



# DAVENPORT LODGE #298

## ELKTIVITIES



“CHARITY – THE CORNERSTONE OF ELKDOM”  
BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, DAVENPORT LODGE #298  
4400 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1004  
Phone: (563) 386-8190 Fax: (563) 386-8449

### FEBRUARY 2024 – LEAP YEAR

#### What's Cookin' at the Elks?

Dinners are served from 5:30 to 6:30. Please make your reservations by 8:00 pm Wednesday at the bar or call the Lodge at (563) 386-8190

**Please tip the kitchen staff – they work hard for you.**



1 Thursday – Burger basket and fries \$7

2 Friday – Home made lasagna (seafood or beef), salad \$15

**3 Saturday Chili Cook-Off**  
Bring your best recipe and compete for prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Chili needs to be at the lodge by 4:30 and judging will take place at 5:15. Members who donate \$5 will judge the entries. What is your flavor? Do you make it hot, sweet, beans, no beans, hamburger, venison, tomatoes or white chili? Let us all see who has the best chili-making skills around!!!

Music:  
Night People

6 Tuesday – Tacos, enchiladas, salads, and more

9 Friday – Smoked pork loin, twice baked mashed potatoes, vegetable \$15

**11 Sunday – Super Bowl Party** – potluck, 50/50's, Happy Hour Prices

**13 Fat Tuesday** – Muffuletta (New Orleans style cold cut sandwich), jambalaya, king cake bits \$10

**14 Wednesday Valentine's Day Dinner – 3 Meal Choices - \$30/person**

Steak and shrimp in herb butter  
Shrimp and spinach stuffed salmon  
Caprese chicken

All meals served with appetizer, melting potatoes, roasted carrots asparagus, salad, dessert and one glass of wine

**Non-refundable pre-paid reservations by February 9 (no exceptions)**

Dinners are served at your choice of 5:00 OR 6:00

16 Friday – Baked chicken breast, brown rice, citrus salad, dessert \$15  
Music: Night People  
Chef Georgia

20 Tuesday – Tacos, enchiladas, salads and more

23 Friday – Open menu – choice of sandwiches and one side \$15

25 Sunday – Brunch at 10:30 \$15

27 Tuesday – Tacos, enchiladas, salads and more

29 Thursday – Burger basket and fries \$7

#### Month At A Glance

- 1 Game Night Bags \$5  
Burger Baskets
- 2 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 3 Chili Cook-off 5:00
- 5 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 6 Taco Tuesday  
**Board Meeting 6:00**  
**Lodge Meeting 7:30**  
**Nominations for Lodge Officers**
- 7 Euchre 5:00  
Night People Band down 5:30
- 8 Game Night darts \$5  
**Activities Meeting 5:00**  
**Bartender's Meeting 5:30**
- 9 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 11 **Super Bowl Party 3:00**
- 12 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 13 **Fat Tuesday Dinner**
- 14 **Valentine's Day Dinner**  
Pickett Family Band down 5:30
- 15 Game Night Bags - \$5
- 16 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 17 Lounge Bingo
- 19 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 20 Taco Tuesday  
**Board Meeting 6:00**  
**Lodge Meeting 7:30**
- 21 Euchre 5:00  
Night People Band down 5:30
- 22 Game Night Darts - \$5
- 23 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 25 Sunday Brunch 10:30
- 26 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 27 Taco Tuesday
- 28 Euchre 5:00  
Pickett Family Band downstairs
- 29 Game Night ??? - \$5  
Burger Baskets



#### Looking Ahead

March Madness  
April 1 – Lodge dues due  
April – Elks State Convention

## OFFICERS & STAFF

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**Bob Wrage**  
Exalted Ruler

**Jennifer Johnson**  
Leading Knight

**Lisa Remick-Thul**  
Loyal Knight

**Terry Quijas**  
Lecturing Knight

**Ann Hinrichs**  
Secretary

**Carolyn Waugh**  
Treasurer

**Bruce Shimp**  
Trustee

**Jan Dulaney**  
Trustee

**Mary Koehler**  
Trustee

**Jan Mohr**  
Chaplain

**Kym Bultynck**  
Inner Guard

**Neil Simmons**  
Esquire

**Beth Bearbower**  
Bar & Events Mgr.

**Stacy Remick-Thul**  
Kitchen Manager

**Gerry Bade**  
Newsletter/Website



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER

**February:** Usually has 28 days, but this year is Leap Year with 29 days. Once every 6 years, it's the only month to have 4 full 7-day weeks. It's the month of **Valentine's Day** and the federal holiday **Presidents' Day**, and it's when we honor **Black History Month** too. This year, **Mardi Gras** (Fat Tuesday) and **Ash Wednesday** are also in February.

**Memberships:** We have **341** members. One initiation in January. We have 23 that have not renewed their 2023 membership. Please reach out to members you've proposed to insure they've renewed. We have some scheduled for this month. Let's continue our membership's growth. Invite your family members, friends and neighbors to join. We continue to have a monthly membership proposal contest drawing for \$50. On a sad note, we lost another member and past ER last month, **Dale Otto**. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. "To Our Absent Member".

**Bookings:** Last month, our lodge was plagued by snow, wind chill and freezing temperatures causing a number of lodge closures with no events. An entire week of closures really put a damper on attendance at the lodge. We did have one Eaton Union, 2 Big River Conservationists and an Oak Hill Gun Club meeting. We also had three Monday night Bingo sessions and three Wednesday Euchre games and Dance sessions. Hy-Vee had their annual Christmas party. No other bookings! Please promote our lodge to book events. Bookings again this month, are way down! Bookings are crucial for our existence. The best advertisement for our lodge is **YOU** promoting it. If you know someone needing an event location, mention the Elks! We have open dates. Please contact Beth Bearbower our Events/Bar Manager or our Lodge directly at 563-386-8190 with prospective clients and contact information.

**Lodge Elktivities:** Sunday football game openings have ceased due to lack of member support/attendance. The Chili cook-off is scheduled for **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Join in the fun, bring in your favorite homemade chili recipe! Please continue to support our Tuesday and Thursday food night specials, happy hour prices (Tuesday thru Thursday), and our Friday night meals. For Friday night meals and brunches, remember to pre-signup by Wednesday before the meal-date. Bring a prospective member with you! Check the calendar in this bulletin for details and times for these and other events. **Sunday Brunches** reconvened this month! Don't forget that the weekly **'Elktivities'** email blast provides updates / changes to the monthly newsletter on a weekly basis. Give your email address to our Secretary, Ann Hinrichs ASAP for this free subscription. FYI - Elks' lodges don't share your email address with anyone. Look for our Facebook page (**'Davenport Elks Lodge 298'**) or web address **'www.elks.org/298'** for updates on lodge events.

**Community & Youth Support:** Our annual 'Hoop Shot' was well attended! Thank you, Elks volunteers that made this, again, a successful event. Three of our winners have advanced to the state level. Winners then go to Regionals and then the National contest. Well wishes to our winners going forward!

**Facilities:** Our internet switch-over to Metronet for reliability and a significant cost savings is scheduled to be completed this month, barring any interruptions or set-backs.

**Bar:** All new drink chips will be distributed starting this month. 'Old Chips' expire **Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Bingo:** We are in need of **volunteers** to assist with selling cards, Bingo sheets, and 50/50 raffles at the beginning of the Monday night sessions. It requires a little over an hour (5PM-6PM). After that you're not obligated to stay – unless you want to play of course! Stop by on a Monday evening or call Neil Simmons (Page one of this bulletin). He'll fill you in on what's needed. We also need a part-time Bingo **caller** to relieve Ken & Charlie occasionally. Also contact Neil regarding this need. Bingo is our most stable source of income from lodge activities. Without it, it will be hard to keep our lodge open. **PLEASE** consider helping an hour a week!

## Iowa State Elks Association Vocational Grants

The Iowa State Elks Association is pleased to offer twenty (20) **\$1,500.00 Vocational Grants** to individuals pursuing a vocational (2-year or less) training/educational program. These grants are open to current high school seniors **or** any non-traditional student (second career, etc.) pursuing such a program at an accredited school. **These grants ARE NOT intended for students who will pursue a 4-year course of study eventually leading to a bachelor's degree; this includes students attending a community college with the intent of continuing onto a four-year degree program. Applications received for persons ultimately pursuing a 4-year course of study will be disqualified from consideration. The deadline for applications to be turned into your lodge is Monday, March 4, 2024.** Contact Ann Hinrichs at the Lodge Office for more information and an application form.

### Lodge Hours:

Sundays closed

Monday: upstairs closed - Bingo downstairs 6:00

Tuesday through Saturday open at 3:00 pm to close

Happy Hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3-7

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# HEY, ITS FEBRUARY



# WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

**Monday Night Bingo 6:00**  
Downstairs - Open to the Public

**Happy Hours**  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 3-7

**Taco Tuesdays 4:00**

**Wednesday Dance Bands**  
5:30 – 8:30 downstairs  
Food available

**Wednesday Lounge Euchre**  
5:00



## LODGE EVENTS

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board Meetings 6:00

Lodge Meetings 7:30

**First and Third Tuesdays**

Activities Meeting 5:00

Bartenders Meeting 5:30

**Second Thursday**

### Thursday Game Night 5:00

First and Third – Bags  
Second and Fourth – Darts  
\$5 entry fee

### Friday Night Dinners

5:30 – 6:30  
Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday

**Third Saturday Lounge bingo 6:00**

### Fourth Sunday Brunch

Open at 10:30

**Having a fundraiser or a gathering for a birthday, wedding, graduation, reunion, quinceanera, celebration of life?**

Contact **Beth Bearbower**, Party and Event Planner (563) 210-0799

**\*\*\*Reasonable Rates\*\*\***

