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Lodge 197

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Check out our Wednesday and
Friday Night Dinners – We need
MORE PARTICIPATION!
Smoke Free Dining!**

District Deputy Meeting - January 16th

Hoop Shoot – January 16th

Valentines Dance – Details in Feb Bulletin

St. Patricks Day Dance – Details in Feb Bulletin

Adopt-A-Veteran!

by C. Valentine Bates, PGER

Vice Chairman

For nearly thirty years the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been actively involved in our Adopt-A-Veteran Program. It is a very popular program that every Elks Lodge should participate in. The Elks' commitment, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them," is as relevant today as it was many years ago. We must not ignore the needs of our Veterans, especially those who are without family and friends close by. We can help brighten their lonely days by adopting them and involving them in Lodge activities, providing outings and dinners and making them feel special and honored for their sacrifices.

Lodges can become involved by following these four simple steps:

1. The VAVS Representative (or chairman at a state facility) secures the names of Veterans without family or friends nearby and forwards the list to the State National Veterans Service Chairman.
2. The State Chairman will divide the list among the Lodges in close proximity to the facility and forward the names to the appropriate District Chairman.
3. The District Chairman will determine how many Veterans each Lodge wishes to adopt. He will then provide the Lodges with a like amount of names.
4. The Lodge should publish the names and birthdays (without year) of its adopted Veterans in its bulletin each month and encourage Members and their families to schedule visits. Gifts for Veterans should consist of personal care items, reading material, games and similar inexpensive items. Luncheons and dinners at a restaurant or the Lodge are also recommended.

Get involved; get your Lodge involved; Adopt-A-Veteran today!

For information about how your Lodge can get involved contact:

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ELK OF THE YEAR.....ROBERT GRAY
OFFICER OF THE YEARGARRY FINNEY
OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR.....DORIS FANT
EDITOR CHUCK GARST

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JANUARY 2010

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3	4 <u>Closed</u>	5	6 <u>Wednesday Night Dinner</u>	7	8 <u>Friday Night Dinners</u>	9
10	11 <u>Closed</u>	12 <u>Trustee/ Lodge Meeting</u>	13 <u>Wednesday Night Dinner</u>	14	15 <u>Friday Night Dinners</u>	16 <u>District Deputy Mtg 1pm</u>
17	18 <u>Closed</u>	19 <u>Auxiliary Membership Mtg</u>	20 <u>Wednesday Night Dinner</u>	21	22 <u>Friday Night Dinners</u>	23
24	25 <u>Closed</u>	26 <u>Trustee/ Lodge Meeting Initiation</u>	27 <u>Wednesday Night Dinner</u>	28	29 <u>Friday Night Dinners</u>	30
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Notes from the Club Manager:

We will be having some great specials for the Superbowl. More details in next bulletin. Valentine's Day Party ticket's will be \$15.00 per person accompanied by 1 drink ticket. More details to follow.

Don't forget St. Patrick's Day!!! We will be celebrating on March 6th this year. \$15.00 per ticket ... \$20.00 at the door. More details to come.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. If any of you would like to do a little early spring cleaning, we would love it if you could donate any kind of decorations, linens, tablecloths, etc. Just drop them off at the Lodge at your convenience and thank you very much!

Also, beginning the first of this year, we will be having a Celebrity Chef every Saturday night. If you would like to show off your culinary talent, please submit your name and menu to me or the bartender on duty and we will contact you for a date to prepare your masterpiece. We only have one slot left for the month of January so let us know as soon as possible.

Message from The Grand Exalted Ruler



To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

So much of what we do as Elks can be viewed as family-oriented. Hoop-Shoot, Drug Awareness activities, Americanism Essay Contest, Soccer Shoot, Mother's Day observances, Antlers and much, much more, should bring families together and to the Lodge. However, if your Lodge is not emphasizing these programs, you may be missing the boat.

Family-oriented is where we want to be. Mom and Dad both work and both want to spend what available time they have with their family. Add to that concerns about the economy, and you can see why young families may not be active in the local Elks Lodge. We must meet them where they are.

From a pragmatic standpoint, we must be mindful of the many demands upon the time and resources of young families, and plan our Lodge activities accordingly. Underlying all of this is the fact young families must be a primary focus of our membership efforts.

Luckily, we are family-oriented as an Order. We have youth and family programs in place that are high-quality and nationally recognized. Assess your Lodge's participation in the programs mentioned above. Gear more of your activities to those that young parents seek for their families.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

James L. Nichelson, Grand Exalted Ruler

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Newsletter

Balloting – January 12th

Membership

Rodger Dixon
Kimberly Caldwell

Sponsor: Tim Shepherd, PER
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Reinstatement

John M. Butler

Roanoke Elks Lodge #197 does not discriminate in its membership because of race, religion or sex. Any member of this lodge knowing good reason why any applicant mentioned above should not become a member of this order is conscience bound to make the same known to the Exalted Ruler, which information will be held strictly in confidence.

Auxiliary News

No Board Meeting

January 3rd. 2pm - We will be taking the Christmas decorations down. Please try and come to help.

January 19th. 7pm - Membership Meeting...Nominating committee will present their new officers for 2010. Nominations are being accepted from the floor. Voting will take place in February.

Respectfully Submitted, Lynne Epting

Message from The Exalted Ruler

Well, Christmas has come and gone, can the pool opening be far behind? Actually only 5 months!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. The Memorial Service in early December was wonderful and many thanks to all the officers who participated and all who helped to make it successful and memorable. If you have not participated in the past, mark your calendar for the first Sunday in December in 2010.

The Christmas lighting ceremony at the ELKS NATIONAL HOME was terrific and I was proud to be able to represent our Lodge. We had many dignitaries there including the current and past Virginia state presidents. The Grand Exalted Ruler was there as well as past GER's. The ceremony was very well done and the food was outstanding. Seeing the lights is an annual trip for me and my family. It will not be quite the same without having dinner at the Old Liberty Train Station restaurant.

Congratulations to Bill Bestpitch, who is now the Virginia Veterans Representative for ELKS National Veterans Service Communication for the VA Medical Center and the Virginia Care Center.

Upcoming events include a District Deputy meeting January the 16th at 1pm at our Lodge. All members are invited. We have the HOOP SHOOT on January 16th I you would like to help or just watch, please contact R.D.Wright or check out the posters he has at the lounge. A Valentines dance is being planned and details will follow. The ever popular Saint Patrick's Day dance is in the works. Anyone wishing to help, please see a House Committee Member and give them your name and a number to contact you. If you don't see a committee member leave your name and number with the bartender and they will forward it on to the correct individual.

Wednesday buffets have been back for several months but the attendance has been anything but stellar. The food is good, the prices are low and company is good and yet very few members take advantage of the service. In order to continue we need to have more than 15 to 20 people attend. If you have suggestions of how to improve and have more people participate please let me, any officer, house committee member or Missy know. We are here to serve you but you have to come for us to do our duties.

Fraternaly Yours,

Vince Brandtner - Exalted Ruler



Billiards News

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

NO ENTRY FEES for ANY TOURNAMENTS!

January 2010 Members Only Tournaments

Saturday, Jan. 9th, 2010 – 1pm, 8-Ball

Sunday, Jan. 17th, 2010 – 1pm, 9-Ball

Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 2010 – 1pm, 61 Partners

Saturday, Jan. 30th, 2010 – 1pm, Scotch Doubles

February 2010

Saturday, Feb. 13th, 2009 at 1pm – Scotch Doubles Valentines

Member Son/Daughter Tournament – No Entry Fee

**NO ENTRY FEES FOR TOURNAMENTS
WE WILL ALSO HAVE 50/50 DRAWINGS**



Gift Certificates available for both Salon and Cleaning Service

Aquatic Adventures is very excited to announce our new location at 2007 Electric Road, Oak Grove Plaza, on the opposite end from Mc Donald's. We plan to open this new location in October, housing two teaching pools, 84 degrees water temperature, salt water systems (which will be gentler on the skin and swim suits), a waiting room, and a play area. This new location will allow us to increase times offered for classes, have open swim times for program participants, and focus more on our swimmers and their needs. Our web site is still www.ijustswim.com.



At Aquatic Adventures our priority is to offer safe, quality programs at affordable rates. In order for us to have all of these wonderful new programs as well as adding more structures and amenities to our facility, we will grow in phases over 6 months to one year after we open. Aquatic Adventures will begin hosting pool parties at our new location.

Beginning in January of 2010 you can book your child's next birthday party at Aquatic Adventures, including games, pizza and special packages for your Aquatic themed party. We will also begin to host special holiday events for kids, Moms Morning Out, Date Night out for Parents and more. Look for information about these and more specials on our website's News and Information page!

Mom's Morning Holiday Event!

Get your shopping done or get ready for some holiday events. Aquatic Adventures will host 3 Mother's Day outings in December. Outings will last for three hours each. Dates TBA. Find all the information on the website. There will be a limit to 25 children per outing. Enrolled swimmers Price: First one Free! Others: \$10.00. Non-Enrolled Swimmer Price: \$20.00.

Thanks for a great summer and be sure to stay in touch!

Wednesday Night Buffet

Wednesday Night Buffets –



Wednesday January 6th – Ham, black-eyed peas, seasoned rice, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$6.95 per person, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday January 13th – Meatloaf, home fries, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$6.95 per person, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday January 20th - Chicken Fajitas with Spanish rice and dessert. \$6.95, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday January 27th - Lasagna with garlic bread and salad bar. \$6.95, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday February 1st - Fish and chips with salad bar, rolls and dessert. \$6.95, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

An RSVP would be appreciated by calling the lounge and letting us know how many will be in your party. This helps us to prepare the correct amount of food but we always make extra so if you decide at the last minute to come please do. We also need 3-4 volunteers to help serve the buffet each week. *Volunteers eat free!* Call the lodge to let us know which week you want to volunteer. Please come out and support the buffets. The price is right and the food is delicious. The dining room is smoke free and set up with linens to make the atmosphere pleasant.

FRIDAY NITE DINNER SPECIALS

5:30 to 7:30 or while supplies last.

Friday January 8th – Chicken parmesan with salad and garlic bread. \$6.95

Friday January 15th – Shrimp (12 oz.) with slaw and fries. \$6.95

Friday January 22nd – Two Chicken leg quarters, mac-n-cheese and green beans. \$5.95

Friday January 29th - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans. \$6.95

Friday February 5th - Bacon wrapped filet with baked potato and salad bar. \$9.95