



The Rack

The Official Newsletter of the St. Cloud Elks #2843

September 2009

Thursday the 3rd & 17th, 2009

7:30 P.M. at

The East side VFW #4847

(Remember we only meet once in July & August)

September, 2009 GER Message:

Manuals - Must-reading for growing Lodges

A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nicholson

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

Every Lodge can do more to encourage the use of its Manuals. The Manuals contain a treasure trove of useful information, but they must be read and used. Secretaries, please update the Lodge's Manuals.

Now, updating of Manuals is made easier. Most Manuals are available online and can be downloaded at elks.org. Click on the Secretary link and on Manuals.

Exalted Rulers are reminded October is Elks National Foundation Month. Is your ENF Committee planning a fundraiser? Also, are you laying plans for a large class of well-indoctrinated candidates for initiation in the Exalted Ruler's Class? I look forward to your good efforts. Please plan to work National Foundation into the Lodge Orientation Program. Give your candidates a pledge card form and encourage membership in ENF. Be sure your Lodge National Foundation Board is up-to-date.

On a bright note, the Chicago Lodge Membership System is now utilized at a level that is beneficial (both) to Lodges and to the Order. CLMS is continually refined, but is proving to be a

useful and time-saving tool. If your Lodge is one of the few not online with CLMS, by all means, do it now.

Lapsation should be a continuing priority at all levels of the Order, and especially at the Lodge level. The Lodge Lapsation Committee is an integral part of the Lodge membership program. Make sure your Lapsation Committee knows its job and works at it.



From our Exalted Ruler



I am a man of few words....

Steven Zinken
ER

Herman Wisneski
Minnesota State President



Just One More



Summer is fast ending and fall is coming on quickly. Children are back in school, the fall sports season has begun, there is a nip in the air and Elks should be gearing up for a full fall. This is also the start of our scholarship programs. Whether it is Student of the Month, Most Valuable Student, Teenager of the Month or whatever, this is where the journey starts for the students we will recognize as outstanding young scholars. This is the true “Heart of Elkdom” and we need to make sure that more students are recognized. If you do not have a Student of the Month contest, start one. Maybe you can expand your program to include Teenager of the Month or Quarter. Remember the motto this year is “Just One More”

September 18-20 is Youth Camp closing weekend. We need your help then to close down the camp, put things away, and make any repairs and any other jobs. If you have not been at camp for this weekend, come out to the camp and lend a hand. There are always jobs and tasks to be done. The Youth Camp is the best kept secret of the Minnesota Elks Association. You need to see what your Penny-A-Day money is providing for the youth of Minnesota.

September also brings the Fall District Deputy conference. The people that are required to attend the conference are the: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and Chair of the lodge board of trustees.

This does not mean that they are the only people who should attend this meeting. Members of state committees, lodge officers and lodge members should attend these conferences. There is a lot of information is decimated at that conference and all of it is important to both your lodge and yourself. Talk to your lodge officers about attending this important meeting.

Finally, my motto is “Just One More”, and I challenged your Exalted Ruler to get me “ONE MORE” member for the entire year, ask him or her about the challenge and what you can do to help.

State Calendar of Events

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| • Youth Camp Closing | September 18 - 20, 2009 | Youth Camp |
| • 2009 Mid-Year Conference | October 16 - 17, 2009 | Fairbault |
| • Minnesota Elks Mixed Curling Bonspiel | | |
| • (for information contact Charlie or Becky Radika) | | |
| • | November 20 - 21, 2009 | Hibbing |
| • State Ritual Contest | January 9, 2010 | Minneapolis |
| • Exalted Ruler Seminar | January 23 - 24, 2010 | Wadena |
| • State Elks Bowling Tournament | February 2010 (all 4 weekends) | Alexandria |
| • State Hoop Shoot Contest | February 6, 2010 | Hutchinson |
| • Elks International Bonspiel | February 26 - 28, 2010 | Eveleth |
| • Regional Hoop Shoot | March 20, 2010 | Iowa City, IA |
| • State Officers Budget Meeting | March 28, 2010 | Minneapolis |
| • Youth Camp Opening | May 7 - 9, 2010 | Youth Camp |
| • Ladies Youth Camp Opening Weekend | May 14 - 16, 2010 | Youth Camp |
| • 2010 State Convention, Grand Exalted Rulers Visit to Minnesota | | |
| • | June 25 - 26, 2010 | Red Wing |
| • 2010 Grand Lodge Session | July 4 - 8, 2010 | Orlando, Florida |
| • 2010 Mid-Year Conference | October 22 - 23, 2010 | Minneapolis |
| • 2009 Mid-Year Conference | October 16 - 17, 2009 | Faribault |

Metro Dist. Calendar of Events

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| • District Soccer Shoot Out | July 18, 2009 | Brainerd |
| • Fall Conference / District Deputy Clinic | September 12, 2009 | Hutchinson |
| • Winter District Deputy Clinic | January 16, 2010 | Alexandria |
| • District Hoop Shoot | January 23, 2010 | Wadena |
| • Spring Conference / District Deputy Clinic | April 17, 2010 | Wadena |

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: Ultracrepidarian. Please endeavor to

use this word in everyday conversation with friends, relatives, clergy, Exalted Rulers, District Deputies, District Presidents, State Presidents and spouses.



Shirts...

We are putting together an order for Lodge Shirts. The shirts will be a Navy Blue polo shirt with or without a breast pocket. The Elks USA logo will be on one side and the other side will have the design shown here with your name. The cost will be for sizes S – XL \$35.00, sizes XXL – XXXL \$45.00. If you would like one and can't attend a meeting mail your pocket choice, size preference and how you want your name displayed along with a check made out to St. Cloud Elks 2843 by **October 1, 2009**. Send the above mentioned items to: St. Cloud Elks 2843, PO Box 8, St. Cloud, MN 56302-0008. Thanks

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!



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