



**2025 - 2026  
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**March Dining & Events**

**\*Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesdays in the Lodge– 5pm**

**\*Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry**

**\*Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Pitch Tournament at 1pm**

**\*Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Lodge– 5pm**

**\*Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry – 6pm**

**\*Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Lodge – 5pm**

**\*Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers**

**\*Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry – 6pm**

**\*Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in the Lodge – 5pm**

**\*Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry – 6pm**

**\*Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Beer Olympics – Food 6pm, Olympics – 7pm**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**



**PITCH TOURNAMENT**

**1PM**

**BRING A SNACK TO SHARE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**



**BEER OLYMPICS**

**FOOD – 6PM**

**OLYMPICS – 7PM**

**\$40 FOR A TEAM OF 4**

**From the Secretary:**

April 1st the member key lock card will change to a new teal color. You will receive your new key card with your 2026-27 membership card. Both the purple and teal card will work until April first. To make sure you have a current card please pay your dues before March 31st.

### March Birthdays

- 2 Larry Bailey
- 4 Joel Weis
- 6 Richard Anderson  
Carl Schuler
- 7 Jack Davis
- 8 Ronnie Kelly
- 9 Dave Abildtrup  
Doug Thatcher
- 11 Kyle Wilson
- 12 Dave Palma
- 16 Donald Irelan
- 20 Mike Briner
- 23 Dennis Hopkins
- 25 Allan Higgins
- 26 Shawn Lauer
- 28 Russell Booth
- 31 Jon Thompson

Dear Members,

As I sit down to write my final letter as your Exalted Ruler, I do so with excitement, gratitude, and a full heart. This past year has certainly been a packed one as we worked hard to meet our goals as a lodge. Serving in this role has been an honor I will always cherish.

I want to extend my very best wishes to our incoming Exalted Ruler, Trisha Williams, and her officers. They are an outstanding board, and I have complete confidence they will lead our lodge into a bright and successful future.

I must also give a sincere bow to all of you who surrounded me, guided me, and had hands-on involvement in every endeavor. The people of this lodge are truly amazing. For those not yet involved in weekly operations, I encourage you to step forward — it truly takes a village to keep our lodge strong and thriving.

As we roll into this month, I am holding out hope that the groundhog was wrong and that warmer weather is just around the corner. While we wait for spring to fully arrive, we have a month filled with great gatherings and fellowship.

Every Friday, join us for our favorite fish fries — a tradition that brings both great food and even better company. We also have some entertaining events planned, including a pitch tournament. Grab your favorite card-slinging friend, bring a snack to share, and enjoy a night of friendly competition.

Later in the month, show off your stamina and teamwork at our Beer Olympics. Gather a four-person team, \$40 entry fee, and come ready to compete and laugh. It's sure to be a highlight of the month.

As I close out my term, I want to offer one final thank you to everyone who participates in and supports our lodge. Fraternal organizations require dedication, time, and heart to keep operating. But when we come together in caring and sharing, we make wonderful things happen — not only within these walls but throughout our entire community.

It has been my honor to serve you.

Fraternally,

Josh Simmons

Exalted Ruler

### **PARENTS - DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR HS SENIOR APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!!**

The 2026 Iowa State Elks Association VOCATIONAL GRANT is also now available, deadline is 3/2/26. This grant is available to members and non-members and is intended for students enrolled in a 2-year (or less) training program. Your HS counselor will have these applications available, and I will have some printed at the Elks. Any questions, do not hesitate to call or text Deb Veitz 641.344.1155.

## March 2026


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Tuesday in the Garden 5pm-Close	4 7 pm Gov Body 8 pm Lodge Meeting Clubroom Open 5-8	5 Closed	6 Fish Fry Ken Callahan, Randy McIlravy, Matt Walden Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	7 1 pm Pitch Tournament Bring Snacks to Share  Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
8 Closed	9 Closed	10 VFW Meeting Tuesday in the Garden 5pm-Close	11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Fish Fry Lisa Creighton, Erica Danielson, Tawana Kinzie Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	14 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
15 Closed	16 Calcutta	17 Tuesday in the Garden 5pm-Close	18 Installation of Officers 7 pm Board of Directors 8 pm Lodge Meeting Clubroom Open 5-8	19 Closed	20 Fish Fry Kevin Mahan, Mike Eblen, Sherry Segó Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	21 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Tuesday in the Garden 5pm-Close	25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Fish Fry Travis Anderson, Chuck Hulett, Clint Hoffman, Rob Evans Clubroom Open 5PM-Close	28 6 pm Food 7 pm Beer Olympics \$40 for a 4-person team Clubroom Open 4pm-Close
29 Closed	30 Closed	31 Tuesday in the Garden 5pm-Close	April 1 7 pm Gov Body 8 pm Lodge Meeting Clubroom Open 5-8	2 Closed	3 Fish Fry	4 Clubroom Open 4pm-Close

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