


ELK'S HORN



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**FROM THE
EXALTED RULER**

To all ELKS of the Lodge



Barbara McDonald



Hello my fellow Elks and welcome Fall.

The sign up sheet for the Holiday Baskets has been placed on the table in the bar area. At this time we are asking that you limit your number of baskets to 2. The final date to sign up will be Thursday - November 17th and pick up will begin on Sunday November 19th. If we should have any available after the cut off time you can request additional.

The donation board for the Holiday Baskets has been hung on the wall. We do have a grant that will cover the cost of some of the necessary items, such as the Turkeys and Hams. If you can assist with any donations it will be greatly appreciated.

There will be two Lodge meetings in November, the first will be held on November 1st at 7:00 PM and the second will be November 15th at 7:00 PM.

On October 4th and October 14th donations were made to Virginia Peninsula Food Bank and Livingstone Monestary / Fives Loaves of Bread. The funds for those donations was received through the ENF Beacon Grant. Thank you for those that assisted with the presentation.

On November 18th the annual fund raiser for Toys for Tots will be held. We will be serving dinner, Salad / French Dip with a side / dessert. We will also be having raffles and a 50/50. We will begin selling the Trains for \$1.00 and at the end of November a ticket will be pulled and the winner will receive a \$25.00 dollar Lodge Gift Certificate.

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LODGE OFFICERS 2023 - 2024



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Three Year Trustee**



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Jeffrey Rowe**



**Five Year Trustee
Bonnie Stepp**

I have received a few complaints regarding cursing. When you are in the Lodge please be mindful of the time frame of the day and those around you. Is there a dinner/fund raiser in process, are there minors in the lodge, things of that nature.

The round up for the month of November will be Toys For Tots.

Barbara McDonald - Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY NOTES



October was a busy month for Lodge activities and so will be November and December. As a heads up there will be only one Lodge Meeting in December to be held on the 6th.

I am normally in the Lodge on weekdays in the early afternoon. My cell # is (757) 879-3505 and Home # is (757) 930-0877 and my EMAIL is zalphandrews@cox.net. At the Lodge # (757) 877- 0171 (Bar) or # (757) 833-6416 (Secretary Office) and the Lodge EMAIL is bpoe315@yahoo.com.

Zalph Andrews, Jr. - Lodge Secretary

FROM the BOARD of TRUSTEES



The Trustees met on Tuesday October 3rd at 12:00 (Noon) PM.

Challenge Coins are available for sale at \$25.00. Those who requested a specific number are able to get your coin now if you haven't already done so. You will need to pay balance due at the time of pickup.

Trustees held our annual BBQ Sale on October 14th. We did sell out of product. Next year, please keep in mind that you need to sign up in advance, so we know how much meat we need to purchase and prepare. A big "Thank You" to all the Trustees plus Michelle Rowe, Sandy Farnum, and Bill Dougherty for helping make the BBQ a big success.

There are several dinners in the works that will use the new smoker to give Lodge Members a chance to have more tasty food served.

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

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FROM the GRAND EXALTED RULER



November brings to mind a couple of very special days. On November 11, Veterans Day, we honor our veterans, past and present. There are so many ways to say thank you to our nation's veterans. Hosting dinners in our Local Lodges, sending care packages, and participating in events at Veterans Administration hospitals are just a few ways.

The Elks are committed to their mission "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises to render aid to our nation's veterans and military members with a special focus on those in need.

The ENVSC empowers local communities by giving them the resources to directly serve veterans, military members, and their families. The ENVSC supports a vast network of Voluntary Service Representatives, providing local outreach support to our veterans in need all over the country. This network is only successful because of the hard work performed by individual Lodge Members.

In 1946, the Commission formalized a commitment that was evident since the earliest days of Elkdom to serving veterans. Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered. In VA Clinics, veterans' homes, USOs, homeless shelters, and elsewhere, thousands of Elks volunteers generously give their time, energy, and resources to serve veterans and military members each year. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, who are reminding our communities, "We Are THE Elks."

November 23 is Thanksgiving, a day for us to thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on each of us, our family, our friends, our Order, and our great country. It is also a day we ask for the blessings of God to guide us and show us ways to help those who are less fortunate so we may make their life better, proving "Elks Care — Elks Share." Happy Thanksgiving. Remember: "We Are THE Elks." God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America us and show us ways to help those who are less fortunate so we may make their life better, proving "Elks Care — Elks Share." Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember: "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 normally meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 12:00 (Noon) PM. November 7th is the next meeting date. All Members are invited to attend the meeting if they desire to do 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.

Jack Waddy - Chairman

TREASURES REPORT



Below is the status of Lodge Finances reported at the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on October 16, 2023.

CASH on HAND in the Lodge Working Checking Account at Old Point National Bank is 75,710.68

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - *interest bearing* at Langley Federal Credit Union is \$39,237.54.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS (*Certificates of Deposits & interest bearing accounts*) held at Old Point National Bank & Langley Federal Credit Union is \$237,663.45.

GAMING ACCOUNTS for gaming machines earnings is \$27,521.23.

TOTAL OF BALANCES ON HAND reported at the Lodge Meeting was \$380,132.90.

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.

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 HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

November 4th - Home Club Dinner
November 11th - Veterans Committee Dinner
November 18th - Toys-4-Tots



The Holiday Basket drive is underway. Please

check the list posted to see what items are needed.

November 23rd is Thanksgiving. Ellen Gillard is cooking the turkey and it is a Potluck dinner from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Please sign for what you can bring and the signup sheet is in the Lounge. Closing will be at 6:00 PM. Friday the 24th will be a normal day.

The next Home Club Meeting is November 14th at 6:00 PM.

Stop by on Thursday nights for football.

Come join us on Sunday morning for breakfast. Football Specials will be in the afternoon by Jeff and Michelle Rowe.

Dawn Bardy - Chairwoman



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

- * Member Edward (Sarge) McCurdy had heart surgery an a Apparatus installed to prevent strokes. He is on six week bed rest at home.
- * Member Craig Craft's Mother-In-Law, Donna Jean passed away on September 17, 2023. A card was mailed.
- * To recently passed Life Member William Rucker's family in Florida a Peace Lily was sent .
- * Member Diane Nickols still in pain from her broken leg. Her Husband Gene Nichols had hip replacement surgery on October 16th and is at home and doing OK.
- * Member Bill Dougherty's sister, Vicky Gager is hospitalized with cellulitis.
- * Member Irvin C. Brown passed on October 19th and a Service is planned at the Lodge.

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 Ellen Gillard the Lodge Sickness & Distress Advocate to report sickness or for assistance for distressed Members. Ellen's phone # is (757) 593- 4559. If she doesn't answer leave a message & she will return your call.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !
For Lodge Activities

THE ELEVENTH HOUR



Irvin C. Brown
 Born on June 7, 1950
 Initiated on October 16, 2003
 Lodge Member for 20 Years
 Passed on October 19, 2023

HE WILL BE MISSED

TAPPS

*Day is done, gone the sun
 from the hills, from the lake, from the sky
 all is well, safely rest, GOD is nigh.*

FROM the VETERANS COMMITTEE



First of all, I'd like to acknowledge the passing of one of Elks Lodge #315 Veteran Members, Irvin C. Brown. He will be missed. He's celebration of life is planned for October 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM at our Elks Lodge #315.

The Yard and Bake Sale was a success even though the weather did not cooperate. I want to thank everyone for their generous donations and to those whose efforts contributed to set up, execution, and pack up. Remaining contributions were donated and picked up by the DAV.

We will be hosting a Veteran's Dinner on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Menu will consist of pork roast, salad, rice pilaf, applesauce, roll, and dessert. Veterans eat free and all others will be charged \$12.95. Sign up is posted in the Lounge area. Please sign up or call in if you are interested in participating.

We will also be putting out a sign up for "Ditty Bag" items. We have a lot of items in our inventory, so we aren't going to need most of the usual items. Be on the lookout for the specifics on the list.

We would like to collect photos of our military and first responder Members in uniform to update our Veterans collage. If you have a photo please bring them in or send them digitally to

carolyn421@verizon.net. Our theme is then and now, so we'd like to have a current photo also. Look for the flyer.

We will not be hosting a November breakfast due to the Thanksgiving weekend.

The next Veteran's Meeting is November 2, 2023 at 5:30 PM. All Members are welcome to attend.

Carolyn Gillroy - Chairwoman

FROM the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



We currently have 132 Members on the roll with one application pending. Seventeen Members delinquent in dues were dropped on October 1st. The chart below is a status of the current Membership.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS (As of October 27, 2023)	
Beginning Membership Year 2023 - 2024	151
Members Deceased or Demitted this Lodge Year	4
Applications in Progress	1
Members Reinstated or Initiated this Year	2
Total of Current Members	132

Remember that Membership is the "LIFEBLOOD" of the Lodge.
SO, RECRUIT A NEW TRUE ELK MEMBER TODAY!
The Lodge will Thank You!

Dawn Bardy - Chairwoman

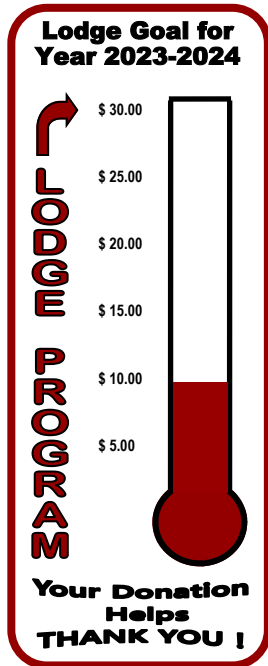


1. What church period begins at the end of the month, in preparation for Christmas?
2. If you love nachos, you should celebrate National Nachos Day. What day is it on in November?
3. This day marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season.
4. What day in November is the National Day of Giving?
5. In what year on November 1st was the European Union established?
6. James Naismith was born in Canada on November 6, 1861 and he invented what great game.
7. On November 26, 1789, George Washington declared the first American holiday. What was it?

(Answers on Page 8)

FROM the LODGE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Happy Thanksgiving !!! Have you donated to NF? Currently the ENF sits at \$9.71 per Member. First let me thank each and every one of our Members who have not only participated in NFL *pick'em* but also came out to purchase food on Football Sunday, **WOW** you all are amazing. I Have not done a full count of what we have made so far or turned it in but I know it's a great amount please continue to come out on Sundays and play the ENF *pick'em*. For any Member that plays for at least 10 weeks will be entered into a drawing for a NFL jersey of their choice.



Our ENF Dinner will be December 9th It will be Prime Rib and great stuff with it. Also, it will be a sign up only with Raffles and a 50/50!! So SIGN UP FAST.

I want to see more Fidelity Members. I challenge all of you to join the Fidelity Club. I'm working on some fundraising ideas along with the dinner to raise money for ENF as you know October was ENF Month.

As we see throughout the year, the ENF helps out so many different projects around the world. Remember just because you 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 activities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, help send students to college, help meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the Virginia Elks Association, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in our Elks community.

Michelle Rowe - Chairwoman

FROM the HOME CLUB MANAGER



Happy Thanksgiving to ALL! There will be a sign up for Thanksgiving Dinner if you are attending please sign up we will cancel if there's not enough participation.

Starting November 5th the first Sunday of every month will be Buffett Breakfast. Also beginning December 3rd Breakfast will begin at 9:00 till 11:00 AM (HOURS CHANGE).

Our Angel Tree Breakfast will be December 16th as will our Members Christmas Party 5:00 PM till CLOSE. We will be doing our Annual Christmas cookie exchange December 16th and will have a Sign up for pot luck & LIVE Entertainment (WE HAVE A BAND)!

Your Holiday Hours: November Thursday 23rd 2:00 till 6:00 & LAST CALL is 5:30 PM. December 24th 1:00 till 6:00 PM & LAST CALL 5:30 PM. December 25th CLOSED

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS & THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTUINED SUPPORT!

Michelle Rowe - Manager



In November

- Shirley Uster 1st
- Kyle Daddysman 4th
- Newton Bell 5th
- William Dougherty 5th
- Patrick Gilroy 8th
- Joetta Jensen 12th
- Marcus Simons 12th
- Vicki Andrews 16th
- Linda Nichols 19th
- Lyndsey Pauley 20th
- Heather Swanson 27th
- Jackson Ooten 28th



ELKS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



ADOPT-A-SPOT EVENT



Wow, how time flies when you're having fun! Last opportunity before the end of the year to participate in the fun of beautifying our area. Interested – well come hang out with Dana Burton and the gang at the Elks's last Adopt-A-Spot event at the Newport News Elks Lodge #315 on:

**Saturday, November 4, 2023,
at 8:00 AM.**

We will be canvassing for litter along Warwick Boulevard between Tabbs Lane and Denbigh Boulevard. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Dana at (757) 876-1874 or hookdb@gmail.com.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER - COME JOIN THE FUN!

FROM the YOUTH COMMITTEE



Donations To Our Local Charities

Funds for these two programs were provided by the "Beacon grant" applied for and approved by the Elks National Foundation.



**Virginia Peninsula Food Bank
October 4, 2023**



**Livingstone Monastery
October 14, 2023**

Helping a Lodge Member



An example of Brotherly Love! Member, Don Parkerson, in conjunction with other Members of Elks Lodge #315, coordinated and installed a ramp to improve the quality of Member, Irvin Brown's, remaining life. May he rest in peace.

**THINK
IT'S NOT ILLEGAL (YET)**

BIG SATURDAY at the LODGE

October 14, 2023

TRUSTEE BBQ - VETERANS YARD SALE - BAKE SALE



REPICE of the MONTH

PORK CHOPS IN A SAUCE

- 4 to 6 pork chops
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet basil
- 2 small cans tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 large green pepper, cut up in strips
- 2 pounds green beans, fresh or frozen salt and pepper to taste



Brown meat, then add remaining ingredients. Simmer an hour or more, adding water as necessary to keep a nice amount of sauce. Best served with mashed potatoes and crunchy French bread.

FROM the LODGE COOK BOOK

ELKS LODGE MENU

◆ **APPETIZERS:**

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

FEATURED ITEMS:

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| <p>Wing Dings (10 Wings)
\$15.60
Naked or Breaded
Choice of Mild, Hot or Salt & Pepper with Ranch or Blue Cheese Dressing
Extra Wings \$1.56 each</p> <p>Hamburger
\$5.40
Add Cheese \$.50
Add Fries \$2.00
Choice of Toppings:
Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles
Ketchup, Mustard & Mayo</p> <p>BLT Sandwich
\$4.37
Add Chips or Fries \$1.20
Choice of Toppings:
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo & Relish</p> | <p>Nachos with Cheese
\$3.54
Add: Jalapenos \$.60
Extra Cheese \$.60
Loaded: With Cheese, Meat, Lettuce, Onion, Tomato, Olives, Sour Cream & Salsa + \$7.20</p> <p>Hot Dog
\$2.34
Add Fries \$2.00
Choice of Toppings:
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo & Relish</p> <p>Chicken Tenders
\$9.59
Includes:
3 Chicken Strips & Fries</p> <p>3 Tacos - \$5.95</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



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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 are invited to submit pictures of Lodge events, articles, items of interest, charitable activities, notes of thanks, Lodge trivia, etc. email - zalphandrews@cox.net Phone: (757) 879-3505 or at the Lodge email bpoe315@yahoo.com or leave it at the Lodge. Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of the month before the month of the issue.

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

Zalph Andrews, Jr - Lodge Secretary & Editor

The Editor wishes to thank Carolyn Gillroy for helping to fold, place mailing seals, address labels and stamps for this Month's Newsletter.

ANSWERS to TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1. Advent 2. November 6th 3. Black Friday
- 4. The Tuesday after Thanksgiving 5. 1993
- 6. Basketball 7. Thanksgiving Day (A day of prayer and public thanksgiving for the new American republic).



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

The October Winner was Robert Blarr.

Lodge # 315 NOVEMBER 2023 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00			1 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM INITIATION	2 Veterans Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	3	4 Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 PM
5 Buffet Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00	6	7 Trustee Meeting 12:00 (Noon)	8	9	10	11 Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 PM
12 Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00	13	14 House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	16	17	18 Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 PM
19 Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	29	30	Home Club Hours (Subject to Change) Monday to Wednesday - 2:00 to 10:00 PM Thursday - 2:00 to 12:00 AM Friday & Saturday - 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM Sunday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM		

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS

November 4 th	November 11 th	November 18 th	November 25 th
Chicken or Steak Kebabs On A Bed of Rice Dessert	Pork Roast Salad, Rice Pilaf Applesauce, Roll Dessert	“Toys for Tots” Dinner (Details to be Announced)	NO DINNER



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
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 Jeff Rowe - Tom Porter - Rob Blarr

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VICKI ANDREWS, GRI
ASSOCIATE BROKER
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Vicki Andrews has been an Elk Member of our Lodge for 27 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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