

West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

April 2023 Newsletter

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Message From Your Exalted Ruler

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Elk year. I am Roger Fiori. I am very honored to have been nominated and elected to be Exalted Ruler of West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752. I became an Elk in 2019 and in 2020 I was asked by then ER Anna Marie Nielson to be Inner Guard. In 2021 at the urging of Anna Marie I filled the Loyal Knight chair and then went on to Leading Knight the following year.

Join me in Welcoming our officers and trustees for the 2023-2024 Elk Year: Michael Buckley – Leading Knight, Chrissy Ellis - Loyal Knight, Jerome James - Lecturing Knight, Jack Peterson - Esquire, Lisa Chiodo - Tiler, Nina Steele - Inner Guard, Michele Brandt - Chaplain, Craig Crossland - Treasurer, Toby Charloe - Secretary, Becky Young - Trustee, Tim Pettit - Trustee, Jeff Garrison - Trustee, Mark Radosevich - Trustee, and Nancy Newcomb - Trustee.

Your new leaders are very motivated to keep our lodge growing so we can better serve our veterans, our community, and our members. Please reach out to any of us with any comments, questions, or concerns you have about the lodge. We would love the opportunity to sit and visit with you.

The goal I have for the upcoming year is to continue to grow our membership and participation from our members. We have about 450 members and would like to see us add several more over the next year. We can only do that with your help. Tell your family and friends about all the good the Elks do for veterans and the community. Let them know of all the fun we have as a lodge. From weekly meals to monthly birthday parties. There is always something going on at the WDM Elks!

I want to take a moment to recognize and say THANK YOU to our outgoing officers:

Trustees Greg “Radar” Weinschenk, and Paul Stiles. They have worked hard for our lodge for over the past decade. From supporting all our endeavors, to guiding us through the pandemic. Their dedication to the lodge helped us to grow during the most trying of times.

Exalted Ruler Becky Young. Over the past 5 years she has served as an officer, is our lodge rental coordinator, supports every function of the lodge and is moving forward to serve as a 5-year trustee. She has served our membership in an exemplary fashion.

I would also like to personally say Thank You to them for all they have done to teach me about Elkdom, the workings of the lodge, believing in me and supporting me. Not to mention the needling (which I deserve). I would not be where I am today without you!

May we all have a great 2023-2024 Elk Year!!
 Thank You,
 Roger Fiori, Exalted Ruler

2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Roger Fiori exaltedruler@wdmelks.com
Leading Knight.....	Michael Buckley
Loyal Knight.....	Chrissy Ellis
Lecturing Knight.....	Jerome James
Esquire.....	Jack Peter, PER
Tiler.....	Lisa Chiodo
Inner Guard.....	Nina Steele
Chaplain.....	Michele Brandt
Treasurer.....	Craig Crossland, PER treasurer@wdmelks.com
Secretary.....	Toby Charloe secretary@wdmelks.com

Trustees

1 Year Trustee.....	Nancy Newcomb
2 Year Trustee.....	Mark Radosevich
3 Year Trustee.....	Jeff Garrison, PER
4 Year Trustee.....	Tim Pettit
5 Year Trustee.....	Becky Young, PER



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A message from Michael Buckley, Leading Knight

Let's have a great start to the new Elk year!!

I am honored to serve as your Leading Knight for Elks Lodge 2752. I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Leading Knight, Roger Fiori, for his dedication and hard work in this position and congratulate him on moving on to Exalted Ruler

As we move forward, I want to reiterate our Lodge's commitment to serving our community and supporting charitable causes. Our Lodge has a long history of giving back, and I am excited to continue this tradition with your help.

In the coming months, we have several events and fundraisers planned to support our local charities and organizations. I encourage all members to get involved in these efforts and contribute in any way possible.

In addition to our charitable work, I also want to focus on building a stronger sense of community within our Lodge. We will be organizing several social events throughout the year, including potluck dinners, Karaoke nights, and Sunday pool tournaments (to name a few). These events are a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members and build lasting friendships.

Finally, I want to remind all members that our Lodge relies on your participation and involvement to thrive. We encourage all members to attend our meetings, get involved in our committees, and volunteer for events whenever possible. Your contributions are what make our Lodge such a special place.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Lodge. I look forward to working with you in the coming months.



A message from Chrissy Ellis, Loyal Knight

Here's to a new Elk year!

It has been a pleasure being your Lecturing Knight for the past year. Meeting and initiating new members, attending conferences, delivering dictionaries to Crestview School of Inquiry (my favorite part!), getting to be a part of the 6th grade essay contest, volunteering and much more!

I am excited to move on and looking forward to this new role as Loyal Knight!

Elks Care - Elks Share

West Des Moines Lodge #2752 gives \$3500 to City of Clive for Playground Set!



West Des Moines Lodge #2752 recently presented a check for \$3500 to the City of Clive to help purchase a Big Block Imagination Playground Set to be used by both Clive Parks and Recreation and the Clive Public Library. The donation was made up of a \$2000 Gratitude Grant and \$1500 from Lodge funds.

The Playground Set is made up of 105 waterproof foam blocks and cylinders that are easy to stack, line up and move around and provide children with hours of fun. The equipment will be used at various programs and events year-round and is already being used at the Harbach Center's Play in the Bay Program.



Don't get locked out!!

Membership Dues payments were due on April 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 ELK year!

Many members are late paying dues. Please pay your dues by May 1st so you don't lose access to your Lodge.

- Regular member dues \$139
- Life member \$49
- Associate Member \$20
- A door card for a spouse or widow(er) is \$20 per year

Thank you to the majority of our Members who have paid their dues! If you have not paid yet—please do so as soon as possible to save the Lodge the expense of additional mailings! You can pay by mail or pay in the Club Room.



Welcome to our new members initiated on February 27th 2023!



Left to right: Loyal Knight Michael Buckley, Exalted Ruler Becky Young, Lindsey Shepard, Stephanie Shepard, Debra Shepard, Leading Knight Roger Fiori, Lecturing Knight Chrissy Ellis.

Law Enforcement Professionals of the Year 2022.

On Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, the West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752 Celebrated seven law enforcement professionals of the Year 2022.

We reached out to five municipalities Clive, Johnston, Urbandale, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights. As well as the Dallas County Sheriff and Polk County Sheriff. We asked each Police Department and sheriff's office to choose an officer who most exemplifies following premise:

"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, Equality, and justice."

Our program featured Becky Young, our Exalted Ruler speaking about our West Des Moines Lodge; Larry Cramer, speaking about being an Elk Member and Tim Pettit, our Trustee, sharing the accomplishments and qualities of each officer as they received their award. Tim received this same award in 1999.

The honorees:

Officer Kelly Recchia, Clive PD

Deputy Drew Hurley, Dallas County Sheriff's Department

Officer Matt Chiles, Johnston PD (Presented on Feb 28th as unable to attend on Jan 18th.)

Deputy Mike Hake, Polk County Sheriff's Department

Officer Brady Farrington, Urbandale PD

Officer Adil Karic, West Des Moines, PD

Officer Ryan Bowers, Windsor Heights, PD (not pictured)

After the ceremony we all enjoyed an amazing supper prepared by Paul Stiles and crew. The ceremony and meal were well attended. A good time was had by all including a few visitors from Des Moines Lodge #98 and our State President Elect, Chris Ellsbury.

Thanks to everyone in attendance and participation!



Officer Kelly Recchia,
Clive Police Department



Deputy Drew Hurley,
Dallas Co. Sheriff's Department



Officer Matt Chiles,
Johnston Police Dept.



Deputy Mike Hake,
Polk Co. Sheriff's Department



Officer Brady Farrington,
Urbandale Police Department



Officer Adil Karic, West Des
Moines, Police Department

WDM Elks Breakfast Lodge #2752

ANOTHER FANTASTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAKE SALE

We had another terrific pancake buffet last month, March 12th serving 122 members, neighbors and friends. Considering we had 6-8 inches of snow and we served 123 St. Paddy's Day Corn beef and cabbage dinners the night before, it was a fantastic Breakfast Buffet.

Our volunteers are troopers, serving month after month: Dwight Taylor, Doug Laird, Lannie Hale, Neil Davies, Greg Ostwinkle, Rose Serber, Gloria Riesberg, Brian Becker, Nina Steele, Toby Charloe, Kathy Peterson (bar) and Larry Cramer. Mark Bergmann has continued to support our Sunday Breakfast month after month by taking out and bringing in our breakfast signs.

This month our Bake Sale brought in \$503 from free will donations. Our Lodge will donate the funds to Easter seals Iowa, Respite Care.

We want to thank Jen Becker, Deb Brandt and Nancy Newcomb for their continued support of the Bake sale and to Jan Peter for contacting our Elk members by phone to bring in the delicious pastries. And thank you to Nina Steele for all of her time taking the left-over food to the Bethel Mission to help serve the homeless.

**See you at the Lodge for our next
Breakfast Buffet Sunday April 2nd**

And a big surprise - The Easter Bunny will be here!

Attention! Attention!

***Breakfast will NOT be on second Sunday in April
it will be on the first Sunday - April 2nd to allow our
volunteers to celebrate Easter with their families on the 9th.***

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 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



**Again, thanks to all of our volunteers.
Bring your neighbors and friends
and we will see you at the lodge for our
next Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale!
April 2nd, 2023.
Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.**





BIG NEWS!! Our West Des Moines local Hoop Shoot winner wins State Contest!



On Saturday February 25th 2023 our Local Lodge Hoop Shoot winner and SW District winner, Brody Benson from Summit Middle School in Johnston moved on to the Regionals after making 18 out of 25 shots (and 4/5 in a shoot off) in the 10–11-year-old boys Class at the State finals!



Our Local WDM Lodge Winner Now the State Winner!

Brody Benson

10-11-year-old boy

Summit Middle School, Johnston

Shooting 18 out of 25 shots + 4/5 in a shoot off!

THE IOWA ELKS ASSOCIATION 52nd ANNUAL STATE FINALS WERE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25th, 2023 AT GRINNELL COLLEGE

The 52nd annual Hoop Shoot State finals were held at Grinnell College. Once again it was very competitive and exciting as all shooters are very good when they reach this stage.

WINNERS:	NAME:	FROM:	SCORES:
12–13-Year-old boy	Jackson Struve	Estherville #528	22/25 and 5/5
10–11-Year-old boy	Brody Benson	WDM #2752	18/25 and 4/5
8–9-Year-old boy	Jaxson Foster	Iowa City #590	22/25
12–13-Year-old girl	Reilynn Turnbull	Ft. Madison #374	18/25 and 4/5
10–11-Year-old girl	Taylor Brownlee	Keokuk #106	19/25
8–9-Year-old girl	Aaliyah Smith	Dubuque #297	17/25

Congratulations to all of the State winners and participants, and special thanks to all of the Volunteers who have made the Iowa State Hoop Shoot a success. A special recognition to Denny Davis, State Hoop Shoot Director, and his staff who brought it all together. Thanks also to Past State President Jeff Koontz, Fairfield, who was our public address announcer.

Also in attendance was President Judi Graff, Estherville; President-elect, Chris Elsberry, Des Moines; Past State President and State Trustee Jeff Koontz, Fairfield; Past Chief Justice and Past State President, Hon. Mark Huegel, Charles City; Past State President and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Dave Neeley; Past State President Bill Oetken, Creston; Past State President Les Fister, Jefferson; Past Regional Hoop Shoot Director, Jerry Graften and Chaplain Blade Martwick, Creston.

The National Regional competition was held on Saturday March 18, 2023 at 9:45 am which was held at Regina High School in Iowa City. Unfortunately, Brody did not do well enough to go on to the National Hoop Shoot Contest being held in Chicago, Illinois April 20 -23, 2023



ANOTHER FANTASTIC ST. PADDY'S DAY CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER (Best Ever)

We continue to serve the best Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in the city as those who attended can attest. This year we served 113 delicious mouthwatering dinners, despite 6 to 7 inches of snow.

Once again let's take this opportunity to thank the entire St. Patrick's Day volunteers (23 in all): Prep crew, cooking crew, meat cutters, servers, kitchen serving crew, take out crew, busing and table clean-up crew, and decorations (which added up to another festive and delightful dinner).

The following fantastic volunteers deserve all of the credit for continuing to make our St. Paddy's Day dinner the best ever:

Larry Schweitzer- Prep and cooking

Tim Conlan-Prep

Russ Youngquist- Prep

Nadine Ludwig-Stirrer (prep)

Sue Schweitzer- Stirrer (prep)

Larry Cramer-Prep, cooking, take-out,
and clean-up

Al Cross-Meat cutter

Doug Laird-Meat cutter

Cliff Morris-Meat cutter

Nina Steele-Decorations

Sandy Carr-Decorations

Toby Charloe- Decorations

Gloria Riesberg-Server

Mary Spoerl-Server

Lannie Hale-Server

Debbie Shepard-Server

Joyce McMickle-Bus and clean tables

Nancy Newcomb- Bus tables and clean tables

Greg "Radar" Weinschenk- Kitchen, take out, & clean-up

Toby Charloe- Set up, take out, and clean-up

Vickie Taylor-Deserts

Tammy Bechen-Deserts

Greg Osby-Tickets, flyers, and promotion

Ann Bobo-Bartender

Big Sky Bakery- Light Rye and German Rye bread

FAREWAY Grocery- Corn Beef and Cabbage

Several of the above volunteers started at 7:00 a.m. and didn't stop until after 9:00 p.m. Great job guys, you are the best. Thanks also to those who brought in much needed roasters: Al Cross, Larry Schweitzer, Ralph Young, Sonja Mennenga, Chrissy Ellis, Jana Castelone, Connie Hatfield, and Craig Crossland.

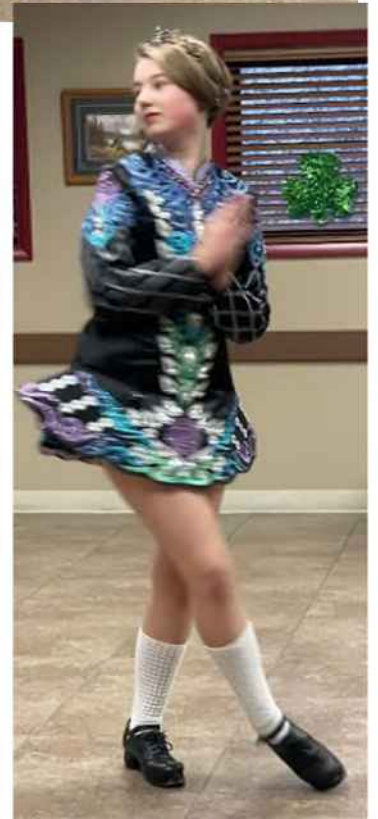
A special shout out goes out to Larry Schweitzer, Larry Cramer and Tim Conlan as they picked up the Corn Beef and Cabbage from Fareway Grocery Friday morning at 9 a.m. They set up 12 Roasters for the 200 lbs. of corn beef and 40 heads of cabbage, filling them with water and spices which saved much needed time, along with 15 gallons of Irish potatoes. Thanks guys.

Even though Bob Young has passed, he is still working behind the scene. His recipe and organization provided another terrific St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Thanks again to all of our terrific volunteers who keep the tradition of our St. Patrick's Day dinner so successful which started 32 years ago with Ed Mullen and Bob Young.



The Foy School of Irish Dancers put on another Great Show!





IOWA ELKS LEATHER PROGRAM BOOTH AT THE IOWA DEER CLASSIC MARCH 3rd THRU 5th 2023

Larry Cramer PER, W Des Moines, Greg “Radar” Weinschenk, PER WDes Moines, Roger Fiori, Leading Knight, W Des Moines, Logan Metcalf, Fairfield and Rich Metcalf, Fairfield worked the Iowa Elks Deer Classic Booth to help promote the Iowa Elks Leather Program on Sunday March 5th from 9 am to closing at 4 pm.



Greg “Radar” Weinschenk, Logan Metcalf, Rich Metcalf, Roger Fiori, and Larry Cramer

Many deer hunters throughout Iowa and neighboring states came to visit the many exhibits and vendors. Dennis Walker (State Chair for the ELKS Veterans Leather Program) used this opportunity to get the word out about the many benefits of our great winning program.

OUR WINNING PROGRAM IS:

- A win for the hunter who donates the hide.
- A win for the deer hide transformed into tanned leather.
- A win for the veteran for Wheelchair gloves and leather crafting.

Did you know that by donating your deer hides to your local Elks lodge you can help thousands of disabled veterans?

- 3,460 pairs of Wheelchair gloves were donated to disabled veterans
- 7,592 square feet of crafting leather was donated to Veteran Hospitals and clinics.
- 49,789 Crafting and Occupational Kits were manufactured and given to disabled veterans
- 68,429 square feet of crafting leather was given to help heal our veterans.
- 3,560 deer hides were collected last year in Iowa.

THESE THERAPEUTIC KITS AND GLOVES ALL START WITH YOUR DONATED DEER HIDES.

Thanks Dennis for all that you do to promote and organize this great program and a big thank you to other Iowa Elks who worked and participated in the Deer Classic. A job well done, thank you Dennis!

“SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM”



Our Karaoke & Dance Music Night on March 4th was a Great Success!



Lil i Pro DJ Entertainment played requests for our singers and did a great job. The vocalists were outstanding and everyone had a good time - even those who didn't perform! We had so much fun that we plan to get Karaoke on the schedule on a regular basis.



WDM
Lodge
#2752

*Music & Karaoke by
Dj LiL i - Ivan Sarsoza*
LiL i Pro Dj Entertainment



History of our Lodge Buildings!

Buying our own building was the long time goal of members, officers and trustees of West Des Moines Lodge #2752. Our Lodge was chartered in 1989 and for the first twenty four years of existence occupied two leased properties. The first two years were spent meeting in a “free” community room at the West Des Moines Community Center in Valley Junction. From 1991 until 2007 we occupied a small building in front of the Motel Relax on Hickman Rd in Urbandale. These were lean years - with officers & trustees & members donating money at times to keep the rent paid and the lights on! During our time there we began holding Bingo two times per week and slowly were able to build up funds to be able to afford more upgrades. In a hopeful leap, we moved across the street to the former Baker’s Cafeteria space in Sherwood Forest in Windsor Heights. At that time we added a third day of Bingo and our Membership grew quickly and our Bingo, Lodge Events, rentals and clubroom business finally began growing at a very good pace. During these years we were able to build up a good bank balance that would allow us to make a down payment on our own building - if we could ever find one we could afford! We had several building search committees through the years and nearing the end of our five year lease - looking at significantly higher rents coming, we finally found our “forever” home - our current location at 2060 NW 94th Street in Clive!

Interestingly enough, even before moving to Sherwood Forest, one of the first buildings that a committee looked at was our current location! However, the asking price was a little too steep so other properties were looked at. None were found that fit our specific needs. Over the years, the officers and trustees of West Des Moines Lodge #2752 had kept their eyes on the wonderful property at 2060 NW 94th Street in Clive that we had looked at so many years before because it was a great fit for our purposes. As luck would have it, in 2013 the property was on the market again. The property was originally developed in 1995 as the home of Raul’s Mexican Restaurant. After Raul’s closed, the building was occupied by a series of nightclub establishments, none of which were able to stay in business for the long haul. As soon as it became for sale this last time, our Lodge immediately put together a purchase proposal, which needed to be backed by the Iowa State Elks Association, our State Sponsor and finally approved by the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees. It was a long and challenging approval process, but ultimately approval was granted and financing secured with the help of Veridian Credit Union, and we were on the way to purchasing our own Lodge Home. We took possession of the property on September 3rd, 2013 but the work had just begun. There was a lot of equipment and furniture left behind by the previous owner that needed to be disposed of and once that was accomplished the remodeling process began. Many members of our Lodge spent countless hours painting, drywalling, ripping out and rebuilding walls and redoing flooring. You can see evidence of their good work when you look at the beautiful interior of our building. Upon completion of all of the hard work by so many contractors and members, the building was ready to be occupied in December. Again, our Lodge members stepped up to help with the move from Windsor Heights to Clive. To commemorate our new Lodge, a Grand Opening Celebration was held on February 8th, 2014.

When our Lodge Officers proposed the purchase, it was with the intention that we would be diligent and focused to pay down the mortgage as quickly as possible and own the property outright. Because of sound fiscal practices exercised by our Officers and Trustees over the years, our Lodge was on track to pay off the mortgage in 2020. But, as you know, in 2020 the global Covid-19 pandemic occurred and we were forced to readjust our plans. Two plus short years later, our Lodge rebounded quickly and we were able to make up for lost time. We made our final mortgage payment on December 6th, 2022. This is cause for celebration and members of our Lodge should be proud of this great accomplishment!

FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR BUILDING

When we took possession of the property, the previous owners had just walked away, taking very little with them. TVs, several couches, computers, tables and chairs and a lot of sound equipment were left behind. We were able to sell some of the very large speakers and sub-woofers and make a little money.

There were many alterations needed to make the building “fit” our unique needs! The walls had been painted a bright red and it took a lot of work to get them repainted to a more pleasant neutral color!

When Raul’s Mexican Restaurant occupied the building, the back room (where we now serve food and play Bingo), was a patio. At some point in time, one of the previous owners had it enclosed. The closet in the backroom was a restroom and there was a second bar where our steam table sits now.

There were two raised dance floors in the Club Room and Lodge Room and lounge booths lining the walls. The restrooms and the bar in the clubroom have not changed, but walls were removed and new walls erected to separate the “Clubroom” from the Lodge Room - allowing us to have a great facility for both sides. The Lodge Room and West “back room/serving area work great for Bingo - keeping that source of income strong and we are able to manage finances without doing rentals to non-members!

Enjoy some photos from the destruction and remodeling phase on the following page!

Plan on joining us on April 22nd for our Mortgage Burning Party!



**Enjoy these photos from the
destruction and remodeling phase!**

...and Plan on joining us on April 22nd for our Mortgage Burning Party!



West Des Moines Lodge # 2752

Proudly announces successfully paying our building mortgage in full!

Join us at our

Mortgage Burning Party!

Saturday, April 22nd

Ceremony will be at 6:00pm

Haywire will be performing from 7 to 10

Appetizers will be provided!



Due to format and the large number of folks expected, Attendance will be limited to Members and their spouses or significant others.





Lodge Activities Committee



LAC MINUTES - 03-20-2023

PRESENT: ,Becky Young, Toby Charloe, Gloria Riesberg, Julie Kafer, Nina Steele, Jack & Jan Peter, Nancy Newcomb

LODGE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS - APRIL, 2023

2nd	Sun.	8:00 a.m. - Noon - Breakfast, Bake Sale & Easter Bunny
3rd	Mon.	6:30 p.m. - Board/Trustee Meeting
4th	Tues.	6:30 p.m. - Bunco
5th	Wed.	6:15 p.m. - Dinner
9th	Sun.	EASTER SUNDAY - LODGE CLOSED - NO BINGO
10th	Mon.	7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
12th	Wed.	6:15 p.m. - Dinner
13th	Thurs.	6:30 p.m. - Wine Night
15th	Sat.	8:00 a.m. - Noon - Lodge Spring Clean Up
17th	Mon.	6:00 p.m. - LAC Meeting
18th	Tues.	6:30 p.m. - Bunco
19th	Wed.	6:15 p.m. - Dinner
20th	Thurs.	6:30 p.m. - Bourbon Night
22nd	Sat.	6:00 p.m. - Mortgage Burning Party
24th	Mon.	7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting
25th	Tues.	6:00 p.m. - Elks Monthly Birthday Party
26th	Wed.	6:15 p.m. - Dinner
28/29th	Fri.-Sat.	Elks Spring Convention - Airport Holiday Inn
29th	Sat.	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Spring Style Show

BAKE SALE HELD AT MONTHLY BREAKFAST - 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

April 10th - \$650.00 - Fundraiser for Summer Camp - \$250.00 and Veterans Projects - \$400.00
May 8th - \$508.00 - Fundraiser for Summer Camp - \$254.00 and Veterans Projects - \$254.00
June 12th - \$346.00 - Fundraiser for Clive Food Pantry - \$173.00 and Crestview Elementary School - \$173.00
July 10th - \$500.00 - Fundraiser for Easter Seals (Camp Sunnyside) Respite Care
August 14th - \$426.00 - Fundraiser for Easter Seals Respite Care - \$213 & St. Florian Burn Foundation - \$213
September 11th - \$500.00 Fundraiser for Veterans Projects
October 9th - \$520.00 - Fundraiser for Xtra Dictionaries for 3rd Grader's, and \$220.00 for General Veterans Projects
November 13th - \$450.00 Baked Goods - \$235.00 Sale of Gift Baskets and Miscellaneous Christmas Items - Total of \$685.00 - Fundraiser for Veterans Projects
December 11th - \$650.00 Baked Goods - \$325.00 Clive Food Pantry - \$325.00 Crestview Elementary School
January 8th - \$466.00 Baked Goods - \$233.00 to Clive Food Pantry \$233 to Crestview Elementary School.
February 12th - \$565.00 - Easter Seals Respite Care
March 12th - \$502.00 - Easter Seals Respite Care

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS - 4th Tuesday of Each Month - 6 p.m. - Come celebrate our Birthdays - Appetizers and cake provided. Get your free drink the month of b'day Members & their guests are welcome. Donations for food costs accepted. Roger Fiori & Toby Charloe

BLOOD DRIVE - May 13th, 8am - Noon. Bloodmobile - Nancy Newcomb

BOURBON NIGHT - 3rd Thursday of Each Month - 6:30 p.m. - Proceeds help Fund our Local #2752 Heritage Scholarships (College or Trade School) - Kirk Jorgensen

BOWLING - March 11/12 & 18/19 - Elks State Bowling Tourn. in Ottumwa

BREAKFAST, BAKE SALE, EASTER BUNNY - APRIL 2nd - 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Easter Sunday is the second Sunday of the month this year. Therefore we are holding our monthly breakfast a week earlier and will have the Easter Bunny to give out candy to the children. Lodge will be Closed on April 9th.

BUNCO NIGHT - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of ea mo. 6:30 p.m. - Tammy Bechen

CHARITABLE PROJECTS REPORT

We will have an itemized report of all monies raised for each of our Charitable Projects during the 22/23 fiscal year at our next LAC Mtg.

CINCO DE MAYO - May 5th - 6:00 p.m. - Taco Bar - Details to Follow
CLIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES (See page in this Newsletter) Nancy & Nina
CRESTVIEW SCHOOL OF INQUIRY (See page in this NL) Nancy & Nina
GRILL & CHILLS

Discussion regarding the start up of Grill & Chills beginning Friday, May 19th. Looking for volunteers to do a Friday, Grill & Chill. A Sign Up sheet is in the clubroom with details. Check it out and be a part of fun Friday's.
KARAOKE - March 4th - 6-10 P.M. - Ivan Sarsoza - It was well attended and we plan to set up a schedule to hold a Karaoke Night once each quarter. We are working on dates. We are checking on June 10th for the next one.
KENTUCKY DERBY - May 6th - Bar opens at 4:30 p.m. - Post Time 5:57 p.m. Come early to discuss the race, have a Mint Julep, check out the hats and enter the pool. Enter the Hat Contest and win: 1st-prize - \$25 Elk Dollars, 2nd-prize - \$20 Elk Dollars, 3rd prize - \$15.00 Elk Dollars. After the race, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., music by Jim Wachuta, favorites from the 60's, 70's & 80's. Yummy Meatballs will be provided! Please bring a snack or appetizer to share

LAC CALENDAR Ione shared a calendar created to make good "visual" so that members could see more easily where there are and are no activities scheduled. Copies will be updated and available at each LAC Meeting.

MORTGAGE BURNING PARTY - April 22, 2023

Ceremony will be at 6:00 p.m. Haywire will be performing from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided. Due to format and the large number of folks expected, attendance will be limited to Members and their spouses or significant others.

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2023 PLANNING COMMITTEE

We have contracted the group "Cover That" to entertain us from 8:00 p.m. - midnight. More information to follow. Members of Committee: Ione Wilkens, Jack & Jan Peter, Dennis Paflas, Chrissy Ellis, Kitty Cirks, Toby Charloe, Mark Radosevich, Becky Young, Sandy Carr, Nancy Newcomb.

SCHOLARSHIPS - WDM HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS - Karla Fiori

SHIRTS - Nina Steele & Nancy Newcomb - Available Shirts: T-Shirts - \$14.00, Black Sweatshirts - \$25.00.

SPRING STYLE SHOW - April 29, 2023 - Roxanne Ludwig, Ione Wilkens 10:00 a.m. - Doors Open, 12 Noon - Soup & Salad Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. - Style Show -Fundraiser for Clive Community Services (Food Pantry & Clothes Closet) - Please bring 1 or more non-perishable items. Tickets available at the bar - \$12 each or reserve a table for 8 - \$110.00. A sign up sheet is in the clubroom for volunteers to bring salads or desserts.

STUFF ETC CLIVE - We have a consignor contact & account with Stuff, Etc. We receive a percentage of the items sold that are assigned to our account. Copies of items not accepted are available. Please contact Nina Steele at (515) 201-9892 or Nancy Newcomb at (515) 681-0852.

This money will be used to purchase food items for needy families at the Clive Food Pantry & school supplies for Crestview School of Inquiry.

VETERANS - Nina Steele & Nancy Newcomb

Welcome Home Veterans Project: We continue to provide men's clothing & miscellaneous items for Veterans who are being located in affordable living quarters. The Community Resource and Referral Center, CRRC, calls us on a weekly basis with items needed for these Vets, ie mattresses, bedding, towels, toasters, dishes, cookware, fans, etc.

WINE TASTING - 2nd Thursday of Each Month - 6:30 p.m.

Fundraiser for Entertainment Account - Lynnette Murphy

NEW PROJECTS - IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS

DISCUSSION: Make Clubroom more utilized. A committee will be set up to make recommendations for more events.

SUGGESTIONS: TOURNAMENTS; Bags, Bowling, Darts, Pool, Card Night/ Games, Drink Specials, Member Bingo, Miscellaneous Board Games. Do we have additional Suggestions? Will someone step up to be head of this Committee? Checking into "Home Kits" for Veterans.

NEXT LAC MEETING - April 17, 2023 - 6 p.m. - Members, spouses, significant others are all welcome to attend & share ideas/suggestions.

School Supplies Drive!

Pease leave school supplies
donations in the Club Room.

They are always needed!



Crestview Elementary is located
at 8355 Franklin Avenue,
Clive, IA

They serve 572 students in
grades PK - 6. Minority enroll-
ment is 61% of the student body
(majority Hispanic) which is more
than the state average of 22%.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



Items In Need:

Crayola Crayons 24 count Kleenex
Colored Pencils 12 count Pump Hand soap
#2 Pencils Glue Sticks
Washable Markers 8 count Scissors 5" and 7"
Black Dry Erase Markers 3 X 5 Notecards

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Teachers and Students sincerely appreciate the
school supplies donated by our Elk Members
throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity
helps our children have the tools available as they
learn and grow. *They are our future!*
Please continue to help as you can.

Clive Community Services

Our Lodge continues to support Clive Community Services

They are back in business and open Monday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM & Friday,
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Clive Community Services offers clothing to all in
need. All of our clothing comes from community donations. They do
their best to offer high-quality, seasonal clothing in infant to adult sizes.
The Clothes Closet is open by appointment.

Donate Plastic grocery bags?

The food Pantry and Clothes Closet uses hundreds of plastic bags to enable their recipients to get their
Items home. If you have plastic grocery bags that are clean and do not have holes in them, Please bring
them to the Lodge and place them in the small bingo room. We will deliver them to the center.

April's Items of the Month

**Socks & Underwear
(Youth to adult) and
Canned Meat**

Food Pantry Items In Need: Baby Food, Formula, Jasmine Rice, Canned Vegetables, Ramen Noodles, Canned
Fruit packed in juice, Dry Beans, Fresh Produce. Unopened packages; nothing expired please.

Non-Food Items In Need: Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Razors,
Shaving Cream, Toilet paper, Tissue, Paper Towels, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Food, Diapers especially sizes 4, 5,
& 6, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.



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Clive Community Services

Food | Clothing | Medical | Education | Gardening

Pantry Hours: Mon 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - Noon

Clinic Hours: First & Third Monday of the Month 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday Night - April 4th & 18th at 6:30pm



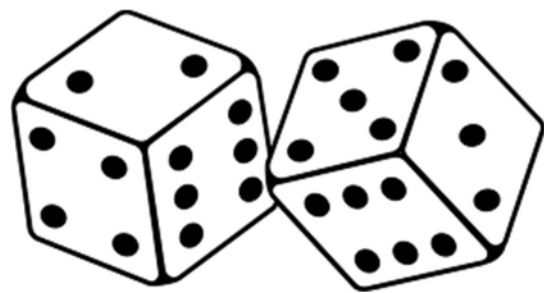
Join us for BUNCO Night!

On the 1st & 3rd Tuesday Nights at 6:30pm!

\$5 Entry - all proceeds go to the winners!

Ready, Set, Roll! It's Easy to Learn, Easy to play!

Bring a snack to share!





**LODGE SPRING
CLEAN UP
DAY!
INSIDE & OUT**

**Join us for our
Spring Clean up!**



Saturday - April 15th

**8:00 - 12 NOON
LUNCH TO FOLLOW**

**SIGN-UP SHEET
IN CLUBROOM**

Any Questions Call:

***Nancy Newcomb
515-681-0852***



*Please Join Us Thursday Night
April 13th at 6:30pm*

*For our monthly WDM
Elks Wine Experience*



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



Elks
Partners in Wine
WDM Lodge 2752

***The Elks Wine Tasting Night has grown
to a fun-loving group of people.***

Come beat the Winter Blues!

Come be a PARTNER IN WINE!

***Join us for a tasting of a
variety of wines on April 13th.***

***Some appetizers will be furnished, but we always
encourage you to bring an appetizer to share.***

Don't miss the fun!



*This is a great opportunity to
gather some of your friends
for a fun evening.*

Hosted by our WDM Elks Wine Enthusiasts — Tammy Bechen, Lynnette Murphy, Nina Steele, Darlene Schluter & Toby Charloe



Join us
Thursday,
April 20th
at 6:30 PM

For our monthly
Bourbon Night!



Your Host: Kirk Jorgensen!

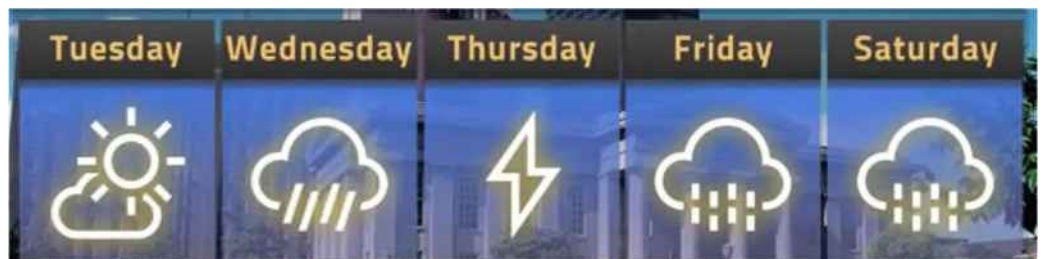


Tickets are just \$15
the night of the Event!

Sample 2 - 3 drinks. From Bourbon, Whiskey and the occasional specialty drink. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Program.
New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!

What a fun way
to meet and
socialize with
Members that
you may
not know!

April Showers bring April Bourbons!



"May"be you should come to Bourbon Night!

Our Guests
have been
joining!
Plus we are
raising money
for our
Scholarship
Program!



ELKS SPRING STYLE SHOW FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Doors open at 10, Soup & Salad Lunch at 12:00
Style Show at 1:00, Featuring Cindy's Boutique



Plus Door Prizes and Many Fantastic Vendors!



Please sign up, at the Lodge to bring a salad or dessert.

Tickets - \$12 each or reserve a table for 8 - \$110

Or reserve a High Top Table for 4 - \$55

Tickets available from the Bartender

MONIES RAISED WILL BENEFIT

CLIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES

(FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET)

PLEASE BRING 1 OR MORE NON-PERISHABLE ITEM



West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752
2060 NW 94th Street, Clive, IA 50325



Saturday May 6, 2023

Lodge Opens at 4:30 \ Post Time 5:57pm for the race
Come early to discuss the race, have a Mint Julep,
check out the hats and enter the Pool!!

Yummy Meatballs will be provided!

Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.

Wear your favorite hat and you may win:

1st prize - \$25 Lodge Dollars

2nd prize - \$20 Lodge Dollars

3rd prize - \$15 Lodge Dollars



AFTER THE RACE, FROM 6:30 TO 9:30

LISTEN, ENJOY & DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF JIM WACHUTA

AS HE SINGS & PLAYS YOUR

FAVORITES FROM THE 60'S, 70'S & 80'S



**We still need more Wednesday Night Dinner,
Breakfast and Bingo Volunteers!**



Wednesday Night Dinners:

You may have noticed we are
running short on Wednesday
Night Cooking Crews!

If you have some ideas
for a Dinner - or would be willing to
help out in any way...
Call Becky Young at (515) 314-0923



**We have BINGO Openings!
Volunteering for JUST ONE
Bingo session per month would
make a huge difference!**

**We are asking for a few hours of your
time, one day per month.**

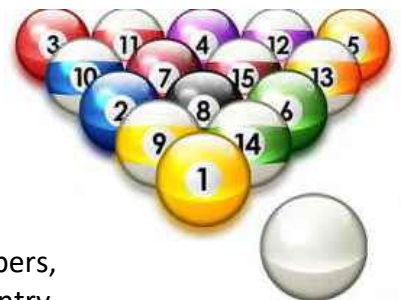
**Contact Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852
for more information!**



**Join us every Sunday
for our weekly
Pool Tournament at 1:30
LET'S PLAY POOL!**

A tournament is played each Sunday at 1:30. Members,
bring a guest and come have fun for \$5 each. All Entry
fees are paid out to the days Winners!

All levels of expertise are welcome!



IT'S MY BIRTHDAY MONTH

Come Celebrate with me!

Tuesday

April 25th

at 6pm

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS



Wish these Elk Members
& Spouses a special
Happy Birthday
when you see them
at the Lodge this month!











Elks Care - **Elks** Share



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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Julie Ann Cherry | 18 Nancy Newcomb |
| Kathy Stanford | 19 Kevin Conner |
| Greg Weinschenk | Jean Schwab |
| Trudy Sattizahn | Joni E. Dorfman |
| 02 Timothy Huff | 20 Marlene Higdon |
| Joseph Kafer | Sarah Kinsey |
| Daniel Ketelsen | 21 Clark Byers |
| 03 Teresa Bazzocco | 22 Lon Sinclair |
| 04 Kit Cartwright | Michael Welch |
| Kelly Michael | Susan Schweitzer |
| 06 Erin Leonard | 24 Russell Eggers |
| Cindy Marean | Diane Hooten |
| Mary Bergmann | 25 Brett Almburg |
| 09 Jason Larreau | Mark Tigges |
| 10 Robert Clark | 26 Loretta McQuiston |
| Ronald Osby | Brian Bertness |
| 11 Sandra Wych | 27 Gary Dudley |
| 12 Curtis Foust | 28 Cindy Arnold |
| Douglas Laird | Philip Deats |
| 13 Frankie Tenborg | Barbara Glantz |
| 14 Christy Gooding | Richard Kinsey |
| Greg Ostwinkle | Debra Shepard |
| 15 Vernon Chiles | Lannie Hale |
| 16 Forrest Laidlaw | Brenda Carolus |
| 17 Lester Davis | Linda Schroeder |
| 18 Julie Ehrhardt | 29 Robert Christensen |
| Teri Mundell | |

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 miss your birthday – please let us know!
news@wdmelks.com*

 WDM Elks Lodge #2752 515-252-1717 www.wdmelks.com		<h1>April 2023</h1>						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	
Open 1pm – 7pm	30			Wednesday Night Dinner Teams Needed! Could you help out? Call Paul Stiles at 515-707-0209 Could you help out one BINGO session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852		All Meals are \$11.00 and served at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.		 NAV = Need A Volunteer!				Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close	1
Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Dennis Roff Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Joyce McMickle		Open 4:30 – 11:00	3	Open 4:30 – 11:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	4	Open 4:30 – 11:00 Reuben Sandwich Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Salad & Dessert Toby Charloe, Brian & Jen Becker, Gloria Riesberg, Darlene Schluter and Mike Sheffer	5	Open 4:30 – 11:00	6	Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close	7	Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close	8
Easter Bunny is here! Elks' Breakfast & Bake Sale 8am till noon! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Mary Spoerl	2	 Board/House Meetings 6:30		 Bunco in the Clubroom! 6:30pm - Join the fun!				Bingo 7pm Sell: Joe Bechen Call: Larry Cramer Check: Brook Wade Conc: Kathy Bennett					
Easter Sunday Lodge is Closed No Bingo	9	Open 4:30 – 11:00  Lodge Meeting 7pm All Members welcome	10	Open 4:30 – 11:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	11	Open 4:30 – 11:00 Tenderloin Sandwich Fries, Salad & Dessert Chris & Lynnette Murphy, Joe & Tammy Bechen, Cari Van Winkle, Mark Radosevich, Mike & Paula Venema	12	Open 4:30 – 11:00  Wine Night Join us – 6:30 pm! Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Roger Fiori Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: NAV	13	Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close	14	Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close Spring Clean-up Day! 8am to Noon	15
Open 1pm – 7pm	16	Open 4:30 – 11:00  LAC Lodge Activities Meeting 6:00 PM Come share your ideas and get involved!	17	Open 4:30 – 11:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	18	Open 4:30 – 11:00  Bunco in the Clubroom! 6:30pm - Join the fun!	19	Open 4:30 – 11:00 Bourbon Night! Join us – 6:30 pm! Bingo 7pm Sell: Kathy Peterson Call: Andy Hansen Check: Mary Spoerl Conc: NAV	20	Open 4:30 – 11:00	21	Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close Mortgage Burning Party 6:00pm Ceremony Appetizers Provided Haywire 7pm – 10pm Members & Spouses/Sig Others	22
Open 1pm – 7pm	23	Open 4:30 – 11:00  Lodge Meeting 7pm All Members welcome	24	Open 4:30 – 11:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	25	Open 4:30 – 11:00 No Dinner Scheduled Need a Dinner Crew!	26	Open 4:30 – 11:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Kathy Peterson Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Gloria Riesberg Conc: Mike Rosenberg	27	Open 4:30 – 11:00	28	Open 4:30 – 11:00/Close Elks Spring Convention Airport Holiday Inn Spring Style Show Doors open at 10 a.m. Soup & Salad Lunch at 12 Style Show at 1:00 Shop till 2:30 p.m.	29