



FARIBAULT ELKS LODGE

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BOB'S BLOG:

It has already been a month since I became your new Exalted Ruler. Thanks for the privilege of serving you. I hope that many of you have stopped by our Lodge and visited with your fellow members. Our officers have been busy with committee work, especially planning the upcoming State Convention which we are hosting June 25th to the 27th. At this time, we are also remodeling the restrooms starting with the women's. Please be patient with the coed situation for restroom usage right now. Our goal is to have both restrooms completed before the State Convention.

I recently was able to volunteer at a Veteran's turkey hunt at Camp Ripley. Tim Johnson also volunteered. The three-day event was very rewarding being able to help out Veterans and make new friendships. We were successful in bagging a turkey which topped off the experience. There are other events for Veterans throughout the year. If you would like information just let me know.

As the new year begins the Grand Exalted Ruler's theme is **Ready Elk's - Let's Go**. That means we as Elks are here to help out in the community or wherever help is needed. Volunteer - it is contagious!!

Fraternally yours,

Bob Erickson, Exalted Ruler

UPCOMING PARADES & FLAG DAY:



- ◆ **Memorial Day Parade:** May 25 @ 9am - Meet at the Lodge
- ◆ **Heritage Day Parade:** June 13 (If you want to walk in the parade, please contact Bob Erickson.)
- ◆ **Flag Day Ceremony:** June 14 - Central Park - Time to be determined.

SECRETARY'S CORNER:



Happy Spring. Hopefully the weather will start warming up soon!
Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. If you don't have a GREEN membership card it means you haven't paid your dues. We still have about 65 members that need to pay. If you haven't paid, please pay soon or call me at 507-339-7402 to discuss. Thanks.
The Youth Camp raffle tickets we sell every year are here! The cost is \$100.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing one, please let me know.
*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson,
Lodge Secretary*

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHT: May 7 21: June 4, 18
Trustees @ 6 pm. Lodge Mtg. @ 7:00 pm
BURGER NIGHTS: Every Tues. @ 6 pm. Cost is \$6
WOMEN'S CAMP OPENING: May 7 - 10
WOMEN'S CAMP OPENING: May 14 - 17
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: May 25 - 9 am Meet @
Lodge
HERITAGE DAY PARADE: June 13 (If you want to walk in the parade, please contact Bob Erickson.)
FLAG DAY CEREMONY: June 14 - Central Park - Time to be determined.
CLEANING DAY AT THE LODGE: June 21
STATE CONVENTION AT OUR LODGE: June 25 - 27

Thank You!

- ◆ To all members who have paid their dues and who attended Membership Night. We appreciate your support.
- ◆ To **Ken Weaver** for all the work he did as ER last year.
- ◆ To all the members and guests who came down to enjoy the fish fry during lent.
- ◆ To everyone who participated in purse bingo. It was a fun event.
- ◆ To **Mike, Ken, Eric, Derrick, Marcus, Andrew, Ethan, Bryce and Karen** who helped with Highway 35 cleanup. The ditches look great!!

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT RECAP

Officer of the Year: Derrick Dahl
Citizen of the Year: Heidi Ernste Anderson
Outstanding Service Awards: Dan Vanderveen, Jim Heyer, Luann Heyer, Tim Hallett, Bob Erickson, Mary Loftus



Elks Care - Elks Share

VETERANS' CORNER:

It's been a busy couple months. Thanks to several grants we were again able to donate household items and grocery items to Veterans moving into new housing and homeless Veterans transitioning into apartments or homes. These grants are made available to Lodges through your generous donations to Elks National Foundation (ENF). We are honored to partner with several organizations to help our Veterans.

APRIL: Several committee members will be traveling to Bldg. 16 on April 29 to check and clean the grill. We are all anxious to start grilling for the Veterans there. In addition, we donated t-shirts and sweatshirts to Veterans at Veterans East. We also made a donation of shelving for books to Bldg. 16 for their library and book club.

MAY: As usual, we will shop for flowers so the Veterans can plant them in raised flower beds. We have purchased some new raised flower beds and we will be delivering them along with the flowers for planting.

This year on Sunday, May 31, we will be collecting flags at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. We are slotted for Shift 2, and we need to be there at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in helping collect flags, please let me know so I can put you down for a ticket.


Minnesota Veterans Homes Week is May 10-16. The Veterans Committee will host Bingo with a snack of popcorn at Bldg. 16 on May 14.

June, July, and August—Making plans to grill at Bldg. 16. Dates to be determined.

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: Closed



MN ELKS STATE CONVENTION:

Faribault Elks Lodge is hosting the State Convention on June 25th to 27th. If you want to volunteer to help, there will be a signup sheet at the Lodge. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt to wear for the event. There is also a signup sheet to order your size t-shirt.

We will have entertainment on both Friday and Saturday night.

The meetings will be held at the Paradise Center for the Arts on Friday and Saturday morning.

If you are interested in eating any meals at the Lodge that weekend, you need to sign up at our website which is faribaultelkslodge.org. You do not need to pay the registration fee but only for your meals. Check out the food selection - it is going to be great!!

- * Thursday Dinner - \$10 - Taco Bar
- * Friday Lunch - \$10 - Burger or Chicken, FF
- * Friday Dinner - \$15 - Made to order pasta
- * Saturday Lunch - \$10 - Basilleos food truck - salad & hot pizza bar.

It will take many members to make this event happen. If you haven't been contacted and would like to help, please call Lynn Erickson at 507-339-7402.

2026-2027 LODGE OFFICERS

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| <i>Exalted Ruler</i> | <i>Bob Erickson</i> |
| <i>Leading Knight</i> | <i>Derrick Dahl</i> |
| <i>Loyal Knight</i> | <i>Dani Herrlich</i> |
| <i>Lecturing Knight</i> | <i>Marcus Ableman</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>Jeff Isaacson</i> |
| <i>Inner Guard</i> | <i>Laurie Kagan</i> |
| <i>Tiler</i> | <i>Missy Thibodeau</i> |

TRUSTEES: Dong Truman, Kathy Trahan, Andrew Kintner, Ken Weaverling, and Jayne Spooner

What does Faribault Elks Gambling Support?

- River Bend Nature Center
- Faribault High School Post Prom
- Legionville
- Faribault High School Baseball
- Kenyon Post Prom
- Lincoln Read-a-Thon
- Corky's Softball Tournament
- Veteran's of Valor Farm
- Rice County Safety Camp

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>

May, 2026 - Elks #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Closed	4	5 Burger Nite	6	7 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	8	9 Party in bar
10 Closed	11	12 Burger Nite	13	14	15	16 Craft Fair
17 Noon Open Student of the Month Award ceremony	18	19 Burger Nite	20	21 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	22	23 Party in bar
24 Closed	25 Memorial Day Parade - 9 am meet @ Lodge	26 Burger Nite	27	28	29	30
31 Noon Open Celebration of Life						

June, 2026 - Elks #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Party in bar	8	9 Burger Nite	10	11	12	13 Party in bar Heritage Day Parade @ 6 pm
14 Flag Day Ceremony Central Park - time TBD	15	16 Burger Nite	17	18 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	19	20 Party in bar
21 CLEANING DAY AT THE LODGE!	22	23 Burger Nite	24	25 STATE CONVENTION	26 STATE CONVENTION	27 STATE CONVENTION
28 Closed	29	30				