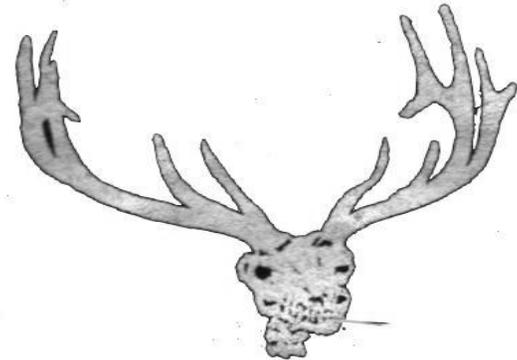


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**THANKSGIVING DINNER
AT THE LODGE
NOV. 27TH 2:00 PM**

We will be having a Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" Dinner at the lodge for all members and friends interested in attending. Some of our members do not have families in the area so they will be spending Thanksgiving alone or with just their roommates. Rather than just cook up a regular meal, let's pool our resources and have a really nice Thanksgiving Dinner at the lodge. This is always a lot of fun. A sign up sheet will be posted at the bar, please let us know if you are intending to come, also please let us know what you will be bringing to avoid duplications of dishes. We usually have 15-25 people so plan your dishes accordingly.

If you have any questions or ideas please contact me.
Paul "I.B." Dacyczyn PER, 422-0461

THANKSGIVING POEM

You and I are doing well
Bellies full, no sad tales to tell
But there are families that have a need
Young children they have to feed
Holiday's should be filled with love and joy
Not possible for a hungry girl or boy
If we can help, you know we should
To fill their bellies and fill them good
We can fill their plate with holiday food
This simple deed brightens their mood
So stuff a basket with food, love, and cheer
For a Happy Holiday and a wonderful year.

- The Unknown Elk

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Greetings my fellow members, here it is November and we are on the downhill side of this Elk year. Only 5 more months and we will be starting the 2009-'10 Elks Year.

Our annual PER Roast was a success on the 20th of September as was our Membership Drive on the 27th of September; we have at least 2 new members awaiting initiation from that event alone, thank you goes out to all those that helped out with both these events. So far a total of 5 new members will be here for the DD Meeting night.

The Fall Convention was great thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work and donations to help make it a real good time for all those that attended. The winner of the Flat Screen TV was Carol Bratten. The cooler full of bottles winning red and white ticket #034305 has not been claimed as of yet, if you have the ticket contact me for the prize. Congratulations to everyone else that won the other raffles. I am disappointed that I cannot report good on our highway pick up, I was told that only one person showed up to clean up the road way. I think that is the worst one ever and would like to never hear that again!

The issue of dues increase was hotly debated at our 1st meeting in October; ultimately the proposition was amended and passed at a \$10.00 per member per year increase beginning April 1st, 2009. The 11th of November is Veterans Day. Our Annual Fun Run will be held on the 16th leaving the lodge @ 11:30 am. The next day (17th) is our Annual D.D. Audit, Meeting and Initiation. Thanksgiving Day is the 27th this year and while I am on this subject let us all think about what these times bring, we need to all think of those less fortunate than ourselves let's all see what we can do for others and be generous by helping with the food baskets this year. As a group can make a difference in some local families holiday by getting out there and donating our efforts. There are many that cannot even provide meals for their young ones and this will help them out.

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Finally, it is my duty to report that our Leading Knight Steve Polk has resigned because of conflicting work schedules out of state and I.B. has been installed in his place to finish out the year.

I hope to see all of you around at our events and around our lounge during social hours, lately we have been getting bigger groups around and I truly enjoy seeing the participation by all.

Fraternally,

Robert Caley
Exalted Ruler
757-641-2771

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paul Shoemaker
- 11 Susan Hill
- 12 Teri Lynn Linardich
- 13 Michael Knight
Kathy Walker
- 15 David Redburn
- 16 Jim Lowe
- 19 Brian Pettet
- 21 Pam Vaden
- 23 Karin Connelly
Richard Griggs
- 29 Joseph Sciortino "Joe-Joe"
- 30 Alton Butler



Got Grub????

Have you had dinner at the lodge lately? If not, you're missing out on some amazing culinary delights. Chef Don Reed has been in town for the past couple months and has been cooking up a storm. Most Wednesdays and Fridays that are not already been reserved have been filled in by Chef Don. Anyone paying attention will have learned that it is really not a big deal nor expensive to put on an outstanding dinner. These dinners not only bring in members and their friends, it also generates much needed funds for the lodge. Chef Don's meals are always very tasty, usually sold out early, and appreciated by all. A "tip of the antler" to Chef Don Reed for serving us great meals, making us all loosen our belts and by example, making us appreciate what the term VOLUNTEER is all about.

Come on down to the ELKS Lodge, see what's cookin!!!

RED SHIRT FRIDAYS- UPDATE

WOW....The Red Shirt Friday program started out with a bang!! We started with 49 shirts on Friday and we were completely sold out, with requests for more, by Tuesday. additional shirts have been ordered and should be here by the time you read this, that is if we are not sold out again. Shirts will be made available through our website soon (there will be a shipping and handling charge of course) Long Sleeve shirts will be available by "advance order only" also. The support shown by wearing our "USA, Land of the Free because of the Brave" is a big draw, knowing the funds are going to help our Veterans programs is a bonus. On behalf of our Veterans, Thank you.

Paul Dacyczyn PER
Chairman Veterans Services Committee

Short Sleeve T-shirts Red W/pocket only \$15
Long Sleeve T-shirts Red w/pocket S, M, L, XL only
\$21(advance pay only)
XXL, XXXL only \$23(advance pay only)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thank you to Ryan James who has stepped up to chair our Hoop Shoot Committee. Please stay tuned for updates.

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Festival Pumpkin Patch at Bayside Elementary on Friday night October 24th. IB Paul Dacyczyn, PER, Bob Caley, ER, Dan Haney, Chaplain Kathy Hobbs, Chris Gilman, Carol Bratten and our new prospective member Joan Fialkowski. We gave out tons of fun with the pumpkins, candy, and stickers not to mention the Drug Awareness material. We had lots of great feedback from the School staff, parents, and teachers.

January is Reading month. We will again be volunteering to read to Bayside students. The kids and teachers really enjoy our participation. Contact Teri for more details, and watch for sign up sheets and newsletter updates in the coming months.

Humbly submitted.....
Teri Linardich Secretary...
Youth Activities...757-831-4467

RITUAL PRACTICE

All officers that have speaking parts in the initiation ritual need to come to the lodge to practice on November 13th @ 7:30 pm to do a run through. This will help us prepare for our DD initiation night on the 17th.
Robert Caley ER

FALL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

We would like to congratulate this years 1st place champs!
Joseph Sciortino, Tommy Lynn, Trevor Hinson, Scott Hinson
Way to bring the trophy home guys!
And last but not least Bob Clark, PER, Don Williams, Steve Polk, Rick Dycus for helping make a Virginia Beach Elk's pair of bookends! Virginia Beach placed first and last!! Woo Hoo!

Hello my fellow Elks,

We've decided to start the Motorcycle raffle season early this year. First, a well done to Todd and Samantha "Sam" Spencer for all the hard work on last year's raffle. Also, congratulations to Bob Clark and Don Williams for their win of last years bike. We received a great deal on the Bike this year. It is a 2009 Street Bob. However, it is a little different than last year's model. Pictured below, ours is in Black.



I have the tickets in hand and am ready to provide them for those who would like to sell them. If you have a lucky number and would like a "special" book of tickets to sell, I will be happy to accommodate you in a first come first served fashion. 50 of the 217 books have been handed out thus far and I hope to do a traveling road show as often as possible. I have a few people who have volunteered to help me. Obviously, Janice will be assisting as well as Eric Scott and Joe Hill. If you need tickets feel free to call me and I'll be happy to meet you or have someone do it in my absence. 757-434-4139 is my cell. Fliers will be printed in the next month or so and will be available in the lodge once we receive them. This is a great opportunity to allow a longer time to sell and they make great gifts for the person difficult to buy for. Finally, this is an extremely important fundraiser for our lodge. I can't do this alone. I really need everyone's assistance in getting tickets sold and everything returned as quickly as possible. If each member sold only one book we would have most of the tickets sold. Since there are several members who will sell multiple books, it should be easy to share the load. So please, support your lodge and pick up a book to sell. If you have to return them, no harm, no foul. But at least you tried.
Dan Haney

RIB FEST

On behalf of the P.E.R. Association, I wish to thank all those who attended Sept. 20th. If you were there you experienced the band Freestyle playing well into the evening, excellent food and great ELK fellowship. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great party/fundraiser. All the active P.E.R'S (Kinney, Clark, I.B., Klingberg, Beck, Hinson, Hamby, Mudge & Guest PER Joe Powell) were in attendance and made this a success, thank you all. We missed you Brady & L.R.B.

But there were many more people who stepped-up and volunteered their services. Did you know Esquire Bald Mike came Wed. eve cut the grass, Thurs eve set up the tent, bought TWO books of tickets and knew he couldn't attend the event. WOW Mike, your something special!

I also wish to thank the following : The Haneys, Monty Wade you set-up and clean-up very well. How about those shooter Sisters, they amaze me every event. Eric & Linda, I think you might just be the busiest 50/50 sellers I have ever seen. How do you do the things you do? Vernon Cherry, a prospective member who donated the Harley Travel Bag, that raised over \$ 130.00 thank you very much. Food servers Steve Sabin & Terry Lynn you worked very hard to keep our guests satisfied. PER Bev your assistance in keeping all the paperwork straight, you're a savoir. Sam, Todd, E.R.Bob, & I.B. donated all the side dishes you guys are something else! How about the Bartenders Mark G., J.C. & Anthony, keeping our Guests hydrated & happy, thank you all. If I missed anyone, I am truly sorry. The event went by real fast to me, before I knew it, it was over. That's a sign of a great event, 3 hours that went by like 3 minutes.

I have heard only one complaint about the event, that was the fact that we ran out of Ribs early. The reason being was, as of the previous Monday Sept 15th, we had only 8 tickets sold. The head count on Sat was 94 people. I under estimated the attendance judged on advance ticket sales. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. In the future, for all of our Events, Please if at all possible sell & turn in your tickets A.S.A.P. this will help the chairman immensely. Having an idea on the attendance will help to adjust the purchasing without having shortages or unneeded waste.

Once again, thank you all.

Signed,
A Proud PER of #2268
Tim Mudge
Volunteer That's Why We're Here!

P.S. Deep fried Oreos
don't suck either!

DUES...

Many members are still delinquent on their dues payment. If you are delinquent you will be dropped and lose lodge privileges and participation in lodge functions and charities. This is too precious to lose. Please contact the secretary as soon as possible to restore membership status. The following members are delinquent as of 10/21/08:

Edward Basile
Patricia Crosby
Barry Dailey
Larry Erwin
Duane Gill
Deborah Gunger
Robert Hadley
Deborah Hewitt
Trey Hodges
Frank Hodock
Chuck Johnson
Claude Jones "CJ"
Thomas Kirkpatrick
James Land "Melk"

Ralph Lohr
Dennis Mckee
George Ofelt
Fred Ploeger
William Radtke
Rick Riley
Doug Robb "Doc"
James Smith
Terrill Stafford
Kenny Steffen
Howard Wimbrough III

9th ANNUAL FUN RUN

Yes, it's that time again. Time to saddle up and head out on our lodge Fun Run. This year the date will be Sunday November 23rd. Everyone should be ready to leave the lodge by 11:30 am. Remember to come early to sign the Fun Run Poster. While inflation is everywhere it is still only \$5 donation to sign the poster and have your name displayed as a loyal participant . This has always been a great time. It's a good way for us to have fun and support those establishments who have supported our lodge throughout the year. No itinerary has been established as of yet but past rides have included Smokeys, Summers Past, Poppas Pub, Just One More to name a few. If you have any suggestions of other loyal supporters of the lodge let me know so we can consider stopping by their establishment on our ride. Hope to see you there. Thanks JC

NOVEMBER IS ELKS VETERAN'S REMEMBRANCE MONTH

Veterans Services Chairman Paul "I.B." Dacyczyn PER of Virginia Beach ELKS Lodge BPOE 2268 presented a \$8000 check to Mrs. Mims, Director of the Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center, during the VA Volunteer Services Stakeholders Meeting on Oct. 27, 2008. These funds were raised By the Virginia Beach ELKS lodge for the VA hospital during their "11th annual VETS RUN". The "VET RUN" is a motorcycle parade to the VA Hospital with a picnic for the patients and rider-supporters of the Veterans. The Virginia Beach ELKS lodge #2268, over the past eleven VET RUNS, has donated well over \$40,000 to the Hampton VA Medical Center. A great big thank You to everyone that participated with this event.

"As long as there are Veterans the Elks will never forget them."



HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 12TH AT 7:30 PM

We are trying to extend the bar operation to six (6) nights a week. All members wishing to be a volunteer bartender are requested to attend this meeting or talk to C-Ray Kinney.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For those of you that didn't make it to the membership drive you missed a good time! It looked like rain was going to put a damper on things but the sun came out and it was a beautiful sunny day. We were joined by (4) prospective members. Thanks Tim Mudge, James Rodriques, Ken & Pam Vaden for inviting them out. We played a little "lasso golf" enjoyed some great food; barbeque and fixings by Footers and chili by yours truly and just a few adult beverages.

I want to thank the following for all their help and support, BobER ,Ken and Pam Vaden, Scott Hinson for donating and humping the ice, and Dan Haney for picking up the keg (which we finally "floated" this year!) A special thanks goes out to Bruce Barefoot for always giving the lodge a great deal on the food, and last but definitely not least, thanks to all our members and guests that came out!

Carol Bratten
Membership Chairman

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Tidewater Community could use our help this Holiday Season. Collection begins Monday 3 November thru Wednesday 17 December. Only non-perishables please. Drop off food by the can, box, bag, case etc. at the Lodge. Your Holiday gift will help a Tidewater Family in need.

Please give.
Ed Morgan
495-1970



November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ALL SAINTS DAY
2 DAYLIGHT SAVING'S TIME ENDS	3 MEETING 7:30 PM	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30	13 OFFICERS RITUAL PRACTICE 7:30 PM	14	15 T-LO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY
16	17 MEETING 7:30 PM DD VISIT INITIATION	18	19 Kim Wade's Taco Soup & Chicken Quesadillas	20	21	22
23 FUN RUN 11:30 AM Come early To sign poster \$5.00	24	25 MOVIE NIGHT 7:30	26	27  Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
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