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# ELKS BULLETIN

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## ELKS CHARITY PROJECTS

We are raising funds for multiple projects for the holidays!

**Deadline: December 10th - 1:00 @ the annual Elks Tom & Jerry Party.**

**Goal #1.** Goal has been met. Each of the three Military Families through the Iowa National Guard will receive 2 \$500 Visa Gift Cards. All donations will now be rolled into Goal #2, you can specify which section of Goal #2 or monies will be split evenly between the two.

**Goal #2.** Funds for an 8 child household through Johnson County Big Brothers & Big Sisters; also funds for the Veterans Liberty Center to help with lighting and a new floor for an exercise room. No goal set for these projects. Funds raised so far: \$100. Funds will be split evenly between the two groups unless otherwise specified.

**Goal #3.** Raise funds for the Iowa City Animal Shelter. No goal set. Funds raised so far: \$50.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated, and thank you to those considering a donation.



## TOM AND JERRY PARTY

Saturday, December 10th, we will hold our annual Lodge 590 Tom and Jerry party. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will serve soft drinks, Tom and Jerry's, appetizers and snacks. We will also have discounted prices on beer, wine and mixed drinks.

Santa will be here at noon to greet the kiddies.

This is a great opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Ring in 2017 Saturday, December 31st, with all your Elk friends and guests. Doors open at 7 p.m. for drinks and appetizers. We will start serving dinner at 7:30. Choose from Lobster, Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu when you make your reservation. Music starts at 8:30.

Appetizers, dinner, dessert and bar will be \$75 per person. (Gratuity not included.) Music and drinks only can be purchased for \$30 per person.

Call 351-3700 to reserve your spot now.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to change by-law to increase Lodge 590 annual social dues from \$225 to \$275 passed at the 11/7/16 regular Lodge meeting by a vote of 13 to 0.

Actual dues will be \$294 with the fifty cent increase in state dues and the addition of national dues.

Christopher Nicknish was proposed for membership in Lodge 590 by John Calacci at the 11/21 regular meeting.

Initiation will be held at the 12/5 regular Lodge meeting.

There will be no meeting Monday December 19th, 2016.

## NOTES FROM THE PRO

The golf course has officially closed for the season; however, we made it all the way to Thanksgiving with great golf weather and course conditions.

Thanks to all for a great 2016 season! The golf committee has started to plan for 2017 and is welcome to any event suggestions. There are a few golf related shirts and outerwear available for sale in the pro shop for a last minute gift at a great price. Come check it out.

I wish the members who flee Iowa City for the winter safe travels and good golfing. I wish all members a joyous holiday season!!!

Terry Anderson  
PGA Golf Professional  
Elks Country Club  
Iowa PGA Section

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11/7/16

### I. General Manager Report

A. Walk-in cooler floor will need to be addressed before next health inspection this summer.

B. 19 invited to 12/5/16 initiation.

### II. Old Business

A. Elks will be home course for Liberty High girl's golf team starting spring of 2018.

### III. New Business

A. Michael Carroll will take over as ENF Chairman.

B. Jack Zimmerman, Greg Finger and Mike Berg will head search for new General Manager.

C. Steve Wilson wants search committee to review job description and responsibilities of General Manager.

### IV. Attendance

**Present:** Greg Finger, Kurt Kimmerling (skype), Steve Wilson, Jack Zimmerman, Michael Carroll and Mike Berg.

**Absent:** Jason Tjarks.

11/21/16

### I. General Manager Report

A. One rsvp for 12/5 initiation out of 19 invites.

B. Staff Christmas party scheduled for 12/18.

### II. Old Business

A. Carroll has made ENF report and posted results in entry way showcase. Lodge 590 \$900 short of goal.

B. Forest reserve application is in and will await results later this spring.

C. Kimmerling awaiting more info from DNR on wetland status for old driving range.

### III. New Business

A. Job postings for G.M. position will be done 12/22.

B. Posting of members with outstanding bills over 90 days past due in bulletin to be discussed.

### IV. Attendance

**Present:** Kurt Kimmerling (skype), Greg Finger, Jason Tjarks, Steve Wilson, Jack Zimmerman and Michael Carroll.

**Absent:** Mike Berg.

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

As many of you already know this will be my last report to the Lodge bulletin. Effective January 5, 2017 I will step down as General Manager, after forty-six years in the hospitality business it is time to take a break.

I first want to thank Ron Kramer who brought me to the Board in November 2002 to interview for the vacancy and put me in the position that I fondly refer to as "Right place, Right time".

The position had been vacant for a while, so I did not have the benefit of an orientation. But thanks to Roger Beyhl, who stepped in and explained to me the operation of the Lodge, giving me the chance to get my bearings. Also at that time Bill Courtney came in and tutored me on what it truly means to be an Elk. He correctly explained to me that first and foremost we are an Elk's Lodge that has the pleasure of having a restaurant, golf course and swimming pool.

I have learned over the years more about golf course operation than I ever would have cared to. But while watching the labors and productions of Ned Giles, I can honestly say we have the finest Superintendent in the state of Iowa. It also has been a pleasure the last few seasons working with Terry Anderson. His love of the game and enthusiasm were rejuvenating at a time when I probably needed it.

Luckily, I inherited a staff that included Kristin Brack, Liz Howland and Chris Bohlen, who is now our chef. With the addition of my sidekick and best buddy Kelly Kauffman, and a little later Jenny Howland, Haley Kamps,

Steve Engel and Duane Sparrow I can say with all confidence it is the finest staff I have had in my forty years of restaurant management. And who could forget my smallest Pro Shop helper ever, Jenny's son Baxter? The closest thing I have to a grandchild, so far.

It has also been a pleasure the last few years watching the maturation of Adoh Sisourath. He, along with Hannah Giles have been my Pro Shop MVPs.

All three of my children, Courtney, Michael and Patrick have worked here at one time or another serving, bartending, cooking or washing dishes. An experience I will always cherish.

I also want to thank our bookkeeper Alicia Lopic. Alicia and I have worked together for over thirty-five years. Much of my career successes would never have happened without her expertise and friendship.

I most definitely want to thank my wife, Joyce who has stuck with me for over thirty-two years. I love you honey and I'll be home early tonight.

I have made many, many friends here at the Lodge and I plan to maintain my membership and would very much like to work here next season part time, if possible. So I will maybe see you on the course, or in the pool, but most likely it will be at the bar. It truly has been an honor to work for the:

Best People On Earth.

**With Much Gratitude,  
Kevin J. Carr**

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## GOLF COMMITTEE NOTES

### Golf Cart Sheds Available

Plan ahead! Thinking of purchasing a golf cart next spring? We have a few cart sheds available for the 2017 season. Contact the lodge with any questions.

### Apparel Sale

End of the year sale! Great Christmas presents. Take 20% off already low prices on all remaining hats and apparel. Hurry, limited supply!

### 2017 Golf Events

Thank you to all the members for making 2016 a great golf season. We hope to make 2017 even better. Watch for signups for leagues and tournament events in the spring.

### Landscaping Help Needed

The Golf Committee is looking for members who have access to landscaping equipment. We would be asking for you to donate the use of the equipment for a day or two. This will help us to defray the cost of small projects of improvement on the course. Examples would be: dump trucks, backhoes, skid loaders, bucket trucks, trenchers, etc. If you are able and willing, please let the Golf Committee or the Lodge know.

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# DECEMBER 2016

- Luncheons
- Dinners
- Private Parties
- Meetings
- Members / Guests

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				1 Pro Shop 11 to 4	2 Prime Rib	3 Private Party
4	5 Lodge Meeting 7 p.m. Initiation Pro Shop 11 to 4	6 Pro Shop 11 to 4	7 Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 Pro Shop 11 a.m.	8 Pro Shop 11 to 4	9 Crab Legs Dinner 5:30 to 9 Pro Shop 11 to 4	10 Tom & Jerry Party 11 to 2 Private Party Closed
Closed	12 Pro Shop 11 to 4	13 Pro Shop 11 to 4	14 Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 Pro Shop 11 a.m.	15 Pro Shop 11 to 4	16 Beef Tenderloin Dinner 5:30 to 9 Pro Shop 11 to 4	17 Private Party Closed
11 Private Party	19 No Meeting Pro Shop 11 to 4	20 Pro Shop 11 to 4	21 Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 Pro Shop 11 a.m.	22 Pro Shop 11 to 4	23 Dinner 5:30 to 9 Pro Shop 11 to 4	24 Private Party Closed
Closed	18 Lodge 590 Staff Party	27 Pro Shop 11 to 4	28 Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 Pro Shop 11 a.m.	29 Pro Shop 11 to 4	30 Closed	31 New Year's Eve Party 7 p.m. Closed
25 Merry Christmas	26 Closed	27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed	31 Closed