

OCTOBER 2023

THE BUGLE

Staunton Elks B.P.O.E 351

FROM THE EXALTED RULER:

Hello members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Football is in full swing and we have had some good crowds down at the Lodge this past month. Thanks to everyone for coming and supporting the Rathskeller. The food has been great! Thanks to FeFe and staff for doing an incredible job. We have had McCaffery hall full a few times this past month. We will fill it up again this coming October as well.

We had the District Deputy Jason Tee Hicks come for the annual DD visit with his team. FeFe cooked us an incredible meal after his inspection. It all went well, he had a lot of good compliments for us. Especially the good work we do for our community, Paul Hively Safety Glass program, Coats for Kids, Scholarships, Elks Cinderella Dress project, Youth Camp, Hoop Shoot, the Shelburne food pantry, Christmas baskets, Drug Awareness, Veterans, and our golf tournaments. Thanks to the great group of members who pull together and accomplish so many great things. We are truly blessed to have such a caring group. If you haven't volunteered to help on any of these projects and you want to get involved, let me know or let one of the officers know. We will point you in the right direction. Elks Care and Elks Share and that is a fact.

October is here and the elks are busy as can be. We will have our next meeting on October 2, no initiation, there are 3-4 ready for initiation but there will be 7-8 more ready so we will hold off until November to initiate again. October 14 will be a big weekend for the Lodge, not only will there be a golf tournament but the drawdown will be held that Saturday night. The lodge will close and only ticket holders will be allowed in. Please get your tickets soon. Remember one ticket is good for 2 people, food, drinks and entertainment, plus a chance to win the grand prize. I think it is a heck of a deal. The golf tournament will continue for day 2 Sunday October 15. There are going to be some tired golfers come Sunday afternoon, LOL. We have been asked to do the hospitality room at the State Convention in Virginia Beach October 27-28. I asked FeFe to come help us with that so we may be short-handed that weekend at the lodge.

Coming up in November, Veterans Day, Please sign up at the bar. We will be doing our annual presentation on Veterans day. We will be sending one Veteran Mr. Greenlee to the Parade of Heros Celebration for the weekend. Mr. Grennlee was recommended to us by the Late Keith Maddox from the AMvets Post 511. The Elks raised the money back in April's golf tournament to send one veteran to this event.

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 1st 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 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



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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,
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 taour website and
click the link to sign up.

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 2681

Staunton, VA 24402

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE MEETING & INITIATION

Lodge Meeting with special guest - District Deputy - September 18, 2023 @ 7PM
Gene Lilly
Tammy Lilly
Peggy Henderson
Ken Henderson
Joe Hodges
Braxton Yeago
Brian Ringgold
Larry Thornton
Howard Douglas Marsh

Elks care,
Elks Share!

Staunton Elk #351 Members

The Community Activities Committee is in need of your assistance. We want to reach out to your immediate family members (parents, spouses, children, grandchildren, and siblings) who are currently serving in the military. The committee wants to show our support and appreciation to those protecting our country. We ask if you have a member of your family serving to provide us with their name, branch of the military, and mailing address. This information can be sent to Debbie McQuain at dmcquain@gmail.com.

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2 - John Bourgeois
October 2 - James Harry
October 2 - Lauren Lacey
October 2 - Robert Lee
October 2 - Monica Rutledge
October 3 - Eric Cobb
October 3 - Gary Gum
October 6 - Roger Baber
October 6 - Julian Coleman
October 6 - Donald Jennings
October 6 - Stuart Trask
October 6 - Michelle Wynn
October 8 - Johnny Moore
October 8 - William Sowers
October 9 - Edgar Jones
October 10 - Charles Burton
October 10 - Thomas Otto
October 11 - Thomas Byerly
October 11 - Bruce Rupert
October 12 - Andrew Bartley
October 12 - James Belshee
October 12 - Ken Austin Cason
October 14 - Patricia Claffey
October 16 - Kenneth Pawlik
October 17 - Alvah Mattox
October 17 - Willis Rife
October 18 - Helen Sexton
October 19 - Nick Collins
October 19 - Eva Garber
October 20 - Agnes Edwards
October 21 - Evelyn Bocock
October 21 - Randy Fultz
October 22 - Thomas Huntley
October 23 - Lacy King
October 25 - Kahle Giesen
October 26 - David Melvin
October 26 - Todd Lockridge
October 28 - Diana Craig
October 28 - Daniel Lamay
October 28 - John Rutan
October 29 - Jeffrey Collins



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

OCTOBER 2023

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6 - Steve Cash 6:30-9:30 PM
FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 - Joey Knott 6:30-9:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2023

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 - Steve Cash 6:30-9:30 PM

DECEMBER 2023

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



THE FEFE FILE

Happy October to all. I absolutely love this time of year and the weather is the best. My family is gearing up for a busy fall of college visits for Hannah, which is exciting and sad.

I am excited to report to you all that September was a very productive month for The 351. Sales are good and catering events were awesome. We catered the Staunton Hall of Fame dinner at Staunton High School, the Waynesboro Cotillion dinner, a high school reunion for Buffalo Gap Class of 68' and a retirement luncheon for Judy Sorrell as well as prepared a wonderful dinner for our District Deputy and crew. I am happy to report that all events went well, and it appears that membership activity is going well. I must say as an active member of the Staunton Elks myself, for 7 years, I feel really good about what we are accomplishing here.

Food cost is still absolutely outrageous but as always our food rep is an amazing lady and always meets with me every week to ensure we are getting the best product for the money. Taco Tuesdays every week has been a big success. I have brought back chili and will be introducing a soup of the week starting next month.

October is looking like another stellar month. We have two live music events set for October 6 with Steve Cash from 6:30-9:30 PM and October 20 with Joey Knott from 6:30-9:30 PM. We have several catering events, with R.E. Lee Class of 69' for Gary McQuain on October 7 from 5-8 PM in McCaffrey Hall as well as R.E. Lee Class of 83' with Eric Cobb & Mark Bowels on October 21, in McCaffrey Hall. We are also having the Dave Miller Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 (See Golf flyer in this newsletter for more information. We will feed the golfers lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The 351 is also gearing up for our big event, The Draw Down, that is set to be held on Saturday, October 14 as well. The lodge will close that day at 5 PM, unless you have purchased a ticket for The Draw Down. The event will kick off with a cocktail session and follow up with a buffet style meal, beverages are included. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information pertaining to the event. Everyone with a ticket must see FeFe, Robbie or Eric for your wristband for the event. We will also be attending the Elks State Convention October 27-29 in VA Beach and the Staunton Elks lodge is in charge of the hospitality room for our District. I will also be attending a food show in Richmond, October 9. So, again October will be a very busy month for the lodge.

We are still collecting items for the Shelburne pantry. The box is located in the front lobby of the lodge and has a list that is updated monthly with items needed. There is also information in this newsletter regarding the Staunton Elks Veterans' project. Elks Care Elks Share!!

Please remember there is a \$10 minimum on all credit card transactions (not including tip), there is a 2-bottle limit per member due to space restrictions and as always we ask for your patience and support.

With love and happiness

Felicia "FeFe" Sheets

Dave Miller 3rd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

\$125 PER PERSON
OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2023
GYPSY HILL GOLF COURSE

Shotgun Start 9:00AM

Texas Scramble the First Day
Captain Choice the Second
Day

Prizes, Food & Beverages at the
Lodge
Each Day After Round

Sign Up at Bar or Call/Text
Eric Cobb: 540-457-7000
Rob Miller: 540-290-2034



OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Meeting @ 7PM	3 Taco Tuesday	4 Dinner Special	5	6 Lunch Dinner Special Live Music with Steve Cash	7 b-fast 8-11 Catering RE Lee Class of 69'
8	9 FeFe @ Foodshow	10 Taco Tuesday	11 Dinner Special	12	13 Lunch Dinner Special	14 b-fast 7am-11 Golf Tournament Draw Down
15 Golf Tournament	16	17 Taco Tuesday	18 Dinner Special	19	20 Lunch Dinner Special Live Music with Joey Knott	21 b-fast 8-11 Catering RE Lee Class of 83'
22	23	24 Taco Tuesday	25 Dinner Special	26	27 Lunch Dinner Special State Convention	28 No Breakfast State Convention
29 State Convention	30	31 Taco Tuesday				

OCTOBER 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 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

JOIN US FOR A
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PARTY

The Staunton Elks 351

OCTOBER

14

2023

\$100 PER TICKET

includes beverages & dinner for two

GRAND PRIZE \$2000

PLUS MANY OTHER PRIZES

5 PM – hors d'oeuvres & cocktails

6:30 PM – dinner

7:30 PM – prize drawings

Tickets will be on sale at the bar 8/1
or see FeFe, Eric Cobb or Robbie for
more information

5 PM - Hors d'oeuvres & cocktails

Shrimp Cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, mini egg rolls, caprese skewers, salmon balls

6:30 PM - Buffet style dinner

Pork Brisket, Tuscan style chicken breast, heirloom rosemary roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls & butter, mini brownie bites and mini lemon bars

Cocktails: Main bar and bar in McCaffrey Hall - alcohol will be included, mixed drinks (drink menu will be available) and beer