



## Peter's Proclamation:

Well – the new Elks year has started and all is well...

Besides business (and fun) as usual, I am planning to implement a few programs this year. In order to emphasize our values: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, I am bringing back occasional traditional meetings where we add back our rituals and values. The first traditional meeting is planned for Thursday, May 18, at 7:30 pm. Please consider attending that meeting as that will reiterate the reasons why you became an Elk in the first place. Remember, all Officers meetings are open to all members where you can give your input and vote.



Also, as we rely on our members and volunteers, I call on you to help grow our membership: I challenge each and every one of you to speak about the Elks to one family member, one neighbor, one friend and one colleague each. Bring them to the Lodge for fellowship, have a drink, and introduce them to our members. Explain to them our values and what we give to youth, veterans and community. I assure you when they hear about our values they will want to join this great organization as well!

Your Exalted Ruler  
Peter van Sluis

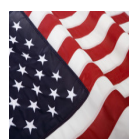
**Elks Care - Elks Share**



### Thank you.....

- to **Cheri Johnson** for your hard work and dedication in 2016-2017 as ER.
- to **Bob Erickson** and all the PER's who helped with installation.
- 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 **Ruth, Richard, JoAnne, Rudy, Lynn, Bob and John** for painting, scrubbing and cleaning the back bar, bathrooms and entry. It looks marvelous!

### Memorial Day Parade



May 29<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.

### Dates to Remember:

#### MEETING NIGHTS

Trustee 6:00  
Lodge 7:30

- May 4 & 18
- June 1 & 15
  - July 6
  - August 3
- September 7 & 21

#### Tuesday Nights

Burger Night  
6:00 p.m.

#### Student of the Month

##### Reception

May 3

#### Cinco de Mayo

May 5

#### Mothers' Day

##### Omelet Bar

May 14

#### Memorial Day Parade

May 29 at 10 a.m.

#### Flag Day Celebration

June 14

#### State Convention

June 23 - 24

#### National Convention

##### in Reno, NV

July 16 - 19

#### State Golf Tournament

Hopkins - July 29

## VETERAN'S CORNER



Easter has passed and next will be Memorial Day. While you are enjoying activities with family and friends, take a moment to remember those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Here are a few fact about Memorial Day that you might not know.

**Memorial Day**, on the last Monday in May, is when we remember and honor men and women who died while serving in the military. **Veterans Day**, on November 11, is the **day** to thank all the men and women who have served in the military during wars and peaceful times. **Memorial Day**, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, originally known as **Decoration Day**, originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

The wearing of **poppies** in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on **Memorial Day**, not **Veterans Day**. The practice of wearing of **poppies** takes its origin from the poem *In Flanders Fields*, written in 1915 by John McCrae. Its opening lines refer to the many poppies that were the first flowers to grow in the churned-up earth of soldiers' graves in Flanders, a region of Europe that overlies a part of Belgium.

When I write an article for the Golden Antler, I mention names of Veterans who are members of our Lodge. If you haven't seen your name over the past three years please contact our Lodge Secretary, Lynn Erickson and let her know who you are and your Membership I.D. number. Lynn provides me with a list of those members who are Veterans and it is what I refer to when mentioning Veterans who are members. I value the service each of you gave to our country and want to make sure every Elk member has the opportunity to say "thank you" to you.

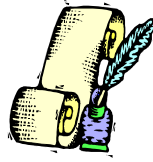
It is my honor to say thank you to our Elk Veteran members for their service and time given to this wonderful country of ours.

- ◆ Robert D. Simpson
- ◆ Jack Sammon
- ◆ Russell Schulz
- ◆ Loyd Grandprey
- ◆ Gordon D. Bauer
- ◆ George A. Smith



*Fraternally submitted:  
Virginia van Sluis, Leading Knight  
Veteran Committee Chair*

## SECRETARIES' CORNER



Thanks to all members that have paid their 2017-2018 dues. We appreciate your promptness. I still have 54 members who haven't paid. Please get your payments in to the Lodge before May 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember, your dues help the Lodge put on programs such as 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. Hope to see you at the Lodge soon.

*Fraternally,  
Lynn Erickson, Secretary*

### Attention Veterans:

Please check your new membership card. If your card **DOES NOT** have a **VETERAN** sticker on it please call Lynn Erickson at 507-339-7402.



#### Highway Clean Up!

Sunday, May 7 @ 8 a.m.

We are going to clean our stretch of I35 again. Besides doing good for the community, it keeps our sign on the Interstate promoting our Lodge. We need 10 - 15 people. Signup sheet in the Lodge on the bulletin board.

#### Lodge Closed Memorial Day

The Lodge will be closed  
May 29<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Holiday

#### 2017 - 2018 LODGE OFFICERS

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Peter van Sluis</i>
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Virginia van Sluis</i>
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	<i>Pat Tisot</i>
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	<i>Ken Weaverling</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>Marshall Johnson</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>Donna Braun</i>

**TRUSTEES: Jeff Isaacson, Bob Erickson, Ruth Mickelson, Cheri Johnson and Mary Loftus**

# AROUND THE LODGE.....



**MOTHER'S DAY OMELET BAR**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017**  
**9:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

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

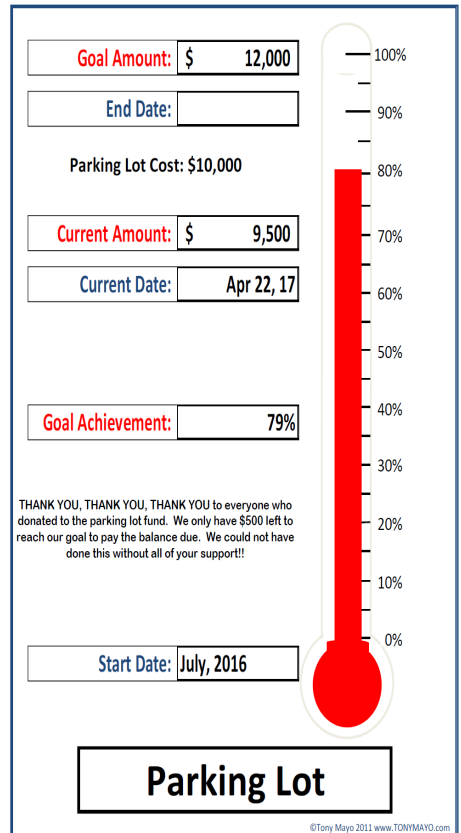
**RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED**

**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.*



## 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 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.

### Membership Night Recap:

A very special thank you to our Award Winners.

- George Smith - Officer of the Year
- Lana Cowan & Ruth Mickelson - Outstanding Service Commendation
- Joan Trahan - Elk of the Year
- Jeff Isaacson - Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to all awardees!!

**MAY 5 - 6:00 P.M.**

Build your own fajitas.  
 Margarita Stations.

Get on your dancing shoes!  
 Hano and the Hoff are in the House!

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