

West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

August 2026 Newsletter

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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



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Lecturing Knight..... Jodi Greene

Esquire Open

Tiler..... Kevin Marean

Inner Guard..... Kyle Koch

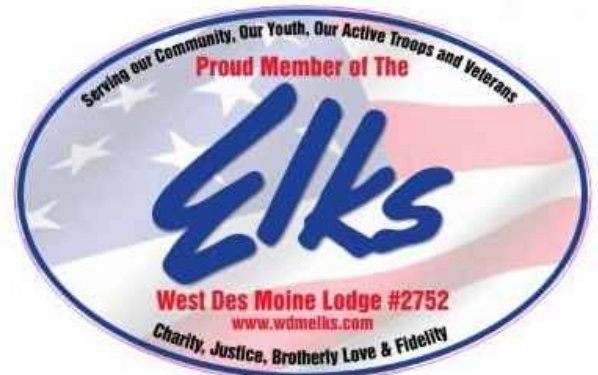
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TRUSTEE CORNER

The Trustees have received multiple bids for the painting of the exterior of the building. We are in the process of getting some clarification on the bids received. Once we have that we will make our determination and get us on the schedule to get this done by fall.

A Clarification for our Members

In recent years, we have been posting a clubroom closing time of 9 pm Monday through Saturday. Please be aware that we will remain open past 9 pm if we have members in the bar. On Sunday nights, we will continue to have a "hard close" of 7 pm.



A message from your Lecturing Knight, Jodi Greene

Greetings all, I can't believe it's August already.

I just wanted to send a quick message out to you all and introduce myself. I am Jodi Greene, your Lecturing Knight and we have a couple of upcoming events that I wanted to share with you all to hopefully make them a great success.



First and foremost, I would like to thank Kyle Koch and Michael Buckley with Wright Service Corp for the generous \$1000.00 donation from their employer to The Blue Star Mom's.

We would also like to invite you to join us on Saturday, August 15 for another fundraising event for The Blue Star Mom's dinner at 6 PM. *See Flyer in this newsletter for more information!*



The second event upcoming is Monday, August 17 at 11 AM. The lodge is going to be participating in the Veteran's parade inside the fairgrounds. We will have a float that I would love for our veterans and significant others to join us and ride on the float or feel free to walk. If you are Interested, we have 30 wristbands, they get you into the fair for free that day along with parking passes. If you are interested, I have placed sign-up sheets at the bar for the 30 spots and I will reach out to you individually on Friday before with arrangements. This is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and I think it would be amazing if the Elks Lodge had a great turnout and filled all the spots that we have available.

We have also designed some specific 250th Anniversary T-shirts that are at the lodge for sale. I hope you all are having an enjoyable summer and are staying cool with the hot weather the last few weeks.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you at some point during the future stay safe and cool and hope to see you soon.



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Organization in the Nation**





Wednesday Night Dinners - Team Murphy

Team Murphy never disappoints, whether they make tenderloins or sausage sandwiches. Chris and his team are true stalwarts of the Lodge, stepping up once a month to serve a great dinner for us. Crew members include Mark Radosevich, Tim and Lee Ann Platt, Karen and Steve Olejnczak, Eric and Heather Carey, Joe and Tammy Bechen, Amy and Kevin Williams, Mark Chapman, Darlene Schluter, Mike and Paula Venema, Jean Schwab and of course, Chris and Lynette Murphy. These volunteers are outstanding and work with the team whenever they can.



July 8th was sausage sandwich night and once again, Team Murphy hit it out of the park. The sandwiches and sides are better than restaurant caliber. The French fries are always cooked to perfection by Mark, and several team members provide outstanding salads and desserts on a rotating basis. If you missed the sandwiches in July, plan to attend in September, Team Murphy cooks the second Wednesday of the month.

Many thanks to Chris and the crew! They have been providing a meal for us on a monthly basis for several years now and we appreciate the many hours that they have put in.



Wednesday Night Dinner—Team Hawk

Team Hawk prepared a delicious dinner on June 24th consisting of BBQ ribs, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, corn bread and brownies for dessert.

Member Ashley Hawk along with her husband, Jamey; parents, Craig and Deb Brooks; and friends Scott and Karen Leighter and Steve Wright cooked and served the meal. Craig started smoking the ribs at 8 am that morning outside of the Lodge and by the time dinner was served, they were fall off the bone tender. If you weren't able to come to this dinner, you really missed out because it was great! This is the second time that this crew has done a Wednesday night dinner for us. They prepared a wonderful taco bar for us back in March and we really appreciate that they have volunteered. We hope that they will cook for us again soon.





Our July 12th 2026 Pancake Breakfast and Bakesale went pretty well considering it was 90 plus degrees. We served 93 breakfasts which included 22 complimentary breakfasts to 14 Veterans who were transported from the Des Moines VA Hospital (Domicile) to our lodge, 5 Clive Fire Fighters, one Urbandale Police officer, and 2 gift cards. We continue to welcome our guests and thank them for their service. Nina handed out packets of toiletries to all of the Veterans. They are always appreciative for the items they received.

Our Volunteers this month were: Doug Laird, Dallas Morris, Neil Davies, Forrest Laidlaw, Ted DuPuy, Beth DuPuy, Brian Becker, Alice Jensen, Rosie Surber, Gloria Riesberg, Nina Steele, M.J. (Bar Tender) and Toby Charloe. Thanks again for everything that you do for our lodge. Thanks to Mark Bergmann for taking out our Breakfast signs and to Kevin Marean for bringing in the signs. Also, a big thank you to Nina Steele for taking our leftover food to the Bethel Mission to help feed the homeless.



Bake Sales continue to be a success!

This month our bake sale brought in \$203.00 from our free will donations which will be given to Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Our Bake Sale volunteers were: Jen Becker, Jean Shade, Nancy Newcomb, and Gloria Criswell and our many lodge volunteers who provide the delicious pastries, pies and cookies.

Our next Sunday Breakfast and bake sale will be August 9th which includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa for only \$3.50. Breakfast is only \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities.

Again, thanks to all of our volunteers. Bring your neighbors and friends and we will see you at our Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale on August 9th, 2026. Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.



ELKS State Fair Spot Shoot!

Thursday, August 20th 2026

Free Pass & Parking Provided



We always have a great lodge turnout for this event! Our lodge volunteers work with the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association who sponsors the Elks Spot Shoot.

We entertain and educate many children who come to the Elks Hoop Shoot Program and Drug Awareness Programs.

We usually have 250 to 300 youths who participate ages 4 to 70. Along with having fun of shooting baskets, the kids receive Drug Awareness coloring books with attached crayons and participation ribbons.

We have two sessions to fill with volunteers, 9:30am to 11:30am and 1:30 pm to 3:00pm.

The Parks and Recreation Association continues to spoil us when we finish with adult beverages at the Iowa Craft Beer Tent.

PLEASE SIGN UP!



Sign up sheet is in the Club Room!



Lodge Activities Committee

LAC Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026

Attendance: Julie Kafer, Becky Young, Dick and Judy Cordle, Tammy Bechen, Toby Charloe, Clark and Dee Petersen, and Cliff Morris.

Special Activities for August:

All activities are on the monthly calendar on the last page of this Newsletter,

August 6, Thursday. Thirsty Thursday. \$2.50 Domestic Bottled Beer.

August 7, Friday Night. Jimmy Buffet Night. DJ Dave. Fresh Margarita's, Beach Bingo and prizes. See Flyer

August 9, Sunday. Breakfast/Bake Sale

August 13, Thursday. NO Wine Night this month

August 15, Saturday. WDM Elks Blue Star Mom Fundraiser. Pork Loin Dinner.

August 17, Monday. NO LAC Mtg this month

August 17, Monday. Veteran's Parade/Iowa State Fair

August 20, Thursday. NO Bourbon Night this month

August 25, Tuesday. B-Day Night 6:00 pm

August 29, Saturday. Golf Tournament. Steak Dinner 2-5 pm plus Auction items. See Flyer

Upcoming Events for September, mark your calendar.

September 3, Thursday. Thirsty Thursday

September, 7, Monday. The Lodge closed. Labor Day

September 10, Thursday. Wine Night 6:30 pm

September 11, Saturday. 9/11 Serving food for Veterans and first responders Etc. parking lot

September 12, Saturday. Iowa/Iowa State Game 6:30 pm

September 13, Sunday. Breakfast/Bake Sale

September 17, Thursday. Bourbon Night 6:30 pm

September 22, Tuesday. B-Day Night 6 pm

September 25, Friday. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6 pm

Next LAC Meeting, Monday September 21st, 6:30pm

LAC Chair, Julie Kafer



ELKS ANGELS

The Elks Widows will meet Tuesday August 11th, 1pm. for lunch at Nicks Bar and Grill, 9759 University Clive, IA

Please come join us. We have happy talks, laughs and lots of fun and would love to see you! Marge (515) 371-3158

Firsty Thirsty Thursday!



Thursday, August 6th

Firsty Thirsty Thursday is ONLY on the first Thursday of the month.

\$2.50 Domestic Bottles all evening.

\$8.00 Burger Basket Specials

We will be offering our **Hamburger or Cheeseburger Basket with fries**

We will also have **Chicken Tenders Basket or Chicken Tender Salad.**

Other appetizers will also be available for purchase.

Food served from 5pm until 7pm. Yummy!!

GAME NIGHT *At The Elks!*

**Tuesday August 4th
and
Tuesday August 18th
at 6:30pm**

We will be playing Sweep!

***Plus, bring your favorite game
board games, cards, etc.***

***Attendees will agree upon
what games to play together!***

Join Us!



wednesday night
DINNER

COOKING
CREW



**We Need
Volunteers!**



Wednesday Night Cooking Crews!
If you have some ideas for a Dinner or would be
willing to join a team or help out in any way...
Call Roger Fiori (515) 201-6707

wednesday night
DINNER



**No
Wednesday Night Dinners
In August**

Due to the fair and vacation schedules there
are no cooking teams available in August.



BOURBON NIGHT



**No
Bourbon Night
in August.**

YOU ARE A MEMBER NOT A CUSTOMER

THIS IS YOUR LODGE.



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
is a fraternal organization built on
Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity.

We are Elks. We care. We serve. We strengthen our communities.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEANS:



PARTICIPATE

A few hands and
a few hours make
a real difference.



LEARN

Discover our history,
share in our values,
and grow as
Elks and leaders.



SERVE

Support our
communities through
Elks programs and
charitable service.



BE KIND

Respect one another.
Welcome people.
Strengthen our
brotherhood.



KNOW YOUR LODGE

It is a benefit for members
and qualified guests — not
a public facility. Please follow
lodge rules and be respectful
of your fellow Elks.



GROW OUR FAMILY

Invite and sponsor
family, friends,
coworkers, and
neighbors.

YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU.

PARTICIPATE ★ VOLUNTEER ★ LEARN ★ SERVE ★ SPONSOR

Ready Elks, Let's Go!



★ BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS ★



Jimmy BUFFETT Night!!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 • 6 PM



MARGARITAVILLE

will offer

\$5 Fresh Margarita's
and Strawberry
Margarita's!

Yummy!!



Wear your
Jimmy Buffett
gear.

Prizes for the
three best dressed.

≡ **Elks Bucks!** ≡

Good Times

Cold Drinks

Island Vibes



**BRING AN
APPETIZER
TO SHARE!**

SUGGESTIONS:
SUMMER SALADS
AND MUNCHIES!



**MUSIC FROM OUR
OWN DJ DAVE**



BEACH BINGO!

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

WDM Elks Lodge #2752

Community Breakfast & Bake Sale



Monthly Breakfast Buffet



Join Us - Sunday, August 9th



8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

— Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa – only \$3.50 —



Pancakes
(Blueberry & Chocolate Chip)



French Toast



Scrambled Eggs



Bacon & Sausage



Biscuits & Gravy



Cheesy Potatoes

... price includes Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee!

Bake Sale

Homemade Treats &
Baked Goods for Sale



Adults – \$11 ♥ **Kids 10 & Under – \$5**

All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities !



Blue Star Mothers of Iowa is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting our Military Forces, our Veterans, and their families. Our Elks lodge is partnering with this organization to help provide care packages to send to our deployed troops. Please join us for dinner to help this amazing cause.

Saturday, August 15, 2026

\$15.00

**Pork Loin, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli Salad,
and Jello Poke Cake
Serving Dinner at 6pm.**

Dinner tickets can be purchased at the bar in advance or the evening of this event. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 drawing and silent auction. This event is open to the public.

The following items can be donated :

- 3 oz Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Washes
- 0.85 oz Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Travel Size Kleenex
- Disposable Razors
- Dental Floss Sticks
- Chapstick
- Travel Size Deodorant
- Decks of Cards
- Crossword/ Puzzle Books
- Hand/Sock Warmers
- Black Mid-Calf Socks ALL Sizes

*Cash donations, checks payable to Elks Lodge 2752 or using our Venmo site
(please add a memo stating it is for Blue Star Moms) are also welcome.*

Elks #2752 Charity Golf Fundraiser

Saturday 9am August 29



Platinum Sponsors (\$ 1,000) will receive 2 professional signs and top recognition on a large sponsor's board at registration table.

GOLD SPONSORS (\$ 500) will receive a professional sign and recognition on the large sponsor's board at the registration table.

Silver Sponsors (\$ 250) will receive a professional sign on a hole and recognition on the large sponsor board

Hole Sponsors (\$ 125) will receive a professional sign on a hole

Silent Auction donors will be recognized at the steak dinner

All the funds raised go to our charities. Some of those charities are:

- Welcome Home Veterans resettlement program
- Easter Seals respite care facility
- Sunnyside children's summer camp
- Veterans Children's Christmas party
- Local Chapter of First Tee of Iowa
- Local Clive and Urbandale food pantries
- Blue Star Moms of Iowa
- Local and National Scholastic and Trade Scholarships
- St Vincent DePaul Social Services

\$100/ golfer

\$400/ team



Please contact **Cliff Morris (cliffd34@gmail.com) 515-314-9335**

Or Contact: **Toby Charloe (cell) (918) 533-2267 To sponsor or to play**

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2026 Elks #2752 Charity Golf Fundraiser



Saturday, August 29th - 9:00 AM



\$100/Player

\$400/Team

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Contact 515-252-1717 or 515-314-9335**

**Please help us raise funds to help support our local veteran charities;
Welcome Home Veterans homeless placement,
Camp Sunnyside and Easter Seals Respite Care,
police and firefighters project, and the local food banks.**

All funds raised go to our charities

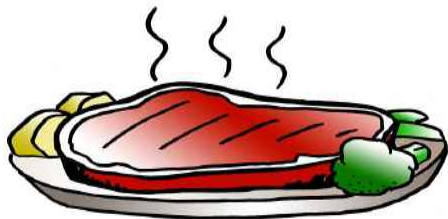
1st Flight - 1st Place \$300 (\$75/ea.) - 2nd Place - \$160 (\$40/ea)

2nd Flight - 1st place \$200 (\$50/ea.) - 2nd Place- \$120 (\$30/ea)

3rd Flight - 1st Place \$100 (\$25 ea.) - 2nd place- \$80 (\$20/ea)

\$100/golfer - \$400/team includes the great steak dinner

Elks Care - Elks Share



***If you don't play golf– you can still buy a
ticket for a great Steak Dinner for only \$25**

Contact golfer.	\$100/ player

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday, August 25th at 6pm

***All Members and their guests
are welcome to join us and help
celebrate all of this month's Birthdays!***

**IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY
MONTH**

Appetizers & Birthday Cake are provided! Come Celebrate with me!

01 Don Clem	14 Christy Gooding	23 Susan Johnson
02 Victoria Brock	14 Nick Harder	24 Jana Castelone
02 Denise Chambers	14 Lawrence Schweitzer	24 Barbara Lykins
02 Nina Steele	14 John Smith	24 Sheyla Briddle
03 Nancy Brown	15 Matt Carpenter	25 Ronald Gray
03 Cindy Stanford	15 John Gamble	25 Robert Harper
03 Allison Stevens	15 Melisa Morris	25 Debra Lamp
05 Michael McCune	16 Joe Akers	26 Bob Christensen
07 Al Cross	16 Melissa Pfaff	27 Patrick McManus
07 Nisa Rittman	16 Sherry Poole	27 Craig B. Johnson
07 Justin Scott	18 Steve Hensley	28 Michael Rhode
07 Kristin Silas	18 Valerie Williams	28 Michael Roberts
08 Nicholas Chambers	19 Blake Hardy	29 Johanne McIvor
08 Dr. Harbans Deol	19 Joseph Kinning	29 Troy Richards
08 Greg Marean	19 Charlene Butz	30 Timothy O'Leary
08 Rosemary Surber	20 Lisa Dalton-Robinette	30 Stuart Van Weelden
10 Marissa Castelone	20 Eric Johnson	30 Tammi Leisen
10 Rob Christiansen	22 Robert Chambers	31 Roland Johnsen
10 Mike McKillip	22 Christopher Larson	31 Jeni Kramer
13 Elaine Miller	23 Ron Taylor	31 Jillian Trent

Wish these Elk Members
& Spouses a special
Happy Birthday!
when you see them
at the Lodge this month!

*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 missed your birthday – please let us know!
news@wdmelks.com



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All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!

If you don't receive emails – Let us know!

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All Meals are \$11.00 and served
at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Open Noon - 7pm	30	Bingo Volunteers Needed! Could you help at one BINGO Session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852		Dinner Crews Needed! Could you help one Wednesday Night per month? Call Roger Fiori at 515-201-6707				Notice a FEW people doing a LOT of work? 				Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	1
Play Pool - 1:30 Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Roger Halbur Team: Gloria Criswell Mary Spoerl and Rita Lans		Open 4:30 – 9:00	3	Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us	4	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner Pizza Night! Stop up and Enjoy a Pizza! Dinner Crews Needed!	5	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Firsty Thirsty Thursday \$2.50 Domestic Bottles \$8 Burger Baskets Bingo 7pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Greg Weinschenk Gloria Crisell, Rita Lans, Beth Kneeskern, Nancy N	6	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Jimmy Buffett Night See Flyer! Music by DJ Dave!	7	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	8
Open Noon - 7pm Play Pool - 1:30 Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Larry Schweitzer Team: Gloria Criswell Mary Spoerl and Rita Lans	2	 House/Board Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome		Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Elks Angels 1:00pm Lunch at Nick's Bar & Grill 9759 University Ave Clive, IA	11	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner Pizza Night! Stop up and Enjoy a Pizza! Dinner Crews Needed!	12	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Wine Night In August Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Larry Schweitzer Gloria Criswell, Jen Hushagen, Beth Kneeskern	13	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	14	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	15
Open 8am - 7pm Elk's Breakfast & Bake Sale <i>Served 8am till Noon</i> Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Patti Bond Nancy Newcomb Mary Spoerl and Rita Lans	9	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Lodge Meeting Only one meeting in July and August	10	Open 4:30 – 9:00 18	18	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner Pizza Night! Stop up and Enjoy a Pizza! Dinner Crews Needed!	19	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Bourbon Night in August Bingo 7pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Roger Halbur Team: Nancy Newcomb, Jen Chambers & Jen Hushagen	20	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	21	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	22
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