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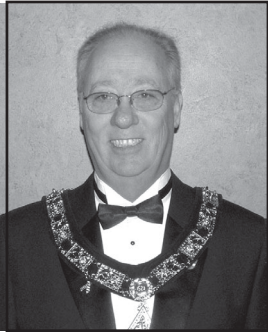


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January 2008

Eleven O'Clock News

Exalted Rulers Message



Bill Giertz
Exalted Ruler

Greetings and Happy New Year to Everyone,

Well, it is the New Year! 2008, can you believe it? And it is leap year on top of that. I know that last year was a tough year for many people. I went through a few things too and I am glad that the new year is here. I believe that this upcoming year will hold many blessings for all of us. I pray for that,

especially for the economy here in Michigan. As for us Elks, it is going to be strange for some but at the least, different. We will be beginning our practices for ritual soon and I am looking forward to the competition which will be in Feb. Our chair officers have come a long way since last April and I for one am looking forward to witnessing the culmination of months of memorization. If you have not witnessed the ritual in awhile, I urge you to come to an initiation of a new member. Just having you there would be a shot in the arm for us, so help us out would you?

We will be having a couple of dances coming with live entertainment. The first one is around the 11th of this month and another one in Feb. The first one will have a country theme; in any case they will be a lot of fun. So come down to the club and see old friends and make new ones. We would love to have you join us. Check your calendars for all the activities.

We have a super turn out at our children's Christmas December 9th. I thank everyone who helped make it the huge success that it was. For everyone who participated in our no-party parties on the 21st and 31st I say thank you. They were great nights.

We will be doing some painting in the club room and ask for tolerance and understanding from all until this project is completed. If any of you would like to help I encourage you to talk to someone in our enhancement committee. I am sure that your help would be greatly appreciated.

Once more let me wish everyone a very blessed New Year. May the Good Lord shine on all of us. Take care.

Fraternally,
Bill Giertz



CRAZY AUCTION

***Come down and
enjoy the fun !!!!!!!***

***Saturday
January 19th, 2008
7:00 p.m.***

Donate an auction item or just come and bid and enjoy the fun of watching the "mystery" gift unwrapped. Items should be wrapped in brown paper. Proceeds to benefit Major Projects and SCAMP.

***FUN!!!!!! SNACKS!!!!!!
LAUGHS!!!!!!***

THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK NEWS

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Under the Antlers

Hello Everyone,

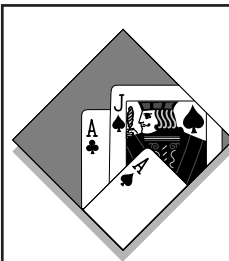
My goal for this New Year is to keep our families together as a whole. "Family" is what is important. Let's get you and your family involved; and have fun! My position here won't feel like a "job" if we, as a lodge, can have a good time. I am asking for all the supporters and "go getters" to help out with our next Family Fun Day to make it a success. Bowling for the family (& friends) will be the theme coming in February. My goal is to have help from anyone and everyone to pull this off. If you can get some small gift donations to raffle off or have some ideas on how this can be a hit for both the young and the young at heart, please let me know. I can be reached at 248-629-4947.

Just to let you know, sign up sheets for participation in the event, will be posted in the lounge. Your help would be greatly appreciated. So mark your calendars for Sunday, February 24, 2008 for this family event. More details will follow in the February Newsletter.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the officers, members, and families who make a BIG difference by donated their time and support to the lodge.

Fraternally Yours,

Michael Hall, Esteemed Leading Knight



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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.

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Sunday Noon - 10:00 pm
 Monday 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
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- 3 Thomas C. Kurkowski
- 4 Joseph P. Roy
- 4 Kirk J. Tollzien
- 5 Stephen L. Parrow
- 5 Craig D. Shoops
- 6 William D. McConnell
- 7 Raymond J. Buratto
- 8 Genevieve C. Alcom
- 9 Charles Bartz
- 10 Charles Mugarditchian
- 10 Dennis Raffaelli
- 11 Brian G. Lambert
- 12 Glenn W. 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
- 28 William B. Berrington
- 29 Donald R. Chisholm
- 30 Steven Fedewa

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Thank you,
Barb Dinkelmann
Office Manager

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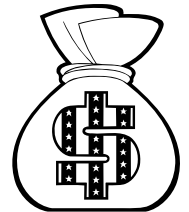
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Club 100 News

Club 100 Winners
November 2, 2007
Dan Jarzembowski
Mike Cody
Maureen Hackney

November 16, 2007
Dave Delmonico
Pat Rearick
Frank Bettendorf

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Ginger Metzelburg,
Chairperson

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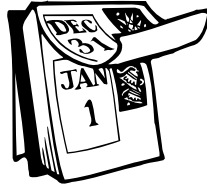
BIRTHDAY MEAL COUPON

Receive a Complimentary Hamburger or Cheeseburger with French Fries and Beverage during your birthday month.

Members must show their current membership card to receive this offer.

Big Buck Calendars

Big Bucks calendars are now on sale!! See any officer or a bartender to get yours today! This year we are selling the calendars at the reduced price of \$15.00 each, \$5.00 off of the regular price. You could win a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$300.00 each day based on the daily 4 digit lottery number. These make great gifts for the hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list.



For those willing to help sell, there will be a sellers raffle. You will receive one ticket for every 10 calendars you sell. Once all calendars are sold, there will be a drawing from the tickets, with the winner receiving \$100.00.

We'll also be doing \$1 raffles for calendars at the bar. Once 15 tickets are sold, one will be drawn and the winner will receive a calendar.

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January

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		Pot Luck Game Day 1	2	3	Club 100 Drawing Dinner, DJ 4	5
6	Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm 7	Wapiti Meeting 8	Board of Governors Meeting 9	LODGE MEETING 10 7:30 pm Newsletter Deadline	11	Country Night 12 District Hoop Shoot
Winter Conference 13	14	15	16	17	Club 100 Dinner, DJ 18	Crazy Auction 19
20	Board of Governors Meeting 21	22	23	LODGE MEETING 24 7:30 pm	25	Texas Holdem Fundraiser 26
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Wapiti News

Presidents Corner

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I just wanted to tell Michelle and Maureen that they did an absolutely wonderful job yet again on the Wapiti Christmas party. Some old faces were seen again and we would love to see them some more. Here is to a prosperous and rewarding 2008. I would like to thank everybody that helped with the Linus project. For anyone who doesn't know, the Linus project is an organization that gives blankets to children that have had some kind of tragedy in their lives. We donated eleven blankets, and made eleven happy children.

We don't have a lot of activities planned yet, but we are in the process of planning future events. Watch for postings. Also if you have anything that you would like us to do, please let us know. As always, thank you to all of my ladies. This one is short and sweet.

Your Wapiti President Patty Rearick.

Crazy Auction

On Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 7pm in our Club Room, the Lodge will sponsor a Crazy Auction. Everyone is invited to attend and join in the fun as bids are taken on wrapped items up for auction. You never know what "treasures" you may find. Items for auction are needed; if you can donate a new or fun gift please wrap them in brown paper and bring them in to Gail Elias. Proceeds from the event will benefit Major Projects and SCAMP (camp for special needs children).

Hoop Shoot

It is time for Hoop Shoot again this year and it's coming up this month. Our District Hoop Shoot will be held on Saturday, January 12th at Ferndale High School. We will begin our contest at 9am with the 8 and 9 year olds, followed by the 10 and 11 year olds at 10 am, and concluding with the 12 and 13 year olds at 11 am. We look forward to another great year for Hoop Shoot in our District. As always, volunteers are needed, and welcome to come. We need to be at the School around 8:15 am Thanks and see you there!

Jeff Dinkelman, PER
Lodge Hoop Shoot Chair

Necrology:


Ed Kololoski, Life Member
passed away, December 7, 2007

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

Thanks...

A special thank you to Bob Garner, Miles Young and Dave Reiber for the job they did in fixing the chairs in the lounge. Never let be said that our members do not appreciate those people who take up the gauntlet when something needs to be done.

A grateful member

Hoop Shoot Lodge Competition Results

On December 8th, the Royal Oak Elks held their annual Hoop Shoot Contest at the South Oakland County Boys and Girls Club in Royal Oak. With the help of the physical education teachers at our elementary and middle schools and the Boys and Girls Club, over 3000 students attempted to qualify for our Lodge Competition. The winners from each of the sub-level contest, 35 in all, came to the Boys and Girls Club to help decided the Lodge Championship. While the competition was fierce, it was fun for all who participated. The winners are:

	Girls	Boys
8-9 yr. old	Erica Friesen	Jacob Miziko
10-11 yr. old	Mia Gray	Karim Al-Saimer
12-13 yr. old	Aurora Chavez	Jesse Friedman

These shooters are moving on to the East District Contest that will be held on January 12th at Ferndale High school, where they will compete against the winners of the other 11 lodges in our district. Good luck to them all.

I would again like to thank the South Oakland County Boys and Girls Club and Mike Schlaack for graciously allowing us to have our contest at their beautiful facility. I'd also like to thank Al Elias, Maureen Hackney, Bob Hennessey, Bob, McHugh, Tom Jackson, Nick Foote, and the Dinks (Susie, Tom, and Barb) for helping out at the competition. This is my tenth year doing this and it cannot be done right without a lot of great help from people like you.

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Dinkelman, PER

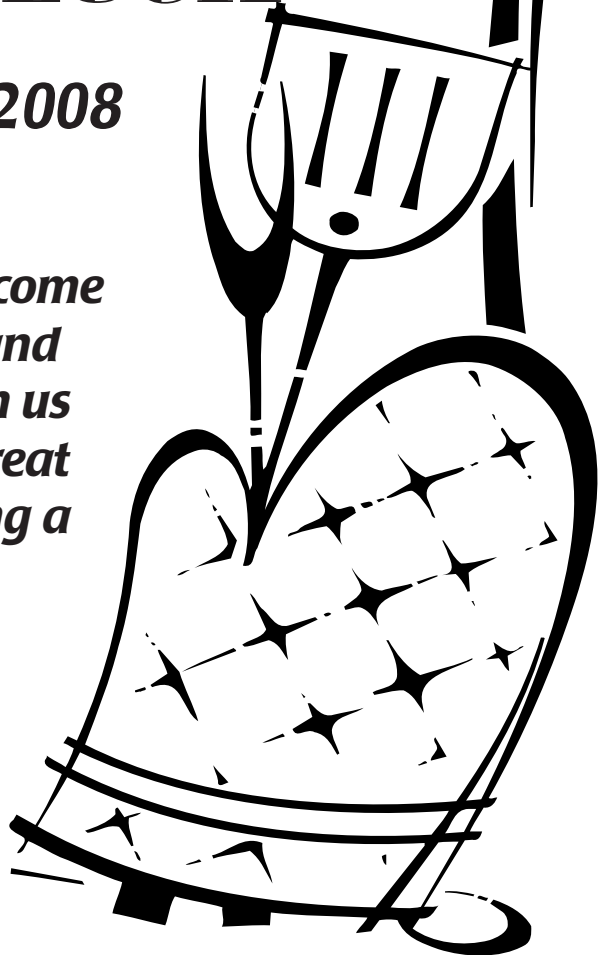


COUNTRY WESTERN MUSIC NIGHT AND POT LUCK

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008
7PM TO 11PM**

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.

YOU SHOULD BE DANCIN'



The Bike

Little Leroy came into the kitchen where his mother was making dinner. His birthday was coming up and he thought this was a good time to tell his mother what he wanted. "Mom, I want a bike for my birthday." Leroy's mother asked him if he thought he deserved to get a bike for his birthday. Little Leroy, of course, thought he did. Leroy's mother, being a Christian woman, wanted him to reflect on his behavior over the last year and write a letter to God and tell him why he deserved a bike for his birthday. Leroy stomped up the steps to write a letter to God.

LETTER 1 Dear God, I have been a very good boy this year and I would like a bike for my birthday. I want a red one. Your friend, Leroy
Leroy knew this wasn't true. He had not been a very good boy, so he tore up the letter and started over.

LETTER 2 Dear God, I have been a pretty good boy this year and I would like a red bike for my birthday. Thank you, Leroy

Leroy knew this wasn't true either. He tore up the letter and started again.

LETTER 3 Dear God, I know I haven't been a good boy this year. I am very sorry, I will be a good boy if you just send me a red bike for my birthday. Thank you, Leroy.

Leroy knew, even if it was true, this letter was not going to get him a bike. By now, Leroy was very upset. He went downstairs and told his mother he wanted to go to church. Leroy's mother knew her plan worked because Leroy looked very sad. "Just be home in time for dinner," his mother said.

Leroy walked down the street to the church and up to the altar. He looked around to see if anyone was there. He picked up a statue of the Virgin Mary and ran home, straight up to his room. He sat down with a piece of paper and a pen. Leroy began to write his letter to God...

LETTER 4 I got your mama. If you want to see her again, send the red bike. Signed, YOU KNOW WHO

365 Banks



Club Room
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Marion Hckey
Annabelle Smith
Chuck Weis
Don Leshar
Carole Lakotish
Audrey & Norm Raymond
Bill Woodcox
Larry Ball
Delores Huston
Howard Smith
Sam Owens
Jim Green
Jim Syme
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Shad Garner
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Walter Hunt Bob Garner
Norm Shepherd
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Lenny Malburg
Mark & Kim Hubbard
Dick Nyquist
Helen & Pete Malega
Dick McLaughlin
Seth & Keegan Hall

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:

Diane Cichon
14726 Ashton Dr.
Shelby Township

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Larry Green PDDGER #3442

Chester Brown
1278 Ronald

Madison Heights

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James Schaasberg
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Sterling Heights

Sponsored By: Jack Yandura #4932

William "Dale" Larsen
1020 Helen

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Sponsored By: Kevin Durham

Joanne Carlson

1262 Ashover
Bloomfield Hills, Mi

Sponsored By:

Barbara Dinkelmann

Michael Sherman

1103 W.11 Mile
Royal Oak, MI

Sponsored By: Robert Hennessey

Waiting for Vote

Susan Monroe

Gary Van Horn

Diane Cichon

Chester Brown

James Schaasberg

Dale Larsen

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.

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Al Elias PER



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