

CRESTON LODGE #605

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

403 W Montgomery

Creston, IA



November 2023

2023 - 2024 OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER:

Ryan Samo

LEADING KNIGHT:

Tyler Mahan

LOYAL KNIGHT:

LECTURING KNIGHT:

SECRETARY:

Dave Neeley

TREASURER:

John Cook

ESQUIRE:

Cassie Wilmeth

INNER GUARD:

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TILER:

Brad Weis

CHAPLAIN:

Deb Veitz

TRUSTEES:

Barb Wilmeth

Blade Martwick

Dr. Joel Weis

Samantha Krantz

Eric Shawler

Newsletter Editor:

Cassie Wilmeth

November Dining & Events

*Friday, November 3rd – Fish Fry - 6pm

*Wednesday, November 8th – Bring Your Own Meat Night – See
Newsletter for details

*Friday, November 10th – Chili & Cinnamon Rolls 5:30-8pm

*Friday, November 17th – Fish Fry – 6pm

*Saturday, November 18th – Bacon Fest – See Newsletter for Details

*Wednesday, November 22nd – Sliders & Fries – Sign up for Elks Secret
Santa – 5:30-8pm

*Thursday, November 30th – PER Soup Supper – 5:30-8pm

*Friday, December 1st – Kids Christmas Party

**Wednesday, November
22nd**

**Sliders and French Fries
5:30-8pm**

**Cheeseburger, Hawaiian
Chicken, Chili Cheese
Dog, Ham & Cheese**



**COME SIGN UP
FOR THE ELKS
SECRET SANTA
PARTY!**

**Friday, November 10th
Chili & Cinnamon Rolls
5:30-8pm**



**Chili made by past Elks Chili
Cook-off Winners!**

**November & December Fish Fry
Committees**

October

3 Deb Veitz, Brian Downing,
John Shaw

17 Ken Callahan, Tyler Mahan,
Chad Mahan, Austin Berry

1 Greg Bailey, John Grossnickle,
Gabe Looney

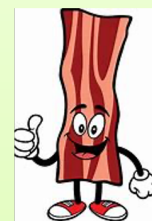
15 Brad Weis, Ron Higgins, Joel
Weis, Brianna Weis

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

BACON FEST!

TURN IN YOUR BACON

ENTRIES BY 5PM



\$5 A PLATE TO TRY SAMPLES

BACON (PORK) THEMED

COSTUME CONTEST

50/50 RAFFLE

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
AND PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL
SENIORS! The 2024 Elks Most

Valuable Student and Legacy Awards
scholarship contest has officially
started! College bound (4 year
university) high school seniors can
apply for the ELKS MVS scholarship
(you do not need to be an Elks
member to apply for this)

at enf.elks.org/MVS. Criteria for
selection considers: Leadership,
Academic Achievements and records,
community involvement and financial
need. The Elks National foundation
awards 500 four-year awards for a
total of \$2.52 million.

The deadline is November 13, 2023.

Also, our Legacy Award offers 350
scholarships to the children or
grandchildren of dues-paying Elks.

Apply for this scholarship
at enf.elks.org/leg. Don't miss this
opportunity! Last year we awarded
\$17,000 to students in our lodge
district alone! Please feel free to
contact me with any questions.

November Birthdays

- 1 Michele Draper
Joe Powers
- 2 Galen E. Baker
- 3 Robert A. Day
Deb Veitz
- 6 Dan Pine
- 7 Billy Stuart
- 9 Dr. Don McKim
- 12 Brian Wallace
- 13 David F. Smith
Matt McNichols
Al Schneider
Pat Loudon
- 17 William Cornick
- 19 Travis Anderson
Fred Calvin
Kenneth Sharp
- 22 Gregory S. Driskell
Dr. Stephen Stults
- 25 Scott Mitchell
Barb Wilmeth
- 27 Ronald C. Bruce
- 30 Keith H. Hoepker

Wednesday, November 8th
Bring Your Own Meat Night
Sides available for \$5 dollars
5:30-8pm

Coming Up In December...

Kids Christmas Party –
Friday, December 1st

Elks Painting Party – Friday,
December 8th

Greetings Fellow Elks,

November is going to be a great month. As hunting is gaining traction, please remember that we collect the hides for a Veteran's program. Those hides are turned into wheelchair gloves and other craft kits. Last year the Elks distributed 1,378 pairs of the gloves to wounded veterans. The leather craft kits are given to State Veterans Homes by our partner Help Heal Veterans, to which 8,800 kits were distributed nationally. The rest went to VA Medical Centers, where therapists plan creative projects focused on helping veterans recover. Iowa donated the second most hides with a total of 4,514. We will have our collection tubs at the lodge, so make sure to spread the word and get your hides dropped off so we can prep them and continue to benefit this wonderful program.

We are still short 2 officers. Our needs are Lecturing Knight and Loyal Knight. If you are interested in filling one or know somebody that is/would be a good fit, please reach out so we can get them filled. Everything runs a little smoother with a full house. To try and bolster member involvement, we are working on moving the board meetings to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We are also changing our by-laws for secretary compensation to be \$1,500 per year, which will make us similar with other lodges.

This month's shout out goes to Tyler Mahan. He has been a part of the lodge most of his life and is continuing that tradition with wife and kids in tow. He has continually stepped up, making sure youth and leather programs continue happening. He did great things with the Trunk or Treat, making it better for all who attend. He has stepped up with the deer hides, even when it's not his responsibility. He does numerous fish fries, along with other meals. I don't know how he manages it all with kid's activities of his own, but they are constantly at the Elks making sure the lodge and events continue to happen. I could keep the list going, but you get the idea. Make sure to give Tyler props when you see him around and stay tuned for next month's shoutout!

I can't say it enough, we need more members, and we need dues paid! Three people paid their dues since the last newsletter, bringing the number down to 35 unpaid. Please take it upon yourself to invite one person to join the Elks and give 2-4 hours of their time annually. In case you missed it, Friday after Five generated over \$8,000 for local charities this year and brings the total to over \$33,000 since inception. Together we can do even more great things for our community. "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." Charles Darwin. Go Panthers!!

Until next time,
Ryan Samo, Exalted Ruler

Notification of Proposed bylaw Amendments

The following bylaw amendments were proposed at our lodge meeting on October 19, 2023.

Article IV Meetings – Proposed changing the meeting night from the 1st and 3rd Thursday to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. In the months of July, August, and December the lodge shall meet on the 3rd Wednesday only.

Article V Elective Officers and Duties – Proposed changing the secretary salary from \$3600 per annum to \$1500 per annum.

These proposed amendments will be voted on at our November 16th Lodge meeting

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	3 Fish Fry - Deb Veitz, Brian Downing, John Shaw	4 Celebrity Bartender Ryan Samo No Saturday Night Dining
5	6 Closed	7	8 Bring Your Own Meat Sides available for \$5 5:30-8pm	9	10 Chili & Cinnamon Rolls 5:30-8pm	11 Celeb Bartender Andrew Gordon No Saturday Night Dining
12	13 Closed	14	15	16 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	17 Fish Fry - Ken Callahan, Tyler Mahan, Chad Mahan, Austin Berry	18 Celebrity Bartender Hannah Hagle Bacon Fest See Newsletter for details!
19	20 Closed	21	22 Sliders & Fries 5:30-8pm Come sign up for Elks Secret Santa	23 	24	25 Celeb Bartender Trevor Paulus No Saturday Night Dining
26	27 Closed	28	29	30 PER Soup Supper 5:30-8pm	Dec. 1 Fish Fry - Greg Bailey, John Grossnickle, Gabe Looney Kids Christmas Party	2 Celeb Bartender Tyler Wolf No Saturday Night Dining

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