



BEDFORD ELKS LODGE NEWS

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Social Room

Social Room is open

Thursdays and Fridays

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

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 540-586-6200

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Linda Parker

Happy New Year, 2023 will be a wonderful year for the Elks. Thank you everyone for all the help you do every day to help and promote the Elks and help people in need. We had a good turnout for Hoop Shoot on January 9th. District Finals will be Saturday January 21st at Liberty Middle School. Good luck to all the participants. Thank you, Jamey Crawford, for all you did to bring this together. The Blood Mobile was a success thanks to everyone who came out to help.

The donations of blankets for *Keeping our Veterans Warm* are helping veterans stay warm. Join us for the many activities at the Social Room on Thursday and Friday nights.

On Saturday, February 11th, there will be a parade through downtown Bedford at 11 A.M. to honor Alpha Company home from deployment in The Horn of Africa. Thank you, Elks, for all you did to write letters and send packages to the soldiers. After the parade, there will be a luncheon at the Armory to meet the soldiers to whom Elks sent packages. All Elks are invited.

Thank you all for your hard work and it's an honor to work with you.

Exalted Ruler

Linda Parker



SUCCESSFUL BLOODMOBILE

Many thanks to members, Linda Parker, Keith Campbell, Susan Irby, Jeanne Cayton, Gail StClair, Bill Fedele, Gene Thomas, and John and Nancy Owen. It was a great success! With the volume of donors (54) We could help 135 individuals.

(picture – All of the above except Bill Fedele, Jeanne Cayton, and Gail StClair)



DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 17	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
JANUARY 21	Hoop Shoot
FEBRUARY 7	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
FEBRUARY 11	Parade for Alpha Company 11 A.M. Centertown Bedford.
FEBRUARY 14	Valentines Day ♥
FEBRUARY 20	Presidents Day
FEBRUARY 21	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting, Mardi Gras
FEBRUARY 22	Ash Wednesday
MARCH 7	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
MARCH 17	Saint Patricks Day

DONATIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER AND LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL CLOSET



On December 12th the lodge donated approximately \$1200 in diaper needs, kitchen needs, and shelter cleaning needs. The shelter has been focusing on the families that have had to use this service. When a family is in distress our community is fortunate to have a facility that can help a family reunite and gain strength. January 6th a donation was made to Liberty High School Closet.



Lisa Bailey, DV Services Coordinator; Nancy Owen, PDDGER; and Donnetta Davis, DV Case Manager

KEEPING OUR VETERANS WARM FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Bedford Elks Lodge 2844 held a blanket drive called *Keeping our Veterans Warm for the Holidays*. The drive was held for a short time, but with donations from members and community partners, we were able to collect 57 blankets. A **BIG** thank you to all who generously gave this past holiday season.

On December 23rd, Lennie and Denise Hutton (members of Lodge 2844) and family guest MAJ Josh Howell and his daughter LillyAnna Howell delivered the 57 blankets to Christie Hall, Assistant Activities Director of the Virginia Care Center in Salem, VA. The facility cares for 180 Veteran residents. Even though we were able to provide blankets for 32% of the Veterans, our goal is to reach 100% by December 2023.

Thank you again for your generosity in giving to our Veterans.

If you would like to participate in *Keeping our Veterans Warm for the Holidays*, you can drop off blankets to the Bedford Elks Lodge 2844 at 134 W. Main St. Bedford, VA 24523, or contact Denise Hutton at (803)240-9739.

Picture provided by Lennie Hutton



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LOCAL HOOP SHOOT – JANUARY 7TH, 2023

The Elks Hoop Shoot highlights the Elk's commitment to youth through its annual free throw basketball contest. Students aged 8–13 compete in this contest from the schools in Bedford. Jamey Crawford is the Local Hoop Shoot Director. Pictures show the winners of each age category both male and female. Thanks to the lodge members who contributed their time and a big thank you to JROTC of Susie G. Gibson Science and Technology Center. Many thanks to Member Jim Messier, Arthur's Jewelry for the donation of the winners' plates.

Volunteers are needed for the district Hoop Shoot Saturday January 21, 2023 at Liberty Middle School. Volunteers arrive at 11:15 A.M. the shoot begins at noon. Contact Hoop Shoot Director Jamey Crawford at (434)851-3694 to sign up



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- Lodge Officer
- Nominations and
- Elections Nominations
- are open at the
- Lodge Meeting on
- February 7th. Officer
- Elections will be held
- at the Lodge Meeting
- on February 21st
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CANNED GOODS DONATION

On December 12th the lodge donated 126 cans of food to Main Street United Methodist Church. Pastor Dawn Compton and the congregation distributed to over 50 families this past season. According to Pastor Compton, this was a source of light and love for our community. Thank you to our lodge members who contributed to this effort.

Nancy Owen and Pastor Dawn Compton



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



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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LODGE SECRETARY OPEN

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

