



ELKS HISTORY ISSUE

Ames, IA 1626 MAY 2025

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ELKS MOONLIGHTERS, circa 1964. Courtesy AMES HISTORY MUSEUM.

Happy May to all our Elks members. I wanted to share the following history of our lodge with all of you.

The original impetus for the establishment of an Elks Lodge in Ames came from a group of businessmen during 1938. For several years the group had held get-togethers at the Sheldon-Munn Hotel to further acquaintances and to implement community growth. The fellowship and the effectiveness of these meetings met with such favor that a number of Elks included in the group suggested the possibility of petitioning for the establishment of a lodge in Ames.

The originators of the idea promptly surveyed the community for members of the order and found eighteen residents who were affiliated with various lodges. These members together with the original group proceeded to lay the groundwork. Elks included in this planning were: F.B. Allen, E.H. Allen, Leo Armstrong, Clint Behnke, John Granson, M.C. Goslin, George Howe, Ed Kooker, Frank Lang, C.G. Lee, O.J. McCaffrey, Charles I. Merrick, R. D. Morris, S.B. Osborn, H.O. Parsons, J.M. Parsons, Art Pose, B. J. Ryan.

The Boone Lodge was petitioned and dispensation was granted by Exalted Ruler McCormick. With this clearance the Ames Lodge was at the threshold of reality.

Initiation of 87 charter members by the Boone Lodge officers was held at the Country Club on July 7, 1939. At this same time the following officers were installed: S.B. Osborn, Exalted Ruler; F.B. Allen, Esteemed Leading Knight; Mark Walsh, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Arthur H. Bowman, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; J.M. Parsons, Secretary; J. Ed Judge, Treasurer; Arthur Pose, Elmer Hart, Herman Cole, Trustees; Herman Erickson, Tiler. Appointive officers named were: H.J. Pollock, Esquire; Francis Huntley, Inner Guard; Sherman Needham, Chaplain.

Temporary quarters were loaned to the lodge by the American Legion. During that fall remodeling of permanent quarters at 234 ½ Main Street was progressing. Occupancy of the remodeled permanent quarters transpired during November of 1939. These rooms were the home of Ames Lodge No. 1626 until March of 1957 when our dreams of a building of our own finally became reality. The spacious, split-level, 50 x 100 ft. building at 522 Douglas Avenue was built by Thompson Construction from plans created by architect Herbert Arthur.

Attracted by the feeling of brotherhood engendered by fraternal association and the worthwhile local, state and national charitable projects, membership grew 10-fold in the first twenty-five years. Charitable works of the local lodge include help to those in need, youth service as evidenced by leadership and financial aid in recreational projects and scholarship activities. At the state and national level the Ames Lodge joins other lodges in projects of service to youth activities, scholarship, veterans, and Camp Sunnyside for crippled children. Members of the local lodge play an active part in leadership of the committees of the state association and occasionally have the opportunity to serve on Grand Lodge committees. In addition, members are active in all forms of Ames community life.

Jerry Cable, Sr., ER, PBR

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Our History (elks.org)

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.



When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.

While Jolly Corks meetings were held with regularity, apparently no form nor substance resulted, except for the adoption of a toast to members of the group not in attendance. This was the genesis of the **eleven o'clock toast**. The RAOB in England, the "Eleven O'clock symbol" on the Elks' emblem and, the Elks' Eleven O'clock Toast trace their history to the period prior to the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. King William of Normandy instituted a curfew when all hearth fires were required to be banked at 11:00, thus ending all meetings. Accordingly, at the hour of 11:00 a toast was offered in remembrance of those who were gone.

Shortly before Christmas in 1867, only a few months after the fellows began to meet, one of their number died, leaving his wife and children destitute. This event gave rise to the notion that, in addition to good fellowship, the Jolly Corks needed a more noble purpose in order to endure, and serving not only their own in need, but others as well, would be appropriate.

Two months later, with a statement of purpose, an impressive set of rituals, a symbol of strength and majesty and such other elaborate trappings that might be expected of a group of actors and musicians, the new fraternal order was launched. The growth and record of benevolence of the Elks is well-chronicled. Since its inception in 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has grown to include nearly 1.2 million men and women in almost 2,200 communities.

Vivian died in Leadville, Colo., Mar. 20, 1880. At the time of his death he was the leader of a repertoire company performing in Leadville.

Why was the elk adopted as the symbol of the Order? The 15 surviving founders of the fraternity desired a readily identifiable creature of stature, indigenous to America. **Eight members voted to adopt the elk, seven favored the buffalo.** And, as they say, "The rest is ELKS history."



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CLUBHOUSE1626 presents

HOLE 19

- ★ APPETIZERS
- ★ LITE FARE
- ★ COCKTAILS
- ★ COMARADERIE
- ★ PUTTING GAMES
- and more

★ ALL WELCOME ★

MONDAYS
begin 19 MAY

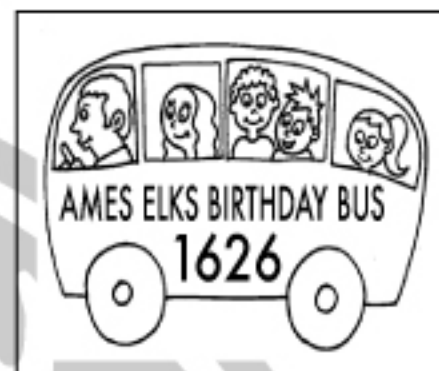
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KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

MAY 3

4:00p OPEN
5:57p Start

BOURBON



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TENDER LOINS

Port Tri-Barbecue, Fries, Onion Rings, Condiments

THU 08 MAY
6:00-7:00p

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BINGO

ELKS AMES LODGE 1626

\$1.00 CARD/ROUND

SPECIAL NOT ONE CARD \$7.00

FUN FOR ALL AGES

THU 15 MAY
6:00-8:00p

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MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC CELEBRATION

MON 26 MAY
12:00p OPEN

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BURGER NIGHT

Burgers, Specials, Fries, Onion Rings, Condiments

WED 28 MAY
6:00-7:00p

CELEBRATION

Donald BARBER	01
Monte SESKER	01
Jean KINGSBURY	08
Matt KOEHLER	08
Alan TALKINGTON	08
GARY HOLCOMB	11
Mark PETERSON	12
James HOFFMAN	16
Jeremy MOORE	16
Jarod PETERSEN	16
Thomas HADAWAY	17
Ernie TOLLE	22
Matt RHODES	24
Betty SORENSON	26
Chuck SWAIM	27
John MURPHY	28
Ken CAMERON	29

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						CLUB OPEN 4:00p 5:57p KENTUCKY DERBY
4	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	7	8	9	10
				6-7p TENDERLOINS		CLUB OPEN 4:00p
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		6-7p LODGE MEETING		6-8p HOT DOGG/BINGO		10:15a IVH FISH FRY MARSHALLTOWN AHS BASEBALL MARATHON CLUB OPEN 4:00p
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	1-3p oneAmes	6-7p BOD MEETING				CLUB OPEN 4:00p
25	26 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31
		6-7p LODGE MEETING	6-7p BURGER NIGHT			



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JAMES HOFFMAN, LODGE1626
ELK OF THE YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

IOWA ELKS FISH FRY FOR VETERANS

Who: YOU!! Calling ALL Iowa Elks!!
What: Iowa Elks Fish Fry for Veterans
Where: Iowa Veterans Home
 1301 Summit St. Marshalltown, IA 50158
When: Saturday, May 17th at
 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Why: To show our support & appreciation
 for our Veterans who greatly deserve our
 time & attention!

SAT 17 MAY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
IN THE KITCHEN AT 9:30 a
TO ASSIST VETERANS AT 10:30

ELKS
 VETERANS
 SERVICE



THANKS, TORI, JUDY, AND ER.



EMILY HOFER, AMES CHILDCARE LEAD SUPERVISOR



SPOTLIGHT GRANT



WELCOME, STEVIN DAHL



YING AND YANG. FRICK OR FRACK



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THANKS, ROD CLOUSER, FOR THE
DEMOLITION HAUL-AWAY



THANKS



PERPETUAL THANKS, CREW.



GRAPEFRUIT SEASON. THANKS, PATRICK WEIGEL.

