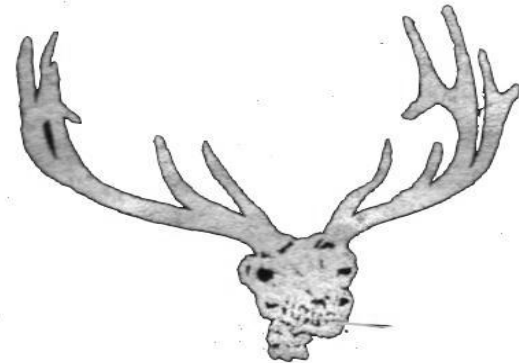


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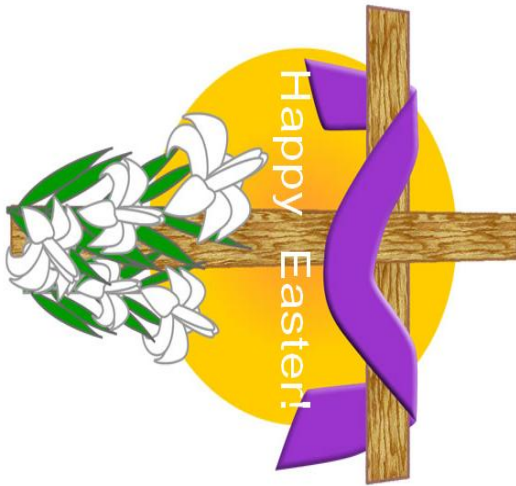


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EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Hello to all my brothers and sisters of the Mighty 2268! For the 4th time in the past 3 months I must report yet another passing of a fellow Elk. John McCord, PER Lodge #366 died suddenly and unexpectedly March 9th. John was a good friend of many of us and he will be sorely missed but never forgotten!

All officers have been elected for the New Year, and installation will be held April 4th @ 5:00pm. I have invited many Dignitaries' to join us for the occasion so if you plan on attending please keep this in mind and show them our famous 2268 hospitality. You will see many new faces in officer chairs this year and it would be nice if past officers would help them with the transition and share any wisdom that they might have.

Mardi Gras was a lot of fun and generated more funds for the ENF. Swarm Hampton Lodge worked out very nicely, we had about 14 members show up. Only 4 of us rode bikes up there but it was well worth it the weather was great and we headed up to Hoss's after we left the lodge.

We had several members and newer officers go along to Bedford for the Protocol meeting and attend educational meetings that will hopefully shed some light on their coming responsibilities as leaders in our lodge. I would like to personally congratulate Beverly Hamby on her nomination to become, The Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler SE District VA. for the coming year.

Thank you to all that participated in the back yard clean up, I was very pleasantly surprised when I returned from Bedford and saw the work that you had done. (You are a sneaky bunch!) Highway pick up had plenty of participation and Potters Rd. looks much nicer now, thanks to all that supported this effort. The PER meeting was held and we initiated yet another new member into our ranks. Quinn Duckett is our newest member and I would like everyone to seek him out, introduce yourselves and congratulate him.

Our summer event season is now upon us with the Fowl Up on the 25th of April. We need lots of help to cover our ambitious schedule so come on down and help support your lodge and "Let's git'er done"!

Fraternally,
Robert M. Caley, ER
757-641-2771

SURPRISE WORK PARTY

We had a Surprise backyard cleanup party while the officers were at the Protocol meeting in Bedford. FOB, YeeHaa....It's amazing what can happen in a couple hours when you turn a hand full of hard working Elks loose on a project. The backyard looks great, we are just about ready to start the cookout season. Butch, Casey, Tim PER & Terry (LRB) Bobka PER, were already hard at it when I got here and were soon joined by Dan and Jan, Ken and Pam, Joan, Cliff and his son Steve. With this gang of Elks the back yard was soon transformed into a very nice place. Spontaneous beverages flowed freely, keeping Spirits up, replenishing the fluids lost through hard work. When you see these people, remember to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the lodge and the Order.

Paul "I.B." Dacyczyn PER, FCB
Leading Knight (Departing)

BAR TOP

Fellow members,

All of us have noted the condition of the bar top in the lodge. It has been suggested that it be recovered with a high gloss low maintenance epoxy finish as used on our event check-in table. Terry Bobka PER had the idea of imbedding pins from different lodges into the wood before it is redone. He is donating roughly 100 lodge pins to the effort and C-Ray has also pledged approximately the same number.

Any member wishing to donate pins to this project is most welcome to do so. The more the better. Please contact Mark Goetz if interested.

Cost of materials will be approx \$180.00 and any donations or ideas of a fund raiser for this is appreciated.

Fraternally,
Mark Goetz

Greetings Fellow ELKS,

We are Happy to announce that the Motorcycle raffle is gaining steam. Thus far, the "Bob and Don Show" are out pacing all others, but there are some Dark Horses out there working to dethrone them. Want to get into the fray? Well, I have plenty of tickets to go around. Call me (Dan) at 757-434-4139 or Jan at 4149. We deliver!

We are at present about \$10K away from paying for the 2009 Street Bob being raffled. After that, it is profits. So come one, come all. Let's rally around our lodge and get some of these tickets sold. With the economy the way it is, we need to put forth more effort than before to help get them sold. I have created an **ELKS #2268 Magical Electric Ticket Agitator** and am making upgrades weekly. I will have it running at the Lodge when I'm there. All ideas are welcome, (although they may be ignored...LOL) for improving it. I seriously need help with the decorative side of things.



2009 Street Bob (NICE EH?)

As of this writing, the raffle bike is being cleaned and prepared for its debut at the Oyster Roast on the 29th of March. I hope you all got a chance to get out and see it as well as Eat, Drink and be Merry. After that, it will be making every local event I can get to, to get the word out. If you know of a local event that could be a good place to sell tickets, please let me know. The more exposure we can get for the Bike, the better. A special thanks to Todd and Sam Spencer for taking a bunch of tickets to Protocol. Hopefully, they spark interest in our lodge events statewide.

In Elks brotherly love,
Dan and Janice Haney



Alton M. Butler

November 30, 1925 – September 18, 2008

John G. McCord, PER

August 31, 1956 – March 9, 2009

"The faults of our brothers, we write upon the sand. Their virtues we inscribe on tablets of love and memory."

FROM THE SECRETARY:

Welcome Samantha Spencer to the Secretary desk. She will officially take my place in "the tower" on April 04th with installation of officers. Please be patient as we work out transition. I will still be available to help her with membership and dues. Speaking of dues!!!! Remember April 01, 2009 starts our new Elk year. Please pay the new amount of \$85.00. You may include any contribution to youth camp, building fund, drug awareness, or Elks National Foundation with your dues payment. Do **NOT** include any other fees i.e. locker fees, etc.

Thanks for all your support during the past two years.

Teri Lynn Linardich (t-lo)



Our heartfelt condolences to the Hinson Family for the loss of Donna Hinson's beloved mother Ellen Loranger, who passed away March 11, 2009.

**Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.**

~Author Unknown

Goodbyes

There is an empty spot inside of thee

It's there inside for all to see

This one time will not erase

It's always there this empty space

Eventually life will cover this

This empty spot of the one we miss

Now we feel we must grieve

But love and memory never leave

So even though we hurt today

We will not always feel this way

Pain will leave life goes on

We will never forget you John

- The Unknown Elk

I wish you health

I wish you wealth

And happiness galore

I wish you heaven when you die

What could I wish you more

May your joys be as deep as the ocean

Your troubles as light as its foam

And may you find sweet peace of mind

Wherever you may roam

- By John G. McCord, PER

MARDI GRAS

The Mardi-Gras/ENF fundraiser was held 2/21 and turned out to be a really good party! We had a great turnout (71 people out of 75 available tickets) and everyone who came out enjoyed some fantastic food, cold drinks, and jello for dessert. The place was packed as games were played, beads traded and money was raised till after midnight.

We auctioned off quite a few items (thanks Jody), and Paul Shoemaker was high bidder for the bottle of Beam, keeping with custom he donated the bottle back to be auctioned off again next year (thanks Paul). In all, the event raised over \$2500.00 for the ENF.

Anita and I would like to thank everyone who came out to the event, and to all those who helped make it happen. Special thanks got out to the cooks (all of them donated their dishes) Stirling Fitzrandolph, Ken Vaden, Paul Shoemaker, Kim Wade, Dan and Jan Haney, ER CaleyT-Lo, Kathy Walker, Renae Bates, and Joan Fialkowski. Special thanks also to those who contributed door prizes and auction items. Stirling, Bev Hamby, Renae Bates, Linda Phoenix, PER Tim Mudge, Anita Tilghman, Dan and Jan and Teri Linardich. Anita, Jody, Drew Dayton, John Corrado and Stirling handled set up, Chris Gilman and Kathy Hobbs took care of the door, Terry Ortega mixed the hurricanes, and Sam Spencer (with a helping hand from Todd) made sure no one went thirsty. Annie Yoder took care of jello distribution and also did major part of the clean up, with help from Dan and Jan, T-Lo and me. If I left someone out I apologize but I'm working with the sign up sheet and memory (which isn't too good).

Thanks again to all who have supported the Elks National Foundation, "a good time was had by all".

Fraternally,
Steve Sabin

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Everyone please keep Mark Goetz, "Glass Dave" Haber, Maureen "Mo" Hodges, and Cheryl Keller- Corrado in your thoughts and prayers.

!!RIDE & DINE!!

April 11th following the Poker Run
(7:00-9:00 pm—At the VB Lodge)



Char-Grilled to Order

New York Strip Steak

One inch thick, 16 oz & served with Béarnaise Sauce

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Buttered Corn Niblets

Tossed Salad Dinner Rolls



\$10.00

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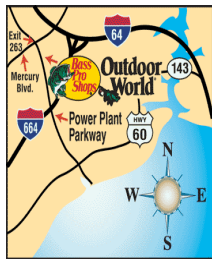
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Angie Depetris
- 22 Todd Beck PER
- 23 C. Anderson
- 24 Kathy Allen
- 25 Sara Kuchtyn
- 29 Ed Morgan
- 30 Lewis Riggs



Our Lodge is honored to welcome our newest member:

Quinn Duckett

Initiated in March

Proposed by Carson Legros

Congratulations Quinn!

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3	4 OFFICER INSTALLATION 5 PM WELCOME DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
5 PALM SUNDAY	6 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	7	8	9 PASSOVER	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 POKER RUN LEAVE LODGE 10:30 AM STEAK DINNER 7 PM – 9PM \$10.00/'til gone
12  EASTER	13	14	15	16 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30 PM	17 NONIE'S MEATLOAF DINNER 7 PM	18
19	20 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	21	22	23	24	25 FOWL UP 1 – 4 pm \$18/Advance \$20/Door
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