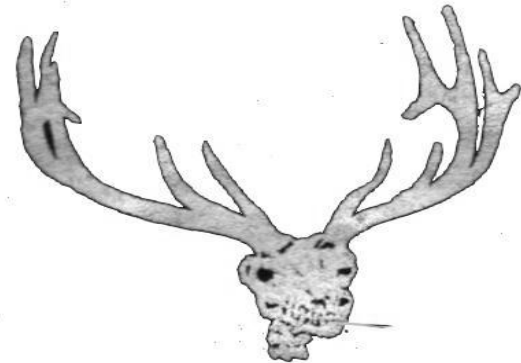


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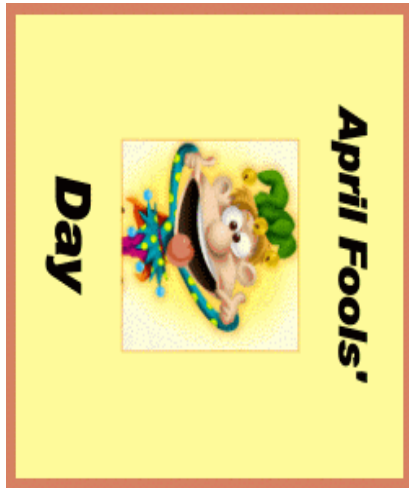


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Teri Lynn Linardich
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EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Brothers and sisters of the **MIGHTY #2268!** First I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve this lodge in its highest office. Brother Tim Mudge our Past Exalted Ruler has done in my opinion a very good job representing our lodge over the past year and deserves a big tip of the antlers. I am following a Brother that is very dedicated to the betterment of our lodge and a “**Get ‘R’ Done**” attitude that will be challenging to follow. All of us can learn by his example.

On April 5th at 5:00pm we will be holding our Officer Installation for the 2008-2009 Elk year. This ceremony will be presided over by Thomas Grubbs, DDGER. This is an open ceremony and I encourage all to attend and show support for your newly elected officers. This is a coat and tie event, please dress appropriately.

All of your newly elected officers are excited about the coming year with lots of ideas and ready to meet with its challenges. All of us as brothers and sisters need to be supportive of their efforts through the coming year.

We are forming up Committees now and need help. This is a great time to get involved in lodge activities! We are working on getting our event calendar finalized for the coming season and still need chairmen, yet another way to get involved.

The annual spring Oyster Roast is just barely over with and we are getting prepared for our April event. The Annual Fowl Up chaired by Paul & Bonnie will be held April 26th, in house, tickets are now on sale. Contact the Shoemakers to find out how you can help or check the signup sheet. We still have work that needs to be done in the back yard to ready us for our event season. We need lots of help by all of our members to help make this a year to remember.

At this time we have some members that have gone astray. I would like to personally invite back all of you that we

ER Message Continued...

have not seen around lately. We enjoy your company and friendship.

We have many active members in our lodge and many different ideas of what needs to be done and how. We also have many different personalities and we all need to make sure that we try to get along with one another. It may be difficult at times but I know that if we each treat one another with respect then we will make this great lodge even better. I have been to some lodges that have inner political struggles going on and it is very depressing and ugly, it seems that their members are bent on self- destruction! I assure you that we do not want to go down any road that may even resemble that.

We have a great membership in the #2268 and we have great things going on. Let's all get on board and help our lodge prosper! In the words of TimPER

"VOLUNTEER, THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!!!"

Fraternally,

Robert M. Caley, Exalted Ruler

641-2771

VISIT TO DANVILLE LODGE #227

Recently myself, along with Carol, Annie and TimPER journeyed out to The Danville Lodge while we we're up to Bedford for the Protocol meeting. We had the pleasure to meet up with some of their members and had a real nice evening. I would recommend to all to stop by and visit with these great brothers if you happen to be in the area. We received a grand tour of this huge lodge with lots of history with a meeting room not to be rivaled by any I have seen, we even signed a visitor log that was started on May 6th of 1913 as I recall! Thank you guys for your great hospitality you showed us on our visit. Thanks, Billy, Walter, Lloyd, Kenny, Eddie and Brian. I hope I didn't miss anyone, you guys are great!!! If any of you ever make it down here let us know we would love to show you a good time!

Sincerely,

Robert M. Caley, ER

DAP NIGHT

Thanks to all who came out Friday night March 14th for our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. The food, fun, refreshments and people all combined to make a great night of Irish merriment 2268 style. Winner of the raffle basket was Carol Bratten. She has generously donated the basket and loot inside back for another raffle. Thank you Carol, also thank you to Noni Kuhn for her wonderful corn beef and cabbage. She does it great every year. The money earned at these raffles will go towards our partnership with Bayside Elementary School.

Teri Lynn Lynardich

Drug Awareness Chairman

CORRECTION FOR 2008-2009 OFFICER LINE-UP

Due to health concerns James Rodrigues will not be able to perform the duties of Inner Guard. We wish you all the best James and hope you get well soon. Hang in there Brother!!!

Scott Hinson, P.E.R. has generously stepped up and will be our new Inner Guard. Congratulations Scott!

"Just when I thought I was out... they pulled me back in!!!"



**Congratulations go out to Dedee Ann Carner on
the birth of her son Maxwell Ray Carner**

7lb 9oz, 20 1/2" long

**Best Wishes from All of your
Brother & Sister Elks**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Guyz Read program is heating up. We have been asked to judge an art contest the kids will enter at school with themes from the books they read. The contest starts April 15 and runs until May 15. The teachers will provide our criteria for judging. I am hoping to have plenty of volunteers for this one cause it can involve a week night or two at the lodge for the judging. The money we raise will go in part to provide art supplies and prizes for the winners. Remember most of the kids we are sponsoring in the Guyz Read are of low income. The teachers need our support too...they are volunteering their time to get the kids to and from field trips etc. Also we are the main attraction for Art night at the school on April 29th at 6:30pm. We will be present with the Drug Awareness Material and Elroy the Elk to inspire the kids to read and put together their artwork. I will be asking for volunteers that evening to help hand out Drug Awareness literature. I will also need Elks to help us push our Youth Camp. I will have brochures and applications and would like Elks present to help parents fill out the necessary information. Please help...it is only one evening and the teachers, parents, and mostly the kids are so very grateful for our involvement. Please contact Teri Lynn at 831-4467 for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

We are pleased to welcome our newest members to the lodge.

Ed Harper – proposed by Tim Mudge

Anthony Marion - proposed by John Corrado.

They were initiated on March 18th

Welcome to Elkdom Brothers!

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Jim Lowe – Proposed by Beverly Hamby

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sara Kuchtyn**
- Donald Meyer**
- 3 Richard Dycus**
- Teresa Nesi**
- Jay ODell**
- 5 Chef Don Reed**
- 7 Paul Dacyczyn (IB)**
- Fred E. Ploeger**
- 8 John R. Lynch, Jr.**
- 13 John Wilson**
- 15 David Robb**
- 16 Ronald Stollar**
- 21 James Barber**
- Angela Depetris**
- 22 Todd Beck**
- 23 C. Anderson**
- 24 Kathy Allen**
- 29 Byron Martin**
- Edward Morgan**
- 30 Lewis Riggs**



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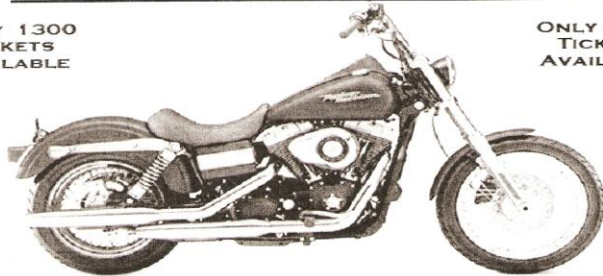
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2008-2009 LODGE EVENT LINE UP

FOWL UP	APRIL 26	PAUL & BONNIE
PORK RIB ROAST	MAY 24	BONNIE
SPRING CONV.	JUNE 13-15	KEN & BOB
LUAU	JUNE 28	SAM SPENCER
NATIONAL CONV.	JULY	XXXXXXXXXXXX
BEFORE CHRISTMAS	JULY 19	NONI & TIM
VET RUN/BIKE RAFFLE	JULY 27	STEVE P/TODD S
SHRIMP FEST	AUGUST 23	MONTY WADE
P.E.R. ROAST	SEPTEMBER 20	TIM MUDGE
FALL CONV.	OCTOBER??	BOB CALEY
50/50 DINNER	OCTOBER 25	MIKE WINTER
AFTER CHRISTMAS	JANUARY??	FRANK/BUNNY
MARDI GRAS	FEBRUARY??	STEVE SABIN
SPRING OYSTER ROAST	MARCH 30	RICK DYCUS
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	??????	????????????

**THIS CALENDAR IS JUST A DRAFT
AND MAY CHANGE DUE TO
CONFLICTS OF SCHEDULES LATER
IN THE YEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OR IDEAS PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO SPEAK UP.**

VEYC VACANCIES FILLED

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the two vacancies at the Virginia Elks Youth Camp have been filled, and that both individuals have jumped in and gotten to work immediately.

Our new Director of Camping is **Lorraine “Susie” Crawford**, from Clifton Forge. Susie is a school teacher and comes with plenty of experience of our camp, as she has served 3 years as our Program Director and 2 years as our Assistant Director. One of the most impressive things about Susie is the reviews written about her by last year’s staff members ... which were conclusive in saying that she was the “consistent unit” that kept things together and made the camp run smoothly.

Our new Camp Ranger is our own **Mike Journell**, from Roanoke. Mike has served about 8 years as the VEA appointed Director of Maintenance at the camp and also 4 years on the camp’s Executive Committee ... from which he has immediately resigned as our 1st Vice-President, in order to accept the Ranger position. Many do not know this, but Mike was also one of our campers many, many, many years ago. It is because of his experiences and memories of being a young boy attending our camp that drove him to become an Elk, and lead him to ultimately give so much back to the camp.

With Susie and Mike now on board, I am very comfortable in expecting this to be a truly tremendous year for the Virginia Elks Youth Camp. Their experience with our camp will certainly ease the transition we are going through. Their thoughts and ideas for improvements at the camp are a welcomed and appreciated “breath of fresh air”.

Please join me in congratulating Susie and Mike.

Dave Benoit – President
Virginia Elks Youth Camp, Inc.

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	4	5 OFFICER INSTALLATION 5PM PROPER DRESS REQUIRED WELCOME DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
6 WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COOK THIS MONTH PLEASE CALL LODGE IF INTERESTED 425-6708	7 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	8	9	10	11 LASAGNA NIGHT BY WIZ	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Passover	21 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	22	23	24	25	26 FOWL UP 4PM – 7 PM \$15/ ADVANCE \$18/DOOR
27	28	29 ART NIGHT 6:30 PM BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	30 TRUSTEE MEETING 8 PM	THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!! FOR UPDATES ON WED AND FRI NIGHT MEALS OR IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO COOK PLEASE CALL THE LODGE AT 425-6708		