

The Eleven 'Clock News



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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 Elkdom.....Carole Lakotish



Exalted Rulers Message

Believe it or not, it's the middle of January and we still haven't gotten a big snowfall. The past year has gone by so quickly that Spring must surely be just around the corner. Only two more weeks to Groundhog Day.

The purpose of the Exalted Rulers monthly article is to keep you informed as to what is going on in Elkdom. The Leading Knight keeps you aware of our monthly social events in and around the Lodge, and our Club Manager tells you about up-coming dinners and special functions. We put flyers on the bar and the tables in the Lounge and our Lodge Secretary E-Mails the membership to remind us of what is happening on the **FUN** side of our organization.

I have heard, and been asked, "What are my dues being used for". Well, your dues which amount to between \$35,000.00 and \$40,000.00 cover gas, electricity, water and the mortgage on our building and not much more. I appreciate that the economic picture has not been very productive for many of us, but our bar sales and rentals cannot totally support our organization and fifteen members for dinner on Friday night does not much more than cover our costs. We need **your** help in supporting **your** Lodge. Every one of us has a relative, a neighbor or someone we work with that we think enough about that we would like to have them be a part of our organization. Think about it.

I really appreciate the donations of canes, crutches and walkers. As of now we have plenty of each. What I really need is a few wheelchairs. I have to turn people down, because as fast as I get one in it's gone.

Keep your eyes and ears open. There is talk of starting a dart league, regenerating our pool league and in March starting a movie night with free popcorn. Remember there are no bad ideas. If you have any ideas to promote our social activities let us know.

Fraternally,
Al Elias - Exalted Ruler



Members:

At our Lodge meeting on February 9th we will be taking nominations for officers. Elections will be February 23rd. All positions are open for nominations and we will be in need of a five year Trustee and a Lecturing Knight. If you think you may be interested in becoming an officer but are not sure what is expected, please consult with any current or past Lodge Officer. They will be pleased to answer your questions.

Maureen Hackney, H.L.M.
Lodge Secretary



**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



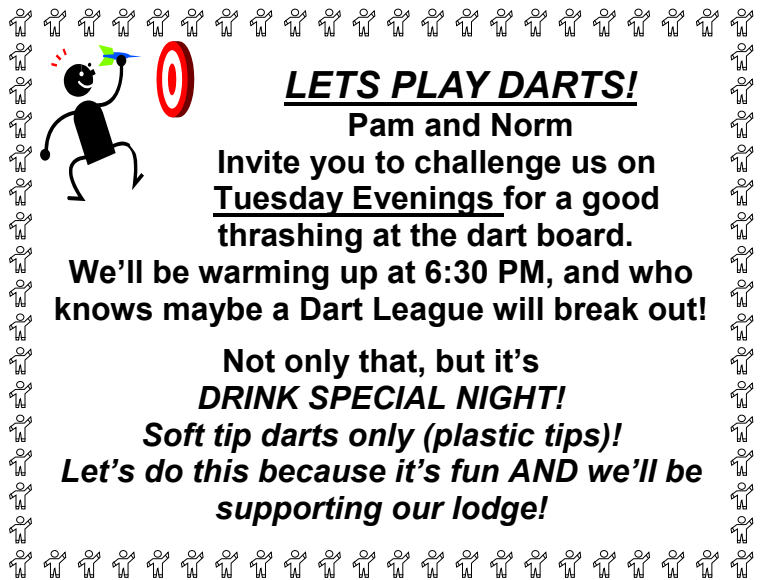
Greetings everyone,

I sincerely hope that everyone is doing great. Before we know it, the warmer weather will soon be upon us once again!

Just a reminder that we are having Friday night dinners and with the traditional Lenten season here, we will be featuring fish. I hope everyone will come down to the Lodge to help out. We are also having a Big Chief Night on the 27th of January and hopefully this information gets to everyone before that date.

On February 9th nominations for officers will be held and elections will be on February 23rd. Please attend the meetings at the Lodge to nominate members for offices being vacated and then vote for them. We really need all the help you can give.

**Fraternally,
Bill Giertz (Leading Knight)**



LET'S PLAY DARTS!

Pam and Norm

**Invite you to challenge us on
Tuesday Evenings for a good
thrashing at the dart board.**

**We'll be warming up at 6:30 PM, and who
knows maybe a Dart League will break out!**

**Not only that, but it's
DRINK SPECIAL NIGHT!
Soft tip darts only (plastic tips)!**
**Let's do this because it's fun AND we'll be
supporting our lodge!**

**SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENTS
ARE BACK!**



7 PM

COMMENCING JANUARY 6, 2012



IN THE CLUB ROOM!

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





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
2	Ronald C. Golembiewski Charles H. Jones Gus Zygaj
4	Russel E. Ditton
8	Charles A. Weber
9	Matt Lixie
10	James Schaaasberg
11	James B. Petts
13	Ronald Figlan
15	Darrin Uhlig
16	Jack Chapman Robert D. Stewart
17	Salvatore Bellestri, Jr. Lee W. Schumaker
18	Edward Clark, Jr.
19	William G. Giertz, Jr.
22	Bernard A. Williams
23	Charles Bailey
26	Hubert Lingerfelt
28	John (Jack) D. Schlau

Veteran's Report

Dear Friends,

I am collecting bath towels, sweats, and tee shirts (size large) for the domiciliary that we visited for Christmas. Also cash donations for Canteen books which are a \$1.00 each. All may be turned into the office at the Lodge. I sent out January birthday cards to our adopted Veterans at the hospital. Thank You for your thoughtfulness now and in the past.

I would like to say Thank You to so many people for helping me in 2011 with the Veteran's projects. Chinn Jewelers, The Solid Rock Baptist Church, The Students and their Parents and Teachers of Dye Elementary, Youth Quest Children and their Families.

The Veteran's luncheon on Dec. 17th went very well. My helpers were: Phil Bartolone, David Fett PER, Rich Strehlke and his son, Ryan Tiltman, and Jill Barger. We also visited our adopted Veterans at the hospital and took them gifts and Canteen Books. One of our adopted Veterans, James Lumford is no longer there.

So Many Donations were generously given and a room full of Thank You's go out to all of you!!

I plan to continue the brick paver placement at the National Monument. The cost is \$300 or \$500. I plan to raise funds for the \$500 because we may as well do it right. I'll be looking for any funds available and I'm open for suggestions on fundraisers. Please feel free to contact me by email ginlea@comcast.net. David Fett will also be my side kick in this so that you may speak with him. Thank You for your continued support, Gin



God Bless our Veterans!!!

Ginger Metzberg - National Service Chair (Veterans)



365 Banks

Don Leshner - 2
Mark & Kim Hubbard - 2
Euchre Club
Club Room

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!

Elks Care - Elks Share

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
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

Membership Report

Next Initiation: February 23, 2012

Name Proposer
R. Scott Cutter Nicholas Foote



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

Charles E. Wear, L.M. #2522

Initiated: 01/14/1959

Birth Date: 09/21/1926

DOD: 01/19/2012



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

1/27	- BIG CHIEF NIGHT	\$6.00
2/3	- Fried Chicken, mashed Potatoes	\$7.00
2/5	- Super Bowl Pot Luck - Pass Dish	
2/10	- Chicken Parmigiana, salad & roll	\$7.00
2/17	- Fish Fry - Lent Menu Begins	
2/24	- Fish Fry	



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.



WE ARE ALSO ON FACEBOOK!

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!

Come taste the Red, White and Brews Wine Tasting at it's Best

Saturday Night

March 10th

7pm - 10pm



An evening at your Royal Oak Elks Club

There will be hot and cold appetizers

Dessert/fruit table with special Ports

Music and a Silent Auction

Only \$30.00 per person

RSVP by February 15th

To Pam Omiatek: (586) 792-2961 pamtek2@yahoo.com

Open to the Public!

BIG CHIEF NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 FROM 5:30-8PM



Join us on Friday, January 27th from 5:30 to 8pm for our popular Big Chief Night. We will be serving the famous burger with fries and coleslaw for \$6.00.

So come on down and make a night of it.
Entertainment and Shuffleboard to follow
in our club room!

Super Bowl Sunday!

February 5th

We will have our Super Bowl pot luck!

So bring a dish to share and

hunker down for Drink Specials and lots of fun.

Kickoff is at 6:25pm but the party starts at 5:30pm

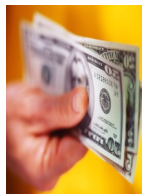


The Rearick family would like to thank everyone who helped last Saturday with the luncheon for their daughter. They cannot express what it meant to them.

NEW YEARS EVE REVERSE RAFFLE - SUCCESS!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our New Year's Eve Reverse Raffle! Your support again has helped this lodge in many ways! We were able to raise over \$3000.00 for improvements to your lodge! Special thanks must go out to all those who helped make that night a success with all their hard work. Thank you Mike Cody, Sonia Cody, David Fett, Maureen Hackney, Ed Harvey, and Mike Nafso, you all made this night special for us all! Also, thank you to Chinn Jewelry and Emagine Royal Oak Theater for your donations!

A special thank you to Bonnie for a great New Year's Eve party. She did an outstanding job on the decorations, food (everyone commented on how good dinner was) and organizing the reverse raffle. Thank you also to Mike, Mike and Sonia, Dave Fett, and Ed Chef Harvey for all of your help and support. We had four big winners from our Lodge: Bob Hennessey, Bill Moon, Mo Pilkington Group, Rachel Cody Perry. The fifth winner was Sonia's boss. Each of the five took home \$750. Congratulations!!!!



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!*

- 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
- 12/02/2011 John O. Mandley
- 12/16/2011 Barb Dinkelmann
- 01/06/2012 Bob Hennessey



Left to Right: ER Al Elias with 2nd place finisher from our Lodge; Cameron Monroe and his very proud Mom!



**Hoop Shoot Chair
Jeff Dinkelmann, PER**



ER Al Elias with Hoop Shoot Team



Watch for this one to go Pro!

Photos Courtesy of Lodge Photographer
Bill Dyda, PER

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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**

Our Hoop Shoot Team



COOKING CREWS NEEDED!

We are in need of cooking crews for Friday night dinners. If you would like to help out the Lodge this is a great way. Please put together a crew and sign up on the sheet in the club room. Cook your favorite family meal if you wish!



If you are not sure what needs to be done, just ask Barb Dinkelmann or Maureen Hackney 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!

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

Note: * indicates final month - time to renew!

Andy & Frieda Andrews	Bob & Dee Garner	Robert & Mary Jane Newman
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Dolores Enmark	Ken & Cindi McKendrick	
Rick & Elvita Foster	Ginger Metzelsburg	

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The 2012 Scholarship Application Process has come and applications have been sent on to the Grand Lodge. Our Lodge 1523, had the most applicants since 2006 with a total of 19 submitted.

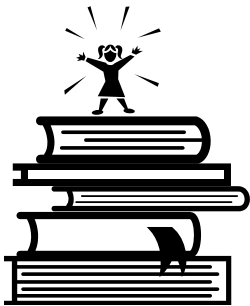
The applications from three boys and three girls were sent to the District for judging. The girls are Marianne Carney, Paige Smith (she's family) and Meghan Versele. The boys are Stephan Versele, Regan Shannon and Sean Dwyer.

The students will be judged against finalists from the 11 Lodges in our district where again six students will be selected and their names sent on to the State Elks Association for further judging. The State Association will judge six from all of the students submitted and send their names on to the Elks Grand Lodge where they will be judged along with students from 50 States and three Territories. We wish our students the very best of luck!

At the end of April, we will hear how the nearly three million dollars in Scholarship money will be awarded.

I would like to take this time to say Good Bye to the job of Scholarship Chairman, a job I have enjoyed. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to think about taking over this position. It is not a hard job, but you do need a computer. I'll be around to help however I can. I've enjoyed meeting the teachers, counselors and students, a few of each. Please consider taking this position.

Carole Lakotish
Scholarship Chair



GL Newsletter, February 2012 Veterans Message: Hides provide craft for veterans

by ROBERT M. HENNINGS
Commission Director

In 1948, the Elks of California donated \$26,000 worth of hides to our Order for the benefit of Veterans. This was the beginning of the Elks National Veterans Leather Program. Today, Elks in 20 states participate in this program. Last year, more than 20,000 hides were collected, prepared and shipped for processing. The finished hides become craft kits, fingerless gloves for wheelchair-bound Veterans, or craft leather for Veterans hospital therapy and recreational programs. Total value of all leather products produced in 2010-2011 was \$273,221.

In 2001, the Elks began a partnership with Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHV). In 2010-2011, this non-profit organization produced 12,500 craft kits for Veterans in hospitals from leather we supplied, at no additional cost to the Elks or the Veterans. The kits can be assembled with relative ease into moccasins and other items. To those hospitals with the proper leatherworking equipment, the Elks supplied more than 8,000 square feet of leather in 2010-11. Skilled Veterans turn this raw material into various items, some approaching the level of art. The National Creative Arts Festival, sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, exhibits many items created from leather.

Last year, 3,400 pairs of fingerless gloves were given to wheelchair-bound Veterans. These gloves are made of high quality deerskin embossed with the Elks logo, and greatly prized by their owners. The gloves can be ordered by a Veterans hospital at no cost. National Leather Program Chairman Dennis McAleese (Mountain Home AR Lodge No. 1714) also travels to events sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and distributes the gloves personally to Veterans.

For information on collecting, preparing and shipping hides, or for the history of our leather program, please contact Dennis McAleese, Chairman, Veterans Leather Program, 384 County Road 852, Elizabeth, AR 72531-9603; (870) 488-5786; E-mail, kdmc@mtnhome.com. Free brochures and DVDs are available to State NVSC Chairpersons upon request. Please be aware that hides must be scraped, salted and palletized before shipping, and arrangements for delivery must be made in advance. Do not ship individual hides to tanneries, as they will not be accepted.

We thank all of the hunters and Elk volunteers who make this truly unique program possible.



G. Michael Kabot, D.D.S., M.S.

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

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Banquet Manager
Bonnie Cody



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