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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

How many of us remember Linus reciting this after Charlie Brown asked, "What is Christmas all about?"

Whatever Christmas means to you, be it the remembrance of the birth of Christ or Santa bringing gifts to children. Christmas brings the best out of us. We are more cheerful and giving. We seem to put our troubles behind us, forget about and even forgive those who have wronged us. We find ourselves doing more for others. We look forward to spending time with family and friends. For a few short weeks it's as if we are trying to have... Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all.

Merry Christmas!

Roger Fiori, Exalted Ruler

2023-2024 Lodge Officers

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Greetings, fellow Elks!

A message from Michael Buckley, Leading Knight

The Chairs...

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. As we approach the end of the year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and service to our lodge and our community. You have made a difference in the lives of many people through your volunteering and charitable activities.

One of the ways you can continue to contribute to our lodge and our mission is by going through the chairs. This is a rewarding and challenging experience that will help you develop your leadership skills and deepen your connection with your fellow Elks. Going through the chairs means serving as an officer of the lodge, starting from the lowest rank of Inner Guard and progressing to the highest rank of Exalted Ruler. Each position has its own duties and responsibilities, as well as opportunities for learning and growth.

If you are interested in going through the chairs, please contact me or any of the current officers. We will be happy to answer your questions and guide you through the process. You can also find more information on our website or in the Grand Lodge manual. Going through the chairs is not only a great way to serve our lodge, but also a great way to serve yourself and your personal development.

Thank you for being a part of our Elk family. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and event.

Fraternally yours, Michael Buckley, Leading Knight

Iowa Elks Association receives the Governors Volunteer Service Award!

The Governor's Volunteer Service Award honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals and groups that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. Any person, group, or entity from the public, nonprofit and private sector may be nominated for an award to their county award coordinator.

Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown nominated the Iowa Elks Association because of the many volunteer hours spent helping the veterans and supporting the home. Two examples include the Pork dinner in the Fall and the Fish Fry in the Spring provided by Elks from across the state and the Veteran's leather program which supplies tanned hides for Veterans to make and sell leather products giving them an enjoyable activity plus a little money in their pocket. Elks also send the residents Christmas and Birthday cards, make visits, and help them with needed personal supplies.





Santa will be at our December 10th Breakfast!

Attention Parents, Grandparents, members and guests! Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be here to greet the children and hand out goody bags.

Our November 12th Pancake Breakfast and Bake sale was a tremendous blow out, serving 183 members and guests. Wow!

Again, a very special thanks to our first responders as day in and day out they serve and protect our community. We served complimentary breakfasts to one Clive police officer and one Windsor Heights police officer. Thank you for your service.



As always, it's our fantastic volunteers that make it work: Brian Becker, Rosie Surber, Nina Steele, Toby Charloe, Doug Winger, Dan Norris, Doug Laird, Lannie Hale, Joe Stewart, Kathy Peterson (bar) and Larry Cramer. Mark Bergmann is there every breakfast and continues to take out and bring in our breakfast signs. Thanks also to Nina Steele who again takes left over food to the Bethel Mission which helps the Mission provide food to the homeless men in our community.

Our bake sale crew still rocks, as they brought in \$651 in free will donations, \$325 will go towards our West Des Moines Lodge Heritage Scholarship fund and \$326 will go into our various Veteran programs. A big thank you goes out to Jenny Becker, Nancy Newcomb and to Gloria Criswell who called Elk members and spouses asking them if they can bake and bring in their delicious pastries, pies, cookies and candy again. Thank you so much!

Bring your neighbors and friends and we will see you at the lodge for our Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale on December 10th, 2023. Serving from 8am till Noon!

Our delicious Breakfast Buffet 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 \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

Remember! Always the second Sunday of the Month starting at 8 a.m. All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities.

Again, Thanks to all of our volunteers. Bring your neighbors, and friends and we will see you at the lodge for our next Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale! Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.







Another successful Veterans

Day Program!

Thank you to everyone that attended the Veterans' Day program and dinner on November 8th. It was an evening of celebrating and honoring the service members both alive and deceased for their sacrifices to our country.

Thank You to Larry Cramer for playing TAPS, Michael Buckley for getting the videos on the TVs and the Wednesday night cooking crew (Chris & Lynette Murphy, Mike & Paula Venema, Joe & Tammy Bechen and Mark Radosevich) for the meal.











We Have The Sunday Ticket at The Lodge!

Come on in and watch the games. ...bring your friends!

Come watch your favorite Teams Every Sunday!

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

Iowa Elks Veterans Leather Program

Our Lodge 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!

Thanks to our Hunters - This all starts with your hides.

Shotgun season starts Saturday December 2nd, 2023.

All of the collected hides will be transported to Coey Tanning Company in Wartrace, Tennessee (near Nashville). 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 25^{th} year that our lodge has participated in this great program. Our lowa Elks did an outstanding job last year collecting 3560 hides which was 2^{nd} in the nation, just behind 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.

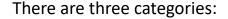
Let's make this the best Elk's Veterans Leather Program ever! We need your help! ELKS DO CARE ABOUT OUR VETERANS.



OUR LODGE HOOP SHOOT SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH 2024



Our lodge has produced many shooters in past years that have made it to the national competition, two of which came in second place shooting 24 of 25 baskets. The Elks Hoop Shoot Program is the best in the nation. The winners in the various categories will be entered into the Basketball Hall of Fame!



8–9-year-old girls and boys 10–11-year-old girls and boys 12–13-year-old girls and boys

Once again, we need volunteers for our Lodge Hoop Shoot. A sign-up sheet will be in the Lodge or call Larry Cramer at (cell) 515-783-5262.





Lodge Activities Committee

LAC MINUTES - 10-16-2023

PRESENT: Gloria Riesberg, Roxanne Ludwig, Becky Young, Toby Charloe and Nancy Newcomb.

LODGE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2023

3rd Sun. 10 a.m. - Elks Memorial Service
4th Mon. 6:30 p.m. - Bd/Trustee Meeting
5th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Bunco
6th Wed. 6:15 p.m. - Dinner

8th Fri. 6:00 p.m. - Dinner - Marge Porter Supplying Meal, Caroling, Cookie/Candy Exchange

10th Sun. 8:00 a.m. - Noon - Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale

11th Mon. 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

13th Wed. 6:15 p.m. - Dinner

14th Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - Wine Tasting15th Fri. 6:00 p.m. - Holiday Party

18th Mon. 6:00 p.m. - NO LAC Meeting

20th Wed, 6:15 p.m. - Dinner

21st Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - Bourbon Night

23rd Sat. 6:00 p.m. - Eve Before Christmas Eve

24th Sun. NO BINGO - CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

25th Mon. LODGE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY 26th Tues. 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Birthday Party

27th Wed. NO Dinner

31st Sun. NO BINGO - NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

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

Veteran's Projects - April 9th - \$530.00; May 14th - \$475.00; June 19th - \$518.00; July 9th - \$450.00; Nov 12th - \$326.00

Crestview Elementary School - August 13th - \$415.00

WDM Elks Lodge #2752 Heritage Scholarships - Sept. 10th - \$437.00; Oct. 8th - \$723.00; Nov 12th -\$326

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS - (See page in this newsletter)

<u>BOURBON NIGHT</u> - (See page in this newsletter)

<u>BUNCO NIGHT</u> - (See page in this newsletter)

CHRISTMAS CANDY/COOKIE EXCHANGE & CAROLING Dec. 8th - 6:30 p.m.



<u>CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA & MRS.</u> - (See Breakfast page in this newsletter)

CHRISTMAS FOR VET'S CHILDREN

At Our November Christmas Giving Dinner All Cards (47) were taken off of the tree/s Dec. 4th - All purchased gifts back to the Lodge Dec. 19th or 20th - Pick up gifts from Lodge and deliver.

<u>CLIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES (Food Pantry & Clothes Closet)</u> (See page in this newsletter)

<u>CRESTVIEW SCHOOL OF INQUIRY -</u> (See page in this newsletter)

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE - Dec 3rd - 10:00 a.m.

<u>EVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY</u> - (See page in this newsletter)

HOLIDAY PARTY - (See page in this newsletter)

<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE 2023 PLANNING COMMITTEE</u> - (See page in this newsletter)

<u>SHIRTS</u> - Nina Steele & Nancy Newcomb - Available Shirts: T-Shirts - \$14.00, Black Sweatshirts - \$25.00.

<u>VETERANS - Welcome Home Veterans Project</u>: Nina & Nancy

<u>WINE TASTING</u> - (See page in this newsletter)

NEXT LAC MEETING

January 15, 2024 - 6 p.m. - Members, spouses, significant others are all welcome to attend & share ideas/suggestions.

Nancy Newcomb, LAC Chair

POTATO BAR RAISES OVER \$700 FOR THE WDM HERITAGE SCOLARSHIP FUND!

Thank you to everyone who attended, enjoyed and donated to the Baked Potato Bar and Heritage Scholarship Fundraiser on November 10th.

Thank you to our volunteers who donated their time, energy and food to make it a success. Linda Krause, Paul and Rhonda Stiles, Candy Clark, Mark Holloway, Russ Youngquist, Tara McCune, Ciara Grovert, and Michelle Myers. A special Thank you to Ione Wilkens who helped plan the event and as always made it a great success. We were all so sad to lose Ione the day prior to the event. She was certainly still present in our thoughts and hearts.

Fraternally, Carla Sandburg

















Join us for BUNCO Night!

Tuesday Night

December 5th at 6:30pm!

\$5 Entry - all proceeds go to the winners!

Ready, Set, Roll! It's Easy to Learn,

Easy to play! Bring a snack to share!

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 03, 2023 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.

Please Join Us Thursday Night

December 14th at 6:30pm
For our monthly WDM

Elks Wine Experience

"Wine ...The Spice of Life!"

"Come experience aromas of ginger, orange, apple cider, mulled wine, and cinnamon. Explore mead, pomegranate and plums!

We are working on a wine night reminiscent of the Nutcracker... so mark your calendars for December 14th!"

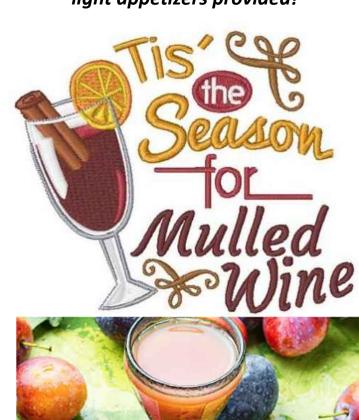


Join us to relax and enjoy some wine!





(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)
light appetizers provided!





SING ALONG WITH MARGE PORTER! Friday Night, December 8th at 6:00pm



Marge has rented a 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!





HOLIDAY PARTY!

Friday, December 15, 6pm

Celebrate the Season With Our Elks Family!
Bring a Favorite Holiday Treat to Share

Lots of Free Fun Door Prizes



Wear Your Favorite Holiday Sweater and Win Elks Dollars!
\$20 for the Ugliest Sweater
\$20 for the Prettiest Sweater
\$20 for the Most Unique Sweater

















Your Host: Kirk Jorgensen!

Join us

Thursday Night, December 21st at 6:30 PM For our monthly Bourbon Night!

What a fun way to meet and socialize with **Members** that you may not know!

Our Guests have been joining! Plus we are raising money for our **Scholarship** Program!

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

Sample 2 - 3 drinks. From Bourbon, Whiskey and the occasional specialty drink. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Program. **New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!**











Everyone had a
Great Time Last Year!
Join us this year,
you will have a BLAST!

Twas the Eve Before Christmas Eve, And all through the Lodge,

Members were sipping Hot Toddies!

While dressed in their Pajamas!

Eve before Christmas Eve

Pajama Party!

Saturday Night,
December 23rd at 6pm

On the Eve before Christmas Eve!

Dress in your favorite PJ's - Christmas or other!

Enjoy a Hot Toddy with Lodge Members for a warm relaxing evening!

Light Snacks will be provided.





NEW YEAR'S EVE Let's Celebrate! Sunday, December 31

"Here's to the bright New Year,
And a fond farewell to the old;
Here's to the things that are yet to come
and to the memories that we hold."





Bring Appetizers to Share!

COVER THAT

Performing from 8:00 to Midnight

We are delighted to welcome this real crowd-pleaser band! Cover That is a group of 5 professional musicians, representing over 100 years of combined musical experience, playing your favorite Pop & Rock Hits of Yesterday! These musicians put on some of the best performances throughout Iowa. So come, listen, dance, sing-along and welcome in the New Year!

Friends & Family are welcome! Champagne Toast Provided at Midnight!



BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday December 26th at 6pm



Come Celebrate with me!



Wish these Elk Members & Spouses a special

Happy Birthday!

when you see them at the Lodge this month!



03	Jacqulyn Baughman	15	Kenneth Dirksen
03	Thomas McGraw	15	Arnold Zediker
04	Richard Cordle	16	Brian Harvey
05	Paul Fetters	16	Patti Devens
05	Victoria Ann Waters	17	Dwight Uitermarkt
06	Teddy DuPuy	18	Sonja Mennenga
06	Jeffrey Hogan	19	Barbara Hale
06	Kent Paulsen	19	Kenneth Sanburg
07	Brenda Jo McAllister	20	Robert Conn
07	Dan Robinson	20	Allan Demorest
07	Dennis Robinson	20	Jeremy Fernandez
07	Robert Stanton, Sr	21	Robin Davis
07	Judy Cordle	21	Chris Murphy
80	Dewey Dewhurst	21	Fran Shade
80	Lyle Hatfield	22	Dennis Denton
80	Robert Madison	23	Brenda Erickson
80	Michael Ploeger	24	Christopher Worthington
09	Dustin Blythe	24	Gina Lark
09	Kelli O'Leary	24	Michelle Ketelsen
10	James Hutchinson	26	Rick Arnold
10	Randy Stevens	27	Hollie Smith
10	Lynette Bent	27	Gloria Hanson
10	Deanna Draper-Trausch	28	Kellie Paschke
10	Gayla Craven	29	Richard Evans
12	Tracy Hook	30	Gordon Lamp
13	Karine Reed	30	Mary Beech
14	Kathryn Winger	30	Mary Bishop

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!

Kimberly Huff

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December 2023

All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!

If you don't receive emails – Let us know!

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All Meals are \$11.00 and served at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDA	Y	THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Open 1pm - Close! Join us tonight for our New Years Eve Party! Live Music from "Cover That!" Bring appetizers to share Friends & Family Welcome! - No Bingo -	R T	Join us for New Years Eve!		Could you help out one BINGO session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852		Wednesday Night Dinner Teams Needed! Could you help out? Call Becky Young at 515-314-0923		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!		Open 4:30 – 9:00	1	Open 4:30 – 9:00	2
Open 1pm – 7pm Elks Memorial Service 10am Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Gloria Riesberg	3	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Board/House Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome	4	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us Bunco in the Clubroom! 6:30pm - Join the fun!	5	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Dinner Team (Need a Crew!) Stop in and enjoy a pizza!	6	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Chris Murphy Call: Roger Fiore Check: Brook Wade Conc: Shelly Poole	7	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Sing Along with Marge Porter Dinner 6pm Caroling 7pm Cookie/Candy Exchange!	8	Open 4:30 – 9:00	9
Elks' Breakfast & Bake Sale with Santa! 8am till noon! Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Jen Chambers Conc: Joyce McMickle	10	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome	11	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	12	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Tenderloin Sandwiches French Fries, Salad & Dessert Chris & Lynette Murphy, Joe & Tammy Bechen, Mike & Paula Venema, Mark Radosevich	13	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Join us – 6:30 pm! Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Roger Fiore Check: Joyce McMickle Conc: Mike Rosenberg	14	Open 4:30 - 9:00 Holiday Party! 6:00pm Lots of free door prizes! Ugliest, Prettiest & Most Unique Sweater Contest!	15	Open 4:30 – 9:00	16
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Carla Sanburg Call: Greg Weinschenk Check: Jen Chambers Cone: Deb Brandt	17	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Lodge Activities Meeting in December.	18	9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	19	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert Paul & Rhonda Stiles, Russ Youngquist, Brian and Denise Wright & Chrissy Ellis	20	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bourbon Night! Join Us – 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Andy Hansen Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Gloria Riesberg	21	Open 4:30 – 9:00	22	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Eve Before Christmas Eve Pajama Party! 6pm Wear your Pajamas!	23
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