



Cheri's Spot

As my year as your Exalted Ruler comes to a close, it is bittersweet for me to say goodbye. The support, caring and compassion I have received from all of you during my family issues this year is heartwarming. Thank you all.

Please take this time to promote Elksdom. Share with not only the new members, but with ALL members. Elks sharing makes Elks Care. With our Veterans programs, social area, youth activities and community involvement, together we can make this lodge a great place to gather.

A special thank you to all our volunteers. Many of you are behind the scenes, but your contribution to our team is invaluable. The success of our lodge depends on you, our member volunteers. Keep up the good work. Please, if you have not volunteered yet, consider it. Contact any officer or trustee and they can get you in contact with the correct person.

WOW! 149 years our order has been doing great things. I am glad to be a part of it, and hope you will too.

See you all at the lodge.

*Sincerely and fraternally,
Cheri Johnson, Exalted Ruler*



Thank you.....

- to **everyone** who brought chili for the Cook-off. Congratulations to **Ruth Mickelson** the winner two years in a row!
- to **Pete & Donna Braun** and all **Hoop Shoot volunteers** for their commitment to this event.
- To the **Youth Ice Fishing Committee** for organizing the event. Unfortunately, again this year, we were forced to cancel due to unsafe ice conditions
- to all those who volunteered and attended our **Mardi Gras** party. It was a HUGE success and **Ruth Lang** was again radiant as our Queen!
- to **Jeff Isaacson and his helpers** for the wonderful Mardi Gras food. We are fortunate to have such a great cook as a member.
- to **Virginia van Sluis** for her dedication & commitment to our Veterans and Military.
- to **our bartenders**. We appreciate your great service.

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00
Lodge 7:30

- **March 2, 16**
- **April 6 & 20**

Membership Night

April 1

Student of the Month

Reception

May 3

Cinco de Mayo

May 5

Mother's Day

Omelet Bar

May 14

State Convention 2017

Alexandria: June 23 - 24

Veterans' Corner



Why is it important to honor our Veterans?

It is important to continue honoring veterans because it is a way of acknowledging the sacrifices they have made while serving their country. Without the service of veterans, Americans may not have the freedoms they do today. Their vote should only count once like everyone else's but their voice should be heard at least twice as loud and twice as often when talking about war and the national defense.

Throughout the nation's history, Americans have often found it necessary to go to war in order to preserve basic liberties. The Revolutionary War, for example, was fought to gain independence from the British. Without the servicemen and women who fought in these wars, American history may have run a different course.

Honoring a veteran can be as simple as verbally expressing thanks to a veteran on the street or writing a letter to a soldier overseas. Some people volunteer their time by visiting wounded veterans in the hospital, delivering care packages to elderly or disabled veterans in need or looking after families of veterans who did not come home. Elks members who have served in any branch of the service, both in combat or not, hold a special place in our organization. It is the Elks moto that says;

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

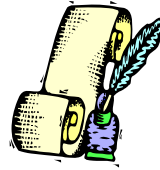
Over the past three years I've had the honor of serving as the Chairperson for our Lodge Veterans committee so it is with great pleasure I say "Thank you" from the Lodge to some of our members who served in the military:

- ◆ Dale "Skip" Schwartz
- ◆ Larry Schultz
- ◆ George W. Pinc
- ◆ James Bakos
- ◆ Mark S. Erickson
- ◆ Douglas Truman



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

SECRETARIES' CORNER



As I'm writing this article, there is a snowstorm happening. I thought we were almost home free from the snow but it looks like we'll have to deal with the weather for a little while longer.

Membership dues notices were sent out on February 27th. If you haven't received your notice please let me know. I can be reached at 507-339-7402. Remember, pay your dues on or before MEMBERSHIP NIGHT on April 1st and dinner is on the Lodge! Come and help us celebrate another great year and welcome the new Lodge Officers for 2017-2018. It's Great to be an Elk!

*Fraternally,
Lynn Erickson, Secretary*

**Deadline for next newsletter:
April 25, 2017**



All Members planning to attend Membership Night on April 1st are asked to bring a dessert to be auctioned off.

All money raised will be used for Lodge improvements.



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.....



MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2017

APRIL 1ST

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

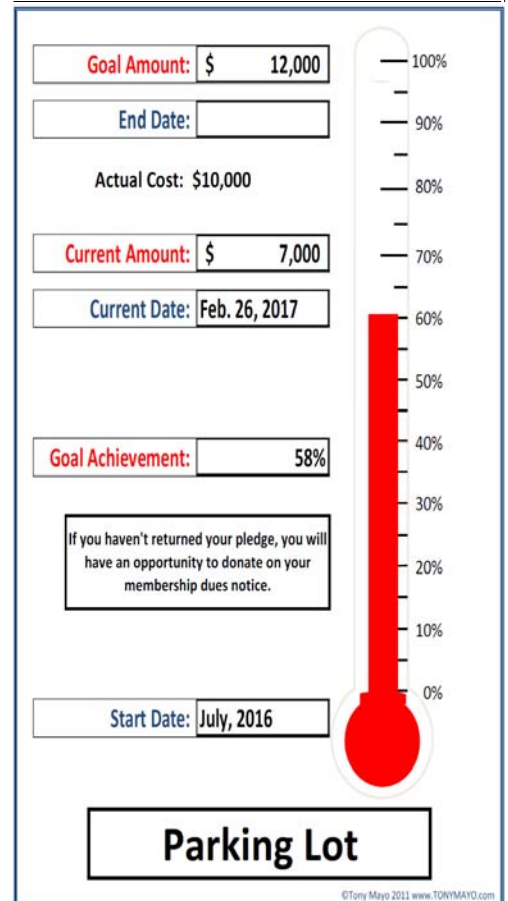
PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW DINNER

AWARDS: OFFICER OF THE YEAR

ELK OF THE YEAR

INTRODUCTION OF 2017-2018 LODGE OFFICERS

Entertainment: Sweet Potato Jackson



PETER'S PROCLAMATION:

To all Faribault Elks: I am extremely grateful that I have been chosen by you, our members, to be your Exalted Ruler for the coming year. Together with all officers and Elks I will do my best to grow our organization, live by our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, and to promote our Lodge to the public and spread the good works we do for youth, veterans and our community. Thank you to Cheri Johnson for leading our Lodge as the ER for the past year.

I am happy to announce the officers for next year:



- Leading Knight: Virginia van Sluis
- Loyal Knight: Pat Tisot
- Lecturing Knight: Ken Weaverling
- Secretary: Lynn Erickson
- Treasurer: George Smith
- Esquire: Tim Johnson
- Chaplain: Doreen Lietzau
- Inner Guard: Marshall Johnson
- Tiler: Donna Braun

Together with all of you we will make sure that we continue to flourish as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Faribault.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter van Sluis, ER for 2017 - 2018*



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 2017:

- Men's Opening May 11 - 14
- Ladies Opening May 18 - 21
- Elks #1166 Camping Session: June 11 - 17
- Elks Kids & Grandkids:
 - 1st Session July 23 - 29
 - 2nd Session July 30 - Aug. 5
- Family Camp August 11 - 13

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.