



The Golden Antler

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REV IT UP!

In a few short weeks my year of being your ER will be over. It has been an exciting and rewarding year and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I also truly appreciated the help and guidance from Past Exalted Rulers, Officers and Trustees.

We are continuing to grow and it is great to see new members at the Lodge! Our committees are doing an outstanding job and we are promoting visibility in our community with scholarships, Youth Christmas Party, Youth Ice Fish Contest along with our Americanism and Veterans programs.

Please join me on membership night, March 19, to welcome Cheri Johnson, who will be our next Exalted Ruler, and the new Officers and Trustees. It will be a great evening with food and music. Bring a friend and show them what being an Elk is all about!

It has been an honor to serve as Exalted Ruler of this Lodge. We have a great group of people and I know with your enthusiasm and commitment, we'll continue to keep "Revving it Up"!

Thank you again and see you at the Lodge!

*Fraternally submitted,
Ruth Mickelson, Exalted Ruler*



Thank you.....

- to **everyone** who brought chili for the Cook-off. Congratulations to our **Exalted Ruler, Ruth Mickelson** who won!
- to **Pete & Donna Braun** and all **Hoop Shoot volunteers** for their commitment to this event.
- to **Jeff Isaacson & helpers** for the delicious Valentine's breakfast.
- to all those who volunteered and attended our **Mardi Gras** party. It was a HUGE success and **Ruth Lang** was radiant as our Queen!
- to **the members** who attended the euchre tournaments and football on Sundays. Congratulations to **Irene Floren**, our Super Bowl Sunday Special Winner!
- to **Virginia van Sluis** for her dedication & commitment to our Veterans and Military.
- to those who volunteer to deliver food totes to the schools for the Basic Blessing program - **Richard Lock, Lynn Erickson, Cheri Johnson, Cheryl Riggle, Donna Braun** and **Sue Cochran**.
- to the **Youth Ice Fishing Committee** for their work on collecting donations for the event. Unfortunately, due to unsafe ice conditions, the event was cancelled for 2016. We will resume in 2017.

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- **March 3, 17**
- **April 7 & 21**

Garage/Bake Sale
March 12

Fundraiser Breakfast
March 13

Membership Night
March 19

Student of the Month Reception
May 4

Mother's Day Omelet Bar
May 8

State Convention 2016 Stillwater: June 24 - 25

Elks Care - Elks Share

Veterans' Corner



I've had the privilege of visiting Europe several times and on one occasion visited the area in France called Normandy. This is the sight of the June 5th, 1944 D-Day battle where over 9,000 American soldiers lost their lives in the campaign to liberate Western Europe. Normandy American Cemetery is located on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach which in recent times most people remember from the movie Saving Private Ryan. Omaha Beach, a place that changed the course of history and sight of one of the bloodiest battles in WW 11 is a serene and tranquil place now.

On a trip to Washington D.C., I took time to visit Arlington National Cemetery, the most famous cemetery in the United States. It is the final resting place for many of our nation's greatest heroes, including more than 300,000 veterans of every American conflict, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan. Since its founding in 1866, Arlington National Cemetery has provided a solemn place to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States Armed Forces in the name of our country. On average, 28 burials occur each weekday, for a total of nearly 6,900 each year. Flags at Arlington National Cemetery are flown at half-staff from 30 minutes prior to the first funeral until 30 minutes past the last funeral. Today the cemetery covers over 600 acres and contains the remains of more than 300,000 veterans in 70 burial sections.

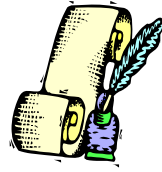
Visiting both Omaha Beach, Normandy, France and Arlington National Cemetery are two of the most humbling experiences I've ever had. They offer time to reflect and are reminders of how our soldiers gave so much so we can enjoy the freedoms we have in this country.

I would personally like to thank some of our Lodge members for their service to our country:

- ◆ Steven Kispert
- ◆ Gene Gibson
- ◆ Joseph Donkers
- ◆ Duane Luttring
- ◆ Don Quinnell
- ◆ Douglas Truman

*Respectfully submitted,
Virginia van Sluis, Lecturing Knight
Veterans Committee Chair*

SECRETARIES' CORNER



Membership dues notices were sent out on February 23rd. If you haven't received your notice, please let me know. I can be reached at 507-339-7402. Remember, if you pay your dues on or before MEMBERSHIP NIGHT on March 19th

dinner is on the Lodge!! Come and help us celebrate another great year and welcome the new Lodge Officers for 2016-2017. It's Great to be an Elk!!

Fraternally,
Lynn Erickson, Secretary



FLAG FACTS:

Do you know what the colors in the flag stand for?

White: Purity and innocence

Red: Hardiness and valor

Blue: Vigilance, perseverance and justice

Basic Blessings Backpack - Driver Needed

The lodge is looking for someone to deliver the Basic Blessings Backpack food to the middle school for the month of March.

Please contact Lynn Erickson at 507-339-7402 or lynn.erickson.r8ds@statefarm.com if you could help out. Delivery is on Wednesday before 2 p.m. and takes about 45 minutes.



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.....



MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2016

MARCH 19TH

4:00 P.M. - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

5:00 P.M. - RECEPTION FOR NEW OFFICERS

6:00 P.M. - DINNER

Pay your dues - Dinner's on us!

Invite a guest to learn about Elkdom, and we'll buy their dinner too. Limit one guest, per paid-up member.

Dessert Auction

PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW DINNER

AWARDS: OFFICER OF THE YEAR

ELK OF THE YEAR

INTRODUCTION OF 2016-2017 LODGE OFFICERS

Entertainment: Hano and the Hoff

GARAGE SALE BAKE SALE



Saturday, March 12
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Did you get a jump on your Spring Cleaning? 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 Thursday, March 10th (4 p.m.). Please feel free to mark your items. Proceeds used in support of YOUR Lodge activities.

Rent your own table for \$10 and manage your own sales!

Volunteers needed to help with the sale.

Traveling Wall Faribault 2016

Vietnam Memorial Aug 31 - Sep 5

The Faribault Elks, VFW, American Legion, and Marine Corp League are joining forces to bring the VATT Vietnam wall to Faribault August 31 - September 5, 2016.

A fundraiser breakfast will be held on **Sunday, March 13 from 8 a.m. to Noon** at the American Legion in Faribault.

Care Packages

Please join us to put together 10 Care Packages on March 15th at 6:00 pm. This is for our Adopted Army Platoon stationed in Afghanistan. The platoon includes 2 women soldiers so please bring items for them. Requested are: AAA batteries, hygiene kits, bar soap, zip-lock bags, granola/protein bars, tuna or chicken pouches, sugar, instant coffee, cookies, wrapped snacks, puzzle books, black socks and baby wipes, books and magazines. Not needed: Toothbrushes.

CHERI'S SPOT

Thanks to Ruth Mickelson and her Officers for a great year. I am excited for the coming year and hope to see you all come down and enjoy some of the activities. I know we can continue the great works of Elkdom together. Picture yourself involved.

Welcome your new officers:

Leading Knight: Peter van Sluis

Loyal Knight: Virginia van Sluis

Lecturing Knight: Pat Tisot

Secretary: Lynn Erickson

Treasurer: George Smith

Esquire: Tim Johnson

Chaplain: Doreen Lietzau

Inner Guard: Ken Weaverling

Tiler: Ruthann Lang

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Johnson, ER for 2016 - 2017

**Deadline for next newsletter:
April 25, 2016**



Elks Youth Camp

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 13 - 14
- Ladies Opening May 20 - 21
- Elks #1166 Camping Session: July 10 - 16
- Elks Kids & Grandkids:
 - 1st Session July 24 - 30
 - 2nd Session July 31 - Aug. 6
- Family Camp August 12 - 14

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.