

**FROM THE DESK OF THE EXALTED RULER****MAY 2025**

Included at our last lodge meeting, the yearly awards ceremony was held for those Elks who were recognized for their services at the lodge. Congratulations again to those awarded with this special award of recognition.

Please encourage others to join the Elk organization. Share with them the opportunity for community involvement and fellowship, exclusive member-only activities, and their access to a network of lodges across the country.

If you haven't already done so I encourage you to visit the Elks.org website to learn about what Elks do for Veterans, for providing meals for families in need during the holiday season, sending children to the Elks Summer Camp, involvement in Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness Program, Scholarship opportunities, for donations made to local charities throughout the year and so much more.

At the Elk District Deputy meeting held in Richmond on April 5th, the clinic gave us this opportunity to refresh our knowledge, report our lodge activities, and allowed for an open discussion on any lodge topic. I am so proud to tell you that 9 of our Elk Lodge 389 members attended.

The Social Activities committee has more membership fun events planned for us and we will always plan to have delicious appetizers at these events. Please kindly understand that with all the construction going on around us it may require that we make last minute changes. But, in case you haven't noticed thus far that hasn't kept us from enjoying our lodge! Again, our best efforts are put forth for a smooth transition.

If you would like to hold any social activity at our lodge, you must see our Social Activities chair Sara Thomas for assistance with your requested activity.

I look forward to seeing more of you at our lodge meetings. And please note our bulletin board is now located on the door in the lodge ballroom. You will find information and sign-up sheets on upcoming volunteer opportunities and you will see other notices as well.

See you at the lodge.

Fraternally,
Alane Celli
Exalted Ruler

**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST****Sunday, May 11, 2025 8-11 AM****ALL MOTHERS EAT FREE**

Children 12 and under \$5.00

All adults and children over 12 \$10.00

**151ST KENTUCKY DERBY
RUNNING OF THE ROSES****- May 3rd 2025 -****Come join Elks #389 for the big race!**

Doors Open 4 PM – 7 PM. There Will Be No Entry Fee.

\$10.00 To Eat, \$2.00 Domestic Beer.

Hat Contest: 3rd Place \$10, 2nd Place \$15, 1st Place \$25

Betting on the horses together with side games

Come out, enjoy the derby, and socialize
with your brothers and sisters!

Save The Dates!

May 2025

- 1st Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM / Dinner 6 PM*
- 2nd Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 3rd Kentucky Derby Party 4-7 PM
- 9th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 11th Mother's Day Breakfast 8 AM*
- 10th Bulletin Deadline
- 11th Mother's Day Breakfast 8-11 AM*
- 13th Trustees 6 PM
- 14th Canteen Tommy Wood Acoustic 6-9 PM
- 15th Elk Meeting 7 PM
- 16th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 23rd Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 24th Pool Opens Noon-7 PM
- 28th Canteen Red Hill Ramblers Band 6-8 PM
- 30th Dinner 5-8 PM*

June 2025

- 1st Flag Day Ceremony 2 PM
- 3rd Trustees 6 PM
- 5th Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM
Dinner 6 PM*
- 6th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 11th Canteen Karaoke Rick Morris 6-9 PM
- 10th Bulletin Deadline
- 13th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 13th 15th – Vea Conventiion Roanoke
- 15th Doe Father's Day Breakfast 8-11 AM*
- 17th Trustees 6 PM
- 19th Elk Meeting 7 PM
- 20th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 25th Canteen Steve Minter 5-8 PM
- 27th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 29th-7/2 Grand Lodge Conventiion Kansas City, MO

July 2025

- 1st Trustees 6pm
- 4th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 11th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 15th Trustees 6 PM
- 17th Elk/Doe Meeting 6 PM / Dinner 6 PM*
- 18th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 25th Dinner 5-8 PM*
- 31st Dinner 5-8 PM*

* To Be Determined Due To Renovation

DATES MAY CHANGE

ALL DATES AND CALENDAR ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE UPON START OF RENOVATIONS

CHEF'S CORNER

Renovations are now underway with all food served in the ballroom only. Reservations are now being accepted. However, there is still limited seating.

LUNCH Ballroom:

Noon – 2pm, Tuesday – Friday
Daily special in addition to regular menu

Dinner Ballroom:

Friday Only, 5-8pm
Nightly specials
(in addition to regular menu)

Upcoming Meals in May 2025

TBD

From time to time this kitchen may be closed during renovations. If you want to come for food, please call the lodge prior to make sure food is being served.

Lodge Hours

Saturday – Thursday: 12 noon – 7pm
Friday – 12 noon – 10pm

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SAVE THE DATES AND BULLETIN BACK PAGE CALENDAR

Members, after the approval of the Membership on December 5, 2024, the application was filed with the appropriate Grand Lodge Officials for a Permit to proceed with the renovations. We have received Permit approval to begin renovations.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

We are in the process of updating all email addresses. Please notify the Lodge Secretary by email: secretary@elks389.org, or call the Lodge Secretary's cell phone 434-996-2510.

This will assist us in getting out "RAPID" information to you if anything changes at the Lodge as well as allowing the Secretary to contact you if need be, rather than by postal mail, which we all know is now snail mail!!! Thanks everyone for your help in this matter.

Also if you have moved, be sure to notify the Secretary of your new address!

THANK YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE LODGE SECRETARY TO VERIFY EMAIL ADDRESSES/MAILING ADDRESSES

ELK OF THE MONTH



At the Lodge meeting on April 3, 2025, ER Alane Celli announced that the Elk of the Month for April 2025 was Nancy Guthrie. Nancy was recognized by ER Celli for her outstanding work and dedication as Lodge Secretary. ER Celli stated that her skill and practical knowledge

is exceptional and her records, reports and follow up with correspondence are accurate. When you see Nancy at the Lodge, please congratulate her on a JOB WELL DONE!!!!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

As a reminder and at the direction of the Trustees, all monthly submissions for the Piedmont Bulletin must be sent to the Lodge Secretary at secretary@elks389.org by the 10th of each month. Submissions sent after the 10th will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

DUES NOTICES FOR 2025-2026

DUES INVOICES FOR APRIL 1, 2025 THRU MARCH 31, 2026 WERE MAILED OUT THE FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY, 2025. THERE IS A \$4.00 DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT DUE. DUES HAVE NOT DECREASED BUT THE ASSESSMENT FROM GRAND LODGE AND STATE HAVE DECREASED BY \$4.00. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES ASAP, TO AVOID ANOTHER NOTICE FOR PAYMENT. THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE SECRETARY TO KEEP THESE RECORDS UP TO DATE AND ACCURATE.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Due to renovations, please see Chef's Corner regarding meals and reservations.

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BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Anyone interested in advertising in the Piedmont Bulletin please contact Nancy Guthrie, Lodge Secretary. If you are interested, the year runs from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. The amount for 1 year of advertising is \$400.00. Those members who are currently advertising will receive an invoice for the new advertising year in January, 2025.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

All events currently scheduled in the canteen for May and June, will have food available. (Subject to change due to renovations)

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

At our meeting on April 3, 2025 the following Applications for Membership were read on the floor: Donna Spencer, proposed by John Parks, Michael Paschall proposed by Andy Mills, Daniel Carpenter, proposed by Nancy Guthrie, Heather Snow, proposed by Dabney Carter, and Application for Lifetime Membership for Charles C. Marshall, Jr, said applications to be voted on at our meeting on April 17, 2025.

At our meeting on April 17, 2025 the following Applications for Membership were read on the Floor, Timothy Habbershon, proposed by Joe Duquette, and Hailie Grace Sillett, proposed by Vicki Shiflett. Said Applications to be voted on at our meeting on May 1, 2025.

If all applications are elected to membership, they will be Initiated into our Lodge at a date to be set in May, 2025.

NEW MEMBERS

At our meeting on April 3, 2025, the following members were elected to membership in our Lodge: Charles H, Craddock, Jr., Jessica Aquilina, Sheree Frazier, and Deborah Cantrell. They will be initiated into our Lodge sometime in May, no date yet set.

May Birthdays

01 Shoaf III, Ralph W
 01 Skinger, Mark S
 02 Neitz, Robert M
 03 Snow, Jill D
 03 Wilson, Thomas J
 05 Shifflett, Fred W
 06 Walker, Donald R
 06 Worsham, Alan C
 07 Casarez, David W
 07 Coiner-Pollard, Susan
 10 Dudley, Barbara
 10 Eubank Jr, Richard A
 10 Lynch, William A
 10 Snow, Ronald G
 12 Craddock, C Herbert
 12 Dixon, Mike
 13 Bickers, Don N
 16 Hope, Edward L
 17 Scott, Lesa P
 18 Paczowski, Robert J
 19 Townsend, James R
 21 Bailey, William
 21 Payne, Timothy R
 21 Yoder, Albert Christian
 22 Conrey, Jason K
 23 Gibson, Carrol B
 23 Hicks, Garland
 24 Gibson, Carl L
 24 Haney, John T
 25 Ryder, Phillip
 26 Bickers, Tamara W
 26 De Lanoy, Charles
 26 Kent, Ronald K
 27 Lee, Chandler
 28 Welford, Calvin L
 31 Bare, Curtis V

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Americanism Committee • Youth Camp • Scholarship •
- Virginia Elks Youth Camp Work Weekend (May 16-18) •

Please TEXT Linda Burgin at 609-827-7554

NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

LODGE RENOVATION

The Bar project is in need of 10 more donations for the new TV's at \$500 each. They shall be labeled with the donor's name or memorial name.

The renovation is moving as scheduled!

Thank you for your support.

POOL

Vendor is now preparing the pool for the 2025 season.

Again this year there will be no fee for the pool use.

Reminder, there shall be no Lifeguard, all must refrain from foul language, no glass bottles and please help keep the area clean. Remember to lower the umbrellas on windy days.

Guests are free as well, but the member must be present at the pool and only 3 guests per member unless they are from out of town.

Swim team is organizing for another year.

There will be a swim instructor available.

KENTUCKY DERBY

May 3rd from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

ELK OF THE YEAR



At our meeting on april 3, 2025, exalted ruler Alane Celli, presented John Hughes with the Elk of the Year award for 2024-2025. ER Celli commended John on this hard work and dedication to the lodge and commended him for the job he is doing for the members during the current renovation project. Please congratulate John on a well deserved award!

PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION PRESENT AWARDS

At our meeting on april 3, 2025 the past exalted rulers asocation presented two awards. The first award presented for was the Jack Maddox ritual award, which was presented to Tamara Bickers, Loyal Knight, 2024-2025. The second award was for officer of the year, 2024-2025 and was presented to Alane Celli, exalted ruler. Both awards were well deserved.



WHAT DO I GET FOR MY DUES?

At a recent Trustee's Meeting, a new member asked "What do I get for my \$235 dues payment?"

Let's breakdown the payment to see what you get. To begin with, \$35 goes toward your national and state payments for the Elks Magazine, the per capita General Liability charge, and dues.

The remainder (\$200) are dues paid to Charlottesville Lodge No. 389. Some of the benefits of your local lodge dues are:

- **(2) Member Appreciation Dinners** – Dinner is **free** to all paid members
- Summer Picnic – **Free** food and fun for member and one guest
- **Free** use of the swimming pool for the member and entire immediate family (guests may also use the pool but **MUST** be accompanied by the member)
- Pool parties – Usually **free**, food may be offered
- Adult Christmas Party – the highlight of the Holiday Season. This is one **free** party you won't want to miss! *Each member may bring one guest*
- Special events – Kentucky Derby Party, dances, entertainment in the Club/bar including bands, individual performers, karaoke, DJ's, etc.

In addition to the above, the Does offer a Children's Christmas Party for all children and grandchildren, etc. of Elks; an Easter Egg Hunt, and Fall Festival (**free** food and fun for all).

You also get to be a member of the greatest fraternal organization in America. You are joining a million other American citizens who value charity and brotherly love, donating over \$80 million dollars to various charities every year. You gain access to over 2000 Elks Lodges throughout the U.S., where you will be welcomed as a visiting member. You become a part of an organization who runs programs for youth and veterans, such as Scholarship and Hoop Shoot, Veterans Service, Drug Awareness, and Youth Camps.

EXALTED RULER AWARDS

At our meeting on April 3, 2025, Exalted Ruler Alane Celli, awarded the Grand Exalted Ruler's award pin for excellence in membership procurement for 2024-2025 to Sarah Duquette and Nancy Guthrie. Both members have assisted in increasing our membership total for this past year. At the same meeting, ER Celli presented Kathy Hughes and Nancy Guthrie with the Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation. Thank you ladies for the good work!

The Doe Club

Elks Auxiliary

2025-26 OFFICERS

President – Mary Sue Biskup
Vice President – Janie Estes
Recording Secretary – Pam Hicks
Corresponding Secretary – Vickie Thomas
Treasurer – Rita Glass
Tiler – Vicki Miller
Chaplain – Becky Marshall
Parliamentarian – Delores Lushbaugh

SICK/VISITING

(March 7 - April 17)

Get Well cards sent to Pat Morris (broke her leg),
Karen Collins, Betty Phillips, Sally Marshall

Thinking of You cards sent to Nancy Meade,
Pat Marshall, Karen Collins

Sympathy card sent to Peggy Johnson
(death of husband, Minor)

DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2025

May 15
June 19
July 10
August 14
September 18
October 23
November 20

DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2026

January 15
February 19
March 19
April 9

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

16 Pam Hick
21 Judy Brochu-Blake
23 Sibyl Hale
26 Diane Cronk
29 Pameal Powell
31 Brenda Thacker, Vicki Slinkman

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Pat Morris, Betty Phillips
5 Blanche Marshall
7 Ashley Carter
9 Betty Robertson
13 Brenda Thacker, Melissa Conley
14 Patsy Martin
15 Kaki Payne, May Taylor
17 Betty Snoddy
25 Marge Grob
28 Sibyl Hale

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 3 Elks Kentucky Derby Party
May 11 Mother's Day Breakfast
June 1 Elks Flag Day Ceremony
June 15 Father's Day Breakfast

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg hunt was scheduled after this printing, more information will be provided next month on the turnout.

DUES REMINDER

Invoices were mailed in late February for your \$25 dues for 2025-26. Please make checks payable to Doe Club and mail to 389 Elk Dr. Cville 22911 Attn: Vickie Thomas. Dues not received by May 31 will be considered delinquent and your membership will be dropped. If you wish to be reinstated after this date you will need to include an additional \$10 reinstatement fee with your dues payment.

The Doe Club

Elks Auxiliary

Doe President's Letter

Dear Doe Sisters,

Spring has sprung and everything is turning green and bright with color. I hope everyone is adjusting to the time change and able to get out and enjoy the spring weather and longer daylight hours.

We had a great turnout for the March meeting on the 6th. It was great to see so many Doe Sisters in attendance. We welcomed new member Brenda Neitz, and we collected \$50 for the Food Bank.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 19th. Since the deadline for the newsletter is April 10th I will give a report on the Easter Egg Hunt and the April meeting in next month's letter.

Our next Doe meeting will be held on May 1st. Dinner at 6 – meeting at 7 pm. Please plan to join us. The Doe luncheon for May will be held on May 15th.

Mother's Day is May 11th, I hope everyone has a blessed day.

Fridays After Five – 4/26/25 The Doe Club will be working this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Delores Lushbaugh (434) 996-9965. More dates will be announced soon.

Reminder: Dues of \$25 are payable before the May meeting. Please make checks payable to the Doe Club and mail to Doe Club, 389 Elk Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911. If you plan to leave your dues in the canteen, please be sure to put them in a sealed envelope and mark it for Doe Club.

Sincerely,

Mary Sue Biskup
President

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Tiler	A.J. Miller
Inner Guard	Kathy Hughes
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Trustee	Donna Barbour
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Trustee	Tom Payne, PER
Trustee	R.S. Glass

May 2025



Lunch is served **every** Tuesday through Friday in the Canteen Noon—2:00 pm
Dinner Buffet served the **first** Thursday meeting at 6:00 pm for \$15
Dinner from the Menu ~ Friday 5—8 pm Submissions for the Piedmont Elk
are due by the 10th of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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