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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Brother and Sister Elk's,

I would like to thank all that have helped me with the adjustment of becoming the ER for the year 2022-2023. If not for the help of my PER's I don't know where I'd be just a month into this journey. I think I have learned more in 1 month than I have in all the years I have been an Elk, and I know there is still more learning to come. So, thank you all so much for your advice and guidance.

April has come and gone. We have made some new upgrades to the lodge that were needed, and still have more to do and are scheduled to be done. We have a goal to make the lodge an attractive and warm and welcoming place for our members to come. Some things take baby steps but you never know when you come in what you might see different.

We, also hope to keep our members entertained with different events throughout the year. You may see them slow down a bit though the summer months, as we know most people will be going on vacation and just want to be outside enjoying the beautiful weather after a long cold winter. We will keep all members on our weekly blast as to what will be going on each week-month. And it will always be posted on the Event Board in the lodge.

I took my first trip to the USO this month with Mary Louise and the Loudon Lodge. I must say it was a very satisfying experience. I will continue to make these trips throughout the year, on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. We meet at Loudon lodge, and then caravan to Sam's, shop, load up, and head to Dulles. I would encourage anyone that would like to make one of these trips to please contact me and we'll arrange to go together.

As most members know the Moose Lodge has suffered some water damage and they are going through the rough time of redoing their lodge, and we all know what that is like because we were there a few years ago ourselves. We are letting them use our hall to help with their scouts and to have their meetings. They held their first meeting there this past Thursday night. After the meeting I was informed that they are going to donate \$500.00 to our lodge for our Mother's Day Ritual. I would like to thank them very much and hope that they can also join us on this day.

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LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

EXALTED RULER

Frances Frank

LEADING KNIGHT

Allen Nightingale

LOYAL KNIGHT

Robert Kane, PER

LECTURING KNIGHT

Karla Lobo

ESQUIRE

Michael Haman, PER

CHAPLAIN

Heather Dyson

SECRETARY

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Bob Geipel, PER

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TILER

Jerry Tartt

5 YEAR TRUSTEE

Audra Simons

4 YEAR TRUSTEE

Don Young

3 YEAR TRUSTEE

Rudy Steffany

2 YEAR TRUSTEE

Houston Hayles

1 YEAR TRUSTEE

Tracy Fedor

Exalted Ruler's Message Continued...

I am still waiting on more information regarding the Spring Convention in June. I will get this information posted or blasted out as soon as I receive it.

May the 8th is Mother's day, and I would like to encourage all members that can to come to our Mother's Day Ritual, starting at 1pm. There will be light food served over in the hall for all to enjoy after the service, which usually runs about 30 minutes and is held in the Antler Club.

Fraternally,
Frances M Frank
Exalted Ruler

Elk Of The Month

Elk of the month goes to Rudy Steffany. I can not say enough about this guy. He has stepped up to be 3 year trustee for 2022-2023 year. I don't think Rudy knows the words "No", "I Can't", or "I don't have time". He has helped out in so, so many ways at the lodge I know I can't keep up with them. He's kinda scary in the way, you think, let me see if Rudy can help and he's walking through the door, like he already knew. He has run 2 of our events, has helped me myself out as a bartender, has volunteered for bartending when needed. Helps out in the kitchen. Has helped run camera cable even though he does not like being on a ladder. He has worked out helping our Treasurer when asked. He never has a bad thing to say to anyone, he's always positive, and keeps a bright happy smile on his face and always makes you feel good. I can not say enough about this guy. Rudy, Rudy, Rudy, this lodge is blessed to have you being a part of it. Thank you for all that you do for the lodge and the members.

Woodbridge Elks Lodge #2355 VEA State Convention

June 9 – 11, 2022
Volunteers Needed

Please sign-up if you intend to go the VEA State Convention in Fredericksburg, VA. There is a sign up sheet on the Information Board. This will be held at the Clarion Hotel and information regarding rooms are provided if you would like to stay over. We are hosting a Hospitality Room and need volunteers to set up the room on Friday and we need Bartenders to work 2 hour shifts which is on the sign up sheet. Please help us put our best foot forward! Woodbridge will be the star of the Convention with your help!

Sickness and Distress

Bob Nelson, PDDGER's father, **Robert David Nelson**, passed away on Sunday, April 3rd in Michigan after a lengthy illness. Please keep the Nelson family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

James Daniel Qualls June 9, 1944 ~ April 13, 2022 (age 77)

Jim's family would like for everyone to participate in Random Acts of Kindness to others in his honor. Although not necessary, if you would like to share your acts of kindness please use the hashtag #Kindness4Qualls to share stories or pictures to keep his legacy alive. Caring, Kindness, and Living Life to the Fullest was important to him.

Our Friend **Kim Jones** from McGuire passed away Monday April 25th.

Kim had the most upbeat personality and knew only kindness, caring, compassion and love for all. Our loss is heaven's gain. She will be missed and always remembered.

Woodbridge Elks and Loudoun Elks Lodges Support Dulles Airport USO

Woodbridge Lodge 2355 together with Loudoun Lodge 2406 provided Dulles Airport USO Facility with a variety of frozen sandwiches, food items, fruit, desserts and drinks on Wednesday, April 20th.

Military personnel who pass through Dulles Airport find the USO a welcome place to relax and get something to eat while traveling between duty stations. Dulles will serve approximately 900 service personnel during the month of April. Additionally, Loudoun Lodge and Dulles USO together celebrated 10 years of service in support of our military personnel. A cake, snacks and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Representing the Woodbridge Lodge was Frances Frank ER and Mary Louise Mawn PER.



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY NEW DOOR ENTRANCE CARD REQUIRED

"PURPLE" DOOR CARDS ARE NOW REQUIRED to gain entrance to the Lodge. Members must present their Membership Card for 2022-2023 to the bartender and surrender their white door card in order to get the new purple card to enter the building.

This change was effective Friday April 29th.

Boy Scout Troop 1390

Scouts and Leaders are preparing for the weeklong Summer Camp experience at the end of June. During May we will be doing our Semi-Annual Adopt the Highway Service Project on behalf of the Lodge. We will also be participating in the Lodge's following activities, Flag Day Ceremony on Tuesday, June 14th and the Dale City Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4th.

We are looking for new youth and adult members. If any Lodge member or their family are interested, contact Jim Whipple or attend one of our Troop meetings on Monday starting at 730pm.

Wishing an early Happy Mother's Day to All!



HELP WANTED

IS THERE AN ARCHITECT IN THE HOUSE?????

The trials and tribulations of getting County approval for a digital road sign continues. The County now requires an architectural Plan of where the sign will be placed on Minnieville Road.

Is there a member who is a certified architect OR someone who can do drawings to help us out with this task? This adventure has been in the works for years to no avail. We are so close to final approval but need to get past this hurdle.

Mr. Jim Whipple is the Lodge Point of Contact for securing final approval from the County for this long-awaited sign. If you can help, please contact Jim Whipple at jimwhip72@gmail.com

Thanking you in advance for any help our Lodge Members can provide.

DID YOU KNOW that not only does newspaper media reach

Stay in Touch

In addition to the newsletter, you can get updates about the lodge through two additional means. The first one is to sign up for **text messages**, this is done by entering your phone number in the tablet that is between the restrooms and the entrance to the Antler Club. The second method is by clicking "like" on Woodbridge Elks Lodge #2355 on **Facebook** and signing up for our updates. The lodge uses both means of communication to post menus, last minute events and changes within the Lodge.

Antler Club Storage Closet

As our ABC Liquor license allows our members to bring in their own liquor for their enjoyment, the Antler Club has provided a storage closet behind the bar so it will be available when the member visits. At the current time, there are many bottles being maintained in the storage closet that have been there for at least a year. We know this because the bartenders label them with the member's name and the month/year it was brought in.

In a past Board of Director's meeting, a motion was passed enabling the Bartenders to remove all liquor bottle(s) stored at the Antler Club for longer than 1 year. As such, any bottle that is in the storage closet that has a date greater than 1 year at the beginning of each month will be discarded. Please, if you know or believe you may have one of these bottles, come in and remove it so you can enjoy it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with a Board of Director's member.

Antler Club Electronic Payment Change

We continue to improve our facility and try to make things better and easier for our members and guests. We have been accepting Credit Cards and Debit Cards for the payment of your tab in the Antler Club or hall rentals. **New procedures prohibit the use of Credit/Debit Cards for any LODGE expenditures, effective November 15, 2021.**

Note, that you are not able to obtain cash or purchase any gambling related items by using your card. The ATM will remain for those wishing to obtain cash.

Upcoming Dates of Note...

May		
4	Lodge Meeting	
5	Cinco de Mayo	
8	Mother's Day	1:00
11	BOD Meeting	
18	USO Delivery	
18	Lodge Meeting	
30	Memorial Day	

June		
1	Lodge Meeting	
4	DJ Check	8:30
8	BOD Meeting	
9-11	VEA State Convention Fredericksburg	
15	USO Delivery	
15	Lodge Meeting	
19	Father's Day BBQ	12:00
25	Electronic Gaming Tournament	5:00

Articles:

New members and Initiations: We continue to receive applications for new members. This is great, for it is only through our members that we are able to meet our obligations to Veterans, the Community, our Lodge, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as a whole. Keep up the great work in bring in new members that you feel meet our requirements and that will embrace Elkdom.

Messages/Letters have been/are being sent to everyone to tell them the date/time for their initiation. If you have sponsored someone to become a member, please tell them to be on the lookout for this information.

Lastly, please remember that when you submit someone for membership you should attend the Lodge meeting to provide character witness to whom you are supporting.

The Hall: Need a location for your special event; don't forget the Lodge Hall is available for your parties. Think of the Lodge when scheduling those office off-site business meetings; plenty of space for Wedding, baby/bridal showers. The hall is available days and nights. Contact a Trustee for additional information.

Box Tops for Education/Campbell's Labels: Have no kids at home or no school to donate your box tops? Clip those box tops and soup labels. Bring them to the Club and place them in the lock box under the Elk head. Monthly the Lodge will deliver them to a different local school for their use.

Soda Can Tabs: When purchasing canned soda from the bar, remember to remove the opening tab and give them to the bartenders. These tabs are donated to local charities such as Ronald McDonald House and Dialysis Centers. Save your tabs at home and bring them to the Club.

Elks Organ Donor Program: Organ transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. In most cases, it's the only hope for thousands of people suffering from organ failure or in desperate need of corneas, skin, bone or other tissues. Tragically, the need for donated organs and tissues continues to outpace the supply. Right now, thousands of Americans could be helped if enough organs and tissues were available.

Organ and tissue donations provide each of us with a special opportunity to help others. You can save lives by making the decision to be an organ and tissue donor. When you apply for a driver's license, or photo ID card, you will be asked if you wish to become an organ donor. If you decide to become a donor, your choice will be noted on the front of your driver's license or photo ID card. By saying "Yes" to organ donation, you could save or improve the quality of life for more than 50 others who suffer from organ failure, bone defects, burns or blindness. Once you have made your decision, share it with your family. For more information, contact: Virginia Transplant Council, Donate Life Virginia, 9200 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 104, Richmond VA 23236.

Dues: The Lodge received the annual letter from Grand Lodge informing them of changes to the Grand Lodge assessment. **There will be a \$5 increase in the Grand Lodge assessment for the 2022-23 Elk Year. Lodge dues will be \$62 for regular members, and \$29 for life members.**

Meeting Schedule

Lodge Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month @ 7:30 PM in downstairs meeting room

Board of Director's Meeting: 2nd Wednesday each month @ 7:30 PM in the Large Hall

To be successful, we need all members to be active. Please attend and participate.

Sign up for our Text Blasts!

Kiosk located next to the dartboards.

Enter your Smartphone number and stay up to date on happenings at the Lodge!

Sign up for our Newsletter! Send email to elksnewsletters2355@gmail.com to join

Parking:

Please park in designated parking spots. The spots in front of the lodge are designated for staff, motorcycle, and Officer and Elk of the Year parking.

Please do not park in the fire lanes of the car port or by the flagpole circle.

Members Delinquent in their EY2022-23 Dues (as of April 24)

Charles Allen
Jack Bennett
Travis Brehm
Brian Candia
John Cavanagh
Jack L Cochran
John Crow
Alan Denz
Luke Fitzgerald
Marlee Fox
Kenneth Gary
Alana Grebin
Scott Jackson
Ellenor Kirkconnell
Terry Martinez
Kenneth Moreno
Robert Nelson
Garland Oertly
Chris Patterson
Robert Potter
Samuel Rhodes
Todd Swails
Kevin Thibeault
Naeemah Wesselhoft

Esther Baca
Ernest Blaine
Sam Caltagerone
Michelle Cappel
Maureen Christensen
Anthony Cosentino
Robert Davies
Carmen Elmore
Bernard Flippo
Roman Gamez
Donald Glass Jr
Carl Hedrick
Julie Jennings
Erick Lopez
Edward McNamee
John Muller
James Nichols
Dominic Paravano
Arnold Phillips
Paul Ramsay
Sean Ruhlman
Jacob Swithenbank
Methody Trohanowsky
James Woodbridge

Kenny Bedford
Wynn Borders
John Campbell
Charles castle
Jack B Cochran
Deborah Crawford
John Davis
Don Faught
Benjamin Box
Lillian Garland
John Graumann
Nicholas Inlow
William Lachance
Gary Margheim
Charles Mirro
Thomas Murray
Margie Oden
Nick Patete
Gary Pierpoint
Lucinda Reinholtz
Robert Simmons
Richard Templeton
Tulin Tukenmez
Amber Young



Virginia Elks Association News



Tuesday, April 12, 2022

First Lady Elizabeth Dameron's June 2022 Convention Project Let's Get Packing for our Veterans and Campers



LET'S GET PACKING FOR OUR VETERANS AND CAMPERS

June Convention is right around the corner. I am so excited to see all our Elk Angels and hear the stories of "Good People Doing Great Things". We are going to continue that story by packing plastic shoeboxes filled with goodies for our Veterans. It has been a really tough two years for them in the hospitals not being able to get together with family and friends. So let's put a smile on their faces and brighten their day!

I am asking the Lodges to please bring some of the items listed below to fill the shoeboxes. Any boxes that you fill you will be able to take back to your Lodge and distribute to Veterans in your area.

Backpacks are perfect for our campers. I have 100 backpacks for us to fill with a few toiletries and a beach towel. Below is a list of items for them as well.

I would like to thank Vicki Shiflett, our State Veteran Chairman, for her suggestions and support in planning this event.

Suggestions for Veteran Boxes (travel sizes):

1. Plastic containers with a lid the size of a shoebox
2. Unscented soap, deodorant, lotion and shampoo
3. Hand towel and wash cloth
4. Cool towel for a hot day
5. Tissues, wipes and wipes for eyeglasses
6. Toothbrush and paste
7. Hair brush, comb, hair ties, bobbie pins and headbands
8. Socks (men and women)
9. Deck of cards, small puzzles, game books (crossword puzzles, sudoku, hidden words)
10. Note cards, writing pad and pen
11. Feminine products

Items for Backpacks:

1. Beach towel
2. Toothbrush and paste, shampoo, soap and lotion

Please no food or sharp items. Remember the Veteran boxes will go back to your Lodge to distribute in your area. We will give the backpacks to the Youth Camp.

Thank you for your help and support on this project. "As long as there is a Veteran, Elks will never forget them!"

Elizabeth Dameron, VEA FIRST LADY

Submitted by Ray Dameron

Send comments to webmaster@virginiaelks.org



Mother's Day Ritual

**My Mother is a woman like no other.
She gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, dressed me,
fought for me, helped me, shouted at me, kissed me
But most importantly,
She loved me unconditionally**

**Join us May 8, 2022
1:00 PM
As we perform the Elks Mother's Day Ritual**

May 2022



Woodbridge Elks Lodge #2355
14602 Minnieville Road Woodbridge VA 22193
Phone: 703-878-7444 Email: elksevents2355@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Paqaimt & Sip 2:00 4:00	Boy Scout Troop Meeting		Lodge Meeting Chef's Choice	Grill Night 	Seafood Night Crab Legs; Steamed Shrimp; Fried Fish and Cooks Special of the Day	Post-CINCO DE MAYO Party Dinner From 5:00 – 8:00 PM Native Wind 8:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 Ritual at 1:00	Boy Scout Troop Meeting		BOD Meeting	Grill Night/Ribeye Grilled Chicken Breast Hamburger/ Cheese	Seafood Night Cooks Special of the Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Boy Scout Troop Meeting		Lodge Meeting Chef's Choice	Grill Night/Ribeye Grilled Chicken Breast Hamburger/ Cheese	Seafood Night Crab Legs; Steamed Shrimp; Fried Fish and Cooks Special of the Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Boy Scout Troop Meeting		Chef's Choice	Grill Night/Ribeye Grilled Chicken Breast Hamburger/ Cheese	Seafood Night Crab Legs; Steamed Shrimp; Fried Fish and Cooks Special of the Day	
29	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
	Boy Scout Troop Meeting		Chef's Choice	Grill Night/Ribeye Grilled Chicken Breast Hamburger/ Cheese	Seafood Night Crab Legs; Steamed Shrimp; Fried Fish and Cooks Special of the Day	

Woodbridge Cornhole League Open Registration Until May 22nd

Season Starts Thursday, May 26th
through August 11th

- 8PM Start Time
- 12 Week Season
- Week 6 & 12 are Make Up Weeks
- 10 Weeks of Play
- 5 Games a Night
- Playoffs to Follow

Returning Player \$40
New Players \$50

<https://playpass.com/woodbridge-cornhole-league>

Email Team Name and Members to:
Woodbridgecornholeleague@yahoo.com

Contact League Director: Scott Jackson @
(571) 503-0765 for more information

Registration Link



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**Post-CINCO DE
MAYO
Party**
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May 7, 2022

**Special Dinner Menu
From
5:00 – 8:00 PM**



Woodbridge Elks Antler Club

Welcomes Native Wind
May 7, 2022 at 8:00 PM



Woodbridge Elks Antler Club

DJ CHECK

June 4, 2022 at 8:30 - 12:30



Woodbridge Elks Antler Club

Father's Day BBQ

Sunday June 19th

12:00 until ???

Come celebrate with
your fellow Elks and
enjoy good music
and great food



Woodbridge Elks Antler Club Electronic Gaming Tournament June 25th @ 5:00



\$20 Buy-in per Round
2 Rounds
Top 3 Persons get a prize



USING ELECTRONIC PULL TAB MACHINES
MUST PLAY \$1 GAMES ONLY



Woodbridge Elks Aulter Club Polynesian Night

July 15, 2022
5:00 PM

Special Menu
& Entertainment