



THE ELKS CONNECTION

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Hello Elks Family,

What a wonderful time of the year. I hope everyone had an awesome Thanksgiving! The holidays are about spending time with your friends and family along with giving a little back to your community. Please come by the Lodge as we need you more than ever. Support our bartending team and kitchen by volunteering your time or by supporting their efforts!

I'm personally looking forward to the Christmas party on December 13th; not only is it one of my favorite get-togethers during the holidays, but this year we also have the Charlotte Hall Vets joining is for dinner. Don't miss it, I promise it's a fun time all around.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday with their loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Troy Dove



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JACKPOT IS OVER \$7,827

The **Queen of Hearts** is drawn every Wednesday night at 7 PM. You don't have to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased anytime. It's a \$1 per ticket or \$5 for seven.



QUARTER BOOK

Quarter Book is drawn every evening the Lodge is open. Put your quarter in the box and sign the sheet each day. If your name is drawn you win **\$100**.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE

The Lodge Meeting Attendance Prize is **\$554**.

DOLLAR BOOK



Jackpot is \$86

Drawn every Friday night. Pay a \$1 each week and sign the Book. If your name is drawn you win the pot. You don't have to be present to win.



JACKPOT IS OVER \$1,773

Deuces Wild is drawn every Friday night at 7 PM. Tickets may be purchased anytime. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5. The 2 of Spades pays 60% of the jackpot, Joker wins \$40, Face Card wins \$20, all other cards win \$5.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Happy Holidays members! December is upon us, and we're ready to bring in the New Year. I hope you'll join us this month in supporting the Lodge during the holiday season. We're having our annual Christmas party on Friday, December 13! Dinner will start at 6 pm and the Charlotte Hall Vets are joining us for dinner that evening. We would love for our members to come in and sit down with them during their visit. After dinner, we'll start the celebrations at 7 pm! Bring your ugliest sweater and a present for the gift exchange.

I want to thank the number of volunteers who are stepping up in the Lodge along with all the new members who have signed up for bartending. Our Lodge runs on the support and volunteer hours our members put in, and I'm proud to say our volunteers are magnificent. Please reach out during your visit and thank them for their help!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members,
Bri Tomlinson

CHRISTMAS PARTY & BUFFET DINNER WITH AN OPTIONAL WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Friday, December 13

Come out and enjoy a great Christmas Buffet Dinner starting at 6 p.m.

The optional White Elephant Gift Exchange will begin at 7 pm. Bring a wrapped gift with a \$15 limit. Also, wear your ugliest Christmas sweater!



ENF SPOTLIGHT GRANT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Lodge received funds from ENF for the Spotlight Grant. We partnered with the Calvert County Public Library in Prince Frederick to provide a warm coat to disadvantage children. The event was held at the Library on October 11. The Library showcased their services and refreshments were provided. Each child who attended received a brand-new coat, a hat, and a book.

We thank the many volunteers who made this event possible.



December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lodge Closed	2 House Com. Mtg. 7pm Lodge Closed	3 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	4 Sloppy Joes 6-7PM	5	6 No Dinner	7 Lodge Closed
8 Lodge Closed	9 Lodge Closed	10 Lodge Mtg. 7pm Bd of Dir Mtg. 5:30pm	11 Chicken Tender Basket 6-7PM	12	13 Buffet Dinner 6PM & Lodge Christmas Party - 7PM	14 Lodge Closed
15 Lodge Closed	16 Lodge Closed	17 Bartenders Mtg. 6:30pm	18 French Dip with Au Jus 6-7PM	19	20 Antlers Program 6:30pm No Dinner	21 Lodge Closed
22 Lodge Closed	23 Lodge Closed	24 Lodge Closed	25  Lodge Closed	26	27 Pizza by the Slice 6-7PM	28 Lodge Closed
29 Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Closed	31				
A children's menu option will be available for \$6 with every Friday Night Dinner						

SOCIAL QUARTERS

We're OPEN TUESDAY thru FRIDAY AT 3 PM ♦ HAPPY HOUR 3-6 PM



The Calvert Elks Lodge has partnered with Calvert Toys for Tots to hold its **annual toy distribution on December 15, 2019**. Last year over 1,000 local children received donated gifts through our partnership with Toys for Tots. The Lodge donation box is located on the social side, **please consider dropping a new unwrapped toy in the box. Also, if you could assist in sorting, picking up boxes, or help on distribution day**, contact Brenda King at Brendaking3150@gmail.com.

JUST FOR LAUGHS



It is late December and the Correctional Court Judge is in a good mood. He asks the defendant: "What are you accused of?"

The defendant replies, "I am accused of having done my Christmas shopping too early!"

The Judge: "But that's not a crime."

Defendant: "Well, it was before the store opened."

FROM THE BAR

Starting December 1st - All Miller Lite bottles and Coors Lite cans are \$1 each

Starting December 1st - All 12oz. Domestic Drafts are available for \$1 on Tuesdays

LEGACY AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy Awards opened on Sept. 1, 2019 and closes January 31, 2020. Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elk members. Eligibility and application requirements are available at www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.

BIG GREEN EGG CHARITY RAFFLE

Includes Large Green Egg and Acacia Hardwood Table. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Only 350 tickets will be sold. Winner will be drawn once all tickets are sold. Purchase tickets at the Lodge or contact Travis Capps.





DECEMBER

- 2 Bryan K Dowell
- 3 Connie Christensen
- 3 Kevin F Donahue
- 3 Mary Ellen Horsmon
- 3 Thomas J Kenney
- 3 Craig W Kontra
- 3 Richard Norment
- 3 Valerie Nowotnick
- 4 Robert L Swann
- 5 Patricia L Grimes
- 6 Charles R Michael
- 7 Justin Livingston
- 11 Gloria Bowen Gibson
- 12 Richard D Osbourn Sr
- 12 Charles S Tucker Jr
- 13 I Alan Burke
- 13 Graham M Lewis Jr
- 17 Robert C. Brady
- 18 Ann Marie Daly
- 20 William R Brady Jr
- 20 Hagner R Mister
- 21 Valerie Lemp
- 22 Anne Balcerak
- 24 Steve F Stanford
- 24 Tammy Taylor
- 27 Judy Castillo
- 27 Mary Galemore
- 27 Doris J Hanker
- 27 Douglas C Wood
- 31 Nicholas Buckler
- 31 Kevin H Schriber

ANTLERS PROGRAM



Last month, our Antlers meeting was very busy. We learned about the D.A.R.E programs sponsored by the Elks. We discussed different situations and different ways to “Just say No.” We also made entries for the Elks “My Favorite American Symbol” Contest. Miss Mary will submit our drawings. We will have entries in all the age categories!! Yeah Antlers!!! Since we had our coloring arms working, we also made Christmas Cards for the Vets to enjoy at their dinner. All this work, we still had some time to go outside and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall.

We had 10 Antler members attend. Special Thanks to John Waters and his daughter Haily. They so graciously treated our Antlers to a Chick-Fil-A platter, mac-n-cheese, and cookies!! YUM YUM!!

Thank you to all who donated canned food for the End Hunger Food Pantry. Thank you to Miss Crystal and Miss Dawnie for helping during our meetings! We couldn't do it without you!!

Our next meeting is December 20th at 6:30 – 7:30PM. This month, we will have a lesson on Elevator/Escalator Safety and our Christmas Party. Dinner will be supplied for the Antlers starting at 6PM. We will also be collecting gifts for our Vets. If you are able to donate, please see the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Wish List below for items needed.

Please know we look forward to having an active and fun Antlers Club. We welcome all ideas and any help you want to give. Please remember... These are our future Elks. Please do what you can to assist. Thanks,
Julie ♦ 301 351 8559 ♦ gadshack@aol.com

The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has as its major objective the following:

- To quicken the spirit of American Patriotism
- To teach respect for parents and love of home
- To inculcate the fundamentals of good citizenship
- To aid in a worthy cause
- To establish foundation of character
- To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members
- And to respect the conviction of others in the matters of worship and religion is true Americanism

CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME 2019 HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Tablets	Wheelchair Gloves	
Watches	Wheelchair Cup Holders	
Puzzle Books	Diabetic Socks	
Body Wash	Electric Razors	
Shampoo	Mouthwash (zero alcohol)	
Deodorant	Aftershave (zero alcohol)	
Belts (larger sizes)	Tennis Shoes (rubber bottom, Velcro, larger sizes)	
	Robes	
	NFL & MLB Gear	
	Twin size Blankets	
	Military Hats	
	Monetary Donations or Gift Cards	

**THE ANTLERS HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DONATE
TO SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE!
PLEASE DROP OFF DONATED ITEMS AT THE LODGE**



REMEMBER OUR VETERANS AT CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME

John A. Curran, Calvert Elks Lodge 2620 Veterans Committee

November was "Veteran's Remembrance Month." A time for all Elks to renew their obligation: "So long as there are Elks, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

This year, I assisted the Bowie Elks Lodge 2309 through introductions of their Veterans Chairman, Wilford "Wil" Davis and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Activities Director, Brandi Dye, to initiate a bus trip that sets up a fantastic catered meal for the veterans. They met at the door on a crisp "first touch of cold weather" with a double line of warm welcoming Lodge members. To me, it was a great sight to see and I was impressed. That was a start of a great evening. State President Elect Stuart "Stu" Burgoon gave the "Welcome & Meal Blessing" and was joined by his wife, Julie and Lodge members to serve the guests. There was a nice surprise for each veteran. A gift bag full of goodies that included a "Money Gift Card." This night also had a surprise for me. I had to look twice before I recognized the Caterer, Chef Steven Bradley, a PER from my initial Lodge, Prince George's County Lodge 1778. I am grateful that Wil invited me to join Brandi & the veterans and for the memorable evening at the Bowie Elks Lodge.

Each year in December, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is so beautifully decorated that I get the Christmas spirit as soon as I see their decorations. I must congratulate the VA Management, Staff and everyone involved right down to the maintenance crews. It does my heart good just to see it because it is truly a HOME for the residents. The holiday spirit comes from within everyone there to make it a HOME, with love and care.

I pray that you & your family had a great Family Thanksgiving and that you and your family have a Merry Christmas and that January brings you and your family a Happy New Year. God Bless You ... One & All.

Fraternally

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If you shop at Amazon, next time go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to our major State Project, Elks Camp Barrett, which will help offset operational expenses! Remember to list MD, DE, DC Elks Association Elks Camp Barrett as your charity! Please share with your friends and family—anyone can donate, you do not have to be a member of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association.

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*Maintaining Our Elks Pledge:
Never to Forget Our Veterans*

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE BULLETIN

All articles, information, and "clean jokes" for the Bulletin must be submitted to Jo King no later than the **18th of the month** for next month's bulletin. Information to be emailed to jo3130@gmail.com or call Jo at 443-624-3839.

LODGE OFFICERS 2019-2020

- Exalted Ruler** .. Troy M. Dove
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..... Matt Williams
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..... Lorraine Capps
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Vogt, PDD, PSP
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- Chaplain**..... Janis Spanburgh

LODGE TRUSTEES

- Darin King 1 year
- Carol Constantino 2 year
- David Marchyshyn 3 year
- Ronald Mattera..... 4 year
- Clarke Rawlings..... 5 year

**THE LODGE HALL &
SOCIAL QUARTERS IS**

AVAILABLE FOR RENTALS

Contact Barbara "Boo" Fox
for availability and details

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AMERICANISM ESSAY & POSTER CONTESTS

Essay Theme: "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?"

ENTRY RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades during normal 2019-20 school year preceding June 30, 2020.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest the address of the entrant.
5. Entrant must be identified on the Essay by name, home address, grade, school attended, and sponsoring Lodge.
6. Deadline: Must submit to Local Lodge by December 15, 2019.
7. Judging Criteria: *Originality*—avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases. *Development of theme*—stay focused on ideas and thoughts; don't ramble. *Mechanics and neatness*—use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Additional information is available at elks.org/programs/americanism.cfm.

POSTER CONTEST: "MY FAVORITE AMERICAN SYMBOL"

Categories: 0–3 years old 4–5 years old 6–7 years old
8–9 years old 10–13 years old 14–17 years old

Art work must be on 8½ x 11 paper and identified on the back by name, age, home address, phone number, name of school if enrolled, and sponsoring Lodge. Entries are due to the Lodge by December 15, 2019. Prizes are awarded in each category, first place winners move to the District level, then to the State level. Questions, contact Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Chairman, at 301-706-7051 or marycardinal-vogt@earthlink.net.

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