

ELKORAMA

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Exalted Ruler's Corner: July

You will be reading this in July and I certainly hope that we are in the midst of summer, not fall. Just sayin'. If it is summer then it also means the Crow Wing County Fair in August so mark your calendars and come on down and join the fun at the fair. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and a great time with either the choir or band kids. The dates are July 29th through August 2nd. I know that Don Stang and many others are working hard to plan this event and to make it successful once again. Please look at your datebooks and help where you can.



The renovations are continuing around the Club and it looks better every day. Let us know if you have ideas about other ways to improve the looks of our Club. I know this is repetitive but thank you to all who have worked on the Club in many different capacities.

I also want to remind all that the PER's and others of the leadership team are working on a member drive and we need everyone to ask one, just one more, to be part of our Order. Look at your social and business friends and carefully consider if they would want to be part our Order and the fantastic projects that we do for Veterans, Youth, and our communities. We grow or we die, that is the pure unadulterated truth of the matter. Let's choose to grow.

- Fraternally submitted, Jim Dehen -

SECRETARY REPORT

I have spent the last couple of weeks cleaning out the office. It should now be easier to keep track of all the paperwork that comes through the Elks Club office. If you are looking for something and can't find it please let me know, as I have moved things around.

We still have 19 unpaid members for 2014-2015. Please consider renewing your dues so that I can get that job completed.

Jim and I will be attending the National Elks Convention in New Orleans, LA in July. Hopefully it won't be too hot!

Hope to see you at the Club or at the Lodge meetings. We just meet once/month on July 21, August 18 and September 15.

— Fraternally submitted, Shannon Dehen —



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Gear Up for Fair Week

The Crow Wing County Fair will be held this year on July 29 through August 2. The Elks Food Stand, as in years past, needs volunteers to help in various jobs as cooks, cook helpers, kitchen help, cashiers, clean up and other assorted jobs. The project is one of our major fund raisers for the Elks. This project provides a lot of fun for members and spouses and needs your help and support. In order to manage the booth, we need 6-8 persons for each of the three shifts per day.

A sign-up sheet will be located in the clubrooms with the various jobs, time and shifts waiting for your name to be filled in. Several people have already signed up but MANY MORE are still needed. Organize your friends and sign up as a team.

This year the Brainerd High School Symphonic Band will be serving as food servers. They are given a daily stipend along with all the tips that they earn. This provides them with monies to fund special projects they have planned.

When you visit one of Minnesota's most popular county fairs, be sure to support the Elks Food Booth located near the midway.

If you have any questions, just call the Elks (829-2643) for more information or they will put you in touch with someone who can answer all your questions.

We need your HELP and SUPPORT at the 2014 Crow Wing County Fair Elks Food Booth. It's GREAT to be an Elk.

Freedom Grant

BPOE # 615 was the recipient of an Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant. It was decided that the money would be used to take a group of Central Lakes College veterans and their guests to a Minnesota Twins Baseball game in Minneapolis, MN. On Saturday, 5/17/14 at about 2:00 PM 35 vets and their guests departed Brainerd heading for the game. The Twins were winners. We all returned home, very sleepy at about 11:30 PM.

Many thanks to grant writer Liz and Dave Csanda who made ticket and transportation arrangements. Also thank you to Veterans Resource Center Coordinator Kathy Marshik and staff at CLC for arranging for the participants. Finally thank you to the Van Duyns and the Baileys for hosting the trip. Hopefully we can make the trip an annual event.

Fraternally yours, Bill Bailey

To all Brainerd Elk 615 Members:

This month's letter to you is a brief follow-up to the PER's Membership Drive project. This effort is necessary to try and stop the loss of members through lapsation, death, and/or transfer. And, this effort is looking to be successful, with the help and input of all of our Brainerd Elks 615 members.

As I write this summary, we have a total of 10 new members and/or reinstatements. Two new members will be installed June 16, 2014, with the others to follow at a later time this summer. Our goal is to initiate 26 new members this year, and, of course we need your continued help.

As I stated in last month's letter, to keep moving forward, to generate further essential momentum in this membership drive, we are continuing to ask all our Elk members to step forward, and make a personal contact with a family member, a friend, a co-worker, etc., and, see if they might like to become an Elk. Refer your prospective names to any PER, or leave the information at the Lodge.

Also, the PER's 1st Sunday of the month breakfast is serving on average, over 100 people! (However, there is room for more!) The breakfast is making a good profit for the benefit of our various programs. And, finally, please note that the sign-up list for the County Fair food booth is up and ready for your signature. The list is posted in the Club Room.

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

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 purchase 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!!

Let's Go Fishing!

Please be aware that the local chapter of LGF (Let's go Fishing) has one Wednesday evening remaining for Elks members to go fishing on the 28' pontoon boat. The time scheduled is for July 30 at 5:15 PM at the dock at the Elks Youth Camp on Pelican Lake. This trip will last three hours. No need to bring rods, reels, tackle or life jacket, they are all furnished.

Sign-up sheet is on the bar at the club. If you have questions please contact Dave Csanda at 218-851-3484 or Bill Bailey at 218-821-0483. Please join us for an evening of fun.



NEW MEMBER



Brenda Marquette



**Minnesota Elk's
27th Annual
State Golf
Tournament**
At Pheasant Acres Golf Course
Hosted By:
Mpls#44 /Hopkins #2221

**Saturday
July 26th 2014**

12:30 Shotgun start

Thank You

- ◆ Dinner 5-20: Tom & Jeanne Swanson, Bill & Kathy Ludenia, Charles Steinbauer, Carol Brown-Smith, Teri Kautz
- ◆ Dinner 5-27: Don Stang, Don Wenner, Joe VanWie, Jack Hickerson, Norm & Ruth Nelson
- ◆ Breakfast 6-1: Herman Wisneski, Tom Borden, Bill Bailey, Dick Lyscio, Ray & Jan Frazier, Bob & Sharon Osborne, Karel House, Leona Johnson, Jim Runberg, Dan Graven & Cheri Drake
- ◆ Dinner 6-3: Tom & Jeanne Swanson, Bill & Kathy Ludenia, Carol Brown-Smith, Leona Johnson & Cheri Drake
- ◆ Dinner 6-10: Lois Steinbauer, Carol Brown-Smith, Sharon Osborne, Kelly Mogensen, Terri Kautz and Cheri Drake
- ◆ Burgers 5-22: Todd & Dick Lyscio and Brenda Marquette
- ◆ Burgers 5-29: Cheri Drake, Teri Kautz and Leona Johnson
- ◆ Burgers 6-5: Jack & Wendy Antolak
- ◆ Burgers 6-12:

On behalf of the Central Lakes College Foundation, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of a 34th ID memorial plaque 3'x5'. This item will be utilized by students in our Veterans Resource Center on the Brainerd Campus.... Yours truly, Pam Thomsen, Executive Director, CLC Foundation.

Thank you for your donation of \$50.00 to C-I Grad Blast. Community support is an important part of putting this together each year. Sincerely, Mary Kuhlman, parent volunteer.

Re: Central Lakes College/Career and Technical Program Scholarship: Just a brief note to thank you and the Brainerd Elks Lodge 615 Scholarship Committee for the generous scholarship I was awarded at the banquet on May 8th....Last, thank you very much for the nice dinner that was put together nicely for this event, very thoughtful and good! Sincerely yours, Lucas J. Michals

Dear Minnesota Elks Association,

Thank you for choosing my essay to win first and second place. It means a lot to me that you thought my essay was that good to go on to state! My family also thanks you because they are very proud of me for doing the Essay contest and winning highly in local and state. What I plan on doing with the money you gave me, is to put it in savings (and spend a little.) Thank you very much! Sincerely, Anna Chapp

Dear Brainerd Elks,

I can't thank you enough for the gift of your scholarship. I really appreciate it! I will be attending Central Lakes College, as you know, for which I plan on studying American Sign Language and finishing my Associate in Arts degree to eventually become an American Sign Language interpreter. Your scholarship will help me pay for tuition, books and fees, and give me the opportunity to pursue my dream. Thank you again for your generous gift! Sincerely, Samantha Strong

Elks Lodge,

Thank you for choosing me as one of your scholarship winners. With your contribution to my higher education, it will be easier to achieve my pursuits and dreams. This will start at Bemidji State University, where I will major in art and design. Again, thank you so much for choosing me. Andrew Pitassi

Elks Lodge,

Thank you for the scholarship money. I will be using this to attend Central Lakes College this fall. Thanks, Max Walter

Thank you!!

The Pillager 2014 Senior Class would like to THANK YOU for your generous donation for their 2014 Grad Blast. Ss/signed by class members.

Picnic Time

Again this year the Social Committee will be hosting the annual Summer Picnic. This will be on Tuesday, July 22nd. Cost is \$11.00/person. We will be grilling burgers and brats, baked beans, salads, desserts, etc. Mark your calendars and come HUNGRY !

Brainerd Elks Lodge #615

July Birthdays

01 Olson, Aldon	19 Isackson, Gary
02 Traylor, Jim	Wachholz, Duane
03 Jeremiah, Sandi	20 Bye, Conrad
04 Carlson, Kent	21 Bolt, Dale E
08 Puschinsky, Mark E	Thompson, James A
09 Polich, Denny	22 Tresco, Ron
13 Berghuis, Todd	23 Bailey, Bill
14 Henskensiefken, Guy	24 Dusbabek, Gary
17 Nicolai, Marvin	Wisneski, Brian
O'Brien, Don T	27 Christensen, Leslie Jo
Quisberg, Steve	29 Vukelich, Frank J
18 O'Hara, William D	

Happy Birthday!

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

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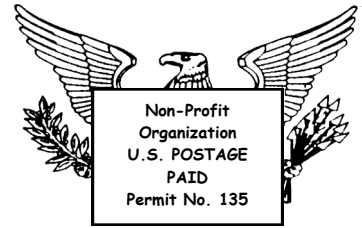
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JULY, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Walleye	2 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all Drinks 5:30 Social Committee meeting	3 5:30-7:00 Burgers	4 Independence Day; Open @ 1:00 pm; Sloppy Jo's All Day	5 5:00-7:00 Chef's Choice: Brats
6 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks	7	8 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	9 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	10 5:30-7:00 Burgers	11 5:00 Tacos	12
13 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles	14	15 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Prime Rib	16 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	17 5:30-7:00 Burgers	18 5:00 Tacos	19
20 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW	21 5:30 Trustees; 6:30 Lodge meeting	22 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Picnic/ Burgers & Brats by Social Committee	23 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	24 5:30-7:00 Burgers	25 5:00 Tacos	26 District Soccer Shoot @ Hutchinson
27 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion	28	29 See You @ the Crow Wing County Fair; No Dinner @ Lodge	30 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	31	LODGE/CLUB HOURS: Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturday 12:00-8:00	