



## Cheri's Spot:

Thank you so much for all those stepping in while I am out on a family emergency.

Spring is upon us and lots of things are happening. May is student of the month, Mother's Day Breakfast and camp opening.

Camp opening is a time to help and see first hand what all our dollars are spent on. Ask any officer, and they can give you information and car pooling info. Don't miss this great opportunity.

Burger nights have started and are a great way to bring in your friends and family and introduce them to the Elks, let's get them signed up.

I look forward to getting back to Minnesota and my Elks family, thanks again for all the help and support.

*Your Exalted Ruler  
Cheri Johnson*



### Thank you.....

- to **Ruth Mickelson** for your hard work and dedication in 2015 - 2016 as ER.
- to **Bob Cochran** and all the **PER's** who helped with installation.
- to **everyone** who helped at the garage sale and also, to **anyone** who brought treats for the bake sale.
- to **Jeff & his crew** for the delicious meal on Membership Night.
- to **All Members** who attended Membership Night. Your support of the Lodge is greatly appreciated.
- to **everyone** that helped with the care packages for our adopted Army platoon.
- to **Jeff and his crew** for the wonderful food at our Earth Day celebration on April 22nd.
- to **Virginia & Peter van Sluis** and the organizing committee for all their hard work in bringing the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Faribault. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to honor our Veterans in this way.

### Dates to Remember:

#### MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00  
Lodge 7:30

- May 5 & 19
- June 2 & 16

#### Tuesday Nights

Burger Night  
6:00 p.m.

#### Student of the Month Recognition

May 4

#### Mothers' Day Omelet Bar

May 8

#### Memorial Day Parade

May 30 at 10 a.m.

#### Flag Day Celebration

June 14

#### State Convention

June 24 - 25

#### National Convention in Houston, TX

July 3 - 6

#### State Golf Tournament

July 30

### 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.

Upcoming fundraising activities include:

#### **Classic Car Show & Run**

which will be held on

**Saturday, June 11th.**

The event will be held at the American Legion in Faribault, and begins at 9 a.m.

## VETERAN'S CORNER



For most, Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer. It's a chance to get a free day off work and school, and a convenient excuse to escape to the shore for the first time of the year. But for veterans and their families, Memorial Day is solemn, it's reflective, and it's a time for them to remember fallen brothers and sisters. We are recognizing all the soldiers all the way from the Revolutionary War to the present that have died and given us the liberties *so we are able to have those family cook-outs and get-togethers.*

Memorial Day occurs on the last Monday in May and marks the solemn time when Americans honor the soldiers that died in military service. When the observance was first declared in 1868 by General John Logan, it was called Decoration Day in reference to a tradition of decorating the graves of those whose lives were lost in the Civil War and its set date was May 30. In the years following World War I, the day picked up the more inclusive name Memorial Day as people began to use it as time to honor all who died in all US wars. For many, the holiday signifies the unofficial beginning of the summer season.

There is frequent confusion between Memorial Day and its companion holiday, Veterans Day. The purpose of Memorial Day is to honor those who have died in American military service, while November 11, Veterans Day, is for those who have served the US in war and survived. Memorial Day's concept is for all of us to reflect on our citizens whose efforts gave us freedom but whose sacrifices prevent them from enjoying it.

My wish is however you enjoy the day, please take a moment and reflect on those who lost their lives and gave all so that we continue to enjoy our freedom. Having grown up in a military town, with a father who served in the Korean & WWII, there's a special place in my heart for everyone who lost their lives for this country. God Bless the USA.

It is with great pride we say "thank you" to some of our Faribault Elk members who served their country:

- ◆ Clarence "Buzz" Campbell
- ◆ Robert Betz
- ◆ Mahlon Duffney Jr.
- ◆ Donald Edel
- ◆ Robert Immel
- ◆ George W. Pinc
- ◆ George A. Smith
- ◆ Russell Schultz

*Fraternally submitted:*

*Virginia van Sluis, Loyal Knight  
Veteran Committee Chair*

## SECRETARIES' CORNER



Thanks to all members that have paid their 2016-2017 dues. We appreciate your promptness. If you haven't paid, watch for a past due invoice in the mail. 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*

## Elks MOOLAH!

Sign up daily for a chance to win some Elks MOOLAH! Weekly drawings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:16 p.m. **You must be present to win.** The first drawing will be held on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, for a chance to win ten (10) MOOLAH! If the winner is not present, ten (10) MOOLAH! will be added to the next week's drawing. So, show us your current membership card and sign up for your chance at some Elks MOOLAH!



### Lodge Closed Memorial Day

The Lodge will be closed  
May 30<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Holiday

### 2016 - 2017 LODGE OFFICERS

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Exalted Ruler</i>    | <i>Cheri Johnson</i>      |
| <i>Leading Knight</i>   | <i>Peter van Sluis</i>    |
| <i>Loyal Knight</i>     | <i>Virginia van Sluis</i> |
| <i>Lecturing Knight</i> | <i>Pat Tisot</i>          |
| <i>Secretary</i>        | <i>Lynn Erickson</i>      |
| <i>Treasurer</i>        | <i>George Smith</i>       |
| <i>Chaplain</i>         | <i>Doreen Lietzau</i>     |
| <i>Esquire</i>          | <i>Tim Johnson</i>        |
| <i>Inner Guard</i>      | <i>Ken Weaverling</i>     |
| <i>Tiler</i>            | <i>Ruthann Lang</i>       |

**TRUSTEES:** Jeff Isaacson, Andy Nordquist, Deb McAlpine, Bob Erickson, Ruth Mickelson

# AROUND THE LODGE.....



## MOTHER'S DAY OMELET BAR

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2015

9:00 A.M. - NOON

*Build your own omelet with all the fix-ins, cooked to order. Served with sides of Potatoes, assorted Pastries, Fresh Fruit, French Toast, Biscuits & Gravy, Ham carving station, coffee, milk and juice.*

RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED

CALL NOW! 507-334-9811

LARGE GROUPS WELCOME!

Adults \$11.95  
Kids (4 - 10) \$5.95  
Under 3 Free



*Volunteers Welcome to assist with the Mother's Day Omelet Bar.*

# 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Or make a cash donation at the Lodge by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Membership Night Recap:

Congratulations to:



• Lynn Erickson - Officer of the Year

• Jeff Isaacson & Virginia van Sluis - Outstanding Service Commendation

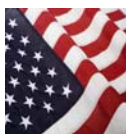
• Deb Nordquist - Elk of the Year

Recognition also went to **Rudy Lang, & Marshall Johnson** who were awarded a "Grand Exalted Ruler" pin for recruiting three or more members last year. On April 7th Rudy also received an Elks watch for recruiting 11 members last year.

**Congratulations to all awardees!!**



## Memorial Day Parade



May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.  
Meet at the Lodge at 9 a.m. if you would like to walk with the Faribault Elks Lodge.



## BURGER NIGHT

TUESDAY Nights

Beginning at 6 pm

\$3 per person

Bring a Dish to Pass.



## YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

During your birthday month, stop into the lodge, show us your current membership card, and receive one (1) complimentary beverage of your choice.

## 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 2016:

- 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 - August 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.