



### **KEN'S KORNER:**

Fellow Elks;

The year 2025-2026 has flown by and we are quickly approaching the installation of new Officers and Trustees on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have once again had a successful year of gaining new members at Faribault Lodge 1166. It is always a challenge to have a positive gain, and we have been able to meet this challenge for one reason, our existing members. People are attracted to organizations with purpose and heart. The pillars of our lodge consist of veterans, children, and making a positive impact in our community. I want to thank each member for helping us achieve our goals in the Faribault Community.

The upcoming Elks year will once again be a busy one. We will be hosting the Elks State Convention in June. Please reach out to Co-Chairs Marcus Abelman or Kelly Martenson for volunteer opportunities. Also, please take a minute to thank the members of our lodge who consistently give of themselves: the burger night crew, fish fry crew, entertainment and planning committees, veterans committee, bartenders, and maintenance volunteers. Without these special people we would not be the success that we are.

A special thank you to this year's officers and trustees, it has been a pleasure serving alongside each of you.

*Fraternally yours,  
Ken Weaverling, Exalted Ruler*

## Elks Care - Elks Share

### **SECRETARY'S CORNER:**



Happy spring! The membership dues notices are going out this week. Remember to pay your dues on or before MEMBERSHIP NIGHT on MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> and your dinner is on the Lodge! Come and help us celebrate another great lodge year and welcome the new Lodge Officers for 2026-2027. Please remember that membership is the lifeblood of our order, and without our members we would cease to exist as an organization, and in turn not be able to do the benevolent things we do in our community. If you are NOT going to pay your dues (which we certainly hope doesn't happen) please let me know BEFORE March 31<sup>st</sup> so we won't have to pay for your Grand Lodge and State dues. Hope to see you all on March 21<sup>st</sup>!!

*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson,  
Lodge Secretary*

## Dates to Remember:

**MEETING NIGHT:** March 5 & 19; April 2 & 16  
Trustees @ 6 pm; Lodge Mtg. @ 7:00 pm

**BURGER NIGHTS:** Every Tues. @ 6 pm. Cost is \$6

**FISH FRY FRIDAY:** March 6 to April 3 @ 6 pm

**PUZZLE RACE:** March 7 @ 2 pm

**MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** March 21 @ 6 pm

**MEMBER EASTER EGG HUNT:** April 3 @ 6 pm

**PURSE BINGO:** April 18 @ 2 pm

## Thank You!

- ◆ To **Ken Weaverling** and all the **Hoop Shoot** volunteers.
- ◆ To **everyone** who brought chili or came down and tasted it. Congratulations to our co-winners: **Robin Finke** and **Jayne Spooner**.
- ◆ To **everyone** who has been coming down to support burger nights on Tuesdays and to our cooks and servers.
- ◆ To **Jeff and his crew** for the great Lovers' omelet breakfast.
- ◆ To **Jim Heyer** for putting a new board on the floor in the event room so we don't have a tripping hazard any longer!

### **BOB'S BLOG:**

Hi everyone. I'm your newly elected Exalted Ruler for the upcoming 2026-2027 Lodge year. I'm looking forward to serving our Lodge. We have some returning officers and a few new ones that are all eager to get started on April 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope to see many of you at membership night on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Fraternally Yours,  
Bob Erickson, ER 2026-2027*

### **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2026**

**MARCH 21**

**4 PM: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**6 PM: DINNER**

**7 PM: AWARDS: OFFICER OF THE YEAR; ELK OF THE YEAR  
INTRODUCTION OF 2026-2027 LODGE OFFICERS**

**8 PM: ENTERTAINMENT BY "SHENANIGAN'S"**

**Pay your dues - Dinner's on us!**

**Bring in 3 new members and your dues are FREE!**



**VETERANS' CORNER:**



**FEBRUARY** Follow up: Our Veterans Committee had planned to host Bingo and Hot Cocoa Bar on the 6<sup>th</sup> for a Valentines event. It was unfortunately cancelled due to illness at Bldg. 16.

**MARCH:** We do however have another Bingo and Hot Cocoa Bar booked for Thursday, March 19.

**APRIL:** Several committee members will be traveling to Bldg. 16 to check and clean the grill. We are all anxious to start grilling for the Veterans there.

**MAY:** As usual, we will shop for flowers so the Veterans can plant them in their raised flower beds. We will also be placing flags and collecting flags at Fort Snelling National Cemetery for Memorial Day. Flags normally are placed the weekend before Memorial Day and collected the weekend after. More info to follow.

I'd like to note that Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This day was signed into law in 2017 and is observed annually on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a national observance that recognizes and honors all veterans who served in the US military during the Vietnam War.

Thank you to all our Veterans!  
God bless America!

*Fraternally,  
Ruth Mickelson,  
Veterans' Committee Chair*

**LODGE HOURS:** (28 NW 3rd St.)

**Monday thru Friday: 4 pm**  
**Saturday: 3 pm**  
**Sundays: 2 - 7 pm (Mar. & Apr.)**



**LADIES OPENING:**

**Let's Get Camp Ready — Together!**

- Date:** May 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Location:** 10860 County Rd 118, Nisswa, MN 55648
- Wear:** Comfortable clothes you can clean in.

We will spend the morning and afternoon:

- Cleaning cabins
- Organizing supplies
- Sprucing up grounds
- Deep cleaning common areas
- Working hard side-by-side

Then when the work is done...

- We will relax together with food and drinks
- Enjoy fellowship and laughter
- Celebrate the start of a new camp season



Your helping hands make a difference for every camper and staff member who walks through our doors this summer!

**Please call Laurie Kagan at 651-500-7806 if interested in helping.**



**2026 - 2027 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:**

- ◆ Exalted Ruler – Bob Erickson
- ◆ Leading Knight – Derrick Dahl
- ◆ Loyal Knight – Dani Herrlich
- ◆ Lecturing Knight – Marcus Ableman
- ◆ Treasurer – Sue Cochran
- ◆ Secretary – Lynn Erickson
- ◆ Esquire – Jeff Isaacson
- ◆ Chaplain – Kelly Martenson
- ◆ Inner Guard – Laurie Kagan
- ◆ Tiler – Missy Thibodeau
- ◆ Trustees: TBD

**2026 Youth Camp Schedule:**

- ◆ Men's Opening: May 8 - 10
- ◆ Ladies Opening: May 14 - 17
- ◆ Session 4 - Lodges: July 12 - 17 (Faribault)
- ◆ Session 5 - Elks Kids: July 19 - 24
- ◆ Session 6 - Elks Kids: July 26 - 31
- ◆ Camp Closing: September 18 - 21



Online registration will be required again this year. Registration opens April 1, 2026. Application deadline is July 1, 2026. The cost for Elks Kids Week is \$200/Elks child and \$250/Non Elks children.

**More info can be found at: [http:// www.mnelksyouthcamp.org](http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org)**

**2025- 2026 LODGE OFFICERS**


<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Ken Weaverling</i>
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Eric Quittem</i>
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	<i>Derrick Dahl</i>
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	<i>Teresa Moen</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Lynn Erickson</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Sue Cochran</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Kelly Martenson</i>
<i>Esquire</i>	<i>Pat Tisot</i>
<i>Inner Guard</i>	<i>Dani Herrlich</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>Marcus Ableman</i>

**TRUSTEES:** Chelle Marquardt, Kathy Trahan, Mary Loftus, Doug Truman, and Andrew Kinter

# March, 2026 - Elks #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Open 2 - 7 pm	2	3 Burger Nite	4	5 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	6 Fish Fry	7 Puzzle Race - 2 pm Party in event
8 Open 2 - 7 pm	9	10 Burger Nite	11	12	13 Fish Fry	14 Party in event room 4 pm
15 Open 2 - 7 pm Party in bar 3 pm	16	17 Burger Nite	18	19 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	20 Fish Fry	21 Membership Night
22 Open 2 - 7 pm	23	24 Burger Nite	25	26	27 Fish Fry	28 Party in bar 5 pm
29 Open 2 - 7 pm	30	31 Burger Nite				

# April, 2026 - Elks #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	3 Fish Fry  Member Easter Egg Hunt - 6 pm	4
5 Closed 	6	7 Burger Nite	8	9	10	11 Party in event room 2 pm
12 Open 2 - 7 pm	13	14 Burger Nite	15	16 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	17	18 Purse Bingo - 2 pm
19 Open 2 - 7 pm	20	21 Burger Nite	22	23	24	25 Party in bar
26 Open 2 - 7 pm	27	28 Burger Nite	29	30		