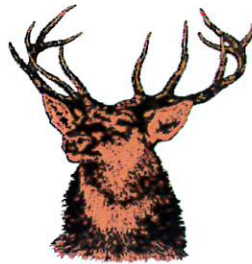


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FROM THE EXALTED RULER



To all ELKS of the Lodge

This will be my last report for the Lodge Year 2014- 2015. I think that overall we had one great year. As a Lodge we held over thirty two events that were a combination of Fraternal (social), supporting our Community, our Veterans and Veterans in general, State Elks Association and Grand lodge programs. We raised approximately \$20,000.00 for the various Charites, Community, and Service Programs that the Lodge and Lodge Members supports. A great Job for a small Lodge whose Membership averages 150 Members. We should all be proud of our accomplishments during the past Lodge Year.

Lodge Officers (except for two Trustee Positions, see chart on page 4) have been elected or will be appointed for next year. I have talked to all of them and they are looking forward to the new Lodge Year and have assured me that they will be available to attend required meetings and perform their duties. I ask all Members to support them in the coming year.

Committees are the source of most activities and actions in the lodge. During March is when Committee Chairman and Members are selected. Committee Membership is voluntary and open to all members including Lodge Officers with two exceptions. The Lodge Bylaws prohibit the Secretary, Treasurer or any Member of the Board of Trustees from serving on the Lodge Auditing & Accounting Committee and I will not appoint the Secretary, Treasurer or a Trustee to serve on the Home Club House Committee. Time is short to volunteer and serving on a committee usually involves only a few hours a month. Serving on a committee is a way you can "make a difference" in our Lodge. I am especially concerned about our Veterans Committee. Bonnie Stepp chaired the Committee last year and has volunteered to do so next year. Under her leadership our Veterans Programs were SUPERB, but often she struggled to get it done for lack of help. I consider our Veterans Support Programs from our Veterans Committee to be one of the most important things we do, so step forward and help Bonnie this year – and when you do, be there to make it HAPPEN! Remember over 40% of our Lodge Members ARE Veterans!

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Timmy Means



LODGE OFFICERS 2014 - 2015



Esteemed Leading Knight
Dawn Bardy



Esteemed Loyal Knight
Dana Burton



Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Ellen Gillard



Secretary
Mike Korb, PER, PDOGER



Treasurer
Larry Church, PER



Esquire
Barbara McDonald



Tiler
Freddie Roehr



Chaplain
Michelle Rowe



Inner Guard
Kathleen Gillard



One Year Trustee
Dennis Cantrell



Two Year Trustee
Edward McCurdy



Three Year Trustee
Charles Waddell



Four Year Trustee
P. J. Fresquez



Five Year Trustee
Zalph Andrews, Jr.

FROM the BOARD of TRUSTEES



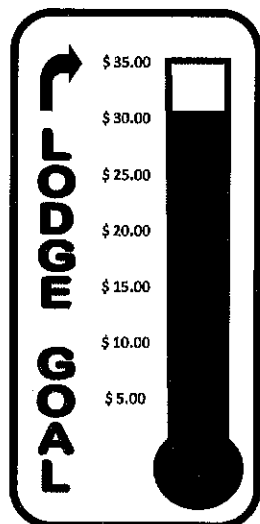
The Board presented to the Lodge at the February 18, 2015 Meeting a request for \$500.00 for the Denbigh Youth Baseball League and up to \$2,000 to replace the back door of the Lodge Building. Both items were approved.

It is that time of the year when the Board develops the Lodge Budget for the next Lodge Year (2015-2016). All Committees and Lodge Members planning to hold events in the new Lodge Year to raise money for charities need to submit your estimates of expenses and projected income from those activities. There is a Form available at the Lodge or you may contact a Member of the Board for help if required. The Deadline for submissions is April 5, 2015.

Charlie Waddell - Acting Chairman

FROM the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The current ENF per capita report is \$30.28, and we remain in third place in the state. That amount leaves us \$4.72 short of the Exalted Ruler' goal of \$35.00. March is the last month of this year's ENF campaign, so that leaves us with a very short time to meet his goal.



Donate the easy way through the "Fidelity Club", or pick-up a pre addressed ENF donation envelope at the Lodge. You may also donate on-line at "elks.org". Either way is simple.

ENF mail in donations must be received by the ENF in Chicago not later than March 15th, on-line donations can be made until eleven fifty nine PM March 31st.

Please donate when you are able, and thanks to all of you who have already donated.

Karl Knobel (PER,PDDGER) - Chairman

VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORT



Just a reminder as winter ends please remember that we collect items for the Veterans all year long and with that said clearance sales will be going on soon for hats, gloves, and scarves which we use for our Homeless Veterans Winter Clothing kits. Also, if you're doing any traveling thru out the year to save your hotel toiletries: like shampoo, condition, lotion, and soap.

We use them for our Ditty Bags to VA Hospital residents as well as the Stand Down.

As most of you have already seen by the flyers in the lodge we are collecting items for our "Welcome to the World Baby" gift baskets for our women soldiers. We are collecting the following items; 5 Blue Bathing Tubs, 5 Pink Bathing Tubs, Diapers (Newborn), Wipes, 5 Boy/Blue Bottles, 5 Girl/Pink Bottles, 10 Onesies, Body Wash and Lotion. We will be putting them together and distributing them to VA Hospital this month.

As our Elks lodge year comes to an end I would personally like to thank the Veterans Committee with all my heart; Vicki & Zalph Andrews, Vicki & Paul Ferreira and Shelly Spencer for all their volunteer work and dedication and time to our Veterans. Also thank you to the members who volunteered their time as well for Veterans activities, and all your generous donations.

Again this month we replenished the pantry for the USO at the Newport News / Williamsburg Airport.

As always we would like to build our Veterans Committee, whether you have 1 hour or more to volunteer your time. The more hands involved the more we can accomplish for our soldiers. Come join us at our next Veterans Committee meeting on March 5th at 6:30.

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, March 5th ... Veterans Meeting 6:30
Mid March ... Delivery of Baby Baskets to the VA Hospital

Bonnie Stepp - Chairwoman

FROM the HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE



I would like to thank everyone for being so supportive this past year. We had a lot of great functions and awesome dinners. I would like to thank the Home Club Committee Members for making these events possible. The Valentine's Dinner was a great night.

Just a reminder that the Lodge has just been freshly painted. If you have a function in the back room, please do not hang or attach anything on the painted areas of the walls. You may apply decorations to painted woodwork or furniture using tape. Please remove the tape and tape residue after your event.

Also there will not be any smoking in the dining room area during dinners or anytime food is being served.

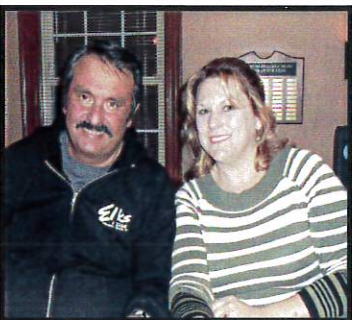
The House Committee Meetings are generally open to all Members and the Committee welcomes your suggestion's on how we can make things better. If you cannot attend a Committee Meeting you can leave a suggestion in the Secretary's Box by the Lodge front door.

Rich Means - Chairman



SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST



THE 5TH *Elks* ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

& THE DAYTONA 500 RACE PARTY



18 Crock Pots of Home Made Chili from Contestants



THE WINNER - BONNIE STEPP



THIS EVENT RAISED OVER \$ 600.00 FOR



Lung Cancer 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Walk, and Kid's Fun Run



Elks BPOE Lodge # 315 - MARCH Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	2	3 Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	4 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM Nominations for Four Year Trustee	5 Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	6 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	7 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM
8 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	9	10 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12	13 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM
15 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	16	17	18 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM Election for Four Year Trustee	19	20 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	21 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM
22 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	23	24 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	25	26	27 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	28 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM
29 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM INSTALLATION Of Officers 3:00 PM	30	31	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			

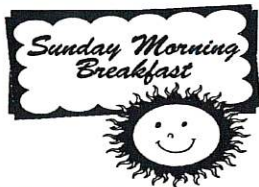
LAST CALL
15 MINUTES
BEFORE
CLOSING

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

MARCH 1 st	MARCH 14 th	MARCH 21 st	MARCH 28 th
TO BE ANNOUNCED Watch for an ELK ALERT	Corn Beef & Cabbage Potatoes, Soda Bread Key Lime Pie CHEF: Larry Church	Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Biscuit & Dessert CHEFS: Amy & Donna	TO BE ANNOUNCED Watch for an ELK ALERT



To serve and help to clean up for Saturday Dinners & Sunday Breakfasts



Meals from the Menu or "a la carte"
 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

HEADS UP for APRIL

Effective on April 1, 2015 the Lodge door locks will only accept Membership Cards for lodge Year 2015 - 2016 and Members will not be admitted to the Lodge until dues are paid for Lodge Year 2015 - 2016

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Virginia Elks Association will hold a Elks Training Day at the Charlottesville Lodge # 389 on March 14, 2015, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM . All Elks are invited to attend and the Exalted Ruler desires that all Officers of our Lodge for 2015-2016 plan to attend. Please let the ER know so we can arrange to Car Pool.

Home Club House Committee

Rich Means (Chairman)
 Paul Ferreira - Marcus Simmons - Jeff Gaddis
 Barbra McDonald - Jeff Rowe - Johnathon Rice