

NOVEMBER 2023

# THE BUGLE

Staunton Elks B.P.O.E 351

FROM THE EXALTED RULER: Elks 351 members,

October was a very busy month for the 351. The Dave Miller golf tournament was a huge success. We raised over 5700.00 for his scholarship. The drawdown was also very successful. I have to admit there were some flaws. Other than that, we had a good time and raised over 5000.00 for our community projects. Felicia and her staff did a great job. We put a lot on her plate that weekend and they rocked it. That being said we will never do that to our staff again. That was too much work in a short time frame, If you see Felicia please thank her and the staff for doing a great job. Thanks to all of our members that made that weekend great.

November is here and our Veterans project is going well. Please donate if you can. We will be buying much needed supplies for the VA hospital in Richmond. We didn't have anyone sign up for Veterans' day breakfast so we are canceling that event. I would like to see a huge crowd of Elks come to support the Veterans' day parade on November 11 at 11 am downtown Staunton. I am going to see if we can get into the parade. It may be too late but we will see.

It won't be long and it will be Christmas time. We are planning to put the park display up on November 14. The tree will go up in the lodge on November 19. Christmas boxes will be packed and delivered December 9. Let Eva Garber know if you would like to help with any of these events. Thanks again for all of your volunteer hours. If you want to get involved in some of the great projects the 351 does let us know. The Elks Care and the Elks Share.

Fraternally yours,

MATT SUTTON



## THE 351

### TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

Calendar of events, kitchen news, birthdays and more

### **ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE**

We are collecting items for the Shelburne Middle School Food Pantry

### **THE ELKS 351 IS THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN**

# **Staunton Elk Lodge Veteran's Project**

**When: October 1<sup>st</sup> until our Staunton Elk Lodge Veterans Day program in November.**

**What: Partnership with McGuire Veterans Hospital Richmond, Virginia and the Central District of Virginia Elk Lodges. To access the needs list on-line: Click on**

**[https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/facility\\_needlist/?id=652](https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/facility_needlist/?id=652) The project is designed to help support veterans and their families while they are receiving treatment at McGuire VA Hospital.**

**HOW: Purchase an item (s) on the official McGuire's Needs List. There will be a drop off box marked Veteran's project at the Lodge to deposit your purchases and/or cash donations.**

**Information: (needs list)**

**Will be posted at the Lodge on the bulletin Board, in a notebook at the bar, on our web page, on our Facebook page and/or you can download your own copy using the link above.**

**Special note:**

**Our Lodge has secured a \$1,000 Elk grant to support our veterans' projects. We are off to a good start with the grant and we are sure the Staunton Elk Lodge will rise to occasion to support our Vets and their families.**

**If you have questions: Contact Debbie or Gary McQuain**

## LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Matt Sutton
Leading Knight	Rader Dod
Loyal Knight	Tom Tattersall
Lecturing Knight	Eva Garber
Secretary	Chuck Archer
Treasurer	Carolyn Curry
Inner Guard	Donnie Eckert
Esquire	Edgar Jones
Tiler	Joe Mader
Chaplain	Bobbie Nentschke



## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE 351!

Don't forget about our  
Facebook page

Staunton Elks 351

## TRUSTEES

Trustee Chair	Gary McQuain
	Nancy Dickerson
	Ronnie Garber
	Eric Cobb
	Charlotte Fitzgerald

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Robbie Miller
	Kim Wood
	Bill Schindler
	Steve Kiracofe
	Denise Cotter
	Brian Butler
	Lissa Dod

## LODGE MANAGER

Felicia "FeFe" Sheets

Check out of website at  
[www.stauntonelks351.com](http://www.stauntonelks351.com),  
read the Bugle and check  
your emails.

If you want to be added to  
the email list, send your  
information to FeFe Sheets  
at [hcelks@gmail.com](mailto:hcelks@gmail.com).

If you would like to sign up  
for the newsletter please  
go to our website and click  
the link to sign up.

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 2681

Staunton, VA 24402

# MEMBERSHIP

## LODGE MEETING & INITIATION

Lodge meeting at 7 PM with initiation.

Awaiting initiation:

Joe Hodges  
Braxton Yeago  
Howard Marsh  
Larry Thornton  
Brian Ringgold  
Colby Berry  
Benjamin Campbell  
Ashton Mace  
Tammy Lilly  
Gene Lilly  
Peggy Henderson  
Kenneth Henderson

**Elks care,  
Elks Share!**

### **The 351 Prayer Circle**

**Timmy Floyd - His mother passed away, please keep Timmy and his family in your thoughts and prayers.**

**David Earman Family - David passed away on 10/16/23. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.**

**The Chris Sheets Family, Chris lost his Oma (grandma) who was almost 103. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers**

## DUES NOTICE

We have made it easier for members to renew online. You can also renew in person at the lodge. Due to increasing insurance costs, the dues for the coming year are \$109.00. Chuck will either hand you your new card at the lodge, or it will be mailed to you. The new fiscal year starts April 1st for memberships.

Dues are due by April 1, if not paid by then you will not have access to lodge with your entry card.



## PLEASE SIGN YOUR CARD

If you have any questions concerning your status, please contact the secretary Chuck Archer at 540-885-2151

REMINDER:

New member application fee \$0.00

Application for reinstatement \$35.00



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 4 - Finley McClure  
November 6 - Roger Baker  
November 6 - David Dove  
November 7 - Dennis Rankin  
November 10 - Skip Showker  
November 10 - Hannah Sutton  
November 11 - Denise Cotter  
November 13 - Bradley Houff  
November 13 - Charles Kehoe  
November 14 - Ryan McCray  
November 16 - Jeremy Eavers  
November 18 - Brian Manley  
November 21 - Richard Dickerson  
November 27 - Alec Christian  
November 27 - Mary Tacy  
November 29 - Dan Kissel  
November 30 - Stephen Brown



## THE ELKS 351 CINDERELLA PROJECT 2023

The Elk's Cinderella Project committee is still collecting dresses for our community youth. You can bring dress to the lodge or email [hcelks@gmail.com](mailto:hcelks@gmail.com) and we will get the information to Sherry Mayo.



## LIVE MUSIC INFO

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 - Steve Cash 6:30-9:30 PM  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 - Theresa Whitesell 6:30-9:30 PM

### **DECEMBER 2023**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 - Christmas Social & The new Bottoms Up Band 7-10 PM

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Eva Garber would like to thank the activities committee and all the volunteers who helped with decorations etc.



# THE FEFE FILE

Happy November to all! I cannot believe Christmas is right around the corner. I guess it's time to start shopping.

I am happy to announce that October was a very successful and super busy month for The 351. Sales were great, the kitchen and bar was hopping all month and the catering events all went well. We catered a class reunion for R.E. Lee class of '69 for Gary McQuain, we tackled a weekend with The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dave Miller memorial golf tournament and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Draw Down, we catered a class reunion for R.E. Lee Class of '83 for Mark Bowles and Eric Cobb and we are in charge of the hospitality room for our area at the state convention. We were blessed with great music by Steve Cash and Joey Knott, and are thankful that they come and share their talents with us. I enjoyed the food show and found some new ideas and was able to see my son as well that day, which is always a blessing. We also had the Elks State Convention at VA Beach, October 27-29. The 351 hosted the Central District hospitality room with a tailgate theme. We offered a full bar as well as, turkey and cheese sliders, pimento cheese sliders, chips, nuts, party mix, sweet and sour meatballs, bbq lil smokies and Italian pinwheels. It was nice meeting new faces and seeing some that we haven't seen in a while and the weather was amazing. The Central District and the 351 were represented well.

I continue to work with our vendors to ensure we are getting the best quality product at reasonable prices, sometimes this is a tall task as food prices are still a bit wonky. Please remember, we have chili on the menu every day and offer a soup of the week each week.

November should be an exciting month at the lodge. We have two live music events, Friday, November 10 with Steve Cash from 6:30-9:30 pm and Teresa Whitesell on Friday, November 24 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The 351 has 2 catering events set up in November, one is off-site and one is in McCaffrey Hall.

We are still collecting items for the Shelburne Middle School pantry, the box is located in the front foyer as well as the Veteran's project, a list of items needed is with the boxes.

**Please stay tuned to Facebook and emails for upcoming events** as we come closer to the Holidays, and mark your calendars, a few dates are listed below. The Staunton Christmas Parade is set for Monday, November 27, 2023, we will have a truck in the Parade. The lodge will be closed for Thanksgiving, December 18 for the staff Holiday party, and Christmas Day, the lodge will close early on Christmas Eve.

**We will have a Christmas box out in the foyer for members to sign up for Christmas boxes. The boxes are set to be packed and delivered on December 9, 2023. If you have any questions please let Eva Garber know.**

With love and happiness,

Felicia "FeFe" Sheets

What a weekend at The 351. This past weekend we hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dave Miller Memorial Golf Tournament as well at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 351 Draw down. To say it was a huge undertaking is putting it very mildly, but all in all it was a very exciting and successful weekend.

On Saturday, October 14, we have 62 golfers (15 teams) take the course at Gypsy Hill Golf course. After their round, they enjoyed a light lunch of cheeseburger sliders, chicken salad sliders, mac salad and chips and dip at the lodge, with some social time. When that was wrapped up, we went into draw down mode. We had 225 people attend the draw down event. The evening started with social hour with both bars fully stocked and hors d'ouvers of shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, salmon balls, mini egg rolls and caprese skewers, while everyone was mingling, the buffet line was being prepared with smoked brisket, Tuscan chicken, rosemary and sea salt heirloom potatoes, a Mediterranean vegetable medley and rolls, finished with brownies and lemon bars for dessert. The kitchen was definitely hopping that day and all week preparing for this event, and both bars were full of happy patrons. The drawings started at 7:30 PM and the following person(s) were our lucky winners: Justin Reiter & Ben Campbell split 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at \$1750.00 each, with Gary Bartolacci winning 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$1000.

The draw down event was planned to raise money for our community. Elk's care, Elk's share! We are happy to announce that the event raised \$ 5,500 for our coats for kids' project and our Christmas box project. We want to thank everyone who came out and help support this event with buying tickets to attend and Blue Ridge Beverage for being a sponsor for the event. We would also like to thank Robbie Miller, Eric Cobb, the ladies' activities committee, Ronnie Garber, Gary McQuain, Bubba Miller, Jimmy Hayes for all of their help. On behalf of the lodge, I would like to thank my staff, we had all hands-on deck for this event and in my book, they are rockstars. I can honestly say it was a very long week and day but we all very happy with the outcome.

On, Sunday, October 15, we had our last round of the Dave Miller Memorial Golf Tournament. We had 61 golfers on the beautiful course at Gypsy Hill, on a very cold morning. After their round, they enjoyed a lunch of pulled pork BBQ, mac - n - cheese, Cole-slaw and baked beans with cookies and a social hour. The winners were as follows:

#### Championship Flight

1<sup>st</sup> - Kincheloe, Haaf, Kincheloe, Hayes



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> - Elliott, Dod, Gentry, Dom



2<sup>nd</sup> - Engleman, Ritchie, Davis, Miller

3<sup>rd</sup> - Match of cards - Doughty, Gibson, Sorrell, Schindler, Owens



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

1<sup>st</sup> - McCray, Smith, Thomas, Greene

2<sup>nd</sup> - Rankin, Shaner, Helmick, Smiley

We are happy to announce that the golf tournament raised \$5780 to go into the Dave Miller Memorial Scholarship fund. A lot of our winning teams were happy to donate their winnings back to the cause. The 351 would also like to thank our sponsors, Caroline Miller Family, Blue Ridge Beverage, Chris & Felicia Sheets, S&W Appliances, John Avoli and Butch Smiley. We appreciate all of your help and support and the support of our wonderful Elks family and staff.

# NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Dinner Special	2 Cornhole	3 Dinner Special	4 No Breakfast
5	6 Lodge Meeting @ 7 Kitchen Open 3-7	7 Taco Tuesday	8 Dinner Special	9 Cornhole	10 Dinner Special Live music with Steve Cash 630-930	11 Breakfast 8-11 Catering
12	13	14 Taco Tuesday	15 Dinner Special	16 Catering in McCaffrey Hall	17 Dinner Special	18 Breakfast 8-11
19	20	21 Taco Tuesday	22 Dinner Special	23 LODGE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 Dinner Special Live Music with Teresa Whitesell 630- 930	25 Breakfast 8-11
26	27 Christmas Parade	28 Taco Tuesday	29 Dinner Special	30 Cornhole		

# NOVEMBER LODGE AND KITCHEN HOURS

## THE 351 HOURS OF OPERATION

**(Last call for bar 30 minutes prior to closing)**

**(Last call for food 30 minutes prior to closing)**

**If 4 or less members in lodge 1 hr. before closing – last call will be made**

### **MONDAY**

Bar - 3 PM - 9 PM

Kitchen - Closed except 9/18 - open 3 to 7 PM

### **TUESDAY**

Bar - 12 PM - 9 PM

Kitchen - 12 PM - 8:30 PM

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bar - 3 PM - 9 PM

Kitchen - 3 PM - 8:30 PM

### **THURSDAY**

Bar - 3 PM - 10 PM

Kitchen - 3 PM - 9 PM

### **FRIDAY**

Bar - 12 PM - 10 PM

Kitchen - 12 PM - 9 PM

### **SATURDAY**

#### **Breakfast Saturdays**

Bar - 8 AM - 10 PM

Kitchen 8 AM - 9 PM

#### **Non-Breakfast Saturdays**

Bar - 12 PM - 10 PM

Kitchen - 2 PM - 9 PM

### **SUNDAY**

Bar - 12 PM - 8 PM

Kitchen - 12 PM - 7 PM

August 1, 2023

The National Elk Foundation and the Staunton Elk Lodge #351 have announced the kickoff of the 2023-24 scholarship competition. As in the past, there are two scholarship opportunities for high school seniors, The Most Valuable Student Scholarship and the Legacy Scholarship. **Both the Most Valuable Student and Legacy Scholarships are to be submitted on-line only. No hard copies of the scholarship application are to be either delivered or mailed to an Elk Lodge.**

The **Most Valuable Student Scholarship** applications will be judged on Scholarship, Leadership and Financial need. The applications will be available on August 1, 2023 on-line @ [www.enf.elks.org./mvs](http://www.enf.elks.org./mvs) The applications must be submitted on or before November 13, 2023 on-line. Once the scholarship applications are received they will be judged by a both panel of Staunton Elk members and a national firm with expertise in evaluating scholarships. Once judged, the three top scoring male and female applications will be forwarded to state/district competition where they will compete for additional scholarship funding. In the spring of 2024, the results of the state/district competition will be announced along with the scholarships amounts that were awarded at both the local and state/district level.

The **Legacy Scholarship** competition is open to any high school senior that will be attending college who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Applicants compete separately against other children and grandchildren from Virginia. They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service, and Integrity. **The applications are submitted on-line only beginning September 1, 2023 and the deadline is February 5, 2024.** Information about eligibility and to obtain an application is available @ [www.enf.elks.org/leg](http://www.enf.elks.org/leg) I anticipate a strong applicant pool of scholarship applicants for the 2023-24 school year. In the past we have been blessed with excellent students submitting applications and I'm sure this year's applicants will represent themselves and their schools well. If you need clarification or have questions I can be reached at [gmcquain@gmail.com](mailto:gmcquain@gmail.com). Brochures and information is available on line at [www.elks.org/enf/scholarships](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholarships) and at the Staunton Elk Lodge. Gary D. McQuain Ed.D, Scholarship Chair

Staunton Elk Lodge #351

A scenic autumnal path lined with tall trees and street lamps, with fallen leaves on the ground.

Happy  
Thanksgiving