

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 Homeless Veterans Event a Huge Success. On May 22, 2011, our Lodge held one of our best events ever to benefit Homeless Veterans programs at the Lamb Center in Arlington and the Compassion House in Culpepper. Some of the proceeds will also go to the Enduring Pride Program at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Although the final count is not in as yet, we raised at least \$8000 for these programs with almost 400 people in attendance including Don DeLap, VEA Veteran's Chairman from the Alexandria Lodge and Joe Weeren, Constituent Services Representative for Military and Veterans Issues from the office of Congressman Gerald Connolly. The program was hosted by Mark Richards and Sandra Mueller was the guiding force behind the effort. Brenda Slingerland, our Auxiliary President presented a check to Linda Buskirk, Exalted Ruler, for \$200. Tom Saputo and fellow musicians and singers donated their talents to make this an outstanding success. Many members of the Lodge and Auxiliary donated side dishes and desserts and our Grillmasters kept the burgers and dogs flowing. Special thanks to our Club Manager, Tom Loftabadi, and to our intrepid bartender, Paul. There are so many gracious and wonderful folks who made this a special day. Thank you all for making this a great success.

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