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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXALTED RULER

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Dear Members, Fall in Virginia is beautiful!

On October 2nd our new District Deputy, Faye Willard, will be visiting our lodge, and will be attending our Thursday night Elk meeting. If you would like to meet her please join us at that meeting. It would be nice to give her a warm welcome!

Our End of Summer event at the shelter with music provided by Southern Harmony includes two of our members, J.T. Thomas and Arron Thomas. The food prepared by Johnny Hughes was over the top. I received many compliments on both the music and food.

Shout out to Louise Thomas for all the beautiful fall flower arrangements that she created for this event. You may have also noticed all the new decorations she is making for us in and around the lodge as well.

Now what also makes a great party, our members! They topped it off with their awesome non-stop dancing, making the event even more awesome and so very special by just being the best fun great group of Elks ever! I enjoyed the company of all of you. I would also like to mention the generosity of all those participating in the bidding during the auctioning. Your donation will be used wisely. Thanks so much!

So stay tuned, our Activities/Entertainment Chairs continue to stay busy planning for great events in the coming months! And those events will be posted in the lodge, on Facebook and in our Piedmont letter. Music bookings and our Trunk or Treat Event is coming up! Kudos to Sara Thomas and her assistant, Kathy Hughes.

The Virginia Elks Association 120th Semi Annual Meeting/Convention will be held this year at Virginia Beach, October 24, 25, 26, 2025. Nancy Guthrie and I will be attending so we will be away for that weekend.

I am going to post a directory near the office door of Secretary Nancy Guthrie. In short this directory will be a quick reference, a guide for you as to who can assist you with your membership questions and or concerns.

October is our Elks National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Our children are exposed to so much. There are many programs out there that will provide you with information on substance abuse. All of this as you know is introduced to them at a very young age so talk to your children, find out what is being sold out there.

We have a Drug Awareness Program that I would like to have more volunteers on board for and as some of you know we have our own mascot, Elroy.

Who makes this lodge successful, we ALL do.

Please come to meetings more often, join us for activities and please do volunteer when you can.

I appreciate all of you.

See you at the lodge for delicious meals, fun games and socializing with our members.

Faternally,  
*Alane Celli*  
Exalted Ruler

**ELKS LODGE 389 PRESENTS:**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
OCT 01	6:00-9:00pm	389 ROOM	DANNY KENSY FOOD AND BEVERAGE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.
OCT 15	5:30-8:30pm	389 ROOM	BARRY SNODDY FOOD AND BEVERAGE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.
OCT 19	1:00pm	BALLROOM	DOE'S FALL FESTIVAL & ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF FOR MEMBERS CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN. ARTS & CRAFTS FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE DOES.
OCT 25	2:00-5:00pm	FIELD	TRUNK OR TREAT SIGN UP TO DECORATE YOUR TRUNK / VEHICLE TO PASS OUT CANDY! ALL KIDS WILL WELCOME!
OCT 29	6:00-9:00pm	389 ROOM	KARAOKE NIGHT FOOD AND BEVERAGE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

## Save The Dates!

### October 2025

- 1st The 389 Room Danny Kensy 6-9 PM
- 2nd Elk Meeting - Member Appreciation Night  
7 PM / District Deputy Visit Dinner 6 PM
- 3rd Dinner 5-8 PM
- 10th NO Dinner
- 14th Trustees 6 PM
- 15th The 389 Room Barry Snoddy 5:30-8:30 PM
- 16th Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM / Dinner 6 PM
- 17th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 18th Buffet Dinner 5-8 PM
- 19th Ballroom - Doe Club Fall Festival 1-5 PM
- 24th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 24-26<sup>th</sup> VEA Convention, Virginia Beach
- 25th Field - Trunk Or Treat 2-5 PM
- 28th The 389 Room Drawing For Tv Name Plates  
6 PM
- 29th The 389 Room - Sierra Lock - Karaoke  
6-9 PM
- 31st Dinner 5-8 PM

### November 2025

- 4th Trustees 6 PM
- 6th Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM  
Dinner 6 PM
- 7th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 14th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 15th Doe Craft Show 9 AM - 2 PM
- 18th Trustees 6 PM
- 19th Ballroom - Assemble Holiday Baskets 2 PM
- 20th Elk Meeting 7 PM
- 21st Dinner 5-8 PM
- 27th Thanksgiving Lodge Closed
- 28th Dinner 5-8 PM

### December 2025

- 2nd Trustees 6 PM
- 4th Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM / Dinner 6 PM
- 5th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 7th Memorial Service 2 PM  
Reception To Follow
- 12th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 14th Elk Christmas Party 4 PM
- 16th Trustees 6 PM
- 19th Dinner 5-8 PM
- 21st Children's Christmas Party 1 PM
- 25th Christmas - Lodge Closed
- 31st New Years Eve Dance

## CHEF'S CORNER

Keep a lookout for upcoming things from the kitchen.

**October 18: Buffet – Turkey with All the Trimmings**

See you at "The Lodge"

### Lodge Hours

Sunday – Thursday: 12 noon – 7pm

Friday: 12 noon – 10pm

**Reservations are highly recommended  
for Friday and Saturday night dining.**

## The Eleventh Hour

### **Earl B. Snoddy**

Initiated 8-14-2003 Passed 8-8-2025

### **Pete Hildebrand**

Initiated 7-7-1983 Passed 7-26-2025

### **Enos Powell**

Initiated 3-4-1976 Passed 8-26-2025

*"We will meet, but we shall miss them, There will be the vacant chair,  
But Though we no more possess them, Still our hearts their memory bear,  
But a while ago we gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye,  
Now the golden cord is severed, They have passed to realms on high."*



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# 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](mailto: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 September 4, 2025, ER Alane Celli announced that Sara Thomas was Elk of the Month for September, 2025 ER Celli stated that Sara was being recognized for her outstanding contributions and dedication to our Lodge a Bar Manager as well as the Social Committee Chair. She is always willing to work overtime, help others and her teamwork is outstanding. ER Celli stated that

Sara is a credit to our Lodge and is very much appreciated by our members for all that she does. When you see Sara 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](mailto:secretary@elks389.org) by the 10th of each month. Submissions sent after the 10th will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## POOL STORAGE ROOM CLEAN UP

Pool users, please take note that there will be volunteers cleaning the Pool Storage Room the week of October 20th, 2025. If you have items in the storage room, please remove them during the week of the 20th. All damaged or broken items will be trashed. Thank you for your assistance.

## SPECIAL INITIATION

On September 20, 2025 there was a Special Initiation for new members held.. As of this writing, 9-9-25, we have 14 new members scheduled for Initiation and Orientation. The members are doing an awesome job bringing in new applicants for membership in our Lodge. Please keep it up! Our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Bryan Klatt's motto for his year is: "Elks: 'Be The Difference'". Help us keep 389 moving upward with membership!

## DUES NOTICES FOR 2025-2026

On 5-6-25 delinquent statements were mailed out. To members who were delinquent in paying their dues. Please send your payment in ASAP. Thank You !!!!

On August 7, 2025, dues statements for the 2nd half of 2025-2026 Dues were mailed out, together with all current Delinquent member statements. Please make your dues payment ASAP. Thank You !!!!

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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.

## AMERICAN LEGION FUN RUN AND LEGACY FOUNDATION RIDE

On August 16th, 2025 the American Legion Fun Run stopped at Charlottesville Elks 389 for lunch, which was provided by Mission Barbeque. There were 151 American Legion Veterans in attendance. They were escorted to our Lodge by the local police and were also escorted on their departure by the local police. The ride continued to South Boston where they spent the night and on the morning of the 17th, they were anticipating 500 riders to leave South Boston and ride to Tampa, Florida. This last portion of their ride was to raise money for their Legacy Foundation which benefits Veterans and their families. Charlottesville Elks 389 was please to be a part of this endeavor.

## MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Remember October 2, 2025 is Member Appreciation Night. In order to attend, all dues must be current. The dinner that evening is Free to all members attending, and there is a regularly scheduled meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Our District Deputy Faye Willard will be visiting our Lodge that day and attending our meeting. See you then!

## HOME PHONES

Members, if you have discontinued the use of a land line, at home, please notify secretary for records update. If you also have a cell phone, please notify secretary for further records update. Thank you!

## October Birthdays

- 02 Templeton, Cassie
- 02 Yowell, Paul
- 03 Drumheller, Robert K
- 04 Aquilino, Michael
- 04 Thomas, Carol P
- 04 Viar, Karen Jo
- 06 Gilmore, David C
- 08 Belew, Lee
- 08 Fields, William
- 09 Britton, Michael
- 10 Taylor, Brittany Nicole
- 11 Seay, Ronald M
- 13 Meyers, William H
- 15 Herndon, Carl E
- 16 Durkee, Mary T
- 17 Tyler, Diana R
- 17 Via, Charles A
- 18 Riddle, James B
- 18 Scruggs, Haden E
- 18 Taylor, Ronald L
- 19 Minter, Michael W
- 20 Frazier, Patricia Kim
- 20 Michie, Robert K
- 21 Miller, Brian F
- 21 Westrater, Charles E
- 22 Flynn, Corven D
- 23 Barrow, Sandra A
- 23 Napier, Linda M
- 23 Napier, Lynwood G
- 23 Thomas, Pamela S
- 25 Stoneburner, Paul D
- 27 Hughes, John
- 27 Lang, John J
- 28 Mullins, Katherine
- 31 Deane, Russell L

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## TRUSTEE'S NOTES

The pool shall stay open until the chemical treatment runs out.

There will be a drawing on October 28 at 6 PM to match a name plate of donor to the new TV's Saturday night buffet will be October 18.

It appears that many of our new members are unsure of the required duties of our Lodge Management.

The ER manages the Lodge Fraternal requirements, Ceremony, Meeting, Membership (recruitment, investigation, indoctrination, lapsation, reinstatement) appoints members to committees for the different functions related to the Grand Lodge requirements.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the Business side--Lodge Budget, fees, employees, Building & grounds, maintenance, food service, Bar, canteen, contracts, capital planning, safety.

The House Committee is responsible for complaints, judiciary, aid or relief.

NOTE: Per Lodge 389 by-laws, the members of the Board of Trustee are also the House Committee.

## A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO AMERICANISM!

Committee Members Amanda Kathleen, Debbie Cash, & Ms. Addie at Last Friday's After 5, for Charlottesville Elks 389, at Ting Pavilion

Thank you for All your help!

Great Job Ladies...Looking Fabulous as Always!



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OR  
**treat**

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For more information contact Sara Thomas:  
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## NEW MEMBERS

At our meeting on August 21, 2025, the following new members were initiated: Joe Duquette, Benjamin Mullins, Katie Mullins, Jona Coiner, Lisa Forehand, Joel Forehand, Tim Payne. Not pictured is Michelle Dudley.



# 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

(August 21 - September 4)

*Get Well* card sent to Delores Lushbaugh

## DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2025

October 23  
November 20

## DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2026

January 15  
February 19  
March 19  
April 9

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

None Recorded

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Claudia Mahanes  
10 Linda Sorrells  
17 Vicki Miller  
21 Nancy Meade  
22 Carol Mills  
24 Pam Hicks  
30 Pat Marshall

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 16 - Elk/Doe Meeting

## FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 19 at 1PM in the Ballroom

We need donations of cakes, pies and cookies for this event! Lots of fun for all ages – pumpkin decorating, face painting, cake walk and our chili cookoff (bring a crockpot with your famous homemade chili for judging – 1st and 2nd prizes awarded).

## DOE CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 15 in the Ballroom 9 AM – 2 PM

Please come support our local crafters/vendors and get a head start on your holiday shopping!

If you or anyone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact Vickie Thomas at [vthomas@virginia.edu](mailto:vthomas@virginia.edu) or call 434.466.1254.

# The Doe Club

Elks Auxiliary

## Doe President's Letter

Dear Doe Sisters:

It was really nice to see so many at the September 4th meeting. Thank you all for coming. We collected \$47.00 for the food bank.

We will be holding the Fall Festival on Sunday October 19th. The children always enjoy the activities, and we will have pumpkins for them to decorate. One of our more popular activities is the cake walk – we will need lots of cakes or desserts. This is also our annual chili cookoff. If you have a favorite chili recipe, we welcome all entries and look forward to sampling them. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place as determined by our panel of judges.

We hope to have the Raffle Ticket books available at the Fall Festival. We will need everyone helping to get them all sold. As in the past, books will contain 12 tickets and sell for \$10.00. The prizes will be given at the Adult Christmas Party Sunday December 14th.

The Doe Club will be hosting the Craft/Vendor show this year. It is scheduled for November 15th. If you or someone you know would like to reserve a spot, please contact Vickie Thomas (434) 466-1254 [vthomas@virginia.edu](mailto:vthomas@virginia.edu) for an application. Please pass the word, we need vendors.

The October meeting will be held on Thursday October 16th. The October luncheon will be on October 23, 2025.

Sincerely,

*Mary Sue Biskup*  
President

# Piedmont Elk

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## October 2025



Lunch is served **every** Tuesday through Friday in The 389 Room Noon–2pm  
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
			1 389 ROOM DANNY KENSY 6–9 PM	2 MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT / DD VISIT Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 PM	3 Dinner 5–8 PM	4
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VEA CONVENTION						
26 VEA CONVENTION	27	28 389 ROOM TV / NAME PLATE DRAWING 6 PM	29 389 ROOM SIERRA LOCK KARAOKE 6–9 PM	30	31 HALLOWEEN!	