



B.P.O.E. ROYAL OAK ELKS LODGE No. 1523



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Eleven O'Clock News

Exalted Rulers Message



Mike Rearick
Exalted Ruler

Greetings to all. Just when the hustle and bustle of the holiday's are gone, here comes the end of our lodge year to contend with. We just never get a moment of free time. I would like to remind everyone that with the ending of this lodge year we have to elect new Officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be taken at our February 8th meeting and Elections will take place at the February 22nd meeting. Please

come and support our lodge for both of these important meetings. We need your input to keep our lodge leaping forward in a positive direction and the officers need to know you support their efforts.

Second item on my agenda this month is to remind you all we are running the "Friday Night Dinners" now through the end of Lent. We need your support and meal ideas to keep this a success. There is nowhere else around you can get a comparable meal for the price and great company to boot. We could also use some new people to step up and offer to run a cooking crew so the same people are not always expected to do so. It is not that hard to do and we will help get you started, so volunteer to myself or Kitty now. Thank you in advance for stepping forward to help.

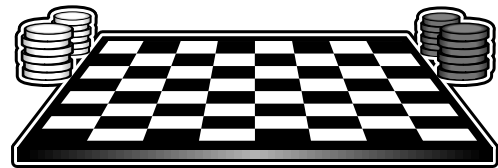
Next item is one some may not want to hear but you need to know and prepare for it. Many don't realize that there are many parts to the dues we pay each year to be members here. Not only is part of the money you pay for your dues to this Lodge but also rolled into the fee are District, State, and National fees. For the last several years, District, State and National dues have inched higher and higher, even though "Our Lodge Dues" have not increased. Our Lodge has been absorbing this increase to keep the cost to you the same. Unfortunately we have been absorbing over \$8.50 per member and can no longer afford to do so and still keep this place open. Starting April of 2007 we will have to add that cost to our dues as "The Lodge" can no longer afford to cover this increase. I would like to remind you all the "Lodge Dues" did not go up, the State and National Dues went up. With the cost of gas, heating, electricity, maintenance, and living going up all around us, I feel our Officers have done a great job to keep these bills paid without increasing our dues. That is one of the main reasons your support to our functions is crucial to our existence.

One of the last items I would like to discuss is "Frank's Newsletter Article". I for one looked forward to reading his witty report every month and was devastated when he announced he was done. I had a talk with Frank to ask "WHY". He told me when he started writing his articles, it was fun, but he needed the help of all of "US" for his material. All he asked was for everyone to basically tattle on each other when something funny came up or exciting happened. Lately he has gotten no response from anyone so he felt maybe you all don't want his article any longer. He is not out to hurt anyone, just to humor us all. He did tell me that if "WE" would like him to continue writing article, start feeding him some material. So I leave the ball in "Your" court, I for one would love to see his articles back in the newsletter.

In closing I would like to remind you all the events coming up: Feb. 4th the Super Bowl Party, Feb. 10th Ritual Contest, Officer nominations and Elections at our Lodge meetings this month, Family Fun Day Feb. 25th and coming soon March 3rd will be the Club 100 Party Dinner and April 14th will be the Officers Ball. Make your plans now.

Thank you all for the help and support you have been giving me all year.

Fraternally Yours,
Mike Rearick, Exalted Ruler



FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us on Sunday, February 25, 2007 from 1pm to 5pm for our first annual Family Fun Day. There will be games, crafts, pictionary, and a Kid's DJ with Karaoke from 4pm to 5pm. Hot dogs will be available for purchase for \$1.00. So come on down and enjoy a fun filled afternoon, events for children of all ages. Please let us know if you are planning on attending, you can call the Lodge on 248-544-3560 or sign up in our club room.

Mike Hall
Esteem Loyal Knight

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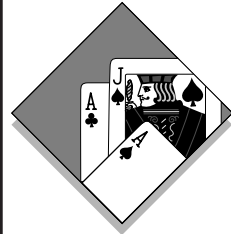
From the Club Manager

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone's New Year is off to a good start. As you all know we have been opening on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for our lunch specials. Well, that isn't turning out like I had hoped it would as we are not getting enough members coming down to support it. So sorry to say we will be going back to opening at 3:00 pm starting this month. We will be having dinner specials instead of lunch specials.

We have euchre in the club room February 17th at 6:30pm. Don't forget to look for our Valentine dinner special on Wednesday February 14th. Lent starts February 21st until April 6 we will be having different kinds of fish dinners throughout Lent.

Thanks Kitty



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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
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Over the last several years, the amounts we are assessed for each member by the Grand Lodge, the State Association, the District has increased. The Major Projects assessment has remained the same. These assessments are paid on April 1st based on our current membership.

A break down of the previous years is as follows:

	2000	2005	2006
Regular Dues	\$84.00	\$96.00	\$96.00
Grand Lodge Dues	\$9.50	\$10.50	\$11.50
State Association Dues	\$0.65	\$0.65	\$1.00
District Dues	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.50
Major Projects	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Total Assessments	\$12.30	\$13.30	\$15.00
Total Required to Cover (and approved by by-laws change in 2001)	\$96.30	\$109.30	\$111.00
Dues and assessments collected from members	\$84.00	\$102.50	\$102.50
Per Member Loss	\$12.30	\$6.80	\$8.50
Lodge Loss (based on 425 members)	\$5,227.50	\$2,890.00	\$3,612.50

The deficit each year has been covered by the Lodge; however with our membership dwindling and our expenses rising the Lodge can no longer afford to cover the shortfall. Article X, Section 2 of our by-laws states: On or before April 1st of each year, all Members, including Life members shall pay the Grand Lodge per capita fee, Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment and the State Association dues **in addition to** the appropriate regular or Life Member dues as specified in the remainder of this section.

This upcoming Lodge year each regular member will be required to pay \$111.00 to cover dues and assessments and each Life Member/Honorary Life Member \$41.50. We appreciate your understanding.

The Board of Governors

Necrology:

Robert J. Newman LM #3021
D.O.D. 01/08/07



14th Annual Golf Scramble – July 28th

This years Royal Oak Elks golf tournament will be held at Rammler Golf Course, 38180 Utica road in Sterling Heights. It will be limited to the first 144 paid up players. \$75.00 each, will include cart, grab bag 2 drinks and steak dinner back at the club. The sign up sheet will be on the clubroom wall soon. Applications will be available at the bar. The December newsletter showed an incorrect date for the tournament. July 28th is the correct date. Sign up early. Don't be left out in the rough.

Lois Calverley
Golf Tournament
Chairwoman

Wapiti News Presidents Corner



A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Here it is February already. I cannot believe that this year has gone by so fast.

Our January meeting went well and we had 10 ladies in attendance. Ladies!!! It is time to nominate new Officers. If you have anyone in mind, please let me or one of the Officers know.

The Hoop Shoot in Rochester on January 6th. was a great day. If you want to find out what the Elks do for the community, attend a Hoop Shoot, Pumpkin Patch

or Scamp Camp. The happiness on the faces of these young people will explain what the Elks are all about.

Al and I were at Clawson/Troy on Sunday, January 7th for the " East District Winter Meeting". What a fun day it was just to see friends from around the District that I have not seen in quite a while.

As you probably know by now, we had to cancel our PGA Putt/Putt Golf Championship because of conflicting dates. We will try to re-schedule it and will let you know of it's progress.

Our annual Euchre Tournament will be on Saturday, February 17th. We will post flyers in the Lodge with information.

As always: "A wish of sunshine and flowers to everyone having birthdays and/ or anniversaries in the month of February".

Gail Elias—Wapiti President

February Birthdays



- 1 James K. Hoomaian
- 2 Ronald C. Golembiewski
- 2 Charles Jones
- 4 Russell E. Ditton
- 6 Frank M. Frankovic
- 7 Daniel V. Rearick
- 8 Charles A. Weber
- 10 Robert B. Hanby Jr.
- 10 Albert W. Pott
- 11 Claude R. Bracy
- 11 James B. Petts
- 13 Ronald Figlan
- 14 George Taylor
- 16 Carl W. Beuthin
- 16 Robert D. Stewart
- 17 Salvatore Bellestri Jr.
- 17 Lee W. Schumaker
- 17 Elnora Tunstall-Turner
- 19 William G. Giertz, Jr.
- 20 Raymond J. Stadelbauer
- 22 Bernard A. Williams
- 22 Lewis E. Worthen Jr.
- 23 David G. Ball
- 23 Matthew R. Pedersen
- 23 James Ronney Jr.
- 25 Keith W. May
- 26 Ralph Forbes
- 26 Hubert Lingerfelt
- 28 John (Jack) D. Schlau

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- Marge Smith - 1

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Membership Applications

If any member knows of any reason a candidate should not become a member of the B.P.O.E. it is his or her duty to report this fact to a member of the investigating committee or the Exalted Ruler prior to the vote.

New Applications:

Hateem Hannawa
30834 Club House Lane
Farmington Hills, MI
Sponsored by: Michael Hall

John Holtkamp
28172 Queens Ct.
Warren, MI
Sponsored By: Barbara Dinkelmann

Waiting for Vote:

Transfer Dimit: From Ferndale 1588
Norman Raymond
1166 Withington
Ferndale, MI

Miles L. Young
509 Wellesley, RO
Sponsored by: Mike Code

Michael Pniewski
414 N. Wilson, RO
Sponsored by: Mike Rearick

Rob Gorney
3829 Coolidge Hwy., RO
Sponsored By: Dan Malkowski

Jason Craven
1711A Gardenia, Apt 304, RO
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Andrew Miller
1368 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe
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Club Room Parties

Planning on having a party in our club room? 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 club room is not already scheduled for another function.

Thank you,
The Board of Governors

Club 100 News



12/15/06
\$250.00 George Clark
\$100.00 Jess Hackney
\$100.00 Tim Mann

1/05/07
\$250.00 Dave Delmonico
\$100.00 Rick Calverley
\$100.00 John Turchen
Congratulations Winners!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Welcome new member: Carol
Lakotish
Numbers are available.
Ginger Metzberg, Chairperson.
248-541-1119

Nominations for Officers

In accordance with our By-Laws, nominations for officers will be taken at the Lodge meeting on February 8, 2007. If you are interested in running for an office please come to the meeting to be nominated. In addition, we will need a 5 year Trustee; if you would like to assist with the financial health of our Lodge this is a great way to help. Balloting for all positions will take place at our Lodge meeting on February 22, 2007.

Maureen Hackney
Lodge Secretary

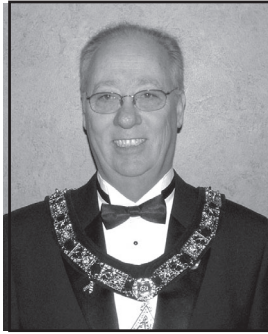
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Greetings One and All,

Well it's February and before long we'll be seeing green appearing on the trees, flowers sprouting and of course, the ground hog. Wow! So far we have been enjoying the winter with its' unusual warm weather. When was the last time we saw temps in the upper 40s and 50s around the holidays? If it were up to me, it could stay this way now until April when the weather turns warmer still. Oh well.

Let's see what is going on this month though, shall we?

We have the club one hundred drawings on the 2nd and

16th. We have a trustee meeting on the 5th and Lodge meetings on the 8th and 22nd. On the 10th we officers will be participating in the annual Ritual contest being hosted by the Port Huron Lodge. Wish us well, we have been working hard memorizing our parts. Thanks to everyone who have helped us prepare. There are many other things listed on the calendar so take a few minutes to look it over and then decide when you would like to come down to the lounge and greet everyone.

Well everyone, that about does it for this time around. I wish everyone good health and safe travels.

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11	12	13	14	Euchre 15	Club 100 Drawing 16	Euchre Tournament 17 Texas Holdem American Legion
18	Board of Governors Meeting 19	20	21	Euchre 22 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Officer Elections	Karaoke Night 23	Euchre 24
Family Fun Day 25	26	27	28			


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⁴	Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm ⁵	Wapiti Meeting ⁶	⁷	Euchre ⁸ LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm	Karaoke Night ⁹	Euchre ¹⁰ Newsletter Deadline
Officer Orientation ¹¹	¹²	¹³	¹⁴	Euchre ¹⁵	Club 100 Drawing ¹⁶	Euchre ¹⁷
¹⁸	BOG Meeting ¹⁹	²⁰	²¹	Euchre ²² LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm	Karaoke Night ²³	Euchre ²⁴
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