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December Dining & Events

- *Friday, December 1st – Fish Fry & Kids Christmas Party
- 6pm
- *Sunday, December 3rd – Memorial Service – 2pm
- *Friday, December 8th – Painting Party 7pm – Serving
Crispy Chicken Sandwiches & Fries
- *Friday, December 15th – Fish Fry – 6pm
- *Saturday, December 30th – Panther Express Wrestling
Fundraiser

December & January Fish Fry Committees

- 1 Greg Bailey, John Grossnickle, Gabe Looney
- 15 Brad Weis, Ron Higgins, Joel Weis, Brianna Weis
- Jan
- 5 Mike Eblen, Larry Blakesly, Sherry Seago
- 19 Ron Higgins, Nick Jannings, Todd Stalker

Saturday, December 30th

*Panther Express Wrestling Chili Cook-
off & Fundraiser*



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

PAINTING PARTY

7PM



ALSO SERVING CRISPY CHICKEN

SANDWICHES & FRIES

6PM-9PM

December Birthdays

- 1 GARY R THOMPSON
- 5 MARCIA STEWART
- 6 ROB EVANS
MARGARET TURK
BILL CLEM
- 7 KENNETH CHEERS
- 8 JIM D BRYANT
MARK KRINGS
BRENNON ZELLMER
- 9 STEVE MOELLER
GREG WEIS
- 10 GREG BUXTON
STEVEN FASTENOW
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- 11 MIKE EBLEN
- 13 CHARLES D BROWN
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- 14 CHAD MAHAN
- 17 GREGORY WURSTER
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- 18 JEFF KINSELLA
- 20 CHISOM DOWNING
- 22 JOE ROUTH
- 23 PHILLIP TYLER
- 24 ROBERT JANSEN
- 27 JESSE HARRIS
- 28 DOUGLAS BAKER
MATT BUCK
RICHARD WENZIG
- 29 PAUL SOMERS
- 30 JEREMY VAN GORP

Coming up in January...

Friday, January 12th -

Trivia

Saturday, January 27th

- Chili Cook-off

Greetings Fellow Elks,

I just want to take a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! There is always a lot going on, but we get a chance to sit back and enjoy family and friends this time of year. There has been no shortage of support and comradery at the lodge. Trevor Paulus just won "Celebrity Bartender of the Year", entertaining all who stopped up to see him. Baconfest was fun and delicious! The Chili and cinnamon rolls were a hit, obviously when Barb makes desert you do everything you can to get there. The Fall cleanup went well too, a lot got done. Which is great because we have been working on the garden for next year's improvements!

We are still short 2 officers. Our needs are Lecturing Knight, 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. This month's shout out goes to Barb Wilmeth. She is a great member that steps up whenever called upon. She is there for cleanups in the Spring and Fall. The flower gardens are done because of her. She makes endless food for us, which is great because everything she makes is delicious! She has gone through the chairs and remains involved as she is a trustee. Her knowledge and experience is tapped regularly. If help is needed for an event, she is there and calls for backups. Her husband Dave can attest to that, haha. All hands on deck from the Wilmeth household. I could keep the list going, but you get the idea. Make sure to give Barb props when you see her around and stay tuned for next month's shoutout!

I can't say it enough, we need more members, and we need dues paid! One more paid their dues since the last newsletter, bringing the number down to 34 unpaid. The problem is, that is just over 10% of our membership. Please take it upon yourself to invite one person to join the Elks and give 2-4 hours of their time annually. We added 3 new members at our last meeting. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events! We have the Kids Christmas on December 1st, bring them up to see Santa. December 3rd will be our memorial service, stop up to pay respects for our fallen members. We will be having a painting party December 8th, and the picture looks awesome. Grab some friends and get in the holiday spirit. December 30th, the Express Wrestling Club is having a fundraiser if you want to support local youth sports and athletes. Together we can do great things for our community. "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" Henry Ford.

Until next time,

Ryan Samo, Exalted Ruler

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fish Fry - Greg Bailey, John Grossnickle, Gabe Looney Kids Christmas Party	2 Celebrity Bartender Tyler Wolf No Saturday Night Dining
3 Memorial Service 2pm	4 Closed	5	6 Clubroom Open 5-8pm	7	8 Painting Party 7pm Serving Crispy Chicken Sandwiches & Fries	9 Celeb Bartender Penny Oetken No Saturday Night Dining
10	11 Closed	12	13 Clubroom Open 5-8pm PER Meeting 7pm	14 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	15 Fish Fry - Brad Weis, Ron Higgins, Joel Weis, Brianna Weis	16 Celebrity Bartender Brad Weis
17	18 Closed	19	20 Clubroom Open 5-8pm	21	22	23 No Celeb Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
24 31	25 	26	27 Clubroom Open 5-8pm	28	29	30 No Celeb Bartender No Saturday Night Dining Panther Express Chili Cook-off

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