



# Off the Rack



July/August 2010

Loudoun Elks Lodge 2406  
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*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
Of the United States of America  
A Fraternal Organization*

**Lodge Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m.**

**Trustee's Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:00 p.m.**



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Fellow Elks,

As we enter into the summer months, I wish you relaxing vacations, perfect weather and few traffic delays. Please be safe and have a great summer.

We have a meeting the first Wednesday of July and August at 7:00 PM. Please attend if you are in the area. We need the participation and we want to see you. Geoff Cox will be the Acting ER for the July meeting as I will be in Orlando for the National Convention at that time.

We held two initiations in June (three new members) and I appreciate the support and your valuable time in assisting the initiation.

Our Flag Day ceremony was excellent. The Boy Scouts assisted us again and performed an outstanding Flag folding ceremony. The Boy Scouts have their Court of Honor tentatively set for August 23, 2010. We will have representatives there to thank the Scouts for their support of our Lodge.

We will be having our District Deputy (Gil Vale, Manassas Lodge) visit on September 15, 2010 at the regular meeting. Gil and his team will meet with the officers prior to the meeting to review our stewardship of the Lodge, have dinner and then attend our meeting. The DD visit is a great opportunity to meet Gil and his team. Please save the date and plan to attend.

We have our Martinsburg VA hospital cookout tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2010. This is our big outing for the veterans and we need all the help we can get to feed our veterans. Please plan on attending. More information will be available as soon as the date is confirmed.

We have a request for the Honor Guard to march in the Sterling Columbus Day parade on October 9, 2010. We have participated over the last several years and I expect we will join the parade again this year.

Have a great summer.

Fraternally,

**Pat Kelly**  
Exalted Ruler



**PURPLE HEART August 7<sup>th</sup>**



Greetings fellow Elks!

I hope everyone is starting a wonderful summer. I especially wish you a happy Independence Day! I've got plenty of US flag pins left for anybody who would like one. Please see me at the lodge if you haven't got yours yet.

A reminder: if you're interested in ordering Elks postage stamps, you can get the order form from Jim Parsons, or download the form on the web at:

[http://www.virginiaelks.org/whats\\_new/Elks Stamp Order.pdf](http://www.virginiaelks.org/whats_new/Elks%20Stamp%20Order.pdf)

**Geoff Cox**

Esteemed Leading Knight

## THE SECRETARYS CORNER

**Candidates awaiting Initiation:** ANDREW MILLER – Sponsor – Vicky North  
WILLIAM 'BILL' STEWART – Sponsor – Dean Blake

**Dues notices for the 2010-2011** Elk year have been distributed. If you have not yet paid your dues, please take a moment and think about all that you are missing by not remaining an active Elk.

**Jim Parsons**

Secretary

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

If you are aware of any member suffering Sickness or Distress, please contact Tom Krouse either via email: [Thomas.krouse@yahoo.com](mailto:Thomas.krouse@yahoo.com) or leave the information at the lodge.

## JULY



**'THE SIGN MAKER' MARVIN MILLER**  
**FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING OUR LODGE ACTIVITES**

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
LODGE 2406  
Sterling, VA**

**2010-2011**

**OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler	Pat Kelly
Est. Leading Knight	Geoff Cox
Est. Loyal Knight	Sandy Cook
Est. Lecturing Knight	Mike Maroney
Secretary	Jim Parsons, PER
Treasurer	Paul Seefried, PER
Tiler	Kimmy Sullivan
Esquire	Greg Hanlon
Chaplain	Mary Machado
Inner Guard	Sean McTigue

**TRUSTEES**

1 year	Ron Marrs
2 year	Tim Frank, PER
3 year	Mike Whalen
4 year	Dean Blake, PER
5 year	Warren Wood

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Americanism	Geoff Cox
Accident Prevention	Joe Kiser
Audit	Tom Probus
Community Activities	Dean Blake, PER
Drug Awareness	Joe Anderson
Flag Day	Sandy Cook
Government Relations	Joe Kiser
Hoop Shoot	Cathy Blake
Indoctrination	Greg Hanlon
Lapsation	Jim Parsons, PER
Lodge Activities	Bill Smith
Mediator	Mark Farrell
Membership	Joe Anderson
Memorial Day	Pat Kelly
Veterans Services	Luis Machado
National Foundation	Jim Parsons
Presiding Justice	Jim Estep
Public Relations	Dieter Schneider, PER
Scholarship	Geoff Cox
Social	Bill Smith
Visiting	Tom Krouse
Youth Activities	Tim Frank, PER
Youth Camp	Sandy Cook



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SALLY MILLER

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LES BABER  
RON MARRS

28  
BRANDON HAHN  
AMY YOUNG

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PAUL FORSHT

25  
WAYNE GRIFFITH

8  
JOHN KEANE

27  
KIMMY SULLIVAN

## THE ELKS CORNER

### Upcoming events and items of interest to all Elks:

**ON JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> THREE NEW MEMBERS** were initiated into the lodge. Please be sure to welcome them and let's get them involved in our activities.



Left to Right

June 5<sup>th</sup> Joe Anderson (sponsor), Les Baber, Pat Kelly (ER), Brett Layton & Brandon Hahn (sponsor) – June 26<sup>th</sup> Ed Wood Jr., Pat Kelly (ER) & Kimmy Sullivan (sponsor)

**OFFICIAL ELKS POSTAGE STAMPS** that is correct. They are 44c – First Class Postage – that are available by the sheet of 24 for \$11.00 (\$10.56 for the stamps and the other 44c for the Elks National Foundation. The design of the stamp is the Elks Oval. **Please contact Jim Parsons for an order blank.**

**THE ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Orlando, Florida this year July 4-7, 2010.

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On June 26<sup>th</sup> the lodge participated in the Annual Loudoun County Youth Festival. The booth was manned by Joe Anderson, Mary Lou Marshall and Joe's son James. This festival is the lodge's best chance to reach out to the youth of the area in promoting the Elk's Youth Programs by distributing Drug Awareness materials, information on our lodge Scholarship programs and the Annual Hoop Shoot program.

The lodge has 8 slots for the Youth Camp this year, Girls ages 8-12 will be the July 4<sup>th</sup> week and Boy's ages 9-13 will be the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Arlington-Fairfax lodge will be providing bus service again this year.

**Sandy Cook**

Youth Camp Coordinator

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Due to the VEA State convention the lodge held it Flag Day ceremony on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The lodge would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 761 for conducting the Flag Folding Ceremony and our Officers for conducting an inspiring program to celebrate Flag Day.



Left to Right

Assistant Scoutmaster Dean Ballinger, Alex Nychorchuk (Eagle Scout), Assistant Scout Master Steve Nychorchuk, David Forsht and Nick Ballinger – in the background Paul Forsht narrates the history of the Flag Folds



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TOM LOCASCIO  
VICKY NORTH

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DENNIS DECECCO  
CINDY GOLDSBERRY  
HAL HAYWARD

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TERESA BROCKE  
JOHN ROUNDY

5

PAUL FARRELL

19

LUIS MACHADO

25

DOUG FISHER  
JEFF KITZMILLER

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MIKE MARONEY

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BILL SMITH

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BUD WALKER



## THE VETERANS & HONOR GUARD CORNER



**ER Pat Kelly** delivering Safety glasses acquired by our lodge and shirts, hats, mugs and other items left over from the Charlottesville, Va. 2010 convention. Recipient is **Dottie Hough, Chief Volunteer of the Martinsburg Veterans Medical Center**. Glasses will be used in their hobby shop, other items will be given away during their Christmas in July Program.

The Honor Guard is seeking additional members. If you are interested in joining this fine group, please see me or any of the Honor Guard members: Kimmy, Chad, Geoff or Annie.

**Luis Machado**

Chairman Veteran's Committee

## AUGUST



**‘THE JIFFY LUBE MAN’ WARREN WOOD**  
**FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING OUR LODGE ACTIVITES**

## AMERICANISM ACTIVITIES

The Grand Lodge Americanism Committee has selected the theme for the 2010-2011 Americanism Essay Contest:

***“Why I am Proud to be an American”***

This contest is open to all 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The essay is not to exceed 250 words, and must be submitted as written or typed *by the entrant*. Essays are due by the end of the year. Forms and additional information available on the web:

<http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/americanism/files/EssayContestInformationAndPoster2010-2011.pdf>

Here is another of last year's winning essays:

### **The American Dream**

By Adam Basappa, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Smart's Mill Middle School

The American dream is to live in the greatest country in the world, the United States of America. It's to have liberty, freedom, peace and justice. People want to live in a place with a government that is put in by the people and is made for the people.

This is a place where you can get the simple necessities like food, water, and a warm place to sleep, and to feel safe when asleep. It's where you can get an education, with various schools to go to, which all have teachers who care if you succeed in life.

The place of hopes and dreams, where if you try the best you possibly can dreams do really come true. Even when you don't succeed there are always second chances.

It's the country that keeps on moving forward, after economic difficulties our country is getting back on track. No matter how bad it gets this extraordinary country never loses hope, because nearly every American believes in our country and its government.

There is no country like ours, and that's why people in other countries want to come to America and become citizens. Everyone who wants to come here has dreamed about it, and their dreams of coming here to this amazing country, that's the American dream.

**Geoff Cox**

Chairman, Americanism Committee

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUT VETERANS IN YOUR PRAYERS

### **JIFFY LUBE CONCERTS THE LODGE IS COMMITTED FOR JULY & AUGUST:**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ARTIST</u></b>	<b><u>REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPEN</u></b>	<b><u>SHOW</u></b>
<b>JULY 10, 2010</b>	<b>TIM McGRAW</b>	<b>4 PM</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>AUGUST 1, 2010</b>	<b>BROOKS &amp; DUNN</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>AUGUST 14, 2010</b>	<b>RASCAL FLATTS</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>AUGUST 15, 2010</b>	<b>TOM PETTY</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>8 PM</b>

If you have pledged to work a concert please remember to allow enough time to meet at the Elks parking lot no Later than 1 hour before report time and we will car pool to Jiffy Lube Live.

If you have any questions, please contact Warren Wood at 703-408-7496 or via email at [wwood20319@aol.com](mailto:wwood20319@aol.com)

## Elk's National Foundation

This year the lodge was able to provide 6 Scholarships to worthy students, in an effort to help as many students as possible 2 \$1,000 and 4 \$500 Scholarships were awarded. The recipients are:

\$1,000: **Jessica N. Humphries and Nicolas E. Esguerra** (also a VEA winner)  
\$500: **Abbel Getu, Denise Nguyen, Nicholas H. Hazelton and Paige B. Sigman**



Left to Right

**L: Jessica Humphries, Pat Kelly (ER) and Denise Nguyen – background: Geoff Cox, Tim Frank, Paul Seefried, Paul Forsht, Kimmy Sullivan and Annie Kelly**  
**R: Abbel Getu and Pat Kelly (ER) – background: Geoff Cox, Dieter Schneider, Tim Frank, Kimmy Sullivan and Annie Kelly**

Invest in our community today with a **donation** to the Elks National Foundation. Your gift helps ensure that no veteran feels alone, no student gives up on their dreams, no child gives in to peer pressure and no Lodge lacks the resources to serve its community.

To learn more about the Elks National Foundation, its grants, giving options or recognition opportunities, visit [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf) or talk with our Lodge's ENF committee.

*Jim Parsons*  
Chairman



## THE HOUSE & SOCIAL COMMITTEES

On Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> the Father's of the lodge were treated by the ladies to a great Father's Day breakfast prepared by Lynn Norton and Sandy Cook, with Linda Smith acting as host and dispenser of liquids. The Father's would like to thank the ladies for making it a great day.



Left to Right

Having fun in the kitchen are Sandy Cook, Linda Smith and Lynn Norton

Food service is now available during normal operating hours of the lounge. This menu is of a light variety, Chicken Tenders, Wings, Shrimp Baskets, Egg Rolls, etc. A complete menu is posted in the lounge.

**Bill Smith**

Chairman House Committee

## THE HUMOR CORNER

**THE PENTAGON** once did a study on why so many U.S. servicemen marry women in countries where they're stationed, and loneliness had nothing to do with it. Once the men rotated back to the states, their in-laws were thousands of miles away.

**AN ARTIST** asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his painting displayed there.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 paintings."

"That's wonderful! What's the bad news?"

"He said he was your doctor."

## PARTING SHOT

**Remain optimistic until they start moving animals to Cape Canaveral.**

~ July 2010 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Us Army Air Corps Est. 1926	3 NASCAR DAYTONA 7:30 pm TNT
4  INDEPENDENCE DAY GIRLS CAMP	5 NATIONAL CONVENTION GIRLS CAMP	6 NATIONAL CONVENTION GIRLS CAMP	7 Trustees 6pm LODGE MEETING 7 pm GIRLS CAMP	8 GIRLS CAMP	9 GIRLS CAMP	10 NASCAR CHICAGO 7:30 pm TNT JIFFY LUBE 4 pm GIRLS CAMP
11 Breakfast 8:30 – 11:30 am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 NASCAR INDIANAPOLIS 1 pm ESPN BOYS CAMP	26 BOYS CAMP	27 Korean War Ended 1953 BOYS CAMP	28 World War I Began 1914 BOYS CAMP	29 BOYS CAMP	30 BOYS CAMP	31 BOYS CAMP

## HAPPY HOUR

**ALL NASCAR RACES AND REDSKIN GAMES (REGULAR SEASON)**

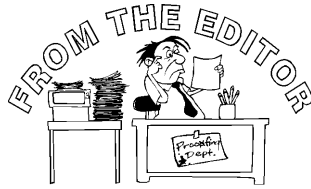
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~ August 2010 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  NASCAR POCONO 1 pm ESPN AIR FORCE DAY JIFFY LUBE 4:30 pm	2	3	4  Trustees 6pm  LODGE MEETING 7 pm	5	6	7  PURPLE HEART MEDAL 1782
8  NASCAR WATKINS GLEN 1 pm ESPN	9	10	11	12	13  BILLS@REDSKINS 7:30 pm nbc	14  JIFFY LUBE 4:30 pm  JAPAN SURRENDERED 1945
15  NASCAR MICHIGAN 1 pm ESPN  JIFFY LUBE 5 pm	16  NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY	17	18	19  NATIONAL AVIATION DAY	20	21  NASCAR BRISTOL 7:30 pm ABC  RAVENS@ REDSKINS 7 pm NBC
22	23	24	25	26  WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY	27  REDSKINS@ JETS 7 pm NBC	28
29	30	31	Notes:			

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Please send e-mail with any items that you would like to be included in the newsletter. All information should be sent no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Send to: [jkparsons@verizon.net](mailto:jkparsons@verizon.net)

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