

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 19	Board Meeting 5:30 P.M. Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
MAY 25	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 2	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
JUNE 10	FLAG DAY CEREMONY at CenterTown Park 9 A.M.
JUNE 14	FLAG DAY
JUNE 16	Board Meeting 5:30 P.M. Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
JUNE 19	JUNETEENTH
JUNE 21	FATHER'S DAY
JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 21	Board Meeting 5:30 P.M. Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting NOTE: Only July meeting
AUGUST 18	Board Meeting 5:30 P.M. Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting NOTE: Only August meeting
AUGUST 19	First Responders' Luncheon 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. volunteers needed

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FOR FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

**REMEMBER LODGE SOCIAL
ROOM OPEN FRIDAYS 5 – 8**



Flag Day Ceremony

9 A.M. Wednesday, June 10th

CENTERTOWN PARK
PRESENTED BY

- ★ Bedford – Lynchburg Elks Lodge 321
- ★ American Legion Board Canady Post 54
- ★ Susie G Gibson Science and Technology Center
Army JROTC Program

FLAG DAY – JUNE 10TH, 9:00 A.M.

Flag Day will be at Centertown Park on Wednesday, June 10. This is your opportunity to hear and experience the history of the flags and what they stand for. The flag is more than a piece of cloth flown from a staff. It is the symbol of a nation's basic ideas and purposes. (From website Americanism)

2025 – 2026 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

The essay contest this past Elk year was, "*What Does Service to Your Country Mean to You?*" Our lodge received 20 essays from 5th grade to 7th grade. The lodge had 1 First place 7th grade State winner – Alexander Callahan from Liberty Middle School, 2 Third place State winners – 5th grade – Orion West from R.S. Payne, and 6th grade State winner – Gianna Connelly – Liberty Middle School.

*So long as there are veterans,
the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
will never forget them.*

MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 25TH

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Many communities and families display flags to show their respect for the many who died for our country.



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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION

Elijah Callahan from Heritage High School won a \$4,000 scholarship. Zebulon Goldman from Rustburg High School and Elizabeth Johnson from Jefferson Forest High School each will also receive a \$4,000 scholarship. These scholarships are among the millions of dollars that come from the Grand Lodge to help students further their education. All students from the Bedford – Lynchburg Area

THIS IS THE REASON FOR AN INDIVIDUAL'S DONATION TO ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. Your donation funds the communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work.

WHAT DO THE OFFICERS DO?

Each newsletter we will focus on two officers

Esteemed Loyal Knight (Sandra Angel) The Loyal Knight assists the Exalted Ruler in performing their duties and officiates for the Exalted Ruler in their absence and in the Leading Knight's absence.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight (Linda Parker) is a greeter at Lodge functions, exemplifying a spirit of brotherly love. And like the Loyal Knight, assists the Exalted Ruler in the performance of their duties and officiates for the Exalted Ruler in their absence and in the absence of the Leading Knight and the Loyal Knight.

Both officers ascertain if all attending are members qualified to remain in the meeting during the opening of the Lodge. The officers report their findings to the Exalted Ruler

VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP

This year we are sending boys to camp July 5 – 11, and girls July 19 – 25 We have already recruited enough campers to fill the five slots we are allocated for the camps. We still have more kids interested in attending. If you would like to sponsor an additional camper for \$175, please let Denise Hutton (803-240-9739) know ASAP due to application deadlines.

DAN WEIGAND SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students who are obtaining a post-high school education. This is set up as an Educational Fund. This year, we chose 5 applicants out of 11 who applied. Those 5 will receive \$1000 towards their college tuition, paid directly to their college of choice. The 5 awards from the Bedford-Lynchburg area went to:

Z'Neyasia Newbill	Brookville High School
Gracin Long	Jefferson Forest High School
Jack Wilkerson	Appomattox High School
Savannah Jones	Appomattox High School
Joseph Payne	JROTC – Susie G. Gibson Technology Center

Happy June Birthday

- 2 Linda Powell
- 5 Jeanette Richardson
- 8 Denise M. Hutton
- 8 David Scott
- 11 Robert Shelor
- 13 David William Cannon
- 16 Deborah C. Key
- 25 James Y. Harvey Jr.
- 26 Stacey Hailey
- 28 Gene R. Thomas
- 30 Elizabeth Overstreet
- 30 Lynn O. Scott

FIRST RESPONDERS BBQ

Again, the Lodge will be feeding BBQ to our First Responders who give of themselves daily on Wednesday, August 19th, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. This is an important time, and we need many volunteers. If you can help, please call Nancy Owen – 540-330-9578

Happy July Birthday

- 1 Glenn Flint Jr
- 3 Ted A. Swanson
- 8 Keith Campbell
- 9 Donald Adams
- 9 Sandra Eubank
- 11 Linda Evans
- 14 Joseph Pillow
- 16 Henry Camper
- 21 Donna Plamondon
- 22 Glen Delong

Bedford - Lynchburg Elks Lodge 321 invites all First Responders to Lunch

Wednesday August 19th 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. 134 West Main Street Downtown Bedford

Presentation of Colors by Susie G. Gibson Science and Technology Center Army JROTC Program

COME JOIN US FOR EAT IN, TAKE OUT, DELIVERY

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



CANNED GOODS DONATION

Please contact Darryl Garrison 434-610-5867

Our food drive is an ongoing project to provide needed canned goods to our community. We as Elks can distribute to people who may not afford food. This is our opportunity to make a small donation for this continued project. As you come to the lodge, Please bring non-perishable food, paper goods, cleaning supplies or toiletries to fill our donation box at the lodge.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Handbags of Hope

Please consider donating to the Handbags of Hope project to benefit the Domestic Violence Center.

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