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## Eleven O'Clock News

### THE ELEVEN O' CLOCK NEWS

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### OFFICERS 2010 - 2011

Exalted Ruler.....Bill Dyda  
Est. Leading Knight.....Albert Elias, PER  
Est. Loyal Knight.....Michael Pilkington  
Est. Lecturing Knight.....C. "Mugsy" Mugaritchian  
Secretary.....Maureen Hackney  
Treasurer.....James P. Syme, HLM  
Tiler.....Tom Dinkelmann, PER  
Esquire.....Michael Rearick, PER  
Inner Guard.....David Fett, PER  
Chaplain.....Jack Pedder  
Subordinate Forum.....Claude Beaver  
Organist.....Jack M. Pedder, L.M.

### TRUSTEES

5 Year Trustee.....Norman Raymond  
4 Year Trustee.....Barb Dinkelmann, PER  
3 Year Trustee.....Michael Cody  
2 Year Trustee.....Bob McHugh  
1 Year Trustee.....Edward Harvey

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention.....Bob McHugh  
Americanism.....C. "Mugsy" Mugaritchian  
Auditing.....Don Kirkman  
Building Enhancement.....David Fett  
Drug Awareness.....Bill Dyda  
Flag Day.....Scott Patterson  
Government Relations.....Bill Dyda  
Golf Outing.....Dan Miller  
Hoop Shot.....Jeff Dinkelmann, PER  
Indoctrination.....Michael Rearick, PER  
Investigation.....PER Association  
Lapsation/Membership.....Michael Rearick, PER  
Lodge Public Relations.....Kevin Durham  
Major Projects.....Tom Dinkelmann, PER  
Memorial Day.....Bill Dyda  
National Foundation.....Tom Dinkelmann, PER  
National Service (Vets).....Mike Williams  
Necrology.....Bill Dyda  
Picnic.....Scott Patterson  
Pumpkin Patch.....Maureen Hackney  
Safety.....Bob McHugh  
Scholarships.....Carole Lakotish  
Soc. & Comm. Welfare.....C. "Mugsy" Mugaritchian  
Visitation.....Maureen Hackney  
Youth Activities.....Terry Powell & Cindi Mckendrick

### WAPITI OFFICERS

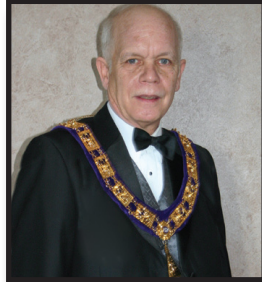
President.....Kathy Vereecke  
Vice President.....Carolyn Van Horn  
Secretary.....Mary Ann Miller  
Treasurer.....Marge Smith  
Trustee.....Barb Dinkelmann  
Trustee.....Gail Elias  
Trustee.....Kathy Tasch

### HONOREES 2009-2010

Elk of the Year.....Miles Young  
Officer of the Year.....Mike Cody  
Sweethearts of Elkdom.....Cindi Mckendrick & Terry Powell

### EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

#### Members and Friends



February is traditionally known as the month we celebrate the birthdays of two great American leaders. February 16th was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, the "Father of our Country" on February 22nd. We now celebrate those two birthdays, along with the birthdays of all our past presidents on Feb 21st, with what is known as Presidents Day. It should also be noted that February brings us Elks our founder's birthday. All these gentlemen were elected to high office to lead by example and do what they thought was right for the position they were elected to.

We as members should keep this in mind when we nominate officers for the upcoming year. It is a sacrifice that the elected person accepts that there will be times when our Lodge will need them to, lead by example, the direction the Lodge should take to make it better for all of us. I am not saying that they have to be presidential in nature, but that their example is seen by everyone, and that they should be mindful of what they do and what they suggest is for the betterment of all.

The members look to their leadership to see that the programs and traditions are carried out to the best of their ability. Many of these traditions may seem trivial to you, but I assure you that experiencing these traditions is a reward for participating in the leadership of our Lodge.

Please consider the nominations of our next officers seriously. Question their desire to lead our Lodge in the next year and the goals they want to accomplish.

We also have a serious by law change to consider on February 10 concerning the structure and authority of the board of governors. Please attend both lodge meetings on Feb 10 and 24 and let your voice be heard and to vote your conscience on the changes that will be coming to our Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Bill Dyda, Exalted Ruler

## PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENT CHANGE

A motion has been made to amend our by-laws to reflect the following change:

The Section currently reads:

Article IX: Home, Club or Other Facility

Section 1. The operation, management, and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by:

- The Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and the Trustees of the Lodge.

The proposed change reads:

Article IX: Home, Club or Other Facility

Section 1. The operation, management, and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by:

- The Trustees of the Lodge.

This amendment change will be balloted on at the February 10th Lodge meeting. Discussions or questions on the change will be heard then.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for officers will be taken at our Lodge meeting on February 10, 2011. All elected positions are open for nominations and we are in need of a five year Trustee. If you would like to support your Lodge by becoming an officer, please see any of the officers and come to the meeting and be nominated. Balloting will take place at the February 24th meeting.

## COOKING CREWS

We are in need of cooking crews for Friday night dinners. If you would like too help out the Lodge, this is a great way. Put together a crew and sign up on the sheet in the clubroom. If you are not sure what needs to be done, just ask Barb or Maureen and they will be happy to fill you in. If you don't have a full crew just let us know and we can find some additional help. We are always in need of servers and help with the dishes; just sign up on someone's crew for the evening and give us a hand.



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

After several years of dedication to our Youth Activities program, Terry Powell and Cindi McKendrick have decided to pass the magic wand on to someone else. Terry and Cindi have done a great job putting on the Easter Egg Hunts, activities for the children at the picnic and the Children's Christmas Party. They have made each of those events special for the children and we appreciate everything that they have done over the years.

We are looking for someone to take over Youth Activities beginning with the Easter Egg Hunt in April. If anyone is interested, please see Bill Dyda or Maureen Hackney. Interested but not sure what to do; Terry and Cindi will be more than happy to give you ideas on how to get started.

THANK YOU TERRY, CINDI, JIMMY AND KEN

Maureen Hackney  
Lodge Secretary



## GROUNDHOG WIKI

The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as a woodchuck, or in some areas as a land-beaver, is a rodent of the family Sciuridae, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. Other marmots, such as the yellow-bellied and hoary marmots, live in rocky and mountainous areas, but the woodchuck is a lowland creature. It is widely distributed in North America and common in the northeastern and central United States. Groundhogs are found as far north as Alaska, with their habitat extending southeast to Alabama.

The groundhog is the largest sciurid in its geographical range, typically measuring 40 to 65 cm (16 to 26 in) long (including a 15 cm (6 in) tail) and weighing 2 to 4 kg (4 to 9 lb). In areas with fewer natural predators and large amounts of alfalfa, groundhogs can grow to 80 cm (30 in) and 14 kg (31 lb). Groundhogs are well adapted for digging, with short but powerful limbs and curved, thick claws. Unlike other sciurids, the groundhog's spine is curved, more like that of a mole, and the tail is comparably shorter as well – only about one-fourth of body length. Suited to their temperate habitat, groundhogs are covered with two coats of fur: a dense grey undercoat and a longer coat of banded guard hairs that gives the groundhog its distinctive “frosted” appearance.

Groundhogs usually live from two to three years, but can live up to six years in the wild. In captivity, groundhogs can exceed this limit; by example, the 22-year-old Wiarton Willie may indicate the maximum lifespan. Common predators for groundhogs include wolves, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, bears, large hawks, owls, and dogs. Young groundhogs are often at risk for predation by snakes, which easily enter the burrow.

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## VALENTINES DAY

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 AD. It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as “valentines”). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



## FEBRUARY'S BIRTHDAYS

- 1 James K. Hoomaian
- 2 Jim Carpenter  
Ronald C. Golembiewski  
Charles H. Jones  
Gus Zygaj
- 4 Russell E. Ditton
- 8 Charles A. Weber
- 9 Matt Lixie
- 10 James Schaasberg
- 11 James B. Petts
- 13 Ronald Figlan
- 15 Craig Hornung  
Darrin Uhlig
- 16 Jack Chapman  
Robert D. Stewart  
Trevor Thornton
- 17 Salvatore Bellestri, Jr.  
Lee W. Schumaker
- 18 Edward Clark, Jr.
- 19 William G. Giertz, Jr.
- 22 Mel Smith  
Bernard A. Williams
- 23 Charles Bailey  
James Ronney, Jr.
- 25 Keith W. May
- 26 Ralph E. Forbes  
Hubert Lingerfelt
- 28 John (Jack) D. Schlau



### 365 Banks:

- Don Leshner – 2
- Jimmy & Terry Powell
- Audrey & Norm Raymond
- Club Room – 2



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!

## Membership Report:

Next Initiation: February 24, 2011

## Proposed For Membership

Lisa Jaszewski  
311 N. Stephenson Hwy.  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
Proposer: David Deckard

## Necrology:

Albert W. Pott, L.M., #3448  
Initiated:.....5/27/1970  
Born:.....2/10/1930  
Died:.....12/13/2010

## Membership:

April 1, 2009..... 335  
Initiated.....29  
Transferred In..... 1  
Reinstated ..... 1  
Absolute Dimits ..... 0  
Dropped .....14  
Expelled ..... 0  
Transferred Out ..... 1  
Deaths ..... 5



## 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**

## WONDERS OF THE WAPITI

February is not only the month dedicated to Love, Friendship and Unity, but also it is the month of nominations for our Wapiti Officers. I ask each and every member to consider holding a Wapiti Officer position. I must state that being an officer is truly a memorable experience! Voting for the positions will be held at our March meeting. Please note members must have attended three meetings during the year to vote.

I thank everyone for all their dedication and commitment throughout the year!

With a Smile and Respectfully Yours,

Kathy Vereecke  
Wapiti President

## 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.

Name	Birthday	Room #
HARRIS, ALBERT	08/08/22	A-6053-A
PICARELLA, ALBERT L.	06/22/25	A-6015-B
ALLEN, ERNEST	06/24/38	A-6029-B
SIGLIN, DANIEL FRANCIS	04/16/31	A-6013-B
NORMAN, ROBERT LEON	04/19/36	A-6043-A
MARDIROSIAN, DERAN	02/13/22	A-6015-A
HENRY, ROBERT L.	09/19/40	A-6039-A
Humphrey, Leon	08/15/33	A-6041-A
Bennett, Marvin L.	04/01/46	A-6013-A
Clark, Robert J.	01/17/30	A-6019-B
Kelps, Paul		
Maxfield, Kevin		
Lumford, James		
Dessler,		

Updated List as of 12/10/10

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Detroit, MI 48212

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Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning member: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_



February Drawings  
 Fri 2/4 & 2/18  
 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. You may think this is similar to the old Club 100, but it's not. Club 50-50 only will cost you \$10.00/month. No end of year party, just cash!!

### Club 50-50 Winners:

08/07/2009	Bob Garner
08/21/2009	Bill & Betty Berrington
09/03/2009	Dave Fett
09/17/2009	Bob Edgerley
10/02/2009	Chuck Weber
10/16/2009	Helen Malega
11/06/2009	Bill & Betty Berrington
11/20/2009	Al Elias
12/04/2009	Norm Raymond
12/18/2009	Tom Dinkelmann
01/01/2010	Audrey Raymond
01/15/2010	Ginger Metzelsburg
02/05/2010	Mark Olko
02/19/2010	Paul McIntosh
03/05/2010	Jess Hackney
03/19/2010	Al Norris
04/02/2010	Bob Garner
04/16/2010	Helen Malega
05/07/2010	Bob Garner
05/21/2010	Al D'Angelo
06/04/2010	Ellie Madson
06/18/2010	Al D'Angelo
07/02/2010	Bill Berrington
07/16/2010	Ed Bartz, Jr.
08/06/2010	Bill Berrington
08/20/2010	Al D'Angelo
09/03/2010	Al D'Angelo
09/17/2010	Kathy Tasch
10/01/2010	David E. Drawbaugh
10/15/2010	Jess Hackney
11/05/2010	Jess Hackney
11/19/2010	Al Elias
12/03/2010	Don Kirkham
12/17/2010	Ellie Madson
01/07/2010	Kathy Tasch
01/21/2010	Dave Fett

# Tuesday Drink Special

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## 2010 - 2011 Patrons of the Eleven O'clock News (Thank you for your support!)

**Note: \* indicates final month - time to renew!**

Andy & Frieda Andrews

Bob Artis

Joanne Backus

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Irene R. Barkume

Ed & Betty Bartz

Bill & Betty Berrington\*

C. "Buzz" Besanson

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DDGER Al & Gail Elias

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Jim Quaderer

Cpt. Norm & Audrey Raymond

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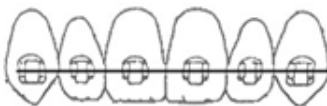
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**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
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**Audrey Raymond: 248.399.5261**

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