

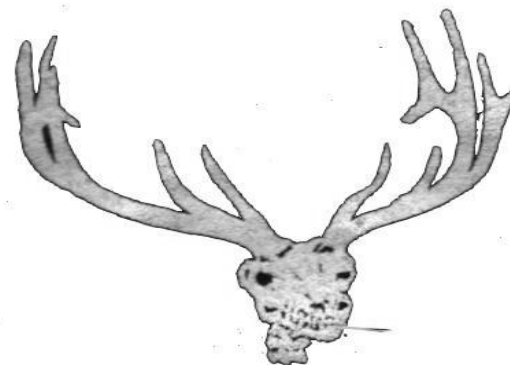


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THE VIRGINIA BEACH ELKS LODGE 2268
113 S. FIRST COLONIAL ROAD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

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Lodge Hours:

Monday closed

Tuesday 7PM-9PM

wednesday-Thursday 6PM-9PM

Friday 6PM-???

Saturday Varies

Sunday closed

LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER.....TIM MUDGE
 LEADING KNIGHT.....ROBERT CALEY
 LOYAL KNIGHT.....STEVE POLK
 LECTURING KNIGHT.....JAY ODELL
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DICTIONARY PROJECT

On Thursday January 10 our lodge delivered 96 Dictionaries to the Bayside Elementary School Third Graders. The children and teachers were very thankful for our sharing and caring. Thank you to all the members who took time away from work to help me and represent our lodge. Annie Yoder, "IB" Paul Dacyczyn, Beverly Hamby, Tim Mudge, and Bobby Plummer.

Teri Linardich

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Everyone please keep Thelmond Hinson and Carolyn Kinney in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of anyone suffering from sickness/distress please notify the Exalted Ruler (Tim Mudge) or the Leading Knight Bob Caley.

HOOP SHOOT 2008

Thanks to the 16 Elk members who volunteered their time and skills to the Hoop Shoot. We have three girls & three boys who will move on to the next level of competition. The District Hoop Shoot is set for Sunday, February 10, 2008 @ 1:00pm at the YMCA in Hampton. Thanks to the Hilltop YMCA for donating the use of their gymnasium. They look forward to seeing us next year!

Fraternally,

Joseph Tilghman

AND THE VOTES ARE IN...

The lodge has voted to move regular meetings back to Monday nights the time will remain 7:30pm. Once the By-laws are officially approved by the Grand Lodge the new dates will be announced.

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow ELKS, with the month of February upon us, we must

now start thinking ahead and preparing for the new ELKS year that starts April 1. First and foremost, it's that time of the year when the Yearly dues are due. Your check for \$ 75.00 is very important for the success of the Lodge! The budgets are being drafted for the upcoming year, only with a full support of the membership can the Trustees gauge an accurate income and expense guideline for the 08/09 ELK year.

February is going to be a busy month like most months. Nominations of Officers for the upcoming 08/09 ELKS year, will be held during the first meeting 2/5/08. Voting on these Officers will be at the second meeting 02/19/08. Please attend these meetings if at all possible, this is a very IMPORTANT time. Also committee heads are needed for the up coming year. This is your chance to step up and be involved. You, and only you, can make this decision.

The summer season of events is creeping up on us. We need to be ready in advance the backyard is still in need of some TLC. I had hoped to get started right after the Holidays but the bad weather has slowed things down considerably. Maybe we will get a mild weekend and can bust it open. I know once we get started, things will move right along. As we have all seen, people around here step up when they are needed, WE NEED YOU NOW!

Thank you's go out to the KATHYS for stepping up and helping out C.RAY {AND US} in a time of need. You were there, so C.Ray could rest knowing all is well. Thank you to all who worked so hard though out the month of January, handing out Dictionaries, HOOP SHOOT, after Christmas party, ELKS Training, Wed & Friday meals. District Deputy Clinic, just to name a few. T-Lo, I.B., Bev, Bobby, Annie, Jody, Anita, CJ, The Steves, The Bobs, The Kathys, Frank, Bunny, Ivan, Nonie, Chris, Carol, Ken, Pam, Tom, JoeJoe, Todd, Sam, Monty, Kim, Jay, Stirling, Bonnie, Paul. If I missed anyone, I am sorry, please bring it to my attention.

We have tickets available for the following Events : Mardi Gras, Oyster Roast, and the Motorcycle Raffle. Please see the chairman's of these events for tickets. Also tickets are available at the bar whenever a bartender is on duty. If you haven't been around you've missed a lot. Absent Members COME ON DOWN, we've missed you.

In closing I wish to remind all members the warmest place in town is at the Virginia Beach ELKS Lodge # 2268. The Brotherhood, camaraderie, and spirit of this Lodge stand alone in making this one of the strongest Lodges in the State. The best part about this Lodge is YOU, without YOU there is no US. without US the quality of life for many would be less, much less. Do you remember the oath you took?

Fraternally,
Tim Mudge E.R. { Timmer }

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MARDI GRAS

SATURDAY,

FEBRUARY 23, 2008

7:00 pm -- 10:00 pm

\$15.00 per ticket

All proceeds to benefit The Elks National Foundation



New Orleans Cuisine

Hurricanes Brewing

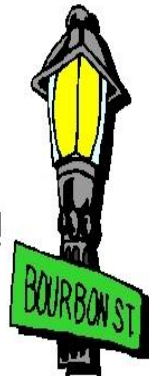
Beverages

Door Prizes

Surprizes

Get in the spirit and wear a costume!

Chairman -- Steve Sabin 679-7974



Harley Davidson Motorcycle Raffle has begun

With a bang!

This year we have a

2008 FXDB 96" Dyna Street Bob

Tickets are \$20 each

Or

6 for \$100

(same name and book only)

Drawing to be held at

The 11th annual Vet Run on July 27th, 2008

To purchase tickets or if you have any

questions contact

Todd or Sam Spencer (757) 498-4151



WEB NEWS

Most of you are aware of the recent improvements in the lodge regarding the change from Direct TV to Cox cable. All the comments I've heard are positive. Besides the TV we now have 40 channels of digital music, high speed internet and two phone lines as well.

There's one person in particular that did all the grunt work as far as getting things hooked up and so on. That would be Casey O'Connor. He's also behind our new website strictly for lodge 2268 (vbelks.org). Casey has also donated a complete server (computer) to handle the website from our lodge office. I know for a fact he's spent countless hours of his time to get this all done at very little lodge expense. If we had contracted this out a very minimum of several thousand dollars would have been spent to get where we are right now with our website and the designing and maintenance that goes along with it.

In short, I'll say thank you to Casey on behalf of all of his Brothers and Sisters of our Lodge in this note, and hoping others that see him around the lodge will do the same. Maybe even buy him a beverage. Doing I.T. work does make one quite thirsty.

If you haven't been to the website please do so, and sign up. There is a lot to see there.
Any constructive comments are absolutely welcomed.

Again, Thanks Casey for all your efforts.

Fraternally,
Mark G. Webmaster.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR ELKS 2008-2009 TERM

In February we begin the nominating process for the 2008-2009 term. Nominations from the floor are in order at the first meeting in February and the Election will take place the 2nd meeting February 19th. All interested members be sure to attend.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have any information that you would like to see in the Newsletter, please email me at newsletter2268@cox.net

Reminder:

The cut off date for the newsletter is the second meeting night of each month. If you are a chairman of an event please make sure you have your flyers and follow ups submitted in a timely manner. Thanks!

Carol Bratten
Newsletter Editor

UPDATING MEMBERSHIP INFO

If you have moved please contact the Lodge Secretary with your new address and phone number so it can be updated in the membership list. You can email me at VetteMa74@aol.com or drop a note in the mail to the attention of Lodge Secretary.

Teri Linardich
Lodge Secretary



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 st Steve Sabin | 2 nd Edward Davenport |
| 3 rd Steve Polk | 4 th Duane Gill |
| 7 th Dennis W. Mckee & Michael "Cowboy" Rudd | |
| 10 th Curtis Smith | 13 th David Fessel |
| 15 th William Kilbride | 17 th Edward Hardison |
| 18 th Chuck Johnson & Monty Wade | |
| 19 th Carol Bratten & Ralph Zani | |
| 21 st Pete Brownell | |
| 22 nd Sam Spencer | |
| 24 th Christi Linardich & Brian Storm | |
| 25 th Daniel Harrison | |
| 28 th Billy Beasley | |

HAPPY BIRTH MONTH EVERYONE!!!!



JANUARY BIRTHDAY CORRECTIONS

Ray Hemsath - January 20th
Steve Sabin gets to have two Birth Months! Feb. 1st is the big day not January 2nd.
Sorry Brothers!



BACK YARD IMPROVEMENTS

To All Members:

We all know that this is the time of year that we do not use the backyard. We intend to revamp this area. We will need **lots of help** to make next year's outdoor events bigger and better than before!

We intend to increase the space we have by moving things around and will also need to get the fences back up to increase security. We have a committee that has come up with plans, now we just need to implement them. See me, Tim, Kathy Hobbs, Monty Wade, Todd Spencer or Ken Vaden.

We are ready to start weather permitting. Please come on out and support our lodge the more the merrier!

"Sidecar" Bob

Leading Knight

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SCORTCHING HOT!!!

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CALL THE LODGE FOR UPDATES ON WED. AND FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS *****425-6708***** ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO COOK CALL THE ***** LODGE TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE BOARD!!!*****</p>					1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY
3	4	5 MEETING 7:30 PM NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FAT TUESDAY	6 ASH WEDNESDAY	7	8	9
10	11	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13 WING NIGHT PER/ER/FER SPONSORS	14 HAPPY  VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16
17	18 PRESIDENT'S DAY	19 MEETING 7:30 PM OFFICER ELECTIONS	20	21	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23 MARDI GRAS PARTY 7PM - 10
24	25	26	27 WIZARD'S TEX MEX NITE TRUSTEE MEETING 8PM	28	29 