

CRESTON LODGE #605

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
403 W Montgomery
Creston, IA



October 2023

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October Dining & Events

*Friday, October 6th – Fish Fry 6pm

*Friday, October 20th – Fish Fry – 6pm

*Friday, October 27th – Elks Kids Halloween – Trunk or Treat,
Activities & Games – 6pm

*Sunday, October 29th – Elks Breakfast – 8:30-11:30am

October & November Fish Fry Committees October

6 Kevin Mahan, Tyler Mahan, Chad Mahan,
Austin Berry

20 Joel Weis, Brad Weis, Greg Weis, Brianna
Weis

3 Deb Veitz, Brian Downing, John Shaw

17 Ken Callahan, Tyler Mahan, Chad Mahan,
Austin Berry



ELKS BREAKFAST

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH

8:30AM - 11:30AM

ADULTS \$12

KIDS 10 AND UNDER \$6

LIMITED PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR \$10

(SEE BOARD MEMBER FOR TICKETS)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

ELKS KIDS HALLOWEEN 6PM



TRUNK OR TREAT!

ACTIVITIES!

GAMES!

PRIZES!

HOT DOG WITH CHIPS AND

DRINK – \$5



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! The 2024 Elks Most Valuable Student and Legacy Awards scholarship contest has officially started! College bound (4 year university) high school seniors can apply for the ELKS MVS scholarship (you do not need to be an Elks member to apply for this)

at enf.elks.org/MVS. Criteria for selection considers: Leadership, Academic

Achievements and records, community involvement and financial need. The Elks National foundation awards 500 four-year awards for a total of \$2.52 million.

The deadline is November 13, 2023.

Also, our Legacy Award offers 350 scholarships to the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks.

Apply for this scholarship

at enf.elks.org/leg. Don't miss this opportunity! Last year we awarded \$17,000 to students in our lodge district alone! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Deb Veitz

Lodge Scholarship Chair.

October Birthdays

- 1 Dirk Glynn
- 3 Arlan Biere
- 6 William Messerole
- 7 Gary Buck
Diana Turner-Pinson
- 9 Dennis Bailey
Wyn Brown
Randy McIlravy
Thomas Williams
- 10 Tim Gray
Steve Johnson
Lowell Pettit
Mitch Pashek
- 11 Thomas Dunphy
Hannah Hagle
John Shaw
- 12 Gary Ferber
- 16 Lawrence Dorgan
Chad Rieck
- 17 Jennifer Worisek
- 18 Gabe Carroll
- 21 Steve Crittenden
Robert Funke
- 22 Tim Loudon
Tracy Benoit-Ostendorf
- 24 Joseph Wolf
- 25 Kyle Krantz
Bryan Mostek
- 26 Larry McNutt
- 30 Bill Callahan
John Giza
- 31 Jason Hyde

Birthday Special

One free drink and \$2.00 off one dinner entrée.

Good for one visit during the month of your birthday.

Bacon Fest... Coming
Saturday, November
18th

Watch for more details
to come on Facebook
and in the November
Newsletter

Greetings Fellow Elks,

October is here, which is perfect for schedule structure heading into Fall. We will be having our Trunk or Treat, which is always a great time with the kids. We usually have a good turnout, and if you want to be a part of that we could always use an extra hand. Note that we have added handicap parking signs to the concrete pad on the NW side of the building. We will be painting the spaces as well, but please respect those spots in the event someone needs to use them. Friday Fish Frys have begun, please look at the calendars for the schedule. Please give us ample notice if you are unable to work your scheduled time so that we can keep them staffed properly. There have been some great potlucks for college football games at the lodge too, so if you are around on game days stop by.




We are still short 2 officers. Our needs are Lecturing Knight and Loyal Knight. If you are interested in filling one or know somebody that is/would be a good fit, please reach out so we can get them filled. Everything runs a little smoother with a full house. This month's shout out goes to Deb Veitz. She is our Chaplain, but also provides so much more to our lodge. She is a huge part of our scholarship program and has been a part of giving roughly \$45,000 to local students the last 3 years. She also is behind the scenes with our essay contest, which is a great tradition if you have ever won one or been to our Flag Day ceremony to hear the winners read theirs. She also serves dinner to the VFW members when they have a meeting at the lodge. You will see her at many of our other events lending a hand as always. Make sure to give Deb props when you see her around and stay tuned for next month's shoutout!

I can't say it enough, we need more members and we need dues paid! Six people paid their dues since the last newsletter, bringing the number down to 38 unpaid. We need to get that resolved completely so that we can focus on other needs. Also, please take it upon yourself to invite one person to join the Elks. That's more friends aware of our events and what we do in the community. I have invited and initiated 2 new members and am working on more. This is a team game, and we need your help. I can't call every member for every need, but you can contact one of the officers. Inviting one person to join, and giving 2-4 hours of your time once a year to volunteer at anything we do will make our lodge stronger than ever. "Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Vince Lombardi

Until next time,

Ryan Samo, Exalted Ruler

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Closed	3	4	5 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	6 Fish Fry - Kevin Mahan, Tyler Mahan, Chad Mahan, Austin Berry	7 Celebrity Bartender Nate Haley No Saturday Night Dining
8	9 Closed	10	11	12	13	14 Celeb Bartender Deb Veitz No Saturday Night Dining
15	16 Closed	17	18	19 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	20 Fish Fry - Joel Weis, Brad Weis, Greg Weis, Brianna Weis	21 Celebrity Bartender Tom Williams No Saturday Night Dining
22	23 Closed	24	25	26 	27 Elks Kids Halloween Trunk or Treat, Activities, Games - 6pm Hot Dog & Chips with Drink \$5	28 Celeb Bartender Larry Blakesley No Saturday Night Dining
29 Elks Breakfast 8:30-11:30am  See Newsletter for details	30 Closed	31 	Nov 1	2 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	3 Fish Fry - Deb Veitz, Brian Downing, John Shaw	4 Celeb Bartender Ryan Samo No Saturday Night Dining

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