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FROM THE
EXALTED RULER



Timmy Means



To all ELKS of the Lodge

I would like to start by saying "THANK YOU" to all who organized, volunteered and participated in the November Lodge Activities. December will be a active month in our Lodge. Please see the December Lodge Calendar on page 9 for details. We will hold several community activities, these include support for a Christmas Program for Navy dependent children, Christmas Food Baskets for needy families in our community, Dictionary's for students at Sanford Elementary School and Breakfast with "SANTA" (Angel Tree) for Local kids. Also for Members Christmas and New Years Parties. The NASCAR group will hold their End of Season party on Saturday the 5th. They raised \$700.00 for "Special Olympics" at their Mid Season Party and hope to do better this time. Also on Sunday, December 6th we will hold the annual Memorial Service for departed Members.

On November 4, 2015 the Virginia Southeastern District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Philip Hall, made his required annual visit and audit of our Lodge. Attending with the DDGER was his Esquire Steve Moulton, Beverly Hamby (PER, PSP) auditor & Bill Tennis (PER, PDDGER, PSP). The audit was conducted, dinner was served and the Visitors attended the Lodge Meeting. No serious discrepancies were noted; however, the auditor pointed out that the Lodge Budget was not developed using the current Uniform Chart of Accounts from the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Manual. This will be corrected by the Board of Trustees during preparation of the 2016-2017 Lodge Budget. The DDGER during his comments at the Lodge Meeting stated that our Lodge was in good shape and performing well. He did express concern about Membership and encouraged additional effort to finish the year with a positive gain.

The DDGER comment about Membership leads me to remind all that we are seriously behind in recruiting new members this year. Membership is the "lifeblood" of our Lodge. Recruiting new Members is the responsibly of ALL Members. Please make finding a new Member a personal priority. We have had a net gain in Membership for the past three years. Let us keep this trend going! The Secretary in his Report following will discuss the status of the current Membership.

After December we have three months left in this Lodge Year. There is still a lot to accomplish.
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LODGE OFFICERS 2015 - 2016



Esteemed Leading Knight
Richard Means



Esteemed Loyal Knight
Vicki Ferreira



Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Dana Burton



Secretary
Zalph Andrews, Jr.



Treasurer
Terry Daugherty



Esquire
Barbara McDonald



Tiler
Freddie Roehr



Chaplain
Michelle Rowe



Inner Guard
Kathleen Gillard



One Year Trustee
William Howell



Two Year Trustee
Charles Waddell



Three Year Trustee
P. J. Fresquez



Four Year Trustee
Michelle Waddell



Five Year Trustee
Paul Ferreira

Please note that numbers shown in the chart do not include several factors that could influence our final numbers this year; for example, *God Forbid*, but we have 11 Members over the age of 80 and several of them are not in the greatest of health. We have one re-statement pending, one candidate pending investigation and one pending Initiation. That aside we still need to recruit and Initiate five (5) more new members by the second Lodge Meeting in March to end the year with a positive gain in Membership. We only have three months left to accomplish this. Below is a check list provided by the Membership Committee as a tool to help you to recruit a new member.

I am normally in the Lodge on weekdays in the early afternoon. My cell # is (757) 879-3505 and home # (757) 930-0877 and EMAIL at zalphandrews@cox.net or also at the Lodge EMAIL at bpoe315@yahoo.com.

Zalph Andrews, Jr. - Lodge Secretary

FROM the BOARD of TRUSTEES



The Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting on November 3rd, 2015. We discussed multiple Lodge issues.

We discussed the purchase of a new ice machine. We have recently spent over \$500 repairing the one we have now. It is over 15 years old. We are waiting for estimates on the cost of a new machine. We feel that it is more

prudent to purchase a new one than to continue spending significant amounts to keep the antique we have operating.

We also reviewed the previous month's payment vouchers for bills against the Lodge and found no discrepancies.

The Exalted Ruler attended our meeting and brought to our attention that the pull tab machine stays down for repair over 50% of the time resulting a loss in revenue to the Lodge and the cost of repairs to the over 12 year old machine is adsorbent. It is estimated that the cost of a new machine will be returned in revenue in six months. The Board agreed to purchase a replacement and asked the ER to take the lead in the purchase.

The Board is aware of the fact that our current bookkeeper and Accountant has notified us that she is retiring after this Lodge Year. We have begun a search for a replacement.

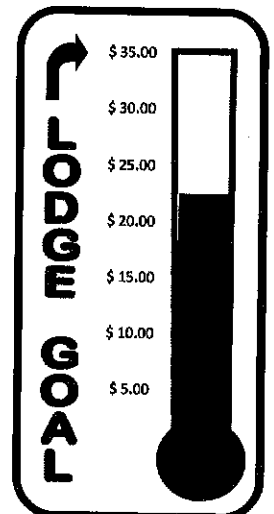
Paul Ferreira - Chairman

FROM the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE (ENF)

The current ENF per capita standing is \$21.98, and we remain in first place in the State. Total donations to date equal \$3,341.00.

January starts the last quarter of the Lodge's fiscal year, leaving us very little time to reach the Exalted Ruler's gal of \$35.00, so we need to step up the donations if we are going meet the goal. Please donate when you are able, and thanks to all who have donated thus far.

January is also "Hoop Shoot" month. "Hoop Shoot" is just one of the many programs sponsored by the ENF. Be on the look- out for the exact date of the shoot. If you would like to help out with the "Hoop Shoot" please contact Rich Means. I'm sure he will welcome any help he can get.



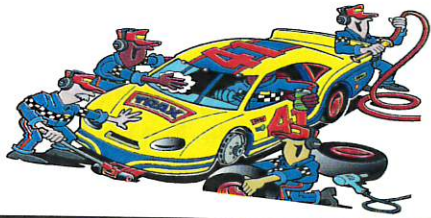
1. Find a potential Candidate, where? - at work, at church, in your neighborhood, at activities you participate in (such as Bowling), or friends, etc.
2. Bring them to a Lodge Function and talk to them about what we do (other than having a drink at the bar).
3. Use the Lodge Recruiting Brochure (by the Front Door) to help you tell what we do besides run a bar!
4. Most importantly ASK them to join our Lodge!

The Exalted Ruler requested that I outline the procedures and policies concerning election of Lodge Officers for the next Lodge Year (2016-2017). Under the Lodge Bylaws and the Statues of the Order the following is stated. During January, 2016 the Lodge # 315 Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Association will meet and develop a slate of proposed nominees for elected Lodge Officer positions. This slate will include: Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Year Trustee. At the Regular Scheduled Lodge Meeting on February 3, 2016 the PER's will present their slate (*remember their slate is a recommendation only*) and then nominations may be made for any elected officer position from the floor by any Member present. At the Lodge Meeting on February 17, 2016 elections will be held by secret written ballot and only Members present may vote. To be elected, a Member must receive a majority of votes cast. Only Members in good standing may be nominated or vote. Please note: if a Member nominated for an elected office at the February 3rd Lodge Meeting withdraws after the close of that Meeting then a replacement may be nominated before elections are held on February 17th. Any nomination made at that Meeting will be a write in on the pre-printed ballot. If you have any questions concerning this process that you can not answer in the Bylaws booklet that you were given at Initiation then please contact the Exalted Ruler or me.

On Sunday December 6, 2015, we will hold the required Annual Memorial Service for Members who passed during the calendar year of 2015, the Service will remember Members Hough McVicker, Gary S. Cardwell and S. Zane Pinckney. The Exalted Ruler requires that ALL Lodge Officers be in Attendance for this ceremony!

The Official letter noting the results if the DDGER Visit held on November 4, 2015 is posted on the Bulletin Board by the Lodge side door. The letter states a very positive status of our Lodge and the Programs and Activities we have. Simply stated, Our Lodge is in Good Shape.

NASCAR Club End of Season Party



GOOD FOOD as ALWAYS
CASH PRIZES
FREE BEVERAGES

NASCAR CLUB MEMBERS — Free
Guests \$ 20.00 ea

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th - 5:00 to 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 19th



**Childrens Breakfast
&
Gifts from the Angel Tree**



Breakfast at 9:00 & "SANTA" with gifts at 10:00 AM



GRILLED & FRIED CHICKEN, MEAT BALLS
Potato Salad, Mac & Cheese, Devilled Eggs & Beans
Bring a dish if you wish!

5:00 to 9:00 PM

MEMORIAL SERVICE

For
OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS - YEAR 2015
December 6, 2015 at 2:00 PM

REMEMBERING



Hough F. McVicker
Gray S. Cardwell
S. Zane Pinckney



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Cynthia Kruziak 4 th | C. J. Bartelsmeyer 18 th |
| Kenneth R. Robertson 4 th | Kathryn J. Korb 18 th |
| Timmy L. Means 6 th | Lucy P. Bowen 23 rd |
| James F. Coleman 7 th | Andrew L. Brandon 24 th |
| William L. Lenk 7 th | James D. O'Callaghan 24 th |
| Scarlet A. Hillard 9 th | Zalph H. Andrews, III 26 th |
| Jack M. French 11 th | Lisa F. Bishop-Baillio 29 th |
| Karen L. Gregory 16 th | Richard A. Means 29 th |
| Ray A. Roberson 15 th | Jeffery S. Rowe 29 th |

PARTY

8:00 - Till

**Happy New
Year!**



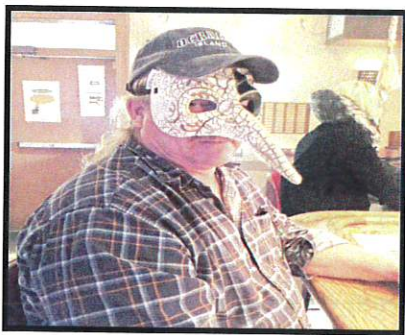
Hors d' oeuvres, Finger Foods
& Pot Luck

for those choose to bring a dish to share.
DJ Wesley (Sunny) Williams



May You Have Many More

Halloween at the Lodge



That guy above isn't scary He is just Ugly!!



COSTUME WINNERS WERE:
1st PLACE—Jimmy Carpenter
2nd PLACE—Jimmy McDonald



NICE PAIR OF
UH ... UH.. UH. GLASSES!

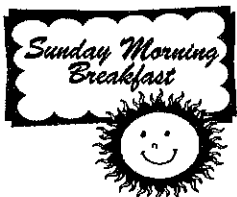


Elks Lodge # 315 December 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTICE : Christmas Hours Christmas Eve — Close at 6:00 PM Christmas Day — 2:00 to 7:00 PM		1 Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	2 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM "INITIATION"	3 Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	4 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	5 NASCAR end of Season Party 2:00—5:00 PM
6 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM Memorial Service 2:00 PM	7	8 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	12 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM
13 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	14	15	16 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM "INITIATION"	17	18 Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	19 Children's Breakfast & Santa 9:00 AM Lodge Christmas Party 5:00 — 9:00 PM
20 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	21	22 House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Dinner 6:00 — 8:00 PM
27 Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 8:00 PM — Till	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	

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

DECEMBER 5 th	DECEMBER 12 th	DECEMBER 19 th	DECEMBER 26 th
NO DINNER NASCAR END OF SEASON PARTY	TO BE ANNOUNCED WATCH FOR AN ELK ALERT OR NOTICE ON BULLITON BOARD	NO DINNER LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY	SERVICE FROM THE LODGE SNACK MENU



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

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

Jeff Gaddis - Marcus Simons - Barbara McDonald

Jack Waddy - Dennis Cantrell - Ralph Simmons

Jonathan Rice (Alternate)