Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

February 2016 NEWSLETTER

"Elks Pride - Community Focus"

Members Monthly Newsletter

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Member Lodge of the Iowa Elks Association

OUR Lodge Reports of Committees

<u> A Report from our Exalted Ruler – Dennis DeWild</u>

Wings nite seems to be a success. We have a great crowd and those attending enjoy the Wings, beverages and of course the fellowship! Stop on down on Wednesday nights and enjoy YOUR Lodge! Hoop Shoot took place recently! Thanks to all the Elks for helping! We have initiated 8 new members so far. The four additional new members that were initiated on Satur-

day January 23, 2016 are Matt Blaha, Dick Perry, Parrish Ellis, and Bill Horel. All the tickets for the Comedy show are sold out! Once again we anticipate a fantastic show! PER Nite will be the 18th of February.

Breakfast served March 12th from 7:00am to 10:30am. Benefiting the Lodge Scholarship Fund. March Madness March 17th! More information on this is listed below!

We have about 24 members that have not yet paid their dues for this year! Remember WHY you joined! That's all for now, DDW

<u> A Report from our ENF Chairman – Roger McQueen</u>

News from the Elks National Foundation

Thanks to our members, the Shenandoah Lodge is currently in 2nd place in the state with givings of \$ 14.51 per member. We still have till March 20th to increase this amount, so if you would like to make a donation to ENF there is still time.

The State of Iowa is currently at \$ 5.24 per member and national the number is \$5.65, so we have exceeded the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.65 locally, state and nationally.

In Iowa 17 of the 30 Lodges have made the 4.65 goal, with 29 of the 30 Lodges having made donations so far this 2015-2016 year.

Iowa Lodges have received back from the Elks National Foundation \$ 47,000.00 in Community Investment Grants to date. Our Lodge has received \$ 7000.00 in grants that we are using to better the communities we live in. This goes to show that the motto Elks Care-Elks Share is so true.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Elks National Foundation please contact me. Thanks you all for your donations to ENF so far this year.

Support our veterans year round !

Veterans Remembrance month has passed, but that doesn't mean there are no longer veterans in need. The Elks National Foundation has partnered with the Elks National Veterans service Commission and the Department of Veterans Affairs to help end veterans homelessness. The Elks headed up the commitment with a 4 million dollar pledge. For more info on this project visit enf.elks.org/OneLastStand. Learn more about how the Elks are helping our veterans visit enf.elks.org/vets.

Roger McQueen

Lodge ENF Chairman

<u> A Report from our Lodge Activities Chairman – Doug Meyer</u>

The Activities Committee has come up with another great event, "March Madness at the Elks!" Come down to the Elks Lodge to watch all of your favorite March Madness games. We will be kicking off March Madness on Thursday, March 17th and will be open all day for games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! We will also have the grill on so you can order food while watching the games. If you haven't been in lately, we now have large big screen TVs over the bar that makes it a better experience for watching games. We are becoming your go to spot for all televised sporting events!

Also last month we kicked off Wing Wednesday. This has been a great success and we are still getting large crowds coming out for wings. We are also cooking other appetizers like cheese balls and fries along with hamburgers if wings are not your thing. Come on down and enjoy a nice night out at the Elks!

Remember you can bring guests to show them all of the fun we are having at the Elks. Our unwritten rule has always been to let our guests try out the club a few times before we ask them to become a member. With all of the new events, food, TVs, and games, we have created a great place to have a lot of fun. Please invite all of your friends to check out our club and become a member of a great organization and a great, private place to have some fun and fellowship.



CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

February 7th Chicken Buffet

Volunteers Needed

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

Lodge Activities

February 4th - February 18th (PER Night)

CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE (Children Welcome)

February 5th – KC Wild Things

February 12th - Smothered Pork Loin

February 19th - Prime Rib

February 26th – Steak and Shrimp

STAG NIGHT SUPPERS (MENU LIST)

February 4th – Pot Roast

February 11th – Swiss Steak

February 18th – Spaghetti and Ham

February 25th – Fried Chicken COUPLES NITE

February 25th 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 BRIDGE GROUP

February 4th and February 18th

LADIES PITCH GROUP

February 2nd and February 16th

EVENING PITCH GROUP

February 10th

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Don Gibson - Le Roy Spargur

ALSO SCHEDULED DURING FEBRUARY

February 12th – Iowa Corn Growers

February 13th – Comedy Show

February 21st thru February 24th – Browns

February 27th – Turkey Fed Banquet

February 27th – West Central

February 29th – Wrestling Banquet

House Committee February 16th

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

Lodge Calendar of Events

February 2nd – Ladies Pitch February 3rd - Wings Wednesday 6 to 8 February 4th - Ladies Bridge February 4th – Lodge Meeting February 5th – Club Friday February 7th - Chicken Buffet February 10th - Wings Wednesday February 11th – Stag February 12th – Iowa Corn Growers February 12th – Club Friday February 13th – Comedy Show February 16th – Ladies Pitch February 16th – House Committee February 17th - Wings Wednesday February 18th - Ladies Bridge February 18th – Lodge Meeting February 19th - Club Friday February 21st thru 24th – Browns February 24th - Wings Wednesday February 25th – Couples Night February 26th – Club Friday February 27th – Turkey Fed Banquet February 27th – West Central February 29th – Wrestling Banquet February 29th – Blood Mobile

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.

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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



Shenandoah Lodge Recent Activities

Special Initiation Held!

Shenandoah Elks Lodge held a special initiation on Saturday Afternoon January 23, 2016. This special initiation welcomed 4 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. Members and guests enjoyed this new format and those in attendance expressed their appreciation for this event.

Welcome to the following:



"Elks Pride - Community Focus"

A Report from our Lodge Major Project Chairman – Ken Swank

The Elks Fire Safety Initiative is to promote fire safety across the state of Iowa and to help protect the lives of people and their homes in the state. The Fire Safety Trailer's purpose is to teach children and their families of the importance of fire safety and how to recognize fire hazards in their homes. Included with the Trailer are two programs: One is on how to call 911 during an emergency and the second one is what you should do during a tornado or severe weather. This trailer is designed to be used by the local fire departments as a training to the youth on fire safety procedures and how to get out of their homes in a safe manner. This State Major Project has been doing so much in the communities on protecting and teaching children the importance of being safe during a fire and severe weather. If you have not had the opportunity to go through one of these trailers, you may ask your lodge or your local fire department to have a trailer brought to your area so that you may get the opportunity to see why they are important for our youth to visit and go through. The Elks' Mission through fire safety instruction is to prevent death, personal injury or harm, and any personal property damage caused by fires. The main goal for the State Major Project is to teach today's youth about the importance of knowing fire safety and being safe in severe weather conditions. We also have joined in with the Iowa State Fire Marshall's office with their program called "The Smoke Detector Project." This project helps to get working smoke detectors in every home in the State of Iowa to save lives and gives everyone a chance to get out of their homes alive. Buying a \$10.00 raffle ticket helps the State Major Project with being able to service the trailers when needed and also helps with purchasing new Fire Safety Trailers as needed.



"Seize the Opportunities"

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:

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