

Sioux City Elks Lodge #112 Newsletter

December 2025

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler: J. Scott Haberer
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Esteemed Loyal Knight: Jeff Finken
Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Melissa Roupe

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Tiler: Mike Jovanovic
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Trustee: Jim Miller, PER
Trustee: Ken Lillie, PER
Secretary: Mike Halstead, PER

From the Exalted Ruler



The fall 2025 Iowa Elk's Association Convention was a big success. A great turnout and large banquet attendance surely impressed Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt. This Spring consider attending the convention, as our own PER/State President Elect, Steve Bradley will be installed as the next Iowa President. We should show up in force to show our pride and support. If you've never attended a state convention, you will be amazed at how much fun it is to meet fellow Iowa Elks from all over the state. Watch the bulletins and bulletin boards for details and mark your calendar. The date is April 24-25. December is one of our busiest months as an Elk's Lodge. Please watch and plan to attend all of the Christmas Basket events, auction, box loading, and delivery. This is one of the most meaningful and emotional events of the year. I want to extend my gratitude to Mike Jovanovic, Pat & Skip Hoelker, Janet Mueller and all of the diligent members of the Christmas Basket Committee. I'm looking forward to the possible attendance of our State President, Michelle Steer; District Deputy Jon Needs, and maybe even Grand Lodge State Sponsor, Paul R. Ryan and his wife Stacey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12-2 Burger Night 6-8 **Mushroom & Swiss \$6.50 Stretch Fun 5:30 Christmas Basket Meeting to Call Members 7**
- 12-3 Wings & **Hamburger Soup \$6 6-8 SCPOA 7 Poker 7**
- 12-4 **Lodge Meeting 7**
- 12-5 **Hot Beef / Hot Turkey Sandwiches 6-8 Kari & Friends Bring Final Auction Items & Browse Auction Items**
- 12-6 **Christmas Charity Auction Free Pizza 5 Auction Begins 6**
- 12-7 **Memorial Service to Remember our Absent Members Service At Noon Lunch at 1**
- 12-8 Poker League 6:30
- 12-9 Burger Night 6-8 **2 Chilli Dogs \$6 Stretch Fun 5:30**
- 12-10 Wings & **Chili & Cinnamon Rolls \$6 6-8 Last Day to Submit Christmas Basket Requests**
- 12-12 **Prime Rib & Shrimp AAA+++ Team Jim Miller, Loren Schroeder, Mark Shook, Keven Farrel 6-8 Orientation**
- 12-16 Burger Night 6-8 **Pork Tenderloin \$6 Stretch Fun 5:30 Christmas Basket Meeting 7 All Are Welcome**
- 12-17 Wings & **Potato Soup \$6 6-8 BOD 6 House 7 Poker 7 Santa, Cookies & Cocoa 6:30 Hat & Mitten Drive**
- 12-18 **Lodge Meeting Initiation 7 Build Basket Boxes 8**
- 12-19 **Free Spaghetti Dinner 6-8 PER Ladies Joyce Evenson, Janet Rigg & Kathy Lillie Basket Packing 7**
- 12-20 **Christmas Food Basket Delivery 8AM-1PM**
- 12-23 Burger Night 6-8 **Bacon Cheeseburger \$6 Stretch Fun**
- 12-24 **Christmas Eve Holiday Cheer with your Elks Family Bar Open 2-6 Kitchen Closed**
- 12-25 **Merry Christmas to all Elks & Families** Lodge Closed
- 12-26 **Tacos & Tots 6-8 Chris Amick Joe Florke Jake Kirchmeier**
- 12-30 Burger Night 6-8 **Chicken Sandwich \$6.50 Stretch Fun 5:30**
- 12-31 **New Year's Eve Roast Pork Dinner \$15 Murder Mystery \$10 Perform A Part \$5 Watch and Enjoy**

At the writing of this article, I cannot predict how the vote will turn out on the 3.5% surcharge on credit card/debit card use at the lodge, so I will be reporting this decision in the January newsletter. Thank you to all the Elk ladies who diligently installed decorations and setting up the glove/hats/mitten's baskets. Please bring your donations. We will accept auction item donations right up to the night of the auction. Monetary donations can be made before and after the auction. Please be generous!

Please attend our Annual Memorial Service for members who passed in the last year. This will be held December 7 at noon with lunch to follow, Also, sign up for the Murder Mystery Dinner party on New Year's Eve. Last year, this was very successful and fun. Our lodge serves a social function to be a meeting and gathering location for the best people in Sioux City. I know sometimes not everyone gets along but remember our motto: 'The Faults of our Members we write in the sand, their Virtues on the tablets of love & memory'.

Fraternally, J Scott Haberer

Esteemed Leading Knight



**NO ARTICLE
SUBMITTED**

NOTICE
At the November 20 meeting the lodge voted to add a 3.5% surcharge on credit & debit card charges to cover the cost we incur on these usages effective Jan 1, 2026.

From the Desk of the Secretary



Greetings Fellow Elks,
Just a few things from your Secretary. If you haven't paid your current dues please do so as the 2026-2027 dues renewal statements will be mailed out January 12th. As of this writing we have forty-two members who still haven't paid their current dues and as a reminder your dues are what help keep the lights on at the Lodge as well as fund the many charities we support in the

Siouxland area.

As a reminder you can now log onto elks.org and see our Newsletter and Calendar so if you have misplaced your copy, log on catch up on what you have missed. You can also see our by-Laws, other registered members not only from our Lodge but all Lodges in the U.S.

Remember the Motto of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks: **"The faults of our brothers we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory"**.

See you at the Lodge
Michael Halstead PER

Welcome New Members



Welcome to our new members Dennis Walsh and Leigh Ann Woodard pictured with ER Scott

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 7, 2025

12:00 Noon

At the Elks Lodge

1001 Tri-View Avenue

Sioux City, Iowa

Recognizing

OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Elk Year 2024/2025

Robert "Bert" Shoumaker

Gary "Bort" Bortscheller

Thomas "Tom" Lillie

NEVER FORGOTTEN,

NEVER FORSAKEN

Following the Memorial Service a complimentary lunch will be provided by the Sioux City Elks Lodge #112.
Please RSVP to 712/252-3399



Christmas Charity Auction & Christmas Basket Committee ALL ARE WELCOME



These are our biggest charitable events of the year

Dec 2 Basket Committee will call members

Dec 5 Final Date to bring Auction Items

December 6 Christmas Charity Auction

5 Pm Free Pizza 6 PM Auction Begins

December 16 Christmas Basket Meeting

Hats, Mittens & Scarves can be brought anytime

December 18 Build Boxes for Food Baskets 8 PM

December 19 Free Spaghetti & Basket Packing

December 20 we will be delivering the baskets



Holiday Craft Fair & Wine Tasting

Janet Rigg won the Special Prize at the Holiday Craft & Wine Tasting. Her name was drawn from those that did RSVP to our event. Congratulations Janet! Thanks to all our vendors & shoppers that made the event successful and all the Elks members that helped especially Brenda Bradley for preparing lunch. Thank you Steve Bradley, Jim Miller, Cayla Raymer, Jen Preston, Cathy Grimsley, Lacy Richards, Linda Brostad, Theresa Walsh, Rose Bates, Darla Rapp, Gracie Duvall & Lindsey Suhr. \$1800 will be donated to SafePlace Siouxland from this event.
Gloriann Miller

Esteemed Loyal Knight



NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Elks in the Kitchen



Elks in the Community



Sioux City Elks #112 gave winter coats to Military Children. Pictured Lindsey Brown, Journey Nelson, Eric Moore, Tammy Moore, Lyn Kludner, Skip Hoelker, Pat Hoelker, Sandy Auch, Dan Olson



ER Scott Haberer presented a check to Mike Farley and Sooland Youth Boxing Club. Elks members also present were Tammy Moore, Skip Hoelker and Pat Hoelker.



Our 10th Annual Holiday Craft & Wine Tasting was enjoyed by many shoppers. Thanks to organizer Gloriann Miller, Brenda Bradley for preparing lunch, Steve Bradley & Jim Miller & several other Elks that helped make this a successful fundraiser for SafePlace Siouxland.

Esteemed Loyal Knight



Hello my fellow Elks, I hope you and all your family and friends are well. I can't believe that it is December already. Where has this year gone? The Elks Christmas Auction is just around the corner. Such a good service we do for our community is one of the things that make me a proud Elk.. I would like to send a thank you out to Mike Jo-

vanovic for retrieving the pork loins. We will be working on an event to share them with our Veterans. And also a Thank you to ALL who Volunteer their time and efforts to our lodge and club. This month will be a busy month for everyone.. Enjoy your time with family and friends Merry Christmas to all!!! Be safe and kind to one another.

Your Lecturing Knight
Melissa Roupe

So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. Through the Elks National Veterans Service Commission 1837 Lodges across the

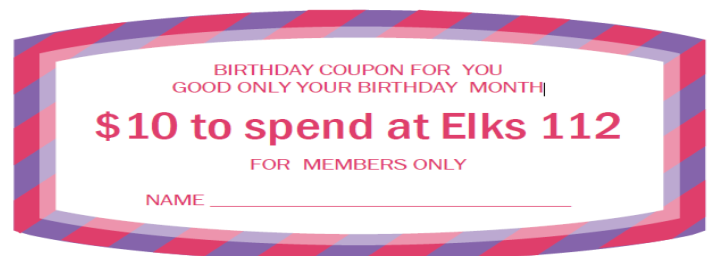
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TRIVIA

Here is your monthly Trivia: What big event happens every December in lodge 112?

Answer to last month's trivia: The lodge meets twice a month. Meetings are at 7 PM on the 1st & 3rd Thursday every month. Come Join us.

Do you have a December birthday? Bring this coupon to the lodge during the month of December and redeem for \$10 towards your bar or kitchen purchase. For Members only. Must be used in one visit.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

This time of year makes me grateful for our Elks friends. Even though activities sometimes gets thank yous for the great club decorations, it's really the work of a few former first ladies. I appreciate their time and talents as they are always doing things to make our club look great!

In December we have our New Years Eve dinner. We will follow with our murder mystery party. This year's theme will be Competition Bake-off! Murder mystery party \$10 tickets are on sale for a part, and \$5 to be a spectator and have treats. We will ring in the New Year with the 11 o'clock toast. New Years eve dinner will be a pork loin dinner. Come for one event or stay for both! For the kids and kids at heart we will have Santa, cookies and cocoa on Wednesday, Dec 17th. Santa will arrive at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to make cookies.

January 14th is pizza and a puzzle night - \$5 for pizza. Bring a crew or join a table! January 24, is dinner with an optional bourbon tasting night on a Saturday. We will serve to your table. We do need RSVPs for Bourbon Night. All of our events are great for bringing in potential new members.

Our By-Laws/House Rules are available online, follow the instructions below and you will have access to not only the By-Laws/House rules, but also the monthly newsletter & calendar.

By-Laws/House Rules available online

To access By-Laws and House rules follow instructions below:

- Type www.elks.org in your browser and hit the enter key and create an account

- [Click on the "Members Only" tab](#)

- Choose Local Lodges from the blue drop-down menu
- Click on Lodge 112 from the white drop-down menu
- go to Blue drop-down menu and choose "Members Only tab"
- Choose "By-Laws" from the white drop-down menu

LODGE RENTAL

Anyone wishing to rent the Lodge / Patio contact Neil Magnusson for scheduling and availability at 402-494-6255 or 712-281-2477.

Anyone renting the Lodge, member or non-member, must have a signed rental agreement. A rental agreement requires an Elks employee to be present whether there will be alcohol served or not. Rental is \$250 for members and \$700 for non members and \$200 deposit.

DON'T MISS A MEETING



October 16, 2025

\$23 WAS WON by Pat Hoelker

\$279 WAS NOT WON by Tracy Owen

November 6, 2025

\$16 WAS WON by Sue Jovanovic

\$302 WAS NOT WON by Todd Stanley

Please send newsletter articles by the 15th for the next month to: siouxcityelks112@gmail.com



Elks At Convention

