



YANKTON ELKS 994 MESSENGER June 2023

From the Exalted Ruler

Summer has arrived in South Dakota. I am happy to report that Lodge #994 was well represented at the SD State Spring Workshop. Many items were discussed and new policies for SD Lodges were presented. They will be presented at our Lodge membership meeting. I encourage all members to attend. Recently the Board of Directors brought forth the 2023-2024 budget. We are looking forward to increasing our lodge membership and our current members to taking a more active role with lodge activities.

If you can give of your time and talents for helping out at the Lodge with mowing contact myself. We are seeking committee members for House, Veterans Services and Accident Prevention.

A major fundraiser for our Lodge is the Hunter's Fest that will be held in October. We need a new Chair and committee as soon as we can to start planning for the event. Thank you to Bonnie Griggs for accepting the Chair for the Veteran's Day Soup Kitchen, and thank you to Michelle Termansen for all her years of volunteerism.

Please attend the Lodge Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at 6:00PM. Flay Day commemorates the adopting of our Stars and Stripes as the United States official flag. It is a patriotic, insightful ceremony about some of our country's history. Open to the public, so invite your friends.

A friendly reminder to members to keep current with the 2023-2024 dues, 60 day grace period ended May 30th. Any question please contact our Lodge Secretary Evie Sime.

Exalted Ruler, Joe Sparks

See back page for full Calendar.

Sunday 1-7

Mon-Sat

Lounge Open 4-9 p.m.

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	Joe Wipf
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	Danny Lammers

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings, Elks!

You still have some time to pre-register for the 2023 Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis, MN July 2 - 5. Pre-register online until June 28 for the discounted price of \$50 (on-site registration is \$60). There is no fee for a non-Elk spouse or guest. Visit <https://www.elks.org/convention/> for more information.

What a wonderful time we had at the South Dakota State Elks Association Spring Workshop in Huron! There were 13 members of our Lodge representing 994, which was one of the larger delegations. I encourage all members to attend a workshop or other Elk event (Nation Convention, anyone?). It really helps to bring home what the Elks is all about and the wonderful ways in which we are supporting our communities. Check out our website for some photos of the event.

Help us update our information! If you have changes to your address, phone, email, or other vital statistics, please visit <https://forms.gle/m9uJUEFaGkvggkt98> and fill out the form.

Evie Sime

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Shawna Caba	2
Benjamin Hanson	4
Cindy Frank	5
Rodney Link	5
Michael Miller	5
Jeffrey Benjamin	6
Todd Bye	6
Kenneth Guenther	6
John Neder	6
Tim Waiter	6
Gerald Wiedenfeld	6
Lois Vielmette	7
Ron Bertsch	9
William Krejci	10
Wayne Smith	10
Ronald Dutcher	11
Jacob Hoffner	11
Craig Little	13
Larry Mettler	13
Donald Munson	13
Brent Adams	15
Bonnie Griggs	15
Kevin Bender	17
Lynn Peterson	17
John Stene	17
Cynthia Montgomery	18
Arlo Hanson	19
John Gubbrud	23
Tanner Krantz	23
Martis Jans	25
John Rye	25
Kyle Pravecck	26
James Weddingfeld	26
Jae Koletzky	27

From the Esteemed Leading Knight and Drug Awareness Chairman

Time is moving right along. Before you know it, Christmas will be here once again. Just want to touch base with everyone. Now that summer is here, do you know where your kids are, your grandkids. With more free time on their hands, just be aware of what they are doing and with whom they are doing it with. Fentanyl has become the new drug to pay attention to. Kids are ordering pills from the internet, not knowing exactly where they come from. Lots of them are laced with Fentanyl. Please don't let your child become one of the statistics. Also the Zombie drug is making it's way across the US. This is a really dangerous drug. The Narcan nasal spray does not always work on this drug and it could take several applications. Please make sure your kids are safe. It can happen to any kid or person.

This will probably be my last article for a while. I start my new position as District Deputy in July.

I am excited and nervous all at the same time. What a great experience it will be. If you as members have any issues please email me and I will see how I can help. I just ask one thing from you all. Please try and volunteer and get involved in our lodge activities. We want to keep this lodge blooming year after year. Being a part of this great organization is honor and a joy, even with the ups and downs, this lodge and all ELKS are the best people on earth.

Remember Flag Day June 14th. This emblem should be first in our hearts as Loyal Americans, so is it close to our Altar as loyal Elks. This holiday celebrates the history and the symbolism of the American Flag. Come join us and then join us for dinner.

Allison Spak

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Saturday June 10, 2023

Grilled Out Steak Night
\$15.00 for a STEAK AND POTATO
JUST COME AND ENJOY SOME
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH, FLAG DAY

CEREMONY 6:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING TO CREATE
A VOLUNTEER CORPS

HELP US DO MORE EVENTS
AT THE LODGE

PARTIES, KARAOKE NIGHTS, HAWAIIAN LUAU,
PIG ROAST, POKER RUNS, GAME NIGHT,
COMEDIAN NIGHT, LOCAL MUSICIANS,
BINGO NIGHT, 50'S NIGHT
AND MORE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

COUPON

For members of
B.P.O.E. Lodge #994
in Good Standing.

This coupon is worth

ONE DRINK

of choice for you and
your spouse or significant other.

Birthday

____/____

Mo /Day

Signature

Member No: _____

JUNE 18TH

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

FREE, FREE, FREE

PORK DINNER/HOG ROAST

SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE DONATING A HOG
FOR A FREE MEMBERS DINNER.

JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Open 1-7	5 Open 4-9 Burger Night	6 Open 4-9 Tapper Tuesday	7 Open 4-9 Lodge MTG 5:30 Dinner Specials	8 Open 4-9	9 Open 4-9 REHEARSAL DINNER	10 Open 4-9 STEAK NIGHT
11 Open 1-7	12 Open 4-9 Burger Night	13 Open 4-9 BOD MTG 6PM Tapper Tuesday	14 Open 4-9 FLAG DAY 6PM Dinner Specials	15 Open 4-9	16 Open 4-9 Friday Family Night	17 Open 4-9
18 Open 1-7 Father's Day HOG ROAST FREE, FREE, FREE	19 Open 4-9 Burger Night	20 Open 4-9 Tapper Tuesday	21 Open 4-9 Dinner Specials	22 Open 4-9 Secretary Office Hours 12-3 pm	23 Open 4-9 Friday Family Night	24 Open 4-9 Anniversary Party
25 Open 1-7 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY	26 Open 4-9 Burger Night	27 Open 4-9 Tapper Tuesday	28 Open 4-9 Dinner Specials	29 Open 4-9 Secretary Office Hours 12-3 pm	30 Open 4-9 Friday Family Night	