



# THE BUGLE

**February 2022**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, the Winter weather is upon us. Frigid temperatures as I write this note to our membership.

February in Elldom means a couple of things. Our order celebrates its 154 birthday on February 16th, and this is the month we elect Lodge Officers. Nominations for officers will be at our February 7th regular meeting and elections will held be at our February 21st regular meeting.

Being an officer of our Lodge can be very rewarding, and it helps ensure we continue down the successful path. I hope you will consider running for an officer position this year.

As I approach the end of my time as an officer of our great lodge, I looked back at my note to the membership four years ago. At that time, I was strongly encouraging our membership to recruit new members. Today, I am happy to report that we are nearly 400 strong, plus for the year, and we have 14 candidates waiting on initiation that

In fact, Virginia is in 9th place in the nation for new membership. Something we should all be proud of.

Our Lodge has experienced an amazing growth spurt over the past year. I believe that one of the reasons for this growth is our renovated social quarters. We are, also grateful for our amazing staff, the dedication of our house committee and our incredible activities committee. Please support their work and thank them often for helping make our Lodge great!

Having said that, I want to remind everyone that as an Elk you have taken an oath that requires specific ideals. You may recall the words, "I will always protect our Members, their good names and their families; and I will always respect and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides." We must all respect the oath we took. It saddens me to receive a report that members are not practicing this oath and sharing personal information of our members with non-members. Please remember that oath, as well as practicing Charity, Justice, Brother Love and Fidelity. The foundation of what it means to be an Elk.

You will soon be receiving your dues notice for the coming year. This notice will come from Grand Lodge and have the option to pay on-line. Due to the increase in insurance premiums dues will be raised \$6.00. Your 2022 dues will be \$105.00.

We had a less than ideal turnout for Hoop Shoot this year, but we were still able to send two shooters to Districts. Please help spread the word of this rewarding youth event so we can increase participation next year.

We have some great events in February, please check out the calendar in this issue of the bugle. Also, please mark your calendar for the ER Social on March 19, where we will be handing out this year's awards.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Fraternaly yours,

Justin

# Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler  
Leading Knight  
Loyal Knight  
Lecturing Knight  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Inner Guard  
Esquire  
Tiler  
Chaplain

Justin Reiter  
Matt Sutton  
Dianna Craig  
Eva Garber  
Chuck Archer  
Carolyn Curry  
Eric Cobb  
Edgar Jones  
Joe Mader  
Rader Dod

## Trustees

Trustee Chair:  
Gary McQuain  
Kenny Oaks  
Mike Myers  
Nancy Dickerson  
Jeff Byrd

## House Committee

Robbie Miller- Chairman  
Alie Neal  
Diane Craig  
Cliff Edwards  
Rader Dod  
Joe Mader  
Matt Sutton



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for updates on social quarters rene-  
vation, past issues of the bugle, and  
more!

If you want to be on the email list send  
your contact info to [hcelks@gmail.com](mailto:hcelks@gmail.com)

# MEMBERSHIP

## BALLOTING (FEB 7th)

Agnes Edwards  
Michel Russell  
Joseph Denny Throckmorton  
Rebecca Throckmorton

## Joy of Giving

Total since April 1, 2021 \$29,445  
Elk Volunteer Hours since April 1,  
2021 410

## Orientation/Initiation

John Bourgeois  
Joe Boyer  
Christopher Morrison  
Brock Yeago  
Chad Welcher

Tracy Garland  
Kenneth Hause  
Barbara Hirtriter  
Nancy Wagoner

## Dues Notice

Dues notices will be coming from the Grand Lodge and will look different from we have been using. Our dues have not increased and are still \$75.00 per year (April 1-March 31) but the Grand Lodge is adding the National per capita and VEA per capita to the bill. This accounts for the \$24.00 difference. Members will now be able to pay their dues by credit card with a small fee charged by the Grand Lodge. You may also remit you dues as in the past by mail or leaving it at the lodge. Please contact Secretary.

## Keycards

It has come to my attention that some of the new key cards for the new security system were mailed to paid members without any explanation. The new cards are plain plastic and have your membership status electronically uploaded to your card. Simply swipe card across the sensor and open door while it is buzzing.

You will continue to receive a printed card with your name, number, number of years, etc. for each year but you will not be receiving a new key card. If you lose or damage either the key card or your membership card, contact the Secretary for another.

## Please Sign Your Card

If you have any questions concerning your status, please contact Secretary  
**REMINDER:** New member application fee **\$45.00** Application for reinstatement **\$35.00**  
These two fees are currently being reimbursed to the Lodge by Powerhouse Gaming.  
NO MONEY NEEDED WITH APPLICATION!

DUES ARE PAST DUE. PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES NOW!

# Happy Birthday!

## January 2022

|    |                     |    |                   |
|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Sheets, Felicia     | 22 | Cox, Charles      |
| 3  | Matthhews, Winston  | 22 | Drumheller, Vicki |
| 3  | Rhoades, Matthew    | 22 | Hevener, Ronald   |
| 4  | Hutchens, Buddy     | 23 | DeSarno, Vincent  |
| 4  | Webb, Ralph         | 23 | Rankin, Ronald    |
| 5  | Shibut, Helen       | 25 | McDonough, Steve  |
| 7  | Griffin, Tyler      | 26 | Welch, Robert     |
| 8  | Fry, David          | 27 | Keefer, Thomas    |
| 8  | Kincheloe, Patrick  | 27 | Nuckoles, Eric    |
| 9  | Chambers, Stevan    | 28 | Avoli, John       |
| 9  | Hiveley, Carrier    | 28 | Warren, Buddy     |
| 9  | Kincheloe, Chris    |    |                   |
| 9  | Wagner, Jefferey    |    |                   |
| 10 | Curry, Carolyn      |    |                   |
| 10 | Hodges, James       |    |                   |
| 11 | Robertson, Matthew  |    |                   |
| 11 | Ware, R W           |    |                   |
| 12 | Burton, Vickie      |    |                   |
| 15 | Allen, James        |    |                   |
| 15 | Botticher, Estelle  |    |                   |
| 15 | Dod II, Rader       |    |                   |
| 18 | Rittenhouse, Julian |    |                   |
| 20 | Campbell, Raider    |    |                   |
| 20 | Davenport, Alan     |    |                   |
| 20 | Pierce, Dennis      |    |                   |

# February

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|-----------|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
|           |   | <b>1</b><br>Taco<br>Tuesday  | <b>2</b><br>Dinner<br>Special   | <b>3</b><br>Lunch<br>Special @11  | <b>4</b><br>Classic<br>Country<br>Music<br>Dinner/<br>Lunch              | <b>5</b><br>Breakfast                               |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Meeting @<br>7pm  | <b>8</b><br>Taco<br>Tuesday  | <b>9</b><br>Dinner<br>Special   | <b>10</b><br>Lunch<br>Special @11 | <b>11</b><br>Sweetheart<br>Dinner<br>Special<br>Lunch @ 11<br>Joey Knott | <b>12</b><br>Breakfast<br>Orentation/<br>Initiation |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>Valentines<br>Day  | <b>15</b><br>Taco<br>Tuesday | <b>16</b><br>Dinner<br>Special<br>Activities<br>Committee<br>Elkdom!! | <b>17</b><br>Lunch<br>Special @11 | <b>18</b><br>Dinner<br>Special<br>Lunch @ 11                             | <b>19</b><br>Breakfast                              |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>Trustees/<br>House<br>Committee<br>7pm<br>Meeting<br>Presidents<br>Day | <b>22</b><br>Taco<br>Tuesday | <b>23</b><br>Dinner<br>Special  | <b>24</b><br>Lunch<br>Special @11 | <b>25</b><br>Dinner<br>Special<br>Lunch @ 11<br>Music W/<br>Joe Knott    | <b>26</b><br>Breakfast                              |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>   |                              |   |                                   |  |   |

.HAPPY.  
Valentine's  
Day

PRESIDENT'S  
DAY

