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Eleven O'Clock News

Exalted Rulers Message



Mike Rearick
Exalted Ruler

Greetings to all. I hope everyone had a great holiday. Hopefully part of everyone's New Years resolution included something for Elkdom. It would be nice to see more members participate at our Lodge meetings. I hear too often from our members how they did not know about some of the events our Lodge puts on. These events are mentioned at every Lodge meeting, in every Lodge Newsletter, and on our web site. We have to make it our responsibility to keep up to date and

use the tools we have. Word of mouth is also a great tool, remind your friends what is going on, and take it upon yourself to promote these events.

Our officers are preparing for this years "Ritual Contest". The contest will be held February 9th and 10th at Port Huron Lodge. Please give the Officers as much support and help as you can. Hopefully we will do our lodge proud.

We had our lodge "Hoop Shoot" last month and are sending some very skilled kids to the District Hoop Shoot January 6th. We have some very promising young talent from our lodge. Wish them well and hopefully will have some going on to State and Regional competition. In January, the East District Hoop Shoot will be held at Pontiac/Waterford Lodge. If you can help out or just want to cheer the kids on, see or contact Jeff Dinkelmann for more information.

Upcoming events include our Scholarship Judging on January 15th. The Wapiti "Putt-Putt" on January 20th should be a fun time for all, make your plans now. February 4th is the "Super Bowl Party" with is always a crowd favorite around here. We also have a "Family Fun Day" planned for February 25th, see Mike Hall to volunteer to help him make this event a huge turn out. If nothing else, promote it to your friends and family.

The Lodge meetings for February (the 8th and 22nd) are very important to the future betterment of our Lodge as we will be taking **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS** for next years officers. If you only can make 2 meetings a year, these are some good ones to go to. This is where THE MEMBERS get their say on whose best to run our lodge and to show support for the individuals who will devote their time and energy to keep this lodge as the Great Place it is. Please show your support.

In closing let me remind everyone to keep smiling and showing that positive attitude that we all need. Remember to support our Friday Night Dinners and Wednesday Afternoon Lunch specials. Hug a Veteran and say a prayer for our men and women fighting for our freedom. Remember our motto "Elk's Care/Elk's Share".

Hooping It Up

Our lodge Hoop Shoot competition was held on December 9th, at the Royal Oak Boys and Girls Club on Lincoln. We had 35 shooters competing that day. These shooters came from the city schools were over 3,000 Royal Oak children participated. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the physical education teachers who took time out of their busy schedule to organize and run each of these school competitions. Without their help, my job would be much harder. I would also like to thank the officers and members who came down to help keep score, rebound, and register the shooters in. These women and men come down every year and give their time and I can't thank them enough. Everything went off with out a hitch. Finally I would like to thank the Boy's and Girls Club and Director Brett Tillander for allowing us to conduct our Hoop Shoot at their beautiful facility.

The winners were:

Girls Age 8-9

- 1st Elisabeth LeAnnais
- 2nd Taylor White
- 3rd Shelby Siwa

Boys Age 8-9

- 1st Dillon Bennett
- 2nd Eric Johnson
- 3rd Isaiah Mann

Girls Age 10-11

- 1st Kelsey Pitman
- 2nd Aimee Judd
- 3rd Heather Cook

Boys Age 10-11

- 1st Thomas Palmateer
- 2nd Michael O'Brian
- 3rd Bailey Harris

Girls Age 12-13

- 1st Aurora Turek
- 2nd Brittany Friesen

Boys Age 12-13

- 1st Gary Hicks

These contestants will move onto the District Hoop Shoot that will be held at Rochester High School on January 6th. We all wish them the best of luck and hope that some of you can come out and support them and this fine Elks program.

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Dinkelmann,PER

*Happy
New Year*

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From the Club Manager

Hi everyone,

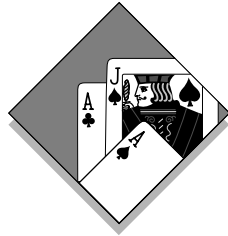
I want to start out by saying I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's hard to believe that the Holidays have come and gone so fast.

I would like to thank everyone that came down for our first Christmas Family dinner. I think it turned out rather nice for the first time. Our no party party's were both a hit it. It sure looked to me that everyone was having a good time.

Let's see what the month of January holds for us. We have the Wapiti Putt-Putt on January 20th, in both halls from 1:00 pm-? The month of February brings us our Valentine dinner on February 9th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm and Euchre in the acorn room on February 17th starting at 6:30 pm.

I hope everyone has a very nice New Year.

Kitty



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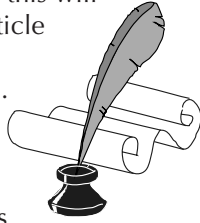
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Frank Donnelly

Hear & Share

Well folks, this will be my final article for the Eleven O'clock News. I had told our editor, Tom Dinkelmann several months ago that I was planning this. It was fun to write an article when I



first started, but it has become more and more difficult to find material each month, and the fun has ebbed.

In my last column, I wrote about embarking on another unsuccessful deer hunting trip, but guess what? I returned from the Great North with plenty of venison to get us through the long cold winter months. My success is quite surprising since my hunting partners refer to me as "the one who couldn't sneak up on Helen Keller in a wind-storm." I wonder if that has anything to do with why the venison, although savory, has a slight taste of stupid?

Also in my last column I mentioned what a good job the golf committee did on organizing the scramble each week. But Lenny Malberg mentioned an error in the money rankings. He said he made \$2.48 more than was credited to him on the summary sheet. He did this by always being the last one to putt, so he could pick up the coins his teammates had used to mark the ball position. Way to go Lenny!

Cal Wilkinson said I should have mentioned that he was fan #1 in going to watch football games with the Calverleys. And he said if I didn't mention it this month,

he's going to kick my butt all the way to Kentucky and leave it there for the rednecks. Now Cal doesn't frighten me at all, but those Kentucky rednecks scare the Bejabbers out of me. So, just in case Cal enlists the Detroit Lions (or one Irishman) to help him, here's the mention!

One thing I meant to mention earlier was an incident that occurred late last summer while we were still in the U.P. We have a wood fired sauna in a separate building right down by the water's edge. One evening our neighbor Bat Fastard and his wife Bunny came over for dinner. We had a nice meal, a bottle or two of wine and several other adult beverages. It got pitch dark out and there was no moon. Bat got to feeling frisky so he asked Bunny if she'd like to take a sauna and then go skinny-dipping. Bunny's reply was classic. "At our age," she said, "we can't go skinny-dipping, we can only go chunky-dunking."

Since this is my last article, I went back and reviewed all the past articles. I have poked some fun at a lot of people in those columns, but please understand, it was all in fun. I never intended to be mean or to hurt anyone's feelings. The two people I've picked on the most are Mike Pilkington and Bob Garner. So I'd like to say to Mike, "Thanks for being such a good sport." And to Bob I'll say, "You deserved every word."

In closing, I'd like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. I've enjoyed writing for you and want to thank you for all the kind words and encouragement.

Best regards,

Frank Donnelly

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

FORE!!

The kickoff meeting for this year's Golf Committee will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in helping out with the Royal Oak Elks 13th Annual Golf Outing is invited to attend.

Lois Calverley, Chairperson

Wapiti News Presidents Corner



A very Happy New Year to all and I hope Santa brought everything you asked for. I can't believe we are already 2/3 of the way through the year. We still have so much more to do.

Our Lodge Christmas dinner was a huge success And our MISS KITTY out did herself again. Thanks Kitty!!!

Our December Wapiti meeting which honored our Past Presidents turned out to be a great night also thanks to Maureen who had everything set up beautifully. We had seven Past Presidents in attendance. The kids

Christmas party went well, but then, what party that this Lodge puts on doesn't.

By the time you receive this newsletter Christmas will have come and gone and like I said before I hope Santa was kind to you.

The District Hoop Shoot will be on January 6th in Rochester and the Winter Conference is at Clawson/Troy on January 7th.

As always, "A wish of sunshine and flowers to everyone having birthdays or anniversaries in the month of January.

Gail Elias
Wapiti President

January Birthdays



- 1 William E. Moorhead
- 3 Edward P. Bardallis
- 3 Thomas C. Kurkowski
- 4 Joseph P. Roy
- 5 Stephen L. Parrow
- 5 Craig D. Shoops
- 8 Genevieve C. Alcom
- 9 Charles Bartz
- 10 Charles Mugarditchian
- 10 Dennis Raffaelli
- 12 Glenn Greenway
- 16 Marjorie D. Martin-Pauling
- 16 Kenneth McKendrick Jr.
- 19 Richard A. Roeske
- 20 Claude B. Roddy
- 21 Richard Austin
- 21 James D. Johnson
- 21 Robert L. Runevitch
- 22 Gayle S. Chinn
- 23 Jennifer Grix
- 26 Walter D. Hunt
- 26 David W. Thompson
- 27 Richard Gerard
- 28 William B. Berrington
- 29 Donald R. Chisholm
- 30 Steven Fedewa

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Barb, Kitty and Maureen

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:

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

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
Sponsored By: Mike Rearick

Andrew Miller
1368 Wayburn, Grosse Pointe
Sponsored By: Mike Rearick

Waiting for Vote:

Kurtis S. Case
4628 Rochester Rd
Sponsored by: Ed Harvey

Transfer Dimit: From Ferndale 1588

Norman Raymond
1166 Withington
Ferndale, Mi 48220

Reinstated:

Robert G. Edgerly, #3984

The Lodge would like to extend to the Nalley Family our sincerest condolences on the passing of their mother June. June is the mother of our Lodge Secretary Maureen Hackney, and was a friend to all of us at the Royal Oak Elks. She will be missed.

Club 100 News



11/17/06
\$250.00 Tom Jackson
\$100.00 Daniel Jarzembowski
\$100.00 Arlene Strain

12/01/06
\$250.00 Tim Mann
\$100.00 Bob Garner
\$100.00 Ed Bartz

Congratulations Winners!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Ginger Metzberg, Chairperson
248-541-1119

Exalted Ruler Recognition

I would like to recognize Jeff Dinkelmann for the great job he did on this year's Hoop Shoot contest. Also all the volunteer that help make this a huge success. They gave up a Saturday morning during the holiday's to steer our youth in a good direction.

Jeff Dinkelmann
Tom and Barb Dinkelmann
Jason Dinkelmann
Susie Dinkelmann
Maureen Hackney
Al Elias
Bob McHugh
Tom Jackson
Jim Syme

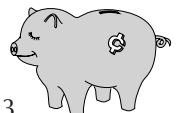
We also had 2 young ladies donate their services

Bonnie Cody
Courtney Harvey

A huge Thank You to you all for your help

Mike Rearick Exalted Ruler

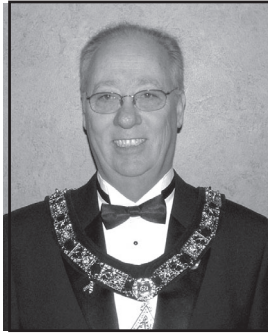
365 Banks



Don Leshner - 1
Mrs. Marion Hickey - 3

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!

Under the Antlers



Happy New Year One and All!

Wow, can you imagine that? The New Year is here already (like it wasn't going to show up huh?)

Now all we have to do is pay for the holidays.

Speaking of holidays, I hope everyone had a very good season with visitations of family and friends. Hopefully this new year will bring with it plenty of bounty and blessings for all. My wishes for a prosperous year to all.

As for our calendar events, please take a few moments to view them so

you can make plans to join us in the lounge for our dinners, karaoke, football games, Lodge meetings (please come) and special events. One of those events will be the Wapiti putt-putt scheduled on the 20th. Speaking of the dinners though, they have been great and if you haven't joined us on Friday nights then you have been missing out on some really good dinners. So come on down to the club and have fellowship with your fellow members and guests.

To all of you I wish you a very good New Year once again. You are all a vital part of our great organization and Lodge.

Fraternally,
Bill Giertz

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11	12	13	Lunch Specials 14	Euchre 15	Club 100 Drawing 16	Euchre Tournament 17 Texas Holdem American Legion
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Winter Conference 7	Trustee Meeting 8 7:00 pm	9	Lunch Specials 10 Newletter Deadline	Euchre 11 LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm	Karaoke Night 12	Euchre 13 Texam Holdem Fundraiser
14	Scholarship Judging 15	16	Lunch Specials 17	Euchre 18	Club 100 Drawing 19	Euchre 20 Wapiti Putt-Putt
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