



THE NINETY-EIGHTER



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APRIL

4/4-Children's Easter and Breakfast

4/11 ER Ball

4/19 SW District Deputy Clinic

4/28-Does Sip n Paint

Welcome, Elks and Friends.

Here we are the start of our new year for 2026-2027. Most of you already know me, but some may not. My name is Rick Andrews. I became a member of Des Moines Elks Lodge #98, 33 years ago. Like most of us, I joined for the social aspect. When I first joined, if you asked me, would I ever run through the chairs? I would've told you straight up no. Apparently God had other plans for me because now I'm on my second full year as Exalted Ruler. I have been married for 35 years to Sharon Andrews. She is currently Does Drove #25 president. We have two children, Kayla and John. We have three grandchildren, Carter 12, Avery 9 and Emelia 5.

I'd like to take a minute and introduce you to the other three chair officers. At Leading Knight is Doug Bleacher. Loyal Knight is Derek Roy. Jumping in at Lecturing Knight is Joe Rivas. Officers that are returning to their existing chairs are Rick Adams, Rich Wallingford, Dale Eeling, Don Wright. We have Heide McDaniel moving over from Treasurer to Secretary. Our new Treasurer is Jodi Breheny. I would like to thank two people for everything that they have done for our lodge. Terry Henson, you've always been one of my to go guys for questions inside our lodge & Grand lodge. Just because you're stepping down as secretary, does not mean you're off the hook. I will still be reaching out to you for answers and your knowledge. Brian Strait you stepped up in 2019 when I was looking for a treasurer. You moved over to trustees and have really gotten a lot done and moving forward with the club side within our walls. Thank you both for everything that you have done.

With start of the new year, there's so much going on for me at once. Right off the bat we have Kids Easter on Saturday, April 4th. April 11th will be the ER Ball. Sunday, April 19th is the SW District Deputy clinic will be held at our lodge this year. And one of my biggest events is the ER golf outing at Terrace Hill this year on June 6th. Sign up sheets will be in the club room. There will also be sign-up sheets, looking for sponsorship on holes on the golf course. As always, get involved to know what's going on in your lodge. Please show up to meetings and events. Your voice and opinions are greatly appreciated. We can't get to know you if you don't show up.

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Bobby



DOES DROVE



Hello DOES

The month of April is for new beginnings. Let's keep the new ideas coming for events.

If you want to learn more about what is happening with the DOES please visit the meetings. Thank you everyone that has been to the meeting this year.

The district meeting will be October 23-24. We will have several committees to help set up the meetings. If you would like to help with the planning contact Sharon or Mitze.

I want to thank everyone that has stepped up to cook a DOES Wednesday night meal. All the months are filled.

The flea market is May 2. If you would like to purchase a table contact Sharon. You can Venmo Sherree Adams with payment. Also check or cash can be used.

Elks state convention is April 24-25 at the Holiday Inn airport. All are welcome.

Sincerely,

Sharon Andrews, Drove President

Contact Sue Vignovich when an Elk or Doe passes away.

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Praise & Thank You	Date	Reason
Dale Eeling (Elk) & Kim Lancaster (Doe)	4-Feb	New Great Grandson
Jeff(Elk) & Tari Eeling	4-Feb	New Grandson
Jeff (Elk) & Teri Vander Sluis	24-Feb	New Nephew
Chris Elsberry	4-Feb	Elected SW District Elk of the Year
Gary (Elk) & Donna (Doe) Young	12-Feb	New Great Grandparents
Sue (Doe-Elk) & Jim (Elk) Hale	12-Feb	New Great Grand-daughter
Ryan (Elk) Navratil & Brandi (Doe) Ultser	12-Feb	New Grandparents
Mr./Mrs.Lonnie Hamby (Elk)	15-Feb	New Grandparents
Keith Chada (Elk)	27-Feb	New Grandparent
Randy (Elk) & Kim (Doe) Mehrl	7-Mar	New Grandson
Thinking of You		Thinking of You
Tia Wolett (Elk-Doe)	4-Feb	" "
Jimmy Thomas (Elk)	4-Feb	" "
Tim Conroy (Elk)	4-Feb	" "
Brad Rieks	24-Feb	" "
Sympathy		Family Member Who Passed
Jeremy Fister	4-Feb	His Mother PSP Ester Fister-Palmer
Annette (Doe) & Dave (Elk) Cook	4-Feb	Annette's Brother
Sue (Doe) Sotter & Les (Elk) Peltz	5-Feb	Sue's Uncle
Paula Muchmore (Doe) & Brian Maddy (Elk)	5-Feb	Paula's Nephew
Elk Bret & Jenny Braafhart	23-Feb	Bret's Brother
Doe Heidi Connett	23-Feb	Her Grandmother
Family of Elk Alex Banasik	25-Feb	Alex passed
Sue Hale (Doe-Elk)	3-Mar	Her Husband Elk Jim Hale
Ryan (Elk) Navratil & Brandi (Doe) Ultser	3-Mar	Ryan's step-father
Derak (Elk) & Sarah (Doe) Hale	3-Mar	Derak's father
Gene Pierce (Elk)	3-Mar	His wife Doe Luann Pierce

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chicken Pot Pie By: Jimmy and Bobbi Thomas	2 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM BAGS 6:30 PM	3 	4 CHILDREN'S EASTER BREAKFAST 8 AM KIDS EASTER PARTY 10:30 PICTURES 11:00 EASTER EGG HUNT
5 NO BINGO 	6 TRUSTEE MTG 6 PM	7 Pool 6:30 PM Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	8 Baked Ziti By: Homer MUSIC BINGO 7 PM	9 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM BAGS 6:30 PM	10 	11 ER BALL
12 Bingo 1 pm-4pm	13 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	14 Pool 6:30PM Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM Does Meeting 7pm	15 Does Meal Ravioli Casserole Garlic Bread Salad Dessert By: Mitzie Douglas	16 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM BAGS 6:30 PM	17 Friday Night Menu New Feature Item: Taco Pizza	18
19 Bingo 1 pm-4pm SW District Deputy Clinic	20 BOARD AND TRUSTEE MTG 6 PM	21 Pool 6:30 PM Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	22 Chicken Enchiladas By: E & Dana MUSIC BINGO 7 PM	23 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM BAGS 6:30 PM	24 Iowa Elks State Convention 	25 Iowa Elks State Convention
26 Bingo 1 pm-4pm	27 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	28 Pool 6:30 PM Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM Does Social Sip & Paint 7 PM	29 Porkloin Sandwich Fries Salad Dessert By: Brian Strait	30 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM BAGS 6:30 PM		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

ELKS

WILLIAM	FISCHER	01
MARK	FALLIS	02
MICHAEL	WINGFIELD	02
DOUGLAS	ADAMS	03
COREY	BRANT	05
DONALD	BRYANT	05
RON	LANGNER	06
RICHARD	WEILAND	06
JOHN	DUDEN	08
MARK	STEELE	08
GERALD	TODAH	09
TIMOTHY	JUROVICH	12
MIKE	NELSON	12
BRIAN	STRAIT	12
JOEL	ZUST	12
DALE	EELING	13
ELAINE	EVANS	13
GARY	NIEHAUS	14
KEVIN	BULLINGTOM	16
KIRK	WORLEY	18
NOTBERTO	MALDONADO	19
ANDREW	VON AHNEN	20
SEAN	DEGOEY	21
GARY	GILLUM	22
HAROLD	BROWN	23
WILLIAM	GEIKEN	23
MIKE	MCCOY	23
BRIAN	MOGLE	23
JAKE	SHEDD	23
JASON	BURKE	24
REBEKAH	WALLACE	24
JODI	BREHENY	25
GREGG	EDWARDS	25
REX	CLENDENEN	27
ROBERT	SAMPLE	27
DENNIS	BOWN	28

DOES

6	KARI	ATZEN
25	CHRISTINE	BIRKETT
25	JODI	BREHENY
13	BARBARA	DIAL
13	ELAINE	EVANS
15	MELISSA	HORTON
24	LISA	HULSCHER
3	JODI	HURGON
21	MICHELLE	MERTA
14	JULIE	MITCHELL
9	VICKY	MORGAN
20	MARSHA	MUNOZ
29	ANGELA	NAUMAN
30	BREANNE	SCHAFER
13	KATHRYN	SIEVERS
16	JAMIE	THOMAS

DES MOINES ELKS LODGE #98
GET YOUR BRICK
 ONLY 60 BRICKS LEFT



HELP REBUILD OUR REMODEL FUND!
 \$100 PER BRICK INCLUDES 3 LINES OF TEXT
 13 CHARACTERS INCLUDING SPACES

Your name _____
 Line 1 _____
 Line 2 _____
 Line 3 _____



<https://www.facebook.com/Elks98>



Jam out to snippets of top music while playing competitively against other music lovers.

Music Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month!

We will be playing 4 rounds - single Bingo, double Bingo, picture frame, and blackout from 7-9pm with prizes increasing alongside the level of difficulty to achieve

B-I-N-G-O!

BINGO IS BACK ON SUNDAYS

Doors open by noon and start at 1 PM!
You are welcome to bring snacks!
This is a public event and everyone is welcome!
Bring your friends and family!



Pay Your 2026-2027 Dues Online!

It's faster and more secure than checks and cash

1. Go to <https://www.elks.org/payonline>
2. Search and Select Des Moines Lodge No 98
3. Choose "Make a Quick Payment"
4. Simply enter your Member Number to get started

If you need help making a payment please contact Heide McDaniel

!!!Call for Ideas for Fundraisers and Events!!!

We are looking for ideas for events, activities, fundraisers.

Bring ideas to meetings, talk to your officers and trustees.

Iowa Elks Association State Convention

Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26

Airport Holiday Inn

Learn more about your State Association!!!

Meet and socialize with other Elks from across the state of Iowa!

Des Moines Elks Lodge 98 Scholarship Applications

Flyers with more information on our local lodge scholarship and contact information will be available at the lodge in the month of April.

Applications will be due by Friday, May 1st.

Submission by Lonnie Hamby: 5 Year Trustee

You could already be earning extra PTO at work!!!

Many employers are increasingly recognizing the value of community engagement, and as a result, a growing number of companies now offer additional benefits tied to volunteerism. One of the most popular incentives is providing employees with paid time off specifically for volunteer activities. These programs—often called Volunteer Time Off (VTO)—allow employees to contribute to meaningful causes without sacrificing their regular paid leave. By offering this benefit, companies not only support their communities but also strengthen employee morale, teamwork, and overall job satisfaction.

In addition to formal VTO programs, some organizations take their support one step further by rewarding employees with extra paid time off based on the number of volunteer hours they complete. This approach encourages ongoing participation while acknowledging the personal time and effort employees dedicate to charitable work. In many workplaces, these added hours can be used just like traditional PTO, giving employees greater flexibility and a tangible incentive to stay involved with causes they care about.

For employees who participate in lodge events or similar volunteer opportunities, these programs may also open the door to earning additional time away from work. Many companies recognize lodge-led community events as legitimate volunteer service, qualifying them for company-sponsored volunteer benefits. By contributing at these events, employees can support their lodge, strengthen community bonds, and potentially accumulate extra paid time off—all while helping build a stronger connection between their workplace and local organizations.

Please reach out to any officer, or trustee, of the lodge to see if there is an opportunity for you to help out.

Speaking of Volunteering as mentioned above!

As we begin the new Elks Year, a reminder there are many ways to get involved in the lodge. These include volunteering for committees, Wednesday night meals, or helping with different events at the lodge and in the community. Please reach out to your lodge officers and trustees if you are interested in helping out!

Elks 98 Children's Easter and Breakfast
Saturday, April 4, 2026

Breakfast 8:00am to 10:00am = Free Will Donation

Kids Easter Party

10:30am Pictures with the Bunny

11:00am Easter Egg Hunt



Does #25
Sip N Paint

Date: Tuesday April 28, 2026

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$30

Sign up for the Does Sip n Paint by Venmo to Bobbi Thomas @bobbilou62, cash, or check made out to Does #25. Envelopes can be put in the Does bag behind the bar. Must sign up in advance by April 14th!

Let's Paint a Springtime Picture!

Snacks to share are welcome!



Does #25 Pop-Up Flea Market

You rent your table: \$25

Profit is all yours!

Anyone can rent a table;

You (your own garage sale table),

Vendors, Hobbyist, Collectors, Bakers, etc.

Date: May 2, 2026

Time: 8am to 2pm

Where: Elks Lodge #98 – Upstairs

Get your family, Friends, and neighbors to come shop!



Contact by text Does President Sharon Andrews 515-689-7783

CINCO de MAYO
Meal!
May 6th
at The Does Wednesday Nite Meal.

Beef Tamales • Chicken Enchiladas
Refried Beans • Spanish Rice
Corn Chips, Salsa, Cheese, Sour Cream,
Jalapeno Peppers & Key Lime Pie Bars

6 PM
\$12 per person

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