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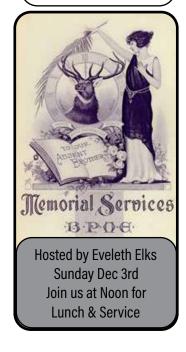


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday 1 Bingo 7pm FRIDAY NITE MEAL 5-7	Saturday 2
3 Memorial Service	4	5 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	6	7 Elks MTG 6:30 pm	8 Bingo 7pm Ugly Sweater	9 Family Bonspil
10 Hoop Shoot 11am Vikings Football Party	11	12 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	13	14	15 Bingo 7pm	16 Tom & Jerry Party
17	18	19 Burger Nite 5-7 pm	20	21 Elks MTG 6:30 pm	22 Bingo 7pm Ugly Sweater	23
24 XMAS EVE	25 XMAS	26 Burger Nite 5-7 pm BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES	27	Skating	29 Bingo 7pm Party @	the Hip
31				- TBD		

Friday's **Happy Hour** 5-7pm buy one get second one 50% off

Connect with us on **Facebook** what is coming up at the Elks



Burgers with Santa DECEMBER 5TH from 5-7pm

bring your list and take your photo with Santa.

Member Appreciation Holiday Party



Join us at 5pm Saturday Dec 16th

Family Bonspiel

Curl Mesabi Eveleth, MN Bar & Kitchen will be open Mixed Age Groups encor Prizes for the top 2 team ethelks.org/bonspiel stions Call 218.576.6449

Stuff the Ambulance! DECEMBER 1ST Watch Facebook for Details



December 10th Registration at 11am Shoot at Noon Hot dogs and awards at the lodge following the event.

Contact Diane Blight with questions

Elks Lodge Phone 218.744.9900 - PO Box 686 Ev

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JANUARY 2024

Friday's
Happy Hour
5-7pm buy one
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50% off

Purchase
Elk Bucks
for Food
Only.
Can be
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Burger Nite
or Friday
Meals.

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	1	2 Burger Nite	3	4 Elks MTG 6:30 pm	5 Meal 5-7 Bingo 7p ELKS DOHENY E	6 BONSPIEL
7	8	9 Burger Nite Antlers Youth Info MTG 6:30 p	10	11	12 Meal 5-7 Bingo 7p	13
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Mel Hammer 410-6530 290-8855

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From the desk of Stancy Walters, Exalted Ruler

Greetings,

December will be a busy month at the Lodge. Our Memorial Service will be in Eveleth on Sunday December 3 with lunch at noon and the service beginning at 1:00 pm.

December 1 the Elks will be serving Hot Chocolate at Stuff the Ambulance at the corner of Grant and Jones. There will be llamas and other animals for the kids to see.

Santa will be visiting our Lodge before Christmas. He will be there on Tuesday, December 5 starting at 5 pm. Bring the kids and grandkids up to visit Santa. We will have free Hot Dogs and other treats for the children. This will be a regular Burger Nite, so burgers and chicken sandwiches will be available.

The Elks Family Bonspiel is scheduled for December 9 at Curl Mesabi. We would like to see families come and enjoy curling. \$25/person teams of 4 will be made. On January 10 the Eveleth Elks will hold their Annual Elks Hoop Shoot at the Laurentian Elementary School in Eveleth. Registration starts at 11 am and shooting starts at noon. Following the shoot hot dogs and the awards ceremony will be held at the Eveleth Elks. Stick around for the Viking Game at 3, it should be a fun day.

The Eveleth Elks will hold their traditional Tom and Jerry Party on Saturday, December 16 starting at 4:00 pm. We will start with free Tom and Jerrys (our bar will be open for other drink options). There will be some sandwiches and goodies for those that are a little hungry. Then at 5:00 "Jammin Joe" will provide some music for dancing. This

is a great opportunity for Eveleth Elks to get together. Come up and enjoy.

The Elks Family Skating Party at the Hipp is planned for Saturday December 30 watch Facebook for more details.

I hope each member will be able to visit the Lodge, see how good it looks and participate in one of our activities in the months to come. We will continue to have Burger Nite on Tuesdays; however we will not have Friday Meals again until January. Pizzas, large and small are available at the bar as well as nachos. Best wishes to you and your families, have a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year Stancy

Text/Call 218.744.2639

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January 2024 Elks DOHENY (OPEN) JAN 5th-6th

February 2024
MN State Hoop Shoot Contest Feb 17th

March 2024

Eveleth Elks Open Spiel Mar 8th-9th Eveleth Elks Wild Bus Mar 30th





Birthdays

Birthday Drink Coupon

Present your membership card and your ID at the bar to receive your free drink



Birthday CAKE

Last Burger night of the month we serve cake for all.

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2	Rosemarie	Debelak
2	Robert	Muhich
4	Eugene	Omersa
4	Joseph	Strlekar Jr
6	Thomas	Dean
6	Teresa	Jandrey
6	Zachary	Kangas
6	Gregory	Salmi
6	Eric	Westberg
8	Michael	Beard
10	Robert	Hamalainen
10	Terry	Kennedy
11	Robert	Ranisate
13	Timothy	Hunter
14	Matt	Hiti
14	Michael	Varda
15	Michael	Bradach
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Membership, Mike Koenigsberg

m.koenigsberg@yahoo.com

Please reach out to find out why these members have not renewed. We really want to know.

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Harry

Ralph

Dean

- Mary Jo Bartos
- Elliott Beaty
- Kimberly Beaty
- Donald Brown
- Lynn Burdges
- Philip Deloria
- Kathryn Frank
- Karl Hilde
- Michial Kaster

- Peter Klabechek
- Chris Kudriavtseff
- Allan Peterson

Grinage

Spragg

Martino Jr.

- Mary Ann Richter
- **Guy Spurlin**
- Theresa Spurlin
- **Brenda Wudinich**
- Michael Wudinich Jr.

Current Lodge Members: 361

The average member at your lodge donates \$10.80. The per-member giving goal for this year is: \$4.80.



Americanism Essay Contest

- At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
- Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session.



Email your essay to: evelethelks@evelethelks.org

or

Mail to:

PO Box 686 Eveleth MN 55734



From the desk of Jen Evenson, Gambling Manager

jenevenson1@gmail.com

And there you have it, we're wrapping up yet another year. HAPPY DECEMBER everyone! We've reached another of my favorite months. I love all of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The baking cookies and for me lefse, mmmm, one of our favorites. The decorating, the shopping, the gift giving, the parties, but mostly the Spirit of the Holidays. The Holiday season means so many things to so many people, but I really think the spirit of giving and sharing is really one part that most of us can agree upon.

November was a great month, we didn't give away as much as we did in October, but that's mostly because we need more donation letters. Email them to me, mail them to the lodge, send through facebook, pony express, I don't care how I get them, but we cannot donate without a letter.

In November we were able to donate \$1000 to the Aurora Food Shelf, \$250 the Aurora Legacy Dance Team, \$500 to the Silver Bay Veterans Home, \$1000 to the Norse baseball program at MN North College - Virginia for some much needed baseball safety equipment. Lincoln Elementary school 4th grade classroom \$500 for additional classroom books for all learning levels. Marquette Catholic School \$500 for Books/Sensory games for the 4th grade classes. Northland Learning Center \$500 for sensory and classroom teaching aids for all levels. MIB Kindergarten class \$500 for magnetic letters and letter sound buckets to help the children learn letters and move on to reading. Rock Ridge High School \$1000 for classroom equipment for all learning spaces. Gilbert VFW \$750 for their Children's Christmas Party. \$800 to East Range Academy for supplies. Laurentian School Readiness program \$500 for gymnasium equipment. \$500 to the Rock Ridge Swim &

Dive team; \$500 to the Rock Ridge Hoops Club for new basketballs. Rock Ridge 8th Grade Math program \$1650 for IXL Learning License. We also were able to pay for the children's meals for the Halloween party for \$155. And on December 1st we're donating \$1000 to the Salvation Army for the Stuff the Ambulance event and we'll be providing free hot chocolate during the event as well!

The Stuff the Ambulance event on December 1st is going to be so much fun. This year there will be live music that has been graciously donated by local artists. We will have Elks members handing out free chocolate. A visit from Santa and even the Grinch will be happening as well. There will even be some animals showing up around 3:45 p.m. so kids can come and take pictures with them. A couple of Llamas, a donkey, a miniature horse. It's going to be a great day!! Come anytime to the corner of Grant Avenue and Jones street from Noon to 6 p.m. to see all that's

happening and bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to a child in need. We're partnering on this event with the Eveleth Fire and EMS Departments and Scenic Rivers Healthcare.

Our bingo has been going great guns lately. Mostly because of our great crowd, but also because of our amazing caller Mary Lou. We sure couldn't do this without her every week. Next time you're at bingo, tell her how much you appreciate her! Our Ugly Sweater Bingo party is going to be on Friday, December 22nd at 7 p.m. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater for a chance to win a prize.

Thank you all for the wonderful support you've shown our lodge. I hope to see you at one of our events coming up. Wishing you and yours a wonderful Holiday season, I hope you get to enjoy all of your holiday traditions and make amazing memories with those you love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





George N. Walters, ENF Chair ENF News

elks.org/enf

As the holiday season approaches, so does the dread of coming up with gift ideas for your loved ones. Are you tired of giving trinkets or pairs of socks every year? Would you rather give a gift that has the power to change lives? This year, consider giving the gift of a symbolic donation to the ENF.

Symbolic gifts are donations to the ENF that represent the difference your donation makes. By choosing to give a symbolic gift, you can feel good knowing that you are helping build stronger communities.

The symbolic giving program allows you to choose what you want your donation to represent. First, start with our programs: Community Investments, Veterans Service, Scholarships or Hoop Shoot. From there, choose a specific action, like putting Elks volunteers in the field, providing a Welcome Home Kit, covering the cost of a college textbook, or creating trading cards for the Hoop Shoot National Finalists.

Once you have chosen the cause that you are passionate about, you will have the option to send an e-card to someone you love

to let them know that you have given this gift in their honor. If you would rather give a physical card, you can print out the e-card and give it to them that way. No matter what you choose, the recipient of your card will feel good knowing that this gift is making a real difference in someone's life.

While the power of a donation is reason enough to give, you can rest assured in knowing that every symbolic gift is credited to your personal recognition levels and your Lodge's per-member giving total, too.

No more socks for Christmas! Feel good about giving gifts this holiday season with our symbolic giving program.

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit elks.org/enf.

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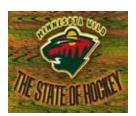
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Eveleth Elks MN Wild Bus

March 30

The odds are pretty good to have a fun time on the Eveleth Elks MN Wild bus. This year the Wild are playing against the defending Stanley Cup champs Vegas Knights. It is a 2pm Saturday game AND club rail seating. Bus will depart & drop off from the Eveleth Elks with food/beverages included for the ride. There will also be a post-game party at the Elks when the bus gets back. (40) tickets are reserved and full payment will secure your seat.

\$275 per person

Mel Hammer 410-6530 290-8855

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From the desk of Bonnie Keller, Veteran Services

https://www.mnelks.org/veterans.html

jbkeller25321@gmail.com

Members, Hello from Florida!

It was nice to send a donation to Silver Bay Veterans Home this month to help them purchase a new grill and extra to purchase things from their needs list too. Their list is available online in case you'd like to send or bring something. (happy to share to anyone).

Christmas cards will be sent from our lodge as usual. If you have some extra cards please send to our local nursing homes as some never get any. Last month some of us from the lodge and VFW Auxiliary Eveleth honored our veterans at Waterview and the veterans lunch served at the lodge looked wonderful!

December looks full of activities and with help from volunteers, will be one to remember.

Thanks for all you do to support veterans and FAMILIES! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas! Bonnie Keller Elks Veteran Service Lodge #1161 North District Chairman



Adopt - A - Veteran

The Elks family is all over the nation, and Elks volunteers can support local veterans by participating in the Adopt-a-Veterans Program and providing friendship and assistance.

Eligibility: This program is targeted toward any veterans that are lonely or isolated. Veterans in VA hospitals, assisted care homes, community living center, retirement homes, homeless and transitional shelters, and hospital domiciliary programs are all eligible. Individuals can adopt more than one veteran, and Lodges can adopt certain floors, units or even whole facilities.

Getting Started: VA hospitals have strict privacy laws. You may have to physically visit the hospital and make up your own list. Or, try contacting the facility's Activities Director or Social Services representative for the names of veterans. Additionally, churches, veterans groups, American Legions, VFWs or similar organizations may know a veteran in need of support.





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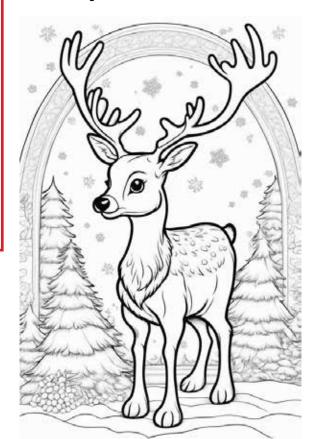




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ERATS Mesabi East Rock Ridge Chisholm Cherry

2 Students from each school each month get \$150 from each school.



Color and bring to the lodge.

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https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/antlers.cfm



Building, by Tony

With heavy hearts, it is our sad duty to announce that our fifty-plus year old club and dance floor rooftop air conditioning unit cooled its last BTU this past September. It served us well with minimal issues during its lifespan.

By today's standards it was oversized by a factor of at least 2½x from what was needed and it had two compressors, of which one had not been operational for at least the last 12 years. Your Trustees members have been in contact with engineers at Lennox Corporation, the manufacturer of the original unit, so many times in the past few years that it seems like they are on a first name basis with several of them! Since our particular unit is no longer manufactured (SURPRISE!!) and a replacement in the price range of \$125,000, we were thinking that we were royally ----ed – challenged! After further conversation, the Lennox engineers did mention a retrofit single compressor would work for us. We will be able to reuse the existing rooftop cabinet and all ductwork. Long story short – new compressor / refrigerant / controls / HVAC contractor / electrical contractor = \$18 to \$21,000, with an early summer completion date.

The Board of Trustees, who are statutorily responsible for the finances and property of the Lodge, are recommending the Lodge proceed with this project.

Financing of this initiative is another matter altogether. The Trustees will (continue to) meet in a regular manner and attempt to identify any and all opportunities that may be available to aid the Lodge in achieving this goal.

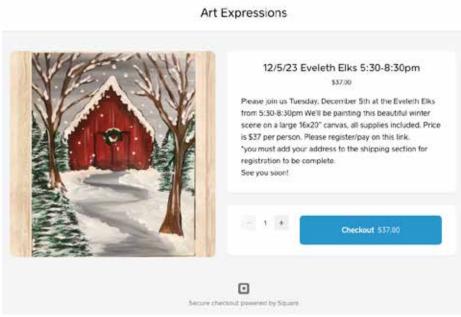
ANY AND ALL IDEAS FROM ANY AND ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED, ENCOURAGED, AND WELCOME! PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE TRUSTEES!

You as a member can help reach this goal by patronizing the Lodge whenever we are open, and patronizing the two spaghetti feeds the Trustees and Past Exalted Rulers will be hosting on Saturday, January 6th and March 2nd (Noon to 6 p.m.; eat-in or take-out). Additional fundraising opportunities are being explored as well.

This project is not the only HVAC issue we are facing. The other A/C unit for the lodge room and kitchen unfortunately is also becoming a maintenance headache (in the past year) and the band aids are getting thick. This units utilizes a legacy refrigerant which is now extremely expensive to obtain and cannot be utilized in newly-manufactured units. Preliminary discussions suggest continued repair of this unit may not be as preferred as replacement of the unit.

We know from our proud past performance that the members of this lodge come through with flying colors when it's our 100 year old building in need. Our lodge building is one of, if not the last, in the state built specifically to be an Elks Lodge, and has been in continuous use as Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161 since 1923. We respectfully urge your benevolent consideration in this important initiative.

Fraternally; Your Trustees Tony Jeffries; Diane Blight; Greg Caucci; Paul Olson; Cary Satrang



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