

West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

January 2024 Newsletter

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Message From Your Exalted Ruler

As we start the new year, it is natural to look back on the past year and reflect on all that has happened. For many of us, the past year has been filled with joys and accomplishments, as well as challenges and setbacks.

But no matter what the past year has brought, it is important to remember that every day is an opportunity for growth and change. As we welcome the new year, let us embrace the promise of a fresh start and the chance to make a positive impact on the world around us.

One of the most common ways that people celebrate New Year's Eve is by making resolutions. These are often personal goals that we set for ourselves in order to improve our lives or make a positive impact on the world. Some common New Year's resolutions include getting in shape, saving money, learning a new skill, or **volunteering our time and resources to help others**.

Our BINGO program provides about 60% of our funding for all of our charitable endeavors, however, less than 5% of our membership volunteer to support this program. Please consider making this a goal in the new year to volunteer at least one day to help with BINGO.

But while it is important to set goals and strive for self-improvement, it is also important to be realistic and to remember that change takes time. Rather than setting unrealistic goals that we may not be able to achieve, let us focus on making small, achievable changes that can add up to big improvements over time.

As we start the new year, let us also remember to be grateful for all that we have. No matter what challenges we may face, there is always something to be thankful for. So let us take a moment to appreciate the people and experiences that have enriched our lives and look forward to all the new year has in store.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year for us all! May we all find the strength, courage, and determination to pursue our goals and make the most of every day. Happy New Year!

Roger Fiori, Exalted Ruler

2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Roger Fiori exaltedruler@wdmelks.com
Leading Knight.....	Michael Buckley
Loyal Knight.....	Chrissy Ellis
Lecturing Knight.....	Rich Kreitzinger
Esquire	Greg Weinschenk
Tiler.....	Lisa Chiodo
Inner Guard.....	Nina Steele
Chaplain.....	Michele Brandt
Treasurer.....	Craig Crossland, PER treasurer@wdmelks.com
Secretary.....	Toby Charloe secretary@wdmelks.com

Trustees

1 Year Trustee.....	Nancy Newcomb
2 Year Trustee.....	Mark Radosevich
3 Year Trustee.....	Jeff Garrison, PER
4 Year Trustee.....	Tim Pettit
5 Year Trustee.....	Becky Young, PER



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A message from Michael Buckley, Leading Knight

Follow our News & Events on your “My Elks” App

Have you downloaded the My Elks App on your phone yet? Get the latest news and updates from our lodge. The new MyElks app is the official mobile app for WDM Elks members.

The MyElks app is a free and easy-to-use app that lets you access all the information and services you need as an WDM Elks member. You can download it from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store by searching My Elks.

With the MyElks app, you can:

Find and contact nearby lodges. While you are traveling, you can use the app to find lodges near you, get directions, view business hours, contact and website information.

- Stay updated on events, specials, and news. You can see what’s happening at your local lodge, such as functions, meetings, volunteer opportunities, menu specials, and membership news. You can also get notifications and reminders about important dates and events.
- Connect with Grand Lodge and State Association. You can access the official pages of the Grand Lodge and your State Association, where you can find useful information, resources, and contacts.

The MyElks app is designed to help you get the most out of your membership and enhance your Elks experience. It is also a great way to support your lodge and the Elks community.

If you are interested in joining the MyElks app committee, please let us know. The committee is responsible for creating and posting lodge content, providing feedback, suggestions, and testing for the app. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the development and improvement of the app, as well as to learn new skills and meet new people.

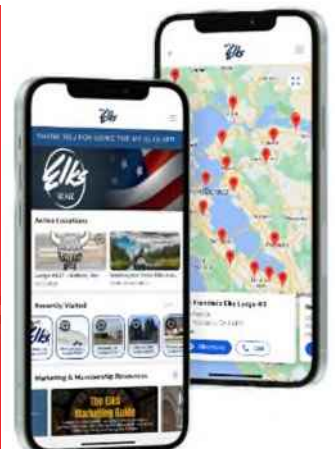
To join the committee, please email me at: j.m.buckley@icloud.com.

I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for being a part of the WDM Elks family. I hope you enjoy using the MyElks app!

Lodge #2752



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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

On February 12, 2024, we will be nominating the Officers for the 2024-2025 Elk year. Election of officers will take place on February 26, 2024. Installation of officer will take place on March 29, 2024.

The officers consist of the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Trustees, Secretary and Treasure. These positions are nominated and voted on by the members of the lodge. The following positions are appointed by the Exalted Ruler. Esquire, Tiler, Inner Guard and Chaplin.

Exalted Ruler

The Exalted Ruler is the "Chief Executive" of the Lodge and is responsible for effectively administering the affairs of the Lodge and providing the leadership necessary to accomplish Lodge goals. The Exalted Ruler also serves the local Lodge delegate to the Grand Lodge Convention.

The Knights

Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight - assist the Exalted Ruler in conducting the affairs of the Lodge.

Board of Trustees

The five-member Board of Trustees meets at least once each month to oversee the funds, investments and property of the Lodge.

Secretary

The Lodge Secretary has a variety of administrative responsibilities, including the maintenance of Lodge membership records.

Treasurer

The Lodge Treasurer pays all approved bills and is required to maintain an accurate record of receipts and disbursements.

Esquire

The Lodge Esquire is responsible for organizing the Lodge for meetings, including the preparation of candidates for initiation, and introducing visiting Members.

Tiler

The Tiler is responsible for guarding the outer door during lodge meetings and must be thoroughly familiar with the laws and rituals of the Order.

Chaplain

The Lodge Chaplain performs invocations and benedictions at various lodge functions.

Inner Guard

The Inner Guard may perform various duties required by the Laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

If you are interested in taking a leadership role in our lodge, please reach out to me or any lodge officer.

Roger Fiori, Exalted Ruler



We Have The Sunday Ticket at The Lodge!

Come on in and watch the games.

...bring your friends!

Come watch your favorite Teams Every Sunday!

OUR LODGE HOOP SHOOT SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH 2024



**This year our Lodge Hoop Shoot will be held
January 6th, 2024 at Indian Hills Junior High School
9401 Indian Hills Dr., Clive IA 50325.**

Our lodge has produced many shooters in past years that have made it to the national competition, two of which came in second place shooting 24 of 25 baskets. The Elks Hoop Shoot Program is the best in the nation. The winners in the various categories will be entered into the Basketball Hall of Fame!

There are three categories:

8–9-year-old girls and boys
10–11-year-old girls and boys
12–13-year-old girls and boys



**Once again, we need volunteers for our Lodge Hoop Shoot.
A sign-up sheet will be in the Lodge - or call Larry Cramer at (cell) 515-783-5262.**

Our Elks Breakfast Bake Sale is Supporting the Grimes Storehouse Food Pantry!

Due to the tremendous support of the bake sale at the December Elks breakfast we were able to donate over \$500 to the Grimes Storehouse Food Pantry. The Grimes Storehouse Food Pantry is a collaborative community effort to provide food, clothing, and other essential support to those who require a helping hand.

Their current location just opened in March of 2023. At that time, they were helping around 36 families. As of December, they are now helping around 90 families.

The Grimes Storehouse continues to serve more families, thanks to volunteers, including receptionists, shopping assistants, and food couriers who collected surplus food from local businesses. These donations come from Walmart, Aldi, Hy-Vee, Kwik Star, Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh and Kum & Go, including a variety of food items like bakery goods, fresh produce, dairy, prepared meals, and meat.



Pictured from Left to right: Jen Harrington, Roger Fiori, Nina Steel, Nancy Newcomb and one of their many volunteers.

WEST DES MOINES ELKS LODGE SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY...

The Golf tournament in August made over \$11,000 and the lodge has been using it to support our local community.



Pictured if Golf Committee Chairman Cliff Morris presenting check to Clive Community center for \$1000. The refrigerator in the background was purchased with money donated by our Lodge in April of 2023. The Center plans to use this donation to purchase another badly needed refrigerator.



Cliff Morris presenting Urbandale Food Pantry with a check for \$1000.00. The food pantry has had over 20,000 visits by local families in need this year!



Shiela Morris shopped for items needed for the Welcome Home Project using \$2000. 00 raised by the Golf Tournament. The Des Moines CRRC (Community Resource and Referral Center) was presented with many items including TV's, bedding, Kitchen appliances and more, all to help homeless Veterans enter permanent housing.

First Tee of Iowa

The First Tee of Iowa also received a donation of \$1000 from our Lodge. Their mission is to help empower kids and teens through the game of golf.



Check presentation of \$2000 to Easterseals Iowa for their Respite Program and for the Sunnyside Summer Camp Program



The Lodge was also able to give \$1000 to St. Vincent De Paul who provides many services to the needy and suffering in our community, including financial assistance, housing, education, and social services just to name a few.

WDM Elks Breakfast Lodge #2752



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Santa & Mrs. Claus continue to be a big hit at our Pancake Breakfast Buffet!

A record 312 Enjoyed Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Clause!

Our special children's Christmas Sunday Breakfast, December 10th, 2023 was a huge success serving 312 enthusiastic members, guests, and children.

Our special guests Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (our own Jeff Johannsen and Michele Brandt, Chaplain) had a great time as they interacted and talked to the excited children while handing out Christmas goodies (including goody bags full of candy, teddy bears, and dolls). The kids had a terrific time as did the parents and

relatives who were watching. There were approximately 67 children who had the opportunity to see Santa and Mrs. Clause.

We also served a complimentary breakfast to one Clive Police Officer. As always, we thanked him for his service.

Thanks to our "9 to 5 er" crew who put the goody bags and gifts together.

Let's not forget our terrific December Breakfast Buffet Volunteers: Brian Becker (server), Dwight Taylor (pancakes and French toast), Vicky Taylor (bread pudding), Toby Charloe (deliver pancakes), Mike Schieffer (take orders), Doug Laird (eggs), Dan Norris (bacon, sausage and biscuits), Nina Steele (coffee, milk and orange juice) Roxanne Ludwig, (server), Lannie Hale (cheesy potatoes), Joe Stewart and Neil Davies (clean-up), Al Cross and Lynette Murphy, (extra help), Kathy Peterson (bar) and Larry Cramer (gravy). We could not have handled the large crowd without your tireless help. Mark Bergmann continues to take out and bring in our breakfast signs.

This month our bake sale brought in a fantastic \$1,020.00 (*which happens to be a record sale*) from free will donations which will be donated to the Grimes Food Pantry and Easterseal Respite Care.

A big thank you goes out to Nancy Newcomb, Jenny Becker, Deb Brandt, and to Gloria Criswell and Nancy Newcomb for contacting our Elk members and spouses asking them to support our bake sale by bringing the delicious pastries and baked goods.

Also, a big thank you to Nina Steele for taking our left-over food to the Bethel Mission to help feed the homeless.

Enjoy our next delicious pancake breakfast buffet January 7th 2024 serving 8 a.m. to noon 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. Only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Always the second Sunday of the month. All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities.

Bring your neighbors and friends and we will see you at the lodge. Please pay the bartender for your breakfast. See many pictures on the next page!

WDM Elks Breakfast Lodge #2752 With Santa!



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ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

Iowa Elks Veterans Leather Program

Our Iowa Elks Veteran Leather program has almost wrapped up another season. The first part of the season is over starting with archery in November and shotgun starting December 2nd thru December 10th.

As of today December 20th 2023, we have salted 122 hides.



A special thanks goes out to Larry Schweitzer, Greg "Radar" Weinschenk PER, Michael Buckley Leading Knight, and Larry Cramer PER for salting the hides.

The Black powder and archery are coming.

A full report will be made when deer season is over and the hides transported to Red Oak. Thanks everyone for your support of this wonderful program.



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Lodge Activities Committee

LAC MINUTES - No December Meeting

LODGE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

JANUARY 2024

1st Mon. LODGE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY
2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Board/House Meetings
3rd Wed. 6:15 p.m. - Dinner
6th Sat. 8:00 a.m. - Hoop Shoot
- Indian Hills Middle School
8th Mon. 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
10th Wed. 6:15 p.m. - Dinner
11th Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - Wine Night
14th Sun. 8:00 a.m. - Noon - Elks'
Breakfast & Bake Sale
15th Mon. 6:00 p.m. - LAC Meeting
16th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Bunco
17th Wed. 6:00 p.m. - Law Enforcement
Appreciation Program & Dinner to Follow

18th Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - Bourbon Night
20th Sat. 6:00 p.m. - Annual Chili Cook Off
22nd Mon. 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
23rd Tues. 6:00 p.m. - Elks Birthday Night
24th Wed. 6:15 p.m. - Dinner
31st Wed. 6:15 p.m. - Dinner

NEXT LAC MEETING

January 15, 2024 - 6 p.m. - Members, spouses, significant others are all welcome to attend & share ideas/suggestions.
Nancy Newcomb, LAC Chair



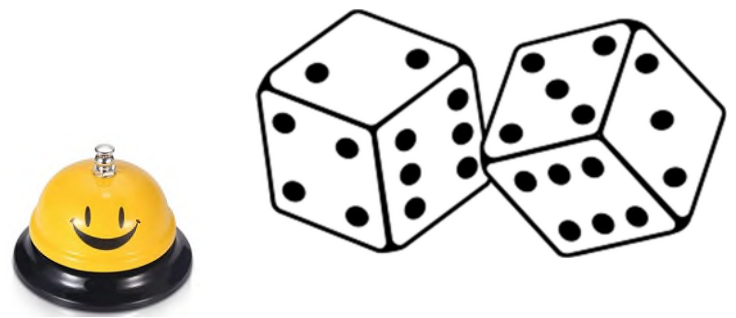
BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday
January 23rd
at 6pm

IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY
MONTH

Come Celebrate with me!





Join us for **BUNCO Night!**

Tuesday Night

January 16th at 6:30pm!

\$5 Entry - all proceeds go to the winners!

***Ready, Set, Roll! It's Easy to Learn,
Easy to play! Bring a snack to share!***

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What does
TABASCO brand
Pepper Sause
have in
common with
the Benevolent
Protective
Order of Elks?
*(Be the first to
tell me after
January 1, 2024
for a free drink
on me- Toby
Charloe,
Secretary)*



SAVE THE DATE

IT'S ELKS MEMBER



TO SUPPORT THE ELK'S NATIONAL FOUNDATION!!!

Friday April 12th at 6:30PM

*Please Join Us Thursday Night
January 11th at 6:30pm
For our monthly WDM
Elks Wine Experience*

Warm Winter Reds & Celebratory Whites

Please join us on this cold winter night and enjoy the deep flavors of dryer reds, and sparkling whites. We will have a mix of sweet and dry, but the focus will be on slow sipping and laughter. Come to share your experiences with wine.

***Hosted by the usual crew and presented by Michele Brant.
Michele would like to give a shout out to everyone
who helped out for her in December.***



Join us to relax and enjoy some wine!





Your Host: Kirk Jorgensen!

Join us

Thursday Night, January 18th at 6:30 PM

For our monthly Bourbon Night!

**Tickets are just \$15
the night of the Event!**

**Sample 2 - 3 drinks. From Bourbon,
Whiskey and the occasional specialty drink.
Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Program.
New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!**

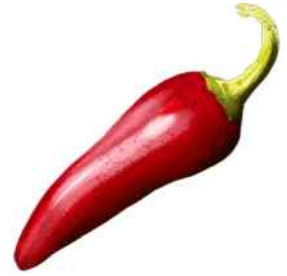
***What a fun way
to meet and
socialize with
Members that
you may
not know!***

**Our Guests
have been
joining!
Plus we are
raising money
for our
Scholarship
Program!**

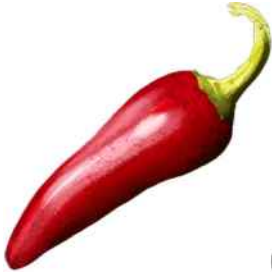




**West Des Moines
Lodge #2752**



Chili Cook off



CALLING ALL CHILI EXPERTS

Come share your special recipe!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

Chili Check in by 5:30pm

1st Place- \$25.00 Elk Dollars

2nd Place- \$20.00 Elk Dollars

3rd Place- \$15.00 Elk Dollars

Sampling, eating and voting from 6:00 to 6:45pm

Winners announced about 7:00pm

Donations for WDM Local Heritage Scholarships

Hosted by Cliff Morris and Toby Charloe

**WEST DES MOINES
ELKS LODGE #2752**

**VALENTINE'S AFTERNOON TEA
COUPLES WELCOME - MAKE IT
A VALENTINE'S TREAT!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
EVENT BEGINS AT 1:00 PM
TEA SANDWICHES, SCONES,
PASTRIES & TEA WILL BE
SERVED**



**TICKETS \$35.00/PERSON
MUST BE PURCHASED BY FEBRUARY 1ST
SEE BARTENDER OR LAC MEMBER TO PURCHASE**

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FUNDRAISER FOR OUR MANY CHARITABLE PROJECTS



NEW YEAR'S EVE
Let's Celebrate!
Sunday, December 31

*Happy
New Year*

"Here's to the bright New Year,
And a fond farewell to the old;
Here's to the things that are yet to come
and to the memories that we hold."

2024

Bring Appetizers to Share!

COVER THAT

Performing from 8:00 to Midnight

We are delighted to welcome this real crowd-pleaser band! Cover That is a group of 5 professional musicians, representing over 100 years of combined musical experience, playing your favorite Pop & Rock Hits of Yesterday! These musicians put on some of the best performances throughout Iowa. So come, listen, dance, sing-along and welcome in the New Year!

Friends & Family are welcome!
Champagne Toast Provided at Midnight!















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January 2024

All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!
If you don't receive emails – Let us know!
news@wdmelks.com
All Meals are \$11.00 and served
at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Hello 2024!	New Year's Day!	1 Open 4:30 – 9:00  Board/House Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome	2 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Beef and Noodles Mashed Potatoes Vegetable, Salad, Roll & Dessert Rhonda Stiles & Crew	3 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Chris Murphy Call: Roger Fiore Check: Brook Wade Conc: Shelly Poole	4 Open 4:30 – 9:00	5 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Lodge Hoop Shoot! 8am at Indian Hills Junior High School 9401 Indian Hills Dr., Clive, IA
Open 1pm – 7pm  Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Mary Spoerl	7 Open 4:30 – 9:00  Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome	8 Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	9 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Sausage Sandwich Fries, Salad & Dessert Chris & Lynette Murphy, Mike & Paula Venema, Mark Radosevich, Eric & Heather Carey, Lee Ann & Tim Platt Jean Schwab	10 Open 4:30 – 9:00  Join us – 6:30 pm Bingo 7pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Roger Fiore Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Mike Rosenberg	11 Open 4:30 – 9:00	12 Open 4:30 – 9:00
Elks' Breakfast & Bake Sale 8am till noon! Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Jen Chambers Conc: Mary Spoerl	14 Open 4:30 – 9:00  LAC Lodge Activities Meeting 6:00pm Come share your ideas and get involved!	15 Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us  Bunco in the Clubroom! 6:30pm - Join the fun!	16 Open 4:30 – 9:00 6pm Law Enforcement Appreciation Program Dinner to follow. Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert Rhonda Stiles & Crew	17 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bourbon Night! Join Us – 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Andy Hansen Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Joyce McMickle	18 Open 4:30 – 9:00	19 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Chili Cook off Chili Check-in by 5:30 Sampling, Eating and Voting from 6pm till 6:45pm Free will donations to our Heritage Scholarships
Open 1pm – 7pm  Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Carla Sanburg Call: Greg Weinschenk Check: Jen Chambers Conc: Deb Brandt	21 Open 4:30 – 9:00  Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome	22 Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us Birthday Night 6:00 pm Birthday Cake Provided Members & guests welcome!	23 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Chicago Beef Hoagie Pepper Cheese Soup & Dessert Roy Boys & Crew from DSM Lodge #98	24 Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Joe Bechen Call: Greg Osby Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Joyce McMickle	25 Open 4:30 – 9:00	26 Open 4:30 – 9:00
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