

The Bugle

Staunton

March 2022



From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is just around the corner, and soon we will be back in our yards complaining about how fast the grass is growing. Ah, Spring.

I want to congratulate our incoming officers and five-year trustee for the upcoming 2022-2023 Elk year; Exalted Ruler - Matt Sutton; Leading Knight - Eva Garber; Loyal Knight - Eric Cobb; Lecturing Knight - Tom Tattersall; Five-Year Trustee - Charlotte Fitzgerald; Secretary - Chuck Archer; and Treasurer - Carolyn Curry. Please congratulate and thank them for their service when you see them.

I spent some time browsing a few of the sixty Exalted Ruler notes I have written over the past five years as your ER. We have been through a lot during that time. A few challenging times, but mostly great socializing, and lots of wonderful charitable work.

I would like to thank a few folks that have made my nine years as an officer of your lodge so important to me; Mike Miller for helping me navigate the rules of Elkdom; Robbie Miller for his amazing endurance and perseverance, and always being the best life coach, you could ever hope for; Leslie Martin for always cheering me on; Felicia Sheets for her dedication to making our lodge run so smoothly and profitable; Eva Garber and Charlotte Fitzgerald for stepping up and getting it done each and every time; Dr. Bob Hinkle for encouraging me to get involved with Virginia Elks Association; and to Matt, Rader, Eric, Jeff, Lacy, Jerry, Cliff, Butch, Donnie, and Dan for their relentless ribbing and friendship.

There is one very special person who never let me falter and always had my back even when he disagreed with me. David Miller. He was kind and fatherly to me, and like you, I miss him very much. Kim and I will always remember being welcomed into Dave and Caroline's home for a famous Sunday Miller Supper, and our time traveling to Reno and Lake Tahoe together. The fantastic success and growth that our lodge is currently experiencing has David's name written all over it. God bless you Dave, now and forever.

Thanks to all of you who have proposed the 157 new members over the last five years. I feel fortunate to have had plus membership four of the five years as your ER. Special thank you to this year's top proposers Chuck Archer, Sherry Mayo, and Lissa Dod.

The House Committee is aware of issues with our emailing system. We are in the process of fixing the issues. We hope to have it fixed by the time you receive this. Also, if you know of a member having email issues you can tell them the most current and past newsletters can be accessed at stauntonelks351.com.

Most of our membership has not signed up at elks.org and virginiaelks.org. Both websites have tons of National and State level information. I encourage you to sign up for both.

February and March mean membership renewal time. Grand Lodge has made it possible to renew online. Doing it this way is a big savings of time and expense for our lodge. I hope you will take advantage of this fast and easy way to renew your membership. Due to increasing insurance costs, the dues for the coming year are \$104.00. Chuck will either hand you your new card at the lodge, or it will be mailed to you. Please renew as soon as possible prior to the end of March.

We have lots going on in March at the Lodge. Make sure to check out the calendar. I hope that you will plan to attend the ER social on March 12th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm, with awards at 6:00pm.

It has been an honor to serve as ER for the past five years. I know that you will support our new officers just as you have supported me, and I look forward to seeing you around the Lodge.

One final time, fraternally yours,

Justin

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Justin Reiter
Leading Knight	Matt Sutton
Loyal Knight	Diana Craig
Lecturing Knight	Eva Garber
Secretary	Chuck Archer
Treasurer	Carolyn Curry
Inner Guard	Eric Cobb
Esquire	Edgar Jones
Tiler	Joe Mader
Chaplain	Rader Dod

Trustees

Trustee Chair:
Gary McQuain
Kenny Oaks
Mike Myers
Nancy Dickerson
Jeff Byrd

House Committee

Robbie Miller- Chairman
Alie Neal
Diane Craig
Cliff Edwards
Rader Dod
Joe Mader
Matt Sutton



Don't forget about our facebook page!!
Staunton elks 351

FYI

Check out www.stauntonelks351.com for updates on social quarters renovation, past issues of the bugle, and more!

If you want to be on the email list send your contact info to hcelks@gmail.com

Special Notice

Staunton Elks will be hosting a blood drive on August 8, 2022 in MaCaffery Hall. This drive is open to the public and members. Please sign up at hcelks@gmail.com

Membership

Dues Notice

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Key Cards

It has come to my attention that some of the new key cards for the new security system were mailed to paid members without any explanation. The new cards are plain plastic and have your membership status electronically uploaded to your card. Simply swipe card across the sensor and open door while it is buzzing.

You will continue to receive a printed card with your name, number, number of years, etc. for each year but you will not be receiving a new key card. If you lose or damage either the key card or your membership card, contact the Secretary for another.

Please Sign Your Card

If you have any questions concerning your status, please contact Secretary

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!**

AWAITING INITIATION

John Bourgeois
Tracy Garland
Michael Russell
Chad Welcher
Brock Yeago
Tricia Denise Cotter
Loren Lacey
Denise Cotter
Aaron Harrell
Loren Lacy
Lynn Smilley
Dora Sneed
Kevin Wilkes

The Joy of Giving

Total since April 1, 2021 \$29,445
Elk Volunteer Hours since April 1, 2021 410

March Birthdays

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| 3 | Fauber, Michael |
| 3 | Sheets, Christian |
| 3 | Via, Ronnie |
| 5 | Fitzgerald, Hunter |
| 5 | Kelly, Becky |
| 6 | Sherwin, Walt |
| 8 | McCauley III, Charles |
| 9 | Green, Ben |
| 10 | Bocock, Robert |
| 10 | Boykan, Joseph |
| 10 | Clarke, Jerry |
| 12 | Lafferty, Michael |
| 14 | Dudley, Robert |
| 14 | Farley, Clinton |
| 15 | Morrison, Christopher |
| 15 | Yeago, Linda |
| 17 | Garber, Ronald |
| 18 | Simmons, Timothy |
| 19 | Rockwell, Robert |
| 20 | Ansbach, Mike |
| 20 | Eckert, O'Donnell |
| 22 | Smith, Richard |
| 24 | Forde, Donovan |
| 25 | Taylor, Stephen |
| 27 | Smith, Catherine |
| 27 | Wilhelm, Thomas |
| 27 | Zaccaria, Jerry |
| 28 | Baber, Robert |
| 29 | Robertson, Mark |
| 30 | Baker, Donald |
| 30 | Kiracofe, Stephen |
| 30 | Kucer, Thomas |

Happy Birthday!



The FeFe File



Happy March!

I am excited to announce we will be rolling out an updated menu with the new addition of Flat Bread Pizzas (Cheese, Veggie, Pepperoni and Supreme options).

Saturdays Breakfast will now run from 8am to 11am and we will run breakfast all but one Saturday per month on a normal basis.

As you know, food costs are soaring. Like you in the local grocery stores, we feel the pain from our vendors prices. For instance, the cost of chicken wings per pound has increased roughly 41%. We ask that you be patient as we try to get through the shortage of certain items. There may be items that we just can't get in and they may not be available from time to time.

On a positive note, we have some great live entertainment coming in March. Steve Cash of Bottoms Up and Timeless will be singing some great tunes for you to dance to and we will have plenty of great food coming your way.

As a reminder, the kitchen menus and hours are:

- Monday - Bar Menu only 3pm to 10pm
- Tuesday - Kitchen open 12pm to 8pm
- Wednesday - Kitchen open 3pm to 8pm
- Thursday - Kitchen open 3pm to 8pm
- Friday - Kitchen open 12pm to 10pm
- Saturday - Breakfast 8am to 11am and 12pm to 7pm
- Sunday - Kitchen is open 12 pm to 7pm

As always, we appreciate your patronage and support, and we feel great about the direction we are going. Business and food sales are at an all-time high and we couldn't do it without our wonderful staff, house committee, trustees, and members.

With much love,

Felicia (FeFe) Sheets



3 women (Elks 351 makes a donation to Mary Baldwin College in support of their 5K race to fight human trafficking.)



Fire Chief (Congratulations to Staunton Fire and Rescue Chief Scott Garber on being named Virginia Fire Chief of the year 2021. Thanks for your service to our community, and to B.P.O.E. Chief!)

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

		1 Taco Tuesday	2 Dinner Special	3 Lunch Special	4 Dinner/ Lunch Special	5 Breakfast @8
6	7 Lodge Meeting @ 7pm	8 Taco Tuesday	9 Dinner Special	10 Lunch Special	11 Dinner/ Lunch Special Steve Cash Music	12 Breakfast @8 ER Social 5-9
13	14 House Committee @6pm	15 Taco Tuesday	16 Dinner Special	17 Lunch Special St. Patricks Day	18 Dinner/ Lunch Special	19 Breakfast @8
20	21 Lodge Meeting @ 7pm	22 Taco Tuesday	23 Dinner Special	24 Lunch Special	25 Dinner/ Lunch Special Timeless Band	26 Breakfast @8
27	28 Trustees Meeting @6pm	29 Taco Tuesday	30 Dinner Special	31 Lunch Special		

