

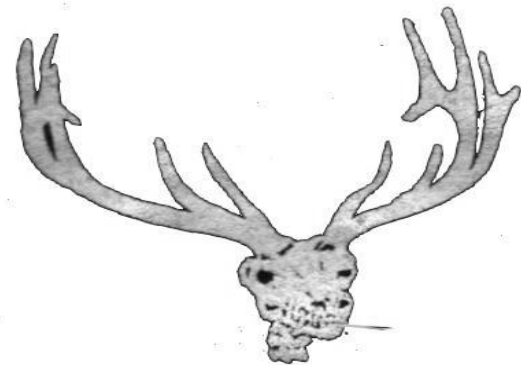


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MAY 2009



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THE VIRGINIA BEACH ELKS LODGE 2268
113 S. FIRST COLONIAL ROAD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
(757) 425-6708

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Monday Closed
Tuesday 7PM-9PM
Wednesday-Thursday 6PM-9PM
Friday 6PM-???
Saturday Varies
Sunday Closed

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EXALTED RULER.....ROBERT M. CALEY, **PER**
LEADING KNIGHT.....PAUL SHOEMAKER
LOYAL KNIGHT.....TODD SPENCER
LECTURING KNIGHT..... DAN HANEY
SECRETARY.....SAMANTHA SPENCER
TREASURER.....BEVERLY HAMBY, **PER**
ESQUIRE.....MICHAEL WINTER
CHAPLAIN..... CLIFF BOCCHICCHIO
TILER..... THOMAS DWYER
INNER GUARD.....BOBBY PLUMMER

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IN VA BEACH MONDAY MAY 25TH

The 2009 Memorial Day Ceremony, to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces "who gave their all", will be celebrated as the Virginia Beach Mayor's Veterans Committee commemorates Memorial Day in Virginia Beach, at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial located along 19th Street across from the Convention Center. The Citizen's Vigil will be held from 10 am – 2 pm, Monday, May 25th. The formal ceremony is scheduled from 12 pm. to 1 p.m. with a flyover (weather permitting).

This is the event for the Laying of Wreaths honoring all veterans by representatives, fraternal and veteran's organizations. All Elks are strongly encouraged to participate in the ceremony. This year we are requesting if at all possible for everyone to wear the Elk's Red T-shirts. If you do not have an Elks Red T-Shirt it is not too late to purchase one from IB Dacyczyn with proceeds going to the Veteran's at the Hampton VA Hospital. We are anticipating the NJROTC from Green Run High School leading us in the procession. So please come out and honor our Veteran's, and all of our current and former Armed Service men and women!!!!



The Tidewater Veterans Memorial stands in tribute to veterans of all wars and current military personnel. Six years under design and construction, it was completed in 1988, and has received awards for design and public art. The memorial is located on 19th Street, across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center with ample parking available. The Veterans Memorial Park, dedicated to those service members who honorably served their country, is located directly behind the Tidewater Veterans Memorial.

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Greetings to all, we are now under way on our new Elk Year. We had about 55 members, guests, and many Dignitaries come out for the Installation of Officers including our present DD. I believe that is the most I have seen attend in recent history. We held a flag raising ceremony in honor of Joe Powell and flew his flag over the Lodge as requested by his family. We had Green Run High School NJROTC as Color Guard and they performed a very well executed ceremony for us, a tip of the antler goes out to them. I would like to thank everyone involved in helping out with this event from the Chef and his staff that put on an amazing feed, the bartenders, all that helped prepare the lodge for our guests and to the supplier of fireworks that helped light up the night sky and all those that helped to clean up. A good time was had by all! Our annual Oyster Roast was attended by many and turned out to be very successful thanks to the awesome crew that worked so hard. The Poker Run to benefit our brother in need was another successful event with a good size turn out. As I am writing this our Fowl up is still a few days out but I am confident that it will be a good event as well.

May 1st we will have members go to Bayside Elementary School for their Spring Festival with DAP materials, Youth Camp Applications and potting soil and seeds so the kids can plant flowers for Mothers Day. For ENF we ended up 2nd in the state and 8th in the Nation for donations to the foundation "Great Job 2268!!!" We will be making Mothers Day Brunch on May 10th and will need help preparing the food; there will be a sign up sheet posted. Youth Camp work weekend will be May 15th- 17th all interested should sign up so Butch can get a head count. Our 1st meeting on the 4th will be voting on proposed members, May 18th will be our 1st initiation of new members for this Elks year. Memorial Day is the 25th and we will be laying the wreath at the memorial as usual but this year we are going to try to get The Green Run NJROTC Color Guard to march in front of us. This year's Rib Fest will be on the 30th if you need tickets see Bald Mike, Paul or Bonnie Shoemaker or Butch, if you have tickets please sell them quickly and turn in the stubs so the people in charge will be able to estimate how much food to prepare. This can be another successful year for the 2268 if we all pitch in and help out. We seem to have what many other lodges don't and that is a willingness of most of our members to jump in and Get-er-done! I am very proud to be able to go out and exclaim; "I am the Exalted Ruler of Virginia Beach #2268!" the only reason I can do that is because of all of you my fellow brothers and sisters of the Mighty 2268. **YOU ROCK!!!**

**Fraternally,
Robert M. Caley, PER
Exalted Ruler
757-641-2771**

LET'S GET BEHIND OUR ER

My Brothers and Sisters,

As the newly elected Lecturing Knight, I feel obligated to Lecture. (Just kidding) I appreciate the honor of being elected to this position and pray I fulfill the obligation in a manner that brings honor to our lodge and our order.

I'm writing this to ask everyone's help in moving our lodge forward. As we have a new batch of officers, I feel a sense of new beginning. I have heard many concerns from those who want to keep our lodge as is. However, we **MUST** move forward if we are to become a better organization.

I for one, pledge to assist with every event I am able to. As an officer of the lodge, it is what I signed up for and take the obligation seriously. For other members, we still need you to assist where you can. In these hard economic times, many of our brothers have fallen on hard times financially. However, there is always solace in the lodge. And, there are many things you can do to help in the lodge that doesn't require a financial setback. Work an event or two, help with clean up, or just be there to lend a hand where needed. The little efforts of many people make the total burden much lighter.

Finally, we have elected an Exalted Ruler. He is our leader. If you disagree with something, the meeting room is the place to air those disagreements. We all have a say in how the lodge goes forward. If you want to be a part, you must attend the meetings or at the very least have a proxy to bring your ideas and concerns to the meeting. Only there, will things that effect the lodge be turned into action. If once the discussion is done, the answer is something other than what you would like, at least you had input. I, for one, will back the decision of the meetings even if I don't agree with them. The leader leads with the input of the members. The ability to follow the leader, even when you think your idea is better, is true Brotherly Love. It shows you are thinking in terms of the lodge as a whole and its success, instead of your own.

Dan Haney

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

P.S. Motorcycle raffle tickets.....Sell, Sell, Sell (thought you'd get away without me saying it didn't you?)

YOUTH CAMP WORK WEEKEND

Youth Camp work weekend is going to be May 15, 16, 17th. Work to be done is shingle the Rangers trailer roof, replace the skirting that blew down and some painting along with general clean up. Please have people prepare accordingly.

All who would like to participate please contact our new Tiler Thomas "Butch" Dwyer. You may work hard but you will play harder on this weekend boys and girls!

MEMORIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

At the request of Brother Joe Powell's family, The Virginia Beach Elks has flown his flag over our Lodge. Following the installation of officers at Va. Beach Lodge BPOE #2268, our lodge had a brief ceremony honoring our recently departed brother, Joe Powell, Past Exalted Ruler, Past District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler, Past State President of the Virginia Elks Association, former chairman of many Committees, Great friend and mentor to Virginia Beach Elks lodge, recently passed on.

The Green Run Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Honor Guard preformed a very impressive raising of Brother Joe Powell's flag over our lodge. Cadet Commanding Officer Megan Johnston with the assistance of Cadet Kelly Lagoy lowered the lodge American Flag then raised Joe Powell's American Flag. Cadet Chris Lee and Chad Shevin impressively demonstrated their skill in rifle handling drills while escorting the flag. Exalted Ruler Robert Caley PER then made a very moving speech honoring Brother Joe, he then thanked the Green Run NJROTC for their respectful, patriotic display and thanked all who attended. Brother Joe's flag will now be displayed in a permanent place of honor within the lodge.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK!!!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES week is here!!! Virginia Beach Elks are marking the week by helping the Bayside Elementary School PTA with their annual Spring Festival. We will be there to help the children plant a seed that will hopefully sprout by mother's day. We will have camp applications and drug awareness material. The event is held at the school on Bayside Road from 6-8pm. Set up for us will be between 5-5:30. All are welcome. Dan Haney has donated 2 bags of potting soil and some seeds. We could use more soil and some small cups to plant the seed in...Most of all we need YOU. Please contact Teri at 831-4467 to get more information.

LOCKER FEES

Lockers fees are due, June 1, 2009. Locker Fees are only \$10/year. Anyone interested in obtaining a locker see C-Ray.

Volunteer Bartenders Needed

Anyone interested in bartending at the lodge a couple times a month please see C-Ray we have a couple openings and with the upcoming tourist season we may try to expand our hours on weekends. Bartending is generally pretty easy and it can be a lot of fun seeing what goes on from the other side of the bar.

C-Ray Kinney

House Committee Chairman

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please remember to keep Thelmond Hinson and family in your thoughts and prayers. Our heartfelt condolences to Cheryl Keller-Corrado for the recent loss of her dearly beloved "Daddy" Raymond Keller. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Virginia Beach Elks Schedule of Events 2009-'10 (757) 425-6708

Mother's Day Brunch	May 10th 2009
Rib Roast	May 30th 2009
Luau	June 27th 2009
Vets Run Harley Raffle	July 19th 2009
Shrimp Fest	August 22nd 2009
P.E.R. Roast	September ?? 2009 (*)
Membership Drive	September ?? 2009 (*)
50/50 Dinner	October 17th 2009
Fun Run	November ?? 2009 (*)
Thanksgiving Dinner	November 26th 2009
Elks Memorial Service	December 6th 2009
After Christmas Party	January 16th 2010
Tail Gate Party	January ?? 2010 (*)
Mardi Gras	February ?? 2010 (*)
Spring Oyster Roast	March 28th 2010
	(*) Exact date has not been scheduled.

Please contact the Virginia Beach Elks Lodge at 425-6708 or a Member for further information concerning event tickets or times. You can also see what we are doing at our website <http://vbelks.org>



VA Beach Elks Lodge #2268

Presents



Rib Fest



Saturday May 30th

4 PM till 7 PM

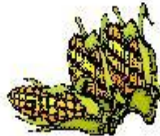
\$20.00 In

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DOOR PRIZES

BARBEQUE & SMOKED
PORK & BEEF RIBS
PLENTY OF SIDE DISHES
BEVERAGES



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Chairpersons:

Mike Winter, Bonnie & Paul Shoemaker & Butch Dwyer

VETERANS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, May 13th, we'll be setting up a booth again to entertain the Vets at the Hampton VA Hospital. More help is needed mostly for making them feel welcome and assisting with the games. Time needed is roughly between 10a and 4p. They have really enjoyed this in the past years. Anyone wishing to help, please contact C-Ray or Mark Goetz.

Thanks in advance,
Mark G

Dear Elk Brothers and Sisters,

In an effort to try and sell more motorcycle raffle tickets this year we have decided to do a special raffle drawing. For every ticket that is purchased from a member of the motorcycle committee we will be putting a special raffle ticket into a bucket. This does not count for books of tickets that have been signed out or tickets purchased from someone other than the people listed below. This ticket will need to have your name and phone number on the back of it. The drawing will be held at the Vet's Run.

The prize will consist of a mystery set of adult prizes. Winner MUST be 21 years of age to participate.

The motorcycle raffle committee consists of Dan Haney, Jan Haney, Todd Spencer and Sam Spencer only.

In Brotherly Love,
Dan & Jan Haney

BALLOTING ON NEW CANDIDATES MAY 4TH

John Laurie
Ed Thorne
Heath Duckett

- Proposed by Ray Kinney
- Proposed by Ricky Newman
- Proposed by Quinn Duckett

NEW MEMBER

Congratulations to our newest member Kenneth Heckman
Welcome to Elkdom!

Virginia Beach Elk's **THURSDAY** Dinner



Char-Grilled To Order

**Bacon-Mushroom
Cheeseburger**
*with french fries, lettuce,
onion & tomato*

\$4.50

6-8 pm

EVERY THURSDAY—ALL SPRING & SUMMER!

Fellow Elks:

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the new top on the bar with the lodge pins from all over the U.S. embedded. Over 400 pins were donated from many of our members for it. Every pin is from a lodge one of our members has been to. Hats off and a tip of the antlers go to Terry Bobka, Tim Mudge, and Curtis Smith for their tireless efforts (approx 10 hrs) to get the pins laid in before the surface could be poured. Thanks also to Monty Wade and Todd Spencer whose loaning of the proper tools for the job made it much easier. I'd like to suggest when you see one of these Elks, buy 'em a beverage of their choice in appreciation..

In the same vein, everyone take note of the lighted portion of the upright cooler. Tim Mudge has done more of his magic etching to replace the cooler logo, with a cooler 2268 sign. Thanks Tim.

Volunteer, that's why we're here!!

Mark Goetz



MAY 10, 2009

It's that time of year again when we get to thank the most important person in our life, **MOM**. As always we will be having a brunch in honor of Mother's Day. Bring her down to the lodge beginning at 10:30 a.m. and her meal is on us! (all non-moms \$5.00) Anyone wishing to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. See Todd Spencer for further info.



Virginia Beach Elks #2268 12th Annual



Our Vets Will Never Be Forgotten.



- **MUSIC**
 - **FOOD**
 - **DOOR PRIZES**
 - **TROPHIES**
- ✓ *Largest Club*
✓ *Largest Association*

2009

Registration: 9-11am
Leaving Bass Pro Shop
Parking Lot at 11:30am
Parade to Veteran's Ho
Hampton, Va.



Sunday July 19th

**FREE T-Shirt with Pre-
registration**
**Pre-registration ends:
July 7th 2009**

Registration Fee: \$20/Person
\$15/Passenger
All proceeds of the event benefit
the VA Hospital, Hampton, Va
For More Info, Phone:
(757) 425-6708 (Lodge)
(757) 477-3548 (Norine Kuhn)

\$20 **Pre-registration Form** **\$15**

Rider Due by: July 7th, 2009 **Passenger**

Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Phone: _____

T-Shirt: Black Grey Med Lg XL XXL

I, the undersigned, release the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks (B.P.O.E) and Affiliates from any liabilities. I take sole responsibility for all my actions.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Club/Association: _____

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THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am writing to thank everyone who supported my work as secretary of this lodge for the past two years. It has been a learning experience for me. First off, I was able to put faces and names together and get to know new members as well as old members. I enjoyed welcoming the eager faces of new members on Initiation Meetings and handing them the precious membership card. I was proud to document the numerous hard hours that all of us volunteer to make our cause for Veterans and the Youth and those in need in our community. I have watched proudly as our Exalted Rulers, officers, and members represent our tiny lodge at District Deputy Clinics, and State and National Conventions. I have stood sadly and called out names of our departed family. I have had the honor of sharing the 11 o'clock toast with my friends and guests at the end of a long night in my office in the "tower". Many a time I would leave the tower frustrated with the computer after not being able to get it to cooperate, sometimes with tears in my eyes, but always greeted with a hug and a reassuring word from my brothers and sisters, and a cold beverage. Many a time food and drink were brought to me with a smile and conversation so I never felt left out of the lodge fun downstairs. There are way too many of you to mention in this small note but I hope you know how much your thoughtfulness counts.

I would like to Thank PER IB Paul Dacyzcyn for helping me with many little details, especially my special step stool. Beverly Hamby PER and Treasurer for being patient with my math, and mood. PER Tim Mudge for his year of leadership, a listening ear and fetching mail at the Post Office. Mark Goetz for his webmaster skills and hugs. Chaplain, Kathy Hobbs for her reminders, and feedback and providing me with a new nickname. All the trustees who I once left in the dark!! Ken Vaden, Head Trustee and Officer of the Year, for all his help getting House Committee and Lodge expenses in a common sense order. Casey O'Connor, Elk of the Year, for his help with my panicked phone calls about computer glitches and his patience teaching me computer skills I didn't know I possessed. Bob Caley PER, Exalted Ruler, for his perseverance for change and for constructing the stepping stones that will make our lodge strong. Thank you to Samantha Spencer, our new Lodge Secretary, who has taken the challenge to continue the tradition and honor the secretary position. Last but not least, Steve Sabin, who constantly reminds me "It will be alright". Join me in welcoming and supporting all our new officers as they face the Elk year ahead.

Thank you.
Teri Lynn Linardich

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Are you a member???????

An integral part of being an ELK is supporting all of the programs of the order of ELK. What better way then to fully support the great heart of elkdom, The Elks National Foundation.

Through a single donation to the foundation, you and the members of our lodge can assist many areas of our society.....Children, through the "Hoop Shoot" program....."Most Valuable Student" Awards.....The ELKS National Home.....National Service Commission (VETERANS).....and the Drug Awareness Program just to name a few.

All these programs need our help now. Through a donation, whether large or small, to the principal fund of the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, we can continue to increase the distributions to these various programs.

The focus is on membership.....Membership in THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. A \$100.00 participating membership pledge can be paid in annual payments of \$10.00 per year. A \$1000.00 Honorary founder or Permanent Benefactor Pledge can be paid in increments of \$100.00 per year.

Our goal for 2009/2010 should be to have all members of our lodge support the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. Let's make this a 100% participating lodge. As little as \$10.00 per year can help us reach this worthy goal.

To sign up, Contact our ENF Chairman, STEVE SABIN.

Fraternally,
Bob Clark, PER

MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!

- 3 ROYCE CAUSBY
TIM GADELL
- 5 KEITH SHELBURNE
- 6 DAVID BUTTS
- 7 ROSS JOHNSON
- 13 BETH JOHNSON
- 17 DONNA VISZKOC SIL
- 19 TONYA COX
RON MACE
ANITA TILGHMAN
- 23 JOHN BILLHIMER, III
- 27 STEVE "BULLDOG" JOHNSON





CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!
2008/2009 Elk Year

Ken Vaden – Officer of the Year
Casey O'Connor – Elk of the Year

**Tip of the Antlers to you both for all your hard work
and dedication this past year! Way to go Guys!**

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				THURS NITES HAMBURGER NIGHT ALL SPRING & SUMMER	1 SPRING FESTIVAL BAYSIDE ELEM. 5-8PM	2
3	4 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM BALLOTING	5	6	7 HAMBURGER NIGHT 6 - 8 PM	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10:30 AM	11	12	13 VA CARNIVAL 10AM - 4PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	14 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30 HAMBURGERS	15 YOUTH CAMP WORK WEEKEND	16 YOUTH CAMP WORK WEEKEND
17 YOUTH CAMP WORK WEEKEND	18 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM INITIATION	19	20	21 HAMBURGER NIGHT 6 - 8 PM	22	23
24	 12 - 1 PM Laying of Wreath	26 MOVIE NIGHT 7:30 PM	27 TRUSTEE MEETING 7:30 PM	28 HAMBURGER NIGHT 6 - 8 PM	29	30 RIB FEST 4 - 7PM \$20/Advance \$22/Door
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