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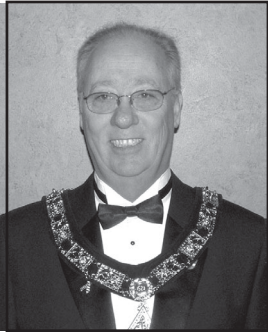


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Eleven O'Clock News

Exalted Rulers Message



Bill Giertz
Exalted Ruler

Greetings Members Everywhere,

It is time once again for ritual competition and this year in our district it will be hosted by the Warren/Sterling Lodge. The dates are the 8th and 9th with an awards dinner the 9th in the evening. Each year we have participated and as a whole our Lodge has done well. We have not won 1st place but we have not been in last place either. Our officers have done well in the past and I expect they will do just

as well this year. I will inform everyone next month on how we did. It should be fun though.

Our club manager has been real busy keeping the halls rented, catering and supervising the staff. I want to thank her for all that she has done. So much of it has been over and above what is expected, so Kitty, THANK YOU!!

Another person that has done much this past year without desiring recognition of any kind is PER Mike Rearick. He has stepped up and taken the chair of Esquire and he has done an admirable job. I feel that Mike has taken a bad rap from many but believe me when I tell you this; he has always had Elksdom first and foremost in his heart and on his mind. Thank you Mike.

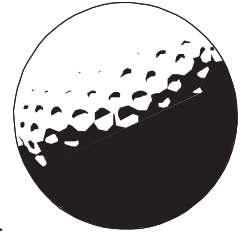
I would also like to thank our Lodge Secretary for an excellent job. She continues to do all that she can for our Lodge/Club and Elksdom without asking for anything in return. So much of what she does goes on behind the scenes but to you Maureen, THANK YOU!!

There are so many of you members who are participants in supporting both club and lodge activities and you too many times go unnoticed, and to you I say thank you. Without your faithfulness there is no telling where we would be. You reinforce in me the ideal and belief that Elks care and Elks share. It is a shame that the vast majority of the membership do not participate in helping or supporting the activities.

We will be having quite a few things happening around the club over the next couple of months so I ask you to please come down and support YOUR club. Some of the things will be a family outing at a local bowling alley, another thing will be a live entertainment with singing, dancing and just having a good time. Another thing coming up will be our Officers Ball. If you have never been to one, you owe it to yourself to go to it. The food is excellent; there are plenty of laughs

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Got Bolf Balls? We Need Your Help!



Greetings to all. We are about to start a new program to support our men and women of the armed services fighting for our freedom over seas. It has been brought to our attention one of their favorite activities to pass their free time is to "hit golf balls". The problem they are having is most of the time they can not retrieve the golf balls they hit as most are in war zones, mine fields, or off ships into the ocean. Our service people are in need of golf balls. We will be starting to collect "golf balls" at the club to send to our service people. If you have any old golf balls lying around please bring them in or call the lodge and we will make arrangements to pick them up. Please ask your friends, neighbors, or favorite golf spot for donations. We have made arrangements to bring them to Selfridge Air Base to have them shipped to our troops. We could also use storage containers to ship them in. we will attempt to contact the media to help our endeavor to make this a complete success. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated. Golf balls can be in any condition as most are single use only. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Fraternally yours,

Mike Rearick PER
Jerry Andrezejak
Co-Chairmen

Nominations For Officers

In accordance with our By-Laws, nominations for officers will be taken at the Lodge meeting on February 14, 2008. 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 28, 2008.

Maureen Hackney
Lodge Secretary

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 Officer Of The Year Mike Hall
 Sweetheart Of Elkdome Pam Deneau

From the Club Manager

Hi Everyone,

Well here we are into February already and only four month until summer. I would like to start out by saying for those of you who couldn't make it down for our country night you don't know what you missed. It was a great success I am very proud of the turn out we had. Thanks for everybody who came down to support us. And for those who couldn't make it, we are having them back on February 16th from 7:00pm-11:00pm, and it won't be only a country theme. They will play all types of music.

Attendance for our Friday night dinners is way down. I would really like to see more of our members supporting them. Lent starts February 6th so we will be serving fish every Friday nights until lent is over. As long as our Monday nights dinners keep doing as well as they are, I will continue to have them. If you have menu suggestions for these dinners, let me know or call me at the office.

Don't forget our Super Bowl party on February 3rd in the club room. That also is pot luck, so bring a dish to past and have some fun with your fellow friends. Our Easter egg hunt for the children is on March 22nd, so bring your kids and Grandkids down for a good time.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has been offering me support throughout the year, and for all your help with events. You don't know how much it means to me.

Thanks again,
 Kitty



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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.

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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- 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 James B. Petts
- 13 Ronald Figlan
- 16 Carl W. Beuthin
- 16 Jack Chapman
- 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

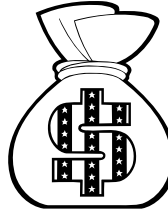
Wives and Widow's Cards are available for \$3.00. Send your request and payment to the lodge office and where you would like it mailed.

Thank you,
Barb Dinkelmann
Office Manager

Club 100 News

Club 100 Winners

December 7, 2007
Pete Malega
Bob Garner
Tim Mann



December 21, 2007
Delores Enmark
Paul McIntosh
Bill Dyda

January 4, 2008
Jim Plaskey
Joanne Backus
Al DeAngelo

Congratulations to you. There are still numbers left.

Ginger Metzelburg, Chairperson

HELP!!!!!!!

I have recently given out the last cane. I maintain a supply of canes, crutches, walkers and wheel chairs that are given at no cost to not only Elk members, but also to members of the community. My supply is now depleted. If you have any of the above mentioned items, please call (248) 217-0080 or bring them to the Lodge and tag them with my name.

Thank you,
Al Elias PER

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.

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The Board of Governors

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SCAMP FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, March 1, 2008 we will be sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit West Bloomfield SCAMP. SCAMP is a five week day camp for handicap children that provides them with an opportunity to swim, exercise, learn and just plain have fun. As you know, Elks Major Projects is one of the largest contributors to SCAMP. Through Major Projects, families of special needs children who cannot afford to send their children to SCAMP are helped financially with the camp fees.

However, there are many items needed at the camp to make this a great experience for the children and those items can only be purchased with the help of donations to the camp. By sponsoring this fundraiser and working with the directors at West Bloomfield SCAMP we are hoping to raise some much needed funds to help with those purchases.

So come on down and join in an evening of food, dancing and fun. Tickets are \$15 each and include hot and cold appetizers. There will be dancing, raffles and 50/50 drawings. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to give these children another great camping experience.

Maureen Hackney
Major Projects Chairperson

Wapiti News

Presidents Corner

Hello once again. Time flies by so quickly. In February the Wapitis will be doing nominations for officers and our sweetheart of the year. The voting will take place in March. The Elks are having a Super bowl party on Feb 3 2008 , Friday night fish fry and a Rock and Roll Band Night on Feb 16,2008 I will and hope everyone can try to attend at least one of these function. I also need to make a correction about the blankets that were given to Linus. Delivery was changed to Mon Jan 14 and they were taken to Beaumont's 5th floor . We had a brief tour and learned a couple of things. I enjoyed myself and I hope My other members Maryann Miller , Gail Elias , Marge DeMeyer, Ellie Madsen & Carol Hennessey did too. Everyone of these ladies worked very hard to make this event successful. Also I have to put a special Thank You out to one of my newest members Kathy Veerecke for the donations of fleece and time putting them together Unfortunately she was unable to go . Thank you!! Well this is all for now. God Bless and keep safe!!

Sincerely
 Patty Rearick
 Wapiti President

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Exalted Rulers Message

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along with other things going on that night.

We will be having nominations for chair officers this month along with needing to fill a Trustee seat. If you would like to get involved in the inner working of your Lodge come to the meetings and put your name on the ballot. All members in good standing are eligible to be on the ballot regardless of gender.

In closing let me take a minute to thank Tom Dinkelmann for being our newsletter editor for so many years. Here is another position that has taken on many bad raps for things not in his control. So Tom, thank you for always being there.

Until next time fellow members, take care, be careful, and God Bless.

Fraternally,
Bill Giertz

ROCK AND ROLL MUSIC NIGHT AND POT LUCK

Saturday
February 16, 2008
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.



Rock and roll is here to stay so put on your dancing shoes and come on down and enjoy the live band sounds of **Steve and Mike**. Join us for an evening of music and great food. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

EVERYBODY ROCK!!!!

Necrology:

James Ellison, PER
Initiated 5/28/1947
passed away, January 13, 2008

Veterans List

The following is a list of veterans that are in the VA hospital. We are sure they would love to receive a card from you.

NAME	ROOM #	BIRTHDATE
Albert Harris	A-6053-A	08/08/1922
Ronald C. Richardson	A-6043-A	07/12/1945
Ernest Allen	A-6029-B	06/24/1938
William J. Vinson	A-6013-B	08/10/1917
Robert Leon Norman	A-6045-A	04/19/1936
Clifford L. Krug	A-6049-A	09/22/1945
Deran Mardirosian	A-6013-A	02/13/1922
Robert L. Henry	A-6039-A	09/19/1940
Lavel Miller	A-6053-B	12/06/1917
Aubrey L. Durham	A-6019-A	07/28/1917

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Proceeds to benefit West Bloomfield
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Voting on the Life Membership of Brother Michael Pilkington will take place at the February 14th, 2008 meeting.

We had a great turnout for the potluck dinner and entertainment by Mike & Steve. Mike and Steve will again be appearing in the Club Room on February 16, 2008. Make your plans now to attend. Bring a dish to pass and sit back and enjoy the fun! It starts at 7:00 and runs until 11:00 p.m.

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.

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