

Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

November 2015 NEWSLETTER

"Elks Pride - Community Focus"

Members Monthly Newsletter

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"Seize the Opportunities"

Member Lodge of the Iowa Elks Association

OUR Lodge Reports of Committees

Report from our Esteemed Loyal Knight - Matt Livingston

This is Matt Livingston I'm the Loyal Knight this year. On October 7th and 8th, we had the privilege of distributing dictionaries to local third grade classes. The elementary schools we went to were Clarinda Garfield, Clarinda Lutheran, Shenandoah, South Page, Essex, Nishnabotna, Sidney, Fairfax, Rockport, Tarkio and Craig. All the kids and teachers were excited about the new dictionaries for the school year. In total we distributed 320 dictionaries. If there is a school that is not on this list, and you believe it should be on the list for next year, please contact me and I will contact the school representative. Let's continue to show "Elks Pride - Community Focus."

Report from our Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Doug Meyer

When I became more active as an Elk I heard a lot of people say they wanted to see more out of their Elks Lodge. I had quite a few people that wanted me to become an officer, in the hopes I would make some changes. Changes have been happening and more are to come. I formed an Activities Committee that consists of me (Doug Meyer), Lance Cornelius, Joel Barrett, Jon Skillern, Luke Ditmars, and Matt Livingston. Dennis DeWild sits in on the meetings to guide us through what we can and can not do. Since the Activities Committee started 45 days ago we have brought the Elks some ideas that have been implemented including, Friday Home Game Parties, the Halloween party, Blue Line Across Shenandoah and we brought Golden Tee Golf, Big Buck Hunter, and new Ticket Machines. We going to have a Black Friday Party and Christmas Night Party. I would like to mention that we will be doing Toys for Girls and Boys again this year. Toys for Girls & Boys donated Christmas gifts in Shenandoah, IA and surrounding area last year. We helped 224 kids in the area have a better Christmas. Visit: www.toysforgirlsboys.com. We also have a lot more things in the works, but these things need to be approved by the House Committee.

Something I want everyone to keep in mind is that this is your Elks Lodge. Being your Elks lodge we need more people attending and volunteering for these events. There seems to be a core of about 10 to 15 people out of the over 300 members that do most of the work at the Elks. I am not going to list these people, most know who they are. These people can only do so much. These people have families at home, businesses to run, and some are involved with other organizations in the community that also keep them busy.

I am looking forward to our future with our Elks Lodge. Remember why you became an Elk, and know that the success of our lodge depends on our members.

Thank you for your continued help and support, Doug Meyer

A report from our ENF Chairman - Roger McQueen

October was Elks National Foundation Month. The Shenandoah Lodge held its annual BBQ Rib dinner on Oct.16th. Roughly 70 members and guest attended this dinner. Roger McQueen and Matt Livingston and Alan Armstrong manned the kitchen and provided ribs, sweet potato fries, cole slaw, beans and rolls. Thanks to Sharon Hall for providing the dessert. proud to announce that \$600.00 was raised for ENF.

As of 10/19 Shenandoah Lodge is currently 2nd in the state with total dollars of \$2977.00, which equals \$9.51 dollars per member. The State of Iowa is 69% of the way to meeting the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.65 per member.

A report from our Lodge Secretary - Alan Armstrong

Newly installed 6 members. 3 applications on hand for balloting. 29 members that have not paid their dues and will be dropped from the rolls in March. Current membership: 320!



CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

November 1st Chicken Buffet

Volunteers Needed

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

Lodge Activities

Lodge Meetings

November 5th - Canceled - NO MEETING

November 19th

CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE (Children Welcome)

November 6th - Closed

November 13th - Rib Eye Steaks

November 20th - Steak and Shrimp

November 27th - Closed

STAG NIGHT SUPPERS (MENU LIST)

November 5th - Pot Roast

November 12th - Chicken (Couples)

November 19th - Baked Ham

November 25th - Sandwiches & Fixins

COUPLES NITE

November 12th 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

LADIES PITCH GROUP

November 3rd and November 17th

LADIES BRIDGE GROUP

November 2nd and November 16th

EVENING PITCH GROUP

November 11th

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Don Gibson - Stu Harberts

ALSO SCHEDULED EVENTS DURING OCTOBER

Optimists X Country Banquet - Nov. 9th

Grape Hospital - Nov. 14th

Lodge Sponsored Football Banquet - Nov. 16th

SHS Volleyball Banquet = Nov. 17th

House Committee - November 17th

7 pm at the Lodge. Everyone is Welcome!

Lodge Calendar of Events

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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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Exalted Ruler Dennis DeWild 712-246-8106

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

The Elks are Private and donate to Charities.

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Investing Almost 300 Million dollars in your Community
There are Fundraisers, Activities, Dinners, Leagues and Wonderful People.
It's private, so it's not the local pub.*

*It's Young and Old, Friends and Family coming together.
Anywhere you Travel there is always a warm welcome at a Elks Lodge
You will meet Lifelong friends and make new memories
Some join for the privacy, for friendships and some for the charity*



Ask a member to sponsor you.

Shenandoah Lodge Recent Activities

Special Initiation Held!

Shenandoah Elks Lodge held a special initiation on Sunday Afternoon October 28, 2015. This special initiation welcomed 6 new members to our Order. Included in this event, was an invitation for family, friends and interested potential members to join us to learn more about the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Following the Initiation, a meet and greet with members was held that included a pizza party. Members and guests enjoyed this new format and those in attendance expressed their appreciation for this event.

Welcome to the following:



The Glass Ceiling is Broken!

A milestone event occurred for the Shenandoah Elks Lodge on Sunday October 18, 2015. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have welcomed female members into membership since the mid 1990's. At a special Initiation for six new members, the Shenandoah Lodges' first female Initiate was welcomed into our Lodge. The acting Exalted Ruler Roger McQueen, President of the Iowa Elks Association, presided over the ceremony. Roger had the honor and privilege of Initiating his daughter, Kelly, into the Shenandoah Elks Lodge. Kelly joins our Lodge as a FIFTH generation member of the Elks.

WELCOME KELLY!



Lodge Membership Campaign



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

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”

Shenandoah Lodge Recent Activities

Blue Line Across Shenandoah

The Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122 is teaming up with Doug Meyer Chevrolet and Miller Building Supply to help Shenandoah residents show support for our local Police Department. Residents can call Doug Meyer Chevrolet at: 712-246-1014 to register. Following registration then members of the Shenandoah Elks Lodge will come out to your residence/business and apply the "Thin Blue Line" on your curb. The paint is fluorescent, which will shine when illuminated by headlights, and is supplied by Miller Building Supply. Find the link below to the news article that is posted in the Saturday October 3 issue of the Valley News Today! Thank You to Doug Meyer and Marv Feller for all of your hard work for this project!

[Valley News Article Link](#)



Numerous volunteers in the Shenandoah community are working together to make the "Blue Line Across Shenandoah Project" a reality. Pictured are, front row, from left, SPD Officer Macy Mather, Elks Lodge members, Dennis Dewild, Marv Feller, and Robert Iske. Back row, from left Police Chief Kris Grebert, Elks members Lance Cornelius, Charles Hall, Doug Meyer, and Doug McElroy.

Lodge Veterans Appreciation Dinner Held

The Shenandoah Elks Lodge held their annual Veteran Appreciation Dinner on Monday October 12, 2015. The Elks were proud to welcome 72 of our local Veterans and provided them with a free meal. There were an additional 82 family members and supporters that enjoyed the meal as well. The meal was put together by our own Chef Alan Armstrong. The event opened with a welcome from the Lodge Lecturing Knight, Doug Meyer chairman of the event. A prayer from Lodge Chaplain Robert Iske was given, then the meal was served. Following the meal, Doug introduced our key speaker Gail Ernst, CSM (RET).

The Veterans in attendance enjoyed sharing their memories of the service that they provided to ensure our Safety, Freedom and Liberties. Those in attendance ranged from service in World War II, to service in our current engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Iowa Elks Association President, Roger McQueen closed the event with expressing thanks to all who attended. He thanked our Veterans for their service, and acquainted the group of the ongoing commitment of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to always remember them. Roger mentioned the Elks "Deer Hide" program. The program provides tanned deer hides to Veterans in care facilities for them to use to create many different items that are sold in various locations.



Pictured are from left: Lodge Loyal Knight Matt Livingston, Lodge Lecturing Knight Doug Meyer, Gail Ernst, CSM (RET), Lodge Leading Knight Marv Feller and State President Iowa Elks Association Roger McQueen.

Elks Veteran Service Commission

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION AUGUST 2015 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

The statistics below reflect the generosity, effort, and selflessness of our members and their spouses who work so hard to keep our pledge to the veterans of our Armed Forces.

It is with a great deal of pride that the Elks National Veterans Service Commission publishes this report for the 2014-2015 fraternal year.

Survey of Volunteer Veterans Service Programs
for the Fraternal Year- April 1, 2014-March 31, 2015

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary

Participants in Programs:	1,242,404	
Elks Who Worked	124,704	
Helpers Who Worked	<u>69,908</u>	
Combined Total	194,612	
Hours Donated:		
Elks	610,513	
Helpers	<u>292,371</u>	
Total Combined Hours	902,884	
Cash Value of Donated Hours*		\$ 19,673,842.00
Miles Traveled:		
Elks	2,780,073	
Helpers	<u>1,319,309</u>	
Total Combined Miles	4,079,382	
Cash Value of Miles traveled**		\$ 2,243,660.00

Contributions:		
Cash		\$ 3,492,223.00
Non-Cash		6,963,159.00
Hours Worked		19,673,842.00
Miles Traveled		<u>2,243,600.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$ 32,372,824.00

*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$21.79 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies.

**Mileage computed at \$.55 per mile.

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