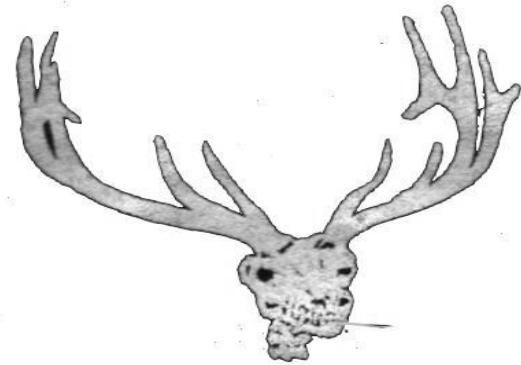


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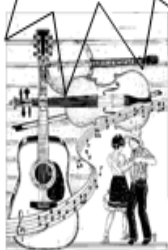
Saturday October 25th

1pm to 4pm



Live Music

**Ribs, Seafood, Cajun Fried Turkey
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**All You Can Eat
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\$50.00 per couple
\$2500.00 in Prizes**



Only 100 tickets sold!!

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EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Brothers and sisters, Fall is upon us and the kids are back in school. All members should take the time to meet and greet our newest members; Joseph DeSmet and Thomas Dwyer. Welcome to the club guys! This year we have already accomplished much. All of our events have been very successful so far and we have begun several procedural changes within our lodge that will help us make it through our annual audit from the Grand Lodge a lot easier.

I know that some members do not understand why we are changing the way some things are done and do not like change in general, however I can assure you that these changes are necessary for our lodge and will ultimately help us prosper. There are some that think I am heavy handed in my approach on implementing some of these changes and this is not my intension it only appears this way because of the resistance I have meet with through these changes. I have been voted into this position by our membership to do a job that no one else wanted and I take it seriously. I along with others am trying to better our lodge for the good of the many. I feel that if we all open up our minds and think for a minute we will grasp the concept and see that change in the way we operate can be very beneficial to our lodge.

The Southeast District Lodges recently participated in The WHRO Annual Fundraiser by manning the pledge lines and I would like to thank all those that participated in this very worthwhile project. We will be having discussion and a vote on dues increase during the first meeting this month. The Fall convention will be held 10th-12th we need volunteers to man the bar, set up and break down, signup sheet posted on the bulletin board. On the 25th of October we will be having our Annual 50/50 Dinner. This is always a good event to come to in addition to the food, drink, music and fun that are always there you also have a chance to win a boat load of cash. There are only 100 tickets and 11 winners, (way better odds than the lottery) so if you want to have a chance to win you need to get your tickets while they last.

I hope to see all in the lounge and upcoming events!

Fraternally,
Robert Caley
Exalted Ruler
757-641-2771

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

October 24th 5pm to 9pm Bayside Elementary School Fall Festival. I need volunteers!!...Last year we made a great impression. The kids are looking forward to us providing the pumpkin patch and pumpkin decorating supplies, as well as our drug awareness materials. Please sign up to help or contact Teri at 757-831-4467 or Vettema74@aol.com. It only takes a couple minutes to make a child smile...please make it special.

We are still collecting school supplies for Bayside's kids in need. Thanks to all of you that have already contributed. Please consider donating cash or needed supplies, pens, pencils, notebooks, loose leaf paper, markers, etc,... Donations can be left in box in the pool table room at the lodge. Thank you...



Dues, Dues, Dues.....please...please...please...those of you on the delinquent list we need not just your payment but your participation as well. Remember full lodge participation will not be allowed without a valid membership card.

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: _____

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



LOST:

**The big slow cooker is still missing from the lodge. If you have borrowed it and have forgotten to return it, please bring it back soon as possible! Thank you.
C-Ray Kinney/House Committee**

OCTOBER IS ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MONTH

Are you a member???????

An integral part of being an ELK is supporting all of the programs of the order of ELK. What better way then to fully support the great heart of elkdom, The Elks National Foundation.

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 ELKS 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

Mooooooooovie Niiiiiiight

We are currently showing weird, strange, and sometimes classic (in a cult kind of way) movies on the last Tuesday of the month. Some of these movies are great, some aren't and some you just have to watch, like a bad car wreck, (You don't want to see it, but you can't help but look). Some movies are classics, some movies are funny and some you just want to make fun of. Any way you look at it, it will all be a good time. Movies start at 7:30 PM, munchies may or may not be available depending upon interest in the movie. All movies TBA at the lodge 1-2 weeks prior to showing.

CHANGES

Life is full of changes. Is it time for a change in yours? ...A change for the Better...A change that will give you the security and carefree lifestyle you desire.

Here at the Elks National Home retirement community you can relax and leave the worries to someone else. Take time to work on your golf game, start on all those books you've been wanting to read, take up a new hobby or devote more time to a hobby you've had to neglect lately. Spend time with your new friends, enjoy dancing at the birthday party, take some of the many trips in our van to a shopping mall, historic site, scenic drive, or other interesting area.

So what are you waiting for? This is not a place to wait out your last months or years, but a beautiful retirement community for living and enjoying life with your friends. Let someone else mow the grass and worry about the repairs. You have better things to do and you have earned the right to enjoy them.

We currently have vacancies for single occupancy - men or women. It's easy to get full information and an application. Just call 1-800-552-4140 during regular business hours or write to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523. You can also get information on our website at www.elkshome.org. Contact us today!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The ELKS National Foundation is offering Scholarships to 500 Students nationwide through the Most Valuable Student Contest. Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen is eligible. The applications will be judged on Scholarship, Leadership and Financial need. Applications are available at the lodge or by e-mail at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Application deadline is Jan 9, 2009 9PM at the lodge. By applying for these Scholarships applicants will also become eligible for several Scholarships administered by the Virginia Elks Association. The maximum scholarship award will be \$60,000.

Legacy Awards are available for the children and grandchildren of active ELK members. Emergency Education Grants for the children of an ELK parent who is totally disabled or deceased are also available. Please contact the lodge Scholarship Committee or the Grand lodge web site for details.

RED SHIRT FRIDAY

The Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS has been showing its support for our service members for well over 100 years. Here is a chance to show your support for the men and women that have been defending our freedom. There has been a nationwide movement dedicated to showing appreciation for our military personnel, by wearing a "Red Shirt" on Friday. Your wearing of a "Red Shirt" can make a statement that you support our troops, regardless of your personal or political views on whether we should or should not be involved in the conflict overseas. That is not the issue, it's about whether we care about the men and women that defend our freedom. We will be offering Red T-Shirts at the lodge for \$15, all profits will go to the Hampton Veterans Medical Center to assist our Heroes in their recovery and adjustment to civilian life and also to show our appreciation of their personal sacrifice for our country and our way of life.

Please contact your Veterans Services Committee to obtain shirts.

Paul "I.B." Dacyczyn/Veterans Services Chairman

SHRIMP FEST

The Annual Shrimp Fest was held on Saturday, August 23rd. This event has previously been chaired by Jay, who was kind enough to pass his knowledge on to me. It was a great success thanks to all the hard work by many members of our lodge and a few members to be. On Wednesday and Thursday we peeled 80 pounds of shrimp and skewered 250 kabobs. We had steamed shrimp, fried shrimp, the kabobs and a new favorite – shrimp and grits. Looks like that will be a staple for years to come. Kim and I would like to thank the following people for their assistance in making this event run smoothly – Dan, Pam and Bunny for helping wherever we needed them, T Lo and Steve Sabin for the fresh corn and assisting with serving, Sidecar Bob and Samantha for the great potato salad and coleslaw, Bald Mike for running and serving, Eric and Linda for the best ever 50/50 raffle (they collected \$752!), Kathy and Chris for their outstanding work on one of our fund raisers; Beverly and Carol for collecting tickets, Johnny C. and Cheryl for working the Tiki Bar, Mark for working the inside bar; and Cliff and Todd for manning the grills. A special thanks goes out to Ken Vaden for helping us every step of the way.

Also, thanks to the many people who donated door prizes – PER Tim, the Bob and Don show, Anita and to everyone who sold tickets. We had great "Fossil Rock and Blues" music played by Hanks Martin. I think that a good time and full belly was had by all!

I would like everyone to know how important it is to volunteer and sell tickets for these events. It takes everyone's help to make these events successful, as far as this event goes, I could not be more proud of my lodge brothers and sisters. Thanks again to all!

Monty Wade aka "Hollywood"
Lecturing Knight

HAPPY BIRTHMONTH TO ALL!

- 4 Beverly Hamby
- 5 Tim Mudge
- 7 Nancy Robertson
- 17 Bruce Patterson
- 18 Kenny Stephen
- 24 Bill Duerheimer
- 27 Shawn Goad
- 31 Martin Moke



NEW CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Michael Cross, Eric White, Nathan Hudson
All proposed by Tiler Todd Spencer

ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM

We will be cleaning up trash on Potters Road on Saturday October 18th. Everyone should meet at the lodge at 9am, it doesn't take long and it is our community service that everyone should help out with. Come out and show your support for your lodge and city.

ELKS ANNUAL 50/50 BASH FOR CASH!

Autumn is in the air and so is our Annual 50/50 dinner, Saturday Oct. 25th from 1pm - 4pm. Tickets are \$50 each which admits two people. This includes your food, beverages, and musical entertainment. Plus an added bonus, you have 11 chances to win! **Only one hundred tickets will be sold to this event. You need not be present to win. We will be giving away a total of \$2,500.00.** There will be eight one hundred dollar winners, one \$500.00 winner and ONE \$1,000.00 WINNER. There is also a second chance drawing for one \$200.00 winner. Not bad odds. I can't think of a better way to spend an afternoon! This is also an opportunity to support our lodge and its functions. So come on out and enjoy the day with us. We hope to see you there. Tickets are now on sale and as always please get them back to the event chairman as soon as possible, so that an accurate head count for food purchases can be done. Thank you! For more information please call the lodge@ 425-6708.

Mike Winter
50/50 Chairman

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The following Elks are seriously ill:

“Glass Dave” Haber, David Redburn’s father “Wild Bill” Bonnie Shoemaker’s uncle, Ricky Dycus’s girlfriend and Karl Janowski of the Newport News Lodge. Walt Brady and New York Steve are recuperating from knee surgery. Walt is still at Sentara Nursing Home Room #9 on Old Donation Parkway please visit if at all possible. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>***** VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO COOK ON WED AND FRI NIGHTS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP CALL THE LODGE AT 425-6708 TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE BOARD*****</p>			1 DEADLINE FALL CONVENTION PRE- REGISTRATION	2	3	4
5	6 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	7	8 STUFFED BELL PEPPERS IN HONOR OF ENF MONTH	9	10 FALL CONVENTION VA BEACH OCEANFRONT	11 FALL CONVENTION VA BEACH OCEANFRONT
12 FALL CONVENTION VA BEACH OCEANFRONT	13 COLUMBUS DAY	14	15	16	17	18 HIGHWAY PICK UP MEET AT LODGE AT 9AM
19	20 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	21	22	23	24 BAYSIDE E.S. FALL FESTIVAL 5PM – 9PM	25 50/50 DINNER BASH FOR CASH 1 – 4 PM
26	27	28 MOVIE NIGHT 7:30 PM	29 TRUSTEE MEETING 7:30 PM	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN	OCTOBER IS ENF MONTH