

Sioux City Elks Lodge #112 Newsletter

April 2026

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler: Jake Kirchmeier
Esteemed Leading Knight: Jeff Finken
Esteemed Loyal Knight: Melissa Roupe
Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Karen Brown

Chaplain: Jesse Duerksen
Inner Guard: Jason Ross
Tiler: Mike Jovanovic
Esquire: Ted Parks

Trustee: Steve Bradley PER
Trustee: Ken Lillie, PER
Trustee: Steve Smith, PSP
Secretary: Mike Halstead, PER
Treasurer: Pat Hoelker

From the Exalted Ruler



This is a very exciting month for me and the Sioux City Lodge. On March 19, the new officers took the oath of office for the next lodge year. I am proud to represent the Sioux City Lodge as the Exalted Ruler for 2026-2027. I would like to start with a great big thank you to Gloriann Miller for the years of service as the Chaplain and Jim Miller for your service as Trustee. The two of you have really "Made your Mark" on Elkdom. I appreciate your service and all your mentoring.

I am excited to welcome Jesse Duerksen as the next chaplain. I know Jesse will bring his energy and enthusiasm to our Ritual team. I am also excited to welcome Karen Brown as the Lecturing Knight. I believe she will bring a

strong and wise presence to our leadership team.

I want to thank everyone who attended Purple Ball. This was fun to plan. I need to thank all the people that joined my First Lady on the Purple Ball committee and made this a joyful night for everyone.

I am excited for Spring State Convention at the end of April. This will really showcase the Sioux City Lodge with Steve Bradley becoming the next State President. Please consider coming and showing support for Steve and all the other newly elected state officers.

We are continuing to work on reworking activities. Please look at our Facebook for details on upcoming new events. We are planning another movie in the yard. We are looking for a date for another spring/early summer rummage sale. There will be a lodge clean up coming and a clean the street event.

This is going to be a great year. I need all of you to help make your mark on Elkdom. I hope to see you all at the lodge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4-1 Wings & Tacos (Hard or Soft Shell Option) \$6 6-8
SCPOA 7 Poker 7
- 4-2 Lodge Meeting 7
- 4-3 Chicken & Fish 6-8 Missi & Jake
- 4-5 **Happy Easter**
- 4-7 Burger Night 6-8 **Mushroom & Swiss \$6.50**
- 4-8 Wings & Tacos (Hard or Soft Shell Option) \$6 6-8
Poker 7 **Join First Lady Kari for 50th Birthday Cake**
- 4-10 **Prime Rib & Shrimp 6-8 Amicks & Cougills**
Orientation
- 4-14 Burger Night 6-8 **2 Chili Dogs \$6.50**
- 4-15 Wings & Tacos \$6 6-8 Poker 7
Wear Purple for Military Children Today
- 4-16 **Lodge Meeting 7 Initiation**
- 4-17 **Greek Night 6-8 Jeanette Keairns & Julie Konidas**
- 4-21 Burger Night 6-8 **Pork Tenderloin \$6.50**
- 4-22 Wings & Tacos \$6 6-8 **BOD 6 House 7** Poker 7
- 4-24 **Tuesday Burger Night Menu & Prices 6-8**
Jeff Kilzer & Family
- 4-24 - 4/26 **Iowa Elks State Convention Des Moines**
Our own Steve Bradley will be installed as
2026-2027 Iowa Elks State President
Congratulations Steve!!
- 4-28 Burger Night 6-8 **Bacon Cheeseburger \$6.50**
- 4-29 **Waffles For Warriors 8-10 Wings & Tacos \$6 6-8**
Poker 7
- 5/1 **Backyard Movie Night At The Museum 8 PM**
- 5/16 **Garage Sale 8 a.m.- 11 a.m.**
- 5/27 **Secret Elks Reveal & Draw**

Esteemed Leading Knight



Hi Elks Members,

Many thanks to all of you who attended the annual Elks Men's Stag which was held on March 7 as it was a huge success. Events like this provide the funding needed to

support all of our Lodge's charitable contributions to our community. A special thank you to all of you who helped with set up, clean up, cooking, serving, bartending and especially with ticket sales and promoting the event.

As we begin our new year, I am grateful to have been elected as the Leading Knight, and I look forward to working alongside the other officers and the Elks members to help our Lodge grow and prosper. Congratulations to Jake Kirchmeier as the Lodge's Exalted Ruler in the new year. Thank You to Scott Haberer for your contributions as Exalted Ruler this past year.

Jeff Finken, Leading Knight

NOTICE At the November 20 meeting we voted to add a 3.5% surcharge on credit & debit card charges to cover the cost we incur on these usages effective Jan 1, 2026.



Thank you Arby's for selecting Sioux City Elks as the recipient of their community charitable organization during the entire month of March. Stop at Arby's at 5800 Gordon Drive and thank them for their support.

From the Desk of the Secretary



Greetings Fellow Elks,
As a Lodge we are grateful for all our members and all the work you do by being on committees that benefit not only our community, but communities around the United States. This is possible by giving of not only your time and talents, but monetary donations as well, and it starts with your annual dues. Dues plays a big part of what

we do as a Lodge, it pays the bills that keep our doors open, helps supply the food for the wonderful meals we serve during the week as well as special events. Without your support we would not be able to help provide food baskets each year that feed over three hundred families, give coats for kids of Military families and others. Dues are the lifeblood of our Lodge so if you have paid your dues, Thank You, if not, please don't delay in getting them in. As soon as I get your payment, I will get your new membership card out so you can come to the Lodge and enjoy the amenities your Lodge offers you. See you at the Lodge.
Michael Halstead PER, Secretary



Sioux City Elks #112 made another donation to SafePlace Siouxland to help victims of domestic violence. This year we were able to help with food insecurities and provide cleaning, hygiene, and essential needs products with funds from our Spotlight Grant.

Esteemed Loyal Knight



Hello fellow Elks,
 As my year winds down and I move to another chair, I'd like to thank everybody for the support patience and fun that I had this year in my chair. I'm very much looking forward to the next year and the new things that'll bring us to great Heights here at Elks 112. I hope everyone's Easter will be great. God bless all of our military that is overseas right now.

Your fellow elk Melissa Roupe

We're happy to donate use of our lodge again this year for The D'n'G 7th Annual FREE BBQ Event on June 13. This great event is held to honor ALL military, veterans, law enforcement & first responders and provide them and their families with a free meal.

EST. 2017

D'n'G

DRINKIN' and GRILLIN'
 HONORING OUR
 MILITARY, VETERANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT
 & FIRST RESPONDERS!

**We would like to invite you to our
 FREE BBQ EVENT**

Bring your spouse and children!
 Sponsored by Drinkin' and Grillin' Facebook Group

JUNE 13TH, 2026 **12PM - 5PM**

1001 Tri View Ave, Sioux City, IA
 Sioux City Elks Lodge #112

information
 712.898.9771

GRILLIN'

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

A quick note to all.

I am Karen Brown, your new Esteemed Lecturing Knight. I have lived in Sioux City, IA most of my life. I am married with two grown children and four grandchildren, one puppy and three grandpuppies. I tried to retire two years ago but I miss working with people so I went back to work in a PRN status.

I will be learning the role of the Esteemed Lecturing Knight as the year progresses. I have figured out that "Veterans" is the theme. The Lodge has a few long running programs for the Veterans: Waffles for Warriors and Hides for Veterans. These are great programs and their success is due to all of the great volunteers the Lodge has. **GREAT JOB!**

Please keep our fallen soldiers (and their families) from Operation Epic Fury and past in your thoughts and prayers.

Karen Brown, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

PURPLE UP DAY

Most of us think of April 15th as Tax Day but it is also Purple Up Day. It is our chance to say "we see you" to the kids who deal with frequent moves, new schools and the long months waiting for a parent to return from deployment.

Why purple? Purple represents all branches of the military. It is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Marine Corps red and Navy blue. When we wear purple, we show that we support the entire military family, regardless of the uniform their parent wears,

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 307 of South Sioux City, Nebraska is promoting Purple Up Day on April 15th, it's your time to dress with your favorite purple shirt, tie, scarf or even socks and support military families. Post a photo on social media with the hashtag #PurpleUp and thank the men and women that serve and their families for all their sacrifices so we may live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Thank You for your support.

Do you have an April birthday? Bring this coupon to the lodge during the month of April and redeem for \$10 towards your bar or kitchen purchase. For Members only. Must be used in one visit.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone that joined us for family fun bingo in March. In April - first lady Kari will be celebrating her 50th birthday just like she did in school - bringing a treat for her friends. Join her on 4/8 for a slice of birthday cake.

After Friday night dinner, on May 1st, we will host a movie in the yard. Enjoy Robin Williams and Ben Stiller in "The Night at the Museum". We will have popcorn with candy mix-ins. Bring your own chair or blanket. Guest of members welcome! If it rains, we will show the movie in the lodge room.

This year we will host one garage sale. It's \$10 for members to rent a table. Bring your own marked items and change. Each member will handle their own sales. The club will handle posting and promoting the garage sale. Set up Friday, 5/15, after dinner. Sale opens at 7:30 a.m. for early shoppers and closes at eleven. May 27 will be our Secret Elks Reveal and Draw for next year. Our Luau will be on August 7 with Keven Farrell and team roasting the Hog.

Our By-Laws/House Rules are available online, follow the instructions below and you will have access to not only the By-Laws/House rules, but also the monthly newsletter & calendar.

By-Laws/House Rules available online

To access By-Laws and House rules follow instructions below:

- Type www.elks.org in your browser and hit the enter key and create an account
- [Click on the "Members Only" tab](#)
- Choose Local Lodges from the blue drop-down menu
- Click on Lodge 112 from the white drop-down menu
- go to Blue drop-down menu and choose "Members Only tab"
- Choose "By-Laws" from the white drop-down menu

LODGE RENTAL

Anyone wishing to rent the Lodge / Patio contact Neil Magnusson for scheduling and availability at 402-494-6255 or 712-281-2477.

Anyone renting the Lodge, member or non-member, must have a signed rental agreement. A rental agreement requires an Elks employee to be present whether there will be alcohol served or not. Rental is \$250 for members and \$700 for non members and \$200 deposit.

DON'T MISS A MEETING February 19, 2026



\$18 WAS WON by Jake Kirchmeier
\$141 WAS NOT WON by Larry Meier

March 5, 2026

\$16 WAS WON by Mike Rigg
\$159 WAS NOT WON by Martin Poston



**Please send newsletter articles
by the 15th for the next month
to: siouxcityelks112@gmail.com**

STRETCH FUN THANK YOU

Thanks to the guys and gals who participated in Stretch Fun this past six months. Tuesday, March 31, will be our last fun time together until we start Stretch Fun again this fall. Keep stretching, bending, walking, and staying healthy with your family and friends. Have a great summer everyone! Brenda B.

Waffles For Warriors

We were happy to partner with Support Siouland Soldiers for Waffles for Warriors and serve 106 veterans, active military & their family members in February. Thank you to our Elks members who volunteer to prepare this breakfast every month.

Pictured Below from our February Waffles for Warriors Event.

