



## 2025 - 2026

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### December Dining & Events

**\*Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – PER Soup Supper & Lighted Christmas Parade**

**\*Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry & Kids Christmas Party**

**\*Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Elks Memorial Service – 2pm**

**\*Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Painting Party – 7pm**

**\*Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Texas Hold'em Tournament – 7pm**

**\*Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry**

**\*Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

**\*Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Garden – 5pm**

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

### SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

#### WITH THE GIVING TREE

Visit our Christmas tree in the clubroom where we have items on a card that you can take and purchase the items and bring back to the lodge that we will take to help support veterans during the holidays.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

PER SOUP SUPPER & LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY & FISH FRY



**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:

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!

## December Birthdays

- 1 GARY R THOMPSON
- 5 MARCIA STEWART
- 6 ROB EVANS  
MARGARET TURK  
BILL CLEM
- 7 KENNETH CHEERS  
SYDNEY SORENSON WEIS
- 8 MARK KRINGS
- 9 STEVE MOELLER  
GREG WEIS
- 10 GREG BUXTON  
STEVEN FASTENOW  
MATT WALDEN
- 11 MIKE EBLEN
- 13 CHARLES D BROWN
- 14 CHAD MAHAN
- 16 ROBERT HOFFMAN
- 17 GREGORY WURSTER  
RYAN SAMO
- 18 JEFF KINSELLA
- 20 CHISUM DOWNING
- 22 JOE ROUTH
- 23 PHILLIP TYLER
- 27 JESSE HARRIS
- 28 DOUGLAS BAKER  
MATT BUCK  
RICHARD WENZIG

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Painting Party – 7pm

Contact Sam at 641-202-1313 to register



Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Texas Hold'em Tournament – 7pm

\$20 buy in, \$20 rebuys for first hour



## Dear Members,

As we enter the month of Caring and Sharing, Lodge 605 continues to make a meaningful impact in our community. This month, we invite you to stop by the Lodge and visit our **Veterans Sharing Tree**. Each card on the tree contains items needed by local veterans. Simply choose a card, purchase the items listed, and return them to the Lodge. Together we will ensure these gifts reach veterans who could use an extra hand this season.

Last month, I had the honor of meeting Grand Exalted Ruler **Bryan Klatt** at the Iowa State Convention. His motto for this year—**“Be The Difference”**—truly resonates. I am asking each of our Lodge 605 members to help *be the difference* right here at home. We have many opportunities that need leadership and involvement, from organizing events to identifying new ways we can serve both our community and our brotherhood. Membership is the lifeblood of our future. We are always in need of new members who share our values and commitment. Please think of those in our community who would make strong Elks and encourage them to join. Our growth is the foundation of our continued service.

To all current members: we welcome your ideas and your energy. Please reach out to any Lodge officer and share the types of events or activities you would like to see hosted. Let us know how you would like to get involved around the Lodge.

In just a few months, we will begin our annual “shuffling of the chairs.” We will be looking for dedicated members ready to step into leadership roles and help guide our Lodge into the future. If you feel called to serve, raise your hand high—we would be honored to have you step forward.

Thank you for all you do. Let us continue to uphold our traditions, support one another, and make a lasting difference this season and beyond.

**Fraternally yours,**

**Josh Simmons**

*Exalted Ruler*



## December 2025


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	3 Closed	4 PER Soup Supper Lighted Christmas Parade	5 Fish Fry Greg Bailey, Johm Grossnickle, Gabe Looney Clubroom Open 5PM-Close Kids' Christmas Party	6  Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
7 Memorial Service 2pm	8 Closed	9 VFW Meeting Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	10 Closed	11 Closed	12 Painting Party – 7pm Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	13 Texas Holdem Tournament 7pm Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
14 Closed	15 Closed	16 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	17 7 pm Gov Body 8 pm Lodge Meeting Clubroom Open 5-8	18 Closed	19 Fish Fry Joel Weis, Brianna Weis, Brad Weis, Trevor Paulus Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	20  Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
21 Closed	22 Closed	23 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	24 Closed	25 Merry Christmas! Closed	26 Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	27  Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Tuesday in the Garden or Lodge 5pm-Close	31 Closed	Jan 1 Closed	2 Fish Fry Mike Eblen, Larry Blakesly, Sherry Seago Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	3  Clubroom Open 4pm-Close

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