



## **KEN'S KORNER:**

Happy New Year fellow Elks! We certainly were busy over the holiday season. Highlights include the Parade of Lights, Member Christmas Party, Tom & Jerry's, Toys for Tots, and the Veterans Dinner. These events would not be as successful as they are without our dedicated members and staff sacrificing time, effort, and skill. I personally want to thank all that helped and supported. This was also our first Christmas/New Year at our new location. The holiday decorations were beautiful, and thanks to all who helped make our Lodge warm and inviting.

Upcoming events in January and February include: live music every second Saturday of the month, Chili Cook-off, Soup Contest, New Year Breakfast, Hoop Shoot, and Super-bowl. We will also be hosting the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Elks Bowling Tournament every weekend in February, and we will be providing shuttle transportation for the bowlers to ensure a safe weekend for all. I am confident that our fellow Elks from the State of Minnesota will be impressed with our new location and the activities we have going on while they visit. We now have an events committee that has been instrumental in creating fun events that generate revenue, thank you to all the folks volunteering on the committee.

Membership continues to grow at a phenomenal pace. The numbers are constantly increasing. Membership now stands at 347 which is up 27 new members. Laps in membership are down to six. (Thank you Lynn.) New members waiting to be initiated stands at eleven. It is a great feeling knowing that our members are warm, inviting, fun, sometimes nutty, and compassionate to every new person that walks through our doors. We are living our core principles, of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Faribault notices these attributes and obviously people want to be part of the good feelings and works that we do. I respectfully ask that all members continue to foster gaining new members. They are the lifeblood of our organization.

Stay Safe and Healthy

*Fraternally yours, Ken Weaverling, Exalted Ruler*

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **Saturday, Jan. 13:**

Euchre tournament @ 3:30 pm; Chili cook-off @ 5:30 pm (Bring your chili to the lodge by 4:30 pm); Heart of Elkdom drawing @ 6:15 pm; Steve Huber Entertainment @ 9 pm

### **Saturday, Feb. 10:**

Soup contest (Have your soup at the lodge by 4:30); Heart of Elkdom drawing @ 6:15 pm; Entertainment by Shenanigans from 6 - 9 pm.

## **Dates to Remember:**

**MEETING NIGHT:** Jan. 4 & 18; Feb. 1 & 15  
Trustees @ 6 pm; Lodge Mtg. @ 7:30 pm

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

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT, CHILI COOK-OFF, ENTERTAINMENT:** Jan. 13

**SOUP CONTEST; ENTERTAINMENT:** Feb. 10

**SUPERBOWL:** Feb. 11

**STATE BOWLING TOURN.:** All weekends in Feb.

## **Thank You!**

- To **everyone** who helped with Highway 35 cleanup.
- To **everyone** who helped decorate the Lodge for the holidays. It looked wonderful!
- To **Doug Truman** and his group of helpers who served dinner for the Veterans
- To **everyone** who made and served Tom & Jerry's in Nov. and Dec. They were delicious as always!
- To **Gary Bjorklund** who donated his trailer and garage to use for decorating the float for the "Parade of Lights".
- To **everyone** who walked in the "Parade of Lights" and handed out drug awareness items and candy. It was a good night!
- To **everyone** who donated a basket or purchased a basket during our annual Basket Auction. We raised over \$2800 for the ENF.
- To **Nate & Amy Chappuis** for donating entertainment by the "Chad Johnson Band".
- To **the PER's** for donating appetizers and sponsoring the potato bar. The food was good!
- To **all our members** who came down on Dec. 22nd for our appreciation night. It was a fun night. Thanks to **Jamie and Rhonda Nowaczewski** for sponsoring the karaoke that evening. Congratulations to Richard Lock who won Santa's Sleigh of Surprises!

## **SECRETARY'S CORNER:**



Happy New Year everyone! On April 1<sup>st</sup> each year your membership auto renews and we (The Lodge) pay your Grand Lodge and State Dues whether you pay us or not. If you are considering cancelling your membership for 2024/2025 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 invoices will be sent out in early March. The dues this year will be \$84.00. Don't forget that if you bring in 3 new members between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025, your dues are free! If you have any questions about dues please contact me at 507-339-7402.

*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson, Lodge Secretary*

**VETERANS' CORNER:**



Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to pack the Veterans Christmas stockings and bags. We took them up to the Veterans' home and delivered them at their Christmas gathering.

The happy faces said it all! Special thanks to Kathy Trahan and her friend for making walker bags for those who need them. We had enough for all the veterans and even took up all the extras for them to enjoy after the holidays. We will be organizing a hot Choco bar for mid to end of January. Let the committee know if you would like to help with this event.

We will be doing flags for Fort Snelling this year. Please consider helping to get flags on every grave site. Our day will be assigned at the beginning of May, and will be a few days before Memorial Day. We will do a BBQ in the spring, and are open to ideas for other events. Many are on the table, so, come help. Hope to see you! Call Cheri Johnson or Ruth Mickelson if you would like to participate in any way.

*Fraternally,  
Cheri Johnson, Veterans' Committee Chair*

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



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

There is a patio area in the back at our new location for smokers.

**THE HEART OF ELKDOM GAME RULES:**

Join us on Saturdays at 6:15 pm for the HEART OF ELKDOM drawing for your chance to win Elks MOOLAH. Here's how it works: To begin, 52 playing cards including one are placed faced down on the board and numbered 1-52. One of the playing cards will display the HEART OF ELKDOM. If your ticket is drawn, you select a card. The winner shall select one face down playing card; if that playing card is the HEART OF ELKDOM, you win the MOOLAH. If the HEART OF ELKDOM is not uncovered, the MOOLAH goes up \$52 each week until there is a winner. Drawings will be held at the Lodge each Saturday at 6:15 pm. One ticket is drawn each week from the TICKETS HANDED OUT THAT DAY. To be eligible to receive a ticket, you must be a member in good standing and SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. There is a limit of one ticket per member. Elks MOOLAH can be used to purchase food, beverages and Lodge merchandise. Elks MOOLAH cannot be used for gaming including but not limited to: pull-tabs, e-tabs, football numbers.

**LIKE TO HAVE FUN?  
WANT TO HELP AT THE LODGE?**

We want to get an event committee together to help plan upcoming events at the Lodge and bring in some fresh ideas. If interested, call Mary Loftus at 612-756-4690.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**



Lodge Members,

The following bylaw amendment has been proposed for our lodge:

Proposed Amendment to Article X, Section 2(b) of the By-laws of Faribault, MN Lodge No. 1166 of the BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS of the United States of America.

Article X, Section 2(b) shall be amended to read:

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: annually, in advance, on or before April 1st of each year.

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$40.50 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

This amendment was read at the regular Lodge Meeting on December 21, 2023. It will be voted on at the regular Lodge Meeting on January 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM. In order to be enacted, the amendment must be approved by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

**BASIC BLESSINGS:**



We are in need of drivers on Thursday mornings to deliver food to the Faribault schools. We pick up between 8-8:30 am and are done in about an hour. Many drivers make for quick work. Pairs of two work well, as do individuals. Bring your spouse or just a buddy, and help show our Elks community spirit. Call or text Cheri at 507-838-1913.

**2023 - 2024 LODGE OFFICERS**

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	<i>Ken Weaverling</i>
<i>Leading Knight</i>	<i>Tyler Larson</i>
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	<i>Danielle Herrlich</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>Jan Hansen</i>
<i>Esquire</i>	<i>Tim Johnson</i>
<i>Inner Guard</i>	<i>Missy Thibodeau</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>Emily Braun</i>

**TRUSTEES:** Ruthann Lang, Chelle Marquardt, Mary Loftus, Doug Truman, and Robin Finke

## January 2024 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Burger Nite	3 Marine Corp. League Mtg.	4 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	5	6 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
7	8	9	10	11	12 Retirement party in bar.	13 Euchre, Chili cook-off, Steve Huber 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
14	15	16 Burger Nite	17	18 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	19	20 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
21	22	23 Burger Nite	24	25	26	27 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
28	29	30 Burger Nite	31			

## February 2024 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NOTE: ELKS STATE BOWLING TOURN. ALL WEEKENDS IN FEBRUARY.</b>				1 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	2	3 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
	4	5	6 Burger Nite	7 Marine Corp. League Mtg.	8	9 10 Soup contest; "Shenanigans"  6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
	11 Super Bowl	12	13 Burger Nite	14	15 <u>Meeting Night:</u> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	16 17 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
	18	19	20 Burger Nite	21	22	23 24 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
	25	26	27 Burger Nite	28	29	