



# Elks

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## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

### *Christmas Lighting 2009*

The Christmas Season was a very busy and merry one for the residents and staff of the Elks National Home. Although work on the displays begins in October, the traditional beginning of our celebration is the official Christmas Lighting Ceremony. Our guest speaker for the December 11, 2009, ceremony was Past Grand Exalted Ruler James Damon from Oregon. He gave an excellent message and then pressed the switch to illuminate the lights for the first time this season. That is always a magical moment for everyone at the Home and our many guests. In addition to PGER Damon & DJ, we were also honored with the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler, James Nicholson & Mary Carolyn; Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Lester C. Hess, Jr.; Past Grand Exalted Ruler, C. Valentine Bates & Claudia; Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Arthur Frost & Sharon; Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Hesel & Jane; Chairman of the Board, Michael Smith & Sandra; Home Member of the Board, Carl Simpson & Sharon; the Presidents of many Elk state associations; other Elk dignitaries; and state and local officials. Here is a photo of PGER Damon as he officially began the Christmas season at the Elks National Home.



# ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Home Lodge #8081 joined the Bedford Lodge #2844 in observing the annual Elks Memorial service on the first Sunday in December. The program was held in the theater here at the Home, with Rev. Les Trail, pastor of Main Street United Methodist Church, as principal speaker.



The Elks Home Chorus at the memorial service

# SPECIAL VACANCY AT THE HOME!

Although we have a waiting list for some styles of apartments at the Home, there is a very special one that is vacant and waiting for the perfect person or couple to move in. This particular apartment is 1,089 square feet, has two bedrooms (one with a fabulous walk-in closet), two bathrooms, kitchen, living room, and den. It has wonderful views from the large windows.

If you or someone you know might be interested in this opportunity to join our "family" at the Elks National Home, just call Nellie Martin at 1-800-552-4140 or 540-425-9303. She will be happy to give you details and answer your questions. You may also e-mail [enhome@elkshome.org](mailto:enhome@elkshome.org).

# Birthdays

## FEBRUARY

- 2/12 James Ferree
- 2/14 Eileen Pickett
- 2/20 Leona Hardesty
- 2/24 Thomas Boland
- 2/26 Alice Odom
- 2/28 Pat McGuire

## MARCH

- 3/5 Fred Sink
- 3/10 Jack Hindmarsh
- 3/12 Austin Goode
- 3/13 Barbara Padgett
- 3/16 Ian Hustings  
Mildred Arrington
- 3/19 Marge Englehart
- 3/21 Marie Powers
- 3/23 Lucy Mitchell
- 3/28 Alise Campbell  
James Scott
- 3/29 Bob Odom

## APRIL

- 4/7 Robert Quarles
- 4/9 Jeanette Melton
- 4/13 David McSweeney
- 4/14 Jay Brown
- 4/18 Virginia Stanley
- 4/26 Allen Huddleston  
Dottie Wooldridge
- 4/27 Dot Goode
- 4/30 Walter Zimmerman

## Virginia Elks

### Mark Your Calendar

Don't forget the annual Procedure-Protocol Seminar, which will be held this year on Sunday, March 14, at the Elks National Home. Mark your calendar and watch your mail and local lodge newsletter for more information.

## Vacancies

Don't Miss the Chance to Enjoy Life at Your Elks Retirement Community

We have vacancies for single occupancy at the Elks National Home. These are all private rooms with bath. They are fully furnished and the monthly fee includes three meals a day, housekeeping, laundry, and utilities (except telephone and cable TV). One free haircut a month is even included! All these rooms are accessible by elevator. Don't wait! Call or write today for more information. Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523 • [enhome@elkshome.org](mailto:enhome@elkshome.org) • 1-800-552-4140. More information and photos are also on our website at [www.elkshome.org](http://www.elkshome.org).

## Don't forget to Order Your Brick



We are still accepting orders for engraved bricks. Don't miss your chance to have your name or message engraved on a brick in the special patio at the Home. Use the form below to order a 4"x8" brick for a cost of \$100.00. Larger 8"x8" bricks with 6 lines of text (20 characters per line) are available for \$200.00. If you want the larger brick, call 1-800-552-4140 to request an order form, or write your message on a blank piece of paper. Mail your order to Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523.

I want to purchase a 4" x 8" brick inscribed as follows:

Line 1

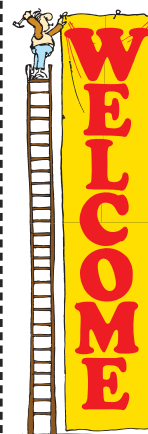
Line 2

Line 3

Purchaser's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

A \$100.00 contribution is enclosed (Note: \$60.00 is Tax Deductible)



## Visit The Home

Any time is a good time to visit the Elks National Home. You can enjoy good company, good food, and all that the "Crown Jewel of Elksdom" has to offer. For more information or to make a reservation, call

**1-800-552-4140**

or e-mail

[enhome@elkshome.org](mailto:enhome@elkshome.org)

# *In Gratitude* FOR GIFTS TO THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME

## **INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS**

Robert Fender  
Priscilla Anne Schwab  
New Mexico Elks Association  
Carl Richardson  
Warren McLaughlin  
David & Penny Carr  
Cora Louise Myers  
Sally Emerson  
David Cunningham  
Charles Russell  
Daniel Cashman  
Warren Emblem Club # 397  
Tommy Saunders  
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Georgia Elks Charities, Inc.  
Marie Anderson  
Timothy Shepherd  
Crescent City Emblem Club  
John R. Comiso

## **IN HONOR**

Greenwich Elks Auxiliary –  
*in honor of Penny Carr*

## **MEMORIALS**

Kit Shafer –  
*in memory on 9/11*

John Santamaria –  
*in memory of John Keefe*  
Sheridan Besosa –  
*in memory of Anna Mae Thienel*  
Sarah Winoker –  
*in memory of Anna Mae Thienel*  
Walter Zimmerman –  
*in memory of John Keefe*  
Eileen Miller –  
*in memory of Anna Mae Thienel  
and Don Matteson*  
Marge Englehart –  
*in memory of Don Matteson*  
Sheridan Besosa –  
*in memory of Don Matteson*  
Helen Tankersley –  
*in memory of Anna Mae Thienel*  
Mary Dean –  
*in memory of Frank Hubbard, Jack  
Johnston, Anna Mae Thienel, and  
Don Matteson*  
Marie Powers –  
*in memory of Don Matteson*  
Walter Zimmerman –  
*in memory of Don Matteson*  
Helen Tankersley –  
*in memory of Bertie Woodford*  
Teresa Farmer, Judy Hayes,  
Becky Johnson –  
*in memory of Opal Franklin*  
Peggy Ricketts –  
*in memory of Richard Lynch*  
Susan Roberts –  
*in memory of Richard Lynch*  
ViAnn Farmer –  
*in memory of Richard Lynch*  
Sharon, PA # 103 –  
*in memory of Alvin L. Maxwell*

## **BEQUESTS**

Peter J. Belick estate  
Meehan-Holtz

## **"BUY A BRICK"**

Cocoa Beach, FL # 2387  
Beacon, NY # 1493  
Rahway, NJ # 1075  
Havre de Grace, MD # 1564  
Winchester, KY # 2816  
Attleboro, MA # 1014  
Bayville, NJ # 2394  
Detroit, MI # 34  
Greater Wildwood, NJ # 1896

Lebanon, NH # 2099  
Elmira, NY # 62  
Huntsville, AL # 1648  
New Castle, PA # 69  
Dunkirk, NY #922 Ladies of Elks  
Grand Rapids, MI # 48  
Harrison-East Newark, NJ # 2326  
Bristol, RI # 1860  
Salisbury, MD # 817  
Sedona, AZ # 2291  
St. Joseph, MI # 541  
Fountain Hills, AZ # 2846  
Ohio River Valley, OH # 231  
Hudson, NY # 787  
Tri-County, KY # 2826  
Northern Neck, VA # 2666  
Artesia, NM # 1717  
Reading, PA # 115  
Edison, NJ # 2487  
Mt. Vernon, OH # 140  
Newport News, VA # 315  
Phoenix West, AZ # 2729  
St. Albans, VT # 1566  
Uhrichsville, OH # 424  
Carlsbad, NM # 1558  
Loudoun, VA # 2406  
St. Petersburg, FL # 1224  
Galax, VA # 2212  
Suffolk, VA # 685  
Charleston, IL # 623  
North Penn, PA # 1979  
Keeseville, NY # 2072  
Roswell, NM # 969  
Delray Beach, FL # 1770  
Northampton, MA # 997  
Stuart-Jensen, FL # 1870  
Ellenville, NY # 1971  
Tucumcari, NM # 1172  
Savannah, GA # 183  
Southampton, NY # 1574  
Minneapolis, MN # 44  
Saugerties, NY # 2574  
Upper Peninsula District, MI  
New Mexico Elks Association  
New Mexico Past State Presidents  
Troy, NY # 141 PER Association  
Silver City, NM # 413 PER Association  
Mass. South District PER Association  
York, NE # 1024 PER Association  
Uhricsville, OH # 424 PER's  
Michigan Elks Assoc., Northwest

District  
 James & Mary Varenhorst  
 Roy Newman  
 Edward & Pat Volta  
 Earl & Patricia Schellman  
 Anthony & Carol Mauro  
 Eric & Barbara Mulholland  
 James & Mary Carolyn Nichelson  
 David & Penny Carr  
 Ed & Shirley Adams  
 Dean Kiel  
 Jack Thomas, Sr.  
 William & Susan Cook  
 Bernard O'Connor, Jr.  
 Harley DeShane  
 Geoff Nimmich  
 Maxime & Marilyn Pilon  
 Lorraine Lombardo  
 Edward P. Volta –  
*in memory of Morris Margolis*  
 Reese Hickman –  
*in memory of Odetta Hickman*  
 Patricia Fraser –  
*in memory of Michael Manning*  
 Edith Stanton –  
*in memory of Irving Stanton, Jr.*  
 Priscilla Anne Schwab –  
*in memory of Madonna Anne Seebach*  
 Alpha Nance –  
*in memory of Elisha Ray Nance*  
 Madeleine Soler –  
*in memory of Robert Emile and  
 Madeleine Mary Soler*  
 Letitia, Michelle & Heather Shinpaugh –  
*in honor of Bob & Barbara Shinpaugh*  
 Madeleine Soler –  
*in memory of Madeleine & John Brady*  
 Barbara Lynch –  
*in honor of Thomas Lynch*  
 Oceanside, CA # 1561 –  
*in memory of Jack Gilmore*  
 Peter Jensen –  
*in memory of Joan Jensen*  
 Robert McCormick –  
*in honor of Victor Popiawski*  
 Anne Miles –  
*in honor of Warren McLaughlin*  
 Robert Reid –  
*in honor of Ralph Pappy Reid*  
 Tom Elmore –  
*in honor of Robert & Patricia Grafton*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Arthur B. West*

Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of C. Lee Gillis*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Charles W. Bennett*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of E. Dale Adkins*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Ernest S. McBriety*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Fred Grier, Jr.*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Fred W. C. Webb*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of G. Vickers White*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of G. William Ward*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Gardner Spring, Jr.*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of George R. Hitch*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of H. Winter Owens*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Ira D. Turner*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of J. Winnie Corkron*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of James L. Powell*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Levin C. Bailey*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Marion A. Humphreys*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of Travers L. Ruark*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of V. L. B. Williams*  
 Salisbury, MD # 817 –  
*in honor of William T. Smith*  
 Janice Lewis –  
*in honor of Scott A. Lewis*  
 Elizabeth Hixon –  
*in memory of Charles R. Pierson*  
 Peggy Ricketts, ViAnn Farmer,  
 Fleet Roberts –  
*in memory of Dick Lynch*

### GIFTS IN KIND

Jean Tobias – *boxwoods, spruce trees*  
 J. R. Allen – *two burial spaces*  
 Skip Crompton – *recliner chair*  
 Warren McLaughlin – *flag pole repairs*  
 Allen Roberts family –  
*watercolor of the Home*  
 Gail Adams – *hearing aids*  
 NY State Elks Assoc. –  
*two cases of apples*

Bobby Fender – *U. S. Flag*  
 Estate of Anna Mae Thienel –  
*assorted furniture*  
 Estate of Don Matteson –  
*sofa, chair, foot stool, medical equipment*  
 Rich Holley – *walking sticks*  
 Vincent Lusardi –  
*books of poetry and quotes*  
 Larry Capes – *peanuts and candy*  
 David & Becky Mix – *candy*  
 Mary Carolyn Nichelson –  
*games, puzzles, shawls*  
 Glo-Lyn Flowers – *potted poinsettia*

### PENNSYLVANIA DONATIONS

Leonard Schwemmer

### FLORIDA DONATIONS

Michael Mauer  
 Robert Rupp  
 Desmond McMahon  
 Francis Anderson  
 Maxie Kelly  
 Dave Reynolds  
 LeRoy Hodson

### NEW YORK DONATIONS

Charlotte Craven  
 William Whitfield  
 Carl Gurnsey  
 Joseph King  
 Sal Tavano, III  
 Richard Guibord  
 John Gulino  
 John Mazzone  
 John Burke  
 Kenneth Stevens  
 James Soldwisch

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## *In Memoriam*

*An Elk is Never Forgotten  
 Never Forsaken...*

9/22	Anna Mae Thienel Lynchburg, VA #321
9/27	Donald E. Matteson Sarasota, FL #1519
11/14	Bertie Woodford Bedford, VA #2844
11/30	Opal Franklin Lynchburg, VA #321

*But a while ago we gathered,  
 Friendship beaming in each eye,  
 Now the golden cord is severed,  
 They have passed to realms on high.*

# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The holidays, from Thanksgiving through Christmas and New Year's, are always chock-full of activities, entertainment and visitors for our residents. Here are a few.



*Bill Kesler examines a display in the George C. Marshall Museum at VMI. The trip to VMI was very interesting.*



*The Main Street United Methodist Church handbell choir gave a concert for residents. It was lovely.*



*Children from the Big Island Head Start visited to sing and to see our decorations. We always enjoy their visits.*



*Kitty and Edith get a hug from Santa, who made a personal appearance at several functions.*



*Kit is enjoying the New Year's party in Special Care.*

## Welcome, New Residents



*Catherine Parker from Bedford, VA*



*William Pickett from Moneta, VA*



*Eileen Pickett from Moneta, VA*



*The Silver Notes make beautiful music. They sang a variety of familiar tunes.*



*Virginia Stanley from Bedford, VA*



*Russell Garland from Olympia, WA*



*Rita Hutts from Roanoke, VA*



*Edith Stanton from Bedford, VA*

# Meet Our Maintenance Department

As we continue to feature the various departments at the Elks National Home, this quarter we recognize the employees of the Maintenance Building and Grounds Department. The department consists of five full and part-time employees in the building department and three full and part-time grounds employees.

Under the direction of supervisor, John Herring, the staff is responsible for the maintenance of all of the buildings, including plumbing, painting, and repairs as well as keeping our enormous grounds in immaculate condition by mowing, weed-eating, taking care of the beautiful flowers and bushes in the memorial and rose gardens, and maintaining the Elks cemetery, just to name a few.

You may not know it, but these employees are also responsible for the beautiful Christmas display that we have every year. They start in October by putting up all of the displays and mounting over 50,000 Christmas lights. They do not finish until the last display and light is taken down after the holidays.

It takes a lot of hard work and talent to maintain the many buildings and the massive grounds at the Elks National Home. We salute the Maintenance Building and Grounds Department for a job well done.



*Some of the crew with a few of the Christmas displays and the four-legged project manager, Annie. Left to right are: David Bierer, Robert Robertson, Jimmy Overstreet, and Gene Graves. In front is David Cirre with Annie.*



*Left to right – David Cirre, Robert Robertson, Wayne Dolan, Gene Graves, Jimmy Overstreet, David Bierer, Ron Salkowitz, and supervisor John Herring.*

## \* Please feel free to reprint anything from our newsletter.

Particular articles in this issue that would be good to include in your lodge bulletin are "Special Vacancy at the Home", "Don't Forget to Order Your Brick", and photos from the "Holiday Activities". Thank you for helping to promote the Elks National Home throughout the Order.

\* Check out the pdf version of our newsletter on our website at [www.elkshome.org](http://www.elkshome.org), where you can see all photos in full color. Also on our website, you will find articles suitable for publication in your lodge or state newsletter – or to post on your bulletin board.

## ATTENTION

### Elks Home Residents & Employees

This is your newsletter. Please help us by submitting photos and information for articles.

Submit your material to Nellie Martin or Robin Wood in the main office

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