The month of December has finally arrived and the busy Holiday Season has begun. This season will be like everything else this year "different" as we plan the safest way to celebrate the season with our loved ones. Jeff and I have a large family of greater than 30, so we have decided to postpone Christmas in order to keep everyone safe. Christmas in December will now be Christmas in July 2021 with all the same Christmas traditions. As you decide to plan your family "holiday" hopefully the rescheduling or changing of family traditions will be as well received as it was in our family.

Postponing, rescheduling and modifying the traditions at our lodge and "Elkdom" has been the norm this year. December is the month we hold the "Memorial Service" to remember our fellow Elks who are no longer with us. This Ceremony gives us the opportunity to gather with our families/friends and pay tribute to our "Absent Members" and loved ones. Typically, this ceremony is held the first Sunday in December, but with the recent proclamation from Governor Reynolds and the increase in cases here in Iowa this Ceremony has been postponed. The tentative date for the Memorial Service is now scheduled for Sunday, January 17th @ 10 am. Please continue to watch the emails for further details.

This year has been very difficult for everyone in all aspects of our lives. As we move into the year 2021, I'm looking forward to the return of all our exciting activities and events that our lodge has missed out on this year. I miss seeing everyone and gathering at these special events and activities. So, I will close by saying the phrase from a song that constantly dances in my head "LET'S THROW A PARTY!!!!"

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!!!!
Fraternally,
Anna Marie Nielsen, Exalted Ruler
Welcome to our Five New Members
Initiated on October 26th!

Veteran's Christmas Giving Tree Event

The Veteran's Christmas Giving Tree Event is happening right now. This is an annual event our lodge holds to help out the children of Veterans. Our beautiful Christmas tree which was decorated by Dwight & Vicki Taylor and Toby Charloe have cards hanging from the tree. Each card has a child's name you can select which lists their needs and wants to help make their Christmas special. Stop by the lodge, pick up a card or two, enjoy Christmas shopping and return wrapped gifts to the lodge.

From Left to Right; Brenda Carolus, Max Jolmes, Jackie Shaffer, Anna Marie Nielsen ER, Tim Modlin and Vernon Chiles.
ELKS PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET UPDATE

We are all very saddened that we have to cancel our December Christmas Breakfast Buffet with Santa. But, with the recent widespread spikes of Covid-19 in Polk County and throughout the state, we had no choice. It has always been the Lodges intent to follow the recommendations and guidelines of our Federal, State, CDC, and Local Health Experts, but more importantly we only have the best interest for the health of our members, guests and employees in mind.

Now with that said we would like to thank our terrific volunteers who last month, November 8th, 2020, did a fantastic job with our breakfast buffet serving 49 members and guests including 6 first responders, three Urbandale police officers and three Clive officers. We again thanked them for their service and for protecting our community.

Thanks to this month’s volunteers: Judy Cramer, Toby Charloe, Dwight Taylor, Terrie Mundell and her friend Sherry Swertfager, Esther Fister-Palmer, Kathy Peterson, Doug Laird, Lannie Hale, Anna Marie Nielsen (bartender), Joe Stewart, Russ Youngquist for browning the sausage for the gravy, Mark Bergmann for taking out and bringing in our signs, and to: Nina Steele, Nancy Newcomb and Connie Chiles for working the bake sale and to Jan Peter for making the bake sale calls.

Thanks again guys, you are the ones that make our Breakfast Buffet so successful which supports our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities.

We will advise when we can start up our meals again. Everyone have a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

Larry Cramer

There will not be a Breakfast in December
Unfortunately we will be postponing our Annual Elks’ Memorial Service.

Due to the continuing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic we have decided to postpone our service until some point in 2021. We will provide details in a future newsletter. This does not mean that we cannot all take a moment to remember all our departed Elks. Take a few moments on the first Sunday in December to cherish their memory.

“An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken!”

“You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, Whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message -- "TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"
GREETING CARD PROJECT

We are delivering NEW Greeting Cards (Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Christmas, Etc.) to several Care Centers in our area.

They all have many residents who want to send cards and are unable to get out to purchase them.

We are working through the Activity Directors at these locations.

If you have any NEW Greeting Cards you do not intend to use we would appreciate having them donated to us to take for Care Center residents’ use. **Please leave donated cards at the Lodge.**

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**Play it safe—for the benefit of your fellow Elks!**

As you all know our Lodge has been reopened with precautions in place for everyone’s safety... But there are some precautions ONLY YOU can take! If you have been exposed to someone that tested positive, or have travelled to other areas - please practice your own self isolation based on orders and advisories from Federal, State, and local government authorities regarding Covid-19.

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**Lodge Activities Committee**

*Due to the uncertainties of the Lodge Activities we are not having a meeting in November.*

Our Committee is anxious for us to get back to a new normal that includes larger groups, but sadly we are not there yet. Nancy Newcomb, LAC Chair, Trustee
**Donate Items To Benefit Homeless Vets**

The Lodge will be providing items listed below to help set up homeless vets in affordable living quarters of their own.

We are working with the Des Moines Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC) one of 17 VA Centers nationally, aimed at ending homelessness among Veterans. The Des Moines Center finds housing each month for an average of 10 local Veterans.

**Christmas Basket Raffle:** The lucky winner was Dennis Robinson—Congratulations Dennis!

Proceeds from the basket raffle will be used to purchase items listed below to help set up homeless vets in affordable living quarters of their own.

**You Can Donate Items Too!**

We are accepting and asking for donations of new and gently used items. Please bring your donation(s) to the Lodge and place in boxes provided in the small bingo room. All items will be delivered to the Des Moines CRRC.

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Thank you once again to All of the Veterans of the Elks #2752!

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is dedicated to honoring Veterans and pledges that “So long as there are Veterans, we will never forget them”.

Our Lodge recognizes our Member Veterans by ensuring they are included on our “Wall of Honor”. We so appreciate your sacrifice and thank you for your service!

Thanks to all that showed up to our Veterans day Celebration. We missed a few names on our Veterans Board and want to make sure we give recognition to them.

- Al Cross Army
- Don Klemme Army
- Ivan Linn Navy
- Larry Porter Navy Deceased
- Garry Schrage Army - New Candidate waiting initiation
- James Tolsdorf Air Force Deceased

Thanks to all that attended our Veterans Day Ceremony and Dinner on Wednesday, November 11th. Enjoy a few pictures from the event!
West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752 supports our community.

Our Lodge is proud to support Clive Community Services!

*Please help up support this very worthwhile charitable organization by dropping off your Donations at the Lodge! Through CCS we support the DMARC Food Pantry all year round!*

Providing Services During a Pandemic... (How they are handling due to pandemic)

The food pantry is seeing one client at a time inside the building. They ask Covid screening questions in the parking lot; if a client indicates their household has been exposed to Covid, they provide parking lot service. Otherwise, the client takes a number and waits in their vehicle to enter the building. Volunteers are still pre-bagging food to expedite the process.

The clothes closet is only filling orders for winter outerwear/gear and is not distributing or accepting regular clothing donations at this time.

Stats for October, 2020: 112 Households (445 individuals) received monthly allotments from DMARC Pantry
82 Households served through Anytime Room
They get their basic food items (not all) from the DMARC Pantry.
The items listed below are items from the Anytime Room.

**LIST OF ITEMS MOST IN DEMAND:**
- Laundry Soap
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Diapers - All sizes (Especially Sizes 5 & 6)
- Diaper Wipes
- Bar/Hand Soap
- Toothbrushes - Adult & Children
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant - Male/Female
- Shaving - Razors & Shaving Cream - Male & Female

**Clothes Closet!**

Through their Clothes Closet, Clive Community Services offers clothing to all in need. They do their best to offer high quality, seasonal clothing in infant to adult sizes.

**ALL ITEMS ARE ENTIRELY DONATED!**

Clothes Closet items most needed: Infant to Adult Sizes. Seasonally appropriate clothing is appreciated as storage is limited, however all is accepted. Close Closet is open during Pantry hours: Monday 4 pm to 7 pm and Friday’s 9 am to 12 noon

Are you aware of the Donation Box in our Lodge for them? Our Volunteers deliver your donated items to them each week!

**Food Pantry!**

Food Pantry Items most needed: Baby Food, Formula, Jasmine Rice, Canned Vegetables, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit packed in juice, Dry Beans, Fresh Produce. Unopened packages; nothing expired please.

Non-Food Items in Need: Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toilet paper, Tissue, Paper Towels, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Food, Diapers especially sizes 4, 5, & 6, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.

December’s Item(s) of the Month:
Winter Coats, Hats, Snowpants, Gloves & Mittens, Scarves and Boots.

Partnering for success in service to our community!
We begin our day on Tuesday’s at 9 a.m. and work throughout the afternoon.

Many thanks to the Volunteers who meet weekly: Roy Wingers, Jack & Jan Peter, Nancy Newcomb, Rollie Bredeson, Dawn Malloy, Deb Taylor, Kay Behmer, Mary Stiles, Darlene Schluter, Marci Longren, Ray & Sandy Carr, Juanita Grant, Shirley Signs, Nina Steele, Linda Eggers, Jacque Parker, Toby Charloe, Becky Young, Patty Devins, and let us not forget the Members of St. Theresa’s Parish!

Volunteers Needed
If you are interested in helping with any of these projects/activities and can give us a few or several hours please join us at any time. We welcome any and all help.

Volunteer Activities
◆ Assemble Bingo Packets
◆ Mailing of the Elks Newsletter
◆ Prepare Drug Awareness Coloring Books & Crayons for seasonal parades & Spot Shoot at Iowa State Fair
◆ Label & Assemble Student Dictionaries for distribution to third grade students in various elementary schools
◆ Address & send Birthday Cards to Veterans at the Marshalltown Veterans’ Home
◆ Assist with collecting items for Veterans at the Des Moines Veteran’s Hospital, Vet’s Home in Marshalltown & the Vet’s Center located in West Des Moines, IA.

Used Eye Glasses – Hearing Aids
(Sunglasses, Prescription & Non-Prescription)
The Lions Club accepts used eyeglasses and hearing aids. They recycle them locally and in third world countries. They are distributed to the low income and needy people free of charge.

9 to 5 Remote Workers!
our workers continue to keep the Coupons for Military bases project on schedule by several of them working at home, cutting, sorting and preparing mailings.

Items Being Collected For Vets:
We continue to provide supplies to our local Vets. The 4th Wednesday of each month approximately 20 local Vets dine at our Lodge. Please remember to come in and thank them for the services they have provided for all of us. Items that could be donated: Disposable razors, Playing Cards, Deodorant, Emery Boards, Toothpaste, Combs/Brushes, Shampoo, Stamps, Blank White Envelopes (Sizes #6 ¾ & #10), New Greeting Cards (Birthday, Sympathy, Etc.), Note Pads, Wall/Pocket Calendars, Good Used Books. Hotel/Motel/Travel size toiletries for Veterans being served at the West Des Moines Vet Center.

Manufacturer’s Coupons For Military Bases
We continue to collect, clip and mail coupons to active military families in 11 military bases overseas: 3 in Japan, 3 in Germany, Azores, Italy, Norway, Korea and England. These coupons help troops and their families defray the cost of needed items at the PX or Commissary. Manufacturers extend the expiration date by six months to our troops and their families! Please bring your coupons to the Lodge and drop them off in the container marked “Manufacturer’s Coupons”. We accept your coupons cut out or in the booklet form as they are found in the paper. We mail coupons to our military every 4-6 weeks. Questions, Please call Nancy Newcomb, 515-681-0852.

Thank you for Your Donations!
Please place your donated items in the labeled plastic boxes located in the NW Corner of the Aronson Hall entrance room!
Any questions, call Nancy Newcomb, 515-681-0852.
Please Join Us Thursday December 10th 6:30 PM
For our monthly WDM Elks Wine Experience

Wine Night

Only $15 Per Person
(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)

Cheese and Light Appetizers provided!

Come Enjoy the Sips, Learn Wine Pairing Basics and most importantly enjoy your fellow Elks! Invite a friend! This is a great opportunity to share the Elks!

Hosted by our WDM Elks Wine Enthusiasts — Lynnette Eblen, Nina Steele & Toby Charloe
Join Us
Thursday,
December 17th
at 6:30 PM

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!

What a fun way to meet and
socialize with Members that
you may not know!
Every month on the Third
Thursday of each Month!

Our Guests have been
joining!
Plus we are raising
money for our
Scholarship Program!
Watch ALL the Big Games & NFL (When they start again!) at The Lodge!

*The Elks is the Place to go!*

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**Sunday Funday At the Elks**

Ten TV’s, reasonable prices & all your Fellow Elks! Bring friends if you like!

*Clubroom open Noon to 7 pm on Sundays!*

Join us every Sunday for our regular **Pool Tournament at 1:30** All levels of expertise are welcome—Bucks & Does!

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*Let’s play pool We’ll have a blast!*
Wish these Elk Members a special Happy Birthday when you see them at the Lodge this month!

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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! If we miss your birthday – please let us know! news@wdmelks.com
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