

West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752
January 2026 Newsletter
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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



As we welcome January and the start of a new year, our Elks Lodge looks ahead with renewed purpose, gratitude, and commitment to the values that define us. The beginning of the year is a time for reflection - on what we have accomplished together - and for setting intentions for continued service to our community, our veterans, our youth, and one another.

The past year reminded us that the strength of the Elks lies not just in our programs, but in the people who show up, lend a hand, and offer compassion when it is needed most. Whether through charitable projects, social events, or quiet acts of kindness, our members continue to live out the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

January also brings opportunities to get involved and reconnect after the busy holiday season. Lodge meetings, committee work, and upcoming events are a great way to stay engaged and make a difference. If you're looking for a fresh start this year, consider volunteering for a project, attending a meeting, or simply inviting a fellow member to share and laughter conversation at the Lodge.

Keep an eye on the calendar for some exciting events in January including our Chili cookoff, Martini party and our SWVP Fundraiser for President elect!

As we move forward into 2025, let us carry the spirit of the Elks into the new year with optimism and unity. Together, we can continue to strengthen our Lodge, support our community, and ensure that the Elks legacy remains strong for generations to come.

Wishing all our members and their families a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

Elks Care. Elks Share.

In fellowship,
 Chrissy Ellis, Exalted Ruler

2025-2026
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- Exalted Ruler**..... Chrissy Ellis
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- 3 Year Trustee**..... Becky Young, PER
- 4 Year Trustee**..... Roger Fiori, PER
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A message from Rich Kreitzinger, Leading Knight

Hello everyone I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season as it is now over and we are in a new year.

I would like to start by saying how happy I am to be a member of this Lodge and The Benevolent and Protective order of Elks.

I am happy to say that I will be running for Exalted Ruler next year following our Current Exalted Ruler Chrissy Ellis who has done an amazing job and I will be following in her footsteps.

I come from a life time of Military service, My Grandfather Robert Harrison Kreitzinger was a 30 year member of the United States Army. My Father Robert Chris Kreitzinger was a 30 year member of the United States Navy. I myself have spent Ten Years as a United States Marine and 21 Years in the United States Army. I will start this with a quote: General George S. Patton, "The Soldier is the Army. No army is better than it's Soldiers". This is also true to our order. We are stronger because of our members. Not because of our name The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

With that said we have a group of Ladies called the 9 to 5ers, they come into our lodge every Tuesday and do amazing work for the lodge, They help with the Dictionary project, they help setup the packets for Bingo, They send birthday cards to Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, They make plastic mats made out of grocery bags for the Homeless camps, They also collect clothes for various organizations around our community, they collect food for the food pantry, A backpack project for the food bank of Iowa.

I would like to put names to these wonderful ladies;

Nancy Newcomb, Nina Steele, Toby Charloe, Juanita Grant, Jan Peter, Kitty Cirks, Kathy Bennett, Gayla Craven, Rosemary Surber, Kay Behmer, Pam Gavin, Darlene Schluter, Deb Shepard, Gloria Riesberg, Sue Davis, Connie Hatfield, Sandy Carr, and Linda Eggers.

Thank you Ladies for the wonderful work you do.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard C Kreitzinger, Leading Knight



9 to 5'ers Tuesday Group



2026

Happy New Year

TRUSTEE CORNER

Ask not what can the lodge do for you, but what can you do for your lodge?

Make 2026 the year you become more involved in the lodge!

LAC has put on a lot of fun events over the past year, and they have already begun planning for 2026. Thank You, Julie Kafer and crew for helping to put on all of these events. We know all the hard work you guys put in to bring us these fun events, and we are all grateful!

“I joined the Elks because I want to give back to the community and be more involved as a volunteer.” Almost every new member has recited these words in one way or another. Is 2026 the year you get more involved? Bingo, which is our biggest fundraiser, is ALWAYS needing help.

The Elk Riders, Trustees, and the BOD are in discussion to bring more “Boots on the Ground” volunteer opportunities to the lodge. What do we mean by “Boots on the Gound?” It means we are looking at more hands on type of volunteer activities and not just presenting a check. If you are interested in being a “Boots on the Ground” volunteer please let an officer, the lodge secretary or an Elks Rider know!

2026 is looking to be a difficult year for the kitchen. We have once again **lost** another cooking crew for lack of attendance at Wednesday Dinner. There is a lot of time and energy that goes into providing a meal. They are asked to prepare meals for about 40+ people only to have 20 people show up. Some cooking teams even donate all or some of the food for the meal.

If more people do not support our Wednesday dinners the Trustees will need to evaluate how often we offer a dinner or have people sign up that they will be attending the meal, so our cooking teams know how many meals to prepare.

Roger Fiori, PER, Head Trustee



WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?



Please share what type of meal you would support as a Wednesday Dinner.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHARE WHAT TYPE OF MEALS YOU WOULD SUPPORT!

Please return this form to Roger Fiori or the Lodge Secretary.

WEST DES MOINES ELKS HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The West Des Moines Elks Heritage Scholarship is a scholarship for children and grandchildren of active West Des Moines Elks #2752 members. The Scholarship will open on January 1, 2026 and applications are due by March 31, 2026.

Who is Eligible?

For the 2026 scholarship, any child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an active West Des Moines Elks #2752 member who joined the order on or before April 1, 2024.

Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

The Elk must be a paid-up member in good standing.

The applicant must be a high school senior graduating in 2026 and attending college or trade school in the fall of 2026.

Heritage Scholarships may only be applied to accredited institutions of higher learning.

This includes trade school (beauty, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanics or autobody, IT, etc.) two- and four-year colleges or universities.



HERITAGE

How do I Apply?

Applications will be available at the bar on January 1, 2026.

The student must complete and submit the written application to the West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752 by 6:00pm on March 31, 2026.

Questions?

Contact Karla Fiori

515-201-6708 email: fiori_karla@msn.com



HERITAGE

**Welcome to our Elks Family!
New Members initiated
on November 27th, 2025!**



Left to Right: Leading Knight Rich Kreitzinger, Kevin Williams, Barbara Lykins, Johanna McIvor, David Kroeger, Kathy Kaplan, Exalted Ruler Chrissy Ellis, Marion Hansell, Melissa McDaniel, and Russell Pape.

When you see a new face introduce yourself!



SANTA CONTINUES TO BE A BIG HIT!

Wow! We did it again. Our special Children's Christmas Breakfast Buffet December 14th, 2025 was another great success, serving 179 members, guests and children, despite the bitter -15 below temperatures and high winds. We also served 6 complimentary breakfasts to 3 Clive Firefighters and 3 Urbandale police officers. There were no Veterans because of the bitter cold.

Our special guests, Santa Claus (Karen Flohr), and Mrs. Claus (Michele Brant), and our Elf (Nina Steele) had a great time as they interacted and talked to the excited children while handing out Christmas goodies and stuffed animals. There were approximately 58 children who had the opportunity to meet with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

A big thank you goes out to our 9 to 5ers crew who put the goody bags together and also to Mark Bergmann who takes out our breakfast signs and then picks them up. Thanks again Mark. Nina Steele continues to take our leftover food to the Bethel Mission which helps feed the homeless in the area. Let's not forget our terrific December Breakfast Buffet volunteers: Doug Laird, Neil Davies, Mark Flohr, Beth DuPuy, Ted DuPuy, Brian Becker, Gloria Riesberg, Rosie Surber, Alice Jensen, Michael Schieffer, Toby Charloe, Nina Steele, Roxanne Ludwig, Ann Bobo(bar), and Larry Cramer. We could not have handled the large crowd without your tireless help. Thank you!



A Big shout out to Lannie Hale who has been making Cheesy potatoes for 15 years! December was his last seven trays! Thanks, Lannie, for all that you have contributed to our lodge.

Don't forget our wonderful Bake Sale!

They are So Delicious! ...and a great Fundraiser!

Our Bake Sale brought in \$317 of free will giving which will be donated to Crestview Elementary School. Thanks to Debra Brandt, Jen Becker, Gloria Criswell, Brian Becker, and Nancy Newcomb. You guys continue to Rock!

Our delicious breakfast buffet 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. We are serving from 8:00 a.m. till noon, only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities. Please pay the bartender for your breakfast

Our next Sunday Breakfast will be January 11th, 2026.

Elks Care - Elks Share



Giving Back to First Responders

BREAKFAST WITH Santa

Another Fun visit by Santa at our December Breakfast & Bake Sale!



Lodge Activities Committee

LAC Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

Present: Julie Kafer, Becky Young, Rich Kreitzinger, Toby Charloe, Kitty Cirks, Denise Wright, Tammy Bechen, Dick and Judy Cordle.

Special Activities for January:

All activities are on the monthly calendar on the last page of this Newsletter.

January 1, Thursday. Lodge Closed. NO Thirsty Thursday this month.

January 8, Thursday. Wine Night 6:30 pm

January 11, Sunday. Breakfast/Bake Sale

January 14, Wednesday. Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner.

January 15, Thursday. Bourbon Night is Back. 6:30 pm

January 17, Saturday, Chili Cookoff

January 24, Saturday, Martini Party

January 31, Saturday. SWVP Fundraiser for President Elect

Coming up in February

February 5, Thursday. Thirsty Thursday.

February 8, Sunday. Breakfast/Bake Sale

February 8, Sunday. Super Bowl Game

February 12, Thursday. Wine Night. 6:30 pm

February 19, Thursday. Bourbon Night. 6:30 pm

February 20, Friday. Puzzle Night. New Event.

February 28, Saturday. Tasty Soup Night/Band 6 pm.

Next LAC Meeting: January 19 at 6:30pm

Julie Kafer, LAC Chair



ELKS ANGELS

On Tuesday January 13th the Elks Angels will meet at 1:00pm for lunch at El Mariachi 5825 Merle Hay Road (across from the Greenbrier in Johnston)

Please let Vicki Waters (515) 710-5922 or Marge Porter (515) 371-3158 know if you can come so we can make reservations. Hope to see you!



ELKS Riders
There will not be an Elks Riders Meeting in January



Thank you to Lynette and Chris Murphy for donating our entry arrangements for the Holiday Season!



TUESDAY WORK GROUP *Needs your help!*

"9-5 ER's"

The Tuesday Work Group works on several projects and could use materials to keep our projects going.

Would you consider donating any the following items or monetary donation to purchase them?

YARN - Various Colors & Weights of Yarn

We knit stocking caps of 4 different sizes and take them to Children's Departments at Mercy, Broadlawns and Blank Hospitals, Clive, Grimes and Johnston Clothes Closets.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Clean and without holes for use at Food Pantries and Clothes Closets. We also make plastic mats for homeless people to put under their blankets or sleeping bags so they aren't directly on the cold/wet ground.

EGG CARTONS

Clean and In good shape.

2026 WALL CALENDARS

We take them to veterans and nursing homes.

3 x 5 COLORED CARDS

(Lines on one side & blank on the other side)

We write specific words of encouragement on each card and apply fun stickers. We then take them to the Food Bank of Iowa for their weekly Back Pack Program. This program provides food to 4,000 children for the weekend every Friday at schools in 55 counties.

GREETING CARDS

(Birthday, Sympathy, Christmas, Etc.)

New cards complete with envelopes.

We take them to various nursing homes and 55 plus facilities.

If you can help us by donating items for us to use in supporting our various charities any and all help will be appreciated. Please leave items on the desk in the small bingo room.

Any questions please contact Nancy Newcomb at (515) 681-0852.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Elks Veteran's Christmas Giving Tree Event!



VETERANS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR THANKS TO MEMBERS!

Our Veterans Annual Christmas Giving Tree Project is our largest project each year. This project includes providing Christmas gifts for children and food and gas gift cards to veterans families identified as in need.

The Des Moines Center located in West Des Moines provided us with 12 families consisting of 33 children and Larry Cramer representing the Urbandale/Johnston VFW with 1 family and 5 children for a grand total of 13 families and 38 children. We were given only the first name of each child to ensure confidentiality, their age, clothing sizes, 3 needs and 3 wishes.

Due to having fewer children we were able to purchase extra food and gas gift cards for needy single male and female veterans. Our expenses included food and gas gift cards, fruit, candy & small gifts for Santa to give out to children at our monthly December breakfast, miscellaneous items (wrapping paper, boxes, tape, stockings, etc.) and gifts purchased for all children. The Vets Center personnel and Larry Cramer picked up the gifts at the Lodge on December 17th for delivery to families.

Fundraising, throughout the year to finance this Project, was accomplished by holding bake sales, style shows, 50/50's and miscellaneous donations. In addition this year our Elks Riders sponsored 1 family with 4 children, purchased fruit and candy for stocking stuffers in the amount of \$1,200. The total project for this year is valued at \$13,000. Thank you to each and everyone who took one or more of the 38 cards and purchased all of the items the children asked for or made a monetary donation. Also a thank you to members who volunteered to wrap gifts.

Thank you Nina Steele for being in charge of this Project. She spends hours organizing, shopping, wrapping, checking and rechecking to make sure all items requested are accounted for (this requires checking that all children, especially in each family, are treated equally) and only then putting all gifts in bags for the correct family. We plan to continue this Annual Project again next year!



HOOP SHOOT NEWS



Our Hoop Shoot was on November 22 at Stilwell Junior High School.
We had 7 amazing shooters this year
and 20 OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS!

It takes a small army of Elk Volunteers to host this event no matter how many kids are participating. THANK YOU to all who helped, sadly I didn't get a group picture taken. Thank you, Larry Cramer, for helping to line up the volunteers and Mark Flohr for being the announcer and instructing the volunteers on the rules and Roger Fiori for the delicious brunch afterwards.

Our 1st place shooters

Ben Spencer (12-13) from Johnston

Josh Strodman (10-11) from Johnston

Lenore Wright (10-11) from Urbandale



**Our winners are moving on
to compete in Creston
at the District Hoop Shoot
on January 10th.**

Holiday Party!!

Was Friday, December 12th



A fun time was had by all! We started with the cookie exchange. Yummy! Thank you to Christy Gotsdiner and Pam Gavin for judging the Ugly Sweater contest. Everyone then had fun as the drawing began for the wrapped door prizes! Donated by Julie Kafer and Becky Young. We hope to see you all next year!!



First Place went to Rich Kreitzinger and Mary Anne Tedesco



Second Place Jen Becker



Third Place Joe & Tammy Bechen



Honorable Mention: Larry Cramer



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

By Rich Wicks

ELKS Lodge helps veterans and many others

Donations benefit Easterseals, food pantries and more.

Those who have never visited or heard about a local Elks Lodge may think it is simply a social club. But the Elks Lodge in Clive (West Des Moines Lodge No. 2752),



like all Elks Lodges, does much for the community. Lodge Secretary Toby Charloe and Trustee and Chair of the Board of Directors Greg Weinschenk provide insight into what their lodge does.

The Elks is a fraternal order promoting the four cardinal virtues of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity," Weinschenk says.

Those virtues are easily seen in the actions of the local lodge.

"Our big focus is on veterans," Weinschenk says. "We collect deer hides during the hunting season. We send them to a place that tans them, and then part of the leather goes to a company that makes gloves for veterans that use wheelchairs. And then some of the leather goes to Marshalltown to the veterans home there for crafts and projects."

The lodge has many partnerships in the community.

"Another thing we've been doing for the past five or six years is working with the CRRC (Community Resource and Referral Center). They help homeless veterans find apartments, and we help supply them with beds, kitchen utensils and household items," Weinschenk says.

Besides veterans' issues, the lodge does much for others, as well.

"We're a big contributor to the food pantry and Crestview Elementary School, so the teachers don't have to go out and buy school supplies for kids that don't have them. And we sponsored an infrared drone that the fire department can use to see hotspots in a fire," Weinschenk says. "They also use that to help find a person who may be lost. We're very focused on our community."

Throughout the year, the lodge has fundraisers to help fund their giving. This year's golf tournament raised more than \$17,000. Charloe notes that, in the past year, the lodge gave \$6,000 in local scholarships, \$6,000 to special needs, \$43,000 in non-cash donations to veterans issues and \$6,000 in actual cash for veterans.

Although the lodge building is in Clive (2060 N.W. 94th St.) the lodge serves a much larger area.

"There are 29 Elks lodges around Iowa," Weinschenk says. "Our building is in Clive, but Urbandale falls under our jurisdiction, and Johnston, West Des Moines, Waukee, Windsor Heights and Grimes. Lodge 2752 has been in existence since 1990, and we've been in our building in Clive for the past 12 years."

Weinschenk and Charloe note that, because the lodge encompasses many suburbs, membership has grown steadily and currently sits at 557. Anyone, male or female, is welcome to apply for membership. There is no membership requirement to be a military member or veteran.

The lodge aims to be responsive to needs in the area. Charloe points to a few recent donations to help those struggling with hunger or other needs.

"We give to local food banks in Urbandale, Grimes and Clive," Charloe says. "And we just took a \$5,000 check out to Easterseals for their respite care and Camp Sunnyside." ■



Daniel Timmons of Edward Jones presents a Neighbor Spotlight certificate to Chrissy Ellis with the Elks Lodge.

Edward Jones

Merry Christmas

May you have a happy, prosperous and healthy new year!

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Scan the code with the camera on your phone

Thank you DEER HUNTERS!
Iowa Elks Veterans
Leather Program 2025



***Our Hide Count as of
December 20th was 93!***



The Iowa Elks Veterans Leather Program has almost ended another season. Thank You for reminding family and friends to save their deer hides and bring them to the lodge. Last year our lodge collected a total of 150 hides. Iowa's early archery season ran October 1st thru December 5th. The 2nd archery season started Wednesday December 22nd and continues thru Saturday January 10th 2026. The first shotgun season ran December 6th thru December 10th. The second shotgun season ran Saturday December 13th thru December 21st. Early Muzzleloader season was October 11th thru October 19th 2025. **Late Muzzleloader and Archery Season began Monday December 22nd and continues thru Saturday January 10th 2026.**

There are likely still many hunters with hides out there looking for a great charitable program that the hunters could donate them to! Remind them we are still collecting for the Elks Veterans Leather Program!

All of the collected hides will be transported back to Wartrace, Tennessee (near Nashville) to Coey Tanning Co. The tanned hides will then be given to our veterans at Marshalltown for their leather craft programs. The veterans in turn make leather crafts such as belts, billfolds, purses, coats, vests, gloves, gun cases, wheel chair gloves and many other items.

This will be the 27th year that our lodge has participated in this great program. Our Iowa Elks did an outstanding job last year collecting 3545 hides which was 1st in the nation! Missouri placed 2nd.

Deer hunters – bring you hides to our lodge or call Larry Cramer at (515)783-5262 and we will come and pick them up. We appreciate all of your support and look forward to yet another great year.

Let's make this the best Elk's Veterans Leather Program ever! We need your help!

ELKS DO CARE ABOUT OUR VETERANS.

West Des Moines Deer hide collection as of December 20th is 93!
Thanks to Radar, Neil Davies and Larry Cramer for salting the hides.



*Please Join Us
Thursday Night
January 8th at 6:30pm*

JANUARY WINE NIGHT



Only \$15 Per Person
*(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)
light appetizers provided!*



Baby it's cold outside! But we all know that a nice glass of wine will warm us up. Who says that white wine is for summer? Let us challenge your taste buds with a few "WINTER WHITES". We will follow that by celebrating three red wines from Stolpman Vineyards.

As usual, bring a friend & get a new wine charm for your glass. We always have appetizers – but love when you bring something extra.

See you on January 8th and THANK YOU for always making this a fun evening.



***Join us to relax
and enjoy some wine!***

GAME NIGHT

At The Elks!

*Tuesday
January 6th
and Tuesday
January 20th
at 6:30pm*

We will be playing Sweep!

***Plus, bring your favorite game - board games,
cards, etc. Attendees will agree upon
what games to play together!***

Join Us!



Pictured: Pam Gavin, Deb Shepard, Eileen Idso, Connie Allen, Darlene Schluter, Paula and Mike Venema, Tina and Joe Fazio, Tammy and Joe Bechen.



WDM
Elks
 Lodge #2752

Breakfast

Join us for our Breakfast Buffet & Bake Sale on Sunday January 11th!
 and enjoy a delicious Elks Breakfast serving 8am to noon.

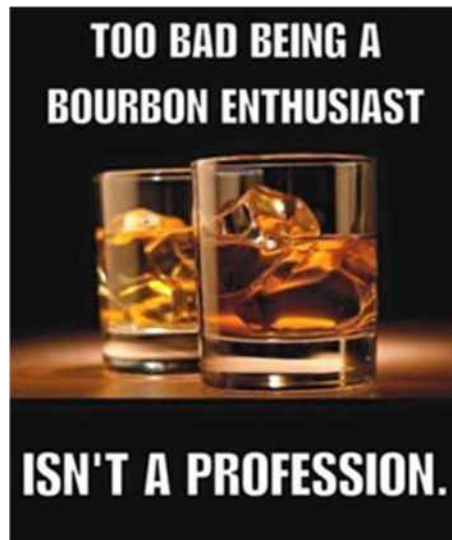
Our delicious breakfast buffet still includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa - only \$3.50.

Only \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.
 All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities !



BOURBON NIGHT IS BACK!

Thursday, JANUARY 15th.
 Bourbon Night will be once per month
 On the 3rd Thursday of each month.





2752 Chili Cook-off

CALLING ALL CHILI EXPERTS

Come share your special chili with us!

(This is a Chili Cook-off — So Please, No Soups)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

Chili Check in by 5:30pm

Prizes will be awarded about 7pm

Chili should be judged according to;

Appearance (should be reddish)

Aroma (should smell like chili)

Taste (should taste like chili)

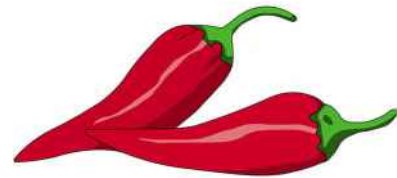
Consistency (not like soup and not like paste)

After Taste (should not leave an unpleasant taste after your bite.)

1st Place- \$25.00 Elk Dollars

2nd Place- \$20.00 Elk Dollars

3rd Place- \$15.00 Elk Dollars



Sampling, eating and voting from 5:30 to 6:45pm

Winners announced about 7:00pm

\$10 Donations for WDM Local Legacy Scholarships

Hosted by

Cliff Morris and Toby Charloe

**JOIN THE WEST DES MOINES ELKS
FOR A FUN EVENING OF FUNDRAISING FOR
Iowa State Elks Association
President-Elect Steve Bradley!**

**Saturday Night, January 31, 2026
5pm - 10pm**

**THERE
WILL BE...**

FOOD!



ENTERTAINMENT!



50/50 DRAWING!

SILENT AUCTION!



**West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752
2060 NW 94th Street Clive, Iowa**

Martini Party
Saturday, January 24
6:30pm \$15



Four Mini Martini's!

***Choose your favorite and
get one Regular size!***

**Orange Dream,
Blueberry, Caramel
and finish with a
Chocolate Raspberry Martini**

Light appetizers provided.



***“SUPER” Food Drive at the
West Des Moines Elks Lodge***

January 25th

Through

February 8th!

***In conjunction with the Super Bowl
Party on February 8th!***



PLEASE JOIN US!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2026

KICK-OFF: TBA

Clubroom open all day on February 8th!

Join us from 8 till 12 for our Breakfast & Bake Sale!

**Bring your favorite tailgate food to share
& Canned Food for the Food Pantry!**



BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday, January 27th at 6pm

**All Members and their guests
are welcome to join us and help
celebrate all of this month's Birthdays!**

Appetizers & Birthday Cake are provided!

**IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY
MONTH**

Come Celebrate with me!

01 Dixie Rushing	07 Matthew Merten	14 Vincent Stefanski
02 Jon Hoffman	07 Blayne Miller	16 Nicole Almburg
02 Martin Schwager	07 Rebecca Young	16 Kathy Conlan
03 Ronald Young	08 Patti Betzer	17 Steven Leisen
03 David Reinier	08 Charles Colbert	17 Michael Schieffer
04 Michael Buckley	08 Sam Thomas	21 Susan Davis
04 Marion Hansell	08 Benjamin Poole	22 Kris Coughlin
04 Natalie Ehrp	08 Sandy Carr	22 Mallisa Pettit
04 Rhonda Rhode	09 Kelli Barton	22 Caryn Evans
05 Jeffrey Huggins	09 Scott Bruhn	24 John Kilbride
05 Loren Michalski	09 Gage Fischer	25 Kristin Holum
05 Carrie Van Weelden	10 Travis Gaule	25 Tracey Stelpflug
05 Sue Halpin	11 Mary Brown	26 Andrew Potter
05 Sharon Strait	12 Nancy McGraw	26 Scott Rockwell
06 Harold Bennitt	13 Frank Dunn	26 Deborah Hogan
06 Patrice Paulsen	13 Tony Cirks	27 Max Holmes
06 Larry Rowen, Jr	13 Michelle Myers	28 Judith Campbell
06 Linda Eggers	13 Elaine Thomas	30 Karen Wiedemeier
06 Charlene Paulsen	13 Barb Anderson	31 Ashley Hawk

**Wish these Elk Members
& Spouses a special
Happy Birthday!**
when you see them

**The individuals listed above can stop in for a free "birthday
cocktail, beer or soft drink" anytime during the month in
which they are recognized in our newsletter!**

If we missed your birthday – please let us know!
news@wdmelks.com



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January 2026



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
 SUNDAY TICKET NFL YouTube TV NFL Sunday Ticket... We have it! Clubroom opens every Sunday at 11am through the NFL Season!	Bingo Volunteers Needed! Could you help at one BINGO Session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852	Notice a FEW people doing a LOT of work? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	Dinner Crews Needed! Could you help one Wednesday Night per month? Call Roger Fiori at 515-201-6707	Lodge Closed HAPPY 2026 NEW YEAR	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 2	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 3 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS EVERY MEMBER STARTS AS A GUEST
Open 11am - 7pm Burger Baskets Only \$8 Play Pool - 1:30 Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Team: Gloria Criswell, Joy Droessler, Rita Lans, and Ella Harban	Open 4:30 – 9:00 House/Board Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner Need a MENU & a Team! Stop in and enjoy a pizza Team You?	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Wine Night 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Roger Fiori Checker/Concessions Joyce McMickle, Mary Spoerl & Nancy Newcomb	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 9	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 10
Open 8am - 7pm Elk's Breakfast & Bake Sale 8am till Noon Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Roger Halbur Team: Joyce McMickle, Rita Lans, Nancy Newcomb and Ella Harban	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Elks Angels Luncheon 1pm El Mariachi	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner! Italian Sausage Sandwich French Fries Salad & Dessert Team Murphy Serving at 6:15pm	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bourbon Night! 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Nancy Newcomb Call: Roger Fiori Team: Gloria Criswell, Jen Chambers, and Mary Spoerl	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 16	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 17 Chili Cook-off! 5:30 to 6:45 Winners announced at 7pm
Open 11am - 7pm Burger Baskets Only \$8 Play Pool - 1:30 Bingo 2pm Sell: Carla Sanburg Call: Patti Bond Checker/Concessions Joyce McMickle, Rita Lans, Nancy Newcomb and Ella Harban	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Lodge Activities Meeting 6:30pm Come share your ideas and get involved! Treats provided.	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, & Tiramisu Team Tedesco Serving at 6:15pm	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Nancy Newcomb Call: Roger Fiori Checker/Concessions Joyce McMickle, Mary Spoerl and Jen Chambers	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 23	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close 24 Martini Night! 6:30pm
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