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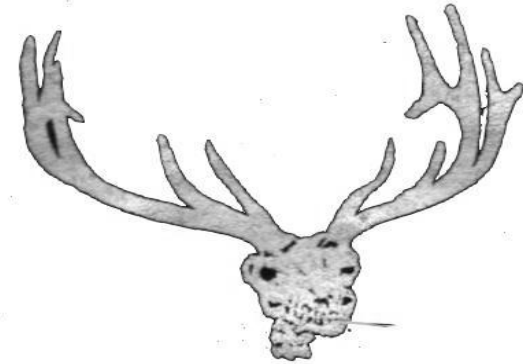


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**September 2008**



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Sunday closed  
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Tuesday 7PM-9PM  
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Friday 6PM-???  
Saturday Varies

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## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

It is back to school time again. Our lodge is again asking for school supply donations to give to Bayside Elementary School. Any pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, paper, etc. is welcome. The donations can be left under the pool table at the lodge or up stairs on the Secretary's desk

Our lodge sent 4 girls to camp this year. Thanks to Trustee, Nick Schaffner for volunteering his time to transport the girls to and from camp. I was there to greet the campers when they returned and they were all very grateful and glad to be back home after a great week of camping activities. All campers are welcomed back for next year. Thank you to our own Kaitlyn Wilson for bringing home so many awards and ribbons for our lodge. Emily Walters, Bethany Fall and Teresa Zielinski, all earned outstanding camper awards. Remember, we send our campers...no cost to parents....please keep this in mind for friends or family for next summer. Ages are 9-13 for boys and 8 - 12 for girls. I will have applications on request.

## **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

Walt Brady had knee surgery and is recovering at Sentara Nursing Home Room #9 on Old Donation Parkway he will be there for quite some time so if you have time please stop by to visit with him. I know he would appreciate the company very much. Also, please keep Karl Janowski PER of the Newport News Lodge and his family in your thoughts and prayers as his cancer has reoccurred.

If you know of any member that is in need of a prayer, encouragement, or get well wishes please let one of the officers know so we can remember them in our thoughts and prayers. If possible leave your name or the name of the member in need in the secretary box downstairs at the lodge, or call secretary at 757-831-4467.

## **EXALTED RULER MESSAGE**

Fellow members, here we are with summer coming to an end and fall is upon us! Our Annual Veterans Bike Run was very successful and it generated \$8,000 to benefit the Vets welfare and recreation fund at the hospital. The bike raffle also went off very nicely and put \$5,000 in to our charities account to help out in our future charitable causes. By now I'm sure that everyone knows that Bob Clark & Don Williams are the winners of the Harley. Congratulations guys! I personally would like to thank all those involved in any way with the success of both of these events.

Our Annual Shrimpfest was a huge success with the back yard filled to capacity and we had fellow Elks from as far as Alexandria show up and enjoy some Virginia Beach hospitality. I would like to thank everyone that helped out in this event especially our chairmen Monty & Kim for your tireless work to bring it off without a hitch. September 11<sup>th</sup> will soon be here and we should all take a moment to remember the tragic event that took place 7 years ago and the senseless loss of innocent life due to the cowardly acts of terrorists against our nation and our way of life.

Our first meeting in September has been dispensed with due to the Labor Day holiday. Upcoming events are initiation on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September all officers need to dress appropriately for this as new members are brought in we need to impress upon them that we do take the obligation seriously. The PER Roast will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are out and a signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. On the 27th we will hold our membership drive; members should bring prospects to this event to get them acquainted with our lodge and what we represent. As many officers as possible should attend this event to help educate prospective members to our ways and what we would expect from them. Everyone should come out and participate with these events and show some support of your lodge.

Please remember that we will be voting in October for a possible dues increase. I am sure that many members have something to say about the possible dues hike. The only way to get us to hear your thoughts is to show up at a meeting and discuss your views with us.

## EXALTED RULER MESSAGE CONTINUED

At this time we still have several members that are delinquent on their dues and need to clear up this matter as soon as possible. Please contact the Secretary and make arrangements to do so.

I hope to see all of you at the lodge and its events in the meantime everyone have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Fraternally,  
Sidecar Bob Caley  
Exalted Ruler  
757-641-2771

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

Our 11th Vets Run was again a great success doing a little better than last year thanks to the help of the members of the mighty 2268. This year we are able to donate around \$500 more than last year bringing the amount up to around \$8,000! First I'd like to thank Sam Spencer and Bonnie Shoemaker for helping me out with the awesome job of putting the event together while I was working out of town, great job ladies! A big thank you for the Blue in the Face Band that donated their time for the event as well as Beagle the DJ. The event attracted around 200 bikes with about 300 people showing up at the Bass Pro Shop for the parade to the VA Hospital. There they were met by lodge members ready to serve lunch which was donated by our own Okie. The staff of the hospital along with members of the lodge brought the vets out for food, raffle prizes, and live music, The Veterans greatly appreciated the event as they have in the past. After the time at the hospital we received a warm welcome at the Hampton lodge where we had music by Beagle, door prizes donated by local businesses, and the motorcycle raffle which was won by Bob Clark and Don Williams. Then it was time to head home to our own lodge for a few cocktails and some chill time with friends. I'd like to thank everyone for the awesome job, great help and time given by the Volunteers of our lodge and thank you for allowing me to chair this event for the second time.

Steve Polk  
Vet Run Chairman

## SECRETARY'S DESK

Membership dues are trickling in. Please continue to keep your lodge privileges current by paying your annual dues now. I still have many delinquents, which are in danger of being dropped. Remember, to keep your dues payment separate from your locker dues or any other payments.

Thank you to Teri Lynn Watson for her generous donation of a laptop for the Lodge Secretary. This will give the secretary the freedom to work lodge business from home and from anywhere in the lodge. Casey O'Connor has been helpful in assisting the secretary in setting up the laptop for use and getting our current system on line with the new Grand Lodge program (CLMS). We will be busy learning the new system. Thank you Casey!!!

I need committees to turn in their earned Elk hours, elk time, and any donations to me ASAP. Our Charity book record is looking pretty lean. Any hours or miles done for our Veterans, or youth needs to be recorded. Many of you often ask me why....The most important reason for our lodge is to be able to prove to the community and City of Virginia Beach that we are helping provide assistance with our charitable works. This comes in handy at tax time to prove our not for profit status and also will help us when we purchase property for the new lodge by documenting our worthiness to be at a chosen location, wherever that may be.

Teri Linardich  
Lodge Secretary



### The Following Members are delinquent as of 4/1/2008:

**James Barber, Edward Basile, John Billhimer, Robert Cox, Patricia Crosby, Barry Dailey, Larry Erwin, Duane Gill, Deborah Gunger, Robert Hadley, Deborah Hewitt, Trey Hodges, Frank Hodock, Charles Irving, Ryan James, Chuck Johnson, Claude Jones, Thomas Kirkpatrick, James "MELK" Land, Ralph Lohr, Dennis McKee, William Radtke, Rick Riley, Doug Robb, James Smith, Terrill Stafford, Howard Wimbrough III**



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## Motorcycle Raffle

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
BOB CLARK & DON WILLIAMS**

**Who are the winners of the 2008 Harley**

**Congratulations are also in order to**

**PER Tim Mudge who sold the most tickets**

**And again to Bob and Don  
who sold the winning ticket to themselves**

**We also want to thank everyone who helped us  
out so much  
(Thanks Dan and Jan)**

**We were able to profit \$5,100 this year  
to benefit our charities!**

**Without our Elk brothers and sisters  
this would not happen.**

**So next year remember SELL, SELL, SELL!**

Samantha Spencer  
Todd Spencer  
Veteran's Motorcycle Raffle Chairs

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd – Robert Hamilton  
7th – Edward Garcia  
Frank Hensley  
8th – Kathy Hobbs  
9th – Shane “Squirrel” Irvin  
11th – Linda Britt  
13th – Patrick Nesi  
15th – Robert Cox  
17th – Don Williams  
19th – Benjamin Cole  
Terrill Stafford  
21st – Brad Olsen  
24th – C. M. Guinan  
Michael Waranis  
25th – Terry Kemp  
Samuel Lattuca  
28th – Dale Heckman  
Bob Hutchison



**HAPPY BIRTHMONTH!!!**

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's time once again for our Annual Membership Drive! I am sure everyone is in agreement that Membership is the life blood of our order, and we as members should do our best to strive to increase our membership. Please bring out one or two friends that you believe will fit well within the lodge and have a desire to participate with our charitable functions.

The Membership Drive will be held Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm. There will be pork BBQ with fixings and adult beverages. Guests/Free/ Members \$5.00

So come on out for some food, fun and fellowship!

I am looking forward to seeing all of y'all there!

Carol Bratten

Membership Chairman



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers on Friday October 10th to help serve a meal for the golfers that will be here for the Virginia State Convention Golf Outing. If you are interested in helping, please contact C-Ray Kinney for more information

**Virginia Elks Association  
October 10, 11, 12, 2008  
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront (Formerly Ramada)  
57<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23451

Listed below are the room rates and additional information you will need to know regarding making reservations for the Convention in October 2008.

These rates are for single/double occupancy. A 12.5% Local Tax and a \$1.00 per room per night City of Virginia Beach Lodging Tax Applies. There is a \$10.00 extra adult charge per room, per night. A \$.50 charge will be assessed per local phone call. Each room is equipped with a permanent in-room safe. A nominal daily fee of \$1.05 provides every guest with \$5,000 worth of protection against forced entry for items secured in safe.

Room Reservations will be made by calling into the hotel to 1-757-428-7025. Identify yourself as a member of the **VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION**. **Reservations must be received no later than September 10, 2008.** Any reservations received after that date will be honored on a space available basis.

A one night's advance deposit payment or credit card deposit is required with each room reserved. Balance of payment is due at checkout. Any cancellations must come 72 hours or taken from any deposit received.

Check-In time is 4:00 pm. Check-out time is 11:00 am.

Oceanfront	\$106.00
Non-oceanfront	\$ 96.00
Tower Club	\$122.00
Two-room Suite	\$168.00
Three-room Suite	\$260.00

Forms for pre-registration for the Convention and the Golf Outing Can be obtained from the lodge or on line @ [www.virginiaelks.org](http://www.virginiaelks.org)

## CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION

Joseph DeSmet	- Proposed by Monty Wade
Thomas Dwyer	- Proposed by Paul Shoemaker

These candidates will be initiated at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please come to the meeting and support our newest members. Congratulations and welcome to Elkdom!

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO...

**Bunny Brunt for making a delicious cake for our Elks with August Birthdays, which was served at the Shrimpfest. Thanks so much Bunny for your thoughtfulness!**



## LODGE RECOGNITION FOR MILITARY

Virginia Beach Lodge would like to recognize all Members that are Veterans or currently serving in the armed forces.

Please provide the following information to Beverly Hamby, PER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service:

\_\_\_\_\_

Rank or Rate:

\_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service:

\_\_\_\_\_

Wars or Conflicts: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Beverly A. Hamby or E-mail [Bevstbrd@cox.net](mailto:Bevstbrd@cox.net)  
904 Sugar Tree Ct write in Subject line: Veteran Va Beach  
Chesapeake, VA 23320



## PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

At The Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim the Grand Lodge brought up a proposal for a dues increase to the Grand from subordinate lodges of \$3.00 per member. After much heated debate and dissention this proposal was ultimately passed and will go into effect in the new Elks year. I am only guessing but I foresee that the State Association will probably consider a raise as well and here is where it becomes our problem. I have been a member for about 7 years and have never seen a dues increase to our members, while all along the cost of operations to the lodge has continued to increase for everything we do; i.e. water bill, electric bill, gas, sewage, storm water, condo fee, and it goes on and on. In order for the Lodge to remain viable something must be done. At the last meeting there was a proposal to raise our dues to \$95.00 per member per year. **Discussion and a vote has been scheduled for the first meeting in October, anyone wishing to voice their opinion on this issue must attend this meeting we will hear all comments, concerns and ideas on this issue at that meeting.**

Bob Caley  
Exalted Ruler

“A government big enough to give you everything you want,  
Is a government big enough to take away everything you have!”  
Thomas Jefferson



## FALL CONVENTION

To all, the Fall Convention will be held up on 57<sup>th</sup> St. at The Wyndham (formerly the Ramada) where it has been for the past number of years. The dates are October 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>. We have already reserved a Hospitality Room, set up live entertainment for Friday night and made arrangements for food. We will need help staffing the room with Bartenders, set up and break down. We will also be looking for ideas on a theme and any one that would like to help out we have a place for you. The hotel has other things going on at the same time that we will be there and is filling up fast. If you want to get a room the number is 757- 428- 7025 identify yourself as a Virginia Elks Association member for the discounted rate. Pre-Registration forms are on line @ [www.virginiaelks.org](http://www.virginiaelks.org) or at the Lodge. Pre-Registration deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions should be directed to Joe Powell 757-393-4308; or Buddy Deese 757-826-1501

This is always a hoot and I encourage everyone that can to attend!!!

Bob Caley

Exalted Ruler



### LOST:

**We are missing the big slow cooker from the kitchen. If you have borrowed it and have forgotten to return it, please do as soon as possible. Thank you.**

**C-Ray Kinney**

**House Committee**

## LODGE 2268 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SATURDAY – SEPT. 27, 2008

1pm – 4 pm

Do you know one or two people that would make a good member?

Bring them out for Good Food, Good Fun, and a Good Time!

Adult Beverages

BBQ and Fixings


Guests Free

Members \$5

Contact Carol Bratten for more information

757-572-6923

# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NO MEETING LABOR DAY!!!</b>	1 	2	3	4	5 <b>NONIE NEW YORK HOT DOGS FF FRIES</b>	6
7 <b>GRAND-PARENT'S DAY</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <b>MEETING 7:30 PM INITIATION DRESS APPROPRIATELY</b>	16	17 <b>T-LO'S SURPRISE</b>	18 <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30 PM</b>	19	20 <b>PER ROAST 4 – 7PM \$18/ADVANCE \$20/DOOR</b>
21	22	23	24 <b>TRUSTEE MEETING 7:30 PM</b>	25	26	27 <b>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 1-4PM GUESTS FREE MEMBERS \$5</b>
28	29	30	<b>WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COOK ON WED &amp; FRI NIGHTS. It's not too late to get your name on the board. Just call the lodge and let Mark G. know and he will email it to all on the email list. *****Lodge phone number is 425-6708 *****</b>			