey Rowe**



**Four Year Trustee  
Bonnie Stepp**



**Five Year Trustee  
Charles Harper**

### LODGE SECRETARY NOTES



April is the first month of the 2024-2025 Elks Lodge year running from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

First, I would like to recognize Zalph Andrews, Jr for his time and dedication to the Lodge over the past 32 plus years serving in multiple chairs, and culminating with his appointment and service as Secretary of the Lodge for the past nine years. He was instrumental in the transition and provided much needed guidance and information to me to be successful in this position.

I hope to approach my new duties with open eyes, one to continue our good work, and another to look for opportunities to streamline or advance current processes. I expect some hiccups in the early days and will do my best to serve our Lodge Members and Officers in the best manner possible.

Now to business, Lodge Member dues were sent in late February with payment due on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that the door locks will be changed before opening on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and delinquent Members will only be allowed to enter with their respective dues payment presented.

Please note that I do not yet have a regular published schedule at the Lodge; however, I will usually be on site in the late afternoon on most weekdays.

Next month I will to have more specific Lodge information should the need arise to contact me. My home phone # is (757) 234-0022 for urgent use only or you can leave a message for me at the Lodge (I will check daily) at (757) 877-0171.

Tom Porter - Secretary

### TREASURES REPORT



Below is the status of Lodge Finances reported at the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on March 20, 2023.

**CASH on HAND** in the Lodge Working Checking Account at Old Point National Bank is \$57,683.38

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT** - *interest bearing* at Langley Federal Credit Union is \$37,770.45.

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS** (*Certificates of Deposits & interest bearing accounts*) held at Old Point National Bank & Langley Federal Credit Union is \$241,346.72.

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### FROM the GRAND EXALTED RULER



Officers, you are now part of the team. Strengthen it by building relationships with one another. This is an opportunity to make new friends and learn from experience during your service to your Lodge.

The Exalted Ruler cannot do everything alone; you should be proactive by seeking opportunities to contribute to the advancement and success of your Lodge. Those opportunities will allow you to develop your own leadership and management skills. Approach all your activities with a positive frame of mind. Goodwill towards others will be extremely invaluable in the coming years when you may be relying on them to help. The diverse skills demonstrated by you and your fellow Officers will enable your Lodge to succeed and prosper.

As you lead and support Lodge activities, please remember that your actions create a perception of who we are. As Officers, we must be exemplars of Brotherly Love.

Embrace these concepts when working alongside other Officers and Members, and you will advance the interests of your Lodge within your community. Use the resources provided by Grand Lodge, your state association, and your district.

April begins with change. New Officers must get to work at once. It is time to plan and pass a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. This budget must keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Get all the Officers, Board of Directors, and committee members together to review your Lodge budget. Discuss any ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Plan your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your State Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Brainstorm with your Members and listen to suggestions.

Membership is the life blood of our Order. Work with your appointed Membership Retention Chair as a team. All Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with that person, you may get them to renew their dues and

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**FROM the HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE**

**WELCOME TO THE NEW FISCAL YEAR!**

Hope everyone is excited



Home Club Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM!

We are working on new ideas for the year. We would love to hear from you.

As printed in last months Newsletter you will no longer be allowed to cash checks for gaming. You can write a check for up to \$20.00 over your tab.

**APRIL DINNERS:**

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Chicken or Steak Fajitas.

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Jambalaya

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Philly Cheese Steak

Let's have a great year!!!!

*Dawn Barty - Chairwoman*

**FROM the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**



We currently have 132 Members on the roll. There are three applications are in progress. The chart below is a status of the current Membership.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	
Beginning Membership for Year 2024 - 2025	135
Members Deceased or Demitted this Lodge Year	0
Applications in Progress (Not in Total Below)	3
Members Reinstated or Initiated this Year	0
* Members Demitted from the past Year	3
<b>Total of Current Members</b>	<b>132</b>

Remember that Membership is the **"LIFEBLOOD" OF THE LODGE.**

There is an updated Recruiting Tri-Fold Pamphlet available at the Lodge located next the sign in station by the side entrance to help you answer questions about our Lodge and the Order of Elks. Please use it when recruiting a new Member.

**SO, RECRUIT A NEW TRUE ELK MEMBER TODAY!**  
*The Lodge will Thank You!*

*Dawn Barty - Chairwoman*



**Please keep the following Members and their families in your prayers.**

Please keep the family and friends of our fellow Elk from Hampton Lodge #366, Steven Saunders in your prayers. He passed away Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please let an Officer or the Editor know of any sickness or distress or call the Lodge and leave a message. Also, you can call Leading Knight Ellen Gillard the Lodge Sickness & Distress Advocate to report sickness or for assistance to distressed Members. Ellen's phone # is (757) 593- 4559. If she doesn't answer leave a message & she will return your call.

**FROM the LODGE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) COMMITTEE**

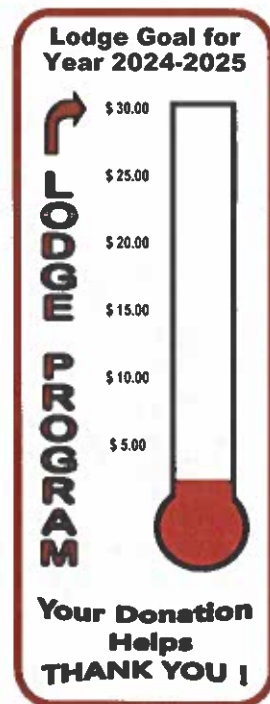
I want to say the past year was a great one. I cannot thank our Members enough that not only donated to ENF but participated in our ENF Dinners (Raffles & 50/50), NFL Pick em', and Round UPS. We were able to Meet our goal & then some! That's amazing, I can't wait to see where we stand

Soon. Currently we sit in 1<sup>st</sup> Place for our District and I hope to see a BIG Bump! New things are coming for year 2024-2025. I appreciate all of you for allowing me to continue to Chair the ENF COMMITTEE. I look forward to the New Year and new ways of raising money for the ENF!

As we see throughout the year, the ENF helps out so many different projects in the USA and around the world. Remember, just because we aren't in the Lodge there is still many ways for you to donate. Check out the website <http://www.elks.org/ENF/Login> or Create a login and start donating today.

Remember the Mission of ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in our community where Elks live and work. We support the charitable work of the Virginia State Elks Association.

*Michelle Rowe - Chairwoman*



**GAMING ACCOUNTS** for gaming machines earnings is \$8,574.25.

**TOTAL OF BALANCES ON HAND** reported at the Lodge Meeting was \$345,374.80.

The Lodge building is paid for & valued and insured for at \$625,000.00. Personal property (contents of the building) contained within is valued and insured at \$228,000.00. The Lodge has **NO** debts other than the reoccurring monthly, quarterly and annual operational expenses.

New Virginia State Requirements for activities involving Gaming Accounts have been implemented and are being reported.

A list of the regular Lodge Operational Bills are posted on the Official Lodge Bulletin (Notice) Board. The monthly or currently due charges from that list are paid when due under the Lodge By-Laws and are presented to Members at each Regular Scheduled Lodge Meeting to review and approve the payments.

*Terry Dougherty - Treasurer*

### **FROM the LODGE BOARD of TRUSTEES**



Welcome to the New Lodge Year.

The Trustees met on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 (Noon).

Work on the Budget for 2024 – 2025 Lodge Year is underway. If you support a charity, please review the current level of funding and make sure you are willing to do some fund raising events. This is how we work to support the numerous charities during the year, as well as Lodge Funds for operation being added in.

As PER Henry Farnum steps aside from his role as a Trustee, I would like to personally thank him for all the time and effort he gave the Lodge in this role. He stepped up and assisted us whenever asked and quickly volunteered to handle a task.

Some of the upcoming projects the Trustees will be looking at is the upstairs area, replacing the old florescent lighting with LED fixtures, fixing the dry wall tape that is coming loose and painting the upstairs.

There is an Issues Book behind the bar where you can record any specific item needing attention. The Trustees will review this Book during our meetings.

become an active Member again. The Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for members who were dropped for non-payment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her right to re-affiliate within 60 days. Make +1 in membership a priority during your term.

Finally, appoint statutory committees. Budget to be posted by second meeting of the month.

Remember, **“Elks Care — Elks Share”** and **“We Are THE Elks”**.

God Bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

*Randy P. Shook - Grand Exalter Ruler*

**EDITORS NOTE:** The source of the above article is **ELKS.org**, the format, **BUT NOT the CONTENT**, was edited for this Newsletter.

The Trustees reviewed the Lodge Web Page that is under construction. I am hoping we will have a finished site soon that you will be able to view.

The Trustees normally meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:00 (Noon).

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next meeting date. All Members are invited to attend the meeting if they desire to do so. We understand that the meeting time may make it difficult for you to attend meeting, so If you have an issue you would like to bring up at a meeting, let me know in advance so I can get it added to the agenda with as many details as possible so we can discuss it. If you are able to attend, you are welcome to do so.

*Jack Waddy - Chairman*

### **FROM the VETERANS COMMITTEE**



Our next Committee Meeting will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

As we start the new Lodge Year new Committee Members are needed. Call or come to the Lodge to sign up!

*Carolyn Gillroy - Chairwoman*

**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**

# INITIATION of NEW MEMBERS



**Elizabeth Mester**  
Initiated on March 20<sup>th</sup>

&



**Brandon Fournier**  
Initiated on March 23<sup>th</sup>

# OUR LODGE SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

## "ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM"

I'm happy to report on behalf of the Adopt-A-Spot Program, we are off to a great start despite the rescheduling of the event due to the rain forecast!

Thanks to all of you for making the event successful on Sunday, March 10, 2024 — Jessica Hunt, Jonathan Hunt, Brian Romero, Jennifer Romero, Bonnie Stepp and Angel Torres. A special thank you to my wife Felicia for all her help in organizing the event.



Interested in volunteering? Be sure to look out for information regarding helping out at the next Saturday events to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Signup sheets will be posted at the Elks Lodge #315 or feel free to contact Dana Burton at (757) 876-1874.

Thank you again to everyone who volunteered on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>!

Dana Burton - Lodge Loyal Knight and "Adopt-A-Spot" Program Coordinator.

# TRIVIA QUESTIONS ?

1. What are April showers said to bring?
2. The 17th Amendment was ratified in April of 1913. What did it grant?
3. What is April's birthstone?
4. The Pony Express started in the American West in April of 1860. How long did it last?
5. What military fiasco occurred in April of 1961?
6. Which late-night funny man was born on April 12,
7. What happens every year on April 22?
8. Argentinian troops invaded what British colony on April 2, 1982?

(Answers on Page 8)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS in APRIL

Dana Burton ..... 6<sup>th</sup>

Kevin Parker ..... 6<sup>th</sup>

Dawn Bardy ..... 13<sup>th</sup>

Donald Parkerson ..... 20<sup>th</sup>

Stephen Size ..... 20<sup>th</sup>

Ellen Gillard ..... 30<sup>th</sup>



# VETERANS COMMITTEE FUND RAISING Breakfast

Sunday Morning, April 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 to 11:00 AM

SPECIAL BREAKFAST MENU

COME OUT, HAVE A GREAT BREAKFAST

&

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS PROGRAMS

# HAVE YOU



# OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER ?

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT



Happy New Year for all of us!! It's that time again for starting planning for our YOUTH CAMP!!! We will begin in early May to have a "Angel Tree" up with items needed for the children going to Youth

Camp. If you would like to help us monetarily you can sponsor a kid it's a \$150.00 donation. I will be attending the Virginia District Deputy Clinic on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and will have rest of the info for the camp after that.

I'd like to thank everyone for coming out to support our Committee Dinner. A Special Thank you to Ann Marie for stepping up & hosting her first dinner and the rest of the Committee who assisted her!

Our next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM if you're interested in joining the Committee please feel free to come. We need all the volunteers we can get. Thank You!

Michelle Rowe - Chairwoman

## RECIPE of the MONTH

### ITALIAN PORK CHOPS

- 6 pork chops
- 1 pod garlic, crushed
- 1 can (small) tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 4 slices mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup red wine
- ½ large green pepper, cut in strips
- 1 small can sliced mush-rooms, drained



Brown pork chops in oil. Mix together the tomato sauce, garlic and wine. Add oregano, salt and pepper to taste and green pepper. Pour mixture over pork chops and add mushrooms. Simmer covered about 30 minutes. Lay slices of cheese over all and let melt.

Cook Book Committee



## Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 to 7:30 PM



### FINGER FOOD & POT LUCK

Bring your best homemade Finger Food to share!

**You may want to participate in Derby Hats competition...Derby Hats must be Homemade, open to men and women. \$10.00 entry fee. You could win the funniest, most creative or take home the "Best of the Best"!**

### Multiple Raffles and a 50/50.

Partake on the Derby itself by buying the winning Horse! Limit of 20 sold, first come, first to get 1.

Please come and support this charity event as all proceeds will benefit our local Special Olympics.



# Some April Humor !!



## BUMPER STICKER of the MONTH



### ANSWERS to TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. May flowers
2. Direct popular election of senators
3. Diamond
4. 2 years
5. The Bay of Pigs invasion
6. David Letterman
7. Earth Day
8. The Falkland Islands



FIND YOUR MEMBER NUMBER IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND WIN A FREE BEVERAGE.

The March Winner was Terrie Atkins.

## ELKS LODGE MENU

### ◆ APPETIZERS & SNACKS:

French Fries ... \$ 2.40    Onion Rings ... \$ 5.99  
Mozzarella Cheese Sticks ... \$ 4.80    Chicken Wings ... \$ 1.56 each

### FEATURED ITEMS:

<p><b>Wing Dings (10 Wings)</b> \$15.60 Naked or Breaded Choice of Mild, Hot or Salt &amp; Pepper with Ranch or Blue Cheese Dressing Extra Wings \$1.56 each</p> <p><b>Hamburger</b> \$5.40 Add Cheese \$.50 Add Fries \$2.00 Choice of Toppings: Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles Ketchup, Mustard &amp; Mayo</p> <p><b>BLT Sandwich</b> \$4.37 Add Chips or Fries \$1.20 Choice of Toppings: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo &amp; Relish</p>	<p><b>Hot Dog</b> \$2.34 Add Fries \$2.00 Choice of Toppings: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo &amp; Relish</p> <p><b>Nachos with Cheese</b> \$3.54 Add: Jalapenos \$.60 Extra Cheese \$.60 Loaded: With Cheese, Meat, Lettuce, Onion, Tomato, Olives, Sour Cream &amp; Salsa + \$7.20</p> <p><b>Chicken Tenders</b> \$9.59 Includes: 3 Chicken Strips &amp; Fries</p> <p><b>3 Tacos - \$5.95</b></p>
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Prices do not include sales taxes.

### ◆ Generally Available During Normal Home Club Hours

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

## FROM the NEWSLETTER EDITOR



The "ELK'S HORN" is the Official Newsletter Publication of BPOE Newport News Lodge # 315. The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform Lodge Members of ongoing and planned Lodge Activities and to publish the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Officers Articles, Committee Reports, a Calendar of Events, Sickness and Distress, and other items of interest noted and Inputs to the operation of the LODGE. It is published monthly and mailed or made available to all current Lodge Members without charge.

Members in the future are invited to submit pictures of Lodge events, articles, items of interest, charitable activities, notes of thanks, Lodge trivia, etc. to email - mrowe0412@gmail.com, Secretary's phone (757) 532-2009 - or at the Lodge email bpoe315@yahoo.com or leave it at the Lodge. Deadline for submissions is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month before the month of the issue.

The Exalted Ruler and Editor are jointly responsible for the content of this Newsletter.

Michelle Rowe - Lecturing Knight & Editor

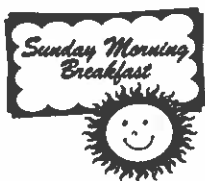
The Editor wishes to thank Life Member Zalph Andrews, Jr. for helping to develop, edit, fold, place mailing seals, address labels and stamps for this Month's Newsletter.

# Lodge # 315 APRIL 2024 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Trustee Meeting 12:00 (Noon)  House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	3 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM  New Member Balloting	4  Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	5	6  Lodge Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 PM
7  Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00 AM	8  Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14  Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00 AM	15	16	17 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM  Initiation	18	19	20  Lodge Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 PM
21  Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00 AM	22	23	24	25	26	27  Lodge Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 PM
28  Veterans Committee Fund Raising Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00 AM	29	30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Home Club Hours</b> (Subject to Change)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday to Wednesday - 2:00 to 10:00 PM Thursday - 2:00 to 12:00 AM Friday &amp; Saturday - 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM Sunday - 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM</p>			

## SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS

<p><b>APRIL 6<sup>th</sup></b> By Michelle Rowe</p> <p>Chicken or Steak Fajitas Mexican Corn Rice &amp; Beans Dessert</p>	<p><b>APRIL 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>NO DINNER</b> (Snack Menu Available)</p>	<p><b>APRIL 20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Jambalaya  (Details to be Announced)</p>	<p><b>APRIL 27<sup>th</sup></b> By the Home Club House Committee</p> <p>Philly Cheese Steaks Macaroni Salad Dessert</p>
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Meals from the Menu or "A LA CARTE"  
Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Toast, Grits, Pancakes, French Toast, Country Gravy, Grits, & Eggs to Order. Sausage Biscuit (with Egg and, or Cheese) & Omelets  
Milk, Juice, Coffee or Tea.

### HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dawn Bardy - Chairwoman  
Jeff Rowe - Tom Porter - Rob Blarr

## Our Lodge Members in Business



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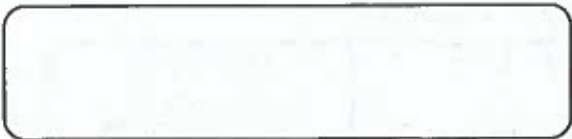
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ASSOCIATE BROKER  
RELOCATION DIRECTOR

Vicki Andrews has been an Elk Member of our Lodge for 28 years. She has served in the past as the Leading Knight, and on several Lodge Committees.

Attend Your Lodge Meetings - Recruit A New Member - Volunteer Your Time  
Contribute to the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



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