Exalted Rulers Message

The Holidays are over and now we are into the winter blahs. The Officers and various committees are hoping to take advantage of that by offering different activities this winter to entice you to come to the club and visit. I am sure that Leading Knight Mike Rearick has all of the information in his article. I encourage all members whether you are a regular or infrequent visitor to pick an event and attend. Our goal is to provide some new things combined with some of our staples to increase the attendance at the club. We know you all have busy lives, but we would like to be able to visit with you and renew or make new friendships!

Tom and I will be going to Madison, Wisconsin to visit our newest granddaughter, Lauren sometime this month. Lauren was born on December 8, 2005 weighing 6lb 8 oz and was 19 inches long. Now that all the new additions have arrived we can breathe easier as all are healthy and doing well. Parents Maria and Jason are also well with the exception of some lack of sleep!

Thursday, January 12th at the Lodge meeting we will be discussing the rising costs of our operations here at Royal Oak. I urge all members to attend. This is your lodge and this is a chance to be a part of the path we take to keep this lodge alive and vital. Please mark your calendar and plan to be in attendance.

I would like to thank the Wapiti for the Lodge Christmas party. Tom and I were not able to be there because we were attending the Grand Opening of the new Warren-Sterling Heights Lodge. This was not well attended this year and I apologize for not being able to be there.

Youth Activities Chairperson Sue Williams and her husband Mike again did a wonderful job on the Kids Christmas party. Everyone had a great time and a special thank you goes out to all of “Santa’s Helpers”! This is special to all of us who have brought our children and now see our children continuing the tradition by bring their children.

Since my year as Exalted Ruler is coming to a close I know that Leading Knight, Mike Rearick will be looking for some new chairpersons for the committees. We will also be in need of new officers as some move up and some move on. If you have ever thought of getting involved with the Elks, I can not think of a better way than being an officer or head of a committee. It takes all of us to make this a better club and lodge. If you are interested please see any of the officers, we would be happy to speak to you about becoming active.

Check the calendar page for the upcoming events and visit us as often as you can.

May this year be healthy and prosperous for everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fraternally,
Barb Dinkelmann

Happy New Year
From the Club Manager

Hi everyone.

I hope everyone had a very nice Holiday. Well, January is going to be a very busy month as we start off with the fish fry on the 6th and the 20th of January Texas Hold-Em on the 13th Ronica on the 14th and Swing Fling on the 21 followed by my vacation on the 22nd. Arizona here I come. That is all for now.

Thanks Kitty

WEBSITE ADDRESS

Visit our new updated web site at http://www.royalaoakelks.com

for all of the latest information regarding our activities, lunches and Friday night dinners. An up-to-date calendar lists all of the activities for the month and future months.

Don't have your newsletter yet? It's on line as soon as it's gone to print. Take a look, any comments or suggestions are welcome; see any officer or Jess Hackney.

Euchre

Every Thursday & Saturday Night
7:00 pm start time

$5.00 to play $.25 euchre

No Reservations needed

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CLUB HOURS

Sunday ......................... Noon - 10:00 pm
Monday .................. 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tuesday .................. 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Wednesday .............. 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Thursday ................. 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Friday ..................... Noon - 2:00 am
Saturday .................. Noon - Midnight
SWING FLING

Saturday, January 21, 2006
7pm to 1am

If you enjoy the sounds of Glen Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, and Jimmy Dorsey then join us for an evening of fine food, drinks and dancing to the great big band sounds of the Music Makers.

Dressing in fabulous 40’s attire is encouraged.

$20.00 per person includes dinner and open bar. Please purchase tickets in advance from Maureen Hackney or the bartender.

Come on down and “swing your fling”.
Greetings to all. Hope everyone had a great Holiday. It’s a new year and everyone has to work on keeping their New Years Resolutions. Did you all remember to make one?? I will try to continue to strive to better our Lodge and keep promoting new ideas to improve our club. Your input is vital to me and all the Officers to help us keep moving forward. Don’t be afraid to tell us what you want or would like to see in the future.

We have some great upcoming events in January and February; don’t forget to check our web site for all the details. January 13 will bring a club sponsored TEXAS HOLD’EM, this is sure to be a fun time for all. This is a fundraiser that has brought a nice turn out for our lodge in the past. I recommend everyone try this fun and exciting game. If for some reason you don’t want to play, we can always use help put this event on. There are many things that we can use help with, if you can volunteer your time please see Mike Rearick or Maureen Hackney. On January 21 we will be hosting a “Swing Fling” Big Band night. There will be fine food, drinks and dancing to the big band sounds of “The Music Makers”. This should be a great party that no one would want to miss and a great deal at $20 per person. See the Bartenders for your tickets.

February brings the “Ritual Contest” on the 10th and 11th. Your Lodge Officers will be competing against the other East District Lodges in the art of performing the Ritual. Wish us all luck, I think we will need it. The lodge is hosting a “Euchre” tournament on February 18 in the club room. Come on down, support your lodge, and have fun!! This is a cheap night out at only $5 to play and 25 cents a euchre.

Remember to watch the Calendar and table menu’s for our Friday night dinners. What a great bargain these are. We can still use some volunteers for cooking teams, just ask any officer. Kitty always puts out a great Wednesday lunch special also. I guarantee you can not go anywhere for a better meal at the prices she puts these meals on for. These functions all go to support our lodge to keep off setting to cost of operations, so patronize our club.

I would like to take this time to give a great big thanks to all the officers and members that help out around the club to keep these events and our lodge going. We can’t do it without the sacrifice these people make every day. A lot of people put in a lot of time this last year redecorating our hall, repainting our building, and just plain maintenance that needed to be done. Sometimes just saying thanks helps a lot. There are still some ongoing projects, such as the exceptional trim work Dave Fett and elves are doing in our hall. If you haven’t seen it yet, make sure to stop in and check it out. Dave does very nice work and seems to have a knack at finding little elves to help out.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that we are approaching a new Elk’s year in April. I will have to fill a lot of chairman positions for the upcoming year. I am making lists now so if you can chair even just one small event next year, please volunteer your services to me so I don’t have to beg people to fill these positions. I can be reached at MREARICK@COMCAST.NET or call my cell phone at 248-854-6696. Thank You All and I hope everyone has a fantastic New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Mike Rearick, Est. Leading Knight

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**365 Days**

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- Marlene Przybycien - 1
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Some people like to see their name in print and others don’t. It seems the don’ts are in control now, because I have heard absolutely nothing of interest about what’s happening at the lodge.

Still, I’m glad to be here because I’m told the snowfall at our cottage in the U.P. is about 100 inches as of today, December 12, 2005. By comparison, we’ve had 13 inches here in the metro area. Up where we spend our summer, 13 inches is considered partly cloudy.

Speaking of weather, we just got back from a week in Florida, where the weather was great and we had a great time. We played golf three times, and would have played more but I got carpel tunnel syndrome from opening beer cans and had to give my hands a rest from golf or cut down on beer. Golf lost!

This was the first time I had ever driven to Florida, and although it’s a routine event for a lot of our brothers, I found the trip fascinating. I had no idea Ohio was so ugly. The terrain is flatter than a hooker’s back and the cities are drab. Now I understand why all trees in Michigan lean slightly to the south; because Ohio sucks! But we got through it and entered the state of Kentucky, which is world famous for its beautiful horses and fast women. I’ve heard of a dark side to Kentucky culture too, so I became uneasy when road signs told me we were nearing a place called “Big Bone Lick.” I don’t know what that is, but I guaran-dam-tee you I didn’t make eye contact with any locals for a good fifty miles.

By the time we got out of Kentucky and entered Tennessee, the chili with onions I’d eaten for lunch were really starting to work on my digestive system. In fact, I was downright miserable when I saw a road sign that we were 12 miles from a place called “Stinking Creek.” So I said to myself “Self, this may be your chance to get away with something.” Apparently the locals think that way too because right in that area I noticed a lot of other drivers smiling broadly. And, when I saw those smiles, I thought, “My God, I’ll bet the Tooth Fairy hates to come here!”

Georgia has great roads and, in my opinion, the most courteous drivers. Just as I was getting used to the territory, we entered Florida. I always thought that Florida was famous for sunshine and orange juice. Now I think its claim to fame is a plethora of rest areas with toilets that don’t work. Florida also has a lot of what I call “expressholes” on the roads. For the uninformed, “expressholes” are drivers who get in the left hand lane and stay there forever so that no one can get around them except by passing on the right. The strange thing about these Florida idiots is that a lot of them must drive up to Michigan to buy their license plates.

While I’m on the subject of rude drivers, Tennessee seems to have an abundance of “cruise-a-holics.” These are drivers who set the cruise control and never accelerate from their chosen pace. So, if they are driving six yards per hour faster than the car ahead of them and pull out to pass, the elapsed time to pass a Volkswagen may equal the gestation period of a water buffalo.

Enough about the trip! I’d like to close by sharing with you something very amusing that I overheard in the clubroom. It was the day the Lions fired Steve Mariucci and Cal Wilkinson was giving his views on the subject. Unfortunately, Cal must have had one too many that day because I can’t remember what he said. But, trust me, it was really clever.

Best regards, and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year, a winning season for the Lions and some *#%@#%* information from you so that I’ll have something to write about!

Frank Donnelly

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Hoop Shoot - 2005

The Lodge held its annual hoop shoot on December 10th, at the Royal Oak Boys and Girls Club. After having well over 500 students in the local elementary and middle schools participate, each school sent their winners to compete in the Lodge contest. Our winners will go on to the District competition at Rochester High School on January 7th for another competition. Our winners were:

- 8-9 year old: Kelsey Pittman
- 10-11 year old: Aurora Turek
- Boys: Joey Smith
- Girls: Reese Davis

Good Luck to the shooters and hope to see you all there. I would also like to thank all of the members who came out to volunteer their time to help out with the registration, the scorekeeping, and the rebounding. I couldn’t put this on without you.

Jeff Dinkelmann, PER
Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman

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Member’s Information Corner:

Ruth Saulnier (wife of Edward Saulnier) passed away on September 27, 2005.

The officers, members and staff extend our condolences to Ed and his family.

Mr. Saulnier asked if we would post his address for anyone who would like contact him.

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Tenino, WA 98589-9724
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TEXAS HOLD ‘EM PARTY

ROYAL OAK ELKS
2401 E. Fourth
Royal Oak
Friday, January 13, 2006
Check in begins at 6:00pm, play begins at 7:00pm.

Tickets on sale now at the Lodge, $40.00 in advance, $50.00 at the door. Space is limited so get your tickets early. Cost includes food and drink specials. More playing time…more prizes…hourly drawings….check the website www.royaloakelks.com for additional information or send an email to texasholdem1523@comcast.net

Cutoff date for the $40.00 buy in is January 12th. At 8pm.

TEXAS HOLD EM
Dealers and workers are needed to help with our Texas Hold Em on January 13th. This event is a fundraiser for our general fund; if you can help please notify Maureen Hackney or Mike Rearick.
Hello;

Thank you to those attending the meeting and party in December.

Watch for our next Euchere date.

As this busy year progresses, please remember that we are all friends working “hand in hand” to turn out a prosperous year to help our network of people who need us and to assure that The Royal Oak Elks will be strong and lasting.

Also, April 29, 2006 is the anniversary ball for the Wapiti and Elks. We have combined them in order to have a “big event”. If you are a past ER or Wapiti President, please set this time aside for a wonderful evening. Committee people for this event are; Mike Rearick 248-854-6702 (until he becomes ER); Karey Babcock 248-342-6629; Carol Hennessey 248-543-8420; or Ginger Metzelburg 248-541-1119. Jerry and Denise Andrajack are collecting memorabilia from the years past and have received some very interesting articles that will be on display on the evening of the ball. Please call the lodge if you have anything that you would like to share. We’re excited about this event and I know that you will enjoy it!

We’re sending a speedy recovery out to Marge Michels. Marge, we love you and miss you. We need you back here.

June Nalley, we love you!

Special Thanks to Gail and Al Elias for helping out at the Veteran’s Nursing Home. The gifts and canteen books were well received.

Happy New Year to Everyone.

Gratefully,
Ginger Metzelburg, Pres.

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Ginger Metzelburg, Chairperson
Note from the Office Secretary:

Attention Members:

If you have not paid your 2005-2006 membership dues please remit your payment. We will be dropping all delinquent members by March 31, 2005. If you are dropped and want to join again there will be a $35.00 reinstatement fee attached. Please contact the lodge office secretary for further information or if you have any other questions or concerns. Your membership is very important to us and we want to keep you on our rolls.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audrey Raymond
Lodge Office: (248)544-3560

“Wishing you a safe and Happy New Year”

**2006-2007 Dues Notices will be mailed in late January or early February 2006.

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Big Bucks Calendars

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Attention all Golfers and non-Golfers alike!!!!

It is time to start planning this year's annual golf outing. The first meeting will be held on Monday, January 23rd at 7 pm at the Lodge. This is a great opportunity to get involved with one of our biggest fundraisers. All are welcome to come, golf experience is not required (just look at how I golf). We have lots of things to do, so lots of people are needed. Hope to see you all there.

Jeff Dinkelmann, PER
Golf Committee Chair

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