



LODGE #84 – IOWA'S OLDEST SINCE 1888

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LODGE MEETINGS THURSDAY 11/06 & 11/20 @ 7:30PM

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Veterans Day, Honor our Vets
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 Say "Thank you" to our veterans for
the service that they have given to our country!



Welcome our new members!

The next initiation will be on Thursday, November 20th. Our lodge has brought in many new members this year with so much energy and talents. If you are a long standing member and notice a new member, please say hello and introduce yourself. You will be glad you did!

A Message from your Exalted Ruler

The interim secretary has been Jeff Johnson, Leading Knight since the passing of Art Klein. Below is contact information:
Jeff Johnson, Leading Knight, Mobile: 319-759-7162, Business: 319-752-1155 extension 203

Secretary Information Email: secretary@elks84.org

Per information from our District Deputy Chris Davis -*According to Elks Statutes: Section 12.0150. of the Statutes addresses the filling of a vacancy of an Officer, The Exalted Ruler has to appoint a member in good standing to fill the vacancy and then no later than the second regular meeting order an election to fill the vacancy.* This election was announced at the October 16th meeting. The election will be during the regular meeting on Thursday, November 6th.

Thank you everyone with all your patience. We may not do everything right but we have such a great lodge, I know that everyone will pitch in to help each other as much as they can. All of our Elks members need to keep the momentum going with so many new members, our lodge being more active in our community and so many wonderful lodge activities. Become involved! The accomplishments that our family of Elks has done in the past few years is amazing!

I am proud to be part of Burlington Elks Lodge #84 and I hope you are too!

Fraternally, Dana Johnston, Exalted Ruler

Committees - Need You!

Many committees need some volunteers so please help.

You can call the lodge if you would like to volunteer or email the secretary at secretary@elks84.org.

Some of the committees needing volunteers are:

Christmas Parade that will be held in Downtown Burlington at 5pm on Saturday, November 29th. We need decorators and walkers (families are welcome). If you would like to help, please leave a message at the lodge for Justin Sapp, Lecturing Knight (Chairperson)

Hoop Shoot: Kevin Kniffen (Chairperson) is working with Notre Dame schools to make our Hoop Shoot program more active. As the participate progress, we may need to help transport the contestants or make goody bags for their travels.

Deer Hides: Michelle Phillips, Loyal Knight and Brad Phillips (yes, her brother), Scott Steer are working to get Deer hides donated for the Veterans Leather program. This program enables veterans to make products to sell and raise funds. Not only to they make belts, purses, change purses and much more, the veterans also make gloves for persons that are in wheel chairs. This committee will need help to take in hides, salt down the hides and transport them to Fairfield. Please leave a message for Michelle at the lodge if you can help.

Family Game Night: A new Elks event! Dates would be on the following Thursdays - January 29th, February 26th and March 26th of 2015 start at 5:30pm and ending at 7:00pm. Our Elks would like to a promote this family event. With more and more young families coming into the lodge, the officers felt that this would be a good time to start this fun activity night. This is event is for all ages. We would like to teach and play old fashion board games, chess and checkers. The will be a quick supper served (Pizza, burgers or hot dogs) and some snacks during this time. Could you help be someone to teach a child to play checkers? Chutes and Ladders? Chinese checkers? Chess? Big size Jenga? Do you have grandchildren that do not live here but would love to help children? Can you help serve food or help clean up after the event. This is your chance! Call and leave a message at the Elks or email secretary@elks84.org.

Elks National Foundation

Rich Miller is our ENF Chairman this year is working hard to have each member support the ENF. For just \$10.00 a year, your contribution enables us to continue receiving the grants that help to support many of the activities supported by our

Elks Lodge in the community. Your officers will be available to answer any questions regarding National Foundation. We hope that all of our members become interested and want to join the Elks National Foundation!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Jim Costello
11th Dick Seager
16th Lynnae Hillyer

7th Dan Ells
12th Jennifer Overberg
18th Wm. "Perk" Gerdner
(sorry if someone was missed)

8th Tom Engberg
13th Jim Dodge, PER
26th Jeff Johnson, Leading Knight

**Congratulations Lynnae on being blessed with a new baby girl on 9/24/14. Her name is Korbyn Iliene Gerling. 8lbs 4oz, 19"long. A new perspective Elks member!*

NOVEMBER 14TH DINNER

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

Free first drink for our veterans this evening...

On Friday the 14th we will serving Whole Catfish & Catfish filets. 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.

FIRE FIGHTERS AND ELKS LODGE #84

As you may remember that our Elks lodge was awarded a \$2,000 Beacon grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF) to help purchase Smoke/CO detectors to be installed by the fireman in family homes that need them. So far over 200 Smoke/CO detectors have been distributed so far this year.



Think Christmas Raffle !

The Officer's & Trustees have decided to continue our annual Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at our "Free" dinner on December 12th. In this mailing in each member will receive 2 books of tickets which sell for \$5.00 a book. There are 6 tickets per book so you can sell 5 tickets and enter your name on the 6th. As of time of printing of the newsletter the proceeds of this sale will help with some of the upkeep on the lodge.

The more we sell, the more we can do!



DTF (Drink The Fridge) Party at the Elks on Friday, November 21st, 6pm at the Lodge

Jeff and Machell Chapin (new Elks members) will be hosting a fund raiser for ENF. With \$5.00 donation going for ENF, you will be able to taste many unusual beers. Evidently Jeff is a collector of very different beers has generously decided to host a tasting using his own large variety of home stock. (Please bring finger foods, this would be much appreciated.)

Other beverages will be available by donation during this time. Everyone is welcome!

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