



# ELKORAMA

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Brainerd Elks Lodge #615

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## Exalted Ruler's Corner: December

I am writing this looking out my window at the early November snow. I guess the snow is pretty but I suspect we are in for a long winter. For those that are leaving for the winter (or have left already) enjoy your time in the sweltering heat and remember the poor Eskimo colleagues you left behind.



We have had an excellent initial result from our open house event. We have initiated about 6 people directly as a result of the event. Thank you to all involved and please keep your eyes and ears open for the next installment which is planned for the end of January. As I have said maybe too many times already, we need new blood to augment the strong core we have in our Lodge right now.

One thought I would like you to consider. The Elks have a strong history of involving spouses in the Club activities but there is still a limit because they are not members of the Order. Please ask your spouse, significant other, or spouse equivalent (sorry for the PC sequence) if they would like to consider full involvement in our great Order. Of course they are always welcome but we would welcome them to full membership and involve them in more ways if they wish to take that step.

I think you will receive this before December 7<sup>th</sup> so please consider attending the Elk's Memorial Service at Park United Methodist at 4:00. This is a moving remembrance of and a timely reflection on our departed members over the last year.

To close, I want to wish all of our members, family, and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be happy and be safe.

**- Fraternally submitted, Jim Dehen -**

### SECRETARY REPORT

We only have four members that have not paid dues for this year. Please don't let your membership lapse. Dues need to be paid by March 31st or you will be dropped from the roster.

Make a point to use your key card to access the club. We pay for these cards so you can let yourself in. The bartenders are busy tending to customers and we should not be ringing the buzzer all of the time.

We have been approved for the \$2,000.00 Gratitude Grant! \$1500.00 will go towards the dictionary project (the cost was around \$1700). We also received a \$100 donation from Ray and Jan Frazier that went towards the project. The cost includes the labels that go inside the front cover. \$500.00 will be put towards Toys for Kids.

**Fraternally submitted, Shannon Dehen**

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## PER REPORT

To All Brainerd Elk #615 Members:

It is good news! We are growing in numbers! Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 initiated six (6) new members at our November 3, 2014, Lodge Meeting! This was a direct result of the Membership Committee/PER's, and, the general members hard work in bringing forth names for prospective membership in our Brainerd Elks Club.

Actually, there have been twenty four (24) new members, including reinstatements and transfer in since the beginning of April, the start of our year. With this success and a program to follow that has been formulated by Jim Van Duyn, Membership Chairman, and the PER/Membership Committee, will continue our effort to bring in new members. This will be a year over year effort. We are not looking for quick gimmicks to bring in new members, but are instead looking for real solutions for long term problems, and, would welcome your ideas.

As we continue our Membership Drive, we ask that you provide Jim Van Duyn, or any PER with a prospective names and addresses. We are hoping to build a new prospective member list of 200+ men and women to invite to our 2nd Wine and Cheese Party. The event will be held at the Club on January 31, 2015. As with the 1st membership drive effort, you may provide the names and addresses of your prospective members to Jim Van Duyn, through his email address: [jamesvanduyn@gmail.com](mailto:jamesvanduyn@gmail.com).

Remember, the PER's 1st Sunday of the month breakfast is continuing to serve over 100 Community members! It is great food at a reasonable price. Please come and enjoy great food and great socializing at this Breakfast, and, at any one of our Tuesday night Family Dinners (5:30 PM to 7:00PM), or our Thursday Burgers Night, also 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Thank you.

**Jim Runberg, PER (President of the Past Exalted Rulers)**

Coming Soon  
December 6, 2015

Annual Holiday Bake Sale  
Begin Planning Sale Items Now  
Your participation is needed  
Watch for further details

**COMING SOON**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> Wine & Cheese Event**  
**Saturday January 31, 2015**  
**2:00 - 5:00 pm**  
Send Prospective Member list  
With contact information  
To: [jamesvanduyn@gmail.com](mailto:jamesvanduyn@gmail.com)  
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## December Birthdays

1	Krueger, Patrick	20	Roeder, Alan W
	Schmutzer, Mark	22	Marquette, Brenda K
2	Bedard, Tom	25	Smith, David C
3	Caswell, Bert	26	Busch, Stephen A
	Perry John Hickerson		Isebrand, Bruce K
	Stiles, Kenneth A	27	Busho, Vern
5	Person, Howard	28	Schroeder, Loran
12	Krueger, John		Schroeml, Shirley
15	Soper, Harold G	29	Kriha, George
16	Och, Robert C		Nelson, Norman
17	Brenny, Joseph	30	Extrand, Charles
	Larson, W. Andrew		Waby, Richard

**Happy Birthday!**

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

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## NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS



**John Tousley and Stephen Schaitberger**



## Elks 42nd Annual Hoop-Shoot

Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 will be conducting their annual Hoop Shoot on Saturday, December 13th at Forestview Middle School. There will be approximately 100 Kids from a 30-mile radius of Brainerd to compete. The winners at the local level will then advance to the Central District Hoop Shoot on January 24th which will be held at Lake Region Christian School.

- ◆ Huge Need for Volunteers! We do need 30 volunteers at the local Hoop Shoot on Dec.13th.
- ◆ 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 if there is a head-count of those who will volunteer soPLEASE sign your name on the list to volunteer or ask the bartenders for the list.
- ◆ 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.

**"Believe in the potential of young people to do Great Things"**

# Student of the Month

**Laura Marie Halvorson**, Aitkin High School, is the September Brainerd Elks Lodge Student of the Month.

Laura has come highly recommended by the Aitkin high school staff, reports Allen Balsley, school counselor. As a senior with a 3.3 GPA she ranks 37<sup>th</sup> in her class of 91. Staff members indicate Laura is a strong leader and leads by example with her overall positive attitude and infectious energy to inspire others. She takes rigorous classes including many “college in the high school” courses.

Included in the rigors of this young lady, Laura has served as vice president and president of the student council, performs in band and choir, plays tennis and is a member of the student council, prom committee and chemistry and Spanish clubs. She scored a superior rating on alto sax solo and represented Aitkin high school with the Minnesota Music Ambassadors tour of Europe. Outside of school Laura has won multiple leadership awards in club and county 4-H; is president of the county club and county ambassadors & federation.

Ms Halvorson has worked at Paul Bunyan Land as a cross-over employee running all the rides, worked all the tills, concessions and has been the photographer. She enjoys playing piano, reading, being with friends and family.

Her schooling objectives include a double major in music education and English at Concordia College in Moorhead.

**Jeremiah Joseph Dischinger**, Pequot Lakes High School, is the October Brainerd Elks Student of the Month. This young man has overcome many obstacles both personally and academically. He finished his freshman year with many grades just above passing according to counselor LaVonne Murray. The high school staff took notice and offered him support in areas that would help him succeed. With is perseverance and hard work, he boosted his grades dramatically and is finishing his senior year with a rigorous academic schedule that includes college level classes. Jeremiah is a well-rounded, well-liked student who many see as a leader.

Ranked 76<sup>th</sup> in a class of 128, Jeremiah enjoys playing football, lettering in track & field and is a member of Link Leaders. He has worked as a cook and dishwasher at an area restaurant. In his leisure time he likes to run, work out, watch movies and listen to Atmosphere.

After finishing his generals at Central Lakes College, Jeremiah plans to attend college in Duluth to pursue a major in graphic design and a minor in photography.

**Lanaiah Nicole Erbe**, Pillager High School, is the November Brainerd Elks Student of the Month.

This student has overcome many obstacles in her life. With a smile on her face, a kind heart and a servant attitude, she has and continues to be a success in life! Lanaiah may not be number one in her class, ranks 45<sup>th</sup> of 54 students, she is number one in daily attitude and how she interacts with her peers and teachers. Lanaiah never hesitates to give of her time to help others; always volunteering and giving freely of herself without asking for anything in return, responds Sue Turner, school counselor.

Lanaiah is on the yearbook staff and has been awarded hospitality student of the year. She has won the Husky award in track. She also is a member of the cross country team. Certified as a first responder, she is a volunteer fire fighter and is a cold water rescue team member. Lanaiah has worked as a grocery store cashier and does construction work. In her leisure time anything outdoors—dirt bike, hunt, fish; loves to build and fix things, and I love helping people she exclaims.

Vocational objective is to attend Staples Central Lakes College in heavy equipment operating & maintenance program.

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## THANKSGIVING BINGO AT ST. CLOUD VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER

Volunteers from Brainerd Elks Lodge 615, plus about eight people from the St. Cloud Elks lodge, helped 30-35 older veterans play bingo. Almost every veteran rode a wheelchair to the competition site. They are dubbed the "Wheelchair Brigade," rounded up from four different buildings. Most of the volunteers helped wheel them from their rooms and back. They got their energy tested a bit.

The Brainerd Elks Lodge provided treats and cash money for prizes. In fact, there was enough cash on hand to see that every Vet received some. Volunteers representing the Brainerd Elks Lodge who came to the site are Herman Wisneski (caller), Bill Kronstedt (new member), Roy and Robin Schmidt, Dan Graven, Dick Ashmun and Sue Maxwell.

The next scheduled visit by the Brainerd Elks Lodge to the VA Medical Center is December 12. Those interested in being a volunteer may contact Herman Wisneski or Dick Ashmun.

**Brainerd Elks  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bob Osborne  
Memorial  
Cribbage Tourney  
Last Saturday Every  
Month  
From 2:00-5:00 pm  
\$5 entry fee,  
100% pay back  
Sign up at the bar**



Brainerd Elks please welcome our newest members. From left are Chet Stevenson, Valori Heitkamp, James Dehen, Jeff McArthur, Larry Lundblad, Tom Bedard and Mike Schwartwald.

**Cub  
FOODS**

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# Thank You's

Dear Members of the Brainerd Elks Club, Thank you so much for the \$50 donation to C-I Grad Blast. Support each year from area businesses and organizations help make this event successful each year. Thank you! C-I Grad Blast 2015 Committee

Dear Brainerd Elks: We would like to thank you so much for your organization's generous donation to help decrease the cost for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Forestview Middle to attend the MN Discovery Center in Chisholm and Hull Rust open pit mine in Hibbing. The trip was very successful and the students gained a great deal of knowledge and understanding of the mining impact on Minnesota and the world....We raised over \$4,000 to help offset the cost of this field trip. Thank you for being a part of it. Layne Danielson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher and Tammy Dewey, Assistant Principal, Forestview Middle School.

- Oct 16 burgers Cheri and Leona
- Oct 21 dinner Chicken Kiev Carol Brown Smith, Sharon Osborne, Lois Steinbauer, Kala Henkenseifken, Kelly Mogensen, Cheri Drake, Nedra & Jim Van Duyn
- Oct 23 burgers Mick & Mel Ziebell
- Oct 28 dinner Cashew Chicken by Herman
- Oct 30 burgers Scott Longanecker; Bruce Bonafield
- Nov 2 Breakfast Herman Wisneski, Tom Borden, Dick Lyscio, Jim Runberg, Scott Longanecker, Brenda Marquette, Karel House, Leona Johnson, Maryanne Bower, Cheri Drake & Joe VanWie
- Nov 4 dinner Herman Wisneski, Jim Klang, Alice Klang, Sharon Osborne, Leona Johnson, Karel House & Cheri Drake
- Nov 6 burgers Scott Longanecker and Bruce Bonafield
- Nov 11 dinner Tom & Jeanne Swanson, Sharon Osborne, Cheri Drake, Pat Gimbal, Dennis Lothspeich, Karel House, Charles Steinbauer and Carol Brown Smith; Jim & Nedra Van Duyn
- Nov 12 polish
- Nov 13 burgers

## Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

\$16.95 December \_\_

**Includes tax, tip, lefse, vegetable, dessert and coffee**

**Tickets must be purchased by December \_\_th**

**\*No Tickets will be sold after 11-11-14**

**Tickets only sold at the club**

**2 Seatings available 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm**

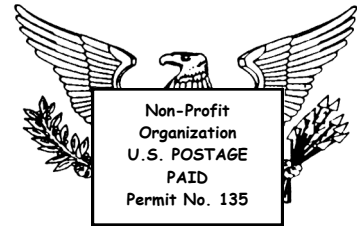
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 2013-2014**

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# DECEMBER, 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	<b>2</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: BBQ Ribs by Tom Swanson	<b>3</b> All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Scott Longanecker	<b>5</b> 5:00 Chefs Choice	<b>6</b> 12:00 Bake Sale
<b>7</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks 12:00-3:00 New York Jets at Vikings	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Chicken Cordon Bleu by Conrad Bye & Crew	<b>10</b> 11:00-1:00 Polish Sausage; All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	<b>11</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Herman Wisneski	<b>12</b> 5:00 Chefs Choice Bingo at St Cloud VA Hospital	<b>13</b> 12:00-3:00 Hoop Shoot @ Forestview
<b>14</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles; Vikings @ Detroit	<b>15</b> 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	<b>16</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: by Karel House	<b>17</b> All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	<b>18</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers	<b>19</b> 5:00 Chefs Choice	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW; 12:00-3:00 Vikings @ Miami	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Burgers & Grilled Chicken Breasts by Conrad's Family	<b>24</b> All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 1:00 – 4:00 pm Open	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY. CLOSED	<b>26</b> 5:00 Chefs Choice; Reserved for family	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion; 12:00-3:00 Chicago at Vikings	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> No Dinner	<b>31</b> 3:00 Open; All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; NEW YEAR'S EVE Dinner	<b>LODGE/CLUB HOURS:</b> Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturday 12:00-8:00		