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SEPTEMBER NEWS

It's September...kids back to school...sigh of relief from moms, dads and grandparents. But wait, just when you thought you had some free time...here comes all those school activities. Whew, it can be a busy schedule for all, that's for sure.

Speaking of activities, the October garage sale is coming up. We're in need of your slightly used furniture, decorations, household items and more.

Generosity is a wonderful trait of our members - On behalf of the Lodge, I would like to thank everyone who donated to the building fund. To date we have raised over \$4,000 toward getting our wall repaired.

Our membership continues to fall as we lose our loyal members to God, nursing homes and members that cannot drive at night, etc. We are always in search of new members and are going to have a membership drive and open house in October, details to follow.

At this time, I need to speak to some very important changes we have had to make to keep us financially sound and to keep our Lodge open:

It is no secret our Lodge has been losing money for many years, and the first two months of our 2017 fiscal year, we lost about \$6,000 and in June \$1,000. We are only seeing 15-20% of our members coming out to support the Lodge. We have been extremely fortunate to have a hand full of dedicated members to do all the work that has been completed in the past year and a half. A big thank you to those members and the members that come out to support the Lodge several times each week.

Grand Lodge is requiring we cut our entertainment considerably and create a plan to reduce expenses. We have visited with other Lodges and many are only open 1-2 nights and operate with volunteers only. We do not want to resort to those drastic measures and are going to try a few different things.

Please read the changes carefully and feel free to ask any questions of myself or the other officers:

- **SUNDAY – CLOSED (EXCEPT FOR BRUNCH ON FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM))**
- **MONDAY – OPEN FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH FOR LODGE MEETINGS. DINNER IS AVAILABLE FOR MEETING ATTENDEES ONLY, LIMITED MENU (BURGERS, TENDERLOINS, FRIES)**
- **TUESDAY – CLOSED**
- **WEDNESDAY – CLOSED**
- **THURSDAY – NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (4:00 PM – 10:00 PM)**
- **FRIDAY – NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (4:00 PM – 10:00 PM)**
- **SATURDAY – NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (4:00 PM – 10:00 PM)**

Hopefully with these changes our financial status will continue to improve. We are sorry for any inconvenience. An increase in members supporting the Lodge will also have a positive impact.

Our Elk of the month is Don Beavers - Thanks Don for purchasing all new LED lights for the Banquet Hall and dining room and for everything you do for us. Hope you had a great Labor Day – Donna Craft, E.R.

DOORS OPEN 4 PM THURS THRU SAT

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT OUR NEW LODGE HOURS

THURSDAY NIGHT WINGS – 6 for \$5.00 OR 12 for \$9.00 – DRAWING EVERY THURSDAY!

COMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ELKS GARAGE SALE COMING UP OCTOBER 11 THROUGH 13 – IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE PICKED UP PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

MEAT RAFFLE - \$250 FAREWAY GIFT CARD - \$1 TICKET OR \$25 PER BOOK

MAJOR RAFFLE COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

ELKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Exalted Ruler	Donna Craft	319-550-4128 319-350-8324 (cell)	Zorbs1@gmail.com
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WEBSITE UPDATES

Ginny Ockenfels has updated our Website, and would like to keep it up to date with news and events. Please visit the site at <https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=251> and take a virtual tour.

To avoid typing in this long address, simply Google ‘Cedar Rapids Elks Lodge 251’ and the link will pop up for you.

We have updated coming events under the “News” Section, and would like to keep that as current as possible. Please send information that may be of interest to our members and to those in our community who may be curious about what we are doing. Photos, events you wish to promote, special interest stories, all are welcome.

We will be posting our monthly bulletin as soon as it becomes available, however in order to access the bulletin, you must create a log in and password. We will also update our Menu as changes take place.

Send items to ginnyockenfels@southslope.net, or contact her with questions, corrections and suggestions.

Items are subject to approval by Exalted Ruler or Secretary, and must follow regulations established by Grand Lodge.

SEPTEMBER HOST AND HOSTESS

9-1 Mark and Jamie Young 9-8 Helen Mihal 9-15 Donna Craft and Jack Rowray
 9-22 Nancy Lee and Faye Roberts 9-29 Marv and Mary Schlichte

Please call Donna Craft if you are unable to welcome guests on your scheduled day. We are always looking for people to be a Host and/or Hostess. If you are interested please call or email Donna Craft at zorbs1@gmail.com or call at 319-550-4128 (home) 319-350-8324 (cell).

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling tickets for a \$250.00 gift certificate for Fareway. We will be assisting the Elks Lodge for the raffle with the winning ticket being drawn September 30th.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 13th at 7:00 p.m. – Carolyn O’Connor, Ladies Auxiliary Secretary

DRUG AWARENESS AND DICTIONARY PROJECT

Elks Lodge #251 has 2,500 Dictionary Project dictionaries as well as Drug Awareness information ready to present to area third grade students beginning this fall. If you would like to be part of our delivery team, please contact Ricky Arbogast, at 319-360-8284. We would love to have you join us as we present dictionaries and drug awareness information to the third graders we serve with these projects. The student’s expressions are priceless, and their teachers are very grateful as they receive these gifts from our Elks Lodge!

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 19 – Movie Night - Doors open at 6:00, Movie starts at 7:30



September 30, 2017 – Blues band featuring EC Scott, blues recording artist.



October 20, 2017 – Bus Trip to see the Hawkeyes vs. Northwestern football game. Leave October 20th, return October 22nd. \$600 per couple includes room, bus, and tickets. Adult beverages will be provided on the bus. Sign up by calling the Lodge at. 319-363-0291 or contact Dale Brodt at 319-396-5162.



Throughout the month of October various members of the Lodge will be selling raffle ticket for a \$250 Fareway gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or \$25 for a book. Please buy a book or two and support the Elks!



It’s that time of year again – the Elks will be having their garage sale from October 11 through the 13. Please donate your goods and then come out and help us support the sale. If you have any items to be picked up please make an appointment to have one of your friendly Elks come and get it.



MAJOR RAFFLE IS COMING UP IN NOVEMBER - \$2000 FIRST PRIZE, TWO \$500 SECOND PRIZES

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