

# AMES ELKS LODGE #1626

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How are ya'll? I spent a lot of time in Texas this month. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hicks says "howdy!" Our newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael F. Zellen of Saugus-Everett, Massachusetts, Lodge #642, is looking forward to an eventful fun-filled year. One of Iowa's own, M. Neil Crossland, Fairfield, IA Lodge #1192 was installed as Grand Leading Knight. And closer to home, the District Deputy of Iowa, Northwest is now Judi Hoffman, Estherville, IA, Lodge #0528.

News from the Grand is encouraging. Membership losses are the lowest they've been in 30 years - 1.09%. Membership applications are now available online to be filled out there and go directly into CLMS. Now there are no excuses!!! Click the blue link to propose a member or go to <http://www.elks.org/emas/proposer.cfm?source=convention> . I can hear all those prospective members out there chomping at the bit. With a little focus and effort we can show a net gain at the local, state and national level. We've been knocking at the door . . . the membership message this year is "Kick the Door DOWN!!!"

On the business side there were twelve resolutions brought to the floor that were voted on and passed. Now, come to the August 23rd meeting to hear them read and help us ratify them on the local Lodge floor.

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# Save the Date!

Please make time to stop down and have fun with your Elks family!

**Friday, August 5**  
**Olympic Chili Dog Night**  
5:30 p.m. until gone  
Free-will donation

## Elks Members Get More

Did you know, with your exclusive Elks membership, you can save on car rentals, hotels, trips, insurance and other great discounts and services by companies across the US?

To learn more go to [www.elksbenefits.com](http://www.elksbenefits.com).

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The Elks National Foundation continues to roll on. 500 four-year scholarships were awarded the 2016 class of Most Valuable Scholars for a total of \$ 2.4 million. Including the other 2 programs a total of \$ 3.74 million were awarded.

Overall, in 2016, Elks gave \$282 million in cash, goods, and services.

Wooohooo!!!!

Good news on the home front also. It looks like we will have new Secretary in place - we'll pass on more information about that very soon. We do apologize about any confusion or delays with communications and transactions; we plan to improve that considerably. On that note we are still looking for a Lecturing Knight, suggestions and volunteers will be gratefully accepted.

Rentals continue very strong and I thank each and every one of you who are supporting that effort. We've had very good feedback and continue to grow that facet of our organization. On that note my undying thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the PER Sponsored Charity Steak Fry. From your generosity there will be a charity fund started that will be invested and continue to be grown with similar events until the interest can be given into our 3 foci: Community, Youth, and Veterans. We're looking for any interested folks who would like to guide and grow this effort.

As always this is only the tip of the iceberg. I know I've forgotten any number of things but the upside is, I have 7 more of these things to bore you with, oh yeah!!!!!!

Fraternally yours,  
Marc Clayton  
Exalted Ruler



# SEE YOU AT THE LODGE!

## Elks Lodge Olympic Chili Dog Night



Friday,  
August 5, 2016

5:30 p.m.—until gone

**Stop in & Cheer on  
Team USA  
Opening Night of the  
Summer 2016  
Olympics  
in Rio De Janeiro**

*Free Will  
Donation*



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## August Birthdays

Come in for a free drink on your birthday!

- 5 • John Langeland
- 6 • James Campbell
- 6 • Seth Twedt
- 7 • John Nordyke
- 8 • Rollin Jordan
- 10 • Thomas Wheeler
- 11 • Randall Cheney
- 13 • Leroy Brown
- 18 • Ronald Bartlett
- 18 • Ronald Schappaugh
- 19 • Jason Ollila
- 20 • Jerry Cable, Jr.
- 20 • Monte Toresdahl
- 23 • Marc Clayton
- 24 • Terry Enger
- 25 • Dick Clem
- 27 • Allen Sells
- 29 • Steven Bennett
- 29 • Herman Richtsmeier



# Thank you!

Burger Night – Larry Goodale, Russ Crowner, Rick Housken, Mitch & Kim Dillavou and Karla Kelly.

PER Steak Night – Thanks to PER's Bill Boyd, Eric Brown, Marc Clayton, Mitch Dillavou and John Oetken for the delicious steak dinner they prepared and served. The turn-out was great for a summer function!!

A BIG thanks to Kim Dillavou for coordinating the Lodge rentals! She and Mitch clean the upstairs areas, as well, in preparation for these functions. Thanks to both of you for all your hard work. It is truly appreciated!

**Burger Night  
Wednesday, August 31**



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# August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Olympic Chilli Dog Night 5:30 p.m.	6
7	8	9	10	11 Activity Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Lodge Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Burger Night 6 to 7 p.m.			