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MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Greetings

The holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

I want to thank all members that donated coffee for the V.A. home. The ladies did a super job raising funds for a local handicapped veteran. With the Top Gun party \$300.00 were donated. The lodge added \$200.00 to the fund for a total of \$500.00. Great job guys!

December we are not slowing down. Adopt a Family is in progress. We will look forward to donations or come take a wish off the tree to fulfil some little ones wish for Christmas. I am donating new wallets that can be purchased for \$5.00 with all proceeds going to Adopt a Family. There will be a choice of bifold or trifold.

December 17th is Lodge Christmas party. The lodge will provide light sandwiches. We are asking for Hor D'oeuvres, snacks or sweets. This is a gathering of members and friends just to celebrate Christmas.

January 1st the 6th annual Nutcracker open poker tournament. This will start at 1:00. Come play cards and watch the games. Everyone brings snacks and has a great time. Will you leave with the trophy this year?

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dave

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Like our page,
Indianola, Iowa Elks Lodge #2814
for upcoming events.

The Wapiti is an Official Publication of the Indianola Elks Lodge #2814 for its members. Issued the first week of each month, edited by the Lodge Secretary

If you have an editorial contribution you would like to submit for the newsletter, submit it to Tina Rhodes via email at indianolaelks@live.com no later than the 20th of the preceding month.

Newsletters will be distributed by email. Contact Lodge Secretary with any updated contact information at indianolaelks@live.com.

Thank you!

DECEMBER LODGE EVENTS:

- **Grill and Chill** every Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm.
(We need volunteer kitchen help for the month of December)
- December 3rd - RENTAL - Poker League
- December 4th - **Elks Memorial Service**
- December 8th - **Meeting Night 7 pm**
- December 10th - Indianola Home for the Holidays -Tree lighting ceremony 5 PM
- December 17th - Lodge Christmas Party

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS:

- January 1st - Nutcracker Poker Tournament - starts at 1 pm
- January 14th - RENTAL - Poker League
- January 21st - RENTAL - Teresa Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship Poker Tournament

UPCOMING STATE & GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

- January 29, 2023 - VP Clinic - WDM Lodge 2784
- April 28-29, 2023 - Spring State Convention - Airport Holiday Inn - Des Moines



DECEMBER 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><i>Check your email for the Weekly Update of Club Room activities and hours. If you aren't receiving the Weekly Updates notify the secretary at indianolaelks@live.com</i></p>				1 THIRSTY THURSDAY	2	3 RENTAL - POKER LEAGUE
4 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 GRILL AND CHILL 6 - 8 PM	8 MEETING NIGHT 7 PM	9	10 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS 5 PM - 9 PM
11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 GRILL AND CHILL 6 - 8 PM	15 THIRSTY THURSDAY	16	17 LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY 6PM - CLOSE
18 CLOSED	19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED	21 GRILL AND CHILL 6 - 8 PM	22 THIRSTY THURSDAY	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE -CLOSED
25 CHRISTMAS CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 GRILL AND CHILL 6 - 8 PM	29 THIRSTY THURSDAY	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Just a reminder that we are always open when there is a rental during normal club hours

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

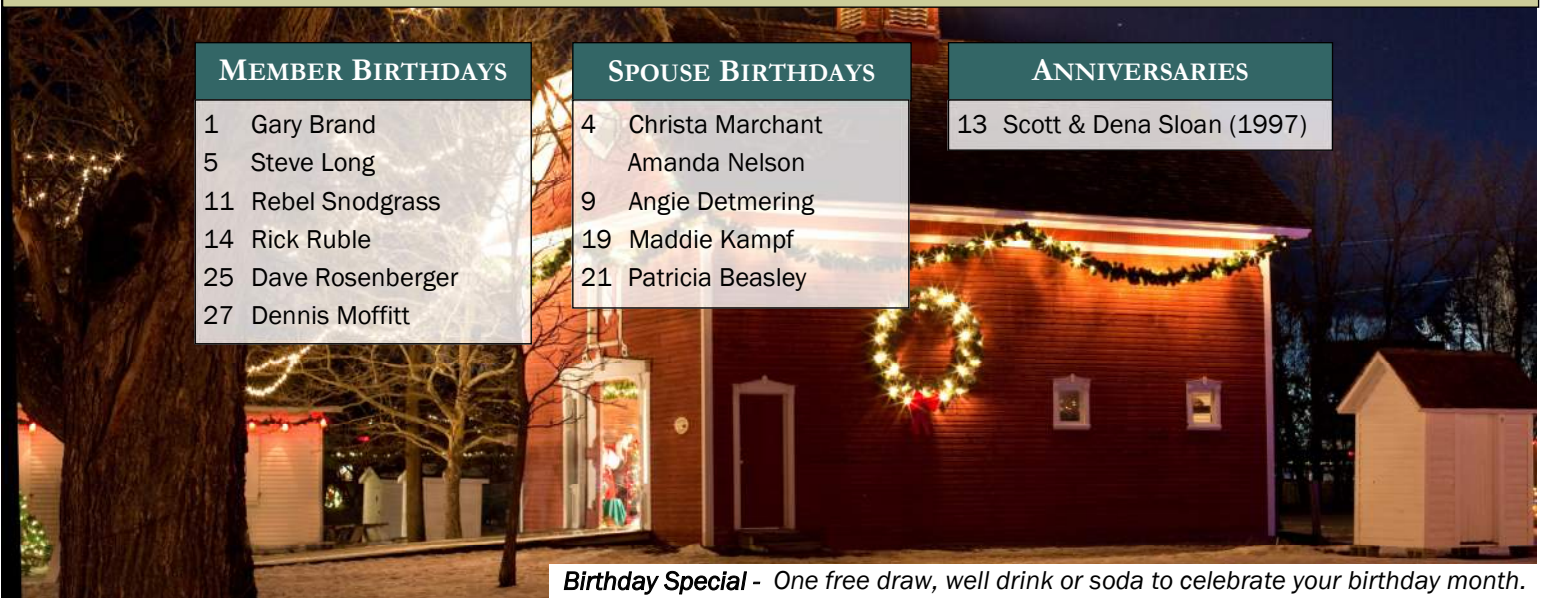
1 Gary Brand
5 Steve Long
11 Rebel Snodgrass
14 Rick Ruble
25 Dave Rosenberger
27 Dennis Moffitt

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

4 Christa Marchant
Amanda Nelson
9 Angie Detmering
19 Maddie Kampf
21 Patricia Beasley

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Scott & Dena Sloan (1997)



Birthday Special - One free draw, well drink or soda to celebrate your birthday month.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Indianola Downtown warmly invites you Home for the Holidays! You're sure to find your holiday cheer as we transform our Square with the dazzling sights, sounds (& smells) of the season. Ask Santa if you are on his Nice List, take a horse drawn wagon ride, join in on a carol or find a treat just like your grandma used to make. And there is no better place to find the perfect gift than our beautiful boutiques, so be sure to bring your gift list!

**Saturday, December 10
5 pm - 9 pm**

The Club Room will be open to warm up
and have a beverage or two.

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please come to the casual open house -
Lodge Christmas Party

**Saturday evening December 17th
from 6 pm until close**

Cocktail sandwiches will be provide – please
bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

The kitchen will be closed for the evening.

DEER HIDE COLLECTION

Each year thousands of Elks step up to help out with the Veterans Leather Program, offering their time, energy and skills to serve veterans. Their gifts help to create thousands of gloves and therapy kits provided to veterans at no charge. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged that: "While there is a committee of Elks on the job, therapists will never experience a shortage of leather".

Last year 12 states collected over 17,000 hides; Iowa comes in second to Missouri - *maybe we can change that*. Over 3,000 veterans have received free wheelchair gloves and over 11,000 therapy craft kits have been distributed.

Indianola Elks #2814 will be accepting hides during the month of December 2022.

Proper preparation of hides prevent spoilage and hides that must be discarded.

- Clean off as much fat and meat as possible
- Deposit on pallet behind the lodge
- Text Dan Hickman (515-442-3879) after you drop off the hides. He would appreciate if you could help him with this important task for our veterans.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 4th at 11 am

The Indianola Elks #2814 Memorial Service will be conducted in the Club room for members and family. After this short ceremony; a light brunch will be served.

An early custom among Elks for the individual Lodges to conduct a formal service in tribute to a member who had died. With the growth of the Order this custom became more and more common; and eventually it was made mandatory in a Statutes of the Order.

Under its provisions the first Sunday in December of each year is designated as "Elks Memorial Day"; and it is mandatory upon each Lodge to commemorate departed members on that day.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Tis the Season to help others, Indianola Elks #2814 is continuing our tradition of helping a local family in need.

Donation need to be dropped by December 15th at bar in the Club Room or VENMO'd to @Maryellen-Anderson or @Sherri-Ripperger. Or you request a Square Invoice from the Treasurer.

If you prefer shopping and wrapping yourself. Take a tag of the Christmas Tree located in the Club Room. Purchase, wrap and attach the tag to the gift. Then take the gift(s) to the Club Room and put under the Tree.

Questions: contact Maryellen Anderson 515-360-4642 or Sherri Ripperger 515-229-6534

GRAND LODGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Minnesota Elks Association is looking for volunteers to help with next year's Grand Lodge Convention in downtown Minneapolis from Sunday July 2 to Wednesday July 6, 2023. Volunteers will get their registration paid for. Positions needed include Ushers to Merchandise vendors. For more information <https://www.mnelks.org/2023-gl-convention.html> or 2023volunteers@mnelks.org

ANNUAL NUTCRACKER POKER TOURNAMENT



**Sunday, January 1, 2023
Starts at 1 pm**

Bring a snack or treat to share. Not a poker player come up and watch the bowl games. Contact Dave Lamphear for the details.



The Lodge is always in need of volunteers: Bartenders, working Grill and Chill and various committees just to name a few. Please sign-up at the Bar or contact the Allan Keller at (515) 490-5618 if you are interested.

Club Hours:
 Wednesday 5pm-close
 Thursday 5pm-close
 Friday 5pm-close
 Saturday 6pm-close
 * Club hours are subject to change without notice.

Club Coordinator:
 Allan Keller (515) 490-5618
 allankeller76@gmail.com
Remember the bartenders are all volunteers; tips are appreciated.

DECEMBER '22 - LODGE #2814 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- Current membership stands at 130
- Candidates under consideration: 6
- Members in good standing whose dues are delinquent over 9 months: 6

NEW MEMBER TO BE INITIATED

- John Sipma - proposer Tina Rhodes
- Richard Klein - proposer Brent Kelso
- Darrell McDonald - proposer Eric Halligan
- Steve Piffer - proposer Keith Welling

MEMBERS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

- Constance Candee - proposer Dave Lamphear
- Jason Davis - proposer Allan Keller

DUES UPDATES

For Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- Indianola Elks #2814 will remain \$100
- Iowa Elks Association dues will increase to \$5
- Grand Lodge Dues will increase to \$29

Total Membership Dues in 2023-2024 will be \$134



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Esquire
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Tiler
 Rhonda Kaale

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MEMBER NEWS

GOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to Gene & Barb Buttery on the birth of their granddaughter, Nellie Jean born 10/27 to Cassie & Jimmy.
- Congratulations to Richard and Emily Shelley on the birth of their grandson, Kyler born 11/16 to Kiersten and John.

THINKING OF YOU

- Larry (LC) Coleman is in treatment for cancer.

IN SYMPATHY

- Tina & Jeff Rhodes for the loss of their sister-in-law, Cindy Baldwin of Iowa City.

Please share your news by calling the secretary or by email (Indianolaelks@live.com) by the 24th of the month.

BENEVOLENCE UPDATE

- Veteran's Coffee Drive - Collected over 70 lbs. of coffee
- TOP GUN fundraiser for local disabled vet: \$500
- Halloween Candy Giveaway to over 450 kids.
- Sponsor of Magical Night of Lights: \$250
- Adopt A Family - on going - donations due 12/15

TIS THE SEASON TO HELP OTHERS

Elks Lodge 2814 Adopt a Family for Christmas



DONATIONS

Drop donations at the Club Room or mail to:

Elks Lodge 2814 PO Box 428

Indianola, IA 50125

OR

VENMO

@Maryellen-Andersen

@Sherri-Ripperger

SHOPPING

- *Take a tag off the Christmas Tree located at the Elk's Lodge*
- *Purchase the Gift*
- *Wrap the Gift*
- *Put the Tag on your Wrapped Gift*
- *Take to Lodge and put Under Tree by December 15th.*

Call with any Questions:

Maryellen Andersen 515-360-4642

or

Sherri Ripperger 515-229-6534

