

Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

October 2015 NEWSLETTER

"Elks Pride - Community Focus"

Members Monthly Newsletter

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Member Lodge of the Iowa Elks Association

OUR Lodge October Activities

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Once again we are sponsoring the annual Veterans appreciation dinner. The event will be held at the Elks Lodge on Monday October 12, 2015. The event will begin with a social hour starting at 5:30pm followed by dinner being served at 6:30pm. The cost for all Veterans will be covered by the Shenandoah Elks Lodge, all other guests are welcome to dine at a cost of \$5.00 each. The meal will include pasta and bread as well as a drink. The event speaker will be Gail R. Ernst, CSM (RET) the husband of Iowa Senator Joni Ernst. Call the Lodge for more information.

Special Initiation

The Lodge will begin a new format for conducting Initiation beginning with our first one being held on Sunday October 18, 2015. It will begin at 4:00pm with Orientation then the Initiation ceremony starting at 5:00pm. Following the ceremony we will host a Meet and Greet with pizza. All members and guests are welcome to attend. This will allow our new members to acclimate better to the great works that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are engaged in!

Football Tailgate Parties

The Lodge has scheduled Tailgate parties for each Mustang Football home game. There are pre-game and post game snacks, wings, cheese sticks and beverages available along with the fellowship we are enjoying. All Members and Guests are WELCOME to attend! Call the Lodge for more information.

Halloween Costume Party

We have scheduled a Lodge sponsored Halloween Costume Party on Saturday October 31, 2015. The festivities will include a DJ and Karaoke as well as the wonderful time of heading out to the Lodge with family and friends! Members and Guests are all WELCOME to attend. The Party is from 8:00pm to 12:00am. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Call the Lodge for more information.

Iowa Elks Annual Veterans Meal at Marshalltown

Once again Members of the Shenandoah Lodge will be attending the Annual Veterans Appreciation meal at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown. The event will be held on Saturday October 17, 2015. If you would like to attend, contact Roger McQueen at 712-246-3313! It is very rewarding, the residents are so Thankful for the Iowa Elks Associations sponsorship of this event!

ENF BBQ Fundraiser

Friday October 16, 2015 is the date for our annual BBQ Rib fundraising event. Again Roger McQueen's famous ribs and fixings will be available starting at 6:30pm to 8:00 pm. This event is open to Members and Guests! Come early as it is a very popular event for our Lodge!

Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming 2015 parade will be held on Friday October 2, 2015 we need volunteers to ride the float! Contact Doug at 712-246-5110 to volunteer and for more details! Parade starts at 2:30 in downtown Shenandoah.

State Convention

Our Fall Iowa Elks Association convention will be held once again on Friday and Saturday November 6 - 7, 2015 in Des Moines. Anyone that is interested in attending you need to contact Alan at 712-246-8371 to secure rooms at the headquarters hotel.



CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

October 4th Chicken Buffet

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

Lodge Activities

Lodge Meetings

October 1st

October 15th VP Visit

CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE (MENU LIST)

October 2nd - Rib Eyes

October 9th - KC Wild Things

October 16th - ENF Fundraiser BBQ Ribs

October 23rd - Steak and Shrimp

October 30th - Smoked Chops

STAG NIGHT SUPPERS (MENU LIST)

October 1st - Pot Roast

October 8th - Smothered Pork Cuttlet

October 15th - Beef and Noodles

October 29th - Country Fried Steak

COUPLES NITE

October 22nd Farkel begins at 6:30 p.m. We are having big crowds. Come early and join the fun. Fried Chicken is the menu. Return of Texas Hold Em Tournament 5:30 SHARP!

LADIES PITCH GROUP

October 6th and October 20th

LADIES BRIDGE GROUP

October 1st and October 15th

EVENING PITCH GROUP

October 14th

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Don Gibson—Gary Milstead—Stu Harberts

ALSO SCHEDULED EVENTS DURING AUGUST

Lodge Initiation - October 18th ALL WELCOME

Hunter Safety - October 5th and 7th

Optimists Banquet - 10th

People for Paws Chicken Buffett - 18th

House Committee - October 20th

8 pm at the Lodge. Everyone is Welcome!

Lodge Calendar of Events

October 1st - Lodge Night - Ladies Bridge
October 2nd - Club Friday - Post Game Tailgate Party
October 3rd - Wedding Reception
October 4th - Chicken Buffet
October 5th - Hunter Safety
October 6th - Activities Committee 7:00 - Ladies Pitch
October 7th - Hunter Safety
October 8th - Stag Night
October 9th - Club Friday
October 10th - Optimists Annual Banquet
October 12th - Veterans Dinner with speaker Gail Ernst
October 14th - Evening Pitch
October 15th - Lodge Meeting (VP Visit) - Ladies Bridge
October 16th - Club Friday
October 18th - Lodge Initiation Members and Guests
October 18th - People for Paws Chicken Buffet
October 19th - Bloodmobile
October 20th - Ladies Pitch (meet at Noon for Pot Luck)
Costume Party with PRIZES!
October 22nd - Couples Night - Texas Hold'Em Tourney
October 23rd - Club Friday - Tailgate Party
October 24th - Wedding Reception
October 29th - Stag Night
October 30th - Club Friday
October 31st - Halloween Costume Party

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:

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Secretary Alan Armstrong 712-246-8371

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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 Scholarship News

It's back to school season! Now that school busses are back on the streets and kids are back in the classroom, there is no better time to apply for the Legacy Awards to Lodge members. Click here to watch a short film about Legacy Awards recipient Anji Radakrishnan and her father, Balaji. They'll share how a spelling bee turned into a lifelong relationship with the Elks.

The 2016 Legacy Awards application is online now, and is open to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members. The ENF scholarship packet was mailed in mid-August. Please check with your Lodge Secretary to ensure you receive these important materials.

Introducing our Veterans Recognition Banquet Speaker



GAIL R. ERNST, CSM (RET)

Gail retired 1 October 2001 after serving 28 years on active duty with the U.S. Army. His assignments included: Mechanized Infantry at Ft Carson, Colorado; Light Infantry in Hawaii, Recon Platoon in Panama; Ranger units, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and 75th Ranger Regimental Headquarters; Brigade CSM for Army Central Command, Saudi Arabia (ARCENT-SA). He served 16 months in hostile fire areas to include: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar (14 months) and Haiti (60 days). Gail served in every leadership position from Infantry Team Leader thru Brigade Command Sergeant Major (CSM). He was a Ranger Instructor, Drill Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant Major.

His military and civilian education include the Basic Leadership Course, Primary Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant Course, United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, Command Sergeant's Major Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder Course, Air Assault Course, Master Fitness Trainer's Course, Jumpmaster Course, Drill Sergeant School, Dynamics of International Terrorism, Psychological Operations Course, Instructor Training Course, Unit Discussion Leader's Course and the NBC Defense Course. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Coker College of Hartsville, SC.

His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Order of Saint Maurice Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Award (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachute Wings, Pathfinder Torch, Air Assault Wings, Expert Infantry Badge, Expert Rifleman's Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Canadian Jump Wings, and German Jump Wings.

CSM Gail Ernst is the son of Earl and Beverly Ernst of Sioux City, IA, and is married to the former Joni Culver of Red Oak, IA. He has three daughters, Regina Ernst of Urbandale, IA, Jennifer Medina of Jewell, IA and Elizabeth (Libby) Ernst of Red Oak. Gail and Joni have 6 grandchildren. Gail was the former Branch Manager and Market President for U.S. Bank in Red Oak, IA. He is currently the Airport Manager for the City of Red Oak.