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December 2025

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXALTED RULER

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Holiday Greetings,

There is only one Elk meeting in December on Thursday the 4th at 7PM. Dinner will be served at 6PM.

Thank you to all who signed up to help stuff and distribute our Holiday Baskets. This community service is one of many that we are so very proud to be a part of. We were able to serve over 200 local families in need!

As we look back to Veterans Day we remember that there were, and still are, many soldiers to thank! And as we move forward in their honor, we will continue to support them always. Our lodge has 300 Holiday Cards being mailed out to our Veterans! Special thanks to Steve Johnson and Carolyn Letner.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to our Elk ENF Fundraiser. We raised 250.00 dollars! The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. All throughout the year, we can contribute to this fund online at Elks.org.

In honor and remembrance of those Elks who have passed this year, please join us on December 7th for our Candlelight Memorial Service. The service will start at 2PM and will be held in the Ballroom, reception to follow.

And please join us on December 14th for the Elk Christmas Party and Buffet at 4PM! Also, look under Doe's Club pages in this insert for their Children's Christmas Party date and time. Santa is always there with presents! Our lodge will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th.

I look forward to bringing in the New Year with you all at our New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31st.

We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in the New Year, so let's all celebrate Elk's family style at our lodge! Member tickets are on sale now. Look under Chef's corner for Dinner Entree and reservation information.

Blessings and Happiest of New Years!

Faternally,
Alane Celli
Exalted Ruler

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE 389 ROOM

December 3rd:	Red Hill Ramblers	6-8 PM
December 10th:	Barry Snoddy	5-8 PM
December 17th:	Karaoke	5-8 PM

New Year's Eve Dance 2025-2026

Band - Silver Creek
Doors open at 8:00pm
Band 9:00pm to 12:00pm
Breakfast Buffet 12:15am

Prices

Members \$35.00 per couple
Member \$17.50 single
Members must sign up for table when purchasing tickets

Guest tickets

Members allowed to purchase 4 guest tickets (guests must sit at your table)
Guest tickets \$60.00 per couple - \$30.00 single
Member tickets can be purchased from Sara Thomas at the bar from November 3rd - December 15th
Guest tickets can be purchased from Sara Thomas at the bar from December 3rd - December 15th

Sara's Thomas hours: Monday -- Wednesday 12:00pm to 7:00pm & Friday 4:00pm - 10:00pm

New Year's Dinner

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - 5:00pm-7:00pm

Reservations Required

Make reservations from November 3rd - December 15th when making reservations you will be asked to choose your entree
Entree choice - Prime Rib or Seafood Broil
Entree will include salad, potato, green, biscuit and dessert
Price \$39.95 per person



Save The Dates!

December 2025

2nd	Trustees, 6 PM
3rd	The 389 Room, Red Hill Ramblers, 6-8 PM
4th	Elk/Doe Meeting, 7 PM, Dinner, 6 PM
5th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
6th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
7th	Memorial Service, 2 PM Reception To Follow
10th	The 389 Room, Barry Snoddy, 5-8 PM
12th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
13th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
14th	Elk Christmas Party, 4 PM
16th	Trustees, 6 PM
17th	The 389 Room, Karaoke, 5-8 PM
19th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
20th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
21st	Children's Christmas Party, 1 PM
25th	Christmas, Lodge Closed
26th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
27th	Dinner, 5-8 PM
30th	Trustees, 6 PM
31st	New Years Eve Dinner, 5-7 PM New Years Eve Dance, 9-12 PM New Years Eve Breakfast Buffet, 12:15 AM

January 2026

1st	New Years Day - No Lodge Meeting
2nd	Dinner 5-8 PM
3rd	Dinner 5-8 PM
9th	Dinner 5-8 PM
10th	Dinner 5-8 PM
13th	Trustees 6 PM
15th	Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM, Dinner 6 PM
16th	Dinner 5-8 PM
17th	Dinner 5-8 PM
23rd	Dinner 5-8 PM
24th	Dinner 5-8 PM
30th	Dinner 5-8 PM
31st	Dinner 5-8 PM

February 2026

3rd	Trustees 6 PM
5th	Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM, Dinner 6 PM
6th	Dinner 5-8 PM
7th	Dinner 5-8 PM
13th	Dinner 5-8 PM
14th	No Dinner Private Party
17th	Trustees 6 PM
19th	Elk Meeting 7 PM
20th	Dinner 5-8 PM
21st	Dinner 5-8 PM
27th	Dinner 5-8 PM
28th	Dinner 5-8 PM

*There is only one Elk meeting a month
July, August, and December of each calendar year.*

CHEF'S CORNER

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

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your entree Entree choice – Prime Rib or Seafood Broil*

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salad, potato, green, biscuit and dessert.

Price \$39.95 per person.

See you at "The Lodge"

The Eleventh Hour

JOHN R. PERKINS

Initiated 2-5-1987

Passed 10-21-25

*"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. , 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 November 6, 2025, ER Alane Celli announced that Kathy Hughes

was Elk of the Month for November, 2025 ER Celli stated that Kathy was being recognized for her outstanding volunteer contributions and dedication to our Lodge. Her committee work as Lodge Webmaster, Holiday Meals Chair, and Co-Chair of our Social Activities committee is appreciated. Her position

over the years as Inner Guard is an asset to our Lodge rituals. Her familiarity with lodge proceedings and lodge agenda has been a great assistance to ER Celli . Lastly, she was deserving of being individually recognized for her work during renovations to the lodge. When you see Kathy 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. Submissions sent after the 10th will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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!

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 !!!!

On October 8, 2025, delinquent statements were again mailed out. Please make your 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

POINSETTIA SALE

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias. Again, the bright red of the flowers decorated our Ballroom for the Memorial Service on December 7, 2025.

HOOP SHOOT

The annual Hoop Shoot will take place on November 16, 2025 at the Brooks Family YMCA. Registration is at 1:00 PM and the contest will begin at 1:30 PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Any question please see Mike Walker, Hoop Shoot Director for Lodge 389.

ORIENTATION AND INITIATION

On September 20, 2025 a Special Orientation and Initiation was held at Charlottesville Elks 389. At that time nine new members were initiated into our Lodge. If you see new members in the Lodge, please introduce yourself and welcome them to ELKdom!

December Birthdays

- 1 Bishop, Raymond
- 1 Morrow, Eben S
- 2 Burgess, Richard A
- 2 Thomas, Jerry
- 3 Schultz, Scott P
- 4 Bodie, Crystal M
- 4 Leake, John Scott
- 4 Miller, Alexander J
- 6 Barbour, Donna P
- 6 Thacker, Dale
- 8 Mullins, Benjamin
- 8 Rogers, Eric Evan
- 9 Crenshaw, Melissa
- 12 Hall, Glenn A
- 13 Knight, Keith
- 14 Martin, Harold E
- 15 Shiflett, Grafton E
- 15 Sillett, Kaila
- 15 Williamson, Stirling L
- 16 Gayner, Thomas S
- 17 Jones, Charles D
- 18 Hall, Caleb A
- 18 Mahanes, D Scott
- 18 Mawyer, William L
- 19 Bayes, William R
- 21 Metz, John R
- 21 Payne, Timothy R
- 21 Roberts, Ronald R
- 22 Hatch, Jilian M
- 23 Robb, Edgar S
- 25 Belew, Kenneth E
- 26 Barnette, Forrest S
- 28 Carter, Brenda B
- 29 Locker, Bruce C
- 30 Duquette, Sarah H
- 30 Garrison,, David L
- 31 Oliva, Richard A

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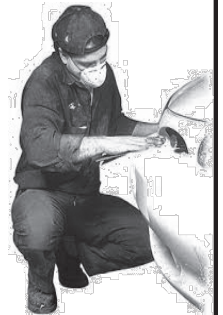
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TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Effectuated immediately per the District Deputy, NO alcohol beverage shall be allowed at a Trustee or House Committee meeting and if a member is inebriated they shall be asked to leave the meeting.

Starting this month the Saturday Night dinner shall be back! Please support this endeavor, we are getting back to normal operation.

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION AND MEAL CHANGES

Lunches are now available on Mondays, noon to 2:00 pm and Saturdays noon to 2:30 pm as well as regularly scheduled lunches.

Saturday hours are now noon to 10 pm, same as Friday hours.

If Uva is playing ball at night, lodge will be open until game ends.

DO YOU KNOW? / DID YOU REMEMBER?

Up on the hill above the pool stands our Shelter, built from a collaboration with the Mason Lodge and our Volunteer members. This facility has been and shall continue to be a source of income for the Lodge. Prime example of what a group of volunteers can accomplish.

Have you noticed the Elks Head on the West side?

This head was on the original lodge 3 stories up. Legend is it took a Fire Truck to remove it when the building sold.

EXCITING NEWS!

The Elks are in the process of setting up a Book/Puzzle Exchange!!!

This will be located in the side door inside the Lobby.

If you have any books or puzzles you would like to donate, please drop them off at this location, and if you go in & see a book or puzzle you would like to borrow, please feel free!!!

Elks Care, Elks Share!



Elks Care - Elks Share



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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

(Oct 10 – Nov 6)

Thinking of You card sent to Pat Duncan

DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2025

No luncheon in December

DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2026

January 15
February 19
March 19
April 9

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

20 Betty Haney
27 Pat Taliaferro
29 Brenda Rhodenizer

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Vicki Slinkman
8 Brenda Rhodenizer
9 Nita Carter, Vickie Thomas
13 Anne Bondurant
20 Karen Wilson
24 Pearl Eways
25 Betty Haney
27 Judy Brochu-Blake

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 4 Elk/Doe Meeting
December 7 Elk Memorial Service
December 14 Elk Christmas Party
December 21 Children's Christmas Party

DOE CRAFT SHOW

Our craft show was a success – we had 30 vendors in attendance! Thank you to RS Glass for setting up the tables and putting our sign out at the road and thank you to the numerous Doe ladies that contributed their time and help making this event happen effortlessly!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be held on Sunday, December 21. You MUST sign up all children (children, grandkids, great grandkids of Elk/Doe members age 12 and under) that plan to participate – the signup sheet is located at the lodge and the deadline to sign up is December 4.

BELK CHARITY SALES

Thank you to Pat Marshall for her hard work in selling so many tickets for this event – the Doe Club made \$250! Great job Pat!

CHRISTMAS EVENT TICKETS

The Doe Club is selling our annual tickets again. Price is 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10. Drawing to be held at the Elks Christmas party on December 14 (need not be present to win). Grand prize \$1000; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$100 and 4th prize \$100. Please see Rita Glass (or any Doe member) to purchase tickets.

The Doe Club

Elks Auxiliary

Doe President's Letter

Dear Doe Sisters:

The Fall Festival was held October 19th. We had a great turnout with about 80 people present. The kids had a great time decorating the pumpkins and everyone really enjoyed the cake walk. Linda Oliva placed 1st in the Chili cookoff and graciously donated her \$50 prize back to the Doe Club. 2nd place \$25. went to Pat Marshall.

We were honored to have Lynn Rutherford-Snow, Virginia Elks Association Present attend the Fall Festival. We appreciate all of the support we get from the Elk members.

The beautiful wreath that was made and donated by Louise Thomas was given away at the Craft Fair on November 15. Winner will be named next month.

Raffle Ticket books are available. We will need everyone to help 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 on Sunday December 14th.

Be sure and sign up all of your children / grandchildren ages 0-12 for the Christmas Party that will be held on Sunday December 21st. We need their name / age and gift they would like. Signup sheet is posted at the lodge.

Pat Marshall did a fantastic job selling the tickets for the Belk Charity Days. The Doe Club made \$250. Thank you, Pat, for taking on this project.

In October and November, we welcomed new members Casey Shifflett and Janeth Bibb. \$82 was collected for the food bank.

The November luncheon will be on November 20, 2025. The December meeting will be on Thursday December 4th.

Sincerely,

Mary Sue Biskup
President

Piedmont Elk

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Trustee	R.S. Glass

December 2025



Lunch is served **every** Monday through Friday Noon – 2pm,
and Saturdays, Noon – 2:30pm, in The 389 Room
Dinner Buffet served the **first** Thursday meeting at 6:00 pm for \$15
Submissions for the Piedmont Elk are due by the 10th of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 TRUSTEES 6 PM	3 THE 389 ROOM RED HILL RAMBLERS 6–8 PM	4 ELK/DOE MEETING 7 PM Dinner 6 PM	5 Dinner 5–8 PM	6 Dinner 5–8 PM
7 MEMORIAL 2PM Reception to follow	8	9	10 THE 389 ROOM BARRY SNODDY 5–8 PM	11	12 Dinner 5–8 PM	13 Dinner 5–8 PM
14 ELK ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY 4PM	15	16 TRUSTEES 6 PM	17 THE 389 ROOM KARAOKE 5–8 PM	18	19 Dinner 5–8 PM	20 Dinner 5–8 PM
21 DOE CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 1PM	22	23	24 ASSEMBLE HOLIDAY BASKETS 2 PM	25 CHRISTMAS LODGE CLOSED	26 Dinner 5–8 PM	27 Dinner 5–8 PM
28	29	30 TRUSTEES 6 PM	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER / DANCE / BREAKFAST 5–7 PM / 9 PM–12 AM / 12:15 AM			