

## LODGE

MEETINGS THURSDAYS  
1/07 AND 1/21 @ 7:30PM

## BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY  
1/14 AT 7:30PM



## January

## What is going on!

## New Year's Eve

Party on Thurs. 12/31  
Starting at 6pm

Wed. 1/06  
6:30pm cleaning  
committee

Thurs. 1/7  
7:30pm Lodge Meeting  
and Initiation

Fri. 1/8  
Dinner Night  
5pm Happy Hour/  
6:30pm Dinner

Wed. 1/13  
6:30pm fundraising  
committee  
7:30pm Bar/Club  
committee

Thurs. 1/14  
7pm Work Session  
7:30pm Board Meeting

Sat. 1/16  
District Hoop Shoot in  
Keokuk  
2pm Snowman Design  
and Wine Workshop

Thurs. 1/21  
7:30pm Lodge Meeting

Thurs. 1/28  
7pm Homeplate Packing  
party (meet at lodge at  
6:45pm)

Thurs. 2/4  
7:30pm Lodge Meeting,  
Nominations and  
Initiation

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Iowa Elks Lodge #84

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[http://elks84.org/index.php/  
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Burlington Elks LODGE #84 "IOWA'S OLDEST SINCE 1888"

## January is Clothing and Coffee Drive Month!

It is a New Year so clean out your closet and give generously...

Don't forget to bring Men and women's clothes and coffee for our veterans that are in need this month. You can drop them down at the lodge anytime and leave in the back room or you can also bring them the night of the dinner. Please try to bring them in boxes if



possible. Ask your tax counselor if your donation could be tax deductible. Bring a 3lb can of coffee on dinner night and receive a free drink\* on dinner night. \*No premium liquor included.

JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> DINNER

SOCIAL HOUR 5:00 – DINNER 6:30 – \$6.50

On Friday the 8th we will be serving whole Catfish and Catfish fillets and ham. Please plan to attend and bring a prospective new member or friend. **We strongly request that if you are planning to attend, please call in a reservation so we can make sure we have plenty of food available.** A covered dish is always appreciated.

## SELL, SELL, SELL Your Tickets!

Please sell your tickets! Turn in night is at the dinner night, Friday, January 8, 2016. If you need more, just let Dana your Exalted Ruler know and she will get some more sent to you.

The proceeds help the lodge do different projects (such as doing the Holiday Parade, veterans events, deer hide project and just regular lodge upkeep). Please turn in your tickets the night of or before the night of the raffle. The more we sell, the more projects and improvements to the lodge that we can do!



## Toot your Horn! Celebrate New Year's Eve at Your Elks Lodge

Time: Starting at 6pm

Karaoke will be the highlight of the night (Jeff Johnson's sister Christine). Bags, pool and card games and many other games will be setup to play.

Champagne, hats and horns at midnight!

**Something special this year:** there will be drivers to give people a ride home with a minimum of a \$5.00 donation to ENF or if out of town (Middletown area or farther?)

minimum \$10.00 donation. If you want to have your car at home when you wake up in the morning, you will need to let your driver know and we will have 2 drivers. An additional ENF donation would be greatly appreciated for this service.

Please bring a dish or snack to share and please read the following of items already coming. A wonderful trash can turkey will be provided by Matt and Jessica McChesney. Thank you so much!

The lodge will be providing Cheese soup and to go with the turkey mash potatoes and gravy. Please bring a dish to share but please note - Our lodge has many different kinds of crackers on hand (Ritz, Triscuit and Wheat Thins) so if your dish needs a cracker, please use the lodge's supply.

Our lodge also has a lot of tortilla chips, plain and nacho, if you are bringing a dish that needs tortilla chips, let the lodge supply them.

Hope to see you there!

## Snowman Design and Wine Workshop

Do you want to build a snowman? Come join us, bring a friend and learn to make an amazing snowman wreath while enjoying a glass of wine with friends!

Fee is \$40 and includes all the materials to make your wreath, 2 glasses of wine, and some light snacks.

This is a fundraiser for Burlington Elks Lodge 84. Our Elks strengthen our community, and all proceeds will go toward their continued support of our youth and veterans. This event is limited to 24 people, and money must be turned in by January 9, 2016.



## HomePlate Iowa – Packing Party

On Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> our lodge will be packing food sacks for the children of Des Moines County. We will meet at the lodge at 6:45pm and then go to the packing location.

## What is Home Plate Iowa?

Home Plate Iowa is a small not-for-profit serving the area elementary aged children and their families. Every other Friday during the school year, a "Buddy Bag" containing nutritious, kid-friendly food is sent home with a child. This supplements an entire family's food need during the weekend when school breakfast and/or lunch is not available. Currently Homeplate Iowa helps over 500 children each two weeks through this food program and unfortunately the numbers still go up.

**How can you help? It is very simple...Come and join us at the Packing Party (takes about 1 hour) or bring your plastic bags to donate.** This program is in need of the **plastic bags** that you get at the grocery store and many retail stores. Bring them to the lodge and we will donate them to Homeplate to use for their "buddy bag".

Elks Care – Elks Share

## Lodge News

From your Exalted Ruler, Dana Johnston

Remember as Exalted Ruler, I am only a phone call away if you have any questions or concerns.

You may contact me at (319) 759-3139.

Please note: We are also looking at making additional changes on how we may contact you, so if you have a cell phone that does not have texting, let us know that when you give us your new information.

**January Initiation will be on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Meeting will start at 7:30pm. Come and join us for this meeting and congratulate all our new members coming in! Make them feel welcome to be part of our Elks family.

**Hoop Shoot** – District Hoop Shoot will be Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Keokuk. There will be more information to come or call Kevin Kniffen (319) 601-9159.

**Attention Board members: Board meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

**If you are on a committee - Our budget will start being reviewed, so if you would like to request money for your committee, please submit this to your Exalted Ruler no later than Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the lodge meeting then it will be presented to the board at the February Board meeting. This will be for the 2016-2017 fiscal year**

## A Note from the Secretary-

Nominations and election of lodge officers for the next fiscal year (April 1, 2016 to March 30, 2017) will be fast upon us.

Referencing Chapter 3, Section 3.080 of the Annotated Statutes; nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election shall be made at the first meeting in February (2/4/2016 for Burlington Lodge #84). Per Chapter 3, Section 3.080, Opinion 05 any member in good standing can be nominated by any member in good standing for any lodge office position.

Referencing Chapter 3, Section 3.090 of the Annotated Statutes; the annual election shall be held at the second regular meeting in February (2/18/2016 for Burlington Lodge #84).

For convenience, printed copies of Chapter 3 of the Annotated Statutes will be at the Lodge and if anyone would like the information emailed or mailed to them please let me know.

Fraternally,

Jeff Johnson

Secretary

Secretary@elks84.org



## **Deer Hide Season is here – Help your Veterans!**

Deer Season is upon us & we need your help!! The lodge will be collecting deer hides again for the Veterans! How can you help? Spread the news!! We all know a deer hunter!! All you have to do is tell them about our great program that goes towards helping our Iowa Veterans!

We will have a drop off location in the alley behind the lodge. You can also give hunters my phone number to arrange drop off or pick up. (Michelle 319-759-7429) We're looking forward to another successful year of Deer Hide Collecting! Thanks for your help & support!

*Submitted by Michelle L. Phillips - Leading Knight & Deer Hide Chairperson*

## **Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships**

Do you have someone in your family that is looking to apply for a scholarship?

Go to <http://www.elks.org/scholarships> and make sure they apply. In January, applications for the Iowa Elks Association's Vocational Grants will become available. These \$1500 grants are for persons wanting to pursue a 2-year or less vocational program. If interested in applying please contact the lodge.



## **January 2016 Birthdays!**



4<sup>th</sup> Pete Korb  
12<sup>th</sup> Bill Harrington  
15<sup>th</sup> Theresa Daves  
16<sup>th</sup> Bob Niebuhr  
24<sup>th</sup> Bradley Notestein  
28<sup>th</sup> Brian Plath

6<sup>th</sup> Machell Chapin  
12<sup>th</sup> Natalie Reinhart  
15<sup>th</sup> Nelson Showalter  
19<sup>th</sup> Adam Thielen  
27<sup>th</sup> Shannon Wilson  
30<sup>th</sup> Jordan Haltmeyer

10<sup>th</sup> Dan Cahill  
13<sup>th</sup> Thomas Nelson  
16<sup>th</sup> Charlie Higgins, PER  
23<sup>rd</sup> Larry Beck, PER, Trustee  
28<sup>th</sup> Kirk Beckman



**All Lodge Chairs and Trustees, the VP Clinic will be held at the Burlington Elks Lodge on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to 12 (Noon). Make sure that you can attend. Also volunteers will be needed for setting up food and drinks. Please call and volunteer!**



**Remember to "like" us on Facebook at Burlington Iowa Elks Lodge #84  
Or visit us on the web at <http://www.elks84.org>**

Our Elks lodge has private Facebook page that only invited Elks Lodge #84 members can view or interact. To join this page, speak to one of our members that currently is on the page (you will need to make sure you are friends with that member on Facebook). Your sponsoring member will then invite you to the page and our Administrator will then accept you. Your Lodge Chairs can help you with this process. They are Exalted Ruler: Dana Johnston, Leading Knight: Michelle Phillips, Loyal Knight: Justin Sapp, Lecturing Knight: Jeremy Helling. Come and join our page!



## Don't forget – We need to know your important information!

Our lodge sometimes needs to give you a call or email you important information on what might be happening. So we need your current information: To keep you informed please send us your current address, email address and phone number. With so many people only having cell phones and not having house phones, this is extremely important. So please help us with this information by either emailing it to

**Secretary@Elks84.org**  
Or call the lodge at (319)753-5281

### 12/29/15 ENF Standings Per-Capita Lodge Standings (IA)

Lodge State	Lodge Number	Per-Capita \$
Shenandoah, IA	<a href="#">#1122</a>	\$14.38
Burlington, IA	<a href="#">#84</a>	\$12.69
West Des Moines, IA	<a href="#">#2752</a>	\$10.27
Davenport, IA	<a href="#">#298</a>	\$9.98
Council Bluffs, IA	<a href="#">#531</a>	\$8.88
Jefferson, IA	<a href="#">#2306</a>	\$8.52
Keokuk, IA	<a href="#">#106</a>	\$7.19
Ames, IA	<a href="#">#1626</a>	\$6.66
Marshalltown, IA	<a href="#">#312</a>	\$6.44
Estherville, IA	<a href="#">#528</a>	\$5.80

#### Have you donated yet to ENF? (Elk National Foundation)

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. Elks fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

*Our lodge currently receives \$4000 in grants for our Smoke and CO detector program, Dictionaries, Movie night, Girl Scout TechNo camp and scholarships. Please donate! No matter how small, it will make a difference in our community!*

*If you have questions on how you can donate, contact Rich Miller our ENF Chair.*

## Have you made your 2016 Resolution for your Elks Lodge?

*Are you going to become more active?*

*What committee would you like to be a part of? Any new ideas?*

*Do you want to bring in more members?*

*Would you like to help more with the Veterans?*

*Can you help the deer hide program?*

*Could you help with maintenance around the lodge?*

*There is something for everyone at our Elks lodge....*

*Just call or email Dana Johnston, Exalted Ruler (319.759.3139) and she can help you with any questions or help you to join a committee!*



## Exalted Ruler Membership Challenge

**prizes!**

1<sup>st</sup> prize is Gift Certificate to The Buffalo for \$30.00 and \$20.00 in Elks 84 tokens

2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a \$20.00 Certificate to The Buffalo and \$10.00 in Elks 84 tokens

3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$10.00 in Elks 84 tokens

Final date of the challenge is March 31, 2015.

Grand Exalted Ruler's prizes: If you recruit a combined total of 3 new and reinstated members you will receive a pin. If you recruit a combine total of 11 new and reinstated members you will receive a watch. Also, Members who recruit or reinstate 33 new Members earn an Elks Desk Clock.

*(Please note that these are initiated members and/or members that have qualified to be entered into CLMS)*



### Standings for Lodge 84:

Matt McChesney 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> in the State of Iowa)

Sheri McCarthy 6 (4<sup>th</sup> in the State of Iowa)

Bernita E Adams 3

Dana Johnston 3

Jeremy Helling 3

Matt Brown 3

R Brad Phillips 3

Kari Ita-Haltmeyer 2

Machell Chapin 2

Bradley Smyth 1, Carlos Capdevila 1, Dennis L Brown

1, Michael Binks 1, Paul Miller 1, Richard Adams 1,

William Miles 1

**Great Job so far everyone! Keep the momentum going!**

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