

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXALTED RULER

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year to All!

In tribute and memory the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks remember and honor our departed members with a memorial Service. The Annual Memorial Service was held at our lodge on Sunday, December 1st at 2pm in the ballroom. Sincere thank you to all who attended and to our walkers who lit a candle for each of our departed members.

Our 2024 Holiday Season was wonderful! Thank you Elk Social Activities Committee, Staff, Chef, and Doe Club for planning so many joyful events! Our Christmas Party, the Children's Christmas Party and the spectacular New Years Eve Celebration!

This year again we were able to donate to so many organizations. Thank you to our Trustees for giving our lodge the means and opportunity to do this.

Beginning in January we will resume our two Elk meetings per month.

Also beginning this month- As an incentive for more Elks to attend Thursday night Elk meetings, we will give each Elk at the meeting a ticket to enter into a drawing for a chance to win one complimentary Elk meeting night buffet dinner. The winning ticket will be drawn at the same meeting.

Join us for Karaoke in the Canteen on January 15th from 5-8pm. Appetizers will be available to purchase from 5-7pm.

See you at the lodge!

Fraternally,
Alane Cellú
Exalted Ruler



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.

Therefore, all dates and calendars are subject to change upon receipt of the Permit.

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Save The Dates!

January 2025

2nd Elk/Doe Meeting 7:00 PM (Dinner 6:00 PM)

3rd Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

10th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

14th Trustees 6:00 PM

15th Karaoke In The Canteen 5:00 – 8:00 PM

16th Elk Meeting 7:00 PM 17th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM 24th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM 31st Dinner 5:00 = 8:00 PM

February 2025

4th Trustees 6:00 PM

6th Elk/Doe Meeting 7:00 PM

Nomination Of Officers

(Dinner 6:00 PM)

7th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

14th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

18th Trustees 6:00 PM

20th Elk Meeting 7:00 PM

Voting On New Officers

21st Dinner 5:00 - 8:00 PM

28th Dinner 5:00 - 8:00 PM

March 2025

4th Trustees 6:00 PM

6th Elk/Doe Meeting 7:00 PM

(Dinner 6:00 PM)

7th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

14th Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

18th Trustees 6:00 PM

20th Elk Meeting 7:00 PM

21st Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM

28th Dinner 5:00 - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY DINNERS REQUIRE RESERVATIONS!

SATURDAY ITALIAN DINNERS

ALSO REQUIRE RESERVATIONS

(NO ITALIAN DINNERS IN DECEMBER)

LUNCH: Canteen Only Noon–2 PM, Tues–Fri Daily specials in addition to regular menu.

DINNER: Canteen & Lounge 5–8 PM, Friday

Weekly specials include a meat and seafood.

Due to increasing food costs, there will be a 25% increase in menu items

- Beginning in October, prime rib dinner will return for the first Friday of each month.
- Weekly lunch specials Tuesday Friday.
- Dinner specials each Friday include a meat and seafood selection.

LODGE HOURS

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Monday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \\ \mbox{Tuesday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \\ \mbox{Wednesday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \\ \mbox{Thursday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \\ \mbox{Friday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \\ \mbox{Saturday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \\ \mbox{Sunday} & 12:00 \mbox{ pm} - 7:00 \mbox{ pm} \end{array}$

EXCITING NEWS!!!

We have 23 Applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship!!!

We also have a panel of 8 Judges!!!

Thank you in advance to the Lodge, Judges, & Applicants for this Amazing Opportunity!

Linda Burgin, Scholarship Chair



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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, 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 December 5, 2024, ER Alane Celli announced that the Elk of the Month for December, 2024 was David Harding. David is a Life member of our Lodge having 34 years of membership with Charlottesville Elks 389. David volunteers with many of our programs, especially the Holiday Basket program. When you

see David at the Lodge, please congratulate him 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.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

If calling for dinner reservations and you get the answering machine, DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE. In order to have reservations for Friday night dinner, you must talk with the Bartender.

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 \$300.00. Those members who are currently advertising will receive an Invoice for the new advertising year in January, 2025.

ER INCENTIVE

At our meeting on December 5, 2024 ER Celli announced an incentive to get members to our meetings. At the second meeting in January, 2025, a raffle will be held for a free meal at the next dinner meeting, which is usually the 1st meeting of the month. In order to receive the free dinner at the next meeting, the lodge member is required to stay for the meeting immediately following dinner.

NEW MEMBERS

At our meeting on November 21, 2024, the following new members were initiated into our Order Devon Dean, Stacy Tanner, Joseph Duquette, Jean Dansey, Marci Thurman, Lori Gensic and Michael Britton.

When you see them at the Lodge please introduce yourself and make them welcome

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

At our meeting on December 5, 2024, Applications for Membership for Mark Shifflett and Aaron Thomas, both proposed by Jerry Thomas were read on the floor. Voting on both application will be at our meeting on January 2, 2024.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Visit the Charlottesville Elks 389 website at:

https://www.classcreator.com/Charlottesville-Virginia-Elks-Lodge-389

> On the Home page, click the blue "Sign In" button on the right-hand side of the page.

Scroll down to "New Elks and Guests" and enter the system password: #389.

Click "Thank you! Please click here to continue!"

On the left-hand side of the page, navigate to "Directory"

Find your name, and then "join" to create your profile. This will allow you to log-in with your email and a password you create.

If you DO NOT see your name, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Don't see your name? Click here to join" to create your profile.

Then you may sign in from the home page via the blue "sign in" button on the right-hand side of the page.

January Birthdays

- 01 Lane, John M
- 02 Lushbaugh, Bradley L
- 02 McDaniel, Donnie
- 05 Armentrout Jr, Edwin L
- 05 Marshall, Charles E
- 06 Firster, D James
- 08 Jones, Lindsey E
- 08 Koch, Lauren A
- 09 Flynn, C David
- 10 Knight, Michael C
- 11 Smith, Earl R
- 12 Bibb, Thomas M
- 12 Davis, Randolph
- 12 Duquette, Joseph A
- 12 Powell, Lloyd Wayne
- 16 Thunder, James M
- 17 Shifflett, Carl E
- 19 Shifflett, Cathy W
- 20 Marshall, Lawrence C
- 20 Taliaferro, Julian H
- 21 Martin, Lawrence J
- 22 Davis, Linda D
- 22 Davis, Richard
- 22 Crickenberger, Gregory S
- 23 Waugaman, Mark A
- 24 Simpkins, Tony
- 25 Kahn, Ronnie
- 25 Shenton, Calvert
- 26 Harlow, Edward A
- 26 Sanborn, John R
- 27 Crenshaw, Stuart A
- 27 Stallings, Preston O
- 27 Taylor, Norman K
- 28 Crenshaw, Charles A
- 28 Marshall, David D
- 29 Morris, Davi
- 29 Seymour, Victoria Ann
- 30 Gensic, Lori Hall
- 30 Marshall, Christine L
- 31 Fields, Mary A
- 31 Thomas, Judith Marie



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NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

Thanks to all who attended the December Lodge Meeting and voted to approve the Motion to complete the Canteen Renovation project. We believe this project will be a major stepping stone towards increased membership and member enjoyment. The next step in this process is to obtain Grand Lodge approval. This can take 6-8 weeks, although we are striving to complete this step quicker.

Starting in late January or early February, you will notice some changes taking place to get ready for the actual construction work. We will be moving the bar into the ballroom, as well as the gaming machines and some tables and chairs. All other furniture in the mixed lounge bar and poker rooms will be relocated and/or stored. We anticipate that once construction actually begins, there may

be periods when we may have to limit or cease all food service.

The roof replacement is well underway. We are currently waiting to get a gas line relocated, so the new roofing material can be properly installed.

We hope you attended our Annual Christmas Party. What a blast! Chef Johnny and his staff did another amazing job of preparing a wonderful buffet of goodies. The food was excellent, the libations were flowing and all attendees had a wonderful time. It's always the highlight of the Holiday Season. Thanks to all who made it a success!

Check out the Exalted Ruler's message on the cover of the bulletin for an exciting new incentive to attend Lodge meetings.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

On November 20, 2024, many Elk and Doe members came together to stuff 222 Holiday Food Baskets for local families. This program has become an Annual Practice for the Lodge and with the help of the Beacon Grant, our Lodge is able to continue this tradition. Thanks everyone for a job well done!



POINTSETTIAS

Charlottesville 389 Delivers Poinsettias December 2

Charlottesville 389 Elks Vicki Shiflett, Garry and Pam, and Steve Johnson visited the Veteran's Outpatient Clinic in Charlottesville on December 2nd and presented 71 poinsettias as gifts for Veterans. The poinsettias made a lot veterans happy this Christmas Season.

Submitted by Steve Johnson, Charlotteville Elks Lodge 389



AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Linda Burgin is looking for volunteers to help judge the Americanism Essay Contest.

The theme is "What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

They are due to her on 12/15/24 and need to be judged before 1/31/25.

Please text Linda at 609-827-7554, if you are interested in joining her committee.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The following By-Law Changes were read on the floor at our November 7, 2024 meeting. They are to be printed in he December Bulletin and will be voted on at our meeting on January 2, 2024.

ARTICLE III: LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Currently reads: "Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of *not less than 30 years preceding application, and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years."*

Proposed change: "...not less than 30 years preceding application."

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Currently reads: "except in the months of July, August and December, in which the Lodge shall meet on the third Thursday."

Proposed change: "except in the months of July and August, in which the Lodge shall meet on the third Thursday, and the month of December, in which the Lodge shall meet the first Thursday."

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES SEC. 4 OF THE SECRETARY

Currently reads: "For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$12.00 per Member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable weekly."

Proposed change: "For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$18.00 per Member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable weekly."

The Doe Club

Elks Auxiliary

2024-25 OFFICERS

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

SICK/VISITING

(Nov 7 – Dec 5)

Get Well Card sent to Karen Collins and Joan Boblitz

DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2024

No luncheon in December 2024

DOE CLUB LUNCHEONS 2025

January 16 February 20 March 20 April 10

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Betty Phillips
- 3 Blair Moore
- 11 Joy Waugaman
- 23 Linda Sorrells

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Joyce Kavouas, Susan Cantor
- 7 Carolyn Frazier
- 9 Frances Crebbs
- 11 Becky Parks
- 12 Hazel Maxey
- 21 Marie Snead, Karen Collins
- 23 Ginny Stallings
- 31 Kim Almond

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2 - Elk/Doe Meeting

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At our meeting on December 5, we held a memorial service for our 2024 departed Doe Sisters June Gibson, Nancy Gilbert, Lillie Mae Bishop, Ivy Glass and Arlene Proffit.

CHRISTMAS EVENT DRAWING

At the Elks Christmas party on December 8, we drew the winning tickets for the Doe Club Christmas Event. Congratulations to all the winners - \$1000/Kathy Hughes, \$300/Mandy Griffin, \$100/Dale Thacker, \$100/Pat Marshall, Nook Gift Certificate/Donne Stribling, Jack Brown Gift Certificate/Elliott Biskup.

CRAFT SHOW

Our craft show was held on November 16 and was a great success! We had 22 vendors and lots of traffic for the show. Thanks to all the vendors that participated.

The Doe Club

Elks Auxiliary

Doe President's Letter

Dear Doe Sisters:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

The Craft / Vendor Show was held on November 16th. We had a nice turnout and both the vendors and shoppers seemed pleased. Coffee and Donuts were provided to the vendors. The Doe's sold Rada knives, tickets for the silent auction, hot dogs, chili, ham and sausage biscuits and drinks. Pam Hicks won the beautiful wreath made and donated by Ginny Stallings.

The Doe's held their memorial service at the December 5th meeting. We celebrated the lives of Arlene Profit 12/19/23, June Gibson 3/5/24, Ivy Glass 5/22/24, Nancy Gilbert 5/28/24 and Lillie Mae Bishop 9/26/24. These ladies are deeply missed and were an incredibly special and active part of our organization.

The Elks Adult Christmas party was held on Sunday December 8th. Thanks to all the hard-working Doe Sisters we were able to sell all the ticket books. First Prize of \$1,000 went to Kathy Hughes, 2nd \$300 went to Mandy Griffin, 3rd \$100 went to Dale Thacker and 4th place \$100 went to Pat Marshall. We also had two other prizes that were donated. \$25 Gift Certificate to the Nook won by Donnie Stribling and \$25 Gift Certificate to Jack Brown won by Elliott Biskup.

The Children's Christmas party was held on Sunday December 15th in the ballroom beginning at 1pm. We had 50 children sign up for this event and the Doe's have been busy buying and wrapping all the gifts. There were games for the children to play and of course the visit from Santa Claus. Since the party is after the newsletter deadline – I will say more about the party next month.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2nd.

Wishing you all a very Happy Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mary Sue Biskup President



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2024-2025 Lodge Officers

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Inner Guard Kathy Hughes
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Trustee Donna Barbour
Trustee William Craddock

Trustee Bradley Lushbaugh, PER, PDDGER

Trustee Tom Payne, PER

January 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 \$12
Dinner from the Menu ~ Friday 5—8 pm Submissions for the Piedmont Elk
are due by the10th of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Elk/Doe Meeting 7 PM (Dinner 6PM)	3 Dinner 5-8 PM	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Dinner 5-8 PM	11
12	13	14 TRUSTEES 6PM	15 KARAOKE CANTEEN 5-8 PM	16 ELK MEETING 7 PM	17 Dinner 5-8 PM	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Dinner 5-8 PM	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Dinner 5-8 PM	