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**November Dining & Events**

**\*Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry**

**\*Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Chili & Cinnamon Rolls - 6pm & Trivia – 7pm**

**\*Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Trevor & Trina's Tailgate with Smoked Loin & Sides – 2pm**

**\*Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Fish Fry**

**\*Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Iowa/Nebraska Football Game – 11am**

**\*\*The Lodge will be open 4pm-close each Saturday in November\*\***

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**CHILI & CINNAMON ROLLS –**

**6PM**



**TRIVIA – 7PM**

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Trevor & Trina's Tailgate**



**Football & Games**

**Smoked Pork Loin & Sides**

**2pm**

**HEY, SENIOR HS STUDENTS AND PARENTS!** It is that time again, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) has kicked off the 2026 scholarship year. Last year our lodge alone was awarded \$14,000 to local students! All area HS counselors have this information as well, but here are the details:

The 2026 MVS application is now open. Applications can be found online at [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS). The application deadline is November 12, 2025.

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university.

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members who attend an accredited college or university. The student must complete and submit the ONLINE application at [enf.elks.org/Leg](http://enf.elks.org/Leg). The 2026 Legacy Awards application opened on September 1, 2025, and the deadline is February 2, 2026 (at 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time)

We will also have the Vocational Grant available mid-December, more info to come on that. Please feel free to contact Deb Veitz at 641.344.1155 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
- 12 Brian Wallace
- 13 David F. Smith  
Matt McNichols  
Al Schneider  
Pat Loudon
- 17 William Cornick
- 19 Travis Anderson  
Kenneth Sharp
- 22 Gregory S. Driskell  
Dr. Stephen Stults
- 23 Matt Brown
- 25 Scott Mitchell  
Barb Wilmeth
- 27 Ronald C. Bruce
- 30 Keith H. Hoepker

### Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa vs. Nebraska Game



**Bar Opens at 11am  
Bring a snack to share!**

There are many events  
coming up in December....

Just a preview of them...

\*Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> –

**Painting Party**

\*Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> –

**Texas Hold'em  
Tournament**

Dear Members,

As we move into the cooler weather season, the excitement at the lodge is shifting indoors—so come on in, stay warm, and enjoy some great company with us! A big **thank you** to everyone who supported our **½ beef ticket sales**. Your participation helped raise much-needed funds to support events and improvements at the lodge. Your generosity continues to make a real difference! We've got some great happenings this month. The weekend of **November 8th and 9th** is the **Elks State Convention**. If you find yourself in Des Moines, stop by the **Holiday Inn by the airport** and say hello. There will be plenty of camaraderie, fun, and fraternal spirit on display! Our **Tuesdays in the Garden crew** has had a fantastic summer outdoors, and we plan to keep the fun going indoors as the weather cools. If your Tuesday evenings are free, come on up for some laughs, and friendly conversation.

It's also **football season**, and your officers are ready to celebrate it with you! Don't miss the **Trevor & Trina Tailgate**, where they'll be serving up smoked pork loin with all the fixings—along with games, football, and great fellowship. **Mullin** will also be hosting the **Iowa vs. Nebraska game** on Friday, opening the clubroom at 11 a.m. bring snacks to share and get ready to enjoy the action together.

And of course, you won't want to miss one of our lodge favorites: **Chili & Cinnamon Rolls**, paired with a fun night of **Trivia!**

As we enter the **season of Thanksgiving**, I want to take a moment to give thanks for all of you. Our members, volunteers, and supporters make Creston Lodge #605 such a special place. When we come together, we are more than a lodge—we are family.

Fraternally yours,

**Josh Simmons**

*Exalted Ruler*

## November 2025


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
2 Closed	3 Closed	4 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	5 7 pm Gov Body 8 pm Lodge Meeting Clubroom Open 5-8	6 Closed	7 Fish Fry Deb Veitz, Brian Downing, John Shaw Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	8 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
9 Closed	10 Closed	11 VFW Meeting Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	12 Closed	13 Closed	14 <b>Chili &amp; Cinnamon Rolls – 6pm Trivia – 7pm</b>	15 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close Trevor & Trina’s Tailgate with Smoked Loin & Sides – 2pm
16 Closed	17 Closed	18 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	19 Board of Directors 7pm Lodge Meeting 8pm Clubroom Open 5pm-8pm	20 Closed	21 Fish Fry Ken Callahan, Tyler Mahan, Chad Mahan, Austin Berry, Randy McIlravy Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	22 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
23 Closed  30 Closed	24 Closed	25 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	26 Closed	27 Closed	28 <b>Iowa/Nebraska Game Bar open 11am – Bring Snacks to share</b>	29 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close

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