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Exalted Ruler's Corner: November

Well, as I write this, fall has clearly arrived. While it is one of my favorite times, it is also the harbinger of things to come- skiing! Ok, winter but there is fun to be had and we have to have winter to get to spring. End of my season's commentary.

As our secretary Shannon has mentioned before, if you are going south and want the Elkorama mailed to you, we must have your new address. They are not forwarded by the USPS and we are charged when they come back. I'm sorry but one return and we hold any further issues until we know where you are. Remember, you can also receive it by e-mail only and avoid that issue and reduce our operating costs when you elect the electronic version.

Our Trustees are continuing to update the Club and I hope you are all happy with the improvements. Our new computer and printer is up and running by this arrival and we are cleaning up the various accounts and books to get the signature accesses up to date. We are also transitioning to Quickbooks and continue to use the latest CLMS (Chicago Lodge Management Software) software to keep things organized. We are audited by Grand Lodge yearly and only had a few clarifications to deal with but no major concerns.

We can always use new faces on the committees and as officers so consider where you have an interest and are willing to help. The pay isn't great but the fame and prestige is hard to quantify!

As always, thanks for the help with our events and please look for ways to help the Lodge. And bring a friend to the Club, buy them a burger, meal, or drink and ask them why they aren't part of this great Order. Hand out a brochure or two that explains what Elks do also!

- Fraternally submitted, Jim Dehen -



SECRETARY REPORT

The Dictionary Project is well under way. If you do not know what this is, all 3rd graders in the Brainerd lakes area receive a dictionary that is theirs to use in the classroom for the school year and take home to keep at the end of the year. We provide dictionaries for the following schools: St. Francis, Lake Region, Pillager, Riverside, Harrison, Lowell, Garfield, Baxter and Discovery Woods Montessori School. A label is put in each book to signify it was donated by Elks Lodge #615. It is much more than just a dictionary, so if you would like to see one there is a copy at the lodge.

If you would like to help with this project, we can always use help presenting them to the students at each school.

If you have any communications to send to the lodge, please use P.O. Box 322. I am trying to get all of our mail delivered to the post office, instead of our street address. Enjoy the fall weather.

Fraternally submitted, Shannon Dehen

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November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month
By ROBERT M. HENNINGS. Commission Director

Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen has proclaimed November as Veterans Remembrance Month to encourage us to find those veterans of the 22 million living in our communities who need our help.

For Elks, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". Elks are present in every VA hospital. We adopt veterans (www.Elks.org/Vets/AdoptAVeteran.cfm). Elks support families with our Army of Hope. We place POW/MIA tables in Lodges. Elks participate in the National Veterans History Project (www.loc.gov/vets). We happily distribute Comfort Care Kits. We do a great deal for our Veterans. To learn more, visit www.Elks.org.vets/programs.cfm.

But, more can be done. The Iraq and Afghanistan Wars have generated more than 2 million young veterans. Many have returned home with disabling injuries. More than 18 percent of new Veterans suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, according to a 2008 Rand Corporation study. These young Veterans and all Veterans and their families have sacrificed something for us. In November, let's thank our Veterans and remember them in some special way. It is the least we can do.

Our Veterans are everywhere – in VA hospitals, Veterans homes, in hospices, in our communities – and too many are homeless. Find them, help them, and show how important they are to us and to all the people living in the United States.

If you know of Veterans who may be in difficulty, let them or their family know about the Veterans Crisis Line, a private chat line sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, at 1-800-273-8255.

Finally, should you see someone in a uniform of our Armed Services, please march right up to him or her and say "Thank you for your service. Have a great day!"

October Birthdays

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| 01 Brian Kirkpatrick | 16 Bertil Johnson |
| Doug Wolf | 17 Jeff Olson |
| 03 Norman Myears | 18 Ted Carlson |
| 04 James Christenson | 19 Erica Johnson |
| Michael Gardner | 20 William Kronstedt |
| 06 Lonnie Liebel | 24 Earl Wolleat |
| 09 Marvin Stroschein | 26 John Burton |
| 12 Jay Beebe | Robert Olson |
| 13 Thomas Swanson | 28 Terry Skone |
| 15 Charles Haugen | |
| James Knutson | |

Happy Birthday!

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

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Tom & Jerry Party
November 22, 2014
1:00-5:00 pm



Mitten Tree
Plan your gift giving for
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Discover Elks

Elks 42nd Annual Hoop-Shoot



The Brainerd Elks will be conducting their annual Hoop-Shoot on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Forestview Middle School. Over 4,000 kids will first compete at their own schools during the month of November and then send their winners to the local Hoop Shoot to compete on Dec. 13th. there will be approximately 100 kids from a 30-mile radius of Brainerd to compete at this level. The winners at the local level will then advance to the

Central District Hoop Shoot on January 24, 2015, which will again be held at Lake Region Christian School in Baxter. From this competition the winners will then advance to the State Hoop Shoot in Hutchinson, MN, the Regional Hoop Shoot in Iowa City, IA, and the National Hoop Shoot in Springfield, Mass.

Of course, along with the local Hoop Shoot there is a huge need for volunteers. We do need 30 volunteers at the local Hoop Shoot on Dec. 13th. The jobs are not strenuous at all. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. There will be sign-up sheets on the bar at the Elks. It is so much easier on the committee and myself if there is a head-count of those who will volunteer so PLEASE sign your name on the list to volunteer or ask the bar tenders for the list. There just is not time enough to be calling people asking to help so PLEASE sign the list early. Thank you very much for your help in keeping this program our number 1 co-ed program for kids!!

For any questions, please contact Dick Lyscio at [\(218\) 851-1753](tel:2188511753) or call the Elks (218) 829-2643 after 3:00 pm.

"Believe in the potential of young people to do great things"

Thank You

- ◆ To the Social Committee: Carol Brown Smith, Lois Steinbauer, Kelly Mogensen, Kala Henkenseifken, Terri Kautz, Kathy Ludenia and Cheri Drake for preparing and serving the dinner on September 16.
- ◆ To Ray and Jan Frazier for Burger night on September 18 and October 9.
- ◆ Karel House, Jim & Alice Klang, Donna Wheeler, Cheryl Bailey and Cheri Drake for the September 23rd Meatloaf dinner.
- ◆ For Burgers Herman Wisneski on September 25.
- ◆ For the Baked Chicken dinner on September 30 Don Stang, Don Karlgaard, Don & Flo Wimmer, Jack Hickerson and Scott Longanecker.
- ◆ Bruce & Kelly Mogensen for the Thursday Burger Night on October 2.
- ◆ Don Stang, Ray Frazier, Herman Wisneski, Dick Lyscio and Jim Van Duyn for working the Membership and BHS Band Appreciation night.
- ◆ To the Community Breakfast crew of Herman Wisneski, Dick Lyscio, Carol Brown Smith, Ray Frazier, Tom Borden, Dan Graven, Jim Runberg, Karel House, Jan Frazier, Leona Johnson, MaryAnn Bower, Jack Hickerson and Jake Borden.
- ◆ Tom Swanson for the Rib dinner. Your support staff of Jeanne Swanson, Bill & Kathy Ludenia, Carol Brown-Smith, Chuck Steinbauer, Sharon Osborne, Cheri Drake and Terri Kautz made for a complete dining experience.
- ◆ Steve & Nancy Tufte, Jeanne & Mick Green, Cheri Drake, Kelly Mogensen, Terri Kautz and Karel House for the excellent Steak dinner with yummy desserts.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone that participated in the Elks Lodge of Sorrow for Bob. He always said it was something he wanted and it is a very meaningful and moving ceremony. Friends at the Elks have provided a great deal of support and comfort to us which has made a difficult time easier. Thank you! Sharon, Paul, Mari & Raeann Osborne

Coming Soon
December 6, 2015
Annual Holiday Bake Sale
Begin Planning
Sale Items
Now
Your participation is needed
Watch for further details



LUTEFISK DINNER
November 15, 2014
Two Seatings
5:00 and 6:30
Advance Tickets at
the Club

Dictionary Distribution

Below is the list of schools we need to deliver to:

- * St. Francis- Jack * Lake Region- Jim and Shannon * Pillager- Herman * Riverside- open
- * Harrison- Bill * Lowell- Bill * Garfield- open * Baxter- Herman
- * Discovery Woods- Jim and Shannon

A couple notes:

1. If you can help with the open schools, let Shannon know. We could help deliver if you let us know when you are delivering the books. We could probably pick up Garfield easily, our other two are quite small.
2. When you call to set your delivery time make sure you allow time to put the stickers in the books and let Shannon know the final count for the 3rd graders.
3. Several of these schools are quite large classes (Pillager, Baxter, and Riverside for sure) so if you can help, touch bases with whoever is signed up for that school.
4. I think we should be done by Thanksgiving as a reasonable deadline.

Shannon's contact info is: sddehen@aol.com & [218-820-1689](tel:218-820-1689) (mobile)

Thanks for all who help with this every year.

Jim Dehen

Appreciation Night



Many Brainerd High School Symphonic Band members and their families attended the annual Appreciation dinner. Cheeseburgers, French Fries and Onion Rings were a hit along with great conversation.

Social News

Social Committee will meet the first Wednesday of November to plan events for the rest of 2014.

We will once again have our annual Turkey dinner with all the trimming. The November date will be determined at our meeting. Also our Christmas decorating and the mitten tree will be on our agenda.

The December Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, December 6th. Please mark your calendars and if possible bring a baked item(s). The last couple of years have slipped and if we want to continue with this each year we need everyone's participation.

If anyone has some suggestions please contact the Social Committee. One item that was brought up was to try Bingo. We would like input to see if there is any interest.



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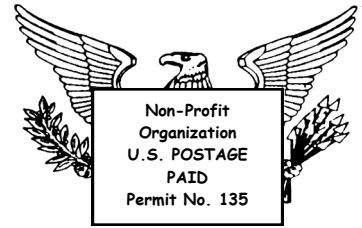
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NOVEMBER, 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks; 12:00-3:00 Washington at Vikings	3 5:00 New Member Orientation; 5:30 Trustees; 6:30 Lodge meeting with Initiation	4 ELECTION DAY VOTE! 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Walleye by Herman	5 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	6 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Scott Longanecker	7 5:00 Chefs Choice District Deputy visit	8
9 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles; Vikings bye week	10	11 VETERANS DAY 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Prime Rib by Tom Swanson	12 11:00-1:00 Polish Sausage; All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	13 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Herman Wisneski	14 5:00 Chefs Choice Bingo at St Cloud VA Hospital	15 Two Seatings 5:00 and 6:30 Lutefisk Dinner by Tom Swanson
16 12:00-3:00 Vikings at Chicago	17 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	18 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Thanksgiving Dinner by Social Committee	19 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	20 5:30-7:00 Burgers	21 5:00 Chefs Choice	22 1:00-5:00 Tom & Jerry Party
23 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW; 12:00-3:00 Green Bay at Vikings	24	25 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	26 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	27 CLOSED. THANKSGIVING DAY	28 5:00 Chefs Choice	29
30 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion; 12:00-3:00 Carolina at Vikings						