



## Bob's Beacon:

Shiver my timbers...it's already time for Exalted Ruler Bob's Beacon letter. I better shake a leg and let all of our members know what's been happening.

We just got back from the mid-year convention in Thief River Falls. Quite a ride, nice lodge, good people. The meetings were informative and interesting. Some of us toured the Arctic Cat factory. It was good to see a thriving community.

Our Lodge has been busy hosting events almost every weekend. Now that the weather is changing I hope more of you can stop down. Bargo has started along with lots of other events that are listed in this newsletter. The Veterans Committee will be having the Fallen Soldier recognition ceremony on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The District Deputy visit and basket auction will be on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>.



Don't forget that November is Elk's Veterans remembrance month. If you know a Vet please thank them. If you are a Vet, thank you for serving.

Have a wonderful holiday season. I hope to see you at the Lodge.

*Fraternally submitted,  
Bob Erickson, Exalted Ruler*



### Thank you.....

- to **Peter van Sluis** and volunteers who helped with the highway clean up.
- to **Jeff and volunteers** for the great burgers on Wednesday nights.
- to **Deb Nordquist and volunteers** for helping serve chili during the Downtown Faribault chili cook-off. Congratulations to Deb for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at the event.
- to **Virginia van Sluis, Ruth Mickelson** and others that visit with Veterans at the nursing home
- to **Everyone** who comes in to help with room flips. Room flips are done when the back room needs to be reset for a new event. If you'd like to help out with these, let Lynn Erickson know and she'll put you on the list.
- to **Jeff and his volunteers** for another wonderful pasta night.

### Dates to Remember:

#### MEETING NIGHTS

- Trustee 6:00  
Lodge 7:30
- Nov. 6, 20
  - Dec 4, 18

**Bargo**  
Nov. 7, 21  
Dec. 5, 19

**Vikings Sundays**  
November 2, 16, 23, 30  
Dec 7, 14, 21, 28

**Medal of Valor Ceremony**  
November 8

**Annual Wine Tasting**  
November 15

**Tom & Jerrys**  
ember 26

**Memorial Service**  
December 7

**Member's Christmas Party**  
December 19

**Children's Christmas Party**  
December 20

**New Year's Eve Party**  
December 31

## Veterans' Corner



Honoring our American Veterans

Veterans' Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> of each year is the day America Honors ALL veterans, both living and dead. It is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to their country. One year or twenty.....they all deserve our thanks.

So.....Thank you for delaying plans of college, marriage, and other opportunities and choosing to serve. Thank you for braving the unspeakable horrors of war. Thank you for sacrificing time with your families and missing those significant milestones the rest of us take for granted. To all of our brave soldiers, sailors, and airman, thank you for your dedication, service and sacrifice in defending our freedoms and way of life. Please let us never forget that Freedom comes at a price!

It is with great pride we say thank you to a few of our Elk members who served:

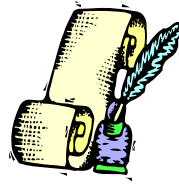
- ◆ Raymond Bauer
- ◆ Dean Clarke
- ◆ Russell Cloutier
- ◆ Mark Hansen
- ◆ Richard F Krost
- ◆ David Jacko
- ◆ Steven Kispert
- ◆ Daniel Murphy
- ◆ Dale Schwartz
- ◆ Ronald Schwartz
- ◆ George Smith Jr.

*Fraternally submitted:*

*Virginia van Sluis, Lodge Chaplain*

*Veteran Committee Chair*

## SECRETARIES' CORNER



Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who purchased the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp Raffle tickets. Our Lodge was asked to sell 38 tickets and again this year we sold 39!! Since we sold our allotted tickets our camper assessment fees will be reduced by \$500 next year. There were 1000 tickets sold and our Lodge had one winner of \$1,500.

Hopefully we can sell more tickets next year and have even more winners!!

November is a time for thanks. I'd like to thank all our members that have paid their dues, helped out around the lodge, participated in programs and events and for supporting the Lodge. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

*Fraternally,*

*Lynn Erickson, Lodge Secretary*

### Excerpt from Public Relations article from the Grand Lodge:

Traditionally, the Elks have been rather private in publicizing accomplishments outside of the organization. It was thought of as being inappropriate to tell others of our charitable programs and numerous benevolent activities. We just "glowed" internally; not desiring the public spotlight ... not letting others know what wonderful works the Elks perform ... and permitting "not-so-accurate" images of Elkdom to continue. Those times are gone.

At one time Elks relied on attraction; today it is promotion. We now tell and show the public what we do ... and many are amazed about what they did not know about the Order of Elks. Focusing on the community, it is our desire to have others feel good about the things Elks do. Our acts are aimed at doing something to add to the quality of life around us.

COMMUNICATE: It is the only way Elk goals, objectives, standards, programs, and accomplishments can be transmitted to the community. Elks can no longer be isolationists. There must be a proactive focus on sharing our accomplishments with the "outside world."

By promoting Elkdom in this manner, we are creating an informed and enthusiastic public environment conducive to attracting quality new Member candidates.

*Peter van Sluis,*

*Chairman of Public Relations Committee*

### 2014 - 2015 LODGE OFFICERS

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Bob Erickson</i>
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Ruth Mickelson</i>
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	<i>Cheri Johnson</i>
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	<i>Peter van Sluis</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Lynn Erickson</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>George Smith</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Virginia van Sluis</i>
<i>Esquire</i>	<i>Jeff Isaacson</i>
<i>Inner Guard</i>	<i>Bob Cochran</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>Sue Cochran</i>

**TRUSTEES:** Andy Nordquist, Vicky Wright, Deb McAlpine, Bob Langner, Donna Braun

## BARGO IS BACK!

Join the fun!



November

7 & 21

December

5 & 19

# AROUND THE LODGE.....



## WINE AND BEER TASTING

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

## SILENT BASKET AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

HORS D' OEUVRES  
BASKET AUCTION  
ENTERTAINMENT

HOW'S YOUR BASKET COMING?  
CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH AN HORS D' OEUVRE  
FOR THE NIGHT?

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10  
YOUR BASKET / HORS D'OEUVRE CAN BE  
YOUR DONATION



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

*THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION*

## FOR SALE:

Get 'em While They are Still Here!



Elks USA beach  
Towels: \$25 ea.  
In all the fabulous  
colors of Summer.

Lodge Cookbooks:  
\$15 each - Over 300  
recipes.....  
It's awesome!



*Freedom Isn't Free*



*Thank You, Veterans*

## November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month.

In 1946, the Elks made a pledge, "So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". Let's show our Veterans & military personnel how truly thankful we are for all they have done and continue to do!



## Holidays at your Lodge:



Tom & Jerrys: Nov. 26  
Lodge Closed: Nov. 27

Members' Christmas Party:  
Dec. 19

Children's Christmas Party:  
Dec. 20



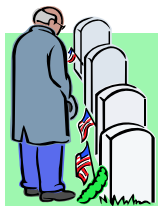
Lodge Closed: Dec. 24 & Dec. 25



New year's Eve Party:  
Dec. 31

## Memorial Service

December 7<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.  
at the Lodge



Come and honor our members who have passed away this year.

## Medal of Valor Ceremony

November 8  
2:00 p.m.



We will honor Fallen Soldier, Army 1st Lt. Michael J. Fasnacht who lost his life on June 8, 2005 in Iraq. We will present his family with the Elks "Medal of Valor" in a ceremony at the lodge. We welcome all past and present servicemen and Elk members to be present and honor his great sacrifice to our country!

*Deadline for the next newsletter:  
Monday, Dec. 29, 2014*

## Vikings Sundays



We're open  
for the Game

Bring a Munchie to Pass and  
Cheer on the Team!!

Game Day Drink Specials