



# The Bugle

**Staunton Elks Lodge #351**

**May 2020**

## From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope this finds you healthy and well.

As I do each month, I look at my letter to you from the least year at this time. It was a much different time in 2019 with lots of celebratory Lodge news as we started the new Elks year. While we may not be able to celebrate the new Elks year together, there is still so much to be thankful for.

We're thankful for our new Officers that were installed. We have a terrific group this year. We're also thankful that we have started the much-anticipated renovations. With hope and safety, we may be seeing each other soon in our temporary social quarters.

On April 27th the Trustees met to discuss a number of items. Joining the Trustees for their meeting was the Renovation Committee and House Committee Chair. After the Renovation Committee did a thorough update on the progress, the Trustees had a lengthy discussion on the year's budget. The budget process took a bit longer this year as it was the first-year reporting with the new financial system put in place by the Grand Lodge, and taking into account that we could be closed for several months. The Trustees ap-

proved the budget and it will be presented at the May 4th regular meeting via video conference with the Trustees, Officers, and Committee Chairs for a vote.

I know how important it is for all of our members to be included in voting on any matters concerning our Lodge, especially the budget. However, under the current circumstances, I truly believe that our members will understand and trust that your elected Trustees and Officers have all the members' best interests in hand as they make decisions to keep our Lodge moving forward. If you have questions about the budget or any other matters regarding our Lodge, I encourage you to reach out to any of the Trustees or Officers.

Last Saturday, I took a drive out to Youth Camp to have a look at our cabin. It was a cool day and a pretty drive. The camp was cleaned up and looked like it was ready to see children running around and enjoying what, for some, would be their first camping experience. New basketball goals were prepped for installation and the only sounds were the wind and the birds. The Virginia Elks Camp is truly a gem for all of us. If you are looking for a nice drive during these trying times, I would encourage you to visit the camp.

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## From the Exalted Ruler continued...

Stay safe and hopefully, sooner than later, we will all be together listening and enjoying Edgar's jokes, Robbie and Dave going after each other, whatever is in Diana's crockpot on Tuesdays, Eric's latest deal, Matt not falling off his barstool, Leslie's laugh, the mayors telling us how it is, the philosophy according to Butch, Ray Ray in the kitchen, Keith coming off an all-night drive, Nancy's sweetness and buying the bar a round when she hits, Travis's wicked smart brain, Zach being tired but having one more, Lissa and Tina cashing in tickets, Dan at the corner of the bar ("that's right"), Mr. Knopp quietly in the corner, Brett leaving his glasses anywhere he wants, Jimmy's golf stories, Ryan looking out for Pete like he is the dad not the son, Dove eating anything put in front of him, Barbara's banana pudding, Clint always throwing his beer can away, Todd telling us how many steps he did that day, the John and Wayne show, the same stories recited over and over, and most of all, the brotherhood and sisterhood we all share. We are most fortunate to have each other as friends and family.

Be safe and see you soon!

Fraternally yours,

Justin



### Officers—2020

Exalted Ruler	Justin Reiter
Leading Knight	Eva Garber
Loyal Knight	Diana Craig
Lecturing Knight	Matt Sutton
Tiler	Joe Mader
Esquire	Edgar Jones
Chaplain	Roger Monger
Inner Guard	Paul Hively
Trustee Chair	Gary McQuain
Trustees: David Miller, Jeff Byrd, Nancy Dickerson, Mike Myers	

### Committees—2020

**If you would like to volunteer there are several committee chair openings**

Public Relations	Justin Reiter
Activities	Charlotte Fitzgerald
Community Projects	Eva Garber
Youth Activities	Robbie Miller
Hoop Shoot	Eric Cobb
Drug Awareness	Robbie Miller
Fraternal	<i>Currently Open</i>
Americanism	<i>Currently Open</i>
Elks National Foundation	Barbara Monger
Flag Day	Justin Reiter
Elks Memorial Day	Jeff Byrd
Membership	Justin Reiter
Lodge Activities	Robbie Miller
Veterans Service	<i>Currently Open</i>
Accident Prevention	Mike Myers
PER Association	<i>Currently Open</i>
Ritualistic Chair	Bob Hinkle
Government Relations	Justin Reiter
State Major Project	<i>Currently Open</i>



Check out [www.stauntonelks351.com](http://www.stauntonelks351.com)  
for updates on the Social Quarters  
renovation, past issues of The Bugle,  
and much more!

If you would like to be on our email  
list please send your contact  
information to [hcelks@gmail.com](mailto:hcelks@gmail.com)



*We're on  
Facebook!!!!*

Make sure you check us out!!

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To keep up with the events and  
happenings around the lodge.

## Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Justin Reiter
Leading Knight	Eva Garber
Loyal Knight	Diana Craig
Lecturing Knight	Matt Sutton
Secretary	Mike Miller
Treasurer	Lisa Byrd
Inner Guard	Paul Hiveley
Esquire	Edgar Jones
Tiler	Joe Mader
Chaplain	Roger Monger

## Trustees

Trustee Chair: Gary McQuain

David Miller      Mike Myers

Nancy Dickerson      Jeff Byrd

## House Committee

Robbie Miller, Chairman

Nancy Dickerson

Diane Craig      Cliff Edwards

Rader Dod      Joe Mader

Felicia Sheets

## Newsletter Information

Please email all newsletter submis-  
sions to Katy Avoli-Miller by the 20th  
of each month

[kamiller@staunton.k12.va.us](mailto:kamiller@staunton.k12.va.us)

## May Birthdays

May 1	Travis Miller	May 13	Eric Obaugh	May 22	Ruth Hinkle-Fisher
May 3	John Cordle	May 14	Richard Landes	May 24	Eugene Davis
May 5	Gregory Stroop	May 15	Gary Corbett	May 25	Cliff Edwards
May 6	Douglas Moore		Linda Huntley	May 26	Robin Kehoe
May 7	Joseph Mader	May 16	Giampiero DiGuardo	May 30	Bernard Buscher
May 8	Michael Botkin		Edwin Eagle		Roger Monger
	Chris Curry		Raymond Ergenbright		Gary Overstreet
	Lisa Mizer		Rex Greaver	May 31	Gary Craun
	Allan Painter		Harry Harris		
May 9	Thomas Farrish	May 17	Frank Butler		
May 10	Fulton Sensabaugh		Dennis Landes		
May 11	Joyce Huffman		Gary McQuain		
	Eddie Trott, III	May 19	Roger Long		
May 12	Billy Shoemaker		Shaun Pierce		
May 13	Lisa Byrd	May 20	Ida Shoker		



## The Joy of Giving

The lodge recently made donations to the following totaling \$6070.00

United Way—Dolly Parton Imagination Library  
\$4007.00

Virginia Elks Safety Glasses—COVID-19 Care  
\$2063.00

### ***Membership—Awaiting Initiation & Ballot***

Michael Lafferty, proposed by Chuck Archer

### ***Being Processed***

Stephen McCormick, proposed by Matt Sutton

George Laase, proposed by Robbie Miller

### **Please sign your card**

**If you have any questions concerning your status, please contact Secretary Mike Miller (540) 280-3942 or at mmiller24401@yahoo.com**

**REMINDER: New member application fee \$45.00**

**Application for reinstatement \$35.00**

**These two fees are currently being reimbursed to the Lodge by Powerhouse Gaming. No money needed with application!**

**DUES ARE PAST DUE. PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES NOW!**



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