



CHERI'S SPOT:

Another Summer gone and we have had a lot of great things happen at the Elks. Our great day at the pool brought nice weather and all the families enjoyed playing the games and taking home prizes. The Lodge Birthday party was a huge success and the band was wonderful. It was great to see everyone come out and celebrate.

The Traveling Wall was a giant success. It really brought our community together. Thanks to all who came out and volunteered. A special thanks to Virginia van Sluis for bringing this wonderful project to our community.

Summer has now past and that means FOOTBALL. Come down to the lodge and cheer on the Vikings with your fellow Elks.

Our Elks state project is the youth camp where we send kids to be kids for a week in the summer. Please consider purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket to help support this great endeavor. We all work so hard to keep it going. The prizes are listed at the lodge and on the tickets.

Look for the upcoming events at the lodge and come out and support it, volunteer for an event or a Committee, we need everyone.

*Fraternally submitted,
Cheri Johnson, Exalted Ruler*



Thank you.....

- To **everyone** who attended burger nights and brought food or helped serve. Another successful year!
- to **everyone** who helped with the kids games at the Free Pool Day on July 24th. The event was great fun.
- to **Jeff and his helpers** for the wonderful pasta bar at our Birthday Bash celebration. The food and entertainment was superb as usual.
- to **everyone** who has donated to the Lodge parking lot fund. We are one third of the way to our goal!!! Thank you!
- to **everyone** that purchased a MN Elks Youth Camp raffle ticket. Tickets still available.
- to **Peter & Virginia van Sluis, Richard Lock & Ruth Mickelson** for their efforts in bringing the AVTT Traveling Wall to Faribault over Labor Day weekend. Their dedication to this project was tremendous and many Veterans will be forever thankful. This event was the best thing that Faribault has hosted in a long time!

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- Sept. 15
- Oct. 6
- Nov. 3 & 17

Vikings Sundays

September 25
October 9, 23
November 6, 13, 20

Omelet Bar & Euchre

September 18
October 16

Oktoberfest 2016

September 23

Mid Year Conference

In Mankato
October 21 - 22

Pasta Bar
October 28

Annual Wine Tasting

Silent Auction
November 19

Elks Care - Elks Share

Veterans' Corner

Traveling Wall Faribault 2016
Vietnam Memorial Aug 31 - Sep 5

They came in groups of 5, 10, or just one by one. Up the parking lot and across the field, many stopping to ask for a name that would be on the Wall.....some only knew the first name or last but we were able to help most. Across the field they walked and up to a specific panel searching for that connection to a time long ago. But once they found the name it was as if time stood still.....

Some touched the name for a few minutes, some knelt for what seemed like forever. Some brought flowers, cards, notes, a beer to share with an old friend or buddy.

Over and over the people walked across the field and up and down the WallThe tall strong looking man who broke down and cried at finding the name of a buddy....those who needed assistance to walk but needed to make it to the Wall.

This has been a 16 month project filled with love, pride, passion and I'm so humbled to have given a proper welcome home to our Vietnam Veterans and thank them for all they gave to a country, at that time, that did not give much back to them. To have seen the outpouring of kindness and shake the hands of hundreds of people that thanked us for bringing the Wall was so very humbling.

Thank you to the Elks, American Legion, SAL, Marine Corp League, 48-8 for making this a reality. The hard work, the many long hours were nothing compared to what it meant to those who came to find a loved one and say Thank you for your Service.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Veterans Chairperson for our Lodge and I say to a few of our Veterans; Thank you for your Service:

- ◆ Don Prodehl
- ◆ Joseph Donkers
- ◆ John T. Smith
- ◆ Robert Langer
- ◆ Pat Tisot



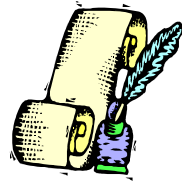
Fraternally submitted:

Virginia van Sluis, Loyal Knight

Chair of Veterans Committee

MN Veteran Volunteer of the Year

SECRETARIES' CORNER



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone that has donated to the parking lot fund. We have raised \$4200.00 so far. We are over a third of the way there!! Thanks so much for your support of this project.

We have applied for a couple of grants from the Elks National Foundation. We will be applying for several others in the next few weeks to help with the children's Christmas party, the youth ice fishing contest and the Basic Blessings Backpack program. Hopefully our grants will be accepted.

We still have 23 members that have not paid their dues. Statements will be going out to these past due members. Please help us continue to serve the community by paying your dues.

Hope to see you all at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

Lynn Erickson, Lodge Secretary

Sunday Funday Sept. 18 & Oct. 16



Omelet Bar
10 a.m. -
Noon
\$8 per person

Euchre!
1:30 p.m.
\$5 per
person



100% Payout



Vikings Sundays

We will be open at Noon every Sunday.
(Not staying open for Sunday Night games.)

Bring a Munchie to Pass and Cheer on the Team!!

Deadline for the next newsletter:
Monday, Oct. 24, 2016

2016 - 2017 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Esquire
Inner Guard
Tiler

Cheri Johnson
Peter van Sluis
Virginia van Sluis
Pat Tisot
Lynn Erickson
George Smith
Doreen Lietzau
Tim Johnson
Ken Weaverling
Ruthann Lang

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

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 Mankato.
Need not be present to win.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Sauerbraten, spaetzl, schnitzel, potato pancakes, ribs n kraut, braised cabbage, black forest cake, German wines, beers, and more!

BIG BEN AND THE



BRIANS CONCERTINA BAND!

It's **HAPPENIN' @ YOUR Lodge!**

\$15.00 per person/Members \$10.00

6:00 pm—?



Minnesota Elks Summer Youth Camp

A Free Summer Camp for Youth Ages 9-13

Year End Clothing & More Drive

We need to replenish our inventory of kids clothing, swimsuits, beach towels and more!

We are seeking **NEW** or **GENTLY USED** items for **BOYS & GIRLS** ages 9-13:

- ◆ Shorts, sweat pants
- ◆ T-shirts, short sleeve shirts
 - ◆ Swimsuits
- ◆ Underclothes, socks
 - ◆ Bath Towels
 - ◆ Beach Towels
 - ◆ Hand Towels
 - ◆ Washcloths

Donations can be dropped off at the Lodge
Deadline to drop off is Tuesday October 18, 2016 by 7:30 P.M.

THE PARKING LOT

If you've been to YOUR Lodge recently, you've probably noticed that the parking lot has been resurfaced and striped. The Lodge's portion of the cost of this project is approximately \$12,000. This is a significant expense for the Lodge. We are asking for you to help "pave the way" for this project. Based on our current membership, if each member donated \$40, our portion of this expense could be paid in full.

If you haven't donated yet, someone from the Fund-Raising Committee will be contacting you. Thank you for your continued support of YOUR Lodge and any donation you are able to consider is greatly appreciated!

