



ROBIN'S NEST:

Happy New Year Members All,

As we transition from one calendar year to another, we are also getting ready to transition from one fiscal year to another at the lodge. With a new fiscal year comes a new slate of Officers for the lodge. Hopefully, you have all seen the email blast listing our officers and describing their duties. If you have ever considered becoming an officer in the lodge, or even if you haven't, I would encourage you to do so now. It is truly the best way for you to help shape the future of our lodge. My time going up thru the chairs, serving as Exalted Ruler and Trustee, and stepping in as Exalted Ruler have been some of my best moments in Elkdom. It has given me a greater appreciation for our Order and all that we stand for.

I would also encourage you all to get involved with the Elks on the District and State level. Going to the District and State meetings has given a greater appreciation for the breadth of Elkdom, and has also shown me that where ever you go, whatever Elks lodge you may walk into, that you will always be as welcome as you are at our own lodge. It has also allowed me to make some great friends across the State and even some across the Country. Every member is always allowed to attend any District or State meeting.

Even if you don't attend a District or State meeting, I would encourage you to visit other lodges around the State and Country. It is truly amazing just how big Elkdom is! If you are out of town and drive by another Elks lodge, stop in and say "Hi". You will be glad you did. And, if you want to make it more fun, join the Elks Passport Program. You can get a passport at the lodge, put it in your car, and when you visit another lodge, get a stamp and a free drink. When you get to all 24 lodges in the state, you'll get a prize. And you will probably have made a few new friends along the way.

*Fraternally yours,
Robin Finke, Exalted Ruler*

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, Jan. 18: Hotdish Contest - 4 pm - Bring dish; 5 pm - Tasting

Sunday, Jan. 19: Hoop Shoot - 9 am register; 10 am - Shootout

Saturday, Feb. 8: Youth Ice Fishing Contest - 11 am - 1 pm @ French Lake.

Puzzle Race, Taco Bar & Entertainment at the Lodge.

Saturday, Feb. 15: Sweetheart Pasta Bar

Sunday, Feb. 16: Chili Cookoff

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHT: Jan. 2, 16; Feb. 6 & 20
Trustees @ 6 pm; Lodge Mtg. @ 7:00 pm

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

HOTDISH CONTEST: Jan. 18; 4 pm - bring dish; 5 pm Tasting

HOOP SHOOT: Jan. 19 - 9 am registration; 10 am - Shoot

YOUTH ICE FISHING CONTEST: Feb. 8 French Lk.

PUZZLE RACE, TACO BAR: Feb. 8

SUPER BOWL: Feb. 9 - Bring a dish to pass.

SWEETHEART PASTA BAR: Feb. 15

CHILI COOKOFF: Feb. 16

Thank You!

- To **everyone who** helped decorate the Lodge for the holidays. It looked wonderful!
- To **everyone** who helped serve dinner for our Veterans.
- To **the PER's** who served Tom & Jerry's in November and December.
- To **Gary Bjorklund** for letting us use his garage to decorate the float for the Parade of Lights.
- To **everyone who** helped decorate the float and participated in the event. It was a great night!
- To **everyone who** donated baskets or purchased baskets during our annual basket auction.

SECRETARY'S CORNER:



Happy New Year everyone! I hope your holidays were wonderful. On April 1st your membership auto renews and we (The Lodge) pay your Grand Lodge and State Dues whether you pay us or not. The dues invoices will be sent out in early March. If you are considering cancelling your membership for 2025/2026 please contact me before March 31st and I can request a demit from the order. That way we won't have to pay your next year's dues. The dues this year will be \$87.00. Don't forget you still have time to bring in 3 new members before April 1st to get your dues free!! If you have any questions please contact me at 507-339-7402.

*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson,
Lodge Secretary*

VETERANS' CORNER:



The current year is almost done and the 2025 New Year is rapidly approaching. The Veterans Committee has been working all year to show our Veterans that "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" and we will continue to do so in the coming year.

In November, we tried something different and catered a delicious pasta bar for 43 Veterans at Bldg. #16 at the MN VA home. Having it catered gave us additional time to sit down and chat more with the Veterans. Also in November, we partnered with the Marine Corp. League and hosted a dinner at the Elks Lodge for Veterans' Day. There were 35 meals served and later Drive South entertained the crowd with great music. Big shout out to Doug Truman and Chef Jeff and all others who helped make this a fabulous evening.

Recently our Veterans Committee traveled to Bldg. #16 and sponsored bingo and a hot cocoa bar with all the fixings along with fresh cookies baked by Elks members. Each Veteran also received a mug, a pillow and a set of towels. It was a fun afternoon for us and most of all the Veterans! They always look forward to Faribault Elks coming to their building. Thanks to all who assisted with set up, serving or calling Bingo! In addition, throughout the year, we have donated food and gas gift cards to local Veterans in need.

If you are looking for a way to "Get that feel good feeling" consider participating with our Veterans Committee. We are always looking to do more for Veterans and can use your help! Contact Ruth Mickelson at 507-384-2161 or Cheri Johnson at 507-339-2063. Call or text us. We look forward to serving our Veterans in 2025.

*Fraternally,
Cheri Johnson & Ruth Mickelson,
Veterans' Committee Co-Chairs*

ENF LEGACY AWARDS:

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. **The 2025 contest and application is now open.** For the 2025 contest, any child or grandchild of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before 4/1/22 is eligible to apply. The applicant must be a high school senior. Applications must apply **online only**. Deadline is Feb. 3, 2025.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. If you are selected a 2025 Award recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship.

Online applications only at Elks.org, Scholarships, Legacy Awards. Deadline is February 3, 2025.

Complete information can be obtained by contacting the Lodge or Lynn Erickson, Lodge Secretary.

LODGE HOURS: (28 NW 3rd St.)

Monday thru Friday: 4 pm
Saturday: 3 pm
Sundays: Noon



LODGE OFFICERS NEEDED:

Members all:

With the end of the calendar year approaching, it is time to start thinking about next year's leadership of the lodge, and **We Want You**. That's right you. If you have ever thought about becoming an officer in the lodge, or even if you haven't, we would like you to consider becoming a lodge officer for the 2025-2026 fiscal year which starts in April. The Lodge meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:00 PM. The Board of Trustees meet at 6:00 PM every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Below is a very brief description of each officer's duties.

For more information, please let Robin (320-815-6436) or Lynn (507-339-7402) know by the end of January if you might be interested in one of these positions. Thanks.

- ◆ **Exalted Ruler:** The Executive Officer of the Lodge.
- ◆ **Esteemed Leading Knight:** Shall assist the Exalted Ruler in the performance of his/her duties and officiate for him/her in his absence.
- ◆ **Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esquire, Chaplain, Inner Guard:** Shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Laws of the Order and the By-Laws of this Lodge.
- ◆ **Tiler:** Shall attend at the outer door of the Lodge at all its regular and special meetings.
- ◆ **Trustee:** The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers subject to the control of the Lodge; it shall have control of the funds, investments and property of the Lodge, whether real or personal.
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Shall receive all the Lodge moneys from the Secretary and shall be the Treasurer of all Committees of the Lodge, and shall handle all funds of all Committees and of every activity of the Lodge.

2024 - 2025 LODGE OFFICERS

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Robin Finke</i>
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Dani Herrlich</i>
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	<i>Derrick Dahl</i>
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	<i>Andrew Kintner</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Lynn Erickson</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Sue Cochran</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Teresa Moen</i>
<i>Esquire</i>	<i>Pat Tisot</i>
<i>Inner Guard</i>	<i>Kyle Tedrow</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>Emily Braun</i>

TRUSTEES: Ruthann Lang, Chelle Marquardt, Mary Loftus, Doug Truman, and Ken Weaverling

January 2025 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	3	4
5	6	7 Burger Nite	8	9	10	11 Party in event area
12	13 Vikings vs Rams 7pm	14 Burger Nite	15	16 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	17	18 Hotdish Contest
19 Hoop Shoot	20	21 Burger Nite	22	23	24 Party in bar area with Karaoke	25 Party in event area
26	27	28 Burger Nite	29	30	31	

February 2025 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Burger Nite	5	6 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	7	8 Youth Ice Fishing Contest Puzzle Race,
9 Super Bowl	10	11 Burger Nite	12	13	14	15 Sweetheart Pasta Bar
16 Chili Cookoff	17	18 Burger Nite	19	20 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	21	22
23	24	25 Burger Nite	26	27	28	