

SEPTEMBER 2015 ISSUE #152 215 N. 5th St. Burlington, IA 52601 (319) 753-5281 <u>E-mail</u>: secretary@elks84.org *www.elks84.org*

Open Discussion

LODGE MEETINGS THURSDAY 9/3 AND 9/17 @ 7:30PM

BOARD MEETING AND GENERAL LODGE DISCUSSION 9/10 @7:30PM

Thursday, September 10th at 7:30pm

Larry Beck -PER, Trustee; Paul Miller -PER, Trustee; Rich Miller -PER, Trustee; Dana Johnston -PER, Exalted Ruler; Don LaRue -PER; Jeff Johnson -Secretary; and Dale Carden would like to invite you to an open discussion about our lodge. Everyone has questions on how things work or why certain things happen in your Lodge. Communication is key to any organization. Our Lodge is growing fast and furious! This is wonderful, however sometimes growing pains will happen. We still need to communicate openly to make our Lodge a fun place to be with a family atmosphere.

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to know what is going on in our lodge, feel free to come to the open discussion. If you have new ideas, want to discuss differences of opinions, or just tell how you feel - this is the time and the place. If you cannot make it to the open discussion or want to ask your question ominously, there will be a box on the glass case for you to submit your guestion or statement.

If you have questions about the open discussion, please feel free to contact any of the persons above.

Els Care - Els Share

September 11th - STEAK NIGHT! \$7.50

Must have reservations for this dinner night by Monday, September 7th! *Mark your calendars for the September 11th dinner night!* Steaks will be cooked to perfection by our famous cooks! (Baked Potato is included) You must make reservations for this dinner night because we only purchase a limited amount of steaks. Make sure to bring a side to share with your fellow Elks and guests. Please call in and make reservations.





Saturday, September 12th will be an Elks Breakfast

SOCIAL HOUR starts at 7:00AM BREAKFAST 8AM- 11AM \$6.00 ALL YOU CAN EAT **Come and join us** for pancakes, sausage, bacon and biscuits & gravy will be served, all for the great deal of \$6.00. Of course, don't forget we will be having Bloody Marys and Mimosas for \$2.00 each.

Also on September 12th - the Iowa / Iowa State Tailgate Party Starting at 2:30pm Bring your friends and family!



This is a great fund raiser for our lodge plus a lot of fun. So put on your favorite teams logo wear and let the tailgating begin. Bring a snack and we will have brats, burgers and hot dogs hot off the grill. (donations accepted for food) Raffles, flippy cup contests and fun times will be had by all.





September 16th and September 19th Volunteers are needed!

American The American Red Cross, Burlington Fire Department and our Elks Lodge will be Red Cross pre-canvassing areas for the Red Cross Volunteers to help us install Smoke and CO detectors in 5 different neighborhoods. This will be on Wednesday, September 16th and should

only take about 1 hour. Time has not been set yet for this. On Saturday, September 19th, the installation of these detectors will happen in these areas. Our Lodge will be open for the volunteers for lunch (around 12 noon to 2pm). Elks volunteers will be needed to help with serving food and drink at that time for about 2 hours. Call Dana if you can help with either time at 319-759-3139.



Next Cruise Night, the Elks and the Burlington Fire Department Friday, September 18th from 5pm to 7pm



Come and donate your time with this fundraiser and watch the cars cruise the strip on Jefferson. Did you know that the classic cars cruise the strip every third Friday of the month from April through October? Our Elks Lodge and the Burlington Fire Department feel that this is a perfect opportunity to raise more funds for the smoke and CO detectors that we have teamed together to provide for our community. So every Friday that there is a classic car cruise, we will be having a cookout for the public from 5pm to 7pm. **Our Elks Lodge needs two volunteers each night**.

Signup now - call the lodge, email or just sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchenette. The more the merrier! Dates are all on Fridays: September 18th and October 16th



Elks Lodge #84 Iowa Football Bus Trip - September 19th

Come and join your fellow Elks to take a bus to lowa City to watch lowa vs Pittsburg Panthers. Bus leaves at 12 Noon so that we can arrive in lowa City and tailgate before the game. Game starts at 7pm. Bring your beverage of choice and snacks to share. Cost is \$90.00 per person. This includes ticket, bus ride and maybe even some extra goodies. *Space is limited so please "jump on board" as soon as you can!* Call Kevin Kniffen @ 319-601-9159 or leave a message at the lodge or email the secretary@elks84.org for questions or to put in your reservation. Payment will be due at the time of reservation.

Halloween Party, Saturday, October 31st!

This will be a wonderful fundraiser for our lodge, YOU are not TOO old to be a part of this fun! The Halloween committee needs some help with this event. They are seeking any unused Halloween lights, decorations or anything

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Items can be dropped off at the lodge but if you cannot make it out, call for pickup at 319.758.6800 Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. Ask for Bernita or Michelle.

Lodge News

From your Exalted Ruler, Dana Johnston

New Members in August!

Congratulations...Our Elks lodge initiated 22 new members in August. Make sure to say "Welcome" and introduce yourself to them! Robert Ita, Kurt Woolridge, Suzanne Frice, Jay Warren, Brian Plath, Ryan Coffin, Adam Krieger, Michelle Schoof, Nancy Plummer, Troy Chambers, Robert Brandt, Austin Wagner, Janelle Wagner, Beth McCarthy, Carol Youngman, Deb Farmer, James Chubb, Doug Ita, Ashley Luers, Mark Brugge, Andrew Mahoney, and Andrew Ita. (*I think I got everyone!*)

Fundraiser committee

A lot of great ideas have been suggested for raising Lodge funds. Flockings (where you pay to put Flamingos or Flamingos dressed as Elks on peoples lawns), Wine and Paint (Paint a canvas with instructions from the Art Guild and have appetizers and beverages) along with some other ideas as "Make the Lodge Blue". These Lodge fundraisers will raise money to pay our general utilities, floor maintenance, building maintenance, insurance and much more. There is a general fundraising committee that is being formed and some of the idea organizers are starting to find volunteers now. Come join us to help! The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 8th at 7:00pm at the lodge, *bring your ideas and excitement*!

Club/Bar committee

A lot of great ideas have been happening in this newly reformed committee. On dinner nights and meeting nights there will be the option to purchase tokens for pre-donations of beverages. If you have any suggestions or even what to hear what is going on with this committee, come join us at the Lodge meeting on Thursday, September 3 at 7:30pm OR you can contact Matt McChesney (319-850-2010) or Kevin Kniffen (319-601-9159).

New look in the Garage

Some of our Elks members have been busy in the garage building shelves and replacing lights. Thanks to Rich Adams, Justin Sapp, Matt McChesney and Rich Miller. Thanks also goes to Standard of Beaverdale for giving us a great deal on our supplies for this project.

Thank you for the Donation!

Paul Miller, PER, Trustee and Rich Miller, PER, Trustee donated a Pool Table for the Lodge. Thank you for your donation and everyone who helped move it. Watch for maybe some pool tournaments in the winter between Lodge members or stop down and shoot a few rounds to sharpen your skills!

1st Dan Meade 5th Bill Henning 9th Robert Danielson 10th John Haltmeyer 11th William "Bill" Miles, Treasurer 11th Scott Steer 11th Joe Wischmeier 14th John "Bud" Hart

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14th Rich Miller, PER
15th Ed Scheu
15th Marek Patejak
16th Heather Burgdorf
17th Jack Krasuski
17th Jennifer Dixon
20th Wanda Adams
20th Cody Steel
21st Greg Fenters

21st Don Blint 24th Phil Rowan, Jr 24th Brian Messer 25th Austin Wagner 25th Tim Wilson 25th John "Jack" Strawhacker 27th Dick McKasson 29th Dave Richter 29th Larry Taeger



State Fall Convention is coming around the corner! This is in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn. Dates are Friday-November 6th, Saturday-November 7th and leave (if spending the night on Saturday) on Sunday-November

8th. This is a great event. This is a time to learn and share a lot about Elkdom plus meet some many Elks members from other Lodges. Reservations will start to be taken the end of September and the first week of October.

WE need Volunteers to deliver dictionaries to the school in September. CAN YOU HELP? Please, it will take only a few hours out of your day but could mean so much to a child! Call the lodge or email secretary @elks84.org So far I have some great volunteers that have stepped forward. Thank you Don LaRue, Bud Hart, Denny Brown and Bob Reid!



Watch for what is coming... a new flag and pole!



Mark Your Calendar

Fun times that are coming up: September

September 2nd, Wednesday, 4pm - 6pm - Teacher's Appreciation Reception @ PZAZZ September 3rd, Thursday, Lodge meeting @ 7:30pm September 8th, Tuesday, Fundraiser Committee meeting, the Lodge @ 7:00pm September 10th, Thursday, Open Discussion, Board meeting starting @ 7:30pm September 11th, Friday, Dinner 5:00pm Happy Hour - 6:30pm (Steak Night, must have reservations) September 12th, Saturday, Breakfast 7:00am Happy Hour - Breakfast served 8am - 11am Saturday, Iowa/Iowa State Tailgate party 2:30pm to ? Game time 3:30pm September 14th, Monday, Club/Bar Committee meeting September 16th, Wednesday, PreCanvas with the American Red Cross and the Burlington Fire Department. Time TBA September 17th, Thursday, Lodge meeting @ 7:30pm September 18th, Friday, 5pm to 7pm - Cook out for cruise night September 19th, Saturday, Elks Iowa Football Bus trip (Get your reservations in NOW) September 19th, Saturday, Elks Lodge hosting Lunch at the Lodge for Volunteers for the detector installation. American Red Cross and Burlington Fire Department.

October

October 1st, Thursday, Lodge meeting @ 7:30pm October 8th, Thursday, Board meeting starting @ 7:30pm, Cleaning Committe October 9th, Friday, Dinner 5:00pm Happy Hour - 6:30pm October 10th, Saturday, Breakfast 7:00am Happy Hour - Breakfast served 8am - 11am October 15th, Thursday, Lodge meeting @ 7:30pm October 31st, Saturday, Halloween Party @the Elks Doors open at 7pm.

November

November 6th Friday, 7th Saturday, 8th Sunday, State Convention in Des Moines



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