



**FARIBAULT ELKS LODGE**

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## **ROBIN'S NEST:**

Members All,

The sun is shining, the weather is getting warmer, and we are approaching the end of our lodge year. We have had a great year, had a lot of fun, and done great work in our community. Some of the highlights of this year have been the family fun day with a visit from our State President, Becky Radika; our rib cookoff; member Christmas party; chili cookoff; great live entertainment; karaoke; and burger nights. We have also continued to support our local veterans and those veterans living at Building 16 at the State Veterans Home. We have also continued giving to our local youth by sponsoring 12 students to go to the Elks youth camp each summer, giving out local scholarships, and having some of our local youth participating in the Elks Americanism essay contest.

Our biggest achievement this lodge year has been our membership. On February 20<sup>th</sup> we initiated 6 new members, which brought our membership to 401 members! Great job to everyone who has sponsored a new member this past year. Let's keep it up! Invite your family and friends down to the lodge for a burger night, or one of our upcoming fish fries, or one of our other lodge events. I'm sure, like everyone else, they will see just how friendly and inviting our lodge is. Encourage them to become members. Who knows? Maybe by the end of our next lodge year our membership will be up to 500. It could happen! And remember, if you sponsor 3 or more new members in a lodge year, your next years local dues are free.

Also, come on down to the lodge on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for our new officer installation and our membership appreciation dinner. We have a great slate of new officers coming in this next year. And, if you pay your dues on or before the dinner, your meal is free.

Thank you all for making this a great lodge year.

*Fraternally yours,  
Robin Finke, Exalted Ruler*

## **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2025**

**MARCH 22**

**4 PM: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**6 PM: DINNER**

**7 PM: AWARDS: OFFICER OF THE YEAR; ELK OF THE YEAR**

INTRODUCTION OF 2025-2026 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!**



## **Dates to Remember:**

**MEETING NIGHT:** March 6, 20; Apr. 3, 17  
Trustees @ 6 pm; Lodge Mtg. @ 7:00 pm

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

**FISH FRY FRIDAY:** March 7 to Apr. 18 @ 6 pm

**MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Mar. 22 @ 6 pm

**PURSE BINGO:** April 12

## **Thank You!**

- To **Ken Weaverling** and all the Hoop Shoot volunteers.
- To **everyone** who brought a hotdish to the competition. Congratulations to Marcus Ableman for the winning entry!!
- To **all the volunteers** who helped at the Youth Ice Fishing Contest. The 50 kids who attended had a great time!
- To **the puzzle race winners**. It looked like a very challenging puzzle.
- To **everyone who** brought an entry for the chili contest. Congratulations to Mary Loftus for the winning entry!
- To **the volunteers and Chef Jeff** for the sweetheart pasta bar. The food was delicious!
- To **Jim Heyer and Bob Erickson** for fixing the popcorn machine.
- To **Pete Braun, Dale Hauptli, Bob Cochran, Tony Drouillard, Pat Tisot and Bob Erickson** for putting the new bar stools together. They fit us all perfectly!
- To **Doug Truman** who organized the State bowling tournament again this year. Great job!

## **SECRETARY'S CORNER:**



Happy almost spring everyone! The membership dues notices are going out the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to pay your dues on or before **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT** on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and dinner is on the Lodge! Come and help us celebrate another great year and welcome the new Lodge Officers for 2025-2026. 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 by March 31<sup>st</sup> so we won't have to pay for your Grand Lodge and State dues for 2025-2026. Hope to see you all on March 22<sup>nd</sup>!!

*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson,  
Lodge Secretary*

**VETERANS' CORNER:**

We continue to serve our Veterans through the grants we receive from Elks National Foundation (ENF), and are able to connect with Veterans and Military members in our community and at Bldg. 16 at the VA.

Recently, bird seed, suet and cookies were delivered to Bldg. 16. The Veterans there love to feed and watch the birds, turkeys and squirrels. Plans are in the works to sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Bingo with treats and prizes. If you would like to join us, please contact me via phone call or text at 507-384-2161. We carpool and caravan to these events. Watch for more info on this event in the weekly newsletter. Also if you know of any local Veterans needing some assistance or ideas for new projects let me know.

I recently read an article about a four-legged American hero that died at the age of 16 on February 18, 2025. K9 Hurricane was the most decorated dog in US history. He was a former Special Operations Canine with the U.S. Secret Service who became the nation's most decorated dog for taking down an intruder at the White House in 2014 when then President Obama and his family were inside. He sustained injuries during the incident and was medically retired in 2016. Hurricane's numerous honors included the Department of Homeland Security Award for Valor, US Secret Service Award for Merit and he was the first dog to receive the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal.

God bless America!

*Fraternally,*

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

**2025 - 2026 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:**

- ◆ Exalted Ruler – Ken Weaverling
- ◆ Leading Knight – Eric Quittem
- ◆ Loyal Knight – Derrick Dahl
- ◆ Lecturing Knight – Teresa Moen
- ◆ Treasurer – Sue Cochran
- ◆ Secretary – Lynn Erickson
- ◆ Esquire – Pat Tisot
- ◆ Chaplain – Nora Kaufman
- ◆ Inner Guard – Dani Herrlich
- ◆ Tiler – Marcus Ableman
- ◆ Trustees: Mary Loftus, Doug Truman, Chelle Marquardt, Kathy Trahan, Andrew Kintner

**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: 1 pm**

**KEN'S KORNER**

I am happy to announce that I will be the Exalted Ruler for 2025/2026. I am excited by several changes that have happened in our Lodge over the last year. Most importantly, we have increased our Lodge to over 400 members, and with this growth in membership we have newer members who have jumped in with both feet to fill Officer, Trustee, and Committee positions. Every organization needs new ideas to fuel how we achieve our ultimate mission, which is fostering Charity, Justice, and Brotherly Love.

It also is very impressive when I look at the National Elks data regarding existing members who have referred family and friends to the Faribault Lodge. Currently, we have 20 members who are in the top 70 recruiters in the State of Minnesota. I have said it before, but this should feel like a compliment to all of our members. Folks don't join organizations that aren't friendly and don't have a mission for the greater good.

Over the last year we have made many improvements to our building with more on the way. We will soon begin improvements to both the women's and men's restrooms. Faribault Elks Lodge #1166 will be hosting the State Convention in 2026, and our new restrooms are needed improvements.

Please know that I am always looking for new ideas from all our members, do not hesitate to reach out with any idea to improve or make our lodge stronger.

*Fraternally Yours,*

*Ken Weaverling, ER 2025-2026*

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

**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

## March 2025 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Party in event area - 11 am to 3 pm
2 Open @ 1 pm	3	4 <b>Burger Nite</b>	5	6 <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees	7 <b>Fish Fry</b>	8
9 Celebration of Life - 1 to 4 pm	10	11 <b>Burger Nite</b>	12	13	14 <b>Fish Fry</b> 60th Birthday	15
16 Open @ 1 pm	17	18 <b>Burger Nite</b>	19	20 <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees	21 <b>Fish Fry</b>	22 <b>Membership Night</b>
23 Open @ 1 pm	24	25 <b>Burger Nite</b>	26	27	28 <b>Fish Fry</b>	29 Retirement Party @ 4 pm
30 Open @ 1 pm	31					

## April 2025 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Burger Nite</b>	2	3 <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	4 <b>Fish Fry</b>	5 Retirement Party for Lynn Erickson @ 5 pm
6 Open @ 1 pm	7	8 <b>Burger Nite</b>	9	10	11 <b>Fish Fry</b>	12 <b>Purse Bingo</b>
13 Open @ 1 pm	14	15 <b>Burger Nite</b>	16	17 <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Lodge	18 <b>Fish Fry</b>	19 50th Birthday Party @ 4 pm
20 	21	22 <b>Burger Nite</b>	23	24	25	26
27 Open @ 1 pm	28	29 <b>Burger Nite</b>	30			