



Cheri's Spot:

A lot has been happening at your lodge. Many thanks to all who have helped with the activities. We started off with our Student of the Month Scholarship dinner honoring all the great students in our area. The meal was fabulous as always, and the deserving students are all off the do great things. Our Mother's Day Breakfast was well attended and the many volunteers made this an event for the community to remember. With camp opening for men and women, burger nights, parades and Flag Day, we have been spreading Elkdom this spring and summer throughout our community.

The State Elks Convention was held the last weekend of June. We are reminded of why we became Elks and renewed our commitment to the good works. I was very proud to receive for our lodge; 2nd place for youth activities and honorable mentions for ENF, Penny-a-Day, and our commitment to the youth camp. I am proud to announce Virginia van Sluis was awarded the Veteran Volunteer of the year award. Please let her know how proud we all are of her. I also, enjoyed a win; I had the winning number for the ENF wine drawing and was able to get \$1,347 sent to ENF in my name for your lodge and the Wine of course. We had a great banquet on the River boat Majestic. Check out the great photos Peter took and posted on our Facebook page.

The strength of our organization starts with you. Let us all find one thing or activity we can help out with this year, so we can spread the works of Elkdom through us all. Service to our community through charitable work, is what we are about. So please get involved, call me we can talk about any activities you might want to explore, or volunteer for.

Hope to see you soon;
Cheri Johnson, Exalted Ruler



Thank you.....

- to the **Scholarship Committee** for all the time they spent selecting our scholarship recipients. Congratulations to the winners!
- to **everyone** who has helped on burger nights. The food is always delicious. (To be part of this fun evening every Tuesday, sign up on the bulletin board.)
- to **Jeff and his helpers** for the wonderful Mother's Day omelet bar. The food was fabulous as usual!!
- to **Cheri Johnson and all the Officers** that participated in the Flag Day ceremony. The weather wasn't very cooperative, but the ceremony was memorable as always.
- to **Chris LeMieux** for her efforts in recruiting campers to send to the MN Elks Youth camp. Our kids will go from July 10 - 16.
- to **everyone** who helped during the Memorial and Heritage Day parades. Candy and flags were handed out to many veterans and children.
- to **all members** for your support of the Lodge.
- to **our bartenders**. We appreciate your excellent service.

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00

Lodge 7:30

- August 4
- September 1, 15

Tuesday Nights

Burger Night

6:00 p.m.

Day at the Pool

July 24

Birthday Bash

Pasta Night

July 29

AVTT Traveling Wall

September 1 - 5

Veterans' Corner

From Sept. 1 – 5, 2016, the AVTT Replica of the Vietnam Wall will be on display at the Rice County Fairgrounds. This has been a year-long project of love and dedication from a core committee made up of members from the Elks, American Legion, VFW, Marine Corps League and SAL. I've put in over 1000 hours of time to this project, and we are honored to bring the AVTT Wall to Faribault. The wall represents sacrifices that defined a generation...it is inscribed with the names of over 58,000 fallen soldiers and is a reminder of the cost of war.



Following is a quote from someone visiting the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C.:

"It chokes me up every time. It brings back a lot of memories because there are a lot of guys on the wall that I remember, and when I look at their names I remember them just like it was yesterday." **Frank Stroble, who served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.**

Among the names on the Wall are two friends whom I knew very well. The first time I saw their names it was overwhelming and brought back memories of long ago. I cried for their sacrifice to country and a life that was never full-filled. I remember sitting next to Raymond Garcia in most classes from 7th to 12th grade. He always had a smile on his face and joke to tell. I knew James Bauer from kindergarten through 1st year of college. I played kick-ball with him in 6th grade, I sat next to him in history, and I danced with him in 11th grade.....NOW, like Raymond, he is a name on the Wall for all eternity.

I invite you to come experience part of history by visiting the AVTT Vietnam Wall when it is on display in Faribault. It will be open 24 hours per day and there is no admission. On September 1, 2016, we plan both a Soft Opening at 1:00 p.m. and a very Grand Opening at 6:30 p.m. Lest we forget....We need to remember...War has a price!

It is my pleasure to thank some members of the Faribault Elks who served their country:

- Don Quinnell
- Dan Reuvers
- Don Edel
- Duane Luttring
- Steve Kispert
- George A Smith

Fraternally submitted:

Virginia van Sluis,
Loyal Knight, Veteran Committee Chair
Metro District National Services

SECRETARIES' CORNER



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Enjoy the great weather we've been having. If anyone is still interested in going to the St. Paul Saints game on July 27th please let me know. We have a few spots still available. I'm sure you've noticed that the parking lot has been resurfaced and striped. This was a major expense for the Lodge.

You'll be getting a phone call soon asking for help funding this project. Please consider a donation to help offset this cost so we can continue making the Elks the "happenin' place to be" -
Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Lynn Erickson, Secretary

Traveling Wall Faribault 2016
Vietnam Memorial Aug 31 – Sep 5

September 1 - 5, 2016
Rice County Fairgrounds

There will be a release of Doves during the Grand Opening on September 1st at 6:30 p.m. We would like Veterans who served in Vietnam to release the doves. The Veterans chosen will be members of the Elks, VFW and American Legion.

If you are interested in participating, please leave your name at the Lodge and Virginia van Sluis will contact you.

Lodge Closed Labor Day

The Lodge will be closed September 5th
for the Labor Day Holiday


2016 - 2017 LODGE OFFICERS

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| <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.....

It's Our Birthday Month!



**Happy Birthday
Faribault Elks Lodge**

Pasta Night!
Made to order Pasta, complete with all the sides.
\$10 per person

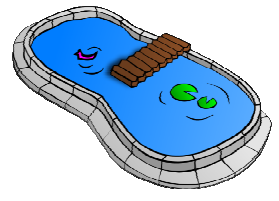


What's a party without some music?
Kick up your heels and enjoy
the musical
ensemble of
**Mark Burmesiter
and his crew!**



A Day at the Pool
Sunday, July 24


The Elks will pay for the first 500 people who go to the pool. We will have games and give away drug awareness merchandise. We will also give the kids a coupon for one treat while there.



We received a grant from the Elks National Foundation for this event.

Elks Care - Elks Share

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 3rd, 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!

**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

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.

BURGER NIGHT



**TUESDAY
Nights**
Beginning at 6 pm
\$3 per person
Bring a Dish to Pass.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
Friday, Aug. 26, 2016**