

# Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

September 2015 NEWSLETTER

"Elks Pride - Community Focus"

Members Monthly Newsletter

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"Seize the Opportunities"

Member Lodge of the Iowa Elks Association



## Lodge Membership Drive

This month we are focusing on our Lodge Membership Campaign. Stop and think for a moment, why did you join the greatest Fraternal organization in the world? Was it the activities, the social aspect, the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity? For whatever reason, you made that decision to become an Elk! The programs that are supported, through the benevolence of our Order, have had a tremendous impact upon our local Lodge area! We have helped THOUSANDS throughout the years with scholarships, Hoop Shoot,

Drug/Fire Safety Awareness, Veterans support, Grant awards and much, much more! The opportunity to gain Leadership skills, through participating in being a Lodge Officer, is valuable in developing mindset of service to others!

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has a proud history! One of service to our own, as well as, those that are the focus of our outstanding programs.

The following is a list of Charitable Giving for the last 5 years. The list was generated from the Grand Lodge records for Shenandoah Lodge #1122. It represents the DIRECT impact our local Lodge has on the local and surrounding communities.

Youth Programs -	\$7,993
Athletic Programs -	\$7,940
Needy/Handicapped -	\$2,250
Patriotic Programs -	\$1,775
Veterans Service Programs -	\$1,997
Community Service Programs -	\$37,212
Elks National Foundation -	\$38,405
Drug Awareness Programs -	\$1,210
Grand Total -	\$98,782

This Grand Total should bring a sense of Elks Pride in our Community Service! Let us continue to Seize the Opportunities and be a lighthouse within our communities.

**I am an Elk.**

**I am an Elk because an Elk saw something in me that would allow me to be a good Elk.**

**When asked, I eagerly joined my local Lodge and embraced its greatness.**

**We became Elks because our organization is meaningful, powerful, and important to our country, our community, our friends and our family.**

**We remain Elks because we embrace our mission, our duty, and our members.**

**We patronize our Lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a cornerstone of who Elks are.**

**Working together, we can accomplish great things.**

**Being an Elk is not about self. We are a group of individuals with many ideas, countless skills, and the inexhaustible desire to serve. Elks are not about what an individual can extract from membership; it is what needs to be done to support it.**

**We rejoice at being Elks because we take pride in the successes of the children, our veterans, and the communities we serve.**

**We practice being Elks by being there when needed, stepping up when asked, and volunteering our time and resources when necessary.**

**I cannot be a good Elk without my fellow Elks; we are a team.**



## CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

No Chicken Buffet

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

## Lodge Activities

### Lodge Meetings

September 3rd

September 17th

### CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE (MENU LIST)

September 4th - Steak & Shrimp

September 11th - TO BE ANNOUNCED

September 18th - Smoked Chops

September 25th - KC Wild Things

### STAG NIGHT SUPPERS (MENU LIST)

September 3rd - Pot Roast

September 10th - Meatloaf

September 17th - Country Fried Steak

### COUPLES NITE

September 24th 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

September 1st and September 15th

### LADIES BRIDGE GROUP

September 3rd and September 17th

### EVENING PITCH GROUP

September 9th

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Matt Livingston - Bill Miller - Carl Davis

### ALSO SCHEDULED EVENTS DURING AUGUST

Ducks Unlimited - September 5th

Helena Ag Meeting - September 8th 11:00am

Hunter Safety - September 28 & 30

### House Committee - September 15th

8 pm at the Lodge. Everyone is Welcome!

### Lodge Calendar of Events

September 1st - Ladies Pitch - Activities Committee  
September 3rd - Lodge Night (DD Visit) - Ladies Bridge  
September 4th - Club Friday  
September 5th - Ducks Unlimited  
September 7th - Labor Day (Essex Parade)  
September 8th - Helena AG Meeting  
September 9th - Evening Pitch Group  
September 10th - Stag Night  
September 11th - TO BE ANNOUNCED (Call Lodge)  
September 12th - McDonald Wedding  
September 15th - Ladies Pitch - House Committee Mtg  
September 17th - Lodge Night - Ladies Bridge  
September 18th - Club Friday  
September 19th - Rowe/Davis Wedding  
September 21st thru 24th - Browns Assistant Managers  
September 24th - Couples Night  
September 25th - Club Friday  
September 26th - ShenFest (Parade) Class Reunions  
September 28th & 30th - Hunter Safety

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. - 1:30 p.m.

#### Phone Numbers:

Lodge Facility Doug McElroy 246-5110  
Exalted Ruler Dennis DeWild 712-246-8106  
Secretary Alan Armstrong 246-8371

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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 Upcoming Activities

## Essex Labor Day Celebration



Saturday September 5, 2015 is the Kick-Off for the annual Labor Day celebration in Essex Iowa. As in years past, there will be many activities that will draw thousands to Southwest Iowa.

Some activities during the celebration include: Carnival, Softball Tournament, Golf Tournament, Community Worship Service, Antique Tractor Pull, Food Stands, Baby Contest, Demolition Derby, Parade and many more activities.

Click [HERE](#) for the link to the Flyer for the celebration for all the activities.

As is years past, the Shenandoah Elks Lodge will be participating in the parade.

We will be lining up at the Essex High School parking lot by 1:30 pm for the parade start at 2:00 pm.

We can always use riders for the float. If you want to volunteer contact a Lodge Officer! We have had children and Grandchildren help on the float during parades.

## Shenfest Fall Celebration



Shenfest is an annual community-wide celebration held with a huge parade, fun run, entertainment, food vendors, kid's games, tractor show, pancake feed, Miss Shenandoah & Little Miss Shenandoah pageant and more!

The Shenfest is held on the 4th Saturday in September each year. This year Saturday September 26, 2015 is the date for our celebration.

Shenandoah Elks Lodge will once again participate in the parade scheduled for 2:00 pm with line up along Clarinda Avenue starting at 1:00 pm.

We can always use riders for the float. If you want to volunteer contact a Lodge Officer!

We have had children and Grandchildren help on the float during parades.

## Lodge Activities Committee

Recently, a chairman was named for an activities committee. Doug Meyer will lead this new committee and has put together a team to brainstorm and spearhead new activities. If you have any input or you would like to participate on this committee contact Doug Meyer. Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Lodge.

## Have You Got Your One?



## 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:

“Seize the Opportunities”

## Introducing our Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks



RONALD L. HICKS GRAND EXALTED RULER 2015 – 2016 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Ronald L. (Ron) Hicks was born, and continues to live, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The son of M. Emory Hicks and the late Annie Mae Hicks, he has one sister, Carole Anne Hicks. He graduated from Spotsylvania High School in 1964. Also a graduate of Chowan Junior College (now Chowan University)

in North Carolina and Lynchburg College in Virginia, he received his law degree from the University of Richmond Law School, Richmond, VA, in 1972.

Ron has practiced law in the Fredericksburg Area for over 40 years, currently serving Of Counsel to the law firm of Jarrell Hicks & Waldman. He is retired from the active practice of law, devoting most of his time to other business interests, including Jarrell Properties, LLC, a residential and commercial development and management company. Throughout his legal career, he maintained a general practice, with emphasis on criminal and civil litigation, corporate and real estate law. Ron's law office, built circa 1790 and located at Spotsylvania Courthouse, was the headquarters for Confederate General Jubal Early during nearby battles of the Civil War. Fredericksburg is proudly known as "America's Most Historic City" and the Fredericksburg Area is filled with history of the Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil War periods. Ron served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Union Bank & Trust Company and Union Bankshares Corporation for 25 years, and currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Bankshares Board and is serving on its Executive and Compensation Committees.

Ron is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Riverside Center for the Performing Arts and serves on the Board of Trustees of Chowan University. In addition, Ron has served, or is serving, on numerous other community, civic and business Boards and Committees. He is a former member of the Virginia Army Air National Guard.

An avid golfer and sports fan, Ron played baseball throughout his college years, and has coached many youth sports teams in baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer, including select or travel teams. A former President of the Battlefield Basketball Officials Association, he has refereed youth, high school, and adult basketball, and umpired youth baseball and softball.

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Ron was initiated into Fredericksburg, Virginia, Lodge #875 in February, 1972.

He has served on numerous Committees, including the House Committee and Board of Trustees, advanced through the Officer Chairs, and served as Exalted Ruler in 2002-03. He served as Chairman or Co-Chairman for a number of Lodge construction projects, including the construction a new Lodge facility in 1997, and as Co-Chairman of the Lodge's 100-year Celebration in 2003. A former Elk of the Year, he is an Honorary Life Member, and remains very active in the Lodge. He is also an Associate Member of Orlando, Florida, Lodge #1079.

At the State Level, Ron became active with the Virginia Elks Association with his appointment as Association Inner Guard. He has served as State Legal Advisor and on numerous Committees, Vice President of the Central District, and was elected Virginia State President in 2009. He has been recognized by the Association as Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year, won the Eleven O'clock Toast Contest, and currently serves as Chairman of the VEA Board of Trustees and as General Chairman of the State Orientation Committee. At the Grand Lodge Level, Ron has served as District Deputy for the Central District of Virginia and as a Certified Ritual Judge. In 2005, he was appointed to the Committee On Judiciary, representing Area 3, an experience that introduced him to, and allowed him to work with, many Lodges and Elk members throughout the Southeastern United States, as well as other areas of the Country.

In 2010, Ron was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2013-2014. While on the Board, he was appointed to serve as Building Applications – East Member, Investment and Pension Member, and Home Member prior to his election as Chairman. During his time on the Board, he worked diligently with other Board Members to resolve significant issues at the Elks National Home in Bedford, VA. This effort resulted in the Home being opened to the public in 2012 to help increase the number of residents, and led to its eventual sale in August 2014.

Ron married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Jeanne Camper, on April 12, 1969, and they are now celebrating 46 wonderful and eventful years together. Ron and Nancy have three children, Joseph, Jason and Anne Kathryn, and they have been further blessed with eight grandchildren. Nancy, Joseph and Jason are also members of the Fredericksburg Elks Lodge, and Joseph and Jason are both Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge. Ron and Nancy are life-long members of Fairview Baptist Church.

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