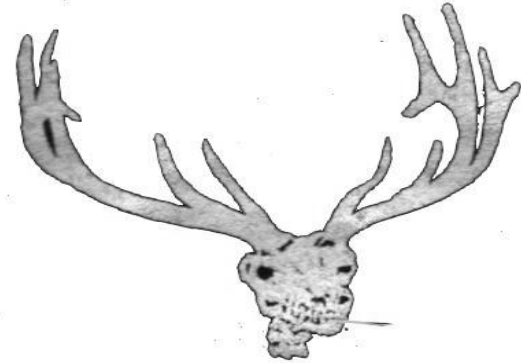


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Due by: July 11th, 2008			
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## EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Hello all! Here it is summer already and the temperatures are rising. Last month we were quite busy with many events and now that summer has arrived it is sure to become even busier. We have initiated 5 new members into our lodge and I welcome them and hope that all older members will seek them out and help to make them feel at home. We had art contest judging for Bayside Elementary School with lots of contestants. The spring convention was a great success and we all had the chance to meet the G.E.R. and his wife. Flag Day ceremony was held at the McArthur Memorial and all South East District lodges participated I believe there was over 100 people that attended. I would like to thank all those that came out and participated in our highway pick up; it looks much nicer out there now.

Many of us will be leaving for the National Convention in California which will be held July 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>. Your Leading Knight Steve Polk will take the podium in my absence on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a Before Christmas party on the 12<sup>th</sup>, a 50's party on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the Vet's Run and Bike raffle on the 27<sup>th</sup>. (Can you say "Full Plate"?)

Not one of us can accomplish the Lodge goals alone; we need all of our membership to help out with all of our endeavors to help us prosper. We have signup sheets for events and committees that need help constantly the more people we can interest in this work the better it is for all. All of you are needed and I hope to see all members participating in any way they can to help better our lodge!

Robert M. Caley  
 Exalted Ruler  
 641-2771



We still have many people delinquent with dues. Please pay so that we can continue to have our bills paid and keep our lodge running properly. We have a busy year planned and many new things on the horizon. Please don't be left out of the picture. I hear rumors that some would like to let their membership lapse. Please reconsider. The advantages to membership is not just a social bar and a hot meal. The Elks do so much for our country, our veterans, and our children. All so very important for the future of our American way of life. June 28th is the Luau. I will be there to collect dues payment of \$75.00 for the year. Please DO NOT include any other fees (ie. Locker dues) with your dues payment. Thank you to those of you that have paid your dues and continue to support Lodge Activities.

Teri Lynn Linardich  
Secretary

## ART CONTEST JUDGES

Thank you to all who helped judge the entries for the Art Contest.

Bunny Brunt, Mary Sciortino, Larry Strauss, Mike Winter Nancy Robertson, IB Paul Dacyszyn, and Bob Caley

## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep Sue Hill and Paul Dacyszyn in your thoughts and prayers.

## DRUG AWARENESS

Our lodge has been supporting a program called Guys read and so do girls at Bayside Elementary School. This program is headed up by Teacher Catherine Malley and Librarian Patricia Waller. The idea is to encourage students to read with rewards of field trips, books, and chances to win prizes with the Art Contest. There were many wonderful posters and ask any judge...it wasn't easy to choose. The posters will be displayed at the Bayside Public Library.

Kindergarten and First Grade winners, Haley Walters and Zuri Hodnett. The competition in second and third grade was really tough! We awarded first, second and third prizes as well as Honorable Mentions in second and third grade. The winners for second grade are:

First Prize: **Nassandra Bryant** Second Prize: **Nina Brown**  
Third Prize: **Camron Browne** Honorable Mention: **Emily Sieber**

Our third grade winners are:

First Prize: **Brooke Wilkinson** Second Prize: **Bethany Fall**  
Third Prize: **Keirstin Gotham** Honorable Mention: **Jammer Gonzales**

Our fifth grade prizes are:

First Prize: **Anna Talcott** Second Prize: **Tatiana Centeno-Vazquez**  
Third Prize: **A.J. Walters** Honorable Mention: **Dylan Jackson**

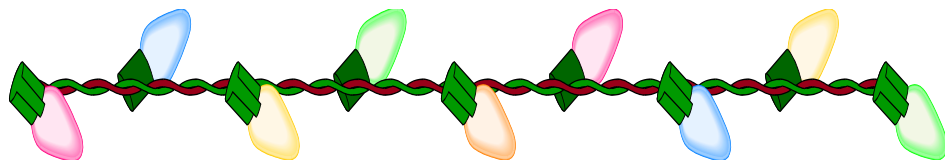
There is still one more category of awards to be given. We decided to create a special Elk's Award to recognize those students who had some very creative and unusual ideas for their posters.

The Elk's Awards are as follows:

First Prize: **Emilin Arellano** in second grade  
Second Prize: **Elizabeth Tolley** in second grade  
Third Prize: **Cami Wheeler** in third grade

The teachers, parents, and students at Bayside are all so very thankful for all we do. The thank you notes keep pouring in. Next year we are looking to apply for the 10,000.00 impact grant from Elks National Foundation for use to upgrade technologies at the school. We will continue to use the Gratitude and Promise Grant money, which is now up to \$500.00 for each grant applied to help them with Dictionaries, and library books, and support of the Guys Read program. Thanks to everyone who has helped me provide those kids with a great school year. They deserved it. Anyone interested in getting involved please contact the secretary.

Teri Linardich(T-Lo)



**IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL**

**BEFORE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**When???** Saturday July 12, 2008  
7:30pm til ??

**Admission:** One gift for the gift exchange  
and a dish to share.  
Gift Exchange will begin  
Promptly at 8:30 pm

**The After Christmas party was such a  
success let's celebrate again!!**

**The same rules we use for the after  
Christmas party apply for this party also.  
Latecomers will be able to choose a gift but  
will not be able to steal a different gift.  
There will be a food sign up sheet at the  
lodge.**

**Any questions???** Please call Nonie  
@ 477-3548

## **RIB FEST**

We want to thank everyone that was a part of making the Rib Fest a great success.

Special thanks to Scott for the cooking and Butch for the prepping in our new "PREP" shack. Kathy and Chris for the jello sales, Sam for doing a great job on the 50/50, Bobby and Beverly for working the door, Johnnie, Mark, Casey and C-Ray for bartending, and everyone who donated food, door prizes. If we have left anyone out we apologize but it wouldn't have been the great success without each and every one of you.

Thanks so much – remind us next year NOT to do two events in a row !!!!

The food was plenty, lots of cold beverages, music and great company. You couldn't ask for a better time. Thanks so much!

Bonnie & Paul Shoemaker

## **MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE**

The end is drawing near and there is still a lot work to be done. We are only halfway through the tickets, so if you have any push, push, push 'em and if you need more see Todd or myself. Thanks, to everyone who has already sold tickets.

Keep up the good work!!

Sam Spencer

Motorcycle Raffle Chairman

## **VET RUN MEETING**

A volunteer meeting will be held Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. A sign up sheet will be posted at the lodge. All Vet Run Volunteers will get a special T-shirt for participating and the awesome knowledge of their unselfish giving to our Vets.

★ **SEVENTH ANNUAL BIKE RAFFLE** ★



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Through a single donation to the foundation, you and the members of our lodge can assist many areas of our society.....Children, through the "Hoop Shoot" program....."Most Valuable Student" Awards.....The ELKS National Home.....National Service Commission (VETERANS).....and the Drug Awareness Program just to name a few.

All these programs need our help Now. Through a donation, whether large or small, to the principal fund of the NATIONAL FOUNDATION, we can continue to increase the distributions to these various programs.

The focus is on membership.....Membership in THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. A \$100.00 participating membership pledge can be paid in annual payments of \$10.00 per year. A \$1000.00 Honorary founder or Permanent Benefactor Pledge can be paid in increments of \$100.00 per year.

Our goal for 2008/2009 should be to have all members of our lodge support the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. Let's make this a 100% participating lodge. As little as \$10.00 per year can help us reach this worthy goal.

To sign up, Contact our ENF Chairman, STEVE SABIN.

Fraternally,  
Bob Clark, PER

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VETS RUN

“You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes”, and yes this is a tender significance to the Elks, as is the announcement of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Vets Run is to our Vets in the VA Hospital.

At this time, I would like to thank Sam and Bonnie for their greatly appreciated help while I’ve been out of town working. Sam has taken upon herself the task of getting donations and Bonnie for taking on the task of Pre-Registration. Thank you Ladies!

As we only have a month before this event, I would like to ask for everyone’s help in making this Run larger than the past ten years. Please have your family and friends sign up to make this happen. Registration will start at the Hampton Bass Pro Shop from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Thanks to the Bass Pro Shop for having us again this year! Great place to meet up with old friends and meet new ones. Here we will collect ourselves and form our parade to the hospital and allow the locals of Hampton to see our support for the Vets and the parade of Bikes. In the past I have seen folks lined up along the route just to see us ride. We will have live music set up for the Vets at the hospital provided by Brother Terry Kemp, food provided by Okie (as he so generously donates every year! Thank you Okie!) We will need twelve volunteers to help serve the food this year – please sign up!

We have a DJ – Beagle donating his services at the Hampton Lodge – Hat’s off to him. It was an awesome event for Beagle last year, so this year he is providing his services and talent as a donation – Thanks Beagle! At the Hampton Lodge there will be beverages, raffle prizes provided by local establishments, and the motorcycle raffle will be held at this time. If you don’t have your tickets for the motorcycle yet you better hurry!

So come out and support Our Veterans Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. The run will leave the Hampton Bass Pro Shop at 11:30 am.

“Our Vets Will Never Be Forgotten”

Thank you for all of your support.

Steve Polk, Vet Run Chairman

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Frank Guida
- 4 Thelmond R. Hinson
- 5 Stirling Fitzrandolph  
Chris Haney
- 7 Gary Krahenbill
- 8 Robert W. Brady  
Edward Halloran
- 10 Wilbur Brooks  
Ivan Kuhn
- 11 “CJ” Claude Jones  
James Tepper
- 13 Tom Grant  
Donni Lou Harrison
- 14 Ricky Newman  
Todd Spencer
- 19 Greg Mitchell
- 20 Michael McArthur PER
- 22 Jody Tilghman
- 23 Max Fresquez  
NY Steve Viszkocsil
- 27 Ronald Sawyer, Sr.
- 28 Eric Scott
- 29 Daniel Haney

HAPPY BIRTH MONTH TO ALL OF YOU!!!



# July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COOK ON WED &amp; FRI NIGHTS PLEASE CALL THE LODGE IF YOU HAVE A RECIPE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY OUT ON HUNGRY ELKS!!! 425-6708</b>				<b>VETS RUN MEETING 7:30 PM</b>		
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						<b>50's PARTY COME IN COSTUME!!! 7:30 PM</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>MEETING 7:30 PM</b>					
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VETS RUN REGISTRATION 9:00 – 11:00 BASS PRO SHOP</b>			<b>TRUSTEE MEETING 7:30 PM</b>			