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## FROM THE EXALTED RULER

*Lennie Hutton*

Hello everyone,

I hope December was full of Holiday Cheer for everyone and that you had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas and New Year with loved ones. January will be a busy month for our lodge. We will host the Lodge Hoop Shoot on the 6th and then the District Shoot on the 20th. The night before, on the 19th, Denise and I will have our Gumbo Fund-raiser for the Youth Camp. Bowls of gumbo will be \$10 and to-go orders are welcome. As always, 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



RING IN THE NEW YEAR  
HAPPY 2024

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

## Social Room

Social Room is open

**Thursdays and Fridays**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday.. **Nathans Hot Dog**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.....**Grill Night**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday.....**Pizza Night**

4<sup>th</sup> 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**

JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>

## HOOP SHOOT

### LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bedford lodge hosts the Hoop Shoot on January 6<sup>th</sup> 9 A.M.

Volunteers arrive by 8:30 A.M.

We are also hosting the District Hoop Shoot

January 20<sup>th</sup>. 11 A.M Volunteers arrive by 10:30 A.M.

Pizza party follows at the lodge

**CONTACT: JAMIE CRAWFORD 434-851-3694**



FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOON – 6 P.M.

## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Mark your Calendar. Your help makes this a great success.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>DECEMBER 21</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M.
<b>DECEMBER 22</b>	Dirty Santa Bingo - bring a wrapped gift (\$10) and appetizer to share
<b>DECEMBER 25</b>	Merry Christmas
<b>DECEMBER 28-29</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M. no food
<b>JANUARY 1</b>	Happy New Year
<b>JANUARY 2</b>	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
<b>JANUARY 4</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M.
<b>JANUARY 5</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M.
<b>JANUARY 6</b>	Hoop Shoot Liberty Middle School
<b>JANUARY 11</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M.
<b>JANUARY 12</b>	Grill night
<b>JANUARY 15</b>	Martin Luther King Day 5:30 P.M. Board Meeting
<b>JANUARY 16</b>	Lodge meeting at 7 P.M. Social Room open after meeting
<b>JANUARY 18</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M.
<b>JANUARY 20</b>	District Hoop Shoot Liberty Middle school
<b>JANUARY 25</b>	Social Room 5 – 8 P.M.
<b>JANUARY 26</b>	Potluck
<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>	Blood Drive Bedford County Gym 12 – 6 P.M.
<p align="center"><b>CHECK THE "SOCIAL ROOM" ON PAGE 1 FOR FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS</b></p>	

# BEDFORD PREGNANCY CENTER BABY SHOWER

Bedford Lodge 2844 and The Bedford Pregnancy Center held a baby shower for clients of the Pregnancy Center on November 2nd. Through the Spotlight Grant, our Lodge could supply them with car seats, diapers, blankets, books, and more. The Spotlight Grant totaled \$2000. This grant's focus is on education and requires \$600 to be spent on books with the balance going to other children's needs. The largest expense most of these new parents has been to purchase an approved car seat. Through this grant, we were able to buy 10 new car seats. All the balance was used for miscellaneous. items such as diapers, blankets, and accessories. Special thanks to Sandra for knitting 2 dozen baby hats.



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# BOOKS DELIVERED

*Books are our best friends. Books illuminate your imagination.*

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*Books help you form your unique perspective of the world around you.*

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*Books build confidence. Books help you grow mentally and emotionally*

*Books enhance your vocabulary. Books help you learn new languages.*

This is what the lodge does for the community. Through the Beacon Grant, we delivered 300 books to help the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First-grade students at Bedford Primary School. These books go home with each child. They are not the property of the school. It is hoped that this will bring about reading to a sibling or even a parent who cannot read.



Lennie Hutton, John Owen, Chelsea Johnson, Stephanie Levey, and Nancy Owen

## Happy January Birthday

- 2 Roberta Helms
- 3 Patricia L Riley
- 3 Kandy R Shackelford
- 7 Gordon Eubank
- 7 John E Wingfield
- 14 Jamie Snell
- 17 Chelsea A Johnson
- 23 Tim Gilreath
- 23 Timothy Murphy
- 24 Jane K Miller
- 25 James Stanley
- 27 Carol Breitninger

## BEDFORD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS STATION



Front row - Susan Raper - Grant Writer; Patti Brown - Co-Chairman BCCS; Lennie Hutton - President Bedford Elks Lodge; Karen Lundergan - Manager. Second Row -John Owen, PSP; Denny Huff - Director of Bedford Community Health Foundation; Nancy Owen, Trustee

Each year the lodge is honored to present a check to a Christmas Community service organization. The Grand Lodge Chamberlain Fund is managed by the Bedford Community Health Foundation. This year the recipient is the Bedford Community Christmas Station.

## Ronald McDonald House



The lodge continues to save tab tops. What a small thing to do that helps so many. Ronald McDonald's houses are filled with more than help, they

are filled with hope. Families can stay together, rest, and recharge to remain strong for their child, interact with families going through similar experiences, enjoy home-cooked meals, and receive compassionate hospitality from staff and volunteers – all just minutes from the hospital where their child is receiving care. Let's continue.

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and  
Fidelity

# 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.



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FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOON – 6 P.M.

## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Anyone who can help please call Nancy Owen – at 540-330-9578. The help from any donation during the bloodmobile is vital to another person's life



## 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.

