



KEN'S KORNER:

Happy Spring Fellow Elks!

The theme this year from the Grand Lodge is for each Elk to **"Be The Difference."** I can say with no uncertainty that Faribault Lodge #1166 lives those words every day of the year. The list is long but please consider all the ways that Faribault Elks Lodge exhibits the principles of our order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Our Veteran Services volunteers continue to support Building 16 at the VA Hospital whether it be cookouts, basic needs, Christmas Parties, Flags at Fort Snelling, etc. Thank you to all who make sure that the sacrifice our Veterans have made do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Faribault Lodge #1166 will also once again be awarding 12 scholarships to area youth to continue their schooling, what better way to show that we want to **"Be The Difference"**. Thank you to all who have donated their time to this worthwhile endeavor.

The Events Committee continues to do a fantastic job of finding new and creative events that make for a fun environment and lead to membership growth. A few of the recent events are Elks State Bowling Tournament, purse bingo, horse racing, Easter egg hunt, Kentucky Derby event, etc. Thank you, Events Committee, for your tireless efforts. Burger Night, Fish Frys, Membership Night, the list could go on forever. My wish is for all our members to notice and thank the folks who continually volunteer their time to make these events happen. Again, this has been instrumental in growing our membership, Thank you.

I am excited for the Elks 2025/2026. We have new members who have really stepped up to the plate with new ideas. We now have the best website I have seen in all Elksdom as well as a Public Relations Chair. We have been on the front page of the Faribault Daily News twice since 2025 began. Thank you Eric and Kelly.

There is no way I can list all the selfless contributions of our members without having a 15-page newsletter, I will try my best to make sure that all efforts are recognized.

*Fraternally yours,
Ken Weaverling, Exalted Ruler*

With Brotherly Love we embrace our fellow members and are quick to forgive their faults and remember the good things they've done. With Justice on our minds, we learn to live by the Laws of our Order and be good Elks. Use your Charitable heart to give to others kind words, kind thoughts, and kind deeds. Fidelity binds us together in loyalty as Elks. Be loyal to each other and be loyal to your obligation as an Elk.

Dates to Remember:

MEETING NIGHT: May 1, 15; June 5, 19
Trustees @ 6 pm; Lodge Mtg. @ 7:00 pm

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

PULL TAB HORSE RACES: May 3 @ 3:30 pm; Kentucky Derby @ 5 pm

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: May 26

HERITAGE DAY PARADE: June 14

FLAG DAY CEREMONY: June 14 @ 3pm - Central Park

Thank You!

- To **all members** who have paid their dues and who attended Membership Night.
- To **Robin Finke** for all the work he did as the ER last year.
- To **all the members and guests** who came down to enjoy the fish frys during Lent.
- To **everyone** who participated in purse bingo. It was a fun event.
- To **everyone** who helped with the Highway 35 clean up. The ditches are clean for another six months.

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT RECAP:

Officer of the Year - Rudy Lang
Citizen of the Year - Ruth Mickelson
Elk of the Year - Kathy Trahan



Elks Care - Elks Share

SECRETARY'S CORNER:



Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues! If you don't have a YELLOW Elks membership card it means you haven't paid your dues. We still have about 59 members that need to pay. If you haven't paid please pay soon or call me at 507-339-7402 to discuss. Thanks.

We are excited to be starting pull tab horse races at the Lodge once a month. We will have races on Saturday, May 3rd starting at 3:30 pm and running until the Kentucky Derby at 5:00 pm. Come on down and enjoy the fun!!

Have a great spring everyone!!

*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson,
Lodge Secretary*

VETERANS' CORNER:

Recently through grants from ENF, we were able to donate Welcome Home Kits to Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) in Mankato and also Veterans East, which transitions Veterans from homelessness to efficiency apartments. We also hosted Bingo and treats at Bldg. 16 for St. Patrick's Day.

Every May we also donate flowers and flags to fill the Veteran built raised beds at Bldg. 16. On Sunday, May 25, we are traveling to Fort Snelling for placement of flags by graves. All slots have been filled for Fort Snelling flag placement. However, we have several volunteers going to Fort Snelling on Saturday, May 31 to collect flags. That time slot is from 10:00 am to noon. Let me know if you are interested in flag removal. It is a very moving experience to see the beautiful flags on every grave at Fort Snelling!

In July, there is an opportunity to volunteer for the National Veterans Wheel Chair Games being held this year in Minnesota from July 17 – July 22. Here is info received: *"This is Wayne Meyer from the Minneapolis Elks Lodge # 44. The Elks have been asked to help with the 2025 National Veterans Wheelchair Games being held in Minnesota this July 17th -22nd. The VA- CDCE has several venues planned around the metro area, and they are looking for volunteers to help at the convention center, airport, other locations, and at the games. The Elks will have a booth in the convention center with the Grand Lodge's Support. The Elks are in need for 60-70 volunteers at the swimming events at the University Of Minnesota campus Aquatic Center in the afternoon and evening of July 21st. We will be providing a meal to the veterans, their families and volunteers, assisting veterans in and out of the pool, and various other duties as needed. We are strongly encouraging all lodges to participate from the state. Visit the VA web page at www.wheelchairgames.org for more information on the events or other opportunities to volunteer."* There will be more info forthcoming on this event. Be sure to check out their web page.

God bless America!

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

2025 Youth Camp Schedule:

- ◆ Men's Opening: May 9 - 11
- ◆ Ladies Opening: May 16 - 18
- ◆ Session 3 - Lodges: July 6 - 11 (Faribault)
- ◆ Session 5 - Elks Kids: July 20-25
- ◆ Session 6 - Elks Kids: July 27-Aug 1
- ◆ Camp Closing: September 20-22

Online registration will be required again this year. Registration opens April 1, 2025.

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

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

Monday thru Friday: 4 pm

Saturday: 3 pm

Sundays: Closed

**WHAT DOES FARIBAULT ELKS GAMBLING SUPPORT?**

Thank you to everyone who supports charitable gambling at our Lodge. We will also have pull tabs at Winjum's starting May 1st. Each month we donate gambling funds to charitable organizations. The most recent donations were made to:

- ◆ Minnesota Elks Youth Camp
- ◆ Post proms for Medford, Kenyon-Wanamingo, Bethlehem Academy, Faribault High School
- ◆ Legionville
- ◆ Lincoln School Read-A-Thon
- ◆ Faribault High School Boys Basketball Booster Club
- ◆ Faribault Emeralds Dance Team

Elks Care - Elks Share

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Monday, May 26th
9 a.m. - Meet @ Lodge



Flag Day Ceremony
Heritage Day Parade:
June 14:

Flag Day Ceremony: 3 pm @ Central Park
Heritage Day Parade @ 6:15 pm

2025- 2026 LODGE OFFICERS

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Ken Weaverling</i>
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Eric Quitem</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

May 2025 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	2 Retirement Party for Rudy Lang @ 4 pm	3 3:30 pm-Pull tab races; Kentucky Derby - 5
4 CLOSED	5	6 Burger Nite	7	8	9	10
11 CLOSED	12	13 Burger Nite	14	15 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	16	17 Graduation party in event area.
18 CLOSED	19	20 Burger Nite	21	22	23	24
25 CLOSED	26 Lodge Closed	27 Burger Nite	28	29 Safe Summer Kickoff - 5 to 8 pm	30	31

June 2025 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CLOSED	2	3 Burger Nite	4	5 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	6	7
8 CLOSED	9	10 Burger Nite	11	12	13	14 Flag Day 3 pm; Heritage Parade
15 CLOSED	16	17 Burger Nite	18	19 Meeting Night: 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	20	21
22 CLOSED	23	24 Burger Nite	25	26	27	28
29 CLOSED	30					