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The Official Newsletter of the St. Cloud Elks #2843

NOVEMBER 2010

Meeting the 1st & 3rd Thursday

7:30 P.M. at

The East side VFW #4847

To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler Hon. Michael F. Smith

November provides opportunity for thanks

The holiday season is upon us. November is a month when we all have the opportunity to give thanks for all we have received. And what have we received? Freedom to do what we want, freedom to be who we want to be, freedom to go about our daily lives without fear, freedom to enjoy our lives and time with our families and friends, freedom to follow our dreams and, most importantly, freedom to help others.

But, who gave us these freedoms? It is the Veterans, and these freedoms continue due to the sacrifices of the members of our active-duty military. Take time during this holiday season to remember our sacred promise “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” We should remember our Veterans and members of our active-duty military each and every day, but especially on November 11, Veterans Day. Take every opportunity to thank them and their families. Promote Elks Passion by showing our Veterans and active-duty military members and their families that we as Elks do Care and do Share. Be loud, be proud and be visible when helping our Veterans and military members.

Sandra and I join each of you and your families in this time of Thanksgiving. We wish for you a wonderful time with your families as we all gather together in giving thanks for all of the blessings and freedoms that we enjoy and have and continue to receive.

Sandra and I pray that you have a safe, happy and fun Thanksgiving and ask that you continue to pray for our troops, Veterans, our Order, and this great nation we call America.

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GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS

November is Veterans Remembrance Month and we are reminded of how important it is to show our appreciation to our vets. Recently I had the opportunity to visit the VA Hospital in Minneapolis with other members of our Lodge. We had a great time interacting with 14 veterans and some of their family members. I encourage each of you to make an effort to visit a veteran in your community. If there isn't a VA Home or hospital near you, contact the nursing homes to seek out a vet – spend some time visiting with them there, or perhaps take a vet out to lunch or on some other outing. I assure you the reward will outweigh the time given and you will feel good about touching the life of someone who has helped make a difference in the lives of so many others.

I also encourage each of you to get involved in your community and showcase what the Elks do. Each of us should be an ambassador for our organization and let your local city officials know what our Elks members are doing to make our communities a better place to live. As Elks, we do so many good things and we should be proud to tell everyone we meet about our accomplishments. We should tell them why we believe "Elkdom – It's a wonderful life!"

Fraternally,
Jerry Shoults
Minnesota State President

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



We are well into autumn, and everything is in full swing in this busy time of year. I am happy to say we finally have been granted our 501C10 status with the IRS! I want to extend an enormous THANK YOU to Brad Slocum and Larry Nusbaum for all of their hard work in accomplishing this for the lodge. The mid-year convention was held at Minneapolis Lodge #44 on October 21-24 and was a well attended, wonderful event. Come to the lodge meeting on November 4th at 7:30pm to hear about it!

As I write this, we are preparing for our October 30th visit by Royce Botin and Pat Tisot, our District Deputy and Esquire, respectively. Following lodge business and ritual, a Halloween party will be held at James and Jean Michael's home, with both our visitors in attendance. November 7th we will be participating again in the Veterans Day parade, held at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center grounds, at 1pm. Those wishing to participate, please be there for line up before 12:30. We will also be marching in the St. Cloud holiday parade on December 4th. Thanksgiving and Christmas are also coming fast upon us, so don't forget our Veterans and all other people in need this season. It's been a difficult year for many, and the holidays can be especially difficult for those who are alone, sick, or financially stressed. We should all do what we can to

words, to the State NVSC Chairman, or the designated Judging Committee Chairman, by January 31st of each year. The Judging Committee, with the assistance of the State NVSC Chairman, will select the winners and submit their names and other pertinent information to the National Veterans Service Commission office by February 28th of each year, so that inscribed certificates and watches can be sent for presentation at the State Convention.

PAUL D. HELSEL, PGER
Commission Member

Vocabulary

As you know being from the South, I do talk a little differently than some of my fellow Elks. So with that said...new words: barred – loaned, furnished to be returned. I ran out of sugar so I barred some from the neighbor.



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| • Veteran’s Day Parade | November 7, 2010 – 1:00 | VA Medical Center |
| • Stray Elks Meet & Greet | November 6, 2010 – 2:00-5:00pm | VFW Post 4847 |
| • Thanksgiving Day | November 25, 2010 | With Family |
| • St. Cloud Parade | December 4, 2010 – Set up 4:00pm | Downtown |
| • Christmas Party | December 4, 2010 – start 7:30pm | Larry’s house |
| • Hoop Shoot | January 9, 2010 – TBA | YMCA |

Message from the Chaplain



To those who have been under the weather, may you feel much better real soon and to those who have lost a loved one, the sympathy of the Lodge goes out to you.



Happy Thanksgiving to all

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!

If you have anything you would like to add to the newsletter, E-mail to me at:

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Or mail it to me at:

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