



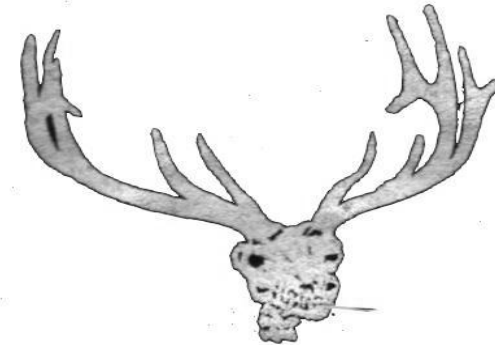
NOVEMBER
IS ELKS VETERANS
REMEMBRANCE
MONTH!!!

B.P.O.E. #2268
P.O. BOX 4543
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
23454

THE BEACON

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Of the United States of America
A Fraternal Organization

NOVEMBER 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 Varies
Sunday Closed
www.vbelks.org

LODGE OFFICERS

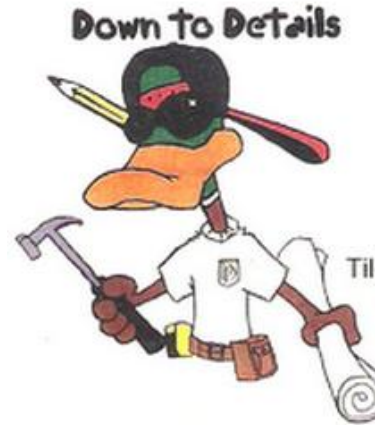
EXALTED RULER.....ROBERT M. CALEY, **PER**
LEADING KNIGHT.....PAUL SHOEMAKER
LOYAL KNIGHT.....TODD SPENCER
LECTURING KNIGHT.....DAN HANEY
SECRETARY.....SAMANTHA SPENCER
TREASURER.....BEVERLY HAMBY **PER**
ESQUIRE.....MICHAEL WINTER
CHAPLAIN.....CLIFF BOCCHICCHIO
TILER.....THOMAS DWYER
INNER GUARD.....BOBBY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

TRUSTEES:

TIM MUDGE, **PER**
MARK GOETZ
KEN VADEN
NICK SCHAFFNER
MONTY WADE

CONTACTS

WEBMASTER, Mark Goetz.....mgotez@cox.net
EDITOR, Carol Bratten.....newsletter2268@cox.net
WEB ADDRESS.....www.vbelks.org



Down to Details
"Your wings to improvement"

Steve Polk
Handyman

Plumbing Services - A/C - Heating
Tile - Decks - Pressure Washing - Etc.
Licensed and Insured

(757) 515-0076
Downtodetails@aol.com

Conner Mechanical Incorporated

Air Conditioning, Plumbing & Heating

Comercial & Residential

428- 0559

Leonard Conner

Robert Caley

Masters; Plumbing/ Mechanical/ Gas Fitter

3373 West Neck Road

Virginia Beach, VA. 23456

REDNECK RADIO SHOW
The Redneck DJ

Southern

Blues ~ Rock ~ Country

redbeagle@cox.net

757-340-1354



PASSING OF BROTHER DAVID HABER

Brothers and Sisters of the 2268, it is my sad duty to report to you that our brother David Haber has passed from our midst October 23rd 2009 approximately 5pm. Dave was a loving husband and father. Please remember to keep his family, Denise, Mandy, and Daniel in your thoughts and prayers. Dave had become a member of the Elks several years ago and loved our lodge and would help out any way that he could. Dave had been diagnosed with double lung cancer a while back and subsequently succumbed to complications arising from that disease. Dave will be sorely missed by all that knew him. "In vain we call. He who has passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death; the places that have known him shall know him no more; and again we realize that in the midst of life we are in death; that He who watches over all our destinies will again, on the last great day, unite the chain of Fraternal Love so recently broken." As with all ELKS, Dave will be Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken. To our Absent Brother!

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Hello 2268! October was once again a very busy month for us and we have accomplished much once again. We had much help from many members to make the VEA Fall Convention very successful for us, our Hospitality room was a huge hit. Friday night when Beagle was entertaining there was a line of guests outside the door waiting to enter. We successfully rallied enough delegates throughout the state to secure Beverly's election as our new State 4th Vice President at the business meeting on Saturday. As for the rest of the convention, let's just say you had to be there to really get it! (By the way there are photos and some of you will be getting it! He-He!) Next on the agenda was the Annual 50/50 Dinner, everyone was in a panic and sweating if we were going to have a successful event, well this is the 2268 and it seems as if these things always do work out. The weather was cool however all that attended had a good time. The car bashing was a real "HIT" and many took out pent up aggressions on that poor car. I would like to let everyone know that these things take great effort on many dedicated members part to be a success and it seems that we have a great core that does much work to keep us from failing. A much deserved tip of the antlers goes out to each and every one of you for your continued support and endless dedication to our lodge! The Bayside Elementary Fall Festival has not yet taken place at the time that I am writing this but I have every bit of confidence in our members that it will have been a success as well.

This month we have many more fun activities planned for the lodge! Saturday the 7th @ 6pm will be Elks Training, I have spoken with Bill Tennis, PSP and he has agreed to be our Proctor for the evening. Wednesday the 11th @ 8pm we will hold a candlelight vigil with a prayer in honor of all Veterans. Saturday the 14th will be our Annual Fun Run for the lodge. On the 16th we will have our D.D. Audit with initiation of new members, (I think we will be initiating 8 new members!). Thanksgiving Day falls on the 26th and as usual we will have a potluck dinner at the lodge all are welcome to attend.

We always have something going on at the lodge and we have room for more attendees at all of these events. Consider this an invitation to all to come and join us and help us to celebrate tradition and just some old fashioned fun.

Fraternally,

Robert M. Caley, PER
Exalted Ruler

DISTRICT DEPUTY AUDIT AND INITIATION

Our annual D.D. Audit will be held November 16th. There are several officers that are required to attend and be at the lodge at an early hour (they should know who they are). The audit begins at 5pm. The regular meeting will begin at 7:30pm as usual and we will be initiating 7 or 8 new members. Everyone should know that this will be a long meeting and with the DD there we should all dress accordingly. I am sure that we will have a full house so be prepared for it.

ELKS TRAINING

This year Elks Training will be held Saturday November 7th beginning @ 6pm. Brother Bill Tennis, PSP has accepted the invitation to be our Proctor for this event. Many of you have been to Elks Training and understand what it is about. For those of you that have never been to this event this is how it works. Basically Elks Training is a class that helps everyone to better understand the Constitution and Statutes' of our Order. Each year the questions are different and each attendee has the opportunity to gain a better understanding of how our organization works through the laws that govern us. This is a great chance for everyone to be educated in the ways of Elkdom and each will receive a Citation from the Grand Lodge after they have completed this one evening course. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. I hope to see all of you there! There will be refreshments afterwards.
Bob-ER

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep Thelmond Hinson, Mark Goetz, Bobby Plummer, Robert Clark, and Denise Haber and Family in your thoughts and prayers.

VETERANS DAY PRAYER AND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

In honor of our Veteran's, we will hold a Candlelight Vigil and Prayer at the Lodge on Veteran's Day November 11th at 8pm. This would be another good opportunity to wear your RED T-SHIRT to show support of our Vets. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL FUN RUN

Once again it is time for us to have a little fun! **Saturday, November 14th** we will be having our annual **FUN RUN**. Meet at the lodge at 10 am for registration and to sign the poster. Leaving at 11 am, with destinations to be announced and ending back at the lodge for some warm food and cold beverages. Registration Fee is \$10/per Bike - \$5/rider.
Rain or shine.
Todd Spencer

FRIDAY NIGHT MEAT RAFFLES

The cows are trembling..."This Ain't Your Daddy's Lodge" is now raffling off **FLINTSTONE SIZE STEAKS!** Could be T-bones, Ribeyes, NY Strips, Who Knows???. Whatever we have it will be bigger than what your "daddy" used to bring home. Come on down have some fun and bring home a huge chunk of cow!!!



50/50 DINNER

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

The 50 / 50 dinner is over and we all lived through it. (Although, many don't remember parts of it). A good time was had by all and it is time for me to put forth my message of sincere appreciation for all of the help. As I have said many times. One person chairs an event but it takes the lodge to make it happen.

First, I would like to thank Eric Scott and Linda Phoenix for the great job of setting up, running and cleaning up afterward of what I hope we will make an annual event. We smashed a car with the proceeds going to the building fund. It was done safely and professionally.

Next is a crew of "usual suspects" who tend to be at every event and are always helping out. They include; Ken and Pam Vaden, Steve Sabin and Terri Linardich, Monty and Kim Wade, Joe DeSmet, Cliff Bocchicchio (the Chaplain), Todd and Sam Spencer, Bobby Plummer, C Ray Kinney, Don Williams, Roxanne and Dale Heckman, Carol Bratten, Renea Bates, Kathy Hobbs who pushed to sell those last few tickets (Very BIG thanks) and of course our ER Bob Caley.

A special thanks for door prizes to Chick-fil-a General Booth, Diesel Bar and Grill, Kenny from Art Walkers, Monty and Kim Wade (bunches of stuff), Bev Hamby, Tim (TimPer) Mudge, Linda Phoenix, Stephanie Park, Joan Fialkowski and the band that rocks...Freestyle.

A special thanks to "Bald" Mike Winter, my "Vanna" for the evening. He did a wonderful job. (We just need to remember to keep flammable liquids away from him people!) Great job to Eric and his "fireman" impression. VBFD would have been in awe. (or AWWWW...lol)

Finally, I couldn't have done any of this without the lady with the traveling office, the love of my life Janice.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped and to those who showed up just to enjoy our hospitality and support the event. You are probably the most important ingredient in any event.

Dan Haney
Lecturing Knight

SHOW YOUR 2268 PRIDE

Reminder to all who would like Elks 2268 Winter Wear. The order is going to be placed Tuesday November 3rd. Please get your order in by Monday Nights Meeting (11/02/09).

We need more orders to meet the 30 unit minimum order discount. Remember these will be in before Christmas!

If pre-payment is an issue, special arrangements can be made in advance. Please speak to Tim Mudge PER. This is the only order for Winter Wear this season.

SO... DON'T MISS OUT!!!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Paul Shoemaker
- 11 – Roxann Heckman
Sue Hill
- 12 – Teri Lynn Linardich
- 13 – Michael Knight
- 15 – Kathy Walker
David Redburn
- 16 – Jim Lowe
- 17 – Quinn Duckett
- 19 – Brian Pettet
- 21 – Pam Vaden
- 23 – Karin Connelly
Richard Griggs
- 29 – Joseph Scortino

RED SHIRT FRIDAY

The **Red Shirt** Friday program has been another Virginia Beach ELKS Lodge #2268 success story. We not only show support for our Troops and Veterans, we have raised quite a bit of money for the VA Hospital in Hampton. Some of the funds were spent on personal care items recently delivered and greatly appreciated. The VA is always in need of Soap, Shampoo, Tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant and disposable razors. Thanks to the Red Shirt funding and a generous donation from the Oceanfront Wyndham Hotel I was able to deliver a pickup load of supplies to our Veterans. Please wear your red shirts proudly and publicly, let everyone know that the Elks care about our troops and believe in our motto, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS will never forget them."



Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

TAILGATE PARTY

2nd Annual Tailgate Party, with a Chili Cook-off added this year! Sunday Jan 24th 3-10 pm. Trophies given away for the first three places (bragging rights for a full year included). Ten of the twelve **invitational** spots are left. So far we have IB and Bob Caley. Sign up early to enter your chili, get in touch with Stirling (328-1062). Ten more spots and that's it. If there are spots left, it will get filled by Jet's fans chili's, and believe me, you don't want to go against them!

TO ALL DELINQUENT MEMBERS:

James Barber, James Barker, Paul Bergman, James Bond, Lester Bramble, David Brosius, Dee Ann Carner, Michael Cheveront, Ed Garcia, David Geobel, Scott Gordon, Frank Guida, C.M. Guinan, Robert Hamilton, Ed Harper, Donni Lou Harrison, Suzanne Heilder, Ray Hemsath, Joe and Sue Hill, Scott Hinson, James Hughes, Ryan James, Chuck Johnson, Beth Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Jim Lowe, Thomas Lynn, Anthony Marion, Greg Mitchell, Martin Moke, Casey O'Connor, Brad Olsen, Ronald Stollar, Keith Shelburne, James Tepper, Herald Simpson, Jodi Tilghman, Kenny Steffen, John Watson, Donna Viszkocsil

Please contact the secretary as soon as possible; special arrangements can still be made! Those of you that are on the delinquent list we need not only your dues but your participation as well. Remember full lodge participation will not be allowed without a valid membership card. If you see your name in error please contact the lodge secretary. If you have proposed one of these members please contact them.

Samantha Spencer
Lodge Secretary

LONG SLEEVE RED SHIRTS AND RED SWEATSHIRTS

Well folks, it's that time of year again, the weather is getting colder so I will be making a Long Sleeve Red Shirt order and for the first time will also be ordering Red Sweatshirts. Order now or wait until next year!! Long Sleeve pocket tee shirts are \$22 S-XL and \$26 XXL and XXXL.

Sweat shirts are \$25 S-XL and \$30 XXL-XXXL

These are special orders so they must be prepaid prior to Nov. 11 in order to get them in time for Christmas. Order forms are posted at the lodge, fill them out and get them to me.

Remember all profits assist the **Veterans in the VA Hospital.**

Paul "IB" Dacyszyn, PER

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER

Once again we will be having a Potluck Dinner at the Lodge Thanksgiving day at 2pm. Our Lodge has quite a few military members who may not be able to share the holiday with their families. We also have quite a few members with small families, couples or single members. There is no need to go through all the trouble to make a complete dinner or go out to eat at a restaurant with strangers, just come to the lodge and enjoy a great Thanksgiving Dinner with your ELK family. For those planning to attend please sign up on the board and let us know what you are planning to bring to avoid too much duplication. We usually serve 15 to 25 people so plan accordingly and bring your Tupperware for leftovers, there are always leftovers.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Tidewater Community could use our help this holiday season. Drop off food by the can, box, case etc. at the lodge. Non perishable items only, please. Also, if you don't have time to shop, any cash donations will be turned into Food Lion Gift Cards. Your holiday gift will help a Tidewater family in need. The cutoff date for Thanksgiving is November 23rd.

For further information please contact Ed Morgan 495-1970.

2010 MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

Another Motorcycle raffle has begun. Yeah I know, it seems like just a few months ago, Ernie was astride the 2009 Harley; and we were all happy it was over. However, we Elks never rest in our pursuit of support for our charities. Our bike this year will be a 2010 SuperGlide Custom. It will come with the Black Ice pearl paint.

We are trying something a little different this year. With the economy in the shape it is in and money being tight, we have reduced the price of raffle tickets to \$10 each or a book of 6 for \$50. It means selling twice as many tickets, but it also allows for some that can't manage \$20 to have a shot for \$10. If this effort proves to be a failure, I will take full responsibility. If you liked the 6 for \$100, you can still spend the same money and get 12 tickets. As usual, there is a \$100 bounty for the most tickets sold. The seller of the winning ticket will also get \$100. We already have a few books sold.


I hope you will all get a few books and start bugging your co-workers, friends and neighbors to buy. Sell early and often. For a book, please see Janice Haney or Sam Spencer. Many of the members in the lodge already have a book to sell, so if you're only interested in one ticket, just ask at the lodge and they will point you in the right direction.

During events throughout the year, we will be raffling off books of tickets. For every \$50 dollars we collect, we will add a book of tickets to be drawn. Example, at the 50 / 50 dinner we had \$200 dollars in raffle money. We drew 4 books of tickets. By the way we are still missing book #17 (tickets 97 to 102) from the raffle. If you won these tickets, we need the stubs with your name on them. We need them to be able to draw your name.

Thanks for your support through out the years,
Dan and Janice Haney



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4 Cheese-Burgers	5	6 Lasagna	7 ELKS TRAINING 6 pm Welcome Bill Tennis PSP
8	9	10	11 Candlelight Vigil 8PM Chili Dogs Veterans' Day	12 House Committee Meeting 7:30PM	13 Cheese-Burgers French Fries	14 FUN RUN 10am Until ??? Food will Be Served!
15	16 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Initiation/ DD Visit	17	18 Grilled Ham And Cheese Chips	19	20 Spaghetti Salad & Bread	21 Steak Night Pre-Order!
22	23	24	25 Chicken-Salad Subs Trustee Meeting 7:30PM	26 Potluck Dinner 2 PM Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28 There will Be Food!
29	30	Winter Wear Deadline Nov. 2 nd Red Shirt Deadline Nov. 11th	 <p>Elks Veterans Remembrance Month</p>  <p>Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!</p>			