



Bob's Blog:

Welcome everyone to a New Year!! We had a good time bringing in the new year at the Lodge. We also had a wonderful Christmas party for area youth. This was a well planned event and had great attendance. Thank you to all who helped out.

We have some exciting events coming up such as: hoop shoot, bargo, and the kids ice fishing contest. Please bring some participants down for the events or stop by and show your support.

It's that time of the year to start planning for our new officers. Leading Knight Ruth Mickelson will be attending ER101 in Wadena this month. If you are interested in being an officer, contact myself or any one of our Officers. Want to know more about your Elks Lodge? Attend a meeting the first or third Thursday of the month. We'd love to get you more involved.

Hard water fishing has begun. Stop in and tell your tales or give your Exalted Ruler some pointers. See you at the Lodge.

*Anchors away.
Bob Erickson, Exalted Ruler*

Elks Care - Elks Share



THE POWER OF FACEBOOK

Please "Share" our posts!

The Faribault Elks Lodge is on Facebook two ways:

- A Facebook page named "Faribault Elks Lodge #1166". This is open to everyone on Facebook, and is used to post public announcements like the Hoop Shoot, Children's Christmas Party, Ice Fishing, Valentine's Brunch, etc.
- A Facebook group named "Faribault Elks Lodge #1166". This is a closed group and is only accessible to Elks members. Here we post our internal events, announcements, pictures, and so on. You can only see this if you are on Facebook, an Elks member, and have been approved for group membership.

To join, on your Facebook page towards the bottom left menu, click "Find New Groups", and search for "Faribault Elks Lodge #1166" (make sure to select the group, not the user...). Then click on "Join Group". If you are not accepted within a few days please let us know.

How does this help our Lodge? Through Facebook we were able to reach over 11,000 in the Faribault area for the Children's Christmas Party, and over 8,200 for the Hoop Shoot. How? Because people Liked and Shared. This is free advertisement! What we ask of you is when a public event or announcement (of interest to the community) is posted, first "Like" the post, but more important "Share" that post. All your Facebook friends will then also see that post and we can reach more and more people in our community. The more people who "Like" our page will continue to be informed about our activities.

Please remember: you cannot "Share" information from our closed group, only from the public page. Thank you!

*Peter van Sluis,
Lecturing Knight / Chair of Public Relations Committee*

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- January 15
- February 5 & 19

Hoop Shoot
January 11

Euchre
January 11, 18

BARGO
January 9, 23
February 13, 27

Chili Cook off
Jan. 25

Superbowl Sunday
February 1

Valentine's Day
February 14

Youth Fishing Contest
February 21

Membership Night
March 28

Veterans' Corner



I was fortunate to grow up in the beautiful city of San Diego, California and to have the many beaches and Pacific Ocean as my playground. It was an everyday occurrence to see U.S. Naval Ships in the harbor returning from or on their way to months of deployment. There was no thrill like having a Naval jet pass over your car on Hwy. 15, as they landed at Miramar Naval Air Station. Thinking back on these things, I was fortunate to have these experiences in my life.

At that time, San Diego was very much a military town and at an early age, I learned to respect those in uniform and who served their country. Classrooms of students often wrote cards and took up collections for gifts, mostly baked goods, that would be sent to those soldiers who would not be home for the holidays.

Too often, we take for granted how lucky we are to be born in this country, which gives us opportunities and freedoms that many people in other countries do not know or enjoy. What we take for granted is only ours because of the many brave people who serve in the military or gave their lives defending freedom and our country.

Please remember to take time to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, gave time to serve, and those who continue to serve. Appreciate our freedom by supporting our veterans and active military personnel. Thank you for your service and what you do for all of us.

We salute our Veteran members:

- Steve Bauer
- Allen Bushman
- Francis Draeger
- Richard Krost
- Duane Luttring
- Mark Moreau
- Gary Sturmer
- Robert Swanell

Fraternally submitted:

*Virginia van Sluis, Lodge Chaplain
Veteran Committee Chair*

SECRETARIES' CORNER



Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday. Thank you to all the volunteers that help make the Faribault Elks Lodge the "happenin' place to be". Thanks also to Teresa, Al, Mike and the bartenders that keep the day to day operations of the Lodge going.

Dues statements will be in the mail soon. Please try to send your dues back as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call at 507-339-7402. May 2015 be the best year ever!!

Fraternally submitted,
Lynn Erickson, Secretary

Election of Officers

It will soon be time for election of new officers at your Lodge. Any member that would like to get more involved with the Lodge can run for any officer position.

HAPPY HOUR

Frídáys

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Pull your drink price at the bar. Visit with friends and enjoy the evening at the Lodge.

Sunday Fundays:

Lodge Open @ Noon:

- ◆ All January Sundays
 - ◆ Superbowl Sunday
- Check it out!



2014 - 2015 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Esquire
Inner Guard
Tiler

Bob Erickson
Ruth Mickelson
Cheri Johnson
Peter van Sluis
Lynn Erickson
George Smith
Virginia van Sluis
Jeff Isaacson
Bob Cochran
Sue Cochran

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

AROUND THE LODGE.....



- **Virginia van Sluis** for all the work she did to plan the Medal of Valor ceremony to honor a fallen soldier. The event was very tastefully done and a wonderful event to witness.
- **Everyone** that brought items for the basket auction, everyone who purchased baskets and anyone who donated appetizers for the event. We raised \$1200 for the Elks National Foundation.
- **Jeff Isaacson** for bartending during Sunday football games
- **Andy & Deb Nordquist** for chairing the Kids Christmas Party and all the volunteers who brought trees, helped decorate and worked the event. We had over 210 kids participate and it was a huge success!
- **Jeff and his "crew"** for pasta night on New Year's Eve.
- **Pam Blow** for all her help on this newsletter.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY at YOUR LODGE

February 1st
(Watch for Details)



Chili Cook Off Sunday, January 25th

Get your recipes ready, as we go in search of the Faribault Elks Lodge next Golden Bean Winner!!!



- ◆ Lodge Opens at Noon
- ◆ Chili Entries due by 1 p.m.
- ◆ Voting at 3 p.m.
- ◆ \$3 / spoon and voting bean

Let's Go Fishing!



Youth Fishing Contest
February 21
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
On French Lake
Follow the signs!
Open to the Public
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on the lake. Sign up at the Lodge.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Euchre Sundays at Your Lodge

January 11 & 18
Open to members and their guests.
\$5 Entry Fee
100 % payback
Starts at 1:00



BARGO IS BACK! Join the fun!



January
9, 23
(Potato Bar on 23rd
Cost is \$6)

February 13, 27



MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2014:
MARCH 28th

Bring a friend and share the story of Elkdom.

Watch for your dues statements coming soon!

HOOP SHOOT SUNDAY, JAN. 11

Shoot starts at 1:00 p.m.
Faribault Community Center
Open to all Children
Ages 8 - 13.

Volunteers needed to help with registration, scoring, etc.
Contact the Lodge if you are able to help.

