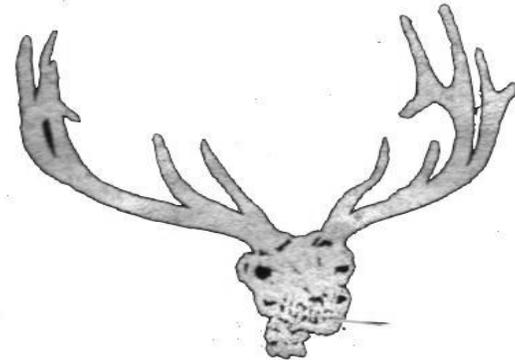


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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

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CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE
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FRIDAY MARCH, 14TH
7:00 PM TILL THE FOOD RUNS
OUT

THERE WILL ALSO IRISH
TRINKETS FOR SALE AND A
RAFFLE FOR A BASKET OF
CHEER TO BENEFIT THE DAP
COME AND CELEBRATE THE
WEARIN O' THE GREEN!!!



Greetings once again members of the mighty 2268. Having the honor of being Exalted Ruler, I wish to thank each and every member for all of your support during this past year. I have never laughed, learned, cried, enjoyed, shook my head in wonder, shook my head in awe, felt more proud, or believed in something as strongly, as I have in this quickly passing Elk year. I am proud of the accomplishments of this Lodge, not only this year, but in the past years, allowing us to be who we are: “ **This Ain't Your Daddy's Lodge**” a true American Lodge!

As this Elks year rapidly closes, I also wish to thank all of the officers in the 07-08 year. Remember way back in April 07 when it was all new to us? Our hard work has been noticed, not only here, but nationwide. Thank you! With the new Elks year, comes a new group of Lodge Officers. I know that all of us will help and support each one of them. Bob Caley Exalted Ruler for the 08-09 year has many good and fresh ideas. Bob and his officers can only succeed if we all unite behind them.

Lodge business still continues on through out the month of March. Regular meetings Tuesday March 4th with balloting on new members, Tuesday March 18th is P.E.R. Night with Initiation of new members, PER Joe Powell P.S.P presiding. Brother Powell's health has not been at it's best of late. Please if at all possible come out and show your support to our new members and P.E.R. Powell.

As you all know, there was a vote on changing meeting nights back to Monday nights. This will be going into effect as of April 1st. Looking over the calendar this makes the first meeting in April on Monday the 7th 7:30 pm with Officer installation happening Sat April 5th 5:00pm this will be the first of many good productive meetings with Brother Bob Caley presiding.

If I may take a moment of your time, to reflect on this past year of Va Beach 2268 Elkdom. I remember, standing at the podium being sworn in as Exalted Ruler, I looked into the

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crowd and saw dignitaries, members, future members, acquaintances, sea of Norfolk redcoats, and most of all I saw my **FRIENDS**. This was just the start of a fulfilling, fast, successful inspiring year. Thank you to whoever shrink-wrapped my truck, ya gotta love it!

The months of April, May were busy with the new year's reports and functions, Mothers Day Breakfast, Laying of the Wreath on Memorial Day, District Deputy Clinic and learning my other duties as E.R. June rolled around with the spring convention in Roanoke. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones are some of the best things about a convention, I enjoy the Fellowship of Elks throughout the State. By the time June happened our Event season was in full swing! The Fowl-Up, Pork Rib Fest, World Famous Elks Luau {with native dancers} are all great memories. Remember to thank those chair people Bonnie, Bob C., Kathy H. that made it happen with your help.

July was a month with one event scheduled. The 10th Annual Veterans Run. And what a success it was, over Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars {\$ 7,500.00} raised for our U.S.Veterans in the Hampton VA Hospital. I don't have the exact count of the bikes but I know everybody anywhere close knew something was going on, it was very impressive with Santa Claus leading the way to the hospital. A big hats off to Steve Polk & Kathy Hobbs for a job **WELL DONE**. Oh yeah, it was the same day as the Bike raffle. Bob C. again was in the middle of that. He coordinated the ticket sales and this year we "moved" more tickets than in years past. The winner of the bike if you don't already know was Arthur " Jack" Frost P.G.E.R. Jack stopped by the Lodge when he picked up the bike, and we provided a light brunch in his honor. Chef Don put out an outstanding meal followed by Bananas Foster. Speaking of Chef Don, we miss you! Before the excitement had worn off, August was upon us and the Shrimp Fest preparations were starting. Jay always makes sure there is plenty of food and drink. Once again it was a smashing success. Thanx Jay. The membership committee had a great

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2008 OYSTER ROAST

Our Annual Oyster Roast is Sunday March 30th from 1-4 pm. Tickets are now on sale, you can buy them from a fellow Elk or come by the Lodge when a Bartender is on duty. This is an **important and large event**. Thank you PER Bob Clark and Rick Dycus in advance for volunteering to be the Chairs! As we all know they will need plenty of help. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Lodge. We still need door prizes so if anyone is willing to donate liquor, misc. gifts, etc. it will be most appreciated. Please come out and support Our Lodge!

REQUEST FOR READING VOLUNTEERS

On Monday, March 03 Bayside is participating in Read Across America Day. Catherine Malley is a second grade teacher at Bayside Elementary and is asking for help. Volunteers could come in at anytime and read that day. The library will be available fro 8:30 - 2:00 pm. You may pick any book or they will help you select a book. Please consider taking time out of your day to read a story to a child. Please contact me at 831-4467 for more information and to sign up. I know there are members out there that are looking for an opportunity to get involved in lodge activities...this is a great one.

Teri Linardich
Lodge Secretary

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please keep Thelmond Hinson in your thoughts and prayers as he is still ill. I am happy to report that Carolyn Kinney is doing better.

Our deepest sympathy to Kathy Allen and family. Kathy's beloved "Nona" Eileen McLoughlin passed Monday February 11, 2008 on her 104th Birthday. She was born in County Sligo, Ireland, Feb. 11, 1904. She moved to the United States in 1924 and resided in New York City until 2003 when she moved to Virginia Beach. She will be cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date by Chaplain James Fedor.



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party planned, but there was a plumbing issue the same day, so things didn't quite go as intended. Thank you Carol but the water won that day. When did the 50/50 happen? Just ask Keith he was a bit nervous about chairing such a big important Event but came though it with flying colors. The members rallied to help him and it was a very prosperous and fun event!

November, December Wow, so much has happened. Ed Morgan worked hard with Tom Vitz and the food baskets for the holidays were overflowing! Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge is always good food and great fellowship. How about that Fun Run? I couldn't attend but I heard the stories, great job Johnny C. The Hope Haven Toy Run had many participants as well. This Lodge just gives and gives. And let us not forget the After Christmas Party! A fun time for Members to enjoy each other's pranks & jokes. Maybe a "before" Christmas Party in July might be fun.

I almost forgot about the National Convention in Charlotte NC This past July. I was honored to represent # 2268 at the National Convention I was able to learn firsthand so much about this great Organization, Thank you for allowing me the privilege of attending.

Our Fall State Convention held in October here at the beach was also a great time to learn. Our Hospitality suite was a Veterans Theme that showed our dedication to our Veterans both living and past. Thank you. IB, your rendition of the Vacant Table was impressive to say the least. Once again Kathy & Chris kept the beverages flowing and the food from Nick & Sara well stocked. Nick & Sara your donations are always delicious and appreciated, thank you both. We have the honor of having both the State Officer of the Year & the State Elk Of the Year as members of our Lodge. Paul & Bev we are privileged to have you with us! A big thank you goes to Teri, Beverly, & Annie, three of the hardest working people in this Lodge. You Ladies really get it done!

In closing this long winded letter, May the great heart of Elksdom Swell & Throb in each of us. We are a unique group of people united in One cause. Each of us deserves to be proud of ourselves and our Lodge We are the Mighty 2268.

If you need to find me after April. I can be found in a Trustee Seat or in a seat in the Lounge. But you can bet ,,,, I'll be thinking of more ways for OUR Lodge to grow and prosper!

Fraternally, Timmer
Volunteer That's Why We're Here!!!

HIGHWAY PICK UP

The weather is getting nicer and it is the time of year to get started on beautification in our city. On Saturday, March 15th we will be getting together at the Lodge at 9am and begin our first Highway Pick up of the New Year. All members are encouraged to participate in this function and this is the perfect time to get involved. It only takes an hour or two and I'm sure that we can work up a thirst that will need to be quenched after we are done! So come on out and help us with our community services project and help to make our city a little cleaner!

Bob Caley
Leading Knight

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 th	Walt Brady
8 th	Frank Hodock
9 th	William Radtke
11 th	Tracy "Wizard" Wilson
12 th	John Welch
14 th	Thomas W. Kirkpatrick
18 th	Thomas Shoemaker
20 th	Suzanne Heidler
23 rd	Ryan James
	Mary Napier
25 th	Ronald "Sonny" Ray

HAPPY MARCH BIRTH MONTH ELKS!



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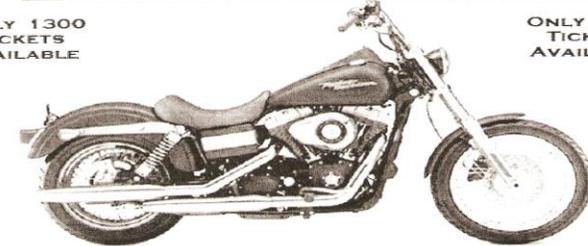
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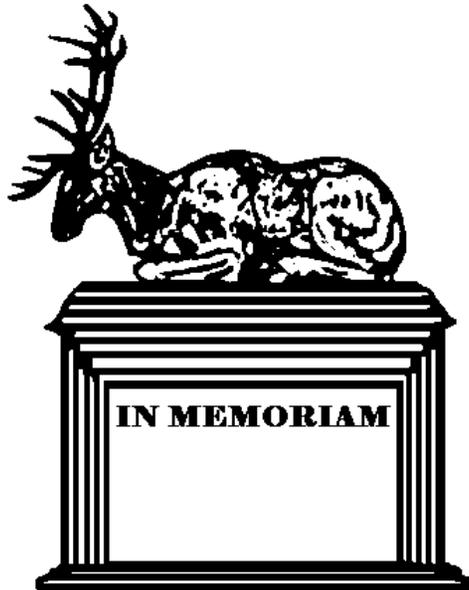


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ELK VISITORS BUS TRIP



On Saturday Feb 16th, our Elks lodge was host to a bus full (45 of 'em) of visiting Elk members from two lodges. Abingdon Lodge from Md, and the other from Milford De. To say the least they brought a bunch of GOOD folk with them. Roughly 20 or so of our members managed to make up a welcoming committee. All of us VB elks able to attend made a lot of new friends and made them feel right at home it seems.

Tracy Wilson and Noreen did the TexMex cooking and there were many raves from them about that. Bonnie and Pam tended to the bar and made sure everyone had enuff libation. The rest of the 2268 Elks busted their tails as well as to chat with the visitors.

I'm not about to try to remember who all were there, cuz I WILL forget to mention someone. Bottom line is, the mighty 2268 got it done as is our usual style. 45 people going thru the front door at one time and thirsty as they were, I heard no complaints at all. We received a few emails right away thanking us for making them so welcome.

Once again, the Va Beach Elks lodge thanks all those that were available to make sure our small sized lodge has the spirit of Elkdom.

Fraternally,
Mark G

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Maurice Ernest Coats, 93, who passed away Feb. 7, 2008, Virginia Beach. A native of Doland, S.D., he retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. Maurice was a Lifetime Member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad.

Our deepest sympathy goes to PER Paul "IB" Dacyczyn and family. Paul recently lost his father and our Brother Elk from Montague #2521, Joseph Dacyczyn. In lieu of flowers, members are encouraged to contribute in his memory to the Schuetzen Verein Scholarship fund.

Please contact Tim Mudge for more information.

"The places that have known them shall know them no more, but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory."

2008/2009 OFFICER LINE-UP

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March 2008

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9 PROTOCOL MEETING BEDFORD, VA DAYLIGHT SVGS. TIME	10	11	12 SIDECAR'S SURPRISE	13	14 Noni & T-Lo Corned Beef & Cabbage 7PM RAFFLE	15 HIGHWAY PICK-UP 9 AM COME ON OUT!!!
16	17 	18 LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm PER NIGHT INITIATION WELCOME PER JOE POWELL	19	20 SPRING BEGINS	21 GOOD FRIDAY	22
23 EASTER SUNDAY	24	25	26 TRUSTEE MEETING 8PM	27	28	29
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