



ELKORAMA

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Exalted Ruler's Corner: January

Well, you are reading this in January but I am writing this in mid-December in the shadow of our annual Memorial Service for the members we lost this past year. At the state meeting in Worthington I recall that our Lodge had the most names for the prior year. Not a record to be proud of but a reminder that we need to grow our membership.

What does our order of dwindling numbers potentially mean? Locally, you have seen the list of "What Elks Do?" The level of participation at our Lodge is extraordinary. Several thank you's are in this month's issue. A few to note: Lois Steinbauer for preparing food for the coach's meeting, Brad Arnold and Hy Tech for the door project, Mark Wheeler and Jack Antolak for helping close the deal on the door issue, and all the people involved in the CWC Fair booth, Fishing Fling, Tuesday dinners and Sunday breakfasts. This list is absolutely not complete.



Nationally, who will donate the \$422,093,418 in cash and non-cash donations to those in need the Elks gave last year? Where will we replace \$1,100,000 given to the Veterans of this country last year? The list does go on but that is what our Order means to our community and our nation. Please consider carefully a friend that would want to be a part of this proud fraternal organization and ask them to visit and consider joining us.

I may sound like a broken record but we are together greater than the sum of our parts and that is worth maintaining and growing. Lastly, as you read this in January, we will be setting the slate for next year's officers and trustees in February and March and would like fresh and enthusiastic volunteers that wish to be more involved. Your current officers and trustees work very hard for the Lodge and Club and enjoy the service but some new and fresh involvement and assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please consider thoughtfully and ask one of us how you can be more involved.

Hope all had a great Christmas and safe New Year celebration.

- Fraternaly submitted, Jim Dehen -

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome New Members Don (Cheryl) Karlgaard and Kelly Annable. They were initiated during the Central District's District Deputy Paul Ryan's, Willmar #952, recent visit. Pictured from left are Brainerd Lodge Exalted Ruler James Dehen, Karlgaard, Annable and Ryan.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY:

Those of you who are going to a warmer location for the Winter should let the Brainerd Elks office know of your new address. The Post Office will not forward 3rd class mail and it is returned to the Elks by First Class mail. If you are leaving, please call Vern Busho, [218-963-9984](tel:218-963-9984) or email vbusho@brainerd.net. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and would help to save money for the Brainerd Elks.



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Elks Hoop Shoot

The Brainerd Elks Lodge held an in-school free-throw shooting contest and the winners from these schools were sent to Forestview Middle School in Baxter to compete in the annual local Elks Hoop Shoot. There were 47 kids from the area that competed in the contest and a total of over 3,000 kids in this area who participated in their schools to reach this point.

The top three places in each age division for girls and boys are as follows:

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| <p>8-9 year old Girls: 1st: Maci Martini- Pequot Lakes Elem.
 2nd: Juliana Ewald- Baxter Elem.
 3rd: Lily Bauman - Baxter Elem.</p> <p>10-11 year old Girls: 1st: Lexi McElfresh- Lowell Elem.
 2nd: Lindsay Busch - Baxter Elem.
 3rd: Carly Chaney- Pequot Lakes Elem.</p> <p>12-13 year old Girls: 1st: Emma Templeton- Pine River
 2nd: Payton McCalla - Crosby
 3rd: Ashley Foster - Pequot Lakes</p> | <p>Boys: 1st: Jordan Mount - Crosby
 2nd: Carsen Turk - Crosby
 3rd: Landen Maki- Riverside Elem.</p> <p>Boys: 1st: Cayden Turk- Crosby
 2nd: Tyler Jordan - Baxter Elem.
 3rd: Michael Kuehn- Brainerd</p> <p>Boys: 1st: Eathan Geske- Forestview</p> |
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In addition to the participants, 11 players from the Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball team in Brainerd did the rebounding for the kids and formed a tunnel on the floor to "High-5" these kids and congratulate them.

The first place winners in each division now go on to compete at the Elks Central District Hoop Shoot which will be held again this year in Brainerd/Baxter on January 25, 2014 at Lake Region Christian School. The six winners from there will go on to State, Regional and finally National competition where the final champions names will be inscribed on the Elks Hoop Shoot plaque at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

I would like to extend a very special Thank You to all of those who helped with the successful Hoop Shoot. Bob/ Sharon Osborne, Jim/Paula Traylor, Mark/Donna Wheeler, Dale Swenson, Jim VanDuyn, Bill Bailey, Gary Dusbabek, Jim Klang, Dan Graven, Rod Heglie, Chuck Steinbauer, Mark Schmutzer, Dick Ashmun, and Bruce Mogensen, along with the Brainerd High School Varsity Players. A program of this magnitude just cannot be done without all of you. My sincere apologies If any names were omitted. It has been a good run on a highly successful program for kids and now it's time for someone else to get the glory. Thank you.

Dick Lycio - Hoop Shoot Chairman



8-9 year old girls from left Lily Bauman, Juliana Ewald and Maci Martini



10-11 girls from left Lexi McElfresh, Carly Chaney and Lindsay Busch



12-13 girls (l-r) Ashley Foster, Payton McCalla and Emma Templeton



8-9 year old boys from left Carsen Turk, Landen Maki and Jordan Mount



10-11 boys (l-r) Cayden Turk, Michael Kuehn and Tyler Jordan



12-13 boys first place Eathan Geske

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



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Thanks so much for the pictures Jim!! I will pass them along to my 3rd grade staff!!

It was a pleasure meeting you and a huge THANK YOU to the Elks for this fantastic program!! We sure did appreciate you and Bill taking time to present the dictionaries to our kids!!

Happy Holidays and Thanks again!! Lisa Worden

You should have heard the children buzz this morning after you left! I gave them some time to explore their new dictionaries, and they couldn't get enough. Thank you again!



Thank You...

- ◆ Lois Steinbauer for feeding Sloppy Joes to the Brainerd Warrior football coaches after the Warriors sectional victory.
- ◆ Brad Arnold and Hy Tech for completing the door - also thanks to Mark Wheeler and Jack Antolak for reviving the door project and getting on track!
- ◆ Terri Kautz, Maryann Bower, Cheri Drake and Carol Brown Smith for all the Christmas festive decorating in the Lodge/Club.
- ◆ To all Tuesday night dinner crews, Community Breakfast cooks and servers, Polish Sausage feed workers, and those that participated in the New Year's Eve Dinner Party.
- ◆ All bakers and buyers who contributed to the annual Bake Sale.
- ◆ to Jim & Shannon Dehen, Jack Hickerson, Bill Bailey, Dick Lyscio, Herman Wisneski and Jim Van Duyn who distributed Dictionaries to students in the 3rd grade.
- ◆ Hats off to Dick Ashmun, Ethel Olson, Herman Wisneski, Paul McCormick & Roy Schmidt for traveling to St Cloud Veterans Hospital to play Bingo with the veterans once a month.

Brainerd Elks Lodge Members,

Thank you for your very generous donation to United Way of Crow Wing & Southern Cass Counties. Your commitment to helping the less fortunate in our community is appreciated by those who help them and, most importantly, by those who benefit from our services! Your donation helps us provide funding for 31 local agencies making a huge impact on our community.

Sincerely, Jennifer Smith, Executive Director.

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THANK YOU

Dear Brainerd Elks:

We would like to thank you so much for your organization's generous donation to help decrease the cost for 5th 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 would be very open to meet with you in person to talk about this wonderful educational opportunity students experienced. This is a trip we plan on each year and would love if you would be interested in being an annual sponsor. Please feel free to contact us if you would like us to come and talk about this trip. We could possibly bring a few students with to share their thoughts on the trip.

Thanks,

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Maxmilian "Max" James Walter, Little Falls Community High School, is one of the January Brainerd Elks Lodge Students of the Month.

Max has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a positive attitude throughout his high school career remarks Counselor Kolbi Grant. His peers and teachers have looked to him for technology help, particularly during the implementation of Project Real, a school wide iPad project. He is also involved with video production, runs the lights at concerts, plays and musicals and does so without question.

The Eagle Scout Award is one of his immediate goals while participating in Knowledge Bowl and video club plus working as a retail sales associate and photo lab technician.

Leisure time activities involve family and friends, working on cars, fixing mobile devices and designing.

Max has already been accepted to one college for a degree in computer and voice networking.

Delaney Nicole Eld, McGregor High School, is one of the January Brainerd Elks Lodge Students of the Month.

Delaney, a leader, is a problem solver and persistent in whatever she does, who excels at challenging herself, indicates Counselor Rachel Dayton. She is a dance teacher for the McGregor Community Education.

Her extracurricular activities include varsity cheerleading, band, choir and Minnesota Deca. Recently she became a member of the Minnesota National Guard, Brainerd.

Delaney intends to pursue a veterinarian career at Duluth Business University after basic training. Leisure time activities include dance, hunting, snowmobiling, four-wheeling and cheering.

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CHRISTMAS BINGO AT THE VETS

A large group of veterans (close to 90) at the St. Cloud Veterans Medical Center turned out on a cold Friday, December 13, to try their luck at bingo. Ten volunteers from Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 helped set up and run the program. They also brought cash for prizes, along with soda and cookies at break time. Herman Wisneski, dressed as Santa Claus, called out the numbers loud and clear. Nine others in the picture (L to R) are Dick Ashmun, Ron Bower, Dan Graven, Sue Maxwell, Robin Schmidt, Ethel Olson, Kelly Annable, Paul McCormick, and Roy Schmidt. Our Lodge #615 host Casino Night February 14 at the vets center. This always is a fun event for all involved. Contact Herman or Dick to join the group.

Happy New Year from the Social Committee

Our first meeting in 2014 will be January 8th. We will be reviewing the past year and looking for new ways to enhance our activities. Again we invite any suggestions you may have.

Please remember we have several Snowbirds who have already left the nest or will be shortly. Many of them are active in the club so we need support/help from those of us left behind to struggle with the Cold. We will be looking for volunteers for Tuesday dinners and Thursday burger nights.

Planning will be completed for our annual Super Bowl Party. Any ideas anyone has are welcome.

Plans are underway to enhance the appearance of our club. Watch for the upcoming changes. This is exciting.

As a reminder our committee has decided to hold fewer meetings going forward. It has also been decided we will only be offering Tacos the 3rd Friday of the month.

The first Friday of the month Herman has volunteered to set out Chili, Sloppy Joes or a surprise item.

Thanks to everyone who helped this past year and especially to the members of the Social Committee.

January Birthdays

01 Runberg, James	23 Austin, William
01 Thiesse, Edwin	23 McDonald, John E
03 Johnson Jr, Ted	24 Keinanen, Ione
09 Murphy, Frank J	24 Steuck, Awald
10 Arnold, Bradley J	25 McDonnell, Andrew
12 Hoghaug, Randahl	25 Shortridge, Susan
14 Tracy, Dale H	28 Luukkonen, Roy
18 Aumock, Randy	30 Cooper, Tom M
22 Halsted, Charles F	

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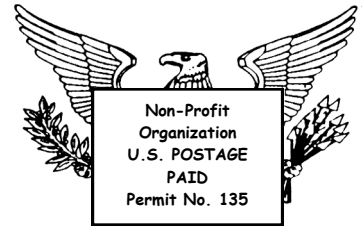
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LODGE/CLUB HOURS: Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturday 12:00-8:00			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 5:30-7:00 Burgers	3 5:30-7:00 Chef's Choice	4
5 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks	6 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	7 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Walleye	8 11:00-1:00 Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Beans & Artisan Breads; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	9 5:30-7:00 Burgers 5:00 Burgers for The SHOP	10	11 Bass Club meeting
12 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles	13	14 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Pot Roast	15	16 5:30-7:00 Burgers	17 5:00-7:00 Chef's Choice:	18
19 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW	20 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	21 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Pheasant Style Chicken & Rice	22	23 5:30-7:00 Burgers 5:00 Burgers for The SHOP	24	25 12:00-3:00 District Hoop Shoot @ LRCS
26 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion	27	28 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: OPEN	29	30 5:30-7:00 Burgers	31	