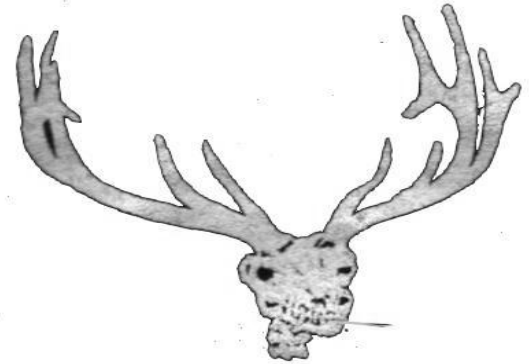


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HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

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



REMEMBERING AN ELK SOLDIER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

My fellow Virginia Elks,
Brother Bill Underwood will be serving his second Christmas in 4 years in Iraq. Bill is a Member of Charlottesville Lodge #389, a County Police Detective, and a Life-Member of the local Volunteer Fire Department.

What I am asking is not expensive, but would mean a lot to Bill as he will have a lonely Holiday away from his wife and 2 year old son. I would like to get as many Christmas Cards as we can sent to Bill from Elks all over Virginia. All of us will be sending out cards to our friends and family and I'm just asking that you pick up one extra card and a stamp, and send it to Bill at the address below:

SSG WILLIAM UNDERWOOD

HHC/3D ESC G3

APO AE 09391

These should be mailed by Dec. 10, 2008 to insure arrival (earlier is better).

Sincerely,

J. Tom Underwood

Charlottesville Lodge #389

LODGE OPEN ON SATURDAY NIGHTS

The Lodge is now open on Saturday evenings for regular business. Samantha Spencer has volunteered to bartend. Thank you Sam. Everyone come on down for a good time and support our Lodge.

JANUARY EVENTS

Thank You to Ryan James for chairing the Hoop Shoot this year. The date will be announced shortly as information becomes available. The After Christmas Party will be Saturday the 17th of January, please contact Frank and Bunny Brunt or Nonie Kuhn for more info. Thanks for stepping up and VOLUNTEERING !

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Season's greetings to all, it is now December and Christmas is upon us. I hope that each and every one of you and yours has a very joyous Christmas holiday. Thanks to all that participated in the Fall festival at our adopted Bayside Elementary School for DAP in October, all the kids had a great time. Our annual 50/50 party was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone that helped out with that event also. We have recently gone through our District Deputy meeting and initiation; we have not yet received a formal report however we feel we did fairly well. Chef Don along with several other volunteers created and served up a wonderful meal for our guests and for everyone else after the initiation ceremony. Thank you, Don, Nick, Samantha, Annie and Carol.

Our annual fun run will be held on the 23rd of November and the Thanksgiving food baskets are scheduled to go out on the 24th followed by Thanksgiving dinner at the Lodge on Thanksgiving Day, all of these events will have taken place well after I have submitted this message for print. We will have a report at our first meeting in December on these events.

Our annual Elks memorial service will be held Sunday December 7 at 5 p.m. This service is open to all, please dress appropriately. The monthly trustee meeting will be held on Wednesday the 17th of December because of holidays. The rest of the December calendar seems to be pretty much open, maybe we can get up an impromptu event watch for e-mails or the board at the lodge.

No one has ever contacted me with the winning ticket for the cooler full of bottles raffle from the Fall Convention so we will re-affle the prize at one of our future events.

Please remember that we are still collecting food donations for Christmas food baskets and please be generous to those that are less fortunate than we are.

Volunteering to help in our community is a way of life for Elks and by helping others we help forward our noble cause and inspire others to do the same. Come out and help us to help others.

Fraternally,

Robert Caley
Exalted Ruler
757-641-2771

VET RUN CHAIRMAN

We are in need of a volunteer to chair next year's Vets Run. I promise that it is a big job that takes a lot of effort on the Chairman's part. This job carries a lot of responsibility and promises to have great reward because of what is ultimately done for the guys and gals that call the Hampton Veterans Hospital home. The run will take place sometime in July and although it seems far off now it will be upon us sooner than you think. We have done this event for many years and it is all for the patients at the hospital. There are many people in the lodge that have worked closely in this event and many that have chaired it so there is plenty of experience to draw on. We need to get started right away so anyone interested should contact me ASAP.

Robert Caley
Exalted Ruler

TRUSTEE BUDGET 2009

The Trustees are accepting budget requests for 2009 year. All requests must be submitted in writing to be considered.

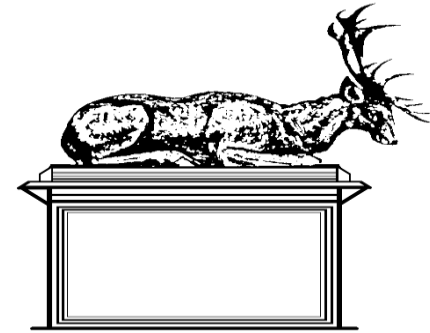
SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep all the following in your thoughts and prayers:
Joseph Powell is recovering from surgery. Walt is back home now. Visitors are welcome and encouraged. Nancy Robertson is recovering from back surgery. Cheryl Keller-Corrado's father is ill. Dave Haber is starting treatments.
We wish all of you a very speedy recovery.

ELK WINTER WEAR

Forms are on the bulletin board for:
Black Zippered Hooded Sweatshirts, this is 10oz. material not the old style 8oz.
S-XL \$32
XXL-XXXL \$35
Black or gray Sweatshirts
S-XL \$20
XXL-XXXL \$23
Please get your orders in by Dec. 12, hopefully we will have them by Jan 1. All orders must be paid in full prior to the order date.
If you have any questions call Tim Mudge PER 619-2050

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE



Our Elks Memorial Service will be held at the lodge Sunday December 7th at 5pm. All members that can should attend this service. This ceremony will be open to the public and you may bring guests. We have invited Father MacGregor to join us again this year and he has graciously accepted. Please remember that this is a memorial service and we would like everyone to dress appropriately.

HOPE HAVEN TOY DRIVE

There will be a Toy Drive to benefit Hope Haven Children's Home on December 20th. 11am – 'til at Oceana Cycles 609 Jack Rabbit Road, Suite 103, Virginia Beach, Va. Please consider coming out for this very worthy cause. For more information call Trey Hodges at 437-0014.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS!

Nathan Hudson, Eric "EJ" White
Proposed by Todd Spencer
Vernon Cherry, Joan Fialkowski
Proposed by Tim Mudge, PER
Suzanne Hidler
Proposed by Pam Vaden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

So the Secretary has been arguing with the computer again!! The new system has been downloaded and we have a new membership program that should hopefully make life easier when sending our reports to the Grand Lodge. I ask that everyone contact the secretary with all address, email, or phone number changes so that I can have my information correct in the system. Kinks are still being worked out. Also if you are a Veteran or past officer or past elk of the year or past officer of the year, please let me know.

I have recently sent out a second round of delinquent notices to those who have not paid dues. Please send your dues payment to the lodge or better yet drop by and see us in person so we can welcome you back.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended my Birthday Party on Saturday Night November 15th. It was a great time with lots of wonderful time with the best people on earth. Thanks to all who gave gifts. Special thanks to Ken Vaden for the smoked chicken and tending bar. Also thanks to Joan Fialkowski and Bunny Brundt for dessert and my HUGE birthday cake with only 29 candles!!! Thanks to Bonnie and Paul Shoemaker for bringing out the karaoke machine. So much singing...wow!!! What fun!! If you are considering a party the lodge is a great place.

Teri Linardich

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTH MONTH!

7 Stephanie Robb	20 Tommy Lynn
11 Cliff Bocchicchio	26 Robert Caley ER
14 Tommy Coogan	27 James Rodriques
18 Terry Bobka	28 Karon Pierce
Delores Stephenson	30 James Barker
19 Barry Dailey	



50/50 BASH FOR CASH

A good time had by all. A better time had by some. They won cash as follows:

\$1,000 – Kathy Hobbs/Chris Gilman

\$100 – Mike Redmond, \$100 – Terry Blaher

\$100 – ER Bob Caley, \$100 – Les Ackers

\$100 – Beverly Hamby, \$100 – Carolyn Kinney

\$100 – Joe Joe and Anita, \$100 – Charlie Thomkins

\$500 - Krystal Heffley, - \$200 – Chef Don Reed

The band rocked. New guys for us, The Pawn Shop Lifters. You'll see them again. Some say "If its too loud, you're too old". Ok, I had them turn it down 3 times. Much thanks to Jay Odell, Don Reed, Steve Sabin, Monty and Kim Wade Todd & Sam Spencer, Kathy Hobbs, Chris Gillman, Jan & Dan "Vanna" Haney, Kathy Allen, Doc Clark and Don Williams, IB, Anita Tilghman, Bobby Plummer, Sidecar Bob Caley and Carol B.

If I forgot someone "sorry" please see me for an adult beverage!

If you missed this one you missed a good one. I had such a good time I agreed to do it again next year! What was I thinking?

Bald Mike Winters
Chairman



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MEETING 7:30 PM	2	3	4	5	6 LODGE IS NOW OPEN ON SATURDAY EVENINGS
7 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE 5pm GUESTS ARE WELCOME	8	9	10	11 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30	12	13
14	15 MEETING 7:30 PM	16	17 TRUSTEE MEETING 8:00	18	19	20 HOPE HAVEN TOY DRIVE 11AM - 'TIL INFO 437-0014 MUST BRING A GIFT
21 WINTER BEGINS	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29	30	31 HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!		WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COOK ON WED AND FRI NIGHTS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL THE LODGE TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE BOARD 425-6708	