



The Golden Antler



REV IT UP:

Whew! It's been a busy and fun summer with several parades, a steak fry, omelet breakfast, soccer shoot, PER corn feed and weekly burger nights. In addition, Richard and I traveled to Rochester in June for the Minnesota State Convention and then on to Indianapolis in July for the National Convention.

Kudos to Faribault #1166! At the State Convention, in our membership size category, we were awarded second place for Penny-A-Day and we tied for third place in Youth Activities. In addition, we received third place award for our Elks National Foundation contributions. As members we have every reason to be proud of these achievements.

We enjoyed our trip to Indianapolis. It is a beautiful clean city and the hospitality was exceptional! If you ever get a chance to visit Indianapolis you will be impressed by the many veterans, police and firefighter memorials. Many resolutions (18) were voted on and a copy of the resolutions and voting results is posted on the bulletin board. We also attended several extra seminars in addition to the meetings. Also noteworthy was that membership is growing and Minnesota State Elks was number 10 out of the 50 states most improved from the previous year for membership!

Ronald L. Hicks was elected as the Grand Exalted Ruler for 2015-2016 and his theme for the year is "Elks Pride – Community Focus". GER Hicks challenge to all Elks is to increase membership and step up our visibility in the community. We need to create awareness and interest of our Lodge and of Elkdom.

Let's all rev up for the fall and drive our Lodge forward! Watch the monitor, newsletter, facebook and email blast for upcoming events. Also, bring a guest and show them what being an Elk is all about!

*Fraternally submitted,
Ruth Mickelson, Exalted Ruler*



Thank you.....

- To the **PER's** for the delicious corn feed. It was a well attended event.
- to **all the officers and trustees** for your dedication to Elkdom.
- to **all who signed up for and assisted** at Burger Nights.
- to **Tim and Cheri Johnson** for a successful soccer shoot in spite of the extreme heat.
- to **Teresa, Al and Staff** for their hard work and keeping the Lodge running smoothly.
- to **all** who walked the parades and helped out at events this summer.
- to **Boyd, Don and Larry** for organizing the golf outing and to everyone who golfed or attended the pork chop dinner. It was a great time!

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- Sept. 17
- Oct. 1
- Nov. 5 & 19

Vikings Sundays
September 20, 27
October 4, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22

Pasta Bar
September 25
October 30

Omelet Bar
October 11
December 13

Mid Year Conference
In Eveleth
October 16 - 17

Annual Wine Tasting
Silent Auction
November 21

Veterans' Corner



What is a veteran?

According to the Department of Veteran's Affairs there are approximately 23,200,000 living Veterans today. Approximately

1,824,200 of these veterans are women. Our World War II Veterans are dying at a rate of about 900 per day. At this time, we have approximately 1,800,000 living WW II Veterans, but this number will be down 81,000 by 2020.

What are Veterans and why should we thank them? A veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable. These are the men and women who have served their country, allowing us to have the freedoms we enjoy today. During peace times, they served in the U.S. and around the world, often away from their families for long periods of time. During times of conflict, they served under dangerous conditions, often being wounded, changing their lives forever.

A Poem by J.L. Sager

It was a veteran, not a reporter,
 Who guaranteed freedom of the press.
 It was a veteran, not a poet,
 Who guaranteed freedom of speech.
 It was a veteran, not a campus organizer,
 Who guaranteed freedom to demonstrate.
 It was a veteran, not a minister,
 Who guaranteed freedom to worship.
 It was a veteran, not a salesman,
 Who guaranteed freedom to own property.
 It was a veteran, not a travel agent,
 Who guaranteed freedom to travel.
 It was a veteran, not a politician,
 Who guaranteed freedom to vote.
 It is a veteran who salutes the Flag,
 Risks it all for the Flag,
 And who is buried beneath the Flag.

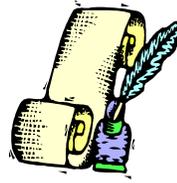
It is with great pride we say thank you to our Faribault Elk Members who served their country; here are some:

- ◆ Helmer Bauer
- ◆ Robert Langer
- ◆ John Lang
- ◆ Dan Reuvers
- ◆ Pat Tisot

Fraternally submitted:

*Virginia van Sluis, Lodge Lecturing Knight
 Veteran Committee Chair*

SECRETARIES' CORNER



Welcome to fall! I hope everyone had a great summer. I have been busy applying for grants through the Elks National Foundation. Last year our Lodge received over \$6,000 in grant money to help with the youth ice fishing contest, the Basic Blessing

Backpack Program and service to Veterans. This year we are hoping to receive funds to help with the Children's Christmas party also. Keep your fingers crossed!!

We still have a few members who have not paid their dues. Statements are going out to these past due members. Please help us continue to serve the community by paying your dues!

See you all at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lynn Erickson, Lodge Secretary



The Faribault Elks, VFW, Legion, and Marine Corp League are joining forces to bring the VATT Vietnam wall to Faribault August 31 – September 5, 2016. Please contact your lodge to see how you can help plan this event.

*Deadline for the next newsletter:
 Monday, Oct. 26, 2015*

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.....



Minnesota Elks Youth Camp Fund Raffle

**Sending a Deserving Child to Camp!
Minnesota Elks State Project
Available now!**

Prize money based on 1000 tickets sold
Prizes from \$100 to \$9,000
\$100 donation

*Checks made payable to the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp
Your donation is tax deductible and for every ticket sold at our Lodge, we receive
a discount assessment fee for our campers.*

Tickets available by email to info@faribaultelks.org
or for more information!

Drawing held at the Mid-Year Conference in Eveleth.
Need not be present to win.

*No ticket sales outside of the State of Minnesota
All proceeds to be used for Camper Fees Only*

Elks Care - Elks Share

Children's Christmas Party:

Plans are already under way for this year's Children's Christmas Party.



Volunteers are needed to assist with this event before, during and after the party scheduled for Sat., Dec. 12, 2015. If you are interested in shopping/wrapping gifts, helping with the food, preparing game/activity tables, etc. please contact Deb Nordquist at 507-210-0386.

The Faribault Elks Lodge has partnered with the **Basic Blessings Backpack Program** to help deliver totes filled with food to area schools to be put into needy children's backpacks. We need drivers who can lift a tote weighing approximately 30 lbs. Totes are picked up at Reliance Bank on Wednesdays and delivered to the school before 3:00 p.m. Totes from the previous weeks delivery are then returned to Reliance Bank. We would like individuals to commit to one month for the delivery. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lynn Erickson at 507-339-7402 or e-mail at lynn.erickson.r8ds@statefarm.com. We will post a signup sheet at the Lodge on the bulletin board. Delivery starts in mid October and runs through May, 2016.



Our Adopted Soldiers

Over the past few months as Veteran Committee Chair, I've been in touch with SFC Timothy Mead, regarding Adopting a Unit of Soldiers for our lodge. SFC Mead is the Assistant Ops for the Minnesota Army National Guard 351st Aviation Support Battalion B Company. The unit left Minnesota in late May and after 6 weeks of basic training in Texas, they are currently deployed for one year to Buehring, Kuwait.

SFC Mead sent my inquiry to the commanding officer, CPT. Caleb Seelhoff and I'm pleased to say he responded saying "what a great service this would be for the Elks to Adopt these soldiers during their deployment". So the Elks Lodge #1166 has adopted these 20 MN National soldiers for the next year.

An introductory letter was sent to each soldier letting them know we will be in touch over the next months. I will be asking members to meet for letter & card writing. Also to donate items such as cookies, candies, snacks, bath items, magazines, books so we can make "Care-Packages" for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. We want to make sure our MN soldiers know the Faribault Elks Lodge #1166 care about them and thank them for their service.

Any member interested in writing a letter or card please, meet at the lodge on September 8th at 6:30 pm. Stamps, cards and paper will be supplied.

Thank you
Respectfully,
Virginia van Sluis – Lecturing Knight
Veteran Committee Chair



Vikings Sundays

**We're open for
the Game**



**Bring a Munchie to Pass and
Cheer on the Team!!
Game Day Drink Specials**