



ELKORAMA

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Brainerd Elks Lodge #615

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Exalted Ruler's Corner: August

Well, I am writing this from the mild humidity of New Orleans and the Grand Lodge meeting July 13-17. If you have never walked through the display hall with the state projects from the various state Elk Associations then you haven't seen the breadth of our projects and the impact on especially children and veterans. I am always especially moved by the children's cancer and eyesight programs. Elks do care and they most certainly share. You see the many Lodges living that motto.



When you read this we will have finished another great year at the CWC Fair and I hope many of you were able to help out and enjoy yourselves. This is one of the fundraisers that we do during the year that supports the local programs our Lodge organizes. It is only with the involvement of our members that these programs can continue. Thank you to all who have helped out with the various fundraising events and also at the various programs we do around the Brainerd Lakes area.

We are also embarking on our membership drive and I hope you are looking for ways to be involved. I know I have said this before but we need to grow our membership and with all due respect, with some younger people. It isn't going to require a great effort on one's part if we all do a little. Have you asked one person to join? Show a friend or acquaintance the brochure on "What Elks do." And ask if they want to be part of this great Order. The great order of elks will live or die at the local Lodge level, not at Grand Lodge. Please help us find new members and support the events we are planning to attract members. Also, when you see an unfamiliar face, greet them and introduce yourself. Retention and making people feel welcome is just as important as recruitment.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope you are having a great one.

- Fraternally submitted, Jim Dehen -

SECRETARY REPORT

I am writing this from the Big Easy (New Orleans). It is an interesting city to say the least. Hot, humid and lots of things to see and do.

By the time we return July will be over half over, hard to believe, and the fair will be well under way when you receive this. Be sure to visit the food booth and support the Elks and the high school students.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so soon. I know I sound like a broken record, but it is important that we don't lose members.

If you would like to save a tree or two, sign up to get the Elkorama by email. Just send me your email address and I will pass on the information. Have a great rest of the summer!

— Fraternally submitted, Shannon Dehen —

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YOUTH CAMP RAFFLE

The raffle tickets have arrived and once again your Brainerd Elks Lodge will be selling these raffle tickets over the next few months. The past 3 years we have sold out of the raffle tickets quite rapidly and suggest that you your ticket soon. The tickets are \$100 each and only 1000 tickets will be sold in Minnesota. The payouts are numerous and large. We have had several winners from our Elks club over the past 3 years. If we sell all of our allotted tickets, our camper fees to send our kids to camp will be paid for. Our allotment of tickets is 57!! Please contact Dick Lyscio for your ticket or call the Elks club to reserve a ticket. Thank you for your support of the Elks Youth Camp and our kids!!

Kudos to Brainerd Elks Lodge Members

Brainerd Elks Lodge made waves at the annual Minnesota State Elks Association Convention held in Faribault recently. The Lodge collected awards for leading the state in Penny-A-Day (PAD) contributions and for supporting Youth Activities in the Brainerd area. A Minnesota Elks Association second place award from the Elks National Foundation was also received for meeting and exceeding the Grand Exalted Rulers challenge.

About 40 years ago (1971) Floyd Spence, the MN Elks State President, had an idea of how to cover the cost of Youth Camp operations. If every Elk member in the state were to give a penny a day (hence PAD) per year (\$3.65) to the Minnesota Memorial Fund the camp operations would be covered. The principal cannot be tapped. To make a longer story short and not to misinterpret, Brainerd had the highest per capita input into that fund at \$12.08 per member for the year 2013-2014.

Led by Scholarship and Student of the Month giving and many other youth supported activities, Brainerd walked away with the Youth Activities award. The Brainerd Elks also contribute to the Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Miracle Field/Teams, Brainerd and Baxter Parks and Recreation programs, Legionville, softball, baseball, hockey, BHS Band, Soap Box Derby, BSA Troop/Pack/Den 7, Dictionary Project, The SHOP, Grad Blast (Pillager, Pequot Lakes, Crosby-Ironton, Brainerd), BHS Debate, Brainerd Sports Boosters, Good Sam Bowl, Healthy Brains for Children, Kids Against Hunger and others.

The Elks National Foundation Grand Exalted Ruler challenge goal of \$4.60 per member was met, earning Brainerd second place in the Minnesota Elks Association (25 Lodges) with a giving of \$48.20 per member.

It's Great to be a Proud Elk!

From the Social Committee

Go Vikings!! The Social Committee will be meeting to discuss our Sunday Potluck Viking games. This could be an exciting year - a New Coach, New Players and we still have Adrian Peterson.

If anyone has suggestions on how we can enhance these Sunday get togethers please contact us.

Our AED machine is here and will be installed very soon. Thanks to Colette Larson who did the training and to Dr. Jim Dehen who helped get this underway.

Membership Progress

The PERs are attempting to reach a goal of 26 new or reinstated members; progress has been slow but numbers are coming in thanks to efforts from several people. Lapsation of members who have not renewed this year has been a major thrust for the team effort; these do not count toward that 26. By year's end, March 31, 2015 the membership should reach 278. Please help us reach or exceed the goal. The following is a list of new members:

<u>Reinstatements</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Doug Wolf	Doug Johnson
Tom Rutzke	Jim Van Duyn
Gary Stenglein	Tom Borden
Mark Puschinsky	
Ted Johnson	
Harold Palmer	

<u>New Members</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Brenda Marquette	Dick Lyscio
William Kronstedt	Jim Runberg
Lowell Johnson	Jim Runberg

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Charles Enger	from Austin Lodge
Eugene Gulden	from Coolidge-Florence, AZ Lodge
Bruce Jordan	from Austin Lodge

<u>Pending</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Teri Kautz	Bill Bailey
Jeff Meeks	Stuart Mills
Shon Roberts	Mark Wheeler
Kevin Carlson	Tom Swanson



Brainerd Elks Lodge #615

August Birthdays

01 Dudding, Joseph	16 Person, John W
02 Ward Jr, John E	Traut, Thomas E
03 Larson, Myron D	18 Ziebell, Michael
04 Bellock, Harry D	19 Embretson, Lorraine E
Miles, Richard	20 Osborne, Robert
05 Johnson, Douglas A	23 Enger, Charles W
06 O'Day, Charles	Gutzman, Wayne A
08 Charpentier, Raymond	24 Micko, Kenneth C
Verkennes, Robert	25 Converse, Rodney
12 Stolski, Ron	Frisch, Raymond
13 Johnson, Gerald L	27 Mass, Brandon W
14 Graven, Daniel J	28 Anderson, Alan L
15 Kjera, John	Dehen, Shannon
16 Hartmann, Jeffrey R	30 Karlgaard, Donald C

Happy Birthday!

Thank You's

- ◆ **June 17**-Cashew Chicken: Herman Wisneski, Jim & Alice Klang, Cheri Drake and Leona Johnson
- ◆ **June 19**-Ray and Jan Fraizer
- ◆ **June 24**-Steaks: Steve Tufte, Mick Greene, Jeanne Green, Nancy Giovannete, Kelly Mogensen, Brenda Marquette and Cheryl Bailey.
- ◆ **June 26**-Bruce & Kelly Mogensen
- ◆ **July 1**- Walleye: Herman Wisneski, Sharon Osborne, Jim & Alice Klang, Leona Johnson, Cheri Drake, Ray & Jan Frazier
- ◆ **July 3**- Brenda Marquette & Dick Lyscio
- ◆ **July 8**- Ham: Karol House, Don & Flo Wenner, Jim & Alice Klang and Donna Wheeler
- ◆ **July 10**-Bob and Sharon Osborne
- ◆ **July 15**-Tom & Jeanne Swanson, Bill & Kathy Ludenia, Kelly Mogensen, Cheri Drake and Carol Brown-Smith

Dear ER Jim, Tammy and I would like to thank you, your officers and members for the hospitality shown to us on our visit to your lodge on May 8. It was a pleasure being able to attend your scholarship banquet. You put on a very nice program and I'm sure the recipients enjoyed it also. It really shows how your lodge is so involved in your community. Your lodge has always been a frontrunner in the state with your undying help to the Brainerd Community. I'm sure you will continue with all of your great help and donations to so many worthy causes. There are many lodges that could benefit from seeing all that you do. **Thank you again, George Lehn-MN Elks State President; Tammy Lehn- First Lady.**

Brainerd Elks Lodge #615, Thank you so much for awarding me the Most Valuable Student scholarship. With this scholarship, I am so much closer to paying off my first year of college. It will help me achieve my goals of being a Storm chaser or an Actress. Also, thank you for allowing me to attend your scholarship banquet. The food was delicious and Miss Rebecca Yeh was a phenomenal speaker! **Thank you again! Sincerely, Kryston Wiseley.**

Brainerd Elks Lodge, I would like to thank you for the scholarship! It will help me with my future endeavors which include attending St Catherine University where I will double major in Fashion Design and Retail Management. I would also like to thank you for the splendid awards night! J My parents and I saw your insert in the Brainerd Dispatch! **Thanks again, Megan Oldakowski.**

Dear Brainerd Elks Lodge #615: I was the recipient for the Brainerd Elks Lodge Award-April Student of the Month, and I want to thank you for all you did to make this possible. I will be using the money I receive to pay for either my books or tuition at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. This scholarship will help me accomplish my goal of majoring in Neuroscience and later becoming a Psychiatrist. You have no idea how much this scholarship means to me. Being the first of my family to actually go to college, this scholarship will make it possible for me to follow my dreams without having to worry so much about paying for it all. This scholarship will be of great use to me. I'm immensely thankful for this scholarship! **Sincerely, Jeremiah Noon.**

BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution, Voting Results New Orleans, LA 2014 Ballots cast 2894

Number	Description	YES	NO	%	Messages
1	To change the office of Grand Tiler from an elective to an appointed position. Local Lodges	2378	507	Passed	but requires majority vote by
2	To allow a Lodge in Texas to become a member of the New Mexico Elks Association with the concurrence of the Sponsors of both states.	2543	340	Passed	but requires majority vote by Local Lodges
6	To reinstate the Grand Lodge and Local Lodge Public Relations Committees.	2122	764	Passed	
7	To limit the authority of an Exalted Ruler who is the subject of a club suspension proceeding.	2408	473	Passed	
8	To allow a Local Lodge Mediator to hear from witnesses during mediation sessions.	2142	742	Passed	
9	To eliminate the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee and reassign its duties to the Activities Committee.	609	2267	Failed	
10	To change the office of Lodge Tiler from an elective position to an appointed position.	2240	639	Passed	
11	To define "Restricted Funds" under the Laws of the Order.	2451	424	Passed	
12	To limit a Lodge's ability to disburse or borrow against Restricted Funds in a manner which is contrary to the restricted purpose.	2273	607	Passed	
14	To clarify the time frames within which action is to be taken by a Presiding Justice as part of a Local Forum proceeding.	2683	193	Passed	
15	To allow a vote to be taken by secret ballot instead of the voting sign of an Elk by a majority vote of the Lodge.	2161	720	Passed	
16	To facilitate the timely collection of membership statistics by the Grand Secretary's Office, leaving the process of charity reporting and dues payment unchanged.	2440	428	Passed	
17	To increase the number of officers who may serve as alternate check signers and the amount of any authorized Club supplies account.	1683	1194	Passed	
18	To amend and clarify the procedure to drop a Member from the Lodge membership rolls for indebtedness to the Lodge.	2580	297	Passed	
19	To authorize the appointment of multiple Presiding Justices and/or Mediators as needed.	1879	998	Passed	

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

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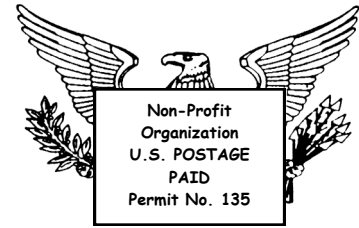
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 2013-2014**

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- Lecturing Knight.....Dan Graven, PER
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- Treasurer.....Herman Wisneski, PSP
- Esquire.....Jay Johnson
- Chaplain.....Jack Antolak
- Inner Guard..... Bruce Mogensen
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- 3rd Year Trustee..... Bob Verkennes
- 4th Year Trustee.....Conrad Bye
- 5th Year Trustee.....Bruce Mogensen

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 See You @ the Crow Wing County Fair; 5:00 Tacos	2 See You @ the Crow Wing County Fair
3 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks	4	5 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Ribs	6 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	7 5:30-7:00 Burgers	8 5:00 Tacos	9
10 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles	11	12 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: by Social Committee	13 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	14 5:30-7:00 Burgers	15 5:00 Tacos	16
17 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW	18 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	19 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Steaks	20 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	21 5:30-7:00 Burgers	22 5:00 Tacos	23
24 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion	25	26 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Chicken & Corn feed	27 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	28 5:30-7:00 Burgers	29 5:00 Tacos	30
31					LODGE/CLUB HOURS: Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturday 12:00-8:00	