



# 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

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### MARCH 2024



#### 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 and leave a message  
**Please tip the kitchen staff – they work hard for you.**



1 Friday – Choice of Fried Chicken or Fish \$15  
OR Chicken AND Fish \$18  
Baked potato and vegetable

5 Tuesday – Tacos, enchiladas, salads, and more

7 Thursday – Burger basket and Fries \$7

8 Friday – Country fried pork chops OR Alfredo shrimp baked w/ garlic  
Mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable \$15

12 Tuesday - Tacos, enchiladas, salads and more

15 Friday – **St. Patrick's Dinner** – Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes  
carrots, dessert – Chef Georgia \$15

19 Tuesday - Tacos, enchiladas, salads and more

21 Thursday – Burger basket and fries \$7

22 Friday – **Installation Dinner** - Smothered pork loin, broccoli-cheddar  
stuffed potato OR Seafood stuffed shells and vegetable. \$15

24 Sunday – Brunch at 10:30 \$15

26 Thursday - Tacos, enchiladas, salads and more

29 Thursday – Open Menu – Choice of sandwich and one side \$15

#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is coming early this year! The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 30. This is for children up to 12 years old who are the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of our members. There will be an egg hunt, snacks, and other activities. We may have a special guest join us! Please sign the kids up with their names, along with their ages at the lodge before March 26 so we have a clear number of participants. Please watch Facebook and emails for more information as the hunt gets closer!!

#### Meal Cancellation Guidelines

Attendance at some Friday dinners and Sunday brunches has been poor lately. Therefore, the Board has determined that there shall be a minimum of 15 sign-ups for the Friday meals and a minimum of 20 for the Sunday Brunches. Lacking these numbers, the meal may be cancelled at the kitchen manager's discretion.

#### Month At A Glance

- 1 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 4 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 5 Taco Tuesday
- Board Meeting 6:00**
- Lodge Meeting 7:30**
- 6 Euchre 5:00
- Night People Band down 5:30
- 7 Game Night Bags \$5
- 9 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 11 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 12 Taco Tuesday
- 13 Euchre 5:00
- Pickett Family Band down 5:30
- 14 Game Night Darts - \$5
- Activities Meeting 5:00**
- Bartender's Meeting 5:30**
- 15 St. Patrick's Dinner 5:30
- 16 Lounge Bingo
- 18 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 19 Taco Tuesday
- Board Meeting 6:00**
- Lodge Meeting 7:30**
- 20 Euchre 5:00
- Night People Band down 5:30
- 21 Game Night Bags - \$5
- 22 **Installation of Officers 5:00**
- Installation Dinner 5:30**
- 24 Sunday Brunch 10:30
- 25 Bingo downstairs 6:00
- 26 Taco Tuesday
- 27 Euchre 5:00
- Pickett Family Band downstairs
- 28 Game Night Darts - \$5
- 29 Lodge Dinner 5:30
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt (more info later)



#### Looking Ahead

- April 1 – Lodge dues due
- April 13 Fundraiser for Bethany Home
- April 26-28– Elks State Convention
- May 4 – Kentucky Derby Party
- May 5 – Cinco D' Mayo
- May 10 – ER Recognition Dinner
- May 13 – Children's Recognition Dinner (those who received awards)

**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**

**March:** Welcome to the third month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first! According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December. What does “beware the Ides of March” actually mean? On the Roman calendar, the midpoint of every month was known as the Ides. The Ides of March fell on March 15th. This day was supposed to correlate with the first full moon of the year (remember, winter didn’t count then) and marked by religious ceremonies, but thanks to Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*, we know it for another reason.

**Memberships:** We have **316** members. **Three** initiations in February. Renewals have been sent out as March is the start of our membership year. **Renew, Renew, Renew!** Don’t forget to add funding for **ENF, Hoop Shoot & Our Veterans programs** by checking those off and adding funding for them with your renewals. **ENF** Funding supports or capabilities to apply for grants supporting our Pillars. We continue to have a monthly membership incentive \$50 drawing for membership proposals. On a sad note, we lost another member and past ER **Charlie ‘Buzz’ Vance**. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. “To Our Absent Member”.

**Elections of Officers:** A new year, a new Board of Directors (**BOD**). Nominations were heard last month on 2/06. Elections were conducted on 02/20. As there were no new nominations, the entire BOD agreed to renew their positions except the 3-year trustee position. That was voted on independently/successfully for Georgia Mossage.

**Bookings:** in February, we celebrated with an outstanding **Super Bowl** party with plenty snacks & winners. A **Mardi Gras** dinner with ‘funtivities’ with Cajun cuisine was experienced! We also celebrated with a **Valentine’s Day** sit-down dinner for forty. It including special loveables with chef Stacie and team providing a most exquisite 1<sup>st</sup> class dinner. If you missed these, you should plan to attend next year. Our Social Committee is planning many exciting events for this year. See the new ideas and deliveries planned – **ATTEND**. We also had one Eaton Union, 2 Big River Conservationists and an Oak Hill Gun Club meeting. We also had five Monday night Bingo sessions and four Wednesday Euchre games and Dance sessions. We had two Celebration of Life events. No other bookings! Please promote our lodge to book events. Bookings this month – **DISMAL!** 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:** 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. Bingo, Euchre, and dancing continue weekly. Bring a prospective member with you! Check the calendar in this bulletin for details and times for these and other events. **Sunday Brunches** reconvened in February. Please sign up by **Wednesday** of the week prior to the event.

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 our website **www.elks.org/298** for updates on lodge events.

**Community & Youth Support:** Our annual ‘Hoop Shoot’ local winners competed in regional and at the state level. One of competitors made it to a second-place tie. A shoot-off ensued. He took third in the state representation our lodge! Congratulations!

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

**Bingo:** We are drastically 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 and you decide how you’d like to help. 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, PLEASE**, consider helping an hour a week!

Bob Wrage - ER

### 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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Facebook: **Davenport Elks Lodge 298**



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**March is the month God  
created to show people who  
don't drink what a hangover  
is like.**

**GARRISON KEILLOR**

**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\*\*\***

