

# Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

December 2015 NEWSLETTER

"Elks Pride - Community Focus"

Members Monthly Newsletter

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"Seize the Opportunities"

Member Lodge of the Iowa Elks Association

## Messages from OUR Lodge

### Message from our Exalted Ruler - Dennis DeWild

If you see Roger Mc Queen say thanks for stepping up and being the State President. He represented us well at our fall convention.

The Halloween party was a success. We had several monsters and other good costumes.

The lodge continues to be active. The new Activities Committee continues to be active. In the last couple of months they have provided activities for us and has the lodge building used when it is not regularly open.

Doug reports that it has had a positive impact on our financials. Come out and be a part of our activities. We need your support.

We had our first initiation that was not during a lodge meeting. 6 new members were initiated. I had several family members who attended, complement us on the program.

We will be having an open house to celebrate the holiday. Christmas Eve day, at 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Come in and see some friends. Bring your family.

Would be happy, to accept suggestions for the Elk of the year! It's open to anyone. Especially for the local lodge DDW

### Message from our State President of the Iowa Elks Association - Roger McQueen

Having just wrapped up the Iowa Elks fall Convention, I am excited to report that good things are happening in our state and within the lodges. The Shenandoah Lodge should be proud that our lodge has done so much for our community. As members let's be loud and be proud of being Elks. All of us should have an Elevator Speech ready. What this is? If you were on an elevator and only had 30 seconds to tell someone what the Elks are, what would you say? This is a great way to promote Elkdom to those who may not know. Thanks for your support this year and THANK YOU for all you are doing for our great order.

Roger McQueen

Iowa Elks State President

### Message from our Lecturing Knight - Doug Meyer

Christmas is fast approaching and I wanted to remind the Lodge members of the joint effort with Doug Meyer Chevrolet and the Toys for Girls and Boys gift program. Once again we are asking for donations of toys or money to supply toys to those that may not have as bright a Christmas. You can drop off toys at Doug Meyer Chevrolet or make a monetary donation to Toys for Girls & Boys, PO Box 191, Shenandoah, IA 51601. You can obtain more information at the website:

[www.toysforgirlsboys.com](http://www.toysforgirlsboys.com)

We will be wrapping and handing out the toys at the Lodge on Sunday December 20, 2015. Volunteers are needed to help with wrapping and handing out the toys! Last year we helped 224 children have a better Christmas with this program. The parents were ALL appreciative of this program and expressed their deep thanks when they left with their wrapped gifts.

Thank you all for your support of this program to help our young people have a brighter Christmas!

Doug Meyer



### CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

December 6th Chicken Buffet

Volunteers Needed

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

### Lodge Activities

#### Lodge Meetings

December 3rd

December 17th

#### CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE (Children Welcome)

December 4th - Closed - Private Party

December 11th - Smoked Pork Chop

December 18th - Steak and Shrimp

December 25th - Lodge Sponsored Dance

#### STAG NIGHT SUPPERS (MENU LIST)

December 3rd - Pot Roast

December 10th - Chicken (Couples)

December 17th - Beef and Noodles

December 24th - Christmas Party

#### COUPLES NITE

December 10th Farkel begins at 6:30 p.m.

We are having big crowds. Come early and join the fun. Fried Chicken is the menu.

Texas Hold Em and Farkel will be played!

#### LADIES PITCH GROUP

December 1st and December 15th

#### LADIES BRIDGE GROUP

December 3rd and December 17th

#### EVENING PITCH GROUP

NO EVENING PITCH in December

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Don Gibson

#### ALSO SCHEDULED DURING DECEMBER

Elks Memorial Service - Dec. 6th at 2:00pm

Duane Rexroth speaker

Annual Lodge Christmas Party - Dec. 24th

Lodge Sponsored Dance - Dec. 25th

**House Committee - December 15th**

7:30pm at the Lodge. Everyone is Welcome!

### Lodge Calendar of Events

December 1st - Activities Committee 7pm  
December 1st - Ladies Pitch  
December 3rd - Lodge Meeting  
December 3rd - Ladies Bridge  
December 4th - NO CLUB FRIDAY  
December 4th - Earl May Christmas Party  
December 5th - Optimist Breakfast 7 to 11 am  
December 6th - Chicken Dinner  
December 6th - Elks Memorial Service 2:00pm  
December 9th - Bank Iowa  
December 9th - Holmes Apt. Christmas Party  
December 10th - Couples Night  
December 11th - Club Friday  
December 12th - Tanenbaum Tea  
December 15th - Board and House Committee 7:00pm  
December 15th - Ladies Pitch (TIME CHANGE NOON)  
December 16th - NO EVENING PITCH  
December 16th - Gavilon Grain Christmas Party  
December 17th - Lodge Meeting  
December 17th - Ladies Bridge  
December 18th - Club Friday  
December 24th - Lodge Christmas Party 1 to 4pm  
December 25th - Lodge Sponsored Christmas Dance 8pm  
December 31st - Lodge Closed

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 712-246-5110  
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

Come Join Us for the Lodge Christmas Party from 1 to 4  
Wednesday December 24, 2015



EVERYONE is Welcome



We would appreciate some  
Hors D'oeuvres, but they are not required!

Stop out and enjoy the Food, Beverages and Fellowship!

# Shenandoah Lodge Recent Activities

## Members attend Iowa Elks Fall Convention

Members of the Shenandoah Lodge attended the Fall Convention of the Iowa Elks Association on the weekend of November 6th and 7th. The convention was held at the Airport Holiday Inn Convention Center in Des Moines. The Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks and First Lady Nancy were in attendance. There were numerous training opportunities for all officers and members. Membership, again was a central focus with "Getting the Word Out" as a common theme. We need to let communities know, that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have contributed close to one Billion dollars within the last ten years to our communities! That total includes, not only monetary donations, but also volunteer time and mileage! As ALWAYS, Elks Care – Elks Share! We need to always, "Seize the Opportunities"!



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## Lodge Halloween Party is a HUGE Success

The Lodge Halloween Party was held on Saturday October 31, 2015. The Lodge was festooned with Halloween decorations that setup a party atmosphere! Snacks were provided as well as a DJ Andrea Gibillisco!

Prizes were awarded for best costume, recipients were:

Roger Perry, Bob Iske, TJ Young, Tiffany Swank, Chris Cook, Dick and Linda Davis and Sara Mejeur! Congratulations to the winners!

A BIG Thank You to Doug Meyer and the entire Activities Committee for their hard work in planning and hosting his event!

Here are some photos from the event!



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## Elks National Foundation Scholarships

Visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars) for applications!

### Most Valuable Student

Any High School senior is eligible.

Application should be turned in to Alan Armstrong by:

**December 4, 2015**

### Legacy Award

College bound High School senior who is the child of a dues paying Elk.

Must be submitted online by:

**January 29, 2016**

## Annual Lodge Memorial Service

Sunday December 6, 2015 the Lodge will have the annual Memorial Service, to remember those Members we have lost this past year. The service starts at 2:00pm. Duane Rexroth will be the speaker.

All are Welcome to attend!

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