



## **KEN'S KORNER:**

It seems Spring has Sprung! It is amazing and somewhat scary how quickly the year has flown past. We are quickly approaching Membership Night and the installation of new officers and trustees on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I want to say a Big Thank You to each member of Faribault Elks Lodge #1166. We have shown that when we come together any task is achievable. To think of how far we have come from the dingy early days of our building to the beautiful facility we now occupy should make us all feel a sense of pride. Our membership continues to grow, and it is no secret why....we are a fun place to visit with a mission to help others.

We recently had Sue Foster the current MN State President visit our Lodge for the Super Bowl. We also hosted the Elks State Bowling Tournament in February, and this was accomplished without having a bowling alley in Faribault. Thank you to all the participants, and a special thank you to Doug Truman for organizing the event! I appreciate members making our visitors feel comfortable.

Upcoming events include Friday fish fry's beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> as well as our continued Heart of Elkdom drawings on Saturdays at 6:15. Live entertainment will also continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Thank you to Jeff and his team of dedicated volunteers and the Event Committee for all the great ideas to foster interest in our lodge. I have also been notified that we have all our teams set for the puzzle contest on March 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Todd Jameson Band.

In closing, thank you to all the officers, trustees, and those who filled in when other officers couldn't attend. Again, it's impressive how people come together to make it all work. Robin Finke will be the not-so-new Exalted Ruler. Robin is a PER and has selflessly agreed to fill this role again. We know from the past that Robin will do a great job and our membership will continue to grow.

I have enjoyed serving!

*Fraternally yours, Ken Weaverling, Exalted Ruler*

## **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT 2024**

**MARCH 23**

**4 PM: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**6 PM: DINNER**

**7 PM: AWARDS: OFFICER OF THE YEAR; ELK OF THE YEAR  
INTRODUCTION OF 2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS**

**8 PM: ENTERTAINMENT BY BRYCE LEPPERT**

**Pay your dues - Dinner's on us!**

**Bring in 3 new members and your dues are FREE!**



## **Dates to Remember:**

**MEETING NIGHT:** Mar. 7 & 21; Apr. 4 & 18  
Trustees @ 6 pm; Lodge Mtg. @ 7:30 pm

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

**FISH FRY:** Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 starting @ 6 pm.

**PUZZLE RACE & MUSIC (Todd Jameson):** Mar. 9

**MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Mar. 23

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Apr. 13 - Andy Tackett

## **Thank You!**

- To **Ken Weaverling** and all the Hoop Shoot volunteers.
- To **everyone** who brought chili for the contest. Congratulations to **Kathy Trahan** on her winning entry!
- To **everyone** who brought soup for the contest. Congratulations to **Jim & Bonnie Enfield** on their winning entry!
- To **Doug Truman** who organized the State bowling tournament. Great job!

## **2024 - 2025 LODGE OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:**

Exalted Ruler: Robin Finke; Leading Knight: Dani Herrlich; Loyal Knight: Derrick Dahl; Lecturing Knight: Andrew Kintner; Secretary: Lynn Erickson; Treasurer: Sue Cochran; Chaplain: Teresa Moen; Esquire: Pat Tisot; Inner Guard: Kyle Tedrow; Tiler: Emily Braun; Trustees: Ken Weaverling, Mary Loftus, Ruth Lang, Chelle Marquardt, Doug Truman

## **SECRETARY'S CORNER:**



Happy almost spring! The membership dues notices are going out the week of February 26th. Remember to pay your dues on or before **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT** on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and dinner is on the Lodge! Come and help us celebrate another great year and welcome the new Lodge Officers for 2024-2025. The Grand Lodge and Local dues increased this year so that will be reflected on the statements. 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 before March 31st so we won't have to pay for your Grand Lodge and State dues for 2024.* Hope to see you all on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
*Fraternally, Lynn Erickson, Lodge Secretary*

**VETERANS' CORNER:**



Thank you for your sacrifices, for your valor, for the things you carry, for protecting us, and for defending our rights. Thank you to all our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe.

We are going to schedule every other month to go to the MPLS veterans home for an activity with our veterans. We will be tying blankets and other items to give out. Bird Houses are needed if anyone is good at woodworking. We will be helping get garden supplies and sprucing up their backyard.

A special thanks to Ruth Mickelson and Richard Lock for taking treats up to our veterans this month. There is a lot of illness around, so we are holding off until April to do a BBQ for them. We'll do ribs and shrimp (their favorite) on April 9, 2024 for dinner. We will meet at the Elks to car-pool. Anyone wishing to be a part of the committee, please contact Ruth or Cheri.

*Fraternally,  
Cheri Johnson, Veterans' Committee Chair*

**ELKS YOUTH CAMP:**

We are thrilled to announce that the MN Elks Youth Camp has been gifted with a generous grant of \$350,000 from Foundation 94 – a family foundation deeply rooted in Minnesota. Foundation 94 has requested these funds be used solely for certain projects and can't be used to cover daily expenses. Your donations go towards the essentials, and are the cornerstone of our success: Penny A Day, Camper Club, Camp Raffle, etc. Visit the website: [www.mnelksyouthcamp.org](http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

The following bylaw amendment has been proposed for our lodge #1166:



Article 4: Meetings

Section 2. The regular hour of meeting shall be 7:00 PM; but at any time, however, the regular meeting may be held at an hour to be determined by vote of the Lodge to that effect at the previous meeting, provided that written notice of such change of meeting hour shall be given to all the Members.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Thank you to all who have been helping deliver food bags to the schools on Thursday mornings. This will continue through the end of the school year. We still need some help with packing bags on the 2nd Monday night of the month for March, April, and May. Thank you to those who have already stepped up.



Oscar Wilde says it best: *"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."*

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

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

There is a patio area in the back for smokers.



**THE ROBIN'S NEST:**

Greetings Fellow Elks,

Welcome to the return of the Robin's Nest. I have once again agreed to assume the position of Exalted Ruler for fiscal year 2024-2025. First of all, I would like to thank all those who worked tirelessly to get us into our new Lodge home. We have already had many wonderful events in our new location, and we are looking forward to many more.

In this coming year, I hope to build on the accomplishments that we have already had in our new building. Entertainment has already been planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month through the end of 2024. There will also be many more special events, beginning with our Installation of Officers and Membership dinner on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In terms of lodge activities, there are two things I hope to accomplish. First is to get our new members involved in lodge activities as soon as possible after initiation. Second, is to revitalize our committees. Our current committees include Auditing and Accounting; Public Relations; Activities; Community Projects and Activities; Youth Activities; Hoop Shoot; Drug Awareness; Fraternal; Americanism; Elks National Foundation; Flag Day; Elks Memorial Day; Membership; Lodge Activities/Events; Veterans; and Accident Prevention. If anyone would like to serve on one of these committees, please let myself or Lynn Erickson know.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued contributions to our lodge. I am looking forward to another great year as your ER.

*Fraternally Yours,  
Robin W. Finke,  
Exalted Ruler Elect*

**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

## March 2024 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Fish Fry</b> Birthday Party in bar.	2 <b>6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing</b>
3 <b>Open at Noon</b>	4	5 <b>Burger Nite</b>	6	7 <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	8 <b>Fish Fry</b>	9 <b>Puzzle Race; Music</b> 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
10 <b>Open at Noon</b>	11	12 <b>Burger Nite</b>	13	14	15 <b>Fish Fry</b>	16 Birthday Party in bar. 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
17 <b>Open at Noon</b> Baby Shower in bar.	18	19 <b>Burger Nite</b>	20	21 <b>Mtg. Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	22 <b>Fish Fry</b>	23 <b>MEMBERSHIP NIGHT</b> 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
24 <b>Open at Noon</b>	25	26 <b>Burger Nite</b>	27	28	29 Retirement Party in bar.	30 <b>6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing</b>
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## April 2024 - Faribault Elks Lodge #1166

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>Burger Nite</b>	3	4 <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	5	6 <b>6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing</b>
7 <b>Open at Noon</b>	8	9 <b>Burger Nite</b>	10	11	12 Pool League singles Tourn. In bar.	13 <b>Entertainment: Andy Tackett</b> 6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
14 <b>Open at Noon</b>	15	16 <b>Burger Nite</b>	17	18 <b>Mtg. Night:</b> 6 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - Lodge	19	20 <b>6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing</b>
21 <b>Open at Noon</b>	22	23 <b>Burger Nite</b>	24	25	26	27 Wedding Reception  6:15: Heart of Elkdom drawing
28 <b>Open at Noon</b>	29	30 <b>Burger Nite</b>				