

# Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122

December 2016 NEWSLETTER

"Elks – Leading the Way"

Members Monthly Newsletter

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## OUR Lodge Reports of Committees

### A Report from our Exalted Ruler – Marv Feller

Lodge Members,

December brings with it our Lodges annual Memorial Service. It is Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. This year we recognize the passing of Don Stripe, Don Gibson and Bob Ohnmacht. Their families, friends and relatives as well as all Lodge members are invited to attend. Duane Rexroth will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

There will be Club Friday each Friday this month as long as volunteers are available to help. Contact Doug McElroy to let him know when you can help. New members who joined this past year have a great opportunity to get involved.

The gathering of Toys for Boys and Girls is currently under way once again. Sunday, December 18th the toys will be available for pick up at the Lodge. Doors open at 2:00. The local 4-H Club, the Shenandoah Teamsters and Tri-m' will be available to help wrap gifts. Watch for further details.

Everyone is invited to the Lodge Christmas Eve Party on Saturday the 24th from 1:00 to 4:00. Anyone who would like is asked to bring a snack to share as in the past. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

In closing, from our family to yours. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas Season.

Happy Holidays!

Marv ER

### A Report from our Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Lance Cornelious

Good Day Elks,

I wanted to take a minute to give you all an update on the freedom grant. It was decided that with the \$2500 we were going to donate a handicapped deer hunting blind. I found a company out of Texas that would build us a handicap accessible blind and deliver it to St Joseph for the \$2500. I sent in a \$500 deposit on 9-5 and I was assured that the blind would be delivered by 11-10 to be presented to WWIAF at the banquet tomorrow night 9/18 in St Joe. On 11-11 I received a communication from the blind company that due an unforeseen issue that they wouldn't be fulfilling anymore blind orders for the rest for the 2016 year and will not be taking any orders for the 2017 year.

I have been in contact with a few other companies and I have some prices but nothing that will be able to get completed till after the first of the year. I discussed our predicament with a couple lodge members and we agreed to wait and do a special presentation once at our lodge to the WWIAF board once the blind has arrived.

Lance

### A Report from our Lodge Club Manager – Doug McElroy

Club Fridays – Volunteers are definitely needed! Your help would be appreciated; we need cooks, dishwashers, waiters/waitresses etc. The success of our Club Fridays depends on you, our Members! Thank You for all of your support for all of our activities!

### A Report from Doug Meyer – Toys for Girls and Boys

This will be the third year for the Toys for Girls and Boys program. Last year we gave away a little over 600 toys to just over 300 children in the Shenandoah area that may not have had much of a Christmas without this program. Donations of Toys can be dropped off at Doug Meyer Chevrolet. Monetary donations can be dropped off at Doug Meyer Chevrolet or mailed to Toys for Girls & Boys, PO Box 191, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601. For more information please call, Doug Meyer at Doug Meyer Chevrolet 712-246-1014 or go to [www.toysforgirlsboys.com](http://www.toysforgirlsboys.com)

Also I would like to thank everyone that has helped me with the Toys program for the last three years. I started this program because a similar program in Shenandoah, Operation Blessings, ran out of funding. As a lot of you know I am going to be moving to Maryville in the next 6 months to run our dealership there. Shane McHenry will be taking my spot here, and he will be continuing on with the Toys for Girls & Boys program. Of course I will still be around from time to time to help him run this dealership when he needs it, and will still help with anything he needs with the Toys program.

Thanks, Doug Meyer

### A Report from our Lodge Secretary – Alan Armstrong

Notice is given that the board of directors have approved our current bylaws for the next 5 years. Lodge will vote next meeting.



### CHICKEN DINNER BUFFET

Chicken Buffet December 4th

This event helps raise money for our building fund.

Kelly McQueen—Chairman

### Lodge Activities

#### Lodge Meetings

December 1st & December 15th

#### CLUB FRIDAYS SCHEDULE

(Children Welcome)

December – 2nd, 9th, 16, 23rd and 30th

#### STAG/LODGE NIGHT SUPPERS

(MENU LIST)

December 1st – Call for Menu

December 8th – Call for Menu

December 15th – Call for Menu

December 22nd – Fried Chicken -

#### COUPLES NITE

Couples Night - Farkel begins at 6:30 p.m.

We are having big crowds. Come early and join the fun.

Fried Chicken is on the menu. Farkel will be played!

December 29th – Call for Menu

#### LADIES BRIDGE GROUP

December 1st and December 15th

#### LADIES PITCH GROUP

December 6th and December 20th

#### EVENING PITCH GROUP

NO EVENING PITCH in December

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Bob Vavra

#### ALSO SCHEDULED

December 3rd – Optimist Breakfast

December 3rd – SMC Christmas Party

December 10th – Tannenbaum Tea

December 17th – Meyer Auto Christmas Party

December 24th – Elks Christmas Party 1 to 4pm

December 31st – Slyster Wedding

**House Committee** December 20th  
8:00pm at the Lodge. Everyone is Welcome!

### Lodge Calendar of Events

December 1st – Ladies Bridge  
December 1st – Lodge Meeting  
December 2nd – Club Friday  
December 3rd – Optimist Breakfast  
December 3rd – SMC Christmas Party  
December 4th – Chicken Buffet  
December 6th – Ladies pitch  
December 7th – Wings Wednesday  
December 8th – Stag Night  
December 9th – Club Friday  
December 10th – Tannenbaum Tea  
December 14th – NO WINGS WEDNESDAY  
December 14th – Holmes Apartments Christmas Party  
December 15th – Lodge Meeting  
December 16th – Club Friday  
December 17th – Meyer Auto Christmas Party  
December 20th – Ladies Pitch  
December 20th – House Committee Meeting  
December 21st – Wings Wednesday  
December 22nd – Couples Night  
December 23rd – Club Friday  
December 24th – Elks Christmas Party  
December 25th – Christmas Day (Lodge Closed)  
December 28th – Wings Wednesday  
December 29th – Stag Night  
December 30th – Club Friday  
December 31st – Slyster Wedding

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



The graphic features a silhouette of a man in a white shirt and dark pants kicking a door down. He is holding a large, colorful starburst in his raised right hand. The background shows a body of water and a cloudy sky. On the left is the Elks USA logo. On the right is a circular graphic with the text 'GROW USA MEMBERSHIP KICK THE DOOR DOWN'. At the bottom, the slogan 'We Grow by Change not by Chance' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. In the bottom left corner, there are small logos for 'ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK' and 'SHARED SOURCE'.



## **ALAN KIRCHERT**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Elks Lodge Baked Goods & Craft Benefit Auction**

**Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 at 5pm**

**Red Oak Elks Lodge, 519 N 1<sup>st</sup> St.,**

**Red Oak, IA**

As our lodge celebrates this event's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are pleased to reach out to Alan Kirchert and his family as he battles with Multiple Myeloma. Alan and his wife, Michelle, live near Bethesda and have 3 children, Blake Berndt, her husband Luc and their son Drake, Devon McBride and Maddy McBride. Alan works at Kirchert Electric as his health allows and was a Supervisor at RoMech in Red Oak for many years.

A Baked Potato Bar & Hot Appetizers will be served from 5 to 8pm for a free will donation. Auction will begin at 6PM.

Show off your baking or crafting talents or grab a bidder number & stock up on holiday goodies or find that unique gift! This event is always a fun way to kick off the holidays & show our friends & neighbors our support through a difficult time.

Donated items may be brought to the Elks Lodge in Red Oak any time prior to the auction or call Amy at 712-789-2262 to arrange for pick up. Lodge is open Mon. thru Sat. at 4pm.

For more information or updates, "Like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AnnualBakeCraftBenefit/>

Grant Vrba, Auctioneer  
Greg Brower, Sound Equipment

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Lodge Meeting Ladies Bridge	2 Club Friday	3 Optimist Breakfast 7 to 11 SMC Christmas Party
4 Chicken Buffet Elks Memorial Service 2pm	5	6 Ladies Pitch	7 Wing Wednesday	8 Stag Night	9 Club Friday	10 Tannenbaum Tes
11	12	13	14 <del>NO Wing Wednesday</del> Holmes Apartment Christmas Party	15 Lodge Meeting Ladies Bridge	16 Club Friday	17 Meyer Auto Christmas Party
18	19	20 Ladies Pitch House Committee 7:30pm	21 Wing Wednesday	22 Couples Night	23 Club Friday	24 Elks Christmas Party 1 to 4
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 Wing Wednesday	29 Stag Night	30 Club Friday	31 Slyster Wedding