

# ELKORAMA

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## Exalted Ruler's Corner: April

Well, if this note is in April, I truly hope that we have showers not snow. By the time you read this, we should be well into if not done with the remodeling of the Club. Let us know what you think and if you have ideas for other improvements.

The new officers are in place at this time and check out their names and make sure they know you. We want and need thoughts and ideas. We also are looking for interested people to jump in the fray and be part of the boards that run the Lodge and Club. I know that is a broken record but none of the offices are lifetime appointments- and it won't be for you when you get involved either.

Last and most importantly, thanks to the hard work of Jim Van Duyn and others, we have started an intense membership drive. As the plan unfolds, please get involved in this process of getting new members. And when we get a new member, greet them and make them feel welcome so that they want to become involved. I mentioned before all that the Elks do nationally and locally and we need members to continue all of these important programs.

This is the beginning of the new Elks year and let's make it the best that we've ever had. And with all that we have accomplished in the past, that is not an easy task but I have no doubt that this fraternal organization is up to the task. Spring is a time of renewal so let's all renew our interest in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!

**- Fraternaly submitted, Jim Dehen -**



### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

All members who have paid their 2014-2015 member dues should have received their new membership card. Please use this card to gain entrance to the Brainerd lodge and club. Your MN membership key card will also gain you access to any other MN lodge. If there are any errors on your new membership card, please let the lodge office know about the error.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) has changed their amount of donation stickers to a new format, If you have a sticker on your membership card with orange color it means you have donated at least \$100.00, a dark blue color would mean your donation is \$250.00, a green color means \$500.00 in donations, a gold color means a \$1,000.00 in donations, a light grey color represents \$2,000.00 in donations, a bronze diamond shape sticker means \$5,000.00 in donations, and a silver diamond shape sticker would indicate \$10,000.00 in donations.

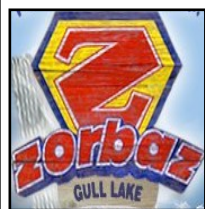
All members who have not yet paid their 2014-2015 dues are urged to do so as quickly as possible. Remember the Elks dues year is from April 1, 2014 thru March 31, 2015.

### 'VETERANS REMEMBERED'



'Elks Care & Elks Share'

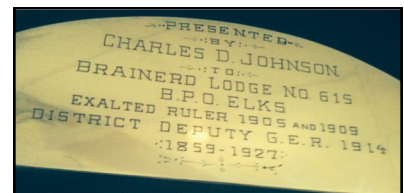
Donations to the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp are tax deductible! If you have questions or would like to fill one of the listed needs, call Ray Frazier at (218) 330-1045.



**Pull-Tab Location**  
Brainerd Elks  
Lic. # 00496

# Cowboy's

Lake Shore, Mn  
Pull-Tabs Brainerd Elks Lic. #00496



Can you tell me where this inscription is located in the lodge? Who knows the history behind it? Please share with me what you can.

## Students of the Month

**Hannah Marie Weiers**, Isle High School, is one of the Brainerd Elks Lodge April Students of the Month.

Described as a very involved and organized youth leader in the community and school, Hannah takes on many tasks and completes them in great fashion according to counselor Stanley Miller.

She is president of the student council, travel club treasurer, active in many sports as a manager and is a dedicated cheerleader for her school. Hannah is an active church group leader and works in the community.

Leisure time activities include snowboarding, camping and her church youth. Future plans include attending the University of Northwestern in St Paul for electronic media communications-recording arts.

**Jeremiah Noon**, Aitkin High School, is one of the Brainerd Elks Lodge April Students of the Month.

As a member of the National Honor Society, Jeremiah is a very intelligent, hard-working young man who excels in academics and is extremely artistic, said Nicole Doyle, counselor.

His participation in Madrigals and handbell choir, peer helpers and the National Honor Society chapter president and community work keeps him busy.

In his leisure time, Jeremiah plays tennis, reads and enjoys hanging with friends.

Attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and double majoring in pre-medicine and biology are his aspirations.

## The MN Elks Youth Camp Needs Your Help!

**The Elks Youth Camp is in need of the following items for this summer:**

- ◆ Bicycles, Bicycles, Bicycles Parts—Wanted new or used
- ◆ Troops week campership fees, \$75.00 each
- ◆ Camper T-shirt donations, \$5.00 per camper
- ◆ Paper goods—toilet paper, paper towels, plates, napkins, garbage bags.
- ◆ Health House items—Sunscreen spf40-50, bug spray 30-40 DET, Calamine spray, Solarcaine spray, band aids, personal size toilet articles, ice packs, tums, analgesics, Sudafed, hand sanitizer
- ◆ Maintenance items—1 weed eater, 3 leaf blowers, 1 chain saw, 5 push brooms, 20 paint brushes, rollers, 2 cycle oil.
- ◆ Cleaning supplies—Kleenex, CLR cleaner, liquid laundry soap, window cleaner, dryer sheets, mop and bucket
- ◆ Arts and crafts—finger paint, construction paper, glitter, glue guns and sticks, yarn, scrap book supplies, plain white t-shirts, watercolor paints, popsicle sticks.
- ◆ Kids clothing—time to update
- ◆ Costumes, clothing and props for skits
- ◆ Office supplies—stamps for postcards, markers, folders, clips, pens, pencils, power strips, copy paper stapler, etc.
- ◆ Miscellaneous—charcoal and lighter, bottled water, bird seed, sidewalk chalk
- ◆ Smoke and co2 detectors
- ◆ \$2,500.00 for pontoon boat furniture
- ◆ Mattress Covers, \$20.00 each
- ◆ Stearns rain jackets, ponchos
- ◆ Scholarship donations (for camp counselors)



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**Thank You...**

- ◆ Community Breakfast cooks and servers: Bill & Cheryl Bailey, Leona Johnson, Karel House, Carol Brown Smith, Cheri Drake, Herman Wisneski, Jim Runberg, Dan Graven, Tom Borden and Ron Bower.
- ◆ Tuesday dinners: Jim Zaleski, Conrad Bye, Herman Wisneski, Jim Runberg, Leona Johnson, Cheri Drake, Gwen Imgrund and Karel House.
- ◆ Burger nights' staff of Chuck Steinbauer, Bill Bailey, Jack Antolak, Mick & Mel Ziebel, Bruce & Kelly Mogensen.
- ◆ The SHOP Burger specialists Scott Longanecker and Herman Wisneski.
- ◆ Lenten Fish Fryers Bruce Mogensen and Conrad Bye.
- ◆ Polish Sausage workers Mike Jeppesen, Mark Wheeler & Herman Wisneski
- ◆ Doug Johnson, Lorraine Berry, Jim Runberg, Susan Shortridge, Bruce & Kelly Mogensen, Leona Johnson, Cheri Drake and Jim Van Duyn for the first round of membership campaign letter folding and stuffing.

**April Birthdays**

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 02 Koshiol, Mel          | 14 Johnson, Jonathan P |
| 07 Stone, Philip M       | 18 Busho, Brad R       |
| 08 Antolak, Jack         | Jacobs, Gerald         |
| Wisneski, Jeff           | 21 Wenner, Donald R    |
| 10 Dehen Jr Md, James J  | 24 Little, Wayne       |
| Frazier, Raymond         | 25 Imgrund, Ronald     |
| 11 Nelson, Lee           | 27 Vadnais, Kevin J    |
| 12 Steinbauer, Charles P | 28 Schmitt, Allen      |
| 13 McAlpin, Eugene M     | 30 Casey, Fred J       |

**Happy Birthday!**

The Elkorama is published monthly by the Brainerd Elks Lodge #615. 215 South 6th Street, Brainerd, MN 56401 It is mailed to members, widows and widowers of members.



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Down Town Golf Spring Open**

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am

**\$5 Green Fee (all proceeds go to Kinship Partners)**

Prizes for 8<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> place; Best Costume contest

Final Party at the American Legion at 6:00 pm

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

**Committees Now Being Formed**

Did you know we have over 20 committees doing work in your lodge? If you have an interest in planning, join one of the committees. Your ideas and input are important. Contact any lodge officer.

**Annual Brainerd Elks FISHING FLING**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014  
FOOD • FUN • PRIZES!

**Featured Speaker:**  
**Dick Jonckowski**  
"Voice of The Gophers"  
Emcee, Comedian, Speaker

**GREAT PRIZES!**

- 2 Day/3 Night Trip for 4 to Wigwam Lodge on Lake of the Woods
- Aluminum Utility Trailer from Brainerd Recreation Supply
- \$500 Gift Certificate to Cub Foods
- Gophers Football Weekend, Including Lodging
- Bavarian Forest Eight Day Cuckoo Clock
- Spirit Spas "Fountain of Youth" Certificate (2)
- Guided Fishing Trip with Glen Belgum

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**SERVING**

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**LOCATION**

**Brainerd National Guard Armory**  
1115 Wright Street

**TIMES**

Social Hour 5:00pm  
Dinner 7:00pm  
Program & Prizes 8:00pm

**Proceeds Benefit Elk's Youth Activities Fund**  
This fund provides scholarships to area high school students, plus supports the State Elks Youth Camp on Pelican Lake.

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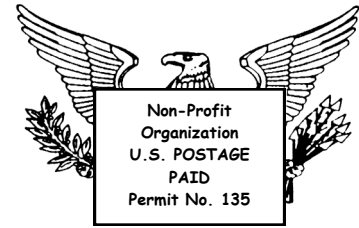


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 Loyal Knight.....Vacant  
 Lecturing Knight.....Dan Graven  
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 Treasurer.....Vacant  
 Esquire.....Jay Johnson  
 Chaplain.....Jack Antolak  
 Inner Guard..... Bruce Mogensen  
 Tiler..... Vacant

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>LODGE/CLUB HOURS:</b> Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturdy 12:00-8:00		<b>1</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night Entrée: Ribs	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers	<b>4</b> 5:30-7:00 Chef's Choice: Fish, Shrimp, Drummites Fries & Texas Toast	<b>5</b> 11:00 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Golf Spring Open
<b>6</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks	<b>7</b> 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting	<b>8</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Pork Chop in creme	<b>9</b> 11:00-1:00 Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Beans & Artisan Breads	<b>10</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers; 5:00 Burgers for The SHOP	<b>11</b> 5:30-7:00 Chef's Choice: Fish, Shrimp, Drummites Fries & Texas Toast	<b>12</b> 11:00-3:00 District Deputy Clinic @ Legion; Baxter Bass Club Dinner
<b>13</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers; Pregnant Ladies Night Out @ Bites in Pine	<b>18</b> 5:30-7:00 Chef's Choice: Fish, Shrimp, Drummites Fries & Texas Toast	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW	<b>21</b> 5:30 Trustees 6:30 Lodge meeting with Initiation	<b>22</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Cashew Chicken	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30-7:00 Burgers; 5:00 Burgers for The SHOP	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: by Social	<b>30</b> 5:00 Fishing Fling			