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Social Room

Social Room is open

Thursdays and Fridays

from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

1st Friday.. **Nathans Hot Dog**

2nd Friday.....**Grill Night**

3rd Friday.....**Pizza Night**

4th Friday..... **Pot Luck**

Beer & Wine

Beer \$4 a glass

Wine \$4 a glass

Bartenders Needed

To serve once or twice per month.

Call John Owen

540-330-6341

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Lennie Hutton

Hello everyone,

As summer is upon us, I want to wish all who are traveling safe travels and I hope your trips are enjoyable. The National Convention is fast approaching, and Denise and I are looking forward to attending again this year. This year I believe Membership growth needs to be a renewed effort. As I end my messages, many hands make light work; we need to be looking to add to the available hands by increasing membership.

I want to challenge everyone to find one person to join with us. If every member would bring in one new member in the next year, we would effectively double our membership. That would be a wonderful boost for our Lodge.

Continue to seek ways to live out and exercise the principles of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, in your daily lives for the betterment of our community and our Order. Continue to promote our Order and always remember, that many hands make light work. God Bless and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge at a meeting or in the Social Room.

In your service,
Lennie

Leonard M. Hutton
First Sergeant, U.S. Army (Retired)
Exalted Ruler



FLAG DAY

On Flag Day, we commemorate the adoption of the United States flag, which symbolizes the evolution of the American government and nation. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the first fraternal organization to require formal observance of Flag Day. On June 12th, Flag Day was observed at Centertown Park, with volunteers from the lodge including Lennie Hutton, Keith Campbell, Sandra Angel, Linda Powell, John and Nancy Owen, Darryl Garrison, Gail StClair, Joe Arthur, Jeanne Cayton, and Linda Parker. The event also received assistance from the Cadets of the Susie G. Gibson Science and Technology Center Army JROTC program, and the American Legion Board Canady Post 54.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| JUNE 25 | Hosting Veterans visiting D-Day memorial for Lunch |
| JUNE 28 | Pot Luck |
| JUNE 30 – JULY 3 | Grand Lodge Convention, Austin TX |
| JULY 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>social room closed</i> |
| JULY 12 | Grill Night |
| JULY 15 | Board Meeting 6 P.M. |
| JULY 16 | Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting |
| JULY 19 | Pizza Night |
| JULY 26 | Pot Luck |
| AUGUST 2 | Nathan's famous hot dogs |
| AUGUST 9 | Grill Night Campers Night |
| AUGUST 16 | Pizza Night |
| AUGUST 17 | VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP 75 TH ANNIVERSARY 11 A.M - 4 P.M. |
| AUGUST 19 | Board Meeting 6 P.M. |
| AUGUST 20 | Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting |
| AUGUST 23 | Pot Luck |
| AUGUST 28 | First Responders Annual BBQ |

CHECK THE
"SOCIAL ROOM" ON PAGE 1
FOR FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

REMEMBER LODGE SOCIAL ROOM OPEN THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS 5-8

YOUTH CAMP NEWS

VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Save the Date! All Elk members are invited to the 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Virginia Elks Youth Camp on Saturday, August 17th. The event will be from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. and feature plenty of festivities. Stay tuned for more details in your e-mail blast.

FUND-RAISER DINNERS

Special thanks to all the members and guests who supported the Youth Camp fund raising dinners this winter and spring. We organized two dinners to raise money to help send children from the community to the Virginia Elks Youth Camp. The first dinner, Gumbo Night, took place on January 29th and was a great success. We want to extend our gratitude to our Exalted Ruler, Lennie Hutton, for preparing such a delicious dinner to support the campers this year. The second dinner, the Manicotti Dinner, was held on April 26th and was provided by Denise Hutton. Through the two dinners and the continuous support from tip jars in the social room, we were able to raise enough funding to support the campers and provide some wish list items for the Virginia Elks Youth Camp.

t the Youth Camp Fund raiser Dinner on January 29th – Gumbo Night – Mr. Johnny Toler generously donated to the Bedford Elks Lodge 2844 Youth Camp Fund-raiser. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Toler for his generous support in helping the Bedford Elks Lodge send kids to camp.

(Photo – John Owen, Lennie Hutton, Johnny Toler, Denise Hutton, Laurie Stuckey)



WORKDAY

Lennie and Denise Hutton from the Bedford Elks, along with Steve and Liz Brandtner from Roanoke Lodge #197, participated in the work weekend at the Virginia Elks Youth Camp. They prepared a cabin for the upcoming season and assisted with various maintenance tasks.

CAMP DATES

Camp week for Girls: July 7th – July 13th
Camp week for Boys: July 21st – July 27th

WELCOME BACK CAMPERS DINNER

Join us to hear directly from the campers about their experiences during their week at camp. Campers from our lodge are invited to attend the event at the Bedford Elks Lodge 2844 on Friday, August 9th and enjoy a pizza and ice cream bar. Dinner will start at 5:30 P.M., followed by camper presentations at 6:00 P.M.

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HOOP SHOOT 2024 SEASON

BY DENISE HUTTON

Mr. Ty Willard was the Champion of the Virginia State Hoop Shoot for boys 10–11 years old. Ty Willard and his family were invited to attend The National Hoop Shoot Contest held in Chicago, Illinois April 19th – 21st. Mr. Ty Willard did an outstanding job representing the Bedford Elks Lodge and the State of Virginia. This is a tough competition and all the kids who attend are winners in our book. We look forward to seeing Ty Willard returning in January 2025 for another round of hoop shoots. Bedford Elks Lodge #2844 had four Elks in attendance (John and Nancy Owen, Lennie, and Denise Hutton to cheer Ty on during the Hoop Shoot. The weekend of festivities allowed Elks, Hoop Shoot Contenders, and their families to enjoy some sightseeing and good fellowship. Thank you to Lynn Rutherford-Snow for your outstanding service to Elks Hoop Shoot



Ty Willard shooting from the line



←Ty Willard shooting one of many shots for the hoop
Dennis Henline, Lennie and Denise Hutton at BPOE Veterans Memorial,



Ty Willard and family with John and Nancy Owen, Lennie and Denise Hutton



Ty Willard and Eva Reed with family members, Lynn Rutherford-Snow, John and Nancy Owen, Lennie and Denise Hutton



Nancy Owen, Lynn Rutherford-Snow, and Denise Hutton at social for Elks after Hoop Shoot Awards



Nancy and John Owen at Wrigley Field for a Cubs game



John and Nancy Owen, Lennie and Denise Hutton in front of Hoop Shoot Photo Prop



John and Nancy Owen, Lennie, and Denise Hutton at social for Elks after Hoop Shoot Awards



JROTC AWARDS BANQUET

Four Bedford Elks - Ken Parker, Linda Parker, Denise Hutton, and Lennie Hutton - attended the Susie G. Gibson Science and Technology Center JROTC end-of-year awards banquet on May 12th. Mr. Devin Thomas received The Elks JROTC award for being recognized as a true leader in academic achievement and community service projects, and for maintaining the highest standards of performance in all areas of endeavor. The award was presented by Ken and Linda Parker.

(left – Ken and Linda Parker with award recipient Devin Thomas)

(right – Ken and Linda Parker, Lennie, and Denise Hutton with award recipient Devin Thomas)



Lennie and Denise Hutton at Wrigley Field for Cubs game

Happy July Birthday

- 8 Keith Campbell
- 9 Donald Adams
- 14 Joseph Pillow
- 20 Sue N. Croft
- 21 Donna Plamondon
- 22 Edith Arthur
- 22 Glen Delong



Elk Statue guarding the entrance of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks

Happy August Birthday

- 12 Pamela M. Crawford
- 12 H. Paul Rhodes
- 12 Louise Smith
- 14 Michael D. Amert
- 17 Kenneth A. Parker
- 22 Eddie Burnette
- 22 John Crouse
- 24 William Fedele
- 26 Sandra Angel

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please come help your community and your lodge at these important events.

LODGE SECRETARY OPEN

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nancy Owen 540-330-9578, or John Owen 540-330-6341.

FIRST RESPONDERS ANNUAL BBQ AUGUST 28TH

This is the day to honor the service and sacrifice of those answering the call of need. Please contact Nancy Owen to help – 540-330-9578

The set-up is 9:30 A.M. lunch served 11:00 – 2:00



CANNED GOODS DONATION

In every community, there are always needs that go unfulfilled. This food drive is a great way to provide some support. While monetary donations help keep nonprofits going, donation drives help meet specific needs, especially when supply shortages are common. It is that time of year for our support. Hunger is not just at holiday time. Please consider donating non-perishable food, paper goods, cleaning supplies, or toiletries to fill our donation box at the lodge.

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