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7:30 P.M. at

The East side VFW #4847

October, 2009 GER Message:

Time to focus on topping \$4.50 ENF goal

A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nicholson

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

October is Elks National Foundation Month. This is the time to schedule an ENF fundraising event and to focus attention on ENF in your Lodge Bulletin. This month is also a good time to make some long range plans for ENF giving in your Lodge.

My goal for ENF donations this year is \$4.50 per Member. Goals are made to be surpassed, and I certainly hope you surpass this one.

In 2009-2010 ENF will expend \$3.6 million for scholarships, \$1.375 million directly to Lodges for Promise, Gratitude and Impact Grants, \$6.9 million to State Major Projects, \$737,000 for Hoop Shoot, \$848,000 for Veterans Service and \$689,000 for the Drug Awareness Program. These are \$17.6 million reasons to support the Elks National Foundation!

Exalted Rulers, please make sure your Lodges apply for Promise and Gratitude Grants of \$500 each. Impact Grants are available for larger projects, with as much as \$10,000 available. Applications are user-friendly, and the grants fund projects in your hometown while generating good public relations for your Lodge.

The Elks National Foundation proves once again that Elks Make A Difference.



From our Exalted Ruler



The summer is here and gone. We started September with the District Deputy Meeting in Faribault. I was unable to attend, so I can't tell you much. We also went up by Fort Ripley and with the assistance of the Brainerd Lodge, helped an individual whose wife is stationed in Iraq and has three young children, split wood for the winter, as he has not had time to do so. He was very appreciative of

our help.

In October we have both the State President's visit and the District Deputy visit. First is the State President's visit, we will be hosting a Vikings game Sunday the 25th at the VA Hospital Auditorium, Building 8. We will be having pizza and other items, as well as a raffle. Then the 31st, Halloween, is the DD visit. We will be having ritual in the afternoon, followed by a Halloween party at James Michel's home.

... And that's all I have to say about that.

Steven Zinken

ER

Herman Wisneski Minnesota State President



Just One More



October is a month of beginnings and activities for all Elks Lodges. The Mid-year convention will be held at the Faribault Lodge #1166 on October 16th and 17th. This convention is open to All Elks in good standing in the lodge. The convention will bring together members from all the lodges to hear reports from the various state committees, attend seminars on Membership, Scholarship, Business Practices and Publicity/Public Relations. The meeting will also have the finals of the 11:00 clock toast contest and Flag Charge contest. There will also be opportunities to mingle with the members of other lodges to discuss what they are doing in their lodges. The convention starts on Friday morning and ends Saturday night at the banquet. Check with your Exalted Ruler to see who is going to this convention and how you can attend. The convention is a great time and a learning experience.

Another beginning is the start of the scholarship competition for the Most Valuable Student Contest. Check with the Scholarship Committee Chair in your lodge to see what you can do help in this contest.

You may be needed to get information to the schools, judge essays from the entrants, or whatever, but get involved.

The Elks Hoop Shoot information was distributed to the lodges at the fall District Deputy Clinic, check with the lodge committee chair to find out what you can do to help make this event a success in your lodge. Maybe the chair needs information distributed to outlying schools, or helping to get kids involved; by you volunteering to help you are “Making a Difference” in your lodge and community.

As an Elk member you need to volunteer to be involved the works your lodge does in the community. The charge by the Leading Knight in the initiation ritual says: “Our whole influence in life is determined by the good deeds we do, rather than by the emotions we feel” this sentence sums up what the Order of Elks is all about. We do things rather than talk about things. There are any number of places and activities you, as an Elk, can help and do the good deed.

Finally, I have found out that a number of lodges have taken up my challenge to the Exalted Rulers to have just One More member for this year. Ask your Exalted Ruler if he or she is going to meet that challenge?

October, 2009 Veterans Message: Elks always remember Vets
By Amos A. McCallum, PGER
Past Chairman

Our Grand Exalted Ruler proclaims every year that November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month, a most deserving and well-earned honor. I believe, however, as Elks, we think about, remember, and work with our Veterans every month of every year, every week of every month, every day of every week and every hour of every day. As Elks, we know we owe our Veterans a debt that can never be repaid for the sacrifices they made to protect our freedom and to give us the opportunity to maintain our way of life.

We pledged 63 years ago, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." We continue to fulfill that pledge on a daily basis and will continue to do so in the months and years ahead.

This is a special month. Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day, Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day and Thursday, November 26th is Thanksgiving Day. This is an opportune time to invite Veterans into our Lodges for a delicious meal, provide entertainment and show that truly “Care – Share.” Many communities celebrate this day with parades and other activities honoring our heroes. I ask and pray that Members in each of our Lodges across this great country put forth extra effort and plan special programs over and above our ongoing activities such as Adopt-A-Vet, Student/Veteran Volunteer, Comfort Care Kits and our Army of Hope.

Our Veterans are everywhere – in VA Hospitals, Veterans homes, in hospices, in our communities – and too many are homeless. Find them, help them and show how important they are to us and to all the people living in the United States of America. Let our Veterans know they are not forgotten and that we truly appreciate the sacrifices they made for us.

Let us not forget our current troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and deployed in other parts of the world protecting our freedom and helping those who are in need. Our Army of Hope is still an on-going, successful program; therefore, please let's do whatever we can to help the families of these Veterans. Let them know we care and want to help any way possible. In addition, show our service men and women our concern by sending CARE packages of requested items such as prepaid calling cards and nonperishable food items. Let's show our Veterans and military personnel in this month of Thanksgiving how truly thankful we are for all they have done and continue to do because as Elks, we do Care and Share!

State Calendar of Events

- 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

- 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: **Vesthibitionism**. Please endeavor to use this word in everyday conversation with friends, relatives, clergy, Exalted Rulers, District Deputies, District Presidents, State Presidents and spouses.



District Deputy Visit & Halloween Party!!

Come join us as we welcome our District Deputy Grand Exalted ruler to our Lodge. The Fun will begin after trick or treating at the Michael's residence. Call 320-253-0933 for details.



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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New Members?
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