

# Beacon Grant Application – Brainerd Lodge #615

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## Elks National Foundation 2013-14 Beacon Grant Application

### Your Application

#### 1. Contact Information

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#### Describe in detail your Lodge’s charitable community project:

This is a renewal grant project to provide veterans and their families weekly meals at Brainerd Elks Lodge. Veterans attending Central Lakes College from September 3, 2013 through April 30, 2014 would be eligible. CLC enrolled veterans and family members would be selected in cooperation with help from the Veterans Resource Center staff at the college each week. Elks members will host the weekly family dinner night meal on Tuesday.

#### How does your Lodge plan to promote the use of this grant in the community? This is a chance for your Lodge to reach out to new people in the community and spread the word about your Lodge’s commitment to charity and building community. Doing so may lead to new members.

Promotion would be through the college social media network of veterans, at Veterans Club meetings, local newspaper plus the lodge’s website and newsletter. The host will provide an introduction to Elks activities and benevolent services. For instance, our mi-monthly visit to the veterans hospital to have Bingo night. These veterans could volunteer to help us.

#### Describe the ongoing nature of the project. How frequently will this activity be held? How will the Lodge be known for this project?

This weekly meal is a gesture of gratitude for veterans that Elks offer support and fellowship. Each week a “host” table will give veterans a brief introduction of our activities and benevolent services and thanking them for community involvement.

#### Elks participation is required. How will Elks be involved in this project?

Elk members will prepare and serve a healthy meal, include a host for each table. Members will work with the Veterans Service staff to select candidates and to provide local publicity.

**Budget:** \$2,100

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Meal cost	\$2,100.00