

FALLS CITY ELKS LODGE

April 2026

NO. 963

402-245-3814

I'd like to start out the 2026-2027 Lodge year by introducing myself, and your 7 other hard-working officers that will ensure that this upcoming year is a successful one. For those that don't know me, my name is Ben Hullman. If you've been a faithful reader of the Elks newsletter since 2013, you may notice that this is my 3rd time in the ER position. You will hear more about myself and my goals that I hope our Lodge can meet in the upcoming months. The top priority of the new Lodge year is letting you know who is leading your Lodge.



In my best PA announcer voice, here is your 2026-2027 Falls City Lodge #963's starting lineup. At Leading Knight, and head of the House Committee, PER Rob Gerweck. Other chair officers and House Committee members are; Loyal Knight Stephanie Boyer & Lecturing Knight Yvette Washington. As your appointed officers we have, Esquire Mark Lowe, Jacob Smith as Chaplain, Inner Guard Jason Harmon, and your Tiler is Peter Diltz. It is very exciting that we have some new blood in the chairs this year. Three of the four appointed officers have never donned the Lodge Jewels before. Throughout the year, every officer will be spotlighted in upcoming newsletters so that all members are able to put a name with a face. If all goes according to plan, these will be your next seven ER's. So, I encourage all members to introduce yourselves, support, and just appreciate the time and hard work that these officers will be putting forth so that we continue to have the BEST LODGE IN THE STATE !!

WELCOME

BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL
ALUMNI & FAMILIES

APRIL 4, 2026
4 PM



BPO DOES LUNCHEON

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

11 AM - 1 PM

Choice of ham salad or chicken salad
sandwich, salads & desserts .

Funds will be used to support community activities,
Local schools, youth, and other organizations.

FALLS CITY ELKS LODGE #963
VETERANS BENEFIT
RACKIN'
THE RIBS
Served family style

SATURDAY
APRIL 11
BY RESERVATION ONLY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

\$25/person
Table for 8
\$200

For reservations call:
Reservations will not be confirmed until payment is made.
Pay via cash, check or Venmo to

Becky Geiger - 785-547-5864
Venmo: @Rebecca-Geiger-29

Barb Sailors - 402-245-7034
Venmo: @BARB-SAILORS

**PROCEEDS FOR FALLS CITY ELKS
VETERANS RIVERBOAT CRUISE**

FALLS CITY ELKS #963
"OUR LODGE, OUR LEGACY"

RECENTLY, I WAS ASKED TO CREATE A SPACE AT THE LODGE TO RECOGNIZE AND DISPLAY THE MANY AWARDS AND HONORS THAT FALLS CITY ELKS #963 HAS RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS, BOTH AS A LODGE AND AS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. I AM HAPPY TO SHARE THAT THIS PROJECT IS NOW COMPLETE AND ON DISPLAY AT THE LODGE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.



AS I WORKED ON PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, IT BECAME VERY CLEAR JUST HOW MUCH OUR LODGE HAS ACCOMPLISHED. THE NUMBER OF AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, PLAQUES, AND RECOGNITIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE. THESE HONORS REPRESENT YEARS OF HARD WORK, DEDICATION, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND THE COMMITMENT OUR MEMBERS HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN TO THE PRINCIPLES OF ELKDOM.

THIS DISPLAY WAS CREATED NOT ONLY TO SHOWCASE THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT ALSO TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR LODGE AND REMIND US OF THE STRONG TRADITION WE ARE A PART OF. IT IS SOMETHING ALL MEMBERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE—CAN TAKE PRIDE IN. WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF STEPPING UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH, HELPING VETERANS, AND LIVING OUT THE VALUES OF CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE, AND FIDELITY.

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING THIS WALL CONTINUE TO GROW AS OUR LODGE ADDS NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD. WITH THE DEDICATION OF OUR MEMBERS, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT FALLS CITY ELKS #963 WILL HAVE MANY MORE AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS TO DISPLAY IN THE FUTURE.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE YET, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE AT THE LODGE TO LOOK OVER THE DISPLAY. YOU MAY SEE FAMILIAR NAMES, PAST PROJECTS YOU REMEMBER, OR AWARDS YOU DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE OUR LODGE HAD EARNED. IT IS A GREAT REMINDER OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN MEMBERS STAY INVOLVED AND WORK TOGETHER.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PLAYED A PART IN EARNING THESE RECOGNITIONS OVER THE YEARS, AND TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO KEEP FALLS CITY ELKS #963 STRONG TODAY.

RACY HULLMAN - SECRETARY



DATES TO REMEMBER

- **APRIL 3 FISH FRY**
- **APRIL 11 RACKIN' RIBS SHINDIG**
- **APRIL 14 LADIES BUNCO**
- **APRIL 27 DOES LUNCHEON**

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT
 APRIL 14
 7:00 PM
 MEMBERS/WIVES \$10
 GUESTS \$12
 BRING FRIENDS!!

THANK YOU TO BOONE & CATHY SCHOLL AND CREW FOR THE DELICIOUS MEAL AND ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP NIGHT!!



FROM THE REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT IN COLORADO SPRINGS HELD ON MARCH 14, NEBRASKA HAS TWO THAT QUALIFIED FOR THE NATIONALS BEING HELD IN CHICAGO ON APRIL 18. THEY ARE CLAYTON VOLK FROM THE GRAND ISLAND LODGE #604 IN THE 8-9 AGE DIVISION AND COLE CAVENEE FROM THE KEARNEY LODGE #984 IN THE 12-13 AGE DIVISION.

Gratitude Grants Were Awarded to the following organizations:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL



- 1ST JUSTIN DEBUSK & MARTIN FROESCHL
- 2ND TAYLOR KEARNEY & AUSTIN MARTIN
- 4TH RICHARD GEIGER, ROBERT GRUBER, AMBER HOLLE, ADAM JAHNEL, MATTHEW KIRKENDALL & KEVIN MALONE
- 5TH JERRY DUERFELDT
- 7TH MAURICE DUGGAN
- 8TH LARRY HORNPOSTEL & JAMES SEFRIED
- 10TH ROBERT IVEY & BOBBY LOCK
- 11TH CRAIG BRUGGEMAN, ROBERT CLAYMILLER & PAUL KIEKHAEFER
- 12TH MATT BUCKMINSTER, NORMAN FRITZ & FRED GILBERT
- 14TH ANDREA BURGESS
- 15TH ANDREW DUNN & MIKE WEAVER
- 16TH GERALD HILL
- 18TH THOMAS C TISDEL
- 19TH JOHN BAUMAN & RICHARD WHALEN
- 20TH ALAN ROMINE
- 21ST CHRISTINE RAMSEY
- 23RD DARRELL KRUSE, RACHEL RANKIN & LEON WILHELM
- 24TH EDWARD MILLER & MONTY WITT
- 25TH DAN LUNDY
- 26TH VICKIE ADAMS
- 27TH NEAL KANEL & JOHN MARTIN
- 28TH JOHN E. MARTIN, ROBERT MCKELVEY, JAMES MULLINS & THOMAS ROBERTS III
- 29TH KRISTY GERWECK & ROBERT WITT
- 30TH WILLIAM HINZ



Six Pence was presented with a check for \$2,500 Left to Right:
 Front Row: ER Roger Lampe, Kelsey Prichard, Susan Johnson, and Lecturing Knight Stephanie Boyer
 Back Row: Stephanie Gerdes, Amber Ramer, & Maddie Reiman



Lecturing Knight Stephanie Boyer presents the check for \$1261.50 to Gale Dunkhas, City Rec Board, to purchase the new water fountain that will be installed at Grandview Park.

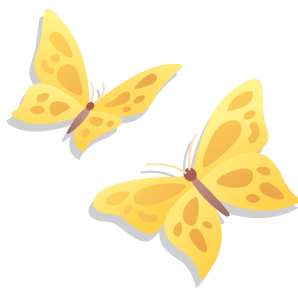


A Check for \$1,000 Was presented to the Special Olympics teams. Pictured are Cabe MarQuez, Wendy Vice, Sue Bieker, ER Roger Lampe, Sue Bieker, Mary Bieker, Becky O'Grady.

BEACON GRANT WAS AWARDED TO:



ER Roger Lampe, Media specialist for Grades k-5
 Jessia Howard, Leading Knight Ben Hullman
 Presented a check for \$4,000. This will also include students at Sacred Heart School.

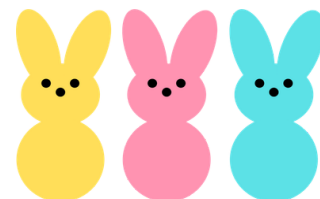


Falls City Elks #963 Membership Report

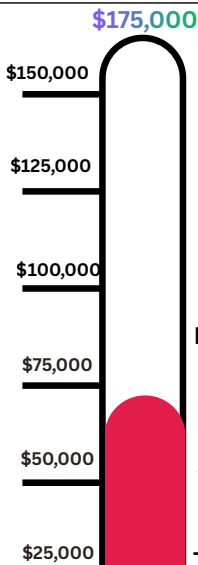
Membership Total on 4-1-25: 547
 Increases Decreases
 Initiated: 23 Transferred Out: 0
 Reinstated: 8 Deaths: 8
 Transfers In: 0 Dimits: 1
 Total Increase: 31 Dropped: 16

Membership totals as of 3-15-26: 553
 Applications in hand: 13

Members who have yet to pay their 2025-2026 Dues: 0



PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT FUNDS



OUR GOAL IS \$175,000. SO FAR WE HAVE RAISED OVER \$50,000.
 PLEDGES CAN BE MADE TO THE ELKS LODGE
 FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ELKS LODGE
 THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THUS FAR

FRIDAY SPECIALS MENU

- APRIL 3 ~ FISH FRY
- APRIL 10 ~ CHICKEN PARMESAN
- GRILLED SHRIMP
- APRIL 17 ~ SMOKED GRILLED PORK CHOP
- CHICKEN ALFREDO
- APRIL 24 ~ STEAK KABOBS
- SHRIMP SCAMPI



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LODGE NO. 963
1417 STONE STREET
P.O. BOX 386
FALLS CITY, NE 68355**

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Falls City, Ne.**

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REQUESTED**

Lodge Officers 2026-2027

Ben Hullman, Exalted Ruler
Rob Gerweck, Leading Knight
Stephanie Boyer, Loyal Knight
Yvette Washington, Lecturing Knight
Mark Lowe, Esquire
Jacob Smith, Chaplain
Jason Harmon, Inner Guard
Peter Diltz, Tiler
Racy Hullman, Secretary
Mik Christian, Treasurer

Trustees

Alan Romine, 1 yr TTEE
Rick Johnson, 2 yr TTEE
Ted Wilkerson, 3yr TTEE
Becky Gilkerson, 4 yr TTEE
Roger Lampe, 5 yr TTEE

House Committee

Rob Gerweck
Rachel Rankin
Yvette Washington
Stephanie Boyer

Newsletter

Dixie Lampe

Newsletter Advertising

Racy Hullman



Normal Business Hours:

*Tuesday through Saturday 5pm to Close
Sunday Buffet 11am to 1pm*

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DON'T MISS LIST...

- Closed on Mondays
- Tuesdays: **Special Burger Nights**
- Wednesdays: Wing Wednesday
- April 2 - Lodge @ 7:30 pm
- April 3 - Fish Fry Open to the public
- April 6 - House Committee @ 5:30 pm
- Rackin' the Ribs Shindig -See flyer Kitchen closed. Bar open
- April 13 - DOES meeting
- April 16 - Trustees Mtg @ 6:30 pm
- April 16 - Lodge @ 7:30 pm
- April 20 - House Committee @ 5:30 pm
- April 27 - DOES Luncheon 11 am-1 pm