



January 2024

2023 - 2024 OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER:

Ryan Samo

LEADING KNIGHT:

Tyler Mahan

LOYAL KNIGHT:

LECTURING KNIGHT:

SECRETARY:

Dave Neeley

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CHAPLAIN:

Deb Veitz

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Samantha Krantz

Eric Shawler

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Cassie Wilmeth

January Dining & Events

*Friday, January 5th – Fish Fry -6pm

*Friday, January 12th – Trivia Night – Serving Soup & Desserts – 6pm

*Friday, January 21st – Fish Fry – 6pm

*Saturday, January 27th – Chili Cook-off

January & February Fish Fry Committees

Jan 5 Mike Eblen, Larry Blakesly, Sherry Seago

19 Ron Higgins, Nick Jannings, Todd Stalker

Feb

2 Deb Veitz, John Shaw, Joel Weis

16 Kevin Mahan, Mike Eblen, Sherry Seago



FRIDAY JANUARY 12TH

7pm

Up to 4 people per team

\$ 20 per team

Cash payout to winners



SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH



CHILI TURN-IN BETWEEN 4:30-5:30



JUDGING STARTING 5:45

\$5 A SPOON FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT



BAKED GOODS AND AUCTION



January Birthday

- 1 CODY DOWNING
ROGER FULLER
TODD STALKER
- 3 MIKE MOFFITT
- 4 RICK CARTER
RON JOLLY
- 5 MARVIN MCFARLAND
- 7 DUSTY MULLIN
ALVIN POKORNY
- 8 TED WILLETS
CALIE WORISEK
- 9 RANDY HUEWE
TIM LOUDON
- 10 RICHARD L CARNEY
- 11 BRAD A BAKER
- 12 ROBERT KIESLING
- 14 KURTIS SHARP
JOSH SIMMONS
- 21 MICHAEL BRETNALL
RODNEY CULBERTSON
- 24 GREG BAILEY
TOM LESAN
- 25 DENNIS LINDERMAN
- 27 DICK JOHNSTON
DILLON HIGHTSHOE
- 30 SAMANTHA KRANTZ
JAMES MANSOUR
BRAD WEIS

Greetings Fellow Elks,

Happy New Year! I am excited for 2024, it's going to be a great year. There are plenty of great events scheduled at the lodge, so take a look at your calendars and join us. We will be hosting the VP clinic at the end of January as well. I also want to take a moment to thank all who had a hand in the deer hides. We doubled what we did the year before!

This month's shout out goes to Joel Weis. Joel went through the officer chairs and followed that by signing up for the 5 year trustee. He is involved in every aspect of the lodge. You will see him and his family at the lodge regularly, and if they are not working an event they are there enjoying it. He has been a significant guiding point for me and what it means to be an Elk! So whether you see Joel and family at a fish fry, Friday After Five, kids program, etc. enjoy a beverage with him. I could keep the list going, but you get the idea. Make sure to give Joel props when you see him around and stay tuned for next month's shoutout!

Our past due membership is moving in the right direction, we are down to 32 delinquent members. The problem is that is around 10% of our membership. 10% doesn't sound bad but the state is at 6% which means we are not only hurting ourselves. There are 3 months left to pay these dues before the members are lost. If you remember where I started at the beginning of these newsletters, we had around 400 members when I joined the Elks. We are on the verge of losing 32 more members, which will put us below 300 members. This pace is not going to bode well for the Creston Lodge. Let's start the new year right and get this cleaned up.

Fraternally,

Ryan Samo, Exalted Ruler

ELKS PRESENTS

PUZZLE NIGHT

**FEBRUARY 9TH
7 PM**

**PUZZLE, PIZZA, 12 PK CAN
OF BEER/SÉLTZER
\$100 PER TEAMS OF 4**

**PRE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT REQUIRED
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
CALL OR TEXT SAM 202-1313 TO REGISTER
AND PAY**

**DO NOT MISS OUT ON
THE PUZZLE NIGHT
AT THE ELKS COMING
UP IN FEBRUARY!!**

**CALL SAM AT 641-
202-1313 TO SIGN
UP!**

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Gov Body 7pm Lodge Meeting 8pm Clubroom Open 5-8pm	4 Closed	5 Fish Fry - Mike Eblen, Larry Blakesly, Sherry Seago	6 Celebrity Bartender Mike Eblen No Saturday Night Dining
7	8 Closed	9 VFW Meeting	10 Clubroom Open PER Meeting 7pm 5-8pm	11 Closed	12 Trivia Night Serving Soup & Desserts 6pm Trivia Starts at 7pm	13 Celeb Bartender Kevin Mahan No Saturday Night Dining
14	15 Closed	16 Closed	17 Board of Directors 7pm Lodge Meeting 8pm Clubroom Open 5-8pm	18 Closed	19 Fish Fry - Ron Higgins, Nick Jannings, Todd Stalker	20 Celebrity Bartender Tyler Mahan No Saturday Night Dining
21	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Clubroom Open 5-8pm	25 Closed	26	27 Celeb Bartender Austin Berry No Saturday Night Dining Chili Cook-Off (See newsletter for details)
28 SW VP Clinic Creston 9:00 Social 10:00 Meeting	29	30 Closed	31 Clubroom Open 5-8pm	Feb 1 Closed	2 Fish Fry - Deb Veitz, John Shaw, Joel Weis	3 Celeb Bartender Dave Neeley No Saturday Night Dining

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