



The Golden Antler

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Rev it Up:

We're in the midst of the Holiday season and I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas. Richard & I would like to wish all of you a very Happy, Healthy New Year!

December was a busy month, with the Memorial Service, Children's Christmas Party and a fun member's Christmas Party with Tom & Jerry's, Bargo and some fun surprises.

As we turn the corner into a new year, let's continue to Rev it Up! A big focus in 2016 continues to be Membership growth. I'd like to thank those who in 2015 have brought in new Members and to thank all those who have become Members! We have many volunteer opportunities in the months ahead. Please consider volunteering and making a difference in our community!

Check the Lodge monitor, Facebook, The Golden Antler or email blast for upcoming events and invite a guest to join you at the Lodge. Share your enthusiasm of Elkdom and ask them to become a Member! There is something for everyone with the Hoop Shoot, Bargo, and the Children's Ice Fishing Contest. Also on February 5, we will be having a Mardi Gras party! Special guest will be our State President Dick Ledebuhr and First Lady, Judy from Winona Elks Lodge# 327. Stop down for a fun evening at your Lodge....and did I mention...Bring a guest!

Also in February, we will be holding elections for new Officers. Any Lodge Member can run for an Officer position. It is a great way to make a difference in your Lodge. Lodge Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month and are open to any Member.

Thank you for your support in 2015 and let's continue to drive our Lodge forward in 2016!

*Fraternally Submitted,
Ruth Mickelson, Exalted Ruler*



Thank you.....

- **Deb & Andy Nordquist** for chairing the Children's Christmas Party and to all who volunteered to make it happen. It was a big success!
- **To all who donated items** for the basket auction, purchased baskets, donated appetizers or assisted in any way.
- **To Richard Lock** for donating flags for the flagpole.
- **To Peter Van Sluis** for submitting articles & pictures to the local newspaper and Elks magazine. Also, for your diligent work in keeping Facebook and our Lodge monitors up to date.
- **To each and every one of YOU** for being a member of our Lodge. We are successful & growing because of YOU!

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- January 21
- February 4 & 18

BARGO

January 15 & 29
February 12

Initiation & Chili Cook off

January 31

Mardi Gras

February 5

Superbowl Sunday (Euchre before game)

February 7

Valentine's Day Omelet Bar & Euchre

February 14

Youth Fishing Contest

February 27

Garage/Bake Sale

March 12

Membership Night

March 19

Veterans' Corner



The United States entered combat in Vietnam on March 8, 1965. The first American combat troops, the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, waded ashore at China

Beach north of De Nang. There had already been limited U.S. Naval action, and the bombing of North Vietnam had commenced.

It was never a declared official War by U.S. Congress. It was a Conflict that non-the-less, defined a generation, divided the American people and did not bring glory to those who fought and then came home. This was a war fought under 4 U.S. presidents: John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford .

The idea and concept of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was founded by Jan Scruggs who served in Vietnam in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade) from 1969-1970 as a infantry corporal. He wanted the memorial to acknowledge and recognize the service and sacrifice of all who served in Vietnam. On July 1, 1980 President Jimmy Carter signed the legislation to provide a site in Constitution Gardens near Lincoln Memorial. It was a three and half year task to build the memorial.

Maya Ying-Lin an undergraduate of Yale University designed the wall and was chosen out of 275,000 designs. She was paid \$50,000.00 for the winning design. She wanted her design to create a park within a park, harmonious with the overall plan of the Constitution Gardens. The walls have a mirror-like surface which reflects the surrounding trees, lawns and visitors. Many people commended Lin's winning design, and the New York Times saying it conveyed "the only point about the war on which people may agree: that those who died should be remembered". Vanity Fair called it the greatest memorial of modern time – the most beautiful, the most heart-wrenching, the most subtle and most powerful".

There are 58,282 names on the wall and approximately 1077 are from Minnesota.

We salute our Veteran members:

- Gordon Bauer
- Helmer Bauer
- Tim Johnson
- Don Prodoehl
- Don Quinnell
- John T. Smith

Fraternally submitted,

Virginia van Sluis, Lecturing Knight

Veteran Committee Chair

SECRETARIES' CORNER



Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday. 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 feel free to give me a call at 507-339-

7402. Here's to a great 2016!!

Fraternally submitted,

Lynn Erickson, Secretary



The Faribault Elks, American Legion, Marine Corps League and SAL are proud to work together to bring the AVTT, an 80% replica of the **Vietnam Memorial Wall** to Faribault over Labor Day 2016.

It will be displayed at the Rice County Fairgrounds over 5 days and will be open 24-7 with no charge for viewing. In upcoming months please support the many fundraising activities which will be held by these organizations who are bringing a "piece of history" to Faribault.

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.

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.....



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue. The Grand Lodge, Fraternal Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, click on the Donate Life icon to go to the Donate LifeSM web-site, or by logging onto www.donatelife.net. This is a great way to show that "Elks Give from the Heart."

Lodge Initiation and Chili Cook Off Sunday, January 31st


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



- ◆ Lodge Opens at Noon
- ◆ New Member Initiation at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Chili Entries due by 2 p.m.
- ◆ Voting closes at 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ \$3 / spoon and voting bean

Bring a friend!

Friday, February 5th \$10.00 per person
6:00 pm -?



FRIBAUULT Elks
USA #1166

Snatch a mask | Got Beads?
Take a Stroll down Bourbon Street
Grab something to eat!
One Way Ride to the Blues
Mark Cameron Band!
Bring a Friend!

Garage & Bake Sale Saturday, March 12 8 am - 1 pm



Get a jump on your Spring Cleaning and we'll happily take your donations! Or, bake up your favorite treats for the bake sale table. Donations may be dropped off at the Lodge beginning Thurs., March 10th (4 pm). Details at the Lodge.

Let's Go Fishing!



Youth Fishing Contest February 27 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.

Basic Blessings Backpack Program

The Faribault Elks have been helping with delivery of food to schools for this program. Food is picked up every **Wednesday** and dropped off at different schools. This program is in desperate need of a driver with a pickup truck to deliver 14 bins to Jefferson School each week. This takes about one hour.




Contact Lynn Erickson if you can help: 507-339-7402

Sunday, February 14th



Lodge Opens at 10 a.m.
Omelet Bar: 10 a.m. to Noon
\$10 Adults
\$5 Kids under 10

Euchre Tournament: 1:30 p.m.
\$5 per person
100% payout;
Open to all members and guests.



February 7th SUPERBOWL SUNDAY KICKOFF AT 5:30

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
At 2:30
\$5 per person; 100% payout

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
FEBRUARY 24, 2016



**MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2016:
MARCH 19th**

Bring a friend and share the story of Elkdom.
Watch for your dues statements coming soon!