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**APRIL 2024**

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**EAL1626  
OFFICERS  
2024/2025**

*"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."*

- Ralph Nader

**EXALTED RULER  
Jon NEEDS**

Many of you already know me somewhat because you have seen me around the Club or at Lodge meetings, dinners, or events. But for those who are unfamiliar, I will give you my quick Elks history.

**LEADING KNIGHT  
David LITCHFIELD**

My wife, Linda and I joined the Elks 13 years ago, starting at Marshalltown Lodge #312 in 2011. I quickly got involved in volunteerism and became an officer in my second-year in. I was the ER at that Lodge when the tornado tore through downtown Marshalltown, turning frustrations (due to unforeseen circumstances with the storm, repairs, and insurance) into patience, diligence, and drive. Linda and I both demitted to **Ames Lodge1626** a year later and became totally in love with this lodge!

**LOYAL KNIGHT  
Dave DELAGARDELLE**

**LECTURING KNIGHT  
Cory PAYSEN**

**ESQUIRE  
James HOFFMAN**

**TILER  
Clare WILSON**

**TREASURER  
Gerald D. CABLE**

**CHAPLAIN  
Volunteer**

**TRUSTEES  
Karla KELLY  
Brent BULDHAUPT  
Rick SWANK**

**SECRETARY  
NEWSLETTER  
James K RYAN**

**FACEBOOK ADMIN  
Linda WELLS**

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Ronald SCHAPPAUGH**

Since being here, I have been the ENF/CIP Grant Coordinator for the past four (4) years and have been working my way through the officer's chairs. On a state level, I stepped in and filled the shoes of Iowa Elks Association State Chaplin Clifford Said of Jefferson Lodge2306 after his passing in 2018 and became the State Vice President of Northwest District for this past year and will currently be the State Esquire as well as **Ames Lodge1626 ER** for the 2024-2025 Elks year.



Jon J. Needs, ER

In future newsletters I will share with you my passions and visions for **Ames Lodge1626** and will be encouraging members to become more involved with Elkdom; listening not only to your ideas, but to your (positive) criticisms as well.

I wholeheartedly feel that the **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** is the best fraternity to be a member of and am very committed to keeping **Lodge1626** moving forward.

You may notice I will usually start or end my articles with a quote. The above quote from Ralph Nader says I will produce more leaders. I feel it is better to teach someone what you know and do, rather than let that knowledge die; for the future is determined by those who share rather than those who selfishly don't.

I am excited to be your ER and promise to represent **Ames Lodge1626** with pride. While at the Lodge or attending an Elks event, please come up to me and say "Hello, Bill", to assist us getting better acquainted.

Fraternally submitted,

*Jon Needs, ER*  
Jon J Needs, ER





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## NEW ENF/CIP GRANTS OPEN APRIL 1st

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*  
--- Mahatma Gandhi



This last Elks year was a fantastic ELKS National Fund/Community Investment Program (ENF/CIP) year for Ames Lodge1626; receiving \$17,500 in grant monies! This funding was used within our own community by making an impact for our homeless and hungry, those aging out of State care, children with developmental impairments, and of course, our veterans.

Grant money isn't always donated. Sometimes we Lodge members have to go shopping. Can you imagine how fun it is to spend '000's of dollars of someone else's money? I am here to tell you; it is a blast! Don't believe me? Get ahold of me or any other officer of the Lodge and we will get you hooked up for the next Shopping Binge.



Seriously, Ames Lodge1626, has an awesome group of volunteers. They really care and enjoy helping others; seeing firsthand where our ENF/CIP Grants are doing. Getting to see who is benefiting in our community, and seeing the work of our BPOE fraternal show, Elks Care, Elks Share is a real joy to watch and experience.

So, keep in mind, this is what your ENF donation is used for. Keep helping those who you took an oath to help. If you are financially able to do so, give a little extra to ENF. As your Grant Coordinator, I truly thank everyone for donations of funds/assistance.

Lastly, as you may have noticed (sublimely) I use the term "our" not "the". This is our community; our opportunity to help; no-one else's.

Fraternally submitted,  
*Jon Needs, PER, Grant Coordinator, ER, Esquire*  
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**OH HAPPY APRIL . HAPPY SPRING . OH HAPPY DAY .**





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**MEATBALL SUBS**

Meatball Marinara Subs and Sides

**FRI 05 APR**  
6:00-7:00p



**TENDER LOINS**

Tenderloins, Fries, Onion Rings, Condiments

**NEW DATE**

**PLEASE NOTICE: NEW DATE/NEW WEEK**

**THU 11 APR**  
6:00-7:00p



## CELEBRATION

Julie GOTTlieb	01
Bobbie NORDYKE	02
Jerry GIEBELSTEIN	05
James HUTCHINSON	11
Brian WEHNER	11
Paul FITZGERALD	13
Bob BASCHKE	14
Bobby MEYERS	15
Allen KOCKLER	18
Greg ARTZ	22
Robert SHAFFER	22
Bill FEDELER	25
Larry WOLTERS	25
Marcia CHURCH	27
Brad STEHR	27
Steve RISIUS	30



**BURGER NIGHT**

Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings, Condiments

**WED 24 APR**  
6:00-7:00p



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## APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 2p SET UP/REHEARSAL 3p INSTALL OFFICERS
7	8 1-3p oneAmes	9 6-7p LODGE MEETING	10	11 6-7p TENDERLOINS	12 6-7p MEATBALL SUBS	13
14 6-7p LODGE MEETING	15	16 6-7p BOD MEETING	17	18	19 6-7p TBA	20
21	22 1-3p oneAmes	23 6-7p LODGE MEETING	24 6-7p BURGER NIGHT	25	26 8a-5p IA ELKS CONV	27 8a-5p IA ELKS CONV
28 9a-NWDD Clinic	29	30	1	2	3	4



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JT's CYCLONE READY



ER's Co-ELK of the YEAR. Congratulations.



CY & FAREWAY FRANK  
SALUTE THE VETS - IaSTATE B-BALL



THANKS, LITCH - MEMBERSHIP PIN



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, LEIGHTON HALL & GREG SCHLEUTER



ON THE ROAD, w/COL. REG - OVERLAND PARK, KS.



TENDERLOINS, CYCLONES, LODGE.ALL.IN



COWBOY UP, BUCK-A-ROOS, Oh HAPPY Day, COWBOY GERALD



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# SHRIMP ALFREDO

Shrimp Alfredo, Sides, Bread

THE LOVELY CARS

SHRIMP ALFREDO

FRI 08 MAR  
6:00-7:00p

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# TENDER LOINS

THU 14 MAR  
6:00-7:00p

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# BEEF & THE NOODLES

BEEF TATE

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# BURGER