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JUNE 2025								
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
1	2 CLOSED	3 6:00 - PER MEET- ING	4 SPECIAL: ANGRY ELK BURGER & FRIES TRIVIA NIGHT 7 PM	5 10:00 - BOWLING w/ VETS LEE-HI LANES	6 SPECIAL: BBQ BRIS- KET w/ SIDES	7		
8	9 CLOSED	10 SPECIAL: EGG SALAD SANDWICH & CHIPS 7:30 - LODGE MEETING	11	12	13 12:30 - STATE CON- VENTION	14 STATE CONVENTION		
15 STATE CONVEN- TION SPECIAL: CHICKEN BACON RANCH SUB w/ CHIPS	16 CLOSED	17	18 SPECIAL: SPINACH FETA SALAD w/ CHICKEN	19 1:00 - 6:00 - EMALEE PETERSON HALL MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE	20 SPECIAL: BBQ RIBS w/ MASH POTATOES & SALAD	21 SPECIAL: ADULTABLES 7:00-10:00 - DECADES THEME ADULT SWIM- DJ CHUCK ON DECK		
22	23 6:30 - ORIENTATION NEW MEMBERS	24 SPECIAL: TUNA FISH SUB & CHIPS 7:30 - LODGE MEETING & INDUC- TON	25 6:00 - The Great Divide by Cristina Henriquez	26	27 SPECIAL: GRILLED PORK CHOPS w/ BAKED BEANS & FRIED APPLES	28		
29	30 CLOSED							

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From the Exalted Ruler

By the time you read this, summer will be in full swing--and so will our pool! It's been great to see families and members enjoying the warm weather, cool water, and good company.

If you haven't stopped by recently, you'll want to check out the beautifully renovated bar area. It looks amazing and adds a fresh energy to our Lodge. Our kitchen team continues to impress with creative, delicious menus that are getting rave reviews. Come hungry!

We're also excited to welcome Elks from across the state as we host the Virginia State Convention. It's an honor to showcase our Lodge and hospitality to fellow members from across the Commonwealth.

Later this month, I'll be heading to Kansas City to represent our great Lodge at the National Convention. I'm proud to carry the spirit and strength of our membership with me and look forward to bringing back new ideas and inspiration. Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our Lodge and our mission.

Fraternally,

Mark Wigginton, Exalted Ruler

POOL HOURS

Monday: Closed Tuesday: 11am-7pm Wednesday: 11am-9pm Thursday: 11am-9pm Friday: 11am-9pm Saturday: 9:30am-9pm Sunday: 9:30am-8:00pm

We will be having special hours for holidays, state convention weekend, and adult swims. Those will be posted in the coming newsletters and on the Facebook page.

~Lori Sandak, Pool Committee Chair

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GRAND EXALTED RULER

The message of our Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas A. Schiefer, is available in the monthly Elks magazine and on the Grand Lodge website: www.elks.org

LODGE 197 EVENTS **JUNE 2025**

JUNE 3:	6:00 - PER MEETING				
JUNE 4:	7:00 - TRIVIA NIGHT (SEE SPECIALS)				
JUNE 5:	10:00 - BOWLING WITH VETS - LEE HI LANES				
JUNE 10:	7:30 - LODGE MEETING (SEE SPECIALS)				
JUNE 13:	12:30 - STATE CONVENTION (CONCLUDES ON JUNE 15)				
JUNE 18:	7:00 - TRIVIA NIGHT (SEE SPECIALS)				
JUNE 19:	1:00 - 6:00 * EMALEE PETERSON HALL MEMORIAL BLOOD				
	DRIVE*				
JUNE 21:	7:00 - 10:00 * DECADES THEME ADULT SWIM: DJ CHUCK				
	ON DECK*				
JUNE 23:	6:30 - ORIENTATION				
JUNE 24:	7:30 - LODGE MEETING - INDUCTION				
JUNE 25 :	6:00 - BOOK CLUB MEETS				
	JUNE SPECIALS				
	4th ANGRY ELK BURGER WITH FRIES				
	6th BBQ BRISKET WITH SIDES				
	10th EGG SALAD SANDWICH WITH CHIPS				
	15th CHICKEN BACON RANCH SUB WITH CHIPS				
	18th SPINACH FETA SALAD WITH CHICKEN				
20th BBQ RIBS WITH MASH POTATOES & SALAD					
	21st ADULTABLES				
	24th TUNA FISH SUB WITH CHIPS				
27th G	RILLED PORK CHOPS WITH BAKED BEANS & FRIED APPLES				
	Book Club Will Discuss:				
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Book Clu	b The Great Divide by Cristina Henriquez				

June 25 ~ 6:00 pm

~Carol Adkins 540.353.5959

Emalee Peterson Hall Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive: Open to the public! Walk-ins welcome! To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and use keyword "elks197". A couple of volunteers are needed 12pm-1pm that day to help Red Cross unload & set up. Contact Tony Koliba (540) 330-6208 Our Scorecard: Since 07/2022, our Lodge has collected 772 pints helping 2316 people who need blood.

Thanks to all participants and volunteers!

JUNE 2025	***Items Needed For Veterans***		
ELK OF THE MONTH	Recently, it was identified that the inpatient mental health unit of t clothes closet. Some veterans arrive with limited clothing, and the with street clothes during their stay, instead of hospital pajamas. families to bring items, having a clothes closet would offer quicke	e goal is to provide them Since it can take time for	
	clothing.		
Elks Lodge #197 is proud to recognize Dakota Carrington as our June Elk of the Month.	Below is a list of requested items and specific restrictions for the	unit:	So long as there are Vet them."
Since joining our Lodge, Dakota has demonstrated an unwa- vering commitment to service and community. He quickly became a vital part of the Scholarship Committee, where his enthusiasm and dedication to helping students succeed have made a lasting impact.	Shoes Allowed: Wide-strapped sandals (e.g., Crocs), slip-on shoes, Velc Not allowed: Shoes with laces, hard-soled shoes Already available: Socks	This is one of the mottor valued missions. The El programs that support of during World War I to op	
Despite balancing two careers-as a realtor with MKB Realtors and as the owner and stylist at Carrington's Salon - Dakota continues to prioritize giving back. His involvement with the Scholarship Committee is especially meaningful to him. As a former recipient of a high school scholarship,	Shirts Allowed: Long/short-sleeve button-up shirts, long/short-sleeve co Not allowed: Shirts with full zippers or strings, hoodies Already available: White t-shirts, sweatshirts	otton shirts	Boston in 1918, from ad precursor to the G.I. Bill the nation, the Elks have them.
Dakota understands firsthand the difference that kind of support can make. He credits that opportunity as a key part of his own journey and is passionate about paying it forward.	Pants Allowed: Pants that button (can have a zipper), jogger pants witho that can be pulled out Not allowed: Pants with drawstrings or removable elastic	out drawstrings or elastic	As of 2023, Veterans ma individuals have all give deepest gratitude. Rega in a capacity that matter
In addition to his work on scholarships, Dakota also contributes his time and talents to the Flower and Landscaping Committees, helping to beauti- fy our Lodge grounds. His eye for design and dedication to detail bring color and pride to our shared space. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dakota for his time, talent, and tireless efforts. He is a shining example of	Undergarments New and in packaging: Male and female underwear, female bras w	vithout underwire	returned home from Vie Roosevelt, issuing payc Afghanistan—every dut
what it means to be an Elk, and we are honored to have him among us.	Other Items Composition notebooks (no staples or wire binding) Reading glas like Dollar Tree, (Goodwill, or TJ Maxx)	As Elks, we proudly con Thank you,	
Contributed By: Shannon McCann and Carol Adkins	We are looking for a variety of sizes to meet the needs of both me Items can be gently used but should be in good condition.	n and women in the unit.	Joe Handerhan
	Thank you. I have placed some containers in the lobby to serve a coordinate getting the items to the VA.	s a collection point and	61ks
	~Joe Handerhan 540-676-3283		6.0
POOL NEWS	Our new software will be bringing us into the age of technology. There are 3 ways to check	POOL HOURS: Monday: Closed	***Registration packets
	people in at the gate: with an e-pass, with your last name, or with a physical card.	Tuesday: 11am-7pm	
members at this time. For now, we will be asking to obtain or verify email addresses for e-passes. The ema the wallet on their phone. Because everyone has their phone with them 24/7 this is the best solution for nov	Time has not been on our side and we have not had enough time to print out physical cards for il can be sent to your spouse, children, and babysitters for each person to keep their passes in v. E-passes can be delivered to your email address within 1 minute.	Wednesday: 11am-9pm Thursday: 11am-9pm Friday: 11am-9pm	The camp dates this yea Girls: July 6-12th Boys: July 20-26th
If you absolutely need a physical card we will be keeping a list and just printing cards for the members who	need one. This is an extra expense for the Lodge, so in an effort to be fiscally responsible we	Saturday: 9:30am-9pm	Drop Off: Sunday betwee

itely need a physical card we will be keeping a list and just printing cards for the members who need one. This is an extra expense for the Lodge, so in an effort to be fiscally responsible we will only be printing physical passes for those who need one. The first physical card you are issued (for you, spouse, children, babysitter) is on us. If you lose your physical card and need it to be replaced, Sunday: 9:30am-8:00pm there will be a \$5 fee per card.

Regardless of how you choose to check in, the process will be much faster. There will be no more writing your name, signing, etc. For those using passes it will be a matter of just scanning your pass with the gate guard, hearing a beep, and walking in. That's it

Because we can track things so much better, each member will have 10 guest passes per month. Guest names will be recorded in the system by the gate guards. Members must be present with their guests for guests to come in. Families coming in as guests will use only 1 guest pass but will have to pay for each individual. Pool parties will still have a paper guest log.

On Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays a second gate guard will be in the main Lodge lobby. On Saturdays and Sundays we will only open the main pool gate first thing to accommodate everyone that waited in line. Once everyone is in from that line, the second gate guard will be posted for people to use either entrance. Please be aware that you cannot enter the Lodge unless you have a cover up and shoes on. No wet bathing suits in the Lodge.

We are continuing to ask for patience with our gate guards and pool committee members as we learn to navigate this new system. If you have not filled out paperwork (registration, waiver, and signing the pool rules) you will be asked to step to the side to complete this paperwork at the gate. Without paperwork you will not be in the system and cannot enter the pool area.

As we settle into summer and get more comfortable with the software, parents may be asked to provide dates of birth for the children on their passes. This will help us ensure year to year that children under 14 do not enter without a responsible adult present. It will also help assist us with age limits for adult swim events

Amber Brooks really outdid herself with finding this program and we are so grateful for her assistance

For all future summers, things will be similar to this year. You will no longer be able to send in your pool dues with your Lodge dues. You will need to come to a sign up event to confirm your pool pass information and the information of those you purchase passes for, as well as pay for those additional passes. New members will need to complete the registration at sign up events.

The pool committee email remains open for questions so don't hesitate to reach out to Roanoke197pool@gmail.com

See you at the pool!

~Lori Sandak, Pool Committee Chair







Summer Swim has begun, we began the week of May 19 to surprisingly warm water. We have five swim meets in the month of June, two are hosted at the Elks Lodge. We are hoping for a great season and we will be sure to keep all of you updated. Thank you to the Pool Committee and the Lodge for all your support. Our first meet will be against Olympic Park on June 2nd - wish us luck!

It isn't too late if you want to join in the fun - email Coach Katie at elkscoachkatie@gmail.com.

VETERAN SALUTE JUNE 2025

terans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks shall not forget

os of the BPOE—and indeed, a guiding principle for one of our most Elks have played an essential role in developing and administering our Veterans. From establishing the first field hospitals in France pening the first rehabilitation hospital for returning Veterans in dvocating for the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944-the II-to coordinating numerous programs here in Roanoke and across re remained steadfast in our commitment: we have not forgotten

ake up approximately six percent of the U.S. population. These en something in service to their country and are deserving of our ardless of their specific roles within the military, each of them served red. Whether checking in the fallen at Dover, Delaware as they etnam, cooking for the admiral aboard the USS Franklin D. checks at training facilities, or walking point in the mountains of ity was meaningful, and every contribution is appreciated.

ntinue to honor and serve those who have served us

Care - 4/4 Share

YOUTH CAMP

available at the Lodge**

ar are below: rop Off: Sunday between noon and 1pm Pick-up: Saturday morning by 9am

Virginia Elks Lodge Youth Camp, 145 Youth Camp Dr, Millboro, VA 24460

If you cannot attend the registration event, your registration packets need to be filled out completely and taken with you when you arrive at the camp for drop off. I will need to provide a headcount so please let me know by June 15th so I can provide accurate numbers to the camp director.

General Objectives:

To provide each camper with the opportunity for wholesome fun and adventure in a safe supervised outdoor program.

To help develop a concept of safe and healthful living by stressing wholesome daily health habits; and by offering a chance for increasing strength, vitality, and endurance. To contribute to the understanding and appreciation of the world of nature.

To encourage the development of skills and knowledge that may contribute to wholesome recreation in later years. To contribute to the development of a camper's self-confidence and independence.

To help the camper develop a sense of social understanding and responsibility through community living experience

Camp Reviews:

"My kids absolutely loved their camping experience here! I loved that they had zero screens for a week! Even though it's reminiscent of camps 20-30 years ago it's still very clean and safe. The staff was very friendly and helpful. My kids loved the food served and enjoyed the activities very much. Also.. they both started making their beds every morning without being asked! Thank you Elk's Virginia camp!! Hello fellow members!"

"My son absolutely loved camping at the Virginia Elk Lodge this summer. He came home full of excitement, lots of stories, and a few new friends. He can't wait to go again this coming summer.'

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