



ELKORAMA

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Exalted Ruler's Corner: September

Hasn't this summer been one to remember? The weather has been perfect and we have had plenty of rain. Everything still looks so lush and green. My favorite time of the year, fall, begins this month. With September comes the start of another year of school for local children. Please be on the lookout for these young people as the often do not recognize the dangers of motor vehicles when they are playing, biking or skateboarding. Also please be on the lookout for those big orange things they call school busses. They transport our most valuable resource, our children. We would all be devastated if any harm came to them while on their way to or from school.



Thank you to all who worked at that the fair this year. This includes all the people who worked behind the scenes to make this another successful event. A special thank you goes out to Herman and Ray who spearheaded this most important event. Also a big thank you is in order to all who helped make Tuesday night dinners, Thursday burgers, and Sunday breakfasts a huge success. Without these activities the club would not be successful. Once again, a big **THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Please continue to invite friends, relatives, co-workers, and acquaintances to become Elks.

We are experiencing successes in recruiting new members. If we get more new members and retain the old ones we can experience another year of growth rather than decline in membership numbers. What have YOU done to ask another to become an Elk? What have YOU done to retain the membership of the person whom you proposed? In order to grow our organization we all need to recruit new members. PLEASE ask someone to join our organization. The causes we support, youth and veterans, are noble ones and we all need to participate.

Have a great fall and enjoy the changes in seasons. Come down to the club and experience the fun we have. The old saying goes, "the more the merrier". The trustees have done a great job in sprucing up the club. Please thank them for what they do behind the scenes. They are a hard working, dedicated group.

- Fraternally yours, Bill Bailey -



Thank you
To ALL Volunteers
Who helped
At the County Fair Elks
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Elks Mid-Year Convention Eveleth Lodge #1161

October 16-17, 2015

- Hotel reservations made by September 15, 2015
- Registration deadline is September 12, 2015
- See Shannon for Registration forms



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Secretary Report

If you propose a new member during the month of August or September, the prorated dues are \$75 plus the \$25 application fee. All fees must be collected at the time the application is turned in. They may also wish to pay Elks National Foundation (\$5.00 or more) and Penney A Day (\$3.65 or more).

The prorated dues are as follows:

- April, May, June - \$90.50
- July, August, September - \$75.00
- October, November, December - \$60.00
- January, February, March - \$45.00

If you have a prospective member, invite them to burger night on Thursday nights. The lodge will pay for the prospective members dinner. Just let the bartender know that is what you are doing and they will put the bill in the specified envelope to give to me.

Respectfully submitted, Shannon Dehen



Football Season is Here!

Football Season is upon us and Brainerd Lodge #615 invites everyone to enjoy the Vikings Games on big screen TV on Sunday afternoons. In September there will be two Sunday games--September 20, the Vikings will play the Detroit Lions at noon and on September 27 the Vikings will play the San Diego Chargers at noon. For noon games the club will open at 11:30. Anyone interested is asked to bring a pot luck item to share with the rest of the fans. If you don't wish to bring something the potluck buffet is available for \$5.00 per person. Hope to see you there. GO VIKINGS!!

Kathy Ludenia, Social Committee Chair

LEGACY AWARDS

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards in the 2016 contest.

The 2016 ENF Legacy Awards contest will kick off on September 1, 2015. Applications for the 2016 contest will be available ONLINE ONLY starting September 1, 2015.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANT

The Emergency Educational Grant program provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education.

Grant amounts are based on the information submitted in the application and can range up to \$4,000. The grant is for one year only; however, the student may submit up to three annual renewal applications for succeeding years as long as he or she meets all other eligibility requirements. The applicant cannot accept more than one ENF scholarship/grant in any one academic year.

New and renewal applications should be filed between May 1 and October 31. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The grant is for educational assistance only and not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education. Assistance cannot be extended beyond four years.

All applications—new and renewal—must be submitted to the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Office in Chicago. Upon receipt of the application, our office will contact the parent's or step-parent's Elks Lodge to verify membership information.

If you or someone you know qualifies for the Emergency Educational Grant, please contact our office to request a copy of the application. Please call 773/755-4732 or email scholarship@elks.org to request an application.

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By the time you read this the state soccer shoot will be over. Brainerd Elks Lodge placed four top scorers in the district event at Hutchinson in late July. The Elks State Soccer Shoot Out was held on August 29 at the Elks Youth Camp.

Following are the results of the District and will be representing Central District:

- **Girls 8-9:** Elsa Borchert, Brainerd score of 18
- **Girls 10-11:** Shelby Lang, Hutchinson score of 8
- **Boys 5-7:** Brody Kovatovich, Brainerd score 38
- **Boys 8-9:** Hayden Roberts, Brainerd score of 26
- **Boys 10-11:** Rowan Jordahl, Hutchinson score of 17 tie breaker win of 6
- **Boys 12-13:** Cam Walkowaik, Brainerd score of 31

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The 2016 Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest, open to any high school senior, who is a US Citizen, will kick off September 1, 2015. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applications for the 2016 contest will be available to download after September 1. The applications will be due to the Elks Lodge nearest to the applicant's home by December 4, 2015.

Applications must be submitted to the Elks Lodge closest to the student's permanent U.S. address. Applications must advance through local, district and state competitions to reach national judging. At each level of judging, the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Office will send email notifications to applicants informing them if they advanced in the contest or not. The first round of email notifications will be sent in mid-January, after Lodge judging is completed. District judging will be completed in late January, and State judging will be completed in mid-February.

In late April, the 20 top finalists will participate in a Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These top 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

The Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship

The Elks National Foundation is pleased to offer an exclusive scholarship opportunity just for Elks scholars pursuing a medical degree or Osteopathic Medicine degree.

This Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarships are \$20,000 scholarships offered to Elks scholars (current or alum) entering their first year of medical school. The scholarship established through the generosity of the late Lee Weigel, widow of Gunther Weigel.

Lee lost her husband of 51 years in November 2009. Gunther was a longtime member of Miami, FL, Elks Lodge No 948. He was passionate about the Foundation's scholarship programs. Lee established these scholarships to help Elks scholars pursue a career in medicine.

If you are planning to attend an accredited U.S. medical school to pursue a medical degree or Osteopathic Medicine degree starting in 2016-2017, the application will be available in spring 2016. If you have questions, please email scholarship@elks.org.

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MN State Elks Golf Tourney Hosted by Brainerd Elks 615



The MN Elks Golf Tournament was Held at Cuyuna Rolling Hills Golf Course in Deerwood, MN on July 25, 2015. Camaraderie started on Friday the 24th with a number of teams playing practice rounds at the Rolling Hills Golf Course, followed by an evening of socializing, and partaking of Hamburgers and Chicken Drumsticks at your Elks Club. These socializing festivities at the Banquet Pork Chop Dinner prepared for Saturday evening to coincide with the awards ceremony. 57 Golfers purchased a dinner ticket.

The Tournament started at 11:00 AM Saturday with 77 Participants, or a total of 20 Teams. Each team had the choice of playing in a 4-man scramble contest, or 4-man flighted contest. Our Flighted Team Members had three, Jim Zaleski, Terry McCullough, and Con Bye placing in the winning categories, with Jim Traylor just a stroke or two off.

All in all, a great event that turned out well and put some coin in our till to help support OUR (Brainerd Elks) many causes!



Where's my refreshment? (Joanne Johnson)



Golf Beauty contest
Paula Traylor



Minnesota State Elks Golf Tournament



Picture says it all (Harry Tollas & Wayne Gutzman)



Bob's Babes (Bob Tusler with CC girls),



Tiger wanna bees (Ray Frazier, Scott Longanecker, Dick Lyscio, Wayne Gutzman & Harry Tollas)



Bye, Bye Birdie (Conrad B., Jim Z., Jim T., Terry M)



About 40 Brainerd High School Choir members and their parents attended to the serving of burgers and other menu items at the Brainerd Elks Food Booth at the Crow Wing County Fair. Choir members rang out "Tips for the Choir" to help raise funds for their 2016 spring trip to Hawaii. Thank you to McKenzie Peterson for scheduling workers for each shift; an awesome effort completed on short notice.

Thank You

- ◆ The Pequot Lakes High School Grad Blast and The Class of 2015 wants to thank you for your generosity in contributing to this year's Grad Blast Event! Thank you for the monetary gift for our graduates. It helped to provide a safe and fun night. *Sincerely, PLHS Grad Blast Committee*
- ◆ Hi Bill, A note of thanks and appreciation for your leadership to help us vets have fun at the Twins game. I know various others were involved as well. Thanks, also, to the anonymous benefactor who helped make it possible. Good timing! The trip helped set the stage for Fourth of July Celebration—FREEDOM. Yet, not so free in many ways. Many in our ranks paid the greatest price of all. Praise God. We do remember!!
Dick Ashmun
- ◆ Brainerd Elks Lodge #615, Healthy Brains for Children would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your donation of \$200 helps us in our efforts to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome disorders. Thank you so much for your continued support! *Anne Archibald, HBFC member*
- ◆ To all Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 Members
Listen up, you have to know a lot of effort went into this MN State Elks Golf Tourney endeavor, so if you see any of the following people give them a GREAT BIG 'THANK YOU'!!!

Our KITCHEN STAFF, for the two nights, included the semi-pro team of Sharon Osborne, Leona Johnson, Carol Brown, Cheri Drake, Karel House, and Herman Wisneski. A really great job of preparing and serving a truly hyper crowd!!! (Semi-pro only because 'they aint for hire'!)

At the GOLF COURSE, the following hold up artists used their many talents to separate players from their hard earned cash to enter the 'oh so challenging contests'. Starting at hole #3 Rod (quiet man) Heglie, #9 Tom (Mpls 44) Hoelscher, #11 JoAnne (give me your damn money) Johnson and Bob Tusler, #17 Paula (Legs) Traylor, Putting Contest ER Bill Bailey and Jim Van Duyn (Jim was also photographer), 50/50 Draw Scott Longanecker, and doing whatever Dick Lyscio and Ray Frazier. Thank You Teri Kautz, with help from Cheri Drake and Mark Schmutzer, for tending to their needs. Super Job! A special Thank You to the owner of the Rolling Hills Golf Course, Terry Thompson and his crew, for having the course in such great shape.

Submitted by Ray Frazier

September Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 02 Brandt, Bernard J | 13 Spangler, James B |
| 03 Klosner, Gregory | 14 Annabelle, Kelly |
| 03 Klosner, Clyde W | Carlson, Rodney A |
| 04 Burton, Michael | 19 DeRosier, Joe M |
| Meyer, Kim | 21 Beaulieu, Duane |
| 07 Nesvold, Jeremy | 22 Rohlfing, Robert |
| 08 Mills, Stewart C | 23 Csanda, Liz |
| 10 Ramp, Francis H | 25 Cameron, L J |
| Tufts, Steven | Eilers, Gerald |
| Wasson, Jill | Osborne, Sharon |
| 13 McKee, Eugene B | 30 Bongs, William |

Happy Birthday!

The deadline for anyone wishing to place an article in the October issue of the Elkorama will be September 15. Please email them to vanuyns@charter.net or leave articles at the lodge. **Thank you.**

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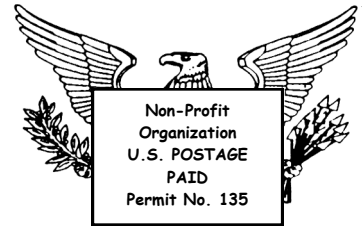
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SEPTEMBER, 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LODGE/CLUB HOURS: Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturday 12:00-8:00		1 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Walleye by Herman Wisneski	2 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	3 5:30-7:00 Burger night	4 7:00 BHS Warriors @ Willmar	5
6 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks	7	8 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Prime Rib by Tom Swanson	9 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	10 5:30-7:00 Burger night	11 7:00 Sauk Rapids-Rice @ BHS Warriors	12 Fall Conference/District Deputy Clinic @ Willmar #952
13 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles	14	15 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Parmesan Chicken Breast by Social Committee	16 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	17 5:30-7:00 Burger night	18 7:00 BHS Warriors @ Moorhead	19
20 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW 11:30-3:00 Vikings at Detroit Lions	21 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	22 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Steak by Tuft; Desserts by Jeanne Green	23 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	24 5:30-7:00 Burger night Youth Camp Closing	25 Youth Camp Closing 7:00 BHS Warriors @ Alexandria	26 Youth Camp Closing
27 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion; Youth Camp Closing; 11:30-3:00 Vikings at San Diego Chargers	28	29 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Ham Dinner by Karel House	30 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks			