



ELKORAMA

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Exalted Ruler's Corner: October

As you are reading this we must be into fall. Well, at least that means football weather. It has been a great summer and thank you to all who helped in all of our projects.

We have started our membership drive and I am purposely being redundant but have you invited someone down to the Club or asked a friend or acquaintance why they haven't joined the Best People On Earth? Show them the list of the things we do locally and nationally and ask them why they aren't part of that Order. It may sound simplistic but the best way to get a new member is to ask.

We did have our annual audit from Grand Lodge and other than a few questions which we have answered, there were no issues. If any member wants to see the audit, please contact an officer or trustee.

Please enjoy the fall and changing of the seasons, that's why we live here! I'll keep this one short but I am open to comments or concerns anytime if someone wants to discuss them.

- Fraternaly submitted, Jim Dehen -



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

**Are you ready for Viking Football?
Cheer on your favorites with friends at the Elks!**

Bring a potluck dish to share or \$5 per person

- ♦ Oct 2, 7:25 at Green Bay
- ♦ Oct 12, 12:00 vs Detroit
- ♦ Oct 19, 12:00 at Buffalo
- ♦ Oct 26, 12:00 at Tampa Bay

Also go to the Elks.org website, register as a member and enter the Elks Football Pick'Em NFL contest



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Secretaries Report—Snow Birds keep your address current

Fall is definitely upon us, I hope it is a long fall and short winter!

If you are heading south for the winter, it is your responsibility to let us know your change of address. The *Elkorama* will not be forwarded and you will not receive one until you contact us. Email me your new address, as well as when you will be leaving and coming back, sddehen@aol.com. The easy way to avoid this hassle is to just receive the *Elkorama* by email, instead of us sending it to you. This applies to all members, as it will save the club money to email the newsletters.

The dictionaries that are given to 3rd graders in the Brainerd area have been ordered. They should be here in a couple of weeks. If you would like to help deliver the books to the schools please let me know. These are books that the 3rd graders are able to keep and take home. We are also accepting donations if you would like to contribute to this project.

Have a great October!

— *Fraternally submitted, Shannon Dehen* —

October Birthdays

02 Michael Jaeger	16 Joseph Masanz
04 Thomas Borden	18 David Maras
06 Carol Brown Smith	20 Mary Weum
07 Wayne Larson	23 Lenny Ettinger
09 Robert Patterson	24 Jody Kane
John Solien	25 Terri Kautz
10 Michael Jeppesen	28 Irving Burton
11 Fred Fisher	Lisa Haberman
12 Fay Miller	29 Edward Koehler
15 Donald Ryan	

Happy Birthday!

To All Brainerd Elk 615 Members

The Membership Drive, supported by the PER's with Jim Van Duyn, at the helm, continues to work at getting prospective members into our Club Room, to hear and see the good things we Elks do in our neighborhood. We continue to ask you to keep on working to get prospective members in to enjoy the activity with Elk members, and, view the new moving video on the big screen in the Bar area, detailing the wide variety of work we Elks are doing in the region.

The PER's now have a list of approximately 150 prospective members that we are working with to help become Brainerd Elks. But, we still need all members to think about asking a family member, a friend, or perhaps a business associate, to consider becoming an Elk!

A couple of hours together at the Lodge - perhaps having dinner together at Tuesday's Family Dinner Night, or perhaps having a Burger together on any Thursday at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, - provides a great sales tool, and is fun as well.

See you at the Elks!

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

Grants Approved

Three grant applications have been forwarded to the Elks National Foundation. Two have been approved. We are awaiting word on a third.

Continuance of the Beacon of Hope grant for \$2,000 is to provide a free dinner to Central Lakes College enrolled veterans and their family once each week from September through mid-May. Weekly hosts are needed to eat and socialize with the veterans and make them welcome. This program has been in place for two years.

Feeding drop-in young adults at The SHOP twice each month is the goal that the Promise Grant has also met with approval from the ENF. Burgers will be offered to these teens twice a month.

Looking for Ideas

Do you have a charitable group that needs support from the Elks? Brainerd Elks are aggressively looking for ideas as to

How best to serve our community and make it stronger. It must be Elks driven and members doing the support. We want to serve our communities in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, return former members to the fold and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that is doing big things

We have met the Grand Exalted Rulers challenge goal of \$4.60 giving per member and therefore qualify for a \$2,000 grant. The past several years we have used this grant to conduct "Pregnant Ladies Night Out" events with Healthy Brains for Children.

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

STEPUP

*Drug Awareness chairman NEEDED!
*Youth Activities chairman NEEDED!
*Americanism Essay Contest chairman NEEDED!

STEPUP

Brainerd Elks members are looking for several volunteers to actively fill several positions. They are Americanism Essay Contest chair, Drug Awareness chair and Youth Activities chair.

These positions require an individual to make contact with the schools within Lodge jurisdiction, to meet state and national deadlines and keep the Lodge informed.

Americanism Essay Contest Theme "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means To Me?" For 5th-8th Grade to promote patriotism among young people. Deadline to Local Lodge is December 19, 2014; winners forwarded by January 31, 2015

Also needed at this time are team members for the local Hoop Shoot and the Dictionary Project. The Hoop Shoot team members would assist the chairman in getting the word out, setting up and running the event. Dictionary Project team members distribute dictionaries to 3rd grade students in Baxter, Brainerd and Pillager schools.

Contact the secretary or any of the officers of your interest.

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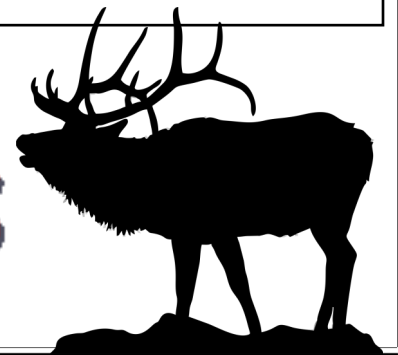
Thank You

Thank you....

- * To Steve Tufte and Jeanne Greene and everyone who helped serve Tuesday steak & dessert night
- * To Don Stang and his crew for Chicken and Corn feed
- * To Tom Swanson's Walleye dinner group
- * To Herman Wisneski and everyone who helped serve the marinated pork bundles
- * To everyone that contributed to successful Burger nights: Bruce & Kelly Mogensen, Cheri Drake, Leona Johnson & Terri Kautz; Scott Longanecker & Dick Lyscio
- * To the two back to back Sunday breakfasts crews and Doug Johnson for Carmel Rolls.
- * To all members, especially the PERs who have jumped on board the membership drive to make the wine and cheese event a success
- * To all members who have extended a welcoming hand to Central Lakes College veteran guests attending Tuesday Night Dinners and hosts Jim & Nedra Van Duyn and Leona Johnson



Discover Elks



Veterans' Corner



What defines a hero?

"A hero, a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities. A person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal."

In 1968, I stood on the slope of the freeway in San Diego, now I-15, waiting for buses to passon board would be the crew from the USS Pueblo, who had just landed at Miramar Air Station. They were on

their way to Balboa Naval Hospital. The crew spent the last 11 months in captivity in North Korea, after their ship was seized by North Korean Naval vessels. Looking up the freeway, I could see the gray buses approaching and by now a small crowd had gathered to cheer and give thanks to these men. Suddenly there they were in front of us...the driver seemed to know and slowed down as the four buses passed the crowd. We waived, cheered and cried, strangers hugging strangers and the men waved back, their eye's locking on our faces as if to say, 'thank you'. They were home....Were they Hero's? In my mind, Yes!

A heartfelt thank you to our Elk members for your service to your country....we salute you!

- ◆ Another delivery of 30 books to the VA Brainerd Community Based Outpatient Clinic was made in mid-September to help veterans count calories. The book *The Calorie King Calorie Fat & Carbohydrate Counter* 2014 edition will be used in the classes led by the resident dietician.

In Memoriam



Robert Osborne
Born August 20, 1937
Initiated May 20, 1967
Passed Away Sept.6, 2014

"They have passed into the Light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more. But their virtues are written upon the tablets of Love and Memory and they shall be revered for all time as true and faithful Elks"



Elks Care - Elks Share



Brainerd Elks 1st Annual Bob Osborne Memorial Cribbage Tourney



**Saturday, October 25
From 2:00-5:00 pm
\$5 entry fee,
100% pay back
Sign up at the bar**

NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome the Lodge's newest class of members. Pictured from left are Jeffry Meek, Shon Roberts, Exalted Ruler James Dehen, Terri Kautz, Kevin Carlson and William Kronstedt.



**Elks
National
Foundation**

BHS Band & Elks Appreciation Night

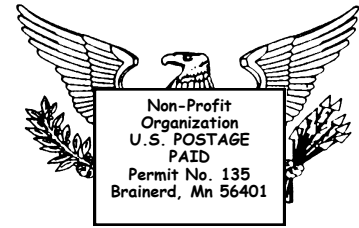
All Elks are invited to an Elks Appreciation Night on Friday, October 3, 2014. This event is to thank all Elks for their continued support and volunteer efforts over the past year. In addition, the Elks will have as our guests the Brainerd Symphonic Band. This group of fine, outstanding young people and their parents assisted the many, many Elks as workers at the Elks Fair Booth at the August Crow Wing County Fair. This venture was again a huge success. . .

A variety of food items will available during the evening which will begin at 5:30 p.m. until ?? or the food runs out.

Hope to see you on October 3.



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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 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	2 5:30-7:00 Burgers 7:00 Vikings @ Green Bay	3 5:00 Tacos; 5:30-9:00 BHS Symphonic Band & Elks Members Appreciation Night; Warrior Football at Bemidji	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: Ribs by Tom Swanson	8 11:00-1:00 Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Beans & Artisan Breads; All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	9 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Ray Frazier	10 5:00 Tacos; Moorhead at Warrior Football	11
12 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles; 11:30-3:30 Detroit at Vikings	13	14 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Steak by Steve Tuffe, Desserts by Jeanne Green	15 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; Warrior Football at Grand Rapids	16 5:30-7:00 Burgers	17 5:00 Tacos	18
19 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW; 11:30-3:30 Vikings at Buffalo	20 5:30 Trustees; 6:30 Lodge meeting	21 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Cashew Chicken by Herman Wisneski	22 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	23 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Mel Ziebell	24 5:00 Tacos	25
26 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion; 11:30-3:30 Vikings at Tampa Bay	27	28 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	29 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	30 5:30-7:00 Burgers	31 Halloween 5:00 Tacos	