



Ames, IA 1626

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EAL 1626  
OFFICERS  
2026/2027

EXALTED RULER  
David P. DELAGARDELLE

LEADING KNIGHT  
Jon NEEDS

LOYAL KNIGHT  
Julie CARROLL

LECTURING KNIGHT  
Nathan M. MOORE

ESQUIRE  
James HOFFMAN

TILER  
Clare WILSON

TREASURER  
Karla KELLY

CHAPLAIN  
Lisa RYAN

TRUSTEES  
Alex BURGHER  
Gerald CABLE  
Rick SWANK

SECRETARY  
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COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP CHARITY SHARING CARING

Happy Spring, All.

Spring has sprung, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate.

America's Favorite Pastime is back.

Join Us at the Ballpark! Elks AMES Lodge 1626 is hosting an ICubs outing for Veterans from Iowa Vets Home (IVH) at 2:00p on June 24th.

Tickets are available at the Lodge, \$10.00 each.

Bring a Friend or Family!! Let's make this a memorable outing for these very special veterans.

Also, please join us to commemorate Youth Week and join our Hoopshoot Kids, along with our Essay Winners at Hamburger Night on May 27.

Membership is always a topline interest. For 60 Days, past Members can reinstate for \$1.00. If this criteria fits someone you know, please invite them back to Lodge 1626.

Let's remind our lost brothers and sisters they are missed and we would love for them to Rejoin!

Join us to celebrate Memorial Day at both The Parade and our lodge picnic

Have a Nice Day and Thanks for being a fellow Elk.



DAVID DELAGARDELLE, ER, PER  
*Dave Delagardelle, ER*

Friends in the area.   
**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
— JOIN THE —  
**AMES, IOWA**  
**ELKS LODGE #1626**



The Ames Elks Lodge #1626, located at 522 Douglas Ave., Ames, IA 50010, has been a cornerstone of our community since 1938—dedicated to charity, service, and fellowship.

Why Join?

- Join a charitable giving
- Support for local youth and community
- Meaningful fellowship and social gatherings
- Making a positive difference every day

— We're more than a lodge. —  
*We're a community.*

**THE ELKS ARE:**

- COMMITTED** to volunteer work that changes lives
- FOCUSED** on building community and fellowship
- PROUD** of our 35 years of The Elks Club Elks Club
- DEDICATED** to making our communities better places to live

**COME SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT!**

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Ames, IA 50010

Learn more about us!  
(Search Ames #1626)

Have questions? Please contact us!  
*We'd love to hear from you!*



NATHAN M. MOORE (.ai)



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The HAPPY Page COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP CHARITY SHARING CARING



**ENTRANCE CARD READER**

**THE ENTRANCE CARD READER WILL BE UPDATED 01MAY2026.**

The current entrance card (GREEN) and next year's card (ORANGE) will open the door until 01MAY. Thank you.

**3% CREDIT CARD SURCHARGE 01MAY**

In keeping with current retail charge practices, Elks AMES Lodge 1626 will add a 3% surcharge to all credit card purchases. Also, please note; the \$15.00 minimum charge will be eliminated. No surcharge will be added to debit cards.

IVH Spring Carnival. Elks 1626 were in charge of the Plink-O game. Prizes ranged from snacks & sodas, to blankets and CASH!

Those volunteering were member Dave "Litch" Litchfield, Lecturing Knight Nathan Moore, Leading Knight. Jon Needs DDGER.



One thing we learned fast for next year.... Root Beer! You can never have enough root beer. The Elks had as much fun as the veterans.



**2026/27 MEMBERSHIP RETURNS**

**THANK YOU FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL START TO THE 2026/2027 DUES SEASON**

THANK YOU, KARLA KELLY for your IMMENSE support during the collection purpose.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES - 184  
DELINQUENT(YOU KNOW WHO)-39  
DUES IN % - 79%**

**MEMBERSHIP GOAL - 100%**



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**TACOS TAQUITOS** \$8

**MARGARITAS SANGRIA** \$3

**CINCO DE MAYO**

**TUE 05 MAY**  
6:00-7:00p

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**LOVE ME TENDERLOIN.**

RAYGUN

Tenderloin, Fries, Onion Rings, Condiments

**LOVE ME SWEET**

**THU 14 MAY**  
6:00-7:00p

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J.D. & the lil' JIMMYS present

BYO

**SUSHI WEDNESDAYS\***  
\*except for BURGER NIGHT  
6:00-7:00p

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**HOT DOGGIN'**

\$3

LIKE THE DOO-DAH MAN  
Hot Dogs, Chips, & Condiments

**THU 21 MAY**  
6:00-7:00p

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Remember and Honor

**MEMORIAL DAY**

10:15a PARADE  
12:00p PICNIC

**MON 25 MAY**  
11:00a OPEN

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**BURGER JOY**

TASTY

Burgers, Specials, Fries, Onion Rings, Condiments

**WED 27 MAY**  
6:00-7:00p

**CELEBRATION**



- |                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Donald BARBER   | 01 |
| Monte SESKER    | 01 |
| Matt KOEHLER    | 08 |
| Alan TALKINGTON | 08 |
| Gary HOLCOMB    | 11 |
| Monte LUST      | 12 |
| Mark ROBINSON   | 12 |
| James HOFFMAN   | 16 |
| Jeremy MOORE    | 16 |
| Jerod PEDERSEN  | 16 |
| Tom HADAWAY     | 17 |
| Ernie TOLLE     | 22 |
| Matt RHODES     | 24 |
| Betty SORENSON  | 26 |
| Charles SWAIM   | 27 |
| John MURPHY     | 28 |
| Ken CAMERON     | 29 |
| Peter TIGHE     | 29 |

AMES ELKS BIRTHDAY BUS

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**WE NEED YOU!** 

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**IOWA ELKS FISH FRY**  
SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

**WHERE:** Iowa Veterans Home  
1301 Summit St  
Marshalltown, IA

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 16  
• Kitchen Help: 9:30 AM  
• Serving Veterans: 10:30 AM

**WHO:** YOU! (Yes—you reading this.)

**WHY:** As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- ✓ Kitchen prep & cooking
- ✓ Serving meals
- ✓ Assisting our Veterans



**ELKS VETERANS SERVICE**








**JOIN US IN GIVING BACK TO THOSE WHO SERVED**

Join the  
**ELKS!**  
AMES 1626



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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY . HAPPY SPRING . PEACE & GRACE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 DON BARBER MONTE SESKER	2 <b>4p - OPEN</b> 12:40p MARSHALLTOWN MOTORCYCLES
3 	4 	5 <b>6-7p CINCO DE MAYO</b>	6 <b>6-7p BYO SUSHI</b>	7	8 MATT KOEHLER AL TALKINGTON	9
10 	11 GARY HOLCOMB 	12 MONTE LUST DON BARBER <b>6-7p LODGE MEET</b>	13 <b>6-7p BYO SUSHI</b>	14  <b>6-7p TENDERLOINS</b>	15 	16 JEREMY MOORE JEROD PETERSEN JAMES HOFFMAN  <b>6:30a VETS FISH FRY</b> MARSHALLTOWN <b>4p - OPEN</b>
17 TOM HADAWAY 	18	19 <b>6-7p BoD MEETING</b>	20 <b>6-7p BYO SUSHI</b>	21 <b>6-8p Hot DOGGIN'</b>	22 ERNIE TOLLE	23 <b>4p - OPEN</b>
24 BETTY SORENSON	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>10a PARADE</b> <b>11a PICNIC</b>	26 CHUCK SWAIM <b>6-7p LODGE MEET</b>	27 DON BARBER <b>6-7p BURGERS</b>	28 JOHN MURPHY	29 KEN CAMERON PETER TIGHE	30 <b>4p - OPEN</b>
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IVH CARNIES



SHP WORKERS. THANKS

Join the  
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FULL HOUSE



INSTALLATION DESSERT TABLE



HOWARD, MY MAN.

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DJ GRAND MASTER AARIK

