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Lodge 197

Valentines Dance

Saturday February 13th 7:30- 11pm



At the door tickets will be \$10.00 per person

There will be a DJ and light hors d'oeuvres provided.

Tickets on sale at the bar or through house committee members.

St Patrick's Day Party Saturday March 6, 2010

Admission: \$15.00 in advance
\$20.00 day of the event

Music by "War Pipe" starts at 6:30
Music by "Second Wind" starts at 7:30
Ticket includes admittance to the show and a trip to our fully loaded "Irish Buffet"

The Buffet will include: Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef, Boiled Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes and Rye Bread. This year we will also have an Irish Coffee Bar!

Note: The lounge will close from 5 pm until 6 pm in order to set up for the party. All Members are welcome to watch the "War Pipe Band" but after 7:00, only ticket holders will be allowed in the lounge and main dining room. The downstairs Bar will be open for those not wishing to attend the party.

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

OFFICERS FOR 2009-10

VINCE BRANDTNER.....Exalted Ruler
BARRY BEER..... Esteemed Leading Knight
PAUL MARNELL Esteemed Loyal Knight
KEVIN MCBROOM..... Esteemed Lecturing Knight
WILLIAM R. CHASE Secretary
WAYNE HALL..... Treasurer
STEVE BRANDTNER.....Esquire
MICHELLE CARTER Tiler
MIKE VIA Chaplain
GENE SZUSTAKOWSKI..... Inner Guard

TRUSTEES

David Stultz, PER, CHAIRMAN Charles V. Bates, PER
Brad Sneed Rick Vitolo Tim Shepherd, PER

AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 2009-10

PRESIDENT BARBARA BRANDTNER
VICE PRESIDENT PAT COYNE
RECORDING SECRETARYCHRIS JORDAN
TREASURER PEGGY JESSEE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY SUSAN DOBBS
HISTORIANDEBBIE SZUSTAKOWSKI

FEBRUARY 2010

For Current News and Events Visit the Roanoke Elks Online at: <http://www.elks197.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Auxiliary Board Meeting	Wednesday Night Dinner		Friday Night Dinners	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Closed	Trustee/Lodge Meeting	Wednesday Night Dinner		Friday Night Dinners	Valentines Dance 7:30pm Member Son / Daughter Pool Tourney 1pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Closed	Auxiliary Membership Mtg	Wednesday Night Dinner		Friday Night Dinners	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Closed	Trustee/Lodge Meeting Initiation	Wednesday Night Dinner		Friday Night Dinners	
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Roanoke St. Patrick's Day Parade March 13, 2010 – Volunteers Needed

Roanoke Lodge #197 has entered the annual Roanoke St. Patty's Day Parade and is looking for members and family to help celebrate the event. At a minimum we will have one decorated vehicle with the Elks banner and patriotic bunting. There will be plenty of Irish green in honor of this occasion. If we to a small trailer and float, it will be put together in the parking lot on March 12th and towed to the parade staging area on Saturday, March 13th. We would love to have your help and input at any time, but if time does not permit, please support the Lodge by marching with us in the parade. Children are welcome.

Parade Location: The lineup of entries will begin at 9:30am on Jefferson St. and Albemarle Ave., near the Roanoke Ambulatory Surgery Center in downtown Roanoke. The parade starts at 11am and will follow Jefferson St. to Campbell Ave. and end at Williamson Rd. No candy or items can be thrown into the crowd. Please join us in getting the message of the Elks Lodge out to the public we serve and enjoy a day of Irish music, dance and fun for the whole family. For more information, please contact John W. Smith at JWMSmith@msn.com or at 540-520-8779

Building Member / Lodge Ties

How do we get new Members to join? We ask them. That personal face-to-face interaction remains our best recruiting tool. How do we get our new brothers and sisters to become active and productive Members once they are initiated? We continue the personal contact we used to obtain their application. Unfortunately, we often fail to make them feel welcome and needed.

Have you ever entered a social gathering, not knowing anyone there, and left feeling like no one cared if you were there or not? This is a situation many of our Members experience and, if left uncorrected, they will soon lose interest in visiting the Lodge.

Building the Member/Lodge relationship can be as simple as greeting Members when they enter the Lodge or club room. That welcome is why many Members join and remain Members. Each Member is an equal "stakeholder" in the success or failure of his or her Lodge.

How do we get new Members to join? We ask them. How do we get our Members to become active and productive? We ask them. For additional information, visit the Elks Web site ELKS.ORG under Grand Lodge Committees – Membership or contact your State Association or Area Grand Lodge Membership Committeeman.

Melvin B. Hendrickson
Grand Lodge Membership Committee
Submitted by: Grand Lodge Newsletter

Message from The Grand Exalted Ruler



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

All right, February is not spring, but it makes the point that there are a few things to clean up to finish the Lodge year.

First, have you designated your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year? It is not too late to recognize those persons who have made a difference this past year. Do not waste the opportunity to give much-deserved pats on the back.

It is also time to finalize plans for Nomination of Officers and Past Exalted Rulers Night. The importance of a smooth succession of interested and competent Officers cannot be over-emphasized. PER's are the backbone of the Lodge. Give them appropriate honors.

Have you met the Elks National Foundation goal of \$4.50 per member? If not, strive hard now, as meeting the goal makes the Lodge eligible for a Gratitude Grant of \$500.

On a more personal note, February 14 is Valentine's Day. Make time in your busy Elks schedule to remember your sweetheart.

Finally, Happy Birthday to our great Order. On February 16, 2010, we celebrate 142 years of service to America.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James L. Nicholson, Grand Exalted Ruler

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Newsletter

Auxiliary News

February 2nd 7 PM - Board Meeting

Feb. 6th 1:30 PM - Ice Cream Social at Veterans Hospital ...Please bring a cake and plan to attend, if not you can leave your cake at the Elks either Friday or early Sat.

Feb 16th 7PM - Membership Meeting

Voting on Slate of Officers

President...Pat Patterson

Vice President...Susan Dobbs

Recording Secretary....Jane Omer

Treasurer...Blanche Henning

Corresponding Secretary...Barbara Nemura

Historian...Emily Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Epting

Message from The Exalted Ruler

Thanks to all who helped make the District Deputy meeting a success. Missy, the food was excellent - as usual.

Don't forget up coming events. The Valentine Dance on February 13th. There will be a DJ and food - can't beat that. St Patrick is getting ready for another celebration. This event will include the War Pipes, a live Irish band, dancers, and food. Come out March 6th and join all of us Irish (we are all Irish on St Patty's day - even if we are celebrating on the 6TH). This event is always well attended and tickets are limited, so get them early.

The house committee keeps serving good Wednesday buffets. Come out for good food at great price and enjoy the company.

We need help. The Draw Down is our major fund raiser. The two volunteers that have been putting this on for many years would like to rest. Please consider taking over this event or help with it. Give me a call. We still need more participation in the Elks National Fund to achieve our goal of \$4.50 per member. Last year the state of Virginia received a \$1.83 for every dollar sent to help with our charities.

My year as ER is almost up. Two more months - hard to believe. Put March 27th at 6:00PM on your calendar for your new officers installation. Afterwards there will be music and food.

Thanks for all you do to support your lodge. Especially thanks to those who helped with the refinishing of the woodwork in the lounge. Remember we are all volunteers. It takes your input and help to keep this lodge the great place it is.

Fraternally Yours,

Vince Brandtner - Exalted Ruler



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Billiards News

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES
NO ENTRY FEES for ANY TOURNAMENTS!

February 2010

Saturday, Feb. 13th, 2010 at 1pm - Scotch Doubles Valentines Member Son/Daughter Tournament - No Entry Fee

Winners - Congratulations!

On 01/17/10 the 9 - Ball Tournament was won by Steve Hale, Charlie Bauserman was second, Bill Miller came in third.

On 01/09/10 the 8 - Ball Tournament was won by Charlie Bauserman, Randolph Scott was a close second, and Dan Fair was a distant, disappointing third place.

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 Feb 3rd - Fish and chips, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$6.95 per person, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday Feb 10th - Italian sausage, Fried peppers and onions on a hoagie bun with fried potatoes, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$6.95 per person, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday Feb 17th Ash Wednesday Special - Fish and chips, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$6.95 per person, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday Feb 24th - Baked spaghetti, garlic bread, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$5.95 per person, children 4-12 \$2.95, under 4 free.

Wednesday Mar 3rd - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, soup & salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. \$6.95 per person, 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 Feb 5th - Bacon wrapped filet, twice baked potatoes and tossed salad. \$9.95

Friday Feb 12th - Nachos Grande for \$5.95.

Friday Feb 19th - Rueben sandwich and fries. \$5.95.

Friday Feb 26th - Meatloaf, green beans, mac-n-cheese and dinner roll. \$6.95

Friday Mar 5th -- Managers special