



The Bugle

Staunton Elks Lodge #351

April 2020

From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope this finds all of you well and practicing all the appropriate safety measures.

It is very strange not having the Lodge open to visit with friends. I know that when things become normal, whatever/whenever that may be, we will come back better than ever.

April is the time for new officers' installation and sharing with you the new committee chairs and members. There is a full list in this edition of the Bugle.

Many of you are not on our email list and do not use Facebook, so you may have not been receiving my updates. If you would like to receive the House Committee emails, please send us your email address to hcelks@gmail.com. To ensure you are up-to-date here are a few things to know:

- The Lodge is closed until April 23. The Trustees are monitoring the situation and will provide periodic updates
- The Trustees have elected not to lay off any employees at this time
- The Application for Renovation has been completed and will be mailed on April 1 to the Grand Lodge

- We have applied for the City of Staunton building permit
- The Fire Inspection of the Lodge has been completed
- In preparation for renovation we had an asbestos inspection. The Lodge has no asbestos.

I want to send a special thanks to all of the Trustees, the House Committee Chair and Rathskellar Manager for keeping things in order at our Lodge during this closure.

Our Lodge was one of the first few to close in Virginia and now all have followed suit. I want to thank Rader Dod and Jeff Byrd, both who work in the Health Care industry, for their excellent, informed, professional advice while we make the decision to close.

I have received many calls and emails from members, but my favorite was from Trustee/PER Nancy Dickerson. She was informing me that she discovered how to absentee ballot online and thought it would be something we could pass on to our members. It now appears that the election is postponed, but the end of her email had me burst out in laughter.

"I have planted lettuce and cleaned up my assortment of plant containers. I am crocheting a bathmat. I have re-read 5 or 6 Agatha Christie novels. Both the washer and dishwasher are currently running, and the oven is on the clean cycle. I am slowly going mad, but I will do so in a painfully clean house."

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I think we can all relate to Nancy's thoughts. I miss seeing her each afternoon and her ever-present positivity.

Yesterday, a few of us received a text from Robbie Miller asking what we thought of donating the recently ordered case of toilet paper to the Valley Mission. Member Steve Kiracofe and his wife Kay do a lot of volunteer work at the Mission. This was a no brainer and Robbie made it happen. Even though we may be closed, the Elks are still here for our community.

During these unprecedented times, I ask you all to pray for and reach out to Members that could be more affected than others during the shutdown. We are all in this together and we will get through it together.

If you have any questions regarding Lodge business, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly or any of the Trustees.

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>

SPECIALS

Please call the Lodge for the Friday Night Dinner Specials. If you would like to receive weekly emails for the Dinner Specials, please let the bar staff know.

You can also check the Lodge's Facebook page for an update!



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 Roberts	

Newsletter Information

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

kamiller@staunton.k12.va.us

April Birthdays

April 1	John Eavers	April 16	Philip Miller	April 28	Charles Archer
April 2	Eugene Bunch	April 17	Joseph Bowman	April 29	Justin Reiter
April 3	Sydney Trott, Jr		Thomas Richardson		
April 4	Ryan Elliott	April 20	Charles Carter		
April 5	Bret Ritchie		Charles Obaugh		
April 6	Richard Craig	April 21	Christopher Sheets		
	Matt Sutton		Charles Hunter, III		
April 10	Donald Sorrells	April 22	Robert Brydge		
	Lynette Miller	April 23	Angel Negron		
April 12	Susan Ashby		William Ledbetter, Jr		
April 13	James Chambers	April 24	Sean Baber		
April 14	Scott Engleman	April 25	Patricia Myers		
	Nicholas Collins	April 27	Oscar Boetticher		
April 15	Jake Schindler	April 28	Watson Lewis		
	Rodger Huffman		Patrick Carne		



The Joy of Giving

The lodge recently made donations to the following totaling \$2200

Elks National Foundation

\$1800.00

Wilson Memorial After Prom

\$100.00

Buffalo Gap After Prom

\$100.00

New Hope/Weyers Cave Youth Sports

\$200.00

Membership—Awaiting Initiation & Ballot

Michael Lafferty, proposed by Chuck Archer

Being Processed

Stephen McCormick, proposed by Matt Sutton

George Laase, proposed by Robbie Miller

Transferred to #351

Robert V.J. Welch (by certificate of release from Corning, NY Lodge #1070

Please sign your card

Dues notices for next year, final dues notices for this year's delinquent members, and second notices for delinquent six month card holders will be mailed this month. Please pay by April 1st.

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!



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