



The Golden Antler

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REV IT UP!

Spring has definitely sprung and we're off to a great 2015-2016 year! Thanks to all who took time out of your day to assist with the highway cleanup. With your assistance we're able to keep Faribault Elks Lodge #1166 posted on the blue highway signs and do something good for the environment!

This is only one way to be visible in our community. Let's all pull together to make our Lodge even more visible in the upcoming months. Events in May such as the Medal of Valor ceremony, Student of the Month banquet, Mother's Day buffet and the Memorial Day parade are only some of the ways we can show off Elks pride to the community.

If you've been wanting to get more involved but are unsure where to start, see me or any of the officers. We'd love to have you participate and share your ideas. Only with your help can our Lodge continue to grow!

Let's work hard to drive new membership in our Lodge. In addition, if you see someone in the Lodge you don't know, stop and say "Hello". Several weeks ago I and a number of the officers attended the Spring Conference in St. Cloud. Gaining and keeping members was the main topic discussed. So, come on, let's REV IT UP and make this a great year for our Lodge!

Your Exalted Ruler
Ruth Mickelson

Elks Care - Elks Share



Thank you.....

- to **Bob Erickson** for your hard work and dedication in 2014 - 2015 as ER.
- to **Richard Lock** and all the **PER's** who helped with installation.
- to **everyone** who brought items for the basket auction on Membership Night. All proceeds are going to our Phase 1 improvement fund.
- to **Nerstrand Meats** for the delicious meal on Membership Night.
- to **All Members** who attended Membership Night. Your support of the Lodge is greatly appreciated.
- to **Peter van Sluis** and **volunteers** who helped with the spring highway cleanup.
- to **everyone** who participated in the euchre tournaments. They were a lot of fun!
- to **everyone** who attended our first omelet bar on March 22. **Jeff and his crew** did a tremendous job and the food was excellent as usual.
- to the **coordinators** of Bargo nights

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- **May 7** (Initiation 7 p.m.) & 21
 - **June 4 & 18**

Tuesday Nights

Burger Night
6:00 p.m.

Student of the Month Recognition

May 6

Mothers' Day Buffet

May 10

Memorial Day Parade

May 25 at 10 a.m.

Flag Day Celebration

June 14

State Convention

June 25 - 27

National Convention in Indianapolis, IN

July 5 - 9

State Golf Tournament

July 25

Veteran's Corner



Memorial Day! What does it stand for? Start of summer? Picnics? Pool Parties? Going to the lake? A day to remember our Veterans with parades and flags?

It was General John A. Logan, who headed an organization of Union veterans after the Civil War called the Grand Army of the Republic, and issued a general order designating a day: "...for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

During early observances of what was then termed Decoration Day, the graves of soldiers in Arlington were adorned with flowers as thousands of participants said prayers and sang hymns. After World War I, the national Decoration Day became Memorial Day and was expanded to include those who died in all U. S. wars.

More than a million American fighting men and women have given, as Lincoln termed it at Gettysburg, 'the last full measure of devotion'. Their valor and sacrifice made possible our freedoms, our values, our very existence. Memorial Day should be a time of solemn reflection on some of the most sacred of human ideals: Faith, Family, Duty, Commitment, Heroism and Honor. We are all so profoundly indebted to all those soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen who have given their lives defending us.

It is with great pride that Lodge 1166 would like to thank some of our fellow Elks for their service to our country:

- ◆ Om Gjerald
- ◆ Charles Kuntze
- ◆ Richard Michel
- ◆ Robert Nye
- ◆ George Pinc
- ◆ Jack Sammon
- ◆ LA Charnstrom

Fraternally submitted:
Virginia van Sluis, Lodge Chaplain
Veteran Committee Chair

SECRETARIES' CORNER



Thanks to all 257 members that have paid their 2015-2016 dues. We appreciate your promptness. If you haven't paid you should have received a past due invoice. Please try and get your payment in by the end of May. Remember, your dues help the Lodge put on programs such as the hoop shoot, soccer shoot, kids Christmas party, Ice Fishing Contest and parade participation. By paying your dues in a timely manner we are able to budget for these events. If you have any questions about your dues please call me at 507-339-7402. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Lynn Erickson, Secretary

By-laws Revision

NOTICE

In accordance with the BPOE Constitution and Statutes Section 17.060, members of Faribault MN Elks Lodge No. 1166 are notified of the general revision and the amended and substituted By-Laws of Faribault MN Lodge No. 1166; the proposed general revision and the amended and substituted By-Laws will be presented at the May 21, 2015 lodge meeting, and voted on at the June 4, 2015 lodge meeting.

A copy of the General Revision document of the Faribault, MN Elks Lodge No. 1166 By-Laws will be posted on the bulletin board at the Lodge and is available for review prior to the May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 meetings.

Lodge Closed Memorial Day

The Lodge will be closed
 May 25th for the Memorial Day Holiday

2015 - 2016 LODGE OFFICERS

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

TRUSTEES: Jeff Isaacson, Andy Nordquist, Deb McAlpine, Bob Erickson, Donna Braun

AROUND THE LODGE.....



MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015
10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

An Incredible Buffet: Smoked Pork Tenderloin, Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, Carvemaster Pit Ham, Baked Cod, Breakfast, Full Salad Bar, Salads, Potatoes, Rice, Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Breads, Desserts, Beverages & More!

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

CALL NOW! 507-334-9811
LARGE GROUPS WELCOME!

Adults \$17.95
Kids (4 - 10) \$8.95
Under 3 Free



Volunteers Welcome to assist with the Mother's Day Brunch Buffet.

Mother's Day

Honor Her on Mother's Day!

Honor your mom (or any other special female!) with a centerpiece on the tables at the Elks Lodge during the Mother's Day Buffet. How does this work? You are welcome to make a donation of a plant, flowers or cash and we'll do the shopping for you! We'll use them as centerpieces on the tables during the Mother's Day Buffet. Bring your plant/flower donation to the Lodge by 10:00 pm, Saturday, May 9th. Or make a cash donation at the Lodge by Friday, May 8th. Foil-wrapped bedding plants are welcome as we will then pot them in our planters and enjoy them all summer long! Your donation will be recognized on the table with a card printed in their honor, and if you'd like, you may have your donation returned to you.

Elks Youth Camp

Campers Wanted:

The Minnesota Elks Youth Camp is a co-ed camp for deserving youth of Minnesota, ages nine through thirteen.



Dates to Remember for 2015:

- Men's Opening May 8 - 10
- Ladies Opening May 15 - 17
- Elks #1166 Camping Session June 21 - 27
- Elks Kids & Grandkids:
 - 1st Session July 19 - 25
 - 2nd Session July 26 - August 1
- Family Camp August 7 - 9

Most campers are referred through adults who know the child's family. Persons knowing young people who otherwise would not have such an opportunity are urged to contact the Lodge.



Congratulations to Virginia van Sluis!

At the Spring Convention in St. Cloud, Virginia was awarded the **2014-2015 Metro District Elk of the Year** for her dedicated service to Elkdom.

As the Chair of our Lodge's Veterans' Program, Virginia gives true meaning to our Elks long-stand pledge, *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*



Memorial Day Parade

May 25th @ 10 a.m.
 Meet at the Lodge at 9 a.m. if you would like to walk with the Faribault Elks Lodge.

Membership Night Recap:

Congratulations to:

- Virginia van Sluis - Officer of the Year
- Joan Trahan & Lana Cowan - Outstanding Service Commendation
- Irene Floren - Elk of the Year



Recognition also went to **Rudy Lang, Diane DeMars, Bob Cochran & Deb Rech** who were awarded a "Grand Exalted Ruler" pin for recruiting three or more members last year.

What's Playing @ Your Lodge?

You tell us! The lodge is in the process of creating a playlist of music for your easy listening pleasure.

Send us your favorite artist and song title, and who knows, next time you're at your Lodge, it might just be music to your ears!

Email info@faribaultelks.org with your suggestions.

