

DECEMBER 2023

THE BUGLE

Staunton Elks B.P.O.E 351

FROM THE EXALTED RULER: Elks 351 members,

Merry Christmas 351 Members,

Can you believe that the year is almost over? Time flies when we are busy Elks. We started November off with On Saturday, November 11, we had a bunch of Elks downtown to support the Veterans Parade. Thank you all who came, we ended the day with a cornhole tournament after the Veterans Day Parade with 16 players. We ended the month with the Staunton Christmas Parade, we placed first place in the Non-Profit/Civic category. Thanks to Eric Cobb for being the Grinch, Sassy Sheets as Cindy Lou Who (she stole the show), Copper as Max the Dog, Tom Tattersall as Elroy. A huge thank you to Kim Shaw who decorated the tree and bought most of the decorations. Thanks to Justin Reiter, Chuck Archer, Felicia Sheets, for decorating the truck. Thanks to Audrey Farley (and friend), Davis Zaccaria, Donnie Eckert, Dom Zaccaria for walking and handing out candy, and Bart Gibson for making the banners for the float. It was a lot of fun being in the parade and spreading our mission for Drug Awareness.

Memorial Service is December 3 at 5 o'clock. This is a special service if you have never been. Teresa Whitesell who is now a member will be and has been playing the music for the service for many years. Her music makes the service even more special. We have a guest speaker from Bethany Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Craft. I have been to his church many times and he is great at delivering a message. Christmas Boxes will be packed and ready to pick up December 9 by 11 AM. Thank you Eva for heading this up again this year. Christmas social is December 16, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The New Year will bring the Elks calendar to an end March 31. I cannot believe that my second term is almost over. I have learned a lot in the past two years and it has been fun. We will be nominating new officers during the first meeting in February. Come to the meetings and nominate the next officers to represent the lodge.

Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 Elks Lodge completes the 2023 Veteran's Project.

On, November 11, our Staunton Elks Lodge #351 completed the Veteran's support project with McGuire, VA Medical center in Richmond, VA. On Friday, November 17th, we are extremely happy to report that we delivered approximately \$2094 in purchased items and \$492 in a check to the McGuire Canteen Fund for a grand total of \$2586. Along with your donations and the Freedom Grant of \$1,000 from the grand lodge, we were able to purchase items from the needs list consisting of Chemo clothing, sweatpants and shirts, toiletries, diabetic socks, sneakers, and post-surgery briefs to be given to the veterans receiving treatment. We knew that members of the Staunton Elks Lodge #351 and our community would respond positively to the needs of our vets. You did not disappoint! A job well done! Thank you!

Gary & Debbie 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 Netschke



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Don't forget about our
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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,
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.

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 - December 4, 2023

Awaiting initiation

Sharon Bosserman

Evertt Castle

Kim Miller

Aaron Moran

Jennifer Moran

Ricky Moran

Rick Shifflet

Berry Colby

Douglas Howard

DUES NOTICE

Mark your calendars, dues will be coming out next year. The cost of the dues comes from the Grand Lodge.

Dues must be paid by April 1, 2024 to have access to the lodge.

You are given a white entry card, they are expensive, if you lose your card the cost to replace the card is \$10

Elks care,
Elks Share!



The 351 Prayer Circle

Prayers for Nancy Dickerson, her husband Richard passed away

Prayers for Doug Moore, having bypass surgery at UVA on December 18, 2023

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

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

December 2 - Margaret Bishop
December 2 - Douglas Decker
December 2 - Terry Lafon
December 3 - Kenneth Hause
December 4 - Andrea Livick
December 5 - Daniel Doksa
December 5 - C. Randall Hinegardner
December 6 - G.R. Davis
December 6 - Mike Miller
December 7 - Marilyn Long
December 8 - Daniel Fahey
December 10 - Brian Butler
December 10 - Ron Henderson
December 11 - Peggy Henderson
December 13 - Melanie Smith
December 14 - Denie Kebeck
December 14 - Randy Lindamood
December 15 - Kenneth Page
December 16 - Benjamin Campbell
December 16 - Bart Gibson
December 16 - Wesley White
December 18 - Dan Knopp
December 19 - Larey Seery
December 19 - Christine Daughty
December 20 - Zachary Bishop
December 21 - Chad Hinegardner
December 21 - John Riley
December 21 - Patricia Varner
December 22 - Everett Sexton
December 22 - Richard Zimmerman
December 23 - Irvine Bryant
December 23 - Wesley Eavey
December 23 - Travis Smiley
December 24 - Fred Fountaine
December 24 - John Manos
December 24 - Michael Myers
December 25 - Kathleen McDonagh
December 26 - Jerry Thomas
December 27 - Patrick Toft
December 28 - Shaun Mitchell
December 28 - Jerry Pence
December 28 - Stuart Thomas
December 30 - Kevin Boase
December 30 - Myron Emswiler
December 30 - Timothy Welch
December 31 - Benjamin Erskine
December 31 - Paul Martin

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 and we will get the information to Sherry Mayo.



LIVE MUSIC INFO

DECEMBER 2023

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Eva and the ladies for the beautiful decorations at the lodge.

Special thanks to Matt Sutton, FeFe, Justin Reiter, Chuck Archer, Tom Tattersall, Donnie Eckard, Eric Cobb, Kim Shaw, Copper the dog, Sassy, Dom Zaccaria, Davis Zaccaria, Audrey Farley & friend and Bart Gibson for the amazing Christmas float.

Special thanks to Eva and the ladies for all their hard work with the coats for kids



THE FEFE FILE

Happy December. Christmas will be here before we know it. We have our tree up and I am in the Christmas spirit.

I am happy to announce that November was a great month for The 351. Sales were good and the soup of the week has been going faster than I can make it. We had 2 big catering events in November, we catered a surprise birthday for Bruce Rupert at Shennandale Gun Club and a holiday party for Lacy and Anne King for the Valley Referral Group. We got to enjoy live entertainment from Steve Cash and Teresa Whitesell, which always makes for a good time. We ended November with the Staunton Christmas Parade and proud to announce we won 1st place for the non-profit/civic group. It was a lot of fun with a great group of people and Sassy was the cutest Cindy Lou Who. I as always for with my vendors daily to ensure we are getting quality products and a good price, so we can continue to offer great food and good prices to you all. I am doing a soup of the week and we also have Chili on the menu for the season.

December is going to be a big month for The 351. There are lots of events going on, Memorial Service, Dec 3 with a meal to follow, we have 8 catering events in December, as well as the Christmas Social on December 16, and we will have The New Bottoms Up Band with Steve Cash playing music for our entertainment that evening. Please remember you must RSVP for the Christmas Social by December 11, so we can ensure to have enough food and beverages for everyone. The lodge will be closed on Monday, December 18 so we can celebrate our staff and all their hard work, we will also close at 4 PM on Christmas eve and be closed on Christmas day. Christmas boxes will be packed on December 9, I will have breakfast open that morning at 7:30 and all boxes need to be picked up by 11 am on December 9.

Let's end 2023 strong and look forward to a great 2024.

With love and happiness,

Felicia "FeFe" Sheets

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MONDAY

Bar – 3 PM - 9 PM
Kitchen – Closed except 1st Monday 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

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 351, was entry #85 in the Staunton Christmas Parade, on Monday, November 27. It was a fun time. Big thanks to Kim Shaw for decorating the Grinch Christmas Tree for the truck, Matt Sutton, Justin Reiter, Chuck Archer and Felicia Sheets for decorating the float, Tom Tattersall for being Elroy the Elk, Eric Cobb for being the Grinch, Copper the dog for being Max, Emily for being the cutest Cindy Lou Who, Donnie Eckard, Dom & Davis Zaccaria, Audrey Farley and Bart Gibson for making this a successful entry. We took first place in the non-profit/civic group. The trophy is at the bar for all to see.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Dinner Special	2 Breakfast 8-11 Valley Dine & Dance 6-10 PM
3 Memorial Service & Dinner @ 5 PM	4 Lodge Meeting @ 7 PM	5 Taco Tuesday	6 Dinner Special	7	8 Dinner Special	9 Breakfast 7:30-11 AM Christmas boxes 9-11 AM Private catering for Mike Twitty 2-5
10 Private Catering McCaffrey Hall	11	12 Taco Tuesday	13 Dinner Special Private Catering off site	14 Private Catering McCaffrey Hall	15 Dinner Special	16 No Breakfast Christmas Social
17	18 Lodge Closed for staff party	19 Taco Tuesday	20 Dinner Special	21	22 Dinner Special	23 Breakfast 8-11 AM Private Catering for The Bryant family 5-10 PM
24 Closing at 4 PM 31 New Years Eve normal hours	25 Lodge Closed Merry Christmas	26 Lodge opening at 3 PM - No special	27 Dinner Special	28	29 Dinner Special	30

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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 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 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. Brochures and information is available on line at www.elks.org/enf/scholarships and at the Staunton Elk Lodge. Gary D. McQuain Ed.D, Scholarship Chair

Staunton Elk Lodge #351

Merry
Christmas
& Happy New
Years

