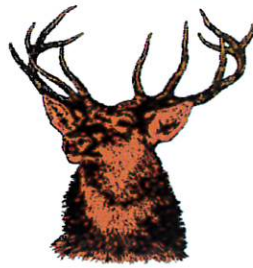


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FROM THE EXALTED RULER



Timmy Means

To all ELKS of the Lodge

October was a busy month for the Lodge. I attended some of the activities at the Virginia Elks Associations Fall Meeting (Convention) in Virginia Beach. Nothing of significance that affects our Lodge was proposed or passed. Those who attended seemed to have had a great time! At home in our Lodge in the last week of September we had the "Salute to Veterans" Dinner and the Charity Golf Tournament. The Veterans Dinner raised over \$2,136.00 for Lodge Veterans Programs and the Golf Tournament raised \$4,000.00 for "THRIVE" and \$400.00 for Lodge Charities. In October we had a Members Birthday Party (PJ Fresquez), "Oktoberfest" and presented Dictionaries to students at Palmer Elementary School. Thank you to all who planned, organized, volunteered and participated in the events.

The Veterans Committee has a lot planned for November and December. The "STAND DOWN" on November 15th is a significant event for our Veterans Support Programs this year. The Veterans Committee needs a lot of HELP to pull this off, so please help us to make this a success. The Veterans Member Breakfast on November 9th is to recognize our Veteran Members, so come and enjoy. Also, I know that some of our new members have in the past been active in supporting Veterans in other organizations of which they were members and I hope they will continue to do so as members of our Lodge. Our Very Active Veterans Committee can use all the help it can get! Remember that November is "ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH". On November 11th stop and take a minute during your day to remember those who Served.

The Lodge will again this year the distribute Thanksgiving Food Baskets to needy families in our community. Food (see the list in the Lodge) or money donations will be appreciated.

It has been brought to my attention that there is some misunderstanding about the Lodge visitation policy. The Lodge By-Laws allows Members to sign in a visitor three times in a month. There are no restrictions for a spouse or other family member under 21 years old. Former Members dropped for nonpayment of dues shall not be signed in as a visitor. They may reapply (pay the fee) for Membership and after receiving a positive vote of the Membership may enjoy all privileges of a Member. (continued on the top left column, page



LODGE OFFICERS 2014 - 2015



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Esteemed Loyal Knight
Dana Burton



Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Ellen Gillard



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Dennis Cantrell



Two Year Trustee
Edward McCurdy



Three Year Trustee
Charles Waddell



Four Year Trustee
P. J. Fresquez



Five Year Trustee
Zalph Andrews, Jr.

VETERANS REPORT



The Veterans Committee including myself would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to the Activities Committee and their volunteers for doing a wonderful and outstanding fundraising dinner for Melinda's Cause. The money raised will be split with one half going to the Psych Ward at the VA Veterans Hospital and the other half to the Women's Clinic. Thank you again for keeping Melinda's dreams alive...you truly are Melinda's soldiers for the Veterans.

Veterans Meeting Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 PM will not be a meeting rather we will be putting together Veteran Homeless Food and Winter Kits and possibly the Ditty Bags as well. If you are interested in helping we will see you there.

On Sunday November 9th (In honor of Veterans Day) the Veterans Committee with the assistance of Chef Charlie Waddell will be waiting, cooking and serving free breakfast to all Lodge Veterans, to include some little extras. The Veterans Committee would like to say "Thank You" for your dedication and service to our Country.

Tuesday, November 11th is Veterans Day... On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our Veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our Veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free. Take time from your day and say "Thank you", to a Soldier, Seaman, Airman or Veteran.

The Homeless Kits and Ditty bag collection was outstanding this year. I want to truly thank all of you who contributed needed items and monetary donations to help our Homeless Veterans and patients at the VA Veterans Hospital. This year we will be participating in the "Stand Down" on Saturday, November 15th at the YH Thomas Community Center in Hampton (see Ad on page 7). A Stand Down is a place where our Homeless Veterans can get screenings, VAB claims assistance, legal aid, housing, showers, haircuts, clothing, hygiene items, food and so much more. This is done by volunteers from many different organizations including us. We will be distributing our Homeless Food and Winter Kits from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering please speak with me. We have set up two shifts one from 8:00 - 11:00 AM the other from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The greatest pleasure is to see the recipient of our gifts and to talk with them.

We have been blessed this year to assist Navy families in need for the Holidays. As of today (Oct 17th) we have 30 children to purchase Christmas gifts for and the number keeps rising. We will be distributing them in December, date to be announced in the December Newsletter.

Distribution of Ditty Bags to the VA Veterans Hospital will be in December, date to be announced, in the December Newsletter.

Candy Bar sales are good. Remember these are great stocking stuffers!!!

We continue to stock the pantry at our USO at the airport as we have done every month since April of this year.

The Veterans Committee has applied for a \$2,000.00 Grant from the Grand Lodge for the Veterans. Keep your fingers crossed.

The Veterans Committee and I would like to wish everyone a safe and a blessed Thanksgiving. We as a committee our truly blessed and want to thank each and every one of you for your support and contribution to the Veterans this year.

UPCOMING DATES:

November 6th ...Putting together Homeless Kits 6:30 PM
 November 9th ...Free Breakfast to Veterans 8:00 AM – Noon
 November 11th ...VETERANS DAY
 November 15th ...Stand Down 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 (Distribution of Homeless Food and Winter Kits)
 December 4th Veterans Meeting 6:30 PM

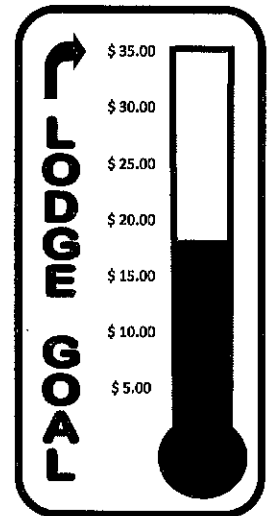
Bonnie Stepp - Chairwoman

FROM the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The current ENF per capita report reflects that the Lodge is at \$17.66, and we remain in second place in the State standings.

We are slightly over half way of meeting the Exalted Ruler's goal of \$35.00. November also brings us to just five months left in this year's ENF campaign, so there is not much time left to meet the \$35.00 goal.

I'm fairly sure most of us can afford to donate \$10.00 or \$20.00 a month to this worthwhile charity. Your donations to the ENF are tax deductible. Donation envelopes are available at the Lodge or you can donate on-line at elks.org.



Also on Saturday, November 8th we will serve a dinner to raise funds for the ENF. See the AD at the top of page 4 for details. A Special Thanks to PJ Fresquez for donating the steaks. Please come out, enjoy a good dinner and help our Lodge make its GOAL this year.

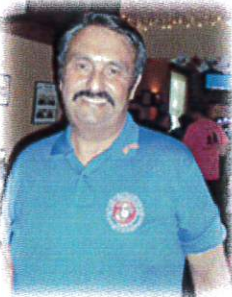
Thanks to all the members who have donated this year.

Karl Knobel (PER, PDDGER) — Chairman

Elks Care - Elks Share

6th ANNUAL SALUTE to VETERANS DINNER

"MELINDA'S CAUSE" Saturday, September 27th



Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 18th



Raffels Raised \$400 for Thanksgiving Food Baskets



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, November 1st - 8:00 — till

Hors d'oeuvres & Finger Foods
 Provided by the Home Club House Committee
 Members are Welcome to bring
 Finger Foods & Snacks
 Raffles



COSTUME CONTEST
 PRIZE for the BEST



Free Beverages for Members in Costume

"SCARRYOAKE"

STAND DOWN 11.15.14



YH Thomas Community Center
 1300 Thomas street, Hampton, VA
 8:00 AM — 2:00 PM



TO SUPPORT HOMELESS VETERANS IN HAMPTON ROADS

This Event is for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans and Family Members. Sponsored by the Hampton Military Affairs Committee of the Hampton VA Medical Center.

It Will Provide:

INFORMATION - REFERRALS - RESOURCES
VENDORS INCLUDING OUR LODGE WILL PROVIDE SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Blood Pressure screenings, VBA claims assistance, legal aid, Wounded Warrior support, prevention agencies, Veteran's Service Organizations, employment assistance, VA and community-based residential rehabilitation programs, and both transitional and permanent housing providers. Also, showers, clothing, haircuts, hygiene items, food and more will be offered! Our Lodge will provide underlined items listed.

ONE OUT OF FOUR HOMELESS PERSONS IS A VETERAN

VETERANS BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Complementary to Veteran Members of our Lodge



CHEFS:

Charlie Waddell & Paul Ferreira



Sponsored By the Veterans Committee

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge



2:00 to 5:00 PM

TURKEY & HAM Provided by the House Committee
 "POT LUCK" Bring a dish to share

Please sign up on the Lodge Bulletin Board


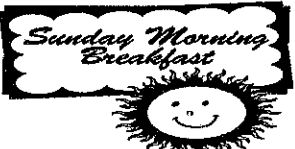
THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Again this year the Lodge will provide Food Baskets to needy families in our Community. Donations of non-perishable food will be appreciated. See the list of needed items at the Lodge.



Elks BPOE Lodge # 315 - November 2014 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
HOME CLUB HOURS Monday & Tuesday - 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM Wednesday & Thursday - 1:00 PM to Midnight Friday & Saturday - 1:00 PM to 2:00 AM Sunday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM		LAST CALL 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING	 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		To serve and help to clean up for Saturday Dinners & Sunday Breakfasts		1 HALLOWEEN PARTY 8:00 — 8:00 PM
2 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	3	4 Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	5 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	6 Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	7 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	8 ENF Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM	
9 Veterans Appreciation Breakfast 8:00 AM — Noon	10	11 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	15 Veterans "Stand Down" 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM	
16 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	17	18	19 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	20	21 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	22 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM	
23 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	24	25 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	26	27 THANKSGIVING Dinner at the Lodge 2:00 — 4:00 PM	28 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	29 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM	
30 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	 <p style="text-align: center;">Meals from the Menu or "a la carte"</p> Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Toast, Grits, Belgium Waffles, Pancakes, French Toast, Country Gravy, Grits, & Eggs to Order. Sausage Biscuit (with Egg and, or Cheese) & Omelets Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea						

November Saturday Dinner Menus (prepared and served by volunteers)

November 1 st	November 8 th	November 15 th	November 22 nd	November 29 th
HALLOWEEN PARTY Hors d'oeuvres & Finger Foods	Steak, Steak Fries Vegetable, Roll & Dessert CHEFS: Rich Means & House Committee Members	Pot Roast, Potatoes Vegetable, Roll & Dessert CHEF: Kathy Gnobel	Garlic Pork Roast / Sour Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Roll & Dessert CHEF: Kathy Gnobel	THANKSGIVING Dinner Leftovers

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.

Home Club House Committee

Rich Means (Chairman)

Paul Ferreira - Marcus Simmons - Jeff Gaddis

Barbra McDonald - Jeff Rowe - Johnathon Rice

HEADS UP for DECEMBER

Elks Memorial Service (Honoring our deceased Members)

NASCAR Club End of Season Party

Children's Christmas Breakfast with "Santa" & Gifts from the "Angel Tree"

Lodge Christmas Party

New Years Eve Party