

# Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

August 2015 NEWSLETTER

“Elks Pride - Community Focus”

Members Monthly Newsletter

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“Seize the Opportunities”

Member Lodge of the Iowa Elks Association



## A Message about the Grand Lodge Convention

Members of Shenandoah Lodge were among the Iowa delegation that attended the 151st annual Grand Lodge convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Those in attendance from Shenandoah Lodge were Exalted Ruler Dennis DeWild and Becky, Secretary Alan Armstrong and LuAnn, Esquire (State President) Roger McQueen and Julie and Chaplain Robert Iske and Sally.

There was a focus on the turnaround in our membership and the need to “get the word out” on our activities and contributions to our communities! Public relations and the use of social media and websites will enhance our opportunities to “tell the story”! We use our website as well as Facebook to inform members and potential members of our activities and needs that we are aware of in the community.

The delegation from the Iowa Elks Association accepted a challenge to make a \$130 contribution to the restoration fund for the Elks Memorial building in Chicago. The members present raised \$350, one of the highest raised in the challenge.

Our Iowa Hospitality room had a fund raising cup for contributions to ENF. Roger McQueen challenged those present that he would match the funds raised. The members present accepted the challenge and Roger will match \$400 for a total of \$800 contributed to the ENF fund on behalf of the Iowa Elks Association.

The Grand Lodge officers were installed on Thursday morning our Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks as well as our District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler Blade Martwick were among those installed.

The Grand Exalted Rulers theme for this year will be: “Elks Pride – Community Focus”

Always remember to: “Seize the Opportunities”

### A Message from our Exalted Ruler

I want to thank the Lodge for sending me to the 151st Elks national convention in Indianapolis . Everything went very smooth.

Over 6000 people attended. I attended many of the meetings that were scheduled.

The one that sticks out most was the presentation by the Public Relations committee.

He gave us several good ideas to try. Getting the word out is very important. It made me think about our lodge.

We sit around at the house committee meetings and complain, but do little to solve any of our problems.

I'm hoping to instill a little order to our group by setting up a plan to do events on a monthly routine. I don't care if we get 20 people, we have to find something to keep our lodge alive.

Membership loss has slowed down A couple of states even had positive growth. We have to get on the band wagon and tell our story.

Tell people about what we do. Does anyone know how much we gave back to our community? You will soon! DDW Exalted Ruler

### CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

August 2nd

Serving 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Volunteers are Needed

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

### Lodge Activities

#### Lodge Meetings

August 6th (only one meeting in August)

#### CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE

August 7th - Beef Brisket

August 14th - Rib Eye Steak

August 21st - KC Wild Things

August 28th - Taco Salads

#### STAG NIGHT SUPPERS (MENU LIST)

August 6th – Pot Roast

August 13th – Ham Balls

August 20th – Swiss Steak

#### COUPLES NITE

August 27th Farkel begins at 6:30 p.m. We are having big crowds. Come early and join the fun. Fried Chicken is the menu.

#### LADIES PITCH GROUP

August 4th and August 18th

#### LADIES BRIDGE GROUP

August 6th and August 20th

#### EVENING PITCH GROUP

August 12th

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Walt Armstrong - Bill Miller

#### ALSO SCHEDULED EVENTS DURING AUGUST

Blood Drive - August 17th

Elks Golf Tournament - August 29th

**House Committee Meeting - August 18th**

8 pm at the Lodge. Everyone is Welcome!

**ONLY ONE LODGE MEETING THIS MONTH!**

### Lodge Calendar of Events

August 1st - Party  
August 4th - Ladies Pitch  
August 6th - Lodge Night (Casual) - Ladies Bridge  
August 8th - Rush / Neal Wedding  
August 13th - Stag Night  
August 15th - Norris / Birt Wedding  
August 17th - Blood Drive  
August 18th - House Committee Meeting -Ladies Pitch  
August 19th - Evening Pitch Group  
August 20th - Stag Night - Ladies Bridge  
August 22nd - Don and Joni Herdliska Anniversary Party  
August 23rd thru 26th - Browns  
August 27th - Couples' Night  
August 29th - Elks Golf Tournament  
8:00am-Shotgun Start-2 Man Best Shot  
Stag Suppers are served at 7:30 p.m.  
Lodge Meetings begin at 8 p.m.  
House Committee Meetings begin at 8 p.m.  
Sunday Dinners are served 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Phone Numbers:  
Lodge Facility Doug McElroy 246-5110  
Exalted Ruler Dennis DeWild 712-246-2491  
Secretary Alan Armstrong 246-8371  
A BIG thank you to Don Gibson and volunteers for preparing and serving and cleaning up at the Fish Fry !

Don and Joni Herdliska will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on August 22nd ALL are welcome to attend from 5 to 7 with snacks and drinks!

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## Looking for a place for Lunch on Saturdays?

We are serving Hamburgers, Tenderloins and French Fries

From 11:30 to 1:00

## Elks National Foundation News

Last year the Iowa Elks gave \$ 74,177.00 to the Elks National Foundation, and in turn the Elks National Foundation will return to the state of Iowa \$134,410.00 . That is a return of \$1.81 for every dollar we gave.

Last year 26 Iowa Lodges received 90,000.00 in community investment grants.

So far this year the Shenandoah Lodge has already exceeded the GER goal of \$4.65 per member !

# Shenandoah Lodge Recent Activities

## Eagle Scout Recognized



Members of Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122 presented Austin Perrin, Eagle Scout from Pack #218 of Shenandoah with a Certificate in recognition of his accomplishment. Austin put in over 52 months of leadership as well as developing a project that led to the construction of a gazebo in a local park.

The Eagle Scout program recognizes the development of our young men into the skill sets and leadership roles to go on and achieve success. Only about 2% of Scouts achieve Eagle Scout status.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a proud supporter in this endeavor. State President of the Iowa Elks Association, Roger McQueen spoke to the large crowd of the commitment of support from the State and National level. Exalted Ruler Dennis DeWild expressed the local Lodge's support and presented Austin with a Flag and his certificate of recognition.



Best Wishes Tim in your new assignment!

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## Flag Day Ceremony Held



The schedules and weather cooperated finally for the Shenandoah Elks Lodge to present its annual Flag Day ceremony. Members of Shenandoah Lodge participated in the presentation of the Flag History while parading the various flags from our nations glorious past. We took the opportunity, during the break between games on our Softball and Baseball fields, to enlighten a large crowd. Members participating were Dennis DeWild, Roger McQueen, Ed Bonafas, Doug McElroy, Don Nelson, Dave Wiebold, Terry Miller, Charles Hall, Alan Armstrong, Matt Livingston and Robert Iske.



Roger McQueen our Iowa Elks Association State President prepares for the Parade of Flags at the Opening Ceremony of the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis Indiana.

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## Lodge Membership Campaign



We will be planning events later this year to enhance our efforts in gaining new members!

Have you got your ONE?

**We wish Tim Hogue the best!**

We want to wish Tim Hogue the best in his new assignment with Eaton in Kearney Nebraska. He will be missed,

We would also like to thank Doug Meyer and all of the volunteers that provided the leadership and manpower for Tim's Farewell Party!

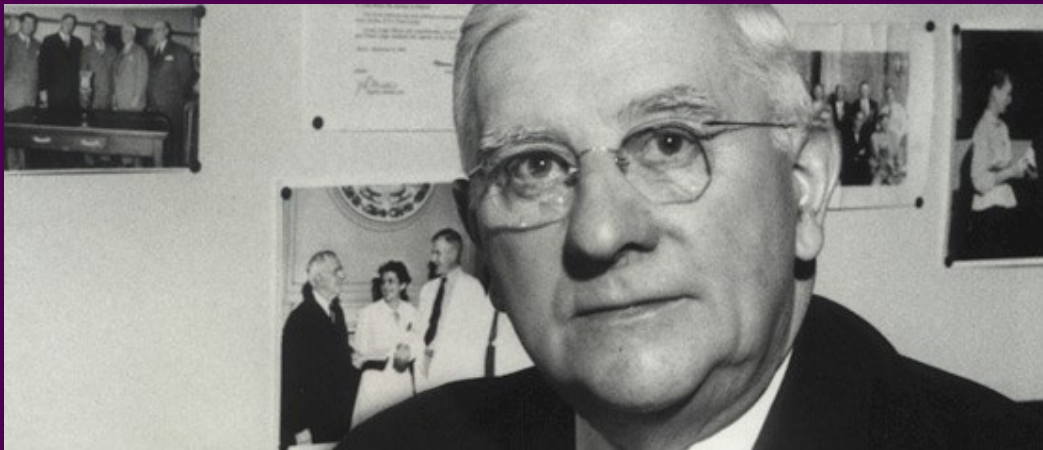
**This is OUR Lodge!**

Remember WHY you joined our Lodge! We value your input and support! Get Involved - Make a Difference!

We appreciate your Membership and want to encourage you all to:

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# ENF Our Legacy to the Future



In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

More than 80 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

## Our Mission

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

## Our Impact

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$406.3 million toward Elks' charitable projects nationwide. These funds enable programs that support youth, honor veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. [Click here](#) for details on all ENF programs.

This year, the ENF allocated \$9.77 million to fund the Community Investments Program, investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants—which include Beacon, Gratitude, Promise and Impact grants—offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

## How the ENF Works

The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$234.2 million in contributions and bequests. Today we boast more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$603.3 million.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the ENF, which is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operations. [Click here](#) to meet O'Kelley and his staff. The ENF also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels who help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing Elks across the country into a force for positive change.

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**SHENANDOAH ELKS  
LODGE #1122 ANNUAL  
Two-Person Best Shot Tournament**

(One team member must be an Elk in good standing of any Lodge. Everyone 18 and older.)

**American Legion Country Club**

1800 S Elm, Shenandoah IA 51601

**Saturday, August 29, 2015**

**8:00 am Shotgun Start**

\$40 per person entry fee (includes lunch)  
and a **free keg of beer** at Shenandoah Elks Lodge following golf tournament

Limited carts are available for additional fee  
Call golf course at (712) 246-3308 to reserve carts

**Flighted Cash Prizes**

Hole Prizes and Door Prizes

This is a fun tournament! Due to the generosity of our sponsors, we try  
to have about 50% of those who play win back entry fees or MORE!

72 team limit

Registration Deadline August 27, 2015

Mail entry fee, team members names & Lodge number to

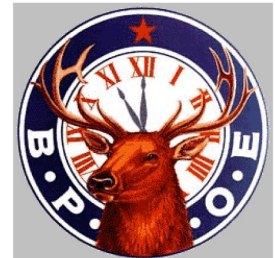
Shenandoah Elks Lodge

Highway 59

Shenandoah, IA 51601

or call Doug at (712) 246-5110

**Elks**



No carry-on liquor or beer—State Law—Full bar available at course and Elks Lodge