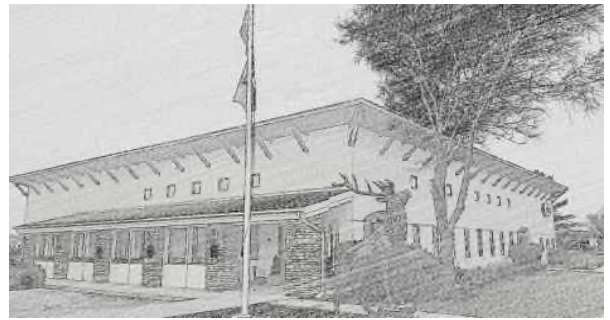


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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



Embracing the Holiday Spirit
 As we transition into the holiday season, the West Des Moines Elks Lodge is filled with warmth and joy. This time of year is about more than just celebrations; it's about coming together as a community, sharing our blessings, and spreading kindness.

A Season of Giving

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on the importance of giving. Whether it's through donating to those in need, volunteering your time, or simply offering a kind word, every act of generosity makes a difference. At the West Des Moines Elks Lodge, we are committed to supporting our community through various outreach programs and initiatives.

Christmas Giving Tree

This year, we are excited to continue our Veteran's Christmas Giving Tree. The tree will be adorned with tags, each representing a gift wish from a child or family of a veteran in need. Members are encouraged to take a tag, purchase the requested gift, and return it to the lodge. Your generosity will help ensure that everyone in our community experiences the joy of the holiday season.

Veteran's Day Program

On November 13th, we will be hosting a special Veteran's Day program to honor and celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country. The program will include a ceremony, guest speakers, and dinner to follow. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice. We encourage all members to attend and bring a guest.

Member Spotlight

I am proud to highlight the contributions of Alvin Cross, who has been a dedicated member of our lodge for 7 years. Alvin consistently steps up to handle many tasks that most people avoid, demonstrating his commitment and hard work. His efforts behind the scenes ensure that our events and programs run smoothly and cleanly. Thank you, Alvin, for your unwavering support and dedication.

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2024-2025
Lodge Officers

- Exalted Ruler..... Michael Buckley
exaltereduler@wdmelks.com
- Leading Knight..... Chrissy Ellis
- Loyal Knight..... Rich Kreitzinger
- Lecturing Knight..... Vicky Taylor

- Esquire Greg Weinschenk
- Tiler..... Mike Holbrook
- Inner Guard..... Nina Steele
- Chaplain..... Frank Dunn

- Treasurer..... Craig Crossland, PER
treasurer@wdmelks.com
- Secretary..... Toby Charloe
secretary@wdmelks.com

Trustees

- 1 Year Trustee..... Mark Radosevich
- 2 Year Trustee..... Jeff Garrison, PER
- 3 Year Trustee..... Greg Weinschenk
- 4 Year Trustee..... Becky Young, PER
- 5 Year Trustee..... Roger Fiori, PER



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ER's Message: Member Spotlight Continued:

I also want to recognize **Nancy Newcomb**, who has served as our Lodge Activities Chair for many years. Nancy's leadership and enthusiasm have been instrumental in organizing countless events and activities that have brought joy and camaraderie to our lodge. As she steps down from her role on November 1st, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of service and dedication. Thank you, Nancy, for your incredible contributions.

Reflecting on Gratitude

As we gather with family and friends, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the things we are grateful for. The West Des Moines Elks Lodge is grateful for each of our members, whose dedication and kindness make our community stronger. Your involvement and support are what make our lodge a special place.

Looking Ahead

As we move through the holiday season, let's continue to embody the spirit of the Elks by supporting one another and our community. Together, we can make this season a time of joy, gratitude, and giving.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the West Des Moines Elks Lodge. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter, and goodwill.

Fraternally, Michael Buckley, Exalted Ruler



A message from Vicky Taylor, Lecturing Knight

Voting

Whilst chatting with my friend Webster the conversation turned to politics. "Dear Webster" I says, "What is the political state we are in"

Webster was swift to respond :

Republic: "A state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

Democracy: "A system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives

I mused over Webster's response. "Tell me dear friend is there truly a difference? " Webster's circuits whirled, clicked and his electric blue eye winked at me. His tone steady he replied " We are on a path or route the complete traversal of which without local change of direction requires returning to the starting point."

"So you are saying we need a reboot?"

"No madam, you need to go VOTE "

My dear friend Webster is always right.

Kind Regards Vicky



TRUSTEE CORNER

The Trustees were asked to review the fee we charge for Wednesday dinner and Sunday breakfast. After review of food costs, the decision was made to increase the cost for Sunday Breakfast from \$10 to \$11. The price for kids will remain the same. The new cost will become effective November 2024. Wednesday dinners will remain the same at \$11.

Several cameras have been fixed inside the lodge with a new camera being installed in the kitchen. Plans are under way to update the outside cameras. Thank You Craig for working on this!

The Trustees discussed our bartender situation. After review of our statues and by-laws it was determined that members can be hired as bartenders. If any member is interested in bartending at the lodge, please reach out to Jeff Garrison.

We are currently accepting bids for the repairs to the back bingo room. We hope to have them in soon so we can get this long overdue project completed.

Thank You,
Roger Fiori PER Head Trustee



A big **THANKYOU** to everyone that helped us with lodge cleanup this year!

Nina Steele, Rich Kreitzinger, Lucy Norton, Karla & Roger Fiori, Becky & Ron Young, Nancy Newcomb, Michael Buckley, Craig Crossland, Dan Peters, Tim Pettit, Gloria Riesberg, Toby Charloe, Larry Cramer, Debbie & Eddie Rumbaugh, Jen & Mike Holbrook, Drake Holbrook, Mike Kozak, Dallas Morris, Rich Sanders, Mark Flohr, Mark Radosevich, and Greg 'Radar' Weinschenk.

The lodge got a good cleaning inside and out. They even cleaned a few places most of us wouldn't have thought of...like the roof!





Breakfast

Report on October's Elk's Monthly PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAKE SALE Held on SUNDAY OCTOBER 13th 2024



Another outstanding pancake breakfast and bake sale serving 165 delicious mouthwatering breakfasts to members and guests. This included complimentary breakfast to 5 Urbandale police officers and one Clive police officer. Also, complimentary breakfast was served to 12 Veterans who were transported to our lodge from the Des Moines Veterans Hospital (Domicile). We thanked the officers and veterans for their service.

We cannot serve our community without our fantastic volunteers: Kathy Peterson (Bar), Doug Laird, Lannie Hale, Dan Norris, Neil Davies, Gloria Riesberg, Alice Jensen, Rosie Surber, Dwight Talor, Vicky Taylor, Nina Steele, Toby Charloe, Brian Becker and Larry Cramer. Great Job guys.

Mark Bergmann has been taking out and bringing in our breakfast signs for years now. Thanks, Mark, for you dedication and hard work. Again, thank you to Nina Steele for delivering left over food to the Bethel Mission that help feed the homeless men in the area.

This month our bake sale brought in \$570 from free will donations. \$235 will go to the Clive Food Pantry and \$235 will go to the Veterans Children Christmas giving project. A big thank you goes out to Jenny Becker, Brian Becker, Debra Brandt, Nancy Newcomb and Jan Peter. Thanks to our members and spouses for providing the items for the Bakesale.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 2024, SERVING FROM 8 AM TO NOON.

Our delicious Breakfast Buffet still includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and chocolate chip Pancakes), orange juice, milk and coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa for only \$3.50. Only \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Remember!! Always the second Sunday of the Month.

All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities. Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.



Giving Back to First Responders

Elks Care - Elks Share





Lodge Activities Committee

LAC MINUTES - 10/21/2024

PRESENT: Joyce McMickle, Gloria Riesberg, Rosie Surber, Toby Charloe, Roy McElvoque III, Mike Kozak, Mike & Jennifer Holbrook, Rich Kreitzinger, Tammy Bechen, Julie Kafer, Roger Fiori, Vicky Taylor, Larry Cramer, Michael Buckley, Becky Young, Nina Steele, and Nancy Newcomb.

LODGE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2024

- 1st/2nd Fri/Sat Elks Fall Conv - Airport Holiday Inn
- 3rd Sun. Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4th Mon. 6:30 pm - Board/Trustee Meeting
- 5th Tues. 7:00 am - 8:00 pm - Voting - Election Day
6:30 pm - Game Night
- 6th Wed. 6:15 pm - Dinner
- 8th Fri. 6:00 pm - Potato Bar - Karla Fiori
8:00 pm - Iowa @ UCLA - Game played at the Rose Bowl - Pasadena, CA
- 10th Sun. 8:00 am - Noon - Elks Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale
- 11th Mon. 7:00 pm - Regular Meeting
- 12th Tues. 2:00 pm - Elks Angels
6:30 pm - Elks Riders (In Aronson Hall)
- 13th Wed. 6:00 pm - Elks Vets Day Serv-Dinner Flws
- 14th Thurs. 6:30 pm - Wine Night
- 15th Fri. 6:00 pm - Christmas Giving Tree Dinner (Soup, Sandwich, Dessert - \$10.00)
Cards Available from tree
- 18th Mon. 6:00 pm - LAC Meeting
- 19th Tues. 6:30 pm - Game Night
- 20th Wed. 6:15 pm - Dinner
- 21st Thurs. 6:30 pm - Bourbon Night
- 23rd Sat. Radosevich Tailgate Party - IA @ Maryland
- 25th Mon. 7:00 pm - Regular Meeting
- 26th Tues. 6:00 pm - Elks Monthly Birthday Party
- 27th Wed. No Dinner
- 28th Thurs. THANKSGIVING DAY - Lodge Closed
- 29th Fri. 6:30 pm - Nebraska vs. Iowa at Iowa City - Hosted by Roger & Rich

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER HELD AT MONTHLY BREAKFAST - 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. ALL MONEY RAISED IS FOR OUR CHARITABLE PROJECTS. INCLUDING:

- Building Fund (Outside Beautification) - July 14th - \$162, August 11th - \$275
- Clive Food Pantry - April 14th - \$335, Aug 11th - \$275, Oct 13th \$285
- Crestview Elementary School - April 14th - \$335, Sept. 9th - \$186.

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...continued (Bake Sale Donations;)

- Easter Seals - Respite Care - June 9th - \$320
- Easter Seals - Summer Camp - July 14th - \$162
- Grimes Food Pantry - June 9th - \$320
- Veterans - Children's Christmas - Sept 9th - \$186, Oct 13th - \$285
- Veterans (CRRC & Other Needs - May 12th - \$325, WDM Heritage Scholarships - May 12th - \$325
- GRAND TOTAL MAY 1, 2024 - OCT 13 2024 - \$3,776**

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS

(See page in this newsletter)

BOURBON NIGHT - (See page in this newsletter)

BUNCO NIGHT - (Cancelled for Nov & Dec)

CLIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES (Food Pantry & Clothes Closet) (See page in this newsletter)

CRESTVIEW SCHOOL OF INQUIRY

(See page in this newsletter)

ELK'S ANGELS - (See page in this newsletter)

ELKS RIDERS - 2nd Tues of Ea Mo at 6:30 pm - in Aronson Hall

GAME NIGHT - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Ea Mo- 6:30 pm

KARAOKE - Canceled November/December

NEW YEARS EVE - TUESDAY - 12-31-2024 (See page in this newsletter)

SCHOLARSHIPS - WEST DES MOINES ELKS LODGE #2752 HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS (College or Trade School) - Karla Fiori

VETERANS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

11-4 - Receive List of Children's Names with 3 wants & 3 needs

11-15 - Dinner & Evening Cards Available for Pickup by Members

12-2 - All purchased Gifts Back to the Lodge

12-18 - Pick up Gifts From Lodge & Deliver

VETERANS - Nina Steele & Nancy Newcomb

Welcome Home Veterans Project:

Nina Steele & Nancy Newcomb

WINE TASTING - (See page in this newsletter)

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-1 - 10:00 am - Elks Memorial Service

12-8 - 8:00 - Noon- Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale

12-13 - 6 pm - Caroling, Candy & Cookie Exchange, Ugly Sweater Contest

12-23 - 6 pm - Eve Before Christmas Eve Party

NO REGULAR MEETING

12-25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - LODGE CLOSED

12-26 - NO BINGO

12-31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE ACTIVITIES

6:30 - 7:30 pm - Pasta Dinner by Tumea & Sons

8:00 pm - Midnight - Entertainment "The Rivas" 1-1-25 - NEW YEAR'S DAY - LODGE CLOSED

NEW PROJECTS - IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS

Recommendations for more EVENTS/SUGGESTIONS:

TOURNAMENTS: Bags, Bowling, Darts, Pool, Drink Specials, Miscellaneous Board Games.

NEXT LAC MEETING - November 18, 2024 - 6 p.m. -

Members, spouses, significant others are all welcome to attend & share ideas/suggestions.

Nancy Newcomb, LAC Chair

It's State Convention Time Friday November 1st & Saturday the 2nd.

The Iowa Elks Association state convention is November 1st and 2nd. It is being held at the Airport Holiday Inn. This convention is required for the lodge officers, but members can attend as well.

Friday night provides everyone to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones at the hospitality rooms. Enjoy the evening talking, listening to the DJ and dancing.

Saturday has the general session from 10 to noon where all Elks are welcome. Saturday night there is a banquet. Once again, the hospitality rooms will be open, along with a DJ and dancing.

Remember, everyone attending will need to register for a wristband which gets you into all the hospitality rooms.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

Iowa Elks Veterans Leather Program 2024

The Iowa Elks Veterans Leather Program has started another season. Remember to ask family members and friends to save their deer hides and bring them to the lodge. Last year our lodge collected a total of 140 hides. **This all starts with your deer hides.**



Iowa's early archery season started Tuesday October 1st thru Friday December 6th.
The 2nd archery season starts Saturday December 23rd thru Monday January 10th 2025.
The first shotgun season starts Saturday December 7th thru Wednesday December 11th.
The second shotgun season starts Saturday December 14th thru Sunday December 22nd.

All of the collected hides will be transported to a New York facility for tanning. The tanned hides will then be given to our veterans at Marshalltown for their leather craft programs. The veterans in turn make leather crafts such as belts, billfolds, purses, coats, vests, gloves, gun cases, wheel chair gloves and many other items. This will be the 26th year that our lodge has participated in this great program. Our Iowa Elks did an outstanding job last year collecting 4268 hides which was 2nd in the nation to Missouri.

Deer hunters – bring you hides to our lodge or call Larry Cramer at (515)783-5262 and we will come and pick them up. We appreciate all of your support and look forward to yet another great year.

Let's make this the best Elk's Veterans Leather Program ever! We need your help! ELKS DO CARE ABOUT OUR VETERANS.



CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF INQUIRY

Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Back to School Supplies Still Needed!

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Crayola Crayons 24 count | Kleenex Rectangular Size Boxes |
| Colored Pencils 12 count | #2 Lead Pencils |
| Pump Hand soap | Back Packs |
| Ruled Writing Paper | Glue Sticks |
| Washable Markers 8 count | Scissors 5" and 7" |
| Black Dry Erase Markers | 3 X 5 Notecards |



If you have other items you would like to donate, GREAT! Bring them in!

Please leave your school supplies donations in the Club Room.

Crestview Elementary is located at 8355 Franklin Ave, Clive, IA. They serve 572 students in grades PK - 6. Minority enrollment is 61% of the student body (majority Hispanic) which is more than the state average of 22%.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Clive Community Services

Our Lodge continues to support Clive Community Services. They are back in business and open Monday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM & Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Clive Community Services offers clothing to all in need. All of our clothing comes from community donations. They do their best to offer high-quality, seasonal clothing in infant to adult sizes. The Clothes Closet is open by appointment.

Donate Plastic grocery bags?

The food Pantry and Clothes Closet uses hundreds of plastic bags to enable their recipients to get their items home. If you have plastic grocery bags that are clean and do not have holes in them, please bring them to the Lodge and place them in the small bingo room. We will deliver them to the center.

Food Pantry Items In Need: Baby Food, Formula, Jasmine Rice, Canned Vegetables, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit packed in juice, Dry Beans, Fresh Produce. Unopened packages; nothing expired please.

Non-Food Items In Need: Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toilet paper, Tissue, Paper Towels, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Food, Diapers especially sizes 4, 5, & 6, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.

November's Items of the Month

Diapers (sizes 5, 6, 7) and Wipes and Baking Supplies (from scratch such as flour, sugar, and baking mixes).



Distinct by Caring

Clive Community Services

Food | Clothing | Medical | Education | Gardening

Pantry Hours: Mon 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - Noon
Clinic Hours: First & Third Monday of the Month 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

MARSHALLTOWN VETERANS HOME ANNUAL FALL PORK FEED WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Our lodge like many Elk Lodges continue to be supportive of the Annual Iowa Elks Association Veterans Home Pork Dinner which was held Saturday October 19th 2024. Our 12 volunteers met at the lodge at 8:00 a.m. and carpooled up to Marshalltown Veterans Home.

We participated in bringing down about 105 wheelchair patients from their rooms to the dining hall, helped serve food, carried trays, pushed wheelchairs, and cleaned tables. We then took the veterans back to their rooms.



**Thanks to the following lodge volunteers pictured above Left to right:
Dean Salz, Jean Salz, Larry Cramer PER, Toby Charloe Secretary, Jay Brewer, Gloria Riesberg,
James Johnson, Susan Johnson, Russ Eggers, Dwight Taylor, Karen Flohr, and Mark Flohr PER.**

The Marshalltown Veterans Home is currently the residence to 400 veterans but has space for 500. There was a total of 50 Elks volunteers from 15 different lodges and 4 family members.

Our volunteers and past volunteers who experienced giving a little bit of their time know that it is very rewarding and humbling experience. The veterans were excited to meet and visit and talk to us and all enjoyed our company, companionship and comradery.

But most of all they enjoyed the delicious pork, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, rolls, pickles, olives, apple sauce, milk, coffee, and lemonade, and of course the Ice Cream. We thanked all the veterans for their service.

We all came away with a warm and good feeling.
**“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
will never forget them.” ELKS DO CARE, ELKS DO SHARE.**



*Please Join Us Thursday Night
November 14th at 6:30pm*

**For our monthly WDM
Elks Wine Experience**

Join us to relax and enjoy some wine!

WINE TAILGATE!

One of the best things about fall is football. Who doesn't love a good tailgate party? The food, the drinks, the games, and a full day of cheering for your favorite team!

Come taste this competition! Whether you are an NFL fan or follow your favorite College Football team - **DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE SPORT TEAM SHIRT.** No judging or fighting over who is best. We just want you to find your favorite wine!

As always, we will present some white and some red wine.
Our twist? Wait and see...

Bring a friend, bring a snack, or bring a football!
May the best wine win!!!



Only \$15 Per Person
*(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)
light appetizers provided!*



Your Host: Kirk Jorgensen!

*Join us Thursday Night,
November 21st at 6:30 PM*

For our monthly Bourbon Night!

Tickets are just \$15 the night of the Event!

**Sample 2 - 3 drinks. Enjoy Bourbon, Whiskey
and the occasional Specialty Drink.**

**Proceeds will go to our WDM Heritage Scholarship
Program. New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!**

Elk's Angels

All the Widows in our Lodge are invited to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm. In September Vicki Waters talked about signs from our deceased love ones that came from a friend who had recently lost her husband. Her friend did research and read that 1/3 of people have experienced some form of after death communication. It proved to be an interesting conversation.

The October meeting Marge Porter along with her Granddaughter Aracely talked about Active Shooter Preparedness and what not to do if you find yourself in that position as well as what to do to be most helpful for you. Aracely and her family found themselves in a compromising position while taking a walk after dinner and she was very willing to share her story.

I am very happy to announce that Neil Shultz from the Polk County Sheriff's Office will talk to us on Scams that seem to be everywhere, especially for our age group. So, I encourage you to come and listen to what should be very helpful for all of us. This will take place on Tuesday, November 12 at 2:00 P.M.

Please call Marge Porter at 515-371-3158 or Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852 if you have questions.

A Little Elk's History has left us!

If you have been a member very long then you have probably heard stories of our time in The Junction, Up on the Hill, and perhaps even our years in The Forest

After our initial beginning in a room at The West Des Moines Community Center on 5th Street our earliest members took a giant leap up onto The Hill... And the past few weeks our early home has been demolished making way for a new life for the longtime "weekly" motel room rentals into a new remodeled area of Studio Apartments. Time will tell what the finished product will be, but there is a bit of sadness in this picture showing 80% of our old home having been knocked down!



It was a Spooky Wine Night! Witches & Wine!

It was a Huge Success! We had a record number - 42! It felt like more!

So many cute witches! Lots of laughs with a remarkable group of people.

Join us at our monthly Wine Nights!





**Join us for our
Monthly
Breakfast
& Bake Sale!**

**Sunday November 10th!
Serving from
8am till Noon.**



Breakfast

Our delicious breakfast buffet still includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa - only \$3.50.

Only \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities !

Yes! This Fundraiser Is Open To The Public!



**We still need more Wednesday Night Dinner,
Breakfast and Bingo Volunteers!**



Wednesday Night Dinners:

You may have noticed we are running short on Wednesday Night Cooking Crews!

If you have some ideas for a Dinner or would be willing to help out, Call Becky Young at (515) 314-0923

We have BINGO Openings!

Volunteering for JUST ONE Bingo session per month would make a huge difference!

We are asking for a few hours of your time, one day per month, Call Nancy Newcomb at (515) 681-0852



**WEST DES MOINES ELKS HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP
POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER**

Friday November 8th @ 6:00PM

**Load up your potato with a variety of toppings for
\$10 including a dessert!**

**The entire cost of the meal is being donated by the
Fiori family to benefit the West Des Moines Elks
Heritage Scholarship!**



HERITAGE



HERITAGE

Elks Veteran's
Christmas

WDM
Elks
Lodge #2752



Join us Friday,
November 15th at 6PM
Join us for a Delicious
Dinner with Soup,
Sandwiches & Dessert
Only \$10.00

The tree will contain names of Veteran's children.
Please join us and select a child's name to provide gifts for their
needs and wants - helping make their Christmas very special!

GAME NIGHT

At The Elks!

***Tuesday November 5th
and Tuesday November 19th
at 6:30pm***

We will be playing Sweep!

***Plus, bring your favorite game - board games, cards,
etc. Attendees will agree upon
what games to play together!***



Support Your Lodge Become a Volunteer!

We have many opportunities available for you to get more involved in your Lodge! It's a great way to get to know more members, make new friends and support our Veterans, our youth, our community and our Country!

Visit with any Lodge officer or committee chairperson and ask to learn more about what opportunities might excite you!

Devoted Humble Involved
Vibrant Selfless Generous
Charitable Thanks
Passionate Loving Friendly Caring
Volunteers
UNSELFISH HELPFUL PROSPEROUS
Amazing THOUGHTFUL GREAT
Respectable



WE NEED YOU!

Bring on the Party!

WDM Elks Lodge Tailgate Party!

Saturday November 23rd (Time TBD)



Iowa Hawkeyes

Vs

Maryland Terrapins

Bring a Side Dish to Share!

**50/50 Raffle to
Benefit our WDM
Heritage Scholarships!**

Delicious Chili

Provided by Mr. R

Invite your friends and family for a

Fantastic fun filled time!

Enjoy the game, food and camaraderie!

The Elks have decreed that the first Sunday in December be set apart as a day for Elks to gather and freshen with the dew of recollection the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed.



West Des Moines Elks #2752

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday December 1st, 2024 at 10:00AM

Please join us for the service and a light brunch to follow.

*With hearts attuned in perfect sympathy,
we meet on this Memorial Day to pledge anew Fidelity
to the memory of our fellow Members who have
entered into the realm of eternity.*

SING ALONG WITH MARGE PORTER!

Friday Night,
December 13th at 6:00pm

Marge will be playing the piano so we can all enjoy some Festive Christmas Caroling. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm.



Marge is also supplying the meal that evening as her gift to you! Sandwiches, sides, and dessert will be served at 6:00 pm.

Caroling will begin around 7:00 pm. Don't worry if you are not a great singer! Christmas music makes your holidays brighter.

We will also have a Christmas cookie/candy exchange.

To take part you need to bring three dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies. Bring an extra tray to take home an assortment of wonderful treats. The exchange will happen sometime around 8:00 pm.

A Jolly "Thank You" to Marge for what will surely be a fun evening!



Wear your Favorite Holiday Sweater and Win Elks Bucks!

1st, 2nd and 3rd prize is for the most festive for the Holidays. Come join in the fun!!





New Years Eve Gala Event



Our last Fundraiser for 2024 (Patio Project)

Only 100 Advance Tickets will be pre-sold. Sales cut-off December 15th, 2024

Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from our 9-5 workers or our Bingo workers

After 12/15/24 any remaining Tickets will be \$25

Cash or Check payable to Elks Lodge #2752 only (No credit cards)

For More Info Contact Team Members; Gloria Riesberg (515) 371-7190,

Joyce McMickle (515) 360-0234, or Rosie Surber (515) 521-1628.

Dinner By Tumea & Sons Restaurant

Dinner will be from 6:30 –7:30 Details to Follow.

Live Music and Dancing

8:00pm till Midnight.

**Elks
Eleven
O'clock
Toast!**

Performed by

The Rivieras



**And a
Champaign
Toast for
2025**



**BIRTHDAY NIGHT
AT THE ELKS!**
*Tuesday November
26th at 6pm*



**IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY
MONTH**

Come Celebrate with me!

01 Robert Jackson, Sr	11 Jean Shade	18 Ted Neuser
01 Donald Jones	11 Esther Fister-Palmer	18 Randy Stanford
01 Richard Lehman	12 Audrey Gomez	19 James Wells
02 Patrick Perkins	12 Cheryl Blythe	21 Richard Pullen
02 Brenda Scholten	13 Dennis Burns	21 Edward Rise
03 John McCleary	13 Karla Fiori	22 Kathryn Bennett
04 Thurman Mills III	14 Brent Holum	22 Joseph Fazio
05 Thomas Gaard	14 Kirk Jorgensen	22 Rex McClafin
05 Douglas Winger	15 Wendi Rague	22 Timothy Lee DeGrootte
07 Dave Koets	16 Lisa Gleason	23 Darlene Hunt
08 Joan Warren	16 Bev Thorpe Reinier	25 Judith Wilderman
08 Diane K. Hawn	16 Kathie Wolfe	26 Michael Loffredo
09 Daniel Dvorak	17 Tyler Kinney	27 Richard Sanders
10 Mindy Wiltse	17 Veronica Meeink	29 Jerry Criswell
11 Kitty Cirks	18 Clayton Brinker	29 Kristine Fidler
11 Roger Fiori	18 Rick Ludwig	30 Steven Schmidt

Wish these Elk Members
& Spouses a special
Happy Birthday!
when you see them
at the Lodge this month!

The individuals listed above can stop in for a free "birthday cocktail, beer or soft drink" anytime during the month in which they are recognized in our newsletter!

If we missed your birthday – please let us know!
news@wdmelks.com



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November 2024



All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!
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 All Meals are \$11.00 and served
 at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>INVITE YOUR FRIENDS EVERY MEMBER STARTS AS A GUEST</p>	 <p>SUNDAY TICKET <i>Join us Every Sunday – Bring your Friends!</i></p>	<p>Bingo Volunteers Needed! Could you help one BINGO session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852</p>	 <p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</p>	<p>Dinner Crews Needed! Could you help one Wednesday Night per month? Call Becky Young at 515-314-0923</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 1 Business Meetings at State Convention (Holiday Inn – Fleur Dr) State Convention Hospitality Night!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 2 AM Business Meetings State Convention State Convention Banquet Night!</p>
<p>Open 11am – 7pm Burger Baskets Only \$8 Join us for The NFL Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Deb Brandt</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  Board/House Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers - 9am Election Day Go Vote! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 Spaghetti and MEATBALLS, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert Rich Kreitzinger and Crew</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Joe Bechen Call: Roger Fiori Check: Brook Wade Conc: Jen Chambers</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 8 Heritage Scholarship Potato Bar Fundraiser at 6pm Load up your potato! 8pm: Iowa at UCLA</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 9</p>
<p>Elks' Breakfast & Bake Sale Serving 8am till noon Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Jen Chambers Conc: Joyce McMickle</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! 2pm Elks Angels Our Elks Widows Elks Riders Mtg 6:30pm in Aronson Hall</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 * Special Veterans' Day Program * Tenderloin, Fries Salad & Dessert Chris and Lynnette Murphy Mike and Paula Venema, Mark Radosevich, Eric and Heather Carey, Tim and LeeAnn Platt, Joe & Tammy Bechen & Jean Schwab</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  Wine Night Join Us – 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Mary Spoerl</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 15 Giving Tree Event - 6pm Dinner \$10 Soup, Sandwiches & Dessert! Come choose a card from the tree & brighten their Holidays!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 16</p>
<p>Open 11am – 7pm Burger Baskets Only \$8 Join us for The NFL Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Carla Sanburg Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Mary Spoerl Conc: Mike Rosenberg</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  LAC Lodge Activities Meeting 6:00pm Come share your ideas and get involved!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwiches Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, & Dessert Rhonda Stiles' Crew</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bourbon Night! Join Us – 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Kathy Peterson Call: Roger Fiori Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Jen Chambers</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 WDM Elks Lodge Tailgate Party All Members & Guests Welcome! Delicious Chili Provided by Mr. R! Iowa at Maryland (Time to be decided)</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 23</p>
<p>Open 11am – 7pm Burger Baskets Only \$8 Join us for The NFL Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Radar Weinschenk Check: Joyce McMickle Conc: Gloria Riesberg</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM Birthday Night - 6pm Birthday Cake Provided Members & guests welcome!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Dinner ... Stop in and enjoy some fellowship!</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00 Happy Thanksgiving! </p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00  6:30 pm Nebraska Vs Iowa at Iowa City</p>	<p>Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 30 </p>