

The Eleven O'Clock News

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Elks Care - Elks Share

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO ADOPT A GOODFELLOW'S FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

OFFICERS 2011 - 2012

Exalted Ruler.....Albert Elias, PDDGER
Est. Leading Knight.....William Giertz, PER
Est. Loyal Knight.....William Dyda, PER
Est. Lecturing Knight...Tom Dinkelman, PDDGER
Secretary.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
Treasurer.....James P. Syme, HLM
Tiler.....Richard Strehlke
Esquire.....Michael Rearick, PER
Inner Guard.....To Be Determined
Chaplain.....Jack M. Pedder, L.M.
Subordinate Forum.....Claude Beavers
Organist.....Jack M. Pedder, L.M.

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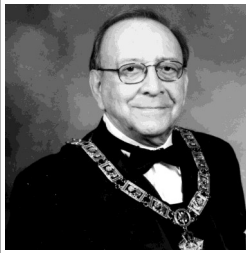
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4 Year Trustee.....Norman Raymond
3 Year Trustee.....Barbara Dinkelman, PER
2 Year Trustee.....Michael Cody
1 Year Trustee.....Bob McHugh

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention.....Norman Raymond
Americanism.....William Dyda, PER
Auditing.....Donald Kirkham
Building Enhancement.....David Fett, PER
Drug Awareness.....Albert Elias, PDDGER
Flag Day.....Albert Elias, PDDGER
Government Relations.....To Be Determined
Golf Outing.....Rick & Lois Calverley
Hoop Shot.....Jeff Dinkelman, PER
Indoctrination.....PER Association
Investigation.....PER Association
Lapsation/Membership.....Michael Rearick, PER
Lodge Public Relations.....To Be Determined
Major Projects.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
Memorial Day Parade.....Albert Elias, PDDGER
Mothers Day.....Albert Elias, PDDGER
National Foundation...Tom Dinkelman, PDDGER
National Service (Vets).....Ginger Metzelsburg
Necrology.....Miles Young
Picnic.....William Dyda, PER
Pumpkin Patch.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
Scholarships.....Carole Lakotish
Visitation.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
Youth Activities.....Sue Williams

HONOREES 2010-2011

Elk of the Year.....Donald Kirkham
Officer of the Year.....Norman Raymond
Sweetheart of Elksdom.....Carole Lakotish



Exalted Rulers Message

On the first Sunday in December we are required to perform the Elks Memorial Service to honor the passing of our members and friends who now answer to the chimes that ring to signify “The Hour of Eleven”.

Please join with us on December 4th at 1:00 pm in remembrance of those departed Brothers and Sisters.

The holiday season is on it’s way. The time for giving and loving. For Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men, and the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When I think about this, it makes me very proud to be part of an organization that spends so much of its time and effort throughout the year giving to those in need; with programs like ENF, Gold Key, Veterans Committees, Major Projects, Hoop Shoot, children’s activities and the list goes on and on.

There is a saying:

A good character is the best tombstone. Those Who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when Forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

I like to think that we are as Elk’s; carving our names on hearts and bringing joy to others throughout their lives. In all the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, let us not forget that Charity is the Greatest of all the virtues and that it lives with us in our hearts and in our lives.

We will be going to the Veterans Hospital on December 10th to take gifts and serve luncheon to our homeless veterans. We will meet at the Lodge at 9:00 am and travel downtown in a caravan. We will need help to pass out gifts and serve lunch, so if you are available, please join us.

In these hard times which we are evidencing, may the coming Holiday Season bring to you, and your families, Peace, Prosperity and Good Health.

*Fraternally,
Al Elias - Exalted Ruler*



**Merry
Christmas
And
Happy
Holidays**



Memorial Service

On Sunday, December 4th we will have our Lodge Memorial Service. A time when we remember all of our members who have passed away during the year. **The service starts at 1pm** followed by light refreshments.

Please join us in this final tribute:



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 11th is our Annual Children’s Christmas Party. The doors open at 12 noon and Santa arrives at 12:30pm. Parents or Grandparents are asked to bring a wrapped gift with the child’s name on it. Please limit the cost to \$20 or less. We will be serving lunch and as always; donations toward the lunch will be greatly appreciated!



FREE BIRTHDAY BURGER!

Bring this coupon to the Lodge

and receive one free hamburger or cheeseburger, fries and a beverage on your



BIRTHDAY!



Date	Member
1	Christopher N. Fraser
2	Noel J. Kott
3	Clifford C. Anderson Joseph J. Burr, Jr.
5	Richard J. Galbenski
7	Francis H. Burder, Jr. Sean C. O'Keeffe
8	Carl E. Foster
9	Sky R. Feaster
11	Luis J. Basso
13	James F. Green
16	Douglas B. Moyers Cecil A. Richards
17	Richard J. Nyquist
20	William (Harry) K. Stinson
21	Leonard A. Malburg
23	Thomas R. Gibbons
25	John Diop Clifford Tatum
26	Samuel L. Owens
29	David Reiber
30	Richard M. Calverley



FROM THE BUNCO LEAGUE

BUNCO IS BACK IN THE CLUB ROOM!

Starting September 12, 2011 - Check in 6:30 pm

Play commences at 7 pm - \$10 per person - bring a pass dish!

We play every OTHER Monday night

Contact Audrey: (248) 399-5261 for more information

Veteran's Report

Dear Friends,

The Veteran's Day luncheon was very enjoyable as we came together to celebrate with our adopted Veterans and their assistants. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated members for their selfless help: Phil Bartolone, Bill Dyda, Kathy Tasch, Bonnie Cody, Gayle & Al Elias, Carol Lakotish, Cory, David Fett, Rich Strehlke, Our Pianist, Jack Petter and my brother Dell for making Mom's Baked Beans.

December 10, 2011 - Homeless Veteran's Lunch 10:00AM-2:00PM at John D. Dingell Hospital. *Directions and sign up sheet will be posted

Donations accepted of hygiene products and sweets (lg. size)

God Bless our Veterans!!!



Ginger Metzberg - National Service Chair (Veterans)



365 Banks

Don Leshar - 2
Mike & Moe Pilkington - 2
Dolores Huston
Marge & Jim Syme
Joe Burr
Marge DeMeyere
The Euchre Club

A Big "Thank You" to all 365 Bank donors. We appreciate all your support throughout the year. You have made so many needy children happy!

VETERANS LIST

The following is a list of our adopted Veterans residing in the VA hospital. We are sure they would love to receive a card or a visit from you.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH DATE	ROOM
Bennett	Marvin L.	4/1/1946	A-6013-A
Clark	Robert J.	1/17/1930	A-6019-B
Dessler	Ralph	1/11/*	A-6015
Harris	Albert	8/8/*	A-6053-A
Henry	Robert	9/19/1940	A-6039-A
Humphrey	Leon	8/15/1933	A-6041-A
Kelps	Paul	1/16/*	A-6055-A
Lumford	James	11/14/*	A-6045-A
Mardirosian	Deran	2/13/*	A-6015-
Maxfield	Kevin	10/13/*	A-6053-B
Norman	Robert Leon	4/19/1936	A-6043-A
Picarella	Albert L.	6/22/*	A-6015-
Siglin	Daniel Francis	4/16/1931	A-6013-B

* Year not available. Rooms are being changed due to remodeling c/o V.A. Medical Center 4646 John R Street, Detroit MI 48212

List updated 08/19/2011

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Membership Report

Next Initiation: December 22, 2011



Name	Proposer
Thomas D'Allena	Bob Garner
Donna McLaughlin	Pam Omiatek
Derek W. Meinecke	Michelle Collick

Eligible for Life Membership

Age 65 & 30 years completed as an Elk in good standing
None at this time

Requests for Transfer/Dimit

None at this time

Necrology

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

12/02 – Dave Fett Fish Fry	\$7.00
12/09 – Barb & Norm ~ Baked Spaghetti & Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$7.00
12/16 – Bill Dyda ~ Meat Loaf	\$7.00
12/23 – Christmas No Party-Party! Entertainment!	
12/30 – NO DINNER	
12/31 – New Years Eve Dinner & Reverse Raffle!	



PLEASE DONATE A GIFT!

This year our Lodge has adopted a family with 5 children for our Christmas Basket Program. We are in need of gifts. Please check the bulletin Board in the Club Room to see what is needed. Your donation will be hugely appreciated!

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

Just search Royal Oak Elks after you log in to your Facebook account

Clubroom Parties

Planning on having a party in our Clubroom? Please schedule all club room parties of 10 or more with our banquet manager. This will ensure that everyone can be accommodated and that our clubroom is not already scheduled for another function.

Thank You!
The Board of Governors

Welcome In 2012

At The Lodge!

*And Enter a New Year's Eve
Reverse Raffle*

*Join us at The Royal Oak Elks on
New year's Eve for a night filled
with fun and activities*

AND

*a chance to win \$7000.00
or a variety of prizes.*

*Tickets are \$100.00 and include:
Dinner, Open Bar, and your
Entry in the Reverse Raffle.*

*Dinner will include, Prime Rib
and Turkey, Pasta, Roasted
Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes,
Salad, Rolls, and Dessert*

*Please contact Bonnie for more
information or to purchase your
tickets. If all tickets are sold the
Grand Prize will be \$7000.00,
2nd Prize is \$2000.00 and
3rd Prize is 1000.00.*

TICKETS ARE NOW IN FOR THE REVERSE RAFFLE!

The last day to get tickets will be **December 9th, 2011**. Once again this event will be held to help out with various items that need to be updated around the lodge, like our hall. The hall has been a good resource for us over the years. This is a place that many members have had family gatherings, our lodge has held numerous events in the hall and it's a great place for every one else to come and enjoy special occasions. It has been years since the hall has had any updates and it is in great need of some at the moment. So come on and join in the fun for New Years. Please contact Bonnie @ (248) 544-3560 or ask your bartender how to get your tickets. Want a specific number??? Just ask and as long as someone else has not already bought it then it's yours! So get your lucky number now before someone else gets it first!!!





**TUESDAY DRINK SPECIALS
HAVE RETURNED!**

\$1 off Drinks & Bottled Beer



Plus! 50¢ Off Drafts

TAILGATE TIME!



**\$1 off drinks during
LIONS games!!**

***PLUS \$5 ALL YOU CAN EAT
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!***



CLUB ROOM HOURS

Monday - Thursday	3-11 pm
Friday	3-12 Midnight
Saturday	12 Noon - 12 Midnight
Sunday	12 Noon - 10 pm

*Bartender or Club Management reserves
the option to remain open later*



***Happy Hour at the
Lodge!
Monday - Friday
Open - 7 PM***

EUCHRE!

**Every Thursday and Saturday Night
7:00 PM Start Time
\$7.00 to Play \$.25 Euchre
No Reservations Needed
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



UNDER THE ANTLERS



Greetings everyone,

Happy Holidays to everyone. Yes it is that time of year again where family will get together to eat, tell stories, have a few drinks and just enjoy. A great time of year to bring everyone down to your club to see other members whom you have not seen in awhile.

There are plenty of things going on at the club too. Friday night dinners, no party parties and a reverse raffle dinner (which you don't really want to miss) is going to be a blast. So come down to the club and get your tickets for the affair. You'll be glad you did. For all of our newest members, this would be a great opportunity to join in on the fun. I would say that you might even get lucky and win a prize but come to think about it, just being there will make you a winner. To be there having fun, dancing, eating, hoisting a few drinks with friends and fellow members will strengthen the bonds of Elkdom. So until I see you at the club, everyone take care!

*Fraternally,
Bill Giertz (Leading Knight)*



We Need Your Leadership!

To all members!
What are the duties of the Officers,
Trustees, Committee Chairman?
We are looking for you and your
experience. Attend an officers clinic on
January 21, 2012
Hosted by your Lodge FOR your Lodge
All are Welcome!

Royal Oak Lodge Club Room
10:00 am Saturday, January
21, 2012. 2401 Fourth Street,
Royal Oak, Mi If you have any
questions - see Bill Dyda



Pumpkin Patchers



Royal Oak Elks Lodge 1523



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • Euchre	2 • Friday Night Dinner	3 • Euchre
4 • Memorial Service	5 • BUNCO	6 • BOG Meeting • Trustee Meeting	7	8 • Lodge Meeting • Euchre	9 • Friday Night Dinner	10 • Christmas Auction • Homeless Veterans Luncheon • News Letter Deadline • Hoop Shoot • Euchre
11 • Children's Christmas Party	12	13	14	15 • Euchre	16 • Friday Night Dinner	17 • Euchre
18	19 • BUNCO	20 • BOG Meeting	21	22 • Lodge Meeting • Euchre	23 • No Party Party	24 • Euchre
25	26	27	28	29 • Euchre	30	31 • Reverse Raffle Party • Euchre

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



CHRISTMAS NO PARTY - PARTY

December 23, 2011 ~ Starts at 7 PM

Entertainment and moocho fun!

Bring a pass dish to share
Entree, appetizers or a salad

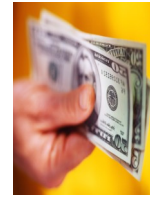


CLUB 50/50

Drawings

AT

11:00 PM



Club 50/50 is a twice a month drawing that will be held on the first and third Friday of each month, Participants may pay monthly, semi annually, or annually.

The total amount of each prize will be determined by the number of people entered each month. The more people that enter the larger the prize. The Club 50/50 is similar to the old Club 100, however it is less expensive costing \$10.00 per month. *Also there is not an end of the year party, just cash! To the winners!*

05/20/2011	Richard Strehlke
06/03/2011	Don Kirkham
06/17/2011	Ellie Madson
07/01/2011	Bob Garner
07/15/2011	John Mandley
08/05/2011	Dave Fett
08/19/2011	John & Sue Yandura
09/02/2011	Al Elias, ER
09/16/2011	Norm Raymond
10/07/2011	Audrey Raymond
10/21/2011	David Drawbaugh
11/04/2011	Don Kirkham
11/18/2011	Bob Artis

Royal Oak Elks Members and Friends



When you were a youngster, did you ever want to join a ball team or learn to play an instrument, but had that dream denied because your folks told you, "sorry, but we just can't afford it"? Well, that still happens, even here in Royal Oak, and it's a shame.

The Royal Oak Elks have been long time sponsors of youth baseball, hockey, and soccer, sponsoring a team each year. In the case of baseball we are a charter sponsor of the Royal Oak Sandlot League, this being our 50th straight year of participation in forwarding the youth programs of our community. For the past two years the Royal Oak Elks, under the guidance of PER Dave Fett, have set up a scholarship program of sorts to pay the participation fee of one player, and one cheer team member, for the Royal Oak Chargers Youth Football Team. The costs of these fees are \$150 per child, per season.

We look to you, friends, this time of year, for your generosity and help to continue this annual program. Hopefully, you will think of that youngster, being able to participate because of your kindness and generosity, when you stop in the Lodge.

There are canisters at the bar in the Clubroom, or see Dave Fett or myself to make your contribution to this most worthy cause.

"No man stands so tall, as when he stoops to help a child"

Abraham Lincoln

Fraternally,
Tom Dinkelman, PER



CHRISTMAS AUCTION

On December 10th, 2011 the Lodge will be hosting a Christmas Auction. The proceeds for this auction will help support our scholarship fund and also it will help us to provide various items for families in need throughout this holiday season. If you have any goods that you would like to donate, that could be auctioned off please bring them down to the club. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. *There will be more information on this event in next month's newsletter as well as on flyers around the club; DARWIN FOOTE*



Club 50/50 Application

Name: _____

Addr: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount paid: _____

Returning member: _____
Yes/No

OR Call the Office Manager
Kathy Tasch (248) 544-3560

2012 BIG BUCK CALENDARS

Purchasing a Big Buck calendar is a win-win situation. Not only will you be helping your Lodge, but you will be guaranteed a chance to win \$50 each Monday through Friday, or \$300 each Saturday for the entire year!!



Drawings are based on the evening drawing of the Michigan State Lottery. Our Lodge received 142 calendars and must pay \$11 each, or \$1,562.00. We make no profit from the sale of these calendars; we are only trying to recover our cost.

PLEASE purchase one (or more for family & friends) for only \$11.00 each and help your Lodge... that in itself will make you a WINNER!! For more information or to request a calendar, feel free to contact the Office Manager at 248-544-3560.

WEB SITE ADDRESS

Visit our new updated web site at
<http://www.royaloakelks.com>

For all the latest information regarding Lodge 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.



If you would like to become a Patron of the Eleven O'Clock News to help defray the cost of printing and mailing, please fill out the form below and return it with your donation to the Royal Oak Elks Lodge #1523 and we will include your name on our patron list. Thank you for your support.

To renew or to be added as a Patron of the Eleven O'Clock News, please mail this form with a \$10.00 check to Royal Oak Elks Lodge #1523 (In memo print 'Patron'), 2401 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

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Listing to Read: (Example: John & Mary Smith, Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, John Smith, Mary Smith)

Select one: Renewal New Patron

2011 - 2012 Patrons of the Eleven O'Clock News (Thank you for your support!)

Note: * indicates final month - time to renew!

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***Thank you,
Kathy Tasch, Office Manager***

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To Purchase, contact Kathy Tasch

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CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

Please make your check payable to Royal Oak Elks Lodge #1523 and remember to include your sample AD.

Mail to Royal Oak Elks #1523, Attn. Kathy Tasch, 2401 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, MI 48067.



Lodge 1523
2401 E. Fourth St.
Royal Oak, MI
48067

Seasons Greetings

**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER ON TIME**

Ask for:
Banquet Manager
Bonnie Cody



Attention
Members & Guests

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YOUR
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