



## **The Rack**

***The Official Newsletter of the St. Cloud Elks #2843***

**October 2008**

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### **October Meetings**

Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**7:30 P.M.** at

The East side VFW #4847

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#### **October, 2008 GER Message**

**With year half over, it's time to reflect**

**A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel**

**To all District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:**



October brings us to the halfway point of the Subordinate Lodge year and the time to once again reflect on how far we have come, as well as to plan and initiate actions that will permit us to reach or exceed our goals in the time remaining.

Lodges must be sure they are on track or are making the necessary adjustment to ensure that, through the next six months, they reach or exceed the \$4.50 per capita donation goal for the Elks National Foundation, increase Membership through improved retention and recruitment efforts, improve the financial performance and stability of their Lodge through better controls and management, increase overall participation in our Youth and Veterans Programs, and expand the level of service effort provided to their community.

The key to our success in these five areas, the key to our success in growing Elkdom is involving more Elks. This is certainly not a one-person effort or even that of the 10 percent of Members who routinely work to get the job done. We need to enlist all card-carrying, able-bodied Elks to be a part of this effort.

As Jane and I travel throughout Elkdom we are continually impressed with the dedication, commitment and achievement from hard working Elks as it relates to our programs and service efforts and the operation of Lodges. The Elks we meet are truly the "Best People on Earth," and they are putting forth a herculean effort on behalf of their Lodges, their State Associations and our Order.

However, those we see and those who are working so diligently are small in numbers compared to our total Membership or the Membership of an individual Lodge. They simply need more help! Every Lodge and every active Elk should be working to reach a larger portion of the Membership for their involvement. Those less active Members need to be shown the positive attributes of our organizations and the joys and benefits from more active involvement. Just imagine what we could do if we could get another 10 percent of our Members active in what we do.

Please join with me in encouraging more Elks to participate in our efforts to Grow Elkdom and show to all that Elks Care, Elks Share.



### From our Exalted Ruler

On Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a tailgate cookout at the St. Cloud VA for the Vikings game. This date was set since the last newsletter.

The Mid-Year Convention will be held in Winona on October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. I am changing the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. so that the officers can get to the Winona that night and be ready for the 8 a.m. convention meeting.

We are hosting a hospitality room at the Mid-Year convention as we currently have a bid in for the 2011 Mid-Year Convention. Thank you to Steve and Jessica Zinken as they have donated roast beef for food. Larry and I have brewed a couple of batches of homebrew and have donated a few bottles of liquor. However there is a list of items that we will still need for this and we will discuss after Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

The October fifth Thursday will be at James and Jean Michael's house on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We have made the change from a fifth Thursday to fifth Friday to make Halloween official. Costumes are not required. I will be sending out directions as it gets closer.

The District Deputy's, Jeff Ellison, visit will be held on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need to do an initiation at 1 p.m. and all welcome to attend.

### 2008-2009 Officers

Exalted Ruler  
James Michael  
Esteemed Leading Knight  
Steven Zinken  
Esteemed Loyal Knight  
Marcia LaVine  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight  
Mark Eliason  
Inner Guard  
Craig Pogatshnik

Trustees  
Brad Slocum 5<sup>th</sup> Year  
Dan Gravin 4<sup>th</sup> Year  
Frank Presfield 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
Shirley Zager 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Bob Zager 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Secretary  
Aaron Lundblad

Treasurer  
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Also November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a lodge bus trip which will be making stops at various establishments around the St. Cloud area. If you are interested and plan on going let me know so we make sure we have a large enough bus.

October is ENF month. ENF, Elks National Foundation, was setup in 1928 and oversees an endowment of over \$445 million. Only the interest from the endowment is used for the many of the charitable works of the Elks. The ENF has contributed \$293 million toward Elks' charitable projects nationwide.

These funds support our three college scholarship programs, the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, the Community Investments Program, and grants to State Elks Associations.

During the 2007-08 Lodge year, Minnesota Elks donated \$80,860.66 and this year will receive back \$121,720.00 in grants for the Youth camp, \$36,000 in Most Valuable Student and Legacy scholarships, and National Veteran's Service commission. Overall that is \$1.505 for every dollar donated in Minnesota.

Each year the Grand Exalted Ruler sets a per capita goal for ENF donations. This year, that goal is \$4.50 per member. Once we reach that goal we can apply for \$500 Gratitude and Promise grants.

For more information on the ENF you can go to <http://www.elks.org/enf/default.cfm>. If you are interested in donating to the ENF contact Aaron Lundblad at [stcloudelks@charter.net](mailto:stcloudelks@charter.net) or you can donate online at the above address.

Upcoming Events:

-2008 State Mid-Year Conference, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, in Winona, MN

-Minnesota Elks Mixed Curling Bonspiel, November 21 - 22, 2008, in Hibbing

- State Ritual Contest, January 3, 2009, Red Wing

James Michael  
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**October 2008 Vets Message  
November is Veterans Remembrance Month**

**by Dwayne E. Rumney, PGER Past Chairman**

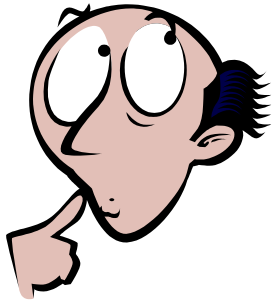
November is Veterans Remembrance Month within the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Our national holiday, Veterans Day, is November 11.

Throughout the year most Lodges conduct activities to benefit our nation's Veterans. Does your Lodge have specific activities planned during November to recognize and say thank you to our Veterans?

What better time is there to display to your community through local media, the Grand Exalted Ruler's Proclamation declaring November as Veterans Remembrance Month? This would be a good time to join the Army of Hope, to provide wheelchair gloves, to Adopt-A-Veteran, to supply Comfort Care Kits, to provide entertainment or activities for our Veterans - more importantly, just to let the Veterans know we

appreciate what they have done to protect our precious freedom that we all enjoy today and to say thank you.

As Elks, we must never forget our pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Please join us in recognizing our Veterans, and we ask that you do your share to show your appreciation to our nation's heroes.



### *Ask the Esquire aka Rich McCurdy*

*Dear Esquire, My son came home from school and was talking about Nibiru. What is a Nibiru??? Mr. R.M.*

*Dear C.P: Doing a bit of astronomy eh?? Well the winter is the best time to go out with the telescope and sit on the five gallon pail, mind you it's a bit chilly some evenings. Nibiru, Nibiru... Well here it goes what follows is a synopsis of ancient records and astronomy, concerning changes that could be coming in*

*2012. My sources are the books of Zechariah Sichen, the prophecies of Nostradamus, the Bible, and Prof. Briskin of the University of Cincinnati.*

*Sumerian records tell of a rogue planet, Nibiru, which once orbited the Sun between Mars & Jupiter. It is about Jupiter's size & was knocked out of its orbit by a long-ago cataclysm; as a result, it now follows an orbit that is a flat ellipse, which takes it out of the solar system altogether only to return to its old orbit briefly once every 3600 years or so. The rogue planet is also unstable and breaking up.*

*Because of this instability, Nibiru's exact date of return is not always easy to predict. The god Enki (one of the good guys, folks) would fly to his base on the Moon in his ship to look for the following signs of the planet's imminent arrival: first, the planet Jupiter would "grow a pair of eyes". Jupiter has developed a second Great Red Spot in recent years- and they do indeed look like a pair of eyes. Second, Olympus Mons on Mars, the largest volcano in the solar system, would become violently active. NASA's been sending an awful lot of stuff to Mars lately, folks- you get one guess why, & it's not just to discover life or water!*

*Nibiru's return usually wreaks havoc in the solar system. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and frequent violent storms become common & more numerous as it gets closer. The asteroids in the Belt, its old orbit, get knocked about in great profusion and cause hellish meteor storms upon Earth. At its nearest approach to Earth, Nibiru's strong magnetic field slows Earth's rotation temporarily; for three days, the Sun crawls so slowly across the sky that it does not set, and the other side of the Earth experiences three days of darkness.*

*Nibiru's final approach is rather insidious. According to ancient astronomical record, part of which is in the Bible, no less, it causes a Deluge. Its last appearance was in 1600 B.C. Nibiru's timeline for 2012 goes something like this:*

*In September of 2012, Nibiru will be visible to us on Earth with a telescope. The Bible & Nostradamus say it will appear between Orion & Taurus & the Milky Way. By February of 2013, it will be visible to the naked eye! It lines up by then near Aldebaran in Taurus, making the Bull look like it has a pair of red eyes. The ancient Egyptians called Nibiru the Red Eye of Horus. It will be star-sized at this point.*

*Now comes the difficult part. Nibiru gets gradually blotted out by the Sun as the Earth orbits it. On or about May 10th-11th, Nibiru begins to come out from behind the Sun . It is now at its closest point to Earth. It will be the size of the Moon, & bright red- Nostradamus says "it shall seem as though there are two Suns in the sky". Violent quakes upon Earth will be accompanied by a big, wild storm that comes up out of the southern latitudes that lasts for a whole week. The world will be a very unsettled place until Nibiru has started back upon its way out of the solar system. It leaves in the direction of the constellation Sagittarius by the end of 2013.*

*Geological record carries abundant proof of Nibiru's visits. For example, up until about 5200 B.C., what is now the Black Sea was once a large freshwater lake. Apparently, something caused the Mediterranean Sea to rise & flood so badly that it overflowed into the lake & created not just the Black Sea, but the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara & the Dardanelles! This is thought to be Noah's Deluge in the Bible. The disappearance of Atlantis occurred during an even older visit from Nibiru- in 8800 B.C., or 10,800 years ago. All dates, please note, are approximate.*

*As for Enki, he is one of the Eldest Children of the One God, one of the Elohim. He left records to warn Earth's people of Nibiru's coming until he could return. I have tried to say a great deal in a very small space, here; but everyone can find lots of information in Zechariah Sichen's many books, especially "The Lost Book of Enki" & "The 12th Planet". Jupiter's "eyes" can be seen on the many astronomy websites available. I recommend Graham Hancock's excellent book, "Underworld", for a look at how the geography & oceans of the world have changed over time, as well as evidence of many ancient cultures which vanished beneath the seas each time Nibiru passed. Unfortunately, there are no good translations of Nostradamus available in print- I learned long ago as a student of French that if you want anything done right, do it yourself! I've made a point of translating most of the near-1,000 prophecies over the years- ask me the right questions, & I may be able to give you some good answers- you can make up your own minds.*

*You might want to start stocking up on supplies now to avoid the run on Home Depot... Rich*

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## **State Calendar of Events**

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|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| • 2008 Mid-Year Conference                          | October 17 - 18, 2008         | Winona        |
| • Minnesota Elks Mixed Curling Bonspiel             | November 21 - 22, 2008        | Hibbing       |
| • (for information contact Charlie or Becky Radika) |                               |               |
| • State Ritual Contest                              | January 3, 2009               | Red Wing      |
| • Exalted Ruler Seminar                             | January 24 - 25, 2009         | Wadena        |
| • State Elks Bowling Tournament                     | February, 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009 | Stillwater    |
| • State Hoop Shoot Contest                          | February 14, 2009             | Hutchinson    |
| • Elks International Bonspiel                       | February 28 - March 1, 2009   | Thunder Bay   |
| • Regional Hoop Shoot                               | March 14, 2009                | Iowa City, IA |

- State Officers Budget Meeting April 25, 2009 Brainerd
- Youth Camp Opening May 8 - 10, 2009 Youth Camp
- Ladies Youth Camp Opening Weekend May 15 - 17, 2009 Youth Camp
- 2009 State Convention June 26 - 27, 2009 Eveleth
- Grand Exalted Rulers Visit to Minnesota
- 2009 Grand Lodge Session July 5 - 9, 2009 Portland, Oregon
- 2009 Mid-Year Conference October 16 - 17, 2009 Faribault

## Metro Dist. Calendar of Events

- ENF Night & Silent Auction w/a Turkey Fry October 10, 2008 Hopkins
- Minneapolis Home Parties at the Lodge October 11, 2008 Minneapolis
- Rosemount Halloween Trail October 25, 2008 Dakota County
- Wine Tasting & Silent Basket Auction November 22, 2008 Faribault
- Minneapolis Toy Dance December 6, 2008 Minneapolis
- Red Wing Member Christmas Party/Silent Auction December 5, 2008 Red Wing
- Christmas Party December 7, 2008 Dakota County
- Ice Fishing Tournament January 7, 2009 Red Wing
- Bahama Mama Night January 21, 2009 Minneapolis
- Winter District Deputy Clinic January 17, 2009 Minneapolis
- Lodge Luau with the Fabulous Love Handles January 24, 2009 Faribault
- District Hoop Shoot January 25, 2009 Minneapolis
- Minneapolis PER Auction February 28, 2009 Minneapolis
- Spring Conference / District Deputy Clinic April 18, 2009 Dakota County

### Past Exalted Ruler's (PER) Section

This space reserved for our Past Exalted Rulers to pontificate from... Stay tuned to see if they have anything to say/share.... (Nothing arrived this month; they must all be exhausted from the summers PER activities/duties)(nothing again... those PER's must really be working on something big and are just keeping quiet about things. Oh by the way... our new ER is a new papa, you should all email him and wish him and the Mrs ER congratulations... his email address is: [jmmichael@gmail.com](mailto:jmmichael@gmail.com))



## Vocabulary

We as Elks, continuously strive to bring back civility and genteelism to a world that seems to have lost it. As such it was suggested by a member at a meeting recently that we try to bring some words that appear to be lost to history. The word for this month is: **Hadeharia**. Please endeavor to use this word in everyday conversation with friends, relatives, clergy, Exalted Rulers, District Deputies, District Presidents, State Presidents and spouses.

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**See you all at the meeting! Sign up a new member. It's the only way we can guarantee that our lodge will survive. Membership is everyone's job!**



**How To Get  
New Members?  
ASK THEM!**