



The Golden Antler

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Cheri's Spot:

What a busy couple of months we have had at the lodge. So many events happened thanks to all the volunteers who made it all come together.

We started out with the Veterans meal, and we could not have done this without all of you. Our District Deputy visit started with a great audit report, and finished with our basket auction. We raised a lot of funds for our charitable activities. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity.

The great fellowship we have shared with our Tom and Jerry nights, shows the family care we all share with each other. It is wonderful to see you all come together in Elkdom.

The tremendous success of the Children's Christmas party could not have happened without all of our fabulous volunteers and the great Chairperson; thanks Deb.

Hard to believe that football is almost over. Football Sundays are always a fun time at the lodge, so, come in and cheer for the others that made the playoffs.

As we continue to make this the happening place to be, bring in a friend and show them what being an Elk is all about. Heading into the New Year, be good to one another and remember Elks Care, Elks Share.

*Fraternally Submitted,
Cheri Johnson, 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 everyone** who helped with the Veteran's dinner. Over 58 Veteran members attended.
- **To all the Lodge members** that come down to the Lodge during Viking's games and share their delicious food.
- **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 19
- February 2 & 16

Lodge Open on Sunday
Your lodge will be open every Sunday at Noon through March!

BARGO
January 13 & 27

Chili Cook off
January 29

Ice Fishing Contest
February 18

Mardi Gras
February 24

Superbowl Sunday
(Euchre before game)
February 5

Membership Night
April 1

Veterans' Corner



Winter is here in Minnesota and most of us are fortunate to have the comfort of warm houses to shelter us from the cold. Some of our

Veterans who served their country are not that fortunate and go from shelter to emergency shelters, transitional housing or in non-sheltered locations. In a 2009 study conducted by Wilder Research, there were 669 homeless veterans, including 605 men and 64 women, residing in emergency shelters, 63% of the homeless veterans fit Minnesota's definition of long-term homeless – homeless a year or longer, or homeless four or more times in the past three years.

Ending Veteran homelessness is our moral imperative, a duty to those who have served. The vast majority of Veterans return home in good health and good spirits. Financial hardships and the unpredictability of life mean that Veterans may face housing crises or may experience homelessness.



I want to thank everyone from our Lodge who contributed to and donated items that were taken to the Department of Veterans affairs and distributed to the homeless Veterans of Minneapolis area. Lisa Sundberg is the coordinator I worked with and assured me that all items of clothing, (47 men's winter coats, 15 women's winter coats, hats, gloves and scarfs and the Kits with life necessary items would be distributed to the Veterans by Christmas. A special thanks to Don Prodoehl for those coats which are being put to good use keeping our Veterans warm. Thank you everyone for this was certainly what Elks are all about....and displayed the true meaning of giving!

As head of the Veterans committee for Lodge 1166 I would like to say "thank you" to some of our members for your service to our country:

- Patrick J. Tisot
- Don Prodoehl
- Joseph Donkers
- Tim Johnson

*Fraternally submitted,
Virginia van Sluis, Lecturing Knight
Veteran Committee Chair*

SECRETARIES' CORNER



Happy New Year everyone! I hope your holidays were great. I am so grateful for the wonderful members we have at our Lodge. Your donations for the annual basket auction raised \$1500 for our charitable works. We had over 170

children attend the Christmas Party on December 17th. There were many happy faces that left the Elks Lodge after seeing Santa and getting their gifts and playing games. Our members have stepped up and donated warm clothing, toiletries, and other necessities to the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis. You should all be proud of the things we do here at the Lodge and in the community. Thank you all for your support and commitment.

*Fraternally submitted,
Lynn Erickson, Secretary*

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2017:



April 1st (No foolin')
Bring a friend and share the story of Elksdom.
Watch for your dues statements coming soon!

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.

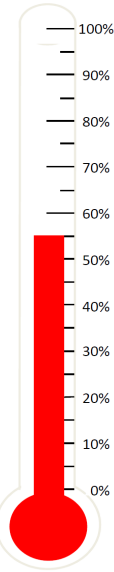
2016 - 2017 LODGE OFFICERS

<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.....

Goal Amount:	\$ 12,000
End Date:	
Current Amount:	\$ 6,500
Current Date:	Jan 7, 17
Goal Achievement:	54%
Start Date:	July, 2016



If you have not yet returned your pledge, please consider doing so.


Parking Lot

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Chili Cook Off


Sunday, January 29th

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



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

Bring a friend!



February 24th
6 p.m.

Take a stroll down
Bourbon Street.....

Grab something to eat....

One way ticket to the blues
with the Mark
Cameron Band

\$15 per person
(Members get \$5 discount)


Bring a friend!

Children's Christmas Party Recap



The Children's Christmas Party on December 17th was a success even though the weather wasn't the best. We had 171 children attend with their parents. Every child left with a gift from Santa as well as a goodie bag of prizes from the games they played. Little Caesar's pizza was a big hit also. A grant from the Elks National Foundation helped with the cost of purchasing the gifts as well as the prizes and pizza. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped run the games, baked goodies, etc. Thanks also to Deb and Andy Nordquist for all the time they put in getting the event set up, purchasing items and making sure everything went smoothly. Thank you to Joan Trahan and her granddaughters for wrapping all the gifts. Thanks also to Santa and Mrs. Claus for being there to welcome the kids.

Let's Go Fishing!




Youth Fishing Contest

February 18
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.



February 5TH


SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

KICKOFF AT 5:30

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

At 2:00
\$5 per person; 100% payout

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
FEBRUARY 24, 2017



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. 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."