

ELKORAMA

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Brainerd Elks Lodge #615

September, 2014

Exalted Ruler's Corner: September

Well, it's time for another ER note and I know you are as excited as I am. Seriously, the summer is winding down and school is starting again. Some of our members are ready for the kids to go back.

Our membership wine and cheese event is the 17th. I hope you have started to look for and invite prospective members down to the Club. I know this is redundant but I truly believe that this is our largest challenge. Your trustees, PERs, and officers are working hard on the membership drive and other potential ideas to attract members.



Do you have a friend in law enforcement or the fire department? With our kids and Drug Awareness programs, they should want to be part of our Order to help support these important programs. We have essentially no members from this demographic.

And absolutely sell the Club. There is still an important role for a private club and new friends that respect that privacy. Ask what you can do for the Club and Lodge- sorry JFK but I like the line.

If you would like to help, please ask one of the officers where you can participate. You only have to commit as much as you wish and whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated.

It is football season again of course and start looking for and participating in our Viking's game day events. All for now but I look forward as always to seeing many of you at the Club.

- Fraternaly submitted, Jim Dehen -

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Are you ready for Viking Football?
Cheer on your favorites with friends at the Elks!
Check out Coach Zimmer & players; watch AP, Patterson & Bridgewater



Bring a potluck dish to share or \$5 per person
Sept 7, 12:00 at St Louis
Sept 14, 12:00 vs New England
Sept 21, 12:00 at New Orleans
Sept 28, 3:25 Vs Atlanta
Also go to the Elks.org website, register as a member and enter the Elks Football Pick'Em NFL contest



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Every Wednesday
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The Brainerd Elks had another successful week at the Crow Wing County Fair. My thanks to all the members who volunteered their time and efforts to make this another success for the Brainerd Elks. Special thanks to the Brainerd Symphonic Band members and parents who served as our wait staff during the fair. The Band members received tips amounting to over \$2500.. Congratulations to this marvelous group of young of people.

Don Stang, County Fair Coordinator

BINGO AT ST CLOUD VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER

On Friday, August 8, five volunteers from our Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 served a bit different group of veterans at the St Cloud Center. Rather than the past groups of 60-80 vets of mixed ages and characteristics, this is a special group of 30 senior-age vets, coming from different buildings, mostly in wheelchairs, and in need of assistance in doing their daily activities. We met in a smaller room which made it easier to work the game and be more personal in building relationships. Those vets attending seemed to enjoy playing bingo, plus getting cash prizes and treats. Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 volunteers who made the trip were: Caller Herman Wisneski: Jan Frazier, Ray Frazier, Ethel Olson and Dick Ashmun. They served as monitors during the game to help individuals when needed and to distribute prize money. Our guys helped wheel a number of the vets to and from their rooms, while the ladies set up and served the treats. It was a busy time, and a fun time. This format may be followed in the future.

SECRETARY REPORT

Summer is certainly flying by! It is hard to believe we are already looking at the September events.

In the last Elkorama, I asked members to email me if you wanted to get the Elkorama by email, instead of sent to you in the mail. I failed to provide my email address: sddehen@aol.com. This would save the club postage and printing costs, as well as make it easier in the long run. Please consider getting the Elkorama by email especially if you go away for the winter. Remember it is your responsibility to contact us when your address changes for the winter, as well as when you get back. Every undeliverable Elkorama costs us \$.49. The post office will not forward them to you. If we receive one back, you may be taken off the mailing list. Enjoy the crisp days of fall.

— *Fraternally submitted, Shannon Dehen* —



You are invited to a Wine and Cheese Party at The Elks Lodge #615
215 South 9th Street, Brainerd Minnesota
On Wednesday, September 17th 2014
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Please Come! And Bring
Prospective Member/s

Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 2014-2015 Committees

Accident Prevention	Conrad Bye
Activities	Carol Brown Smith
Americanism	
Auditing	
Drug Awareness	
Flag Day	Herman Wisneski
Fraternal	Herman Wisneski
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Hoop Shoot	Dick Lyscio
Investigation	
Membership/Lapsation	
Lodge Activities	Lorraine Berry
Ritual	Herman Wisneski
Memorial Service	Herman Wisneski
National Foundation	Don Stang
Veterans Service	Richard Ashmun
Public Relations	James Van Duyn
Welfare/Relief	Lodge Officers
Youth Activities	
Community Activities	Bill Bailey
Soccer Shoot	Bill Bailey/Lisa Roberts
PER Association	James Runberg
Charitable Gambling	Brad Busho
Boy Scout Liason	Herman Wisneski
State Major Project	Raymond Frazier
Scholarships/SOM	James Van Duyn/ Joseph VanWie
Penny-A-Day	

September Birthdays

02 Brandt, Bernard J	14 Annabelle, Kelly
Klosner, Gregory	Carlson, Rodney A
03 Klosner, Clyde W	19 DeRosier, Joe M
04 Burton, Michael	21 Beaulieu, Duane
Meyer, Kim	22 Rohlfing, Robert
05 Carner, Adam	23 Csandá, Liz
07 Nesvold, Jeremy	25 Cameron, L J
08 Mills, Stewart C	Eilers, Gerald
10 Ramp, Francis H	Nelson, Clinton
Tufte, Steven	30 Anderson, Leland E
13 McKee, Eugene B	Bongs, William
Spangler, James B	

Happy Birthday!

CAMPER THANK YOU'S!

- ♦ Dear Driver, thank you for driving me to elks camp. I've had so much fun canoeing, pontooning, archery, Markees, swimming and biking. Without you I would never get to do that. **Grace.**
- ♦ Thank you for takeing me to Elks Camp it is really fun here The four most excited things were water carnival and the campfire and free swim PS. They have really good food here. Thank you mom and dad plus Susan
- ♦ Dear Driver, Thank you so much I'm having a blast at Elks camp the beds are so cuferteble (comfortable). **From Amelia Smith**
- ♦ Brainerd Lodge, I thank you for the swimming. **Zack Theien**
- ♦ Brainerd Lodge, I loved everything here I can't think of anywhere better than here. **Billy Bririnkley**
- ♦ I thank the Elk members for all the stuff we have. **From Kaylyn**
- ♦ **Joey Clark**, Brainerd, MN My favorite part about camp is everything.
- ♦ Thank you for serving. **Derek**
- ♦ Dear Brainerd Elks Lodge, Thanks for giving us our fun equipment. **Love, Kiya Eck**
- ♦ **Trent Soderman** Brainerd Lodge Thank you for swimming
- ♦ Brainerd Lodge, Thanks for giving Elks Camp all of the supplies. My favorite activity was fishing. I really appreciate what you did. **Silas W.**
- ♦ Dear Brainerd, Thank you very much for giving me the opertunety to come to the Elks Youth Camp. My favorite part was kyak's! **from Kyle.**

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.**

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Elks: Elevating America

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler's theme this year is "Elks: Elevating America". GER John D. Amen defines this theme as, "Elks elevate, or lift up America by their good works in their communities. The good works make America a better place to live and work."

The successful Lodge emphasizes teamwork

"Elks Elevating America"

A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen

It is well recognized that an organization reflects the persona of its leader. In our Local Lodge structures the Exalted Ruler is President and Chief Operating Officer. It is imperative that this leader have the ability and motivation to get things done through others. There are simply too many things in motion for the Exalted Ruler to handle them all, in addition to presiding over meetings. The one power that an Exalted Ruler has – and how this power is used will determine a good year or be the cause of a bad year – is the appointment of committees. As leaders of your organization, choose your committees well and you will have a smooth and successful year.

Officers, committees and Members must all work together for the success of the Lodge. An authoritative management style rarely works well in a volunteer environment. The phrase that "it is much more effective to use honey as an incentive rather than vinegar" exemplifies an effective management style.

I frequently hear the complaint that only 5 percent of the Members do all the work. If that concern applies to you then on your next project go to inactive Members, call them on the telephone and ask for their help. You will be surprised at how many Members were simply waiting for someone to invite them to become involved. A good leader recruits the personnel needed to accomplish the goals of the Lodge.

In addition you must constantly reach out to those inactive Members to keep them interested and remind them why they joined your Lodge in the first place. One easy and effective tool for this purpose is your Lodge newsletter. Be sure every issue has at least one article and photo of a community service or charitable act performed by your Lodge Members. An inactive Member who sees that the Lodge is performing a useful community service is much more likely to value membership and continue to support his or her Lodge with annual dues.

Again, **be sure to carry a tri-fold membership application – a propitious moment for inviting someone to join can be fleeting and lost if there is no paperwork handy.**

Last, but not least, Patriotism Week starts September 8 this year. Be sure to fly the American flag all week in remembrance of that terrible event, September 11, 2001.

To All Brainerd Elk 615 Members

So, I've got to give you the good news about the PER's Membership Drive Program, with Jim Van Duyn, providing an incredible amount of input and direction, including a just finished fast moving video he made, showing what Elk members are doing in our community. This video will be shown on the Big Screen TV in the Bar area at various times, including the upcoming Membership Drive's "Wine & Cheese Party", to be held on Wednesday, September 17th, 2014, at the Elks Lodge, from 4:00 pm to 7 pm. Mark your calendars. Please come and bring a prospective member, and enjoy the activity, including a number of Kiosks set up with Elk members available to further explain what we are all about to the prospective members.

However, 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, at the Wine and Cheese Party, would make a great sales tool for becoming a member, and, be fun as well for everyone.

All members could help by providing names and addresses of your prospective members, to Jim Van Duyn, through his email address: jamesvanduyn@gmail.com. The PER's will then send a postcard with an invite to this prospective member, inviting him or her to the above captioned Wine and Cheese Party. We still need your help - So far we have a list of 50 prospective members, but would like to send out invitations to a couple of hundred prospects. Give it some thought, and, please come yourselves!

Also, the PER's 1st Sunday of the month breakfast is continuing to serve over 100 people! It is such good food, and, at a reasonable price. The breakfast is making a good profit for the benefit of our various programs. Come to any 1st Sunday of the month breakfast. Serving starts in the club room at 8:00 am, and serving ends at 12:00 Noon.

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

In Memoriam



Dale Nathan

Born March 31, 1930

Initiated May 17, 1973

Passed Away July 28, 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”



Pictured from left are Jasmine Olson, Sarah Wiger, Matthew Schoencker, Sydney Stock, Ryan Swartwood and Sam Fritz.

Thank You

- ◆ Brainerd Elks Lodge, The Class of 2014 wants to thank you for your generosity in contributing to this year's Grad Blast Event! Thank you for your donation to the P.L. (Pequot Lakes) Grad Blast. The Class of 2014 had a fun and safe night! PLHS Grad Blast
- ◆ Dear Brainerd Elks Lodge, Thank you for seeing potential in me I plan to continue working hard towards my future. Sincerely, Bret Reed
- ◆ Dear the Members of the Brainerd Elks Lodge. Thank you for the \$500 Student of the Month Scholarship. It was very kind and generous. I will be attending Bemidji State University next fall. Thanks again for your support! Grace Gilsrud
- ◆ Brainerd Elks Lodge, Thank you so much for your donation in the amount of \$500.00 in response to Kids Against Hunger-Brainerd Lakes Area Million Meal Challenge. Your donation will help hungry children in other nations, as well as kids right here in Minnesota! Your generous contribution will provide 2,000 meals to hungry children.
During the last year, donations and support have enabled us to send food to Haiti, the Philippines, and the Syrian refugee camps in Turkey.
Right here in the Brainerd Lakes Area, we have sent food to local food shelves, the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in Brainerd, and the summer Operation Sandwich program. Your contribution makes this possible! **Thank you! John Poston**
- ◆ **July 17**—Ray and Jan Frazier
- ◆ **July 22**—Carol Brown Smith, Dave Smith, Herman Wisneski, Lois Steinbauer, Cheri Drake, Kelly Mogensen, Kala Henkenseifken, Sharon Osborne & Kathy Ludenia
- ◆ **July 24**—
- ◆ **August 3**—Dick Lyscio, Ray Frazier, Herman Wisneski, Dan Graven, Jim Runberg, Tom Borden, Don Stang, Leona Johnson, Sharon Osborne, Jan Frazier....
- ◆ **August 5**—Tom Swanson....
- ◆ **August 7**—Ray & Jan Frazier
- ◆ **August 12**—Herman Wisneski, Jim & Alice Klang, Sharon Osborne, Leona Johnson & Cheri Drake
- ◆ **August 14**—Jack and Wendy Antolak



Brainerd High School Symphonic Band Orientation session I have learned the "ropes" on where things are and how to take orders for customers.



BHS Symphonic Band Orientation session II attendees.



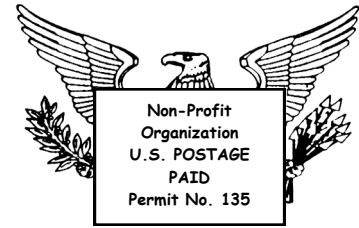
Emily DeChaine (right) and Kyla Parduhn pay their bills and ring the bell for "Tips for the Band".



Jen "The Generator" Jedlicka (right) and Jenny Blair wait for customers orders at the Crow Wing County Fair.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 LABOR DAY	2 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Walleye by Tom Swanson	3 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 5:30 Social Committee meeting	4 5:30-7:00 Burgers	5 5:00 Tacos	6
7 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks; 12:00-3:00 Vikings at St Louis	8	9 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	10 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	11 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Bob & Sharon Osborne	12 5:00 Tacos	13
14 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles; 12:00-3:00 New England at Vikings	15 5:30 Trustees; 6:30 Lodge meeting	16 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	17 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks; 4:00-7:00 Wine & Cheese party for prospective	18 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Ray & Jan Frazier	19 5:00 Tacos	20
21 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW; 12:00-3:00 Vikings at New Orleans	22	23 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	24 All Day Happy Hour 50 cents off all drinks	25 5:30-7:00 Burgers; Youth Camp Closing	26 5:00 Tacos; Youth Camp Closing	27 Youth Camp Closing
28 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion; Youth Camp Closing; 3:25-6:30 Atlanta at Vikings	29	30 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA			LODGE/CLUB HOURS: Daily 3:00-9:00 Saturday 12:00-8:00	