

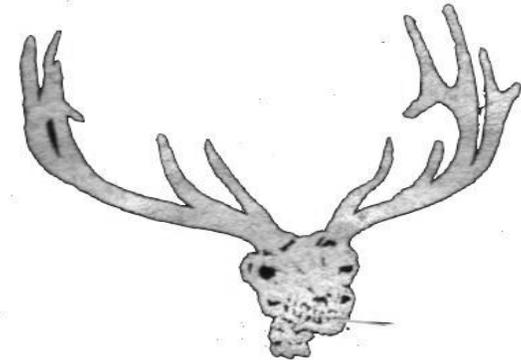


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# THE BEACON

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JUNE 2009



**"THIS AIN'T YOUR  
DADDY'S LODGE!"** ©

THE VIRGINIA BEACH ELKS LODGE 2268  
113 S. FIRST COLONIAL ROAD  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

(757) 425-6708

Lodge Hours:

Monday Closed

Tuesday 7PM-9PM

wednesday-thursday 6PM-9PM

Friday 6PM-???

Saturday 6PM-9PM

Sunday Closed

[www.vbelks.org](http://www.vbelks.org)

**LODGE OFFICERS**

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

**TRUSTEES:**

TIM MUDGE, **PER**  
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**ADVERTISING**

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3373 West Neck Road

Virginia Beach, VA. 23456

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Locker rental fees are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not paid your locker fees please get the money in as soon as possible to any bartender on duty.

All delinquents will be posted in the July Newsletter.

C-Ray Kinney

House Committee Chairman

# LUAU

**SATURDAY JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**4pm – 7 pm**

**Come and enjoy food with a  
Polynesian flair  
live entertainment  
door prizes/raffles  
and cold beverages**

**For tickets and additional  
Information, please contact the lodge  
425-6708**



## **FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

**Bring Dad down to the lodge on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
from 10am – 1pm for a special Father's Day  
Brunch. Dads eat for free! Non-dads \$5.00. If  
anyone is interested in helping out there will be a  
sign up sheet posted downstairs in the lodge. For  
further info contact Pam Vaden.**

## **EXALTED RULER MESSAGE**

Here it is already June and we have accomplished much already this year, most recently we have covered our Youth Activities requirement by helping Bayside Elementary School with their Spring Festival. We were able to hand out DAP materials and Youth Camp applications at this event. We also had a big crowd for our Mothers Day Brunch that helped us with that requirement, we participated at The Veterans Hospital Carnival as usual, we sent people up to the Youth Camp for work weekend, initiated 2 new members, performed Highway Clean up and laid a wreath at The Memorial Day Ceremony at Virginia Beach Veterans Memorial. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we will have had our Rib Fest that will be the close of another busy Month for us at #2268. A huge tip of the antlers goes out to all of you that work so hard to get all this work done in our lodge!

This month many of us will be attending the VEA Spring Convention being held in Lynchburg the 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day and there will be many of us on the road returning from the convention and we will not be able to participate in Flag Day ceremonies, we had been searching and trying to secure a proper venue to hold a Flag Day Ceremony on another day, so all could participate but none could be found that we thought would be appropriate in the time frame that we had. However Hampton and Newport News have teamed up and will hold a ceremony at Hampton Lodge on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and all are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend that one, Norfolk lodge will also be performing another Ceremony on June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm at Lake Taylor Hospital. Our Luau will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. This is always a good event with lots of good food and good times. There is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board if you would like to help out and tickets are available from Todd and Samantha Spencer or most other members. On another note, lately there have been several Members that have been trying to lobby me and get me pulled off in one direction or another. I know that this is common for a 1<sup>st</sup> term ER to

## EXALTED RULER MESSAGE CONTINUED

experience and I know that it is usually inevitable for this type of thing to happen. Well **“THIS AIN’T MY FIRST RODEO!”** You all know me and your actions fall on deaf ears! If you have a good idea or think you know the direction that the lodge should move, by all means go to a meeting and let your views be heard by the membership, they are the ones that make decisions. My job requires me to be fair and impartial and I have a whole book of procedures that I must follow; I do not even get a vote on issues concerning the lodge. It is up to you the membership to decide where you want to go. Please feel free to talk to me about the weather or bikes or anything else in the lounge just don’t talk to me about issues that I have no control over.

Fraternally,

Robert M. Caley, PER  
Exalted Ruler



## FLAG DAY CEREMONIES

To all those interested in attending Flag Day Ceremonies, Hampton and Newport News Lodges are hosting a Ceremony on Flag Day at the Hampton lodge beginning at 5pm also those of you that will not be able to make that one, Norfolk Lodge will be holding a Flag Day Ceremony at the Lake Taylor Hospital on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June beginning at 2:30pm.

## Greetings fellow Elks,

As we close in on the Vets run and Motorcycle raffle, we are beginning to see a lack of sales compared with last year. We are looking at less than ½ of the money needed to pay for the bike. My biggest fear is that the raffle will end up causing a loss to the lodge. Please, push the Raffle tickets. I know it’s rough. All I ask is give it your best.

Janice and I would like to have all unsold tickets returned by 01 July. This will allow us the ability to track unsold tickets and have them available for re-distribution. If you intend to buy the tickets you are presently holding, then don’t worry about the 1 July deadline. However, please ensure they are paid for before the drawing on July 19<sup>th</sup>. This is only for those you were trying to sell to others. Tickets will still be available for purchase up until the drawing.

Also be advised, the VA hospital has a strict NO TICKET SALES policy at the hospital. If someone is interested in buying a ticket the day of the event, they must buy it at the Bass Pro Shop before the hospital visit, or wait until we arrive at the Hampton Lodge.

Shifting topics just a bit and putting on my Lecturing Knight hat for a moment. I realized just how much many of our members do in this lodge after seeing the excellent Mothers Day brunch. And there were many who helped who didn’t sign up. Thinking back at the last event I was in charge of, I had so much going on that I had to resort to the sign up list to make sure everyone got a thank you. Only later did I realize that I had missed some people. This wasn’t an intentional slight. It was an oversight by the older, pickled brain that rest inside my head.

If you show up to help, please put your name on the signup sheet. (Even if it is during or after the event) It helps old forgetful guys like me remember who was there helping. Things like cutting the grass before events and putting up the tables so the grass can grow after an event are all things that need done and seldom does the person get recognized.

A “Thank You” isn’t much, but it is all most of us can afford in this economy. For those I may have missed in the past, please forgive me and know that any and all help is truly appreciated.

Yours in Brotherly love,

Dan Haney  
Lecturing Knight

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES/DRUG AWARENESS**

Thanks to all who made the Spring Festival at Bayside Elementary a success. We had five dedicated members turn out to help the kids decorate a cup and plant flower seeds for Mothers Day gifts. Thanks to Beverly Hamby and IB Dacyzcyn for handing out Drug Awareness material and Youth Camp information. Thanks to Joan Fialkowski for helping the kids decorate cups with stickers and Farmer Dan Haney for his special planting tips, donations of seed and soil and story read. On the sideline thanks to Joe Desmet for donations of seed and soil.

I am officially relinquishing my duties as Youth Activities and Drug Awareness Chair to Joan Fialkowski. Thank you to all members who have lent support throughout my time as Chair of this worthwhile committee. Please lend Joan your support as she takes over with many new ideas.

Volunteer That's Why We're HERE!

T-LO (Teri Linardich)

## **LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

To all Committee Chairpersons:

Robert Clark, PER has requested that you all attend a meeting on Monday 15 June that will be held after the regular Lodge meeting. This meeting is to help you understand the operation of these committees and to get you required materials and guidebooks to help you perform your duties as a Chairperson properly. This meeting is to be attended by all that signed up on the Committee Chairperson sheet that was passed around the lodge at the beginning of the new Elk year. I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at this meeting!

Bob-ER

## **WORK CAMP WEEKEND**

Fellow Elks,

We had a successful Work Weekend at the Elks Youth Camp May 15-17 2009. I want to thank Petersburg, Onancock, Newport News and Hampton lodges for their donations towards supporting the volunteers. With the help of a few other Regions, our Southeast volunteers managed to tear off and replace the roof on the Ranger's Modular Home, also we rebuilt screen doors in the Dining Hall and performed required maintenance on grounds keeping equipment. I want thank the Hampton Lodge for their volunteers and all the hard work. Mike Journell the Camp Ranger and Buster Shaner the Camp Maintenance Supervisor were very impressed with all the volunteers. We are donating \$186.10 in the name of Hampton, Newport News, Petersburg, Onancock and Virginia Beach to the Elks Youth Camp Maintenance Fund. I again want to say thank you to all that helped.

Thomas(Butch)Dwyer

Lodge #2268 Virginia Beach

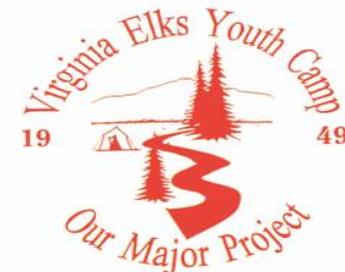
Southeast Youth Camp Volunteer

## **YOUTH CAMP**

The schedules for sponsored kids from Virginia Beach Lodge are the following weeks:

Girls July 12-18 Ages eight (8) and twelve (12)

Boys August 2-8 Ages nine (9) and thirteen (13)



# FOWL UP

## THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

We want to say a big THANK YOU to all our brothers and sisters that came and helped out at the Fowl up. It wouldn't have been the great success without you.

We should start with the backyard – which looked great!!

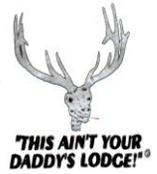
Special thanks to Steve Sabin who every year donates the turkeys, and also cooks all of them, you're the best. Then of course the cooking of the chicken – thanks to Ken and Scott – couldn't have done it without you. Thank you Annie, ER Bob, Teri L, Butch, Jan for all the great sides. All the servers who stood back there the entire time making sure there was enough food to go around. The bartenders inside and out that stuck with it the entire time. The ticket sales the numerous donations and door prizes they all helped make it a great success. Bob and Don for their wonderful contributions that made it possible for Chris and Kathy to do what they do so well. Bobby and Bev who sat at the door what would we do without you? Eric for taking care of the 50/50 – woo hoo!! You did great!! Then of course the dirty job of the clean up – you all got right in there and helped Monty get it done, thanks. If we have missed anyone it is not intentional just too numerous to name. We appreciate everyone that just pitched in and helped. Thanks for making the first outdoor party of 2009 a great success.

Thanks to everyone.

Bonnie & Paul Shoemaker



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12th Annual



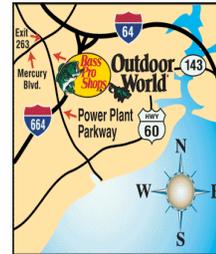
Our Vets Will Never Be Forgotten.



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

2009

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



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

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Med  Lg  XL  XXL

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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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## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Hello Everyone,

Casey here

I just wanted to say thank you for all your support and honoring me as Elk of the Year.

You Guys and Gals really got me.... The Ol' lady was very surprised, and so was I.

Every last person in the lodge touches me....Well not in that way...But our members have something that most want, and would not get without the chemistry that our lodge has.

We are the Mighty 2268, and that has been proven, our extended Family.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

P.S.

No wonder you Guys Love Me... I'm an Action Hero!!!!



**1st – James Moore**  
**3rd – James Hughes**  
**4th – Ken Vaden**  
**5th – Joe Hill**  
**10th – “Bald Mike” Winter**  
**11th – Paul Bergman**  
**14<sup>th</sup> - Mark Goetz**  
**16th – Tom Vitz**  
**17th – Melody Winter**  
**20th – David Brosius**  
**Michael Cheuvront**  
**21st - John Roditski**  
**28th – Bobby Plummer**  
**29th – Annie Yoder**  
**30th – “Terry 0” Ortega**



## **NEW MEMBERS!**

Please join me in welcoming our newest members  
Heath Duckett & John Laurie,  
initiated on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!!!

# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	2	3 WING NIGHT	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 WING NIGHT	11 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30	12 VEA SPRING CONVENTION LYNCHBURG	13 VEA SPRING CONVENTION LYNCHBURG
14 	15 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	16	17 WING NIGHT	18	19 FLAG DAY CEREMONY 2:30PM	20
21 FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10am – 1pm	22	23	24 WING NIGHT TRUSTEE MEETING 7:30	25	26	27 LUAU 4PM – 7 PM
28	29	30			FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT HAMPTON LODGE 5pm – JUNE 14TH FLAG DAY CEREMONY JUNE 19TH – 2:30 PM AT LAKE TAYLOR HOSPITAL	