



B.P.O.E ROYAL OAK ELKS LODGE No. 1523

# Eleven O' Clock News



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## GREETINGS TO ALL,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. Another year has come and gone. Dianne and I want to wish all of you a very happy and blessed New Year to come. Now onto business.....

## Membership News:

A new year has just begun and with the new year comes the final 3 months to this lodge year. However, we have not yet met our membership goal. I wish to make one last attempt to achieve our goal because like other fraternal organizations, the Elks have struggles with a decline in membership. What can we do about this? I would suggest inviting our family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to the lodge for a dinner, a drink, to listen to come good music from Steve and Mike, or all of the above. You may even want to see if anyone you know likes shuffleboard. In today's society, it takes more than a restaurant and a bar to draw members. Men and women who invest the time and energy to an organization, like the Elks, care about the image and perception of their lodge. Everyone likes to have bragging rights about an organization that they are a member of and it is our job to provide that ride. With this being said, our lodge has a lot to offer. Take time to extend your hand and invite people in to see what we have.

## CALENDARS, CALENDARS, CALENDARS!!!

### Something you need to remember:

Our 2009 BIG BUCKS CALENDAR is still available. The price is \$15 each. With the purchase of a calendar, you also get up to 312 chances to win cold hard cash. What is even better is that money made from the purchase of these calendars will help fund many of our programs: Youth, Special Needs Children, Seniors, Veterans, Drug Awareness, Scholarships and where the need arises. As an added BONUS get a burger or beer with the purchase of a calendar.

Even though it is January, it is not too late to give a gift that can "give" all year. By purchasing a calendar, you

not only have the opportunity to get PAID but you also have a chance to share what Elks are all about.

*Elks Share-Elks Care*

## HOOP SHOOT NEWS:

We recently had our lodge Hoop Shoot free throw program in December and are now headed into our District level of the program. I want to thank all of the children for participating; you are all real GO GETTERS for trying your best to achieve a goal. I also want to wish everyone that has moved onto the next level the best of luck. To all those that keep this program running, I want to give a sincere thank you. Without you, who else gives our youth the chance to build self esteem and promote values, hard work, and good sportsmanship? You are truly an inspiration to both young and old.

## Something you may not have known:

The Elks colors are royal purple and white. White signifies purity and absolute truth and when combined with royal purple, it represents the love of truth and the highest degree of virtue.

## From me to you:

I challenge each member to consider what their contribution will be and what Legacy they will leave for future Members of Royal Oak Elks Lodge # 1523 while "Serving Our Youth and Our Community."

Fraternally yours,  
Michael Hall  
Exalted Ruler



**Santa and his crew at the Lodge.**

## THE ELEVEN O' CLOCK NEWS

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2008 - 2009

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Trustee.....Ginger Metzlerberg  
Trustee.....Gail Elias

### HONOREES 2007-2008

Elk of the Year.....Rick Calverley  
Officer of the Year.....Michael Rearick  
Sweetheart of Elkdom.....Deb Patterson

# HEAR AND SHARE

When Bill Dyda asked me to write a guest column for this issue, I immediately agreed. It's been about two years since my last article, so I assumed this would be a piece of cake. I couldn't have been more wrong. The last twenty minutes of staring at my computer screen has produced a total of zero ideas. It seems as if my creative juices are locked up with that politician from that city to our south!

So maybe I'll just tell you about this year's deer hunt. I saw one good buck, but was unable to get off a shot. Maybe my snoring alerted him but that does not mean I was totally unsuccessful. On Sunday afternoon, right after my grandson's hockey game, I headed to my blind. I parked a couple hundred yards away and took some apples and carrots out of the truck and put them in a plastic bag that I was going to dump on my bait pile. (Baiting is still permitted in the U.P.) Then I loaded my rifle, a lever action 30-30. While I was fiddling with it KABLAM I blew the bait bag to smithereens. So if you ever visit the Oskar Bay Hunt Club look carefully at the trophies mounted on the walls. The only carrot there is the one bagged by yours truly! What's more, I got it done for next to nothing because the taxidermist's mother is a friend of mine. He said he had no idea how to stuff a carrot, but I guess his mom gave him some helpful suggestions.

While up there, I also paid a visit to my old friend and neighbor, Batt Fastard, and his wife, Bunny. They were enjoying the company of their pencil thin son, "Boney," whom I had never met. Boney had just returned and whenever anyone asked about Boney, Batt would just say, "He has gone to Korea." Now Batt talks very fast and slurs his words a bit so it sounded like he was saying his son had a social disease. By the time I left, Boney still hadn't managed to get a date with his old girlfriend, Anita Yump. He was still fuming and Batt was still giggling when I last saw them.

I guess the best thing about my hunting trip is that there weren't any mosquitoes. They were extraordinarily big and hungry this past summer. To give you an idea of just how big they grow in the U.P., I looked out my kitchen window one morning and there was a young mosquito standing flatfooted humping a large turkey!

Oh, speaking of turkeys, Bob McHugh is organizing a shuffleboard tournament at the club. It's been a couple of years since we had one and we need a good turnout. So right now, put this paper down and go register for the tournament while I try to think of something else to say.

Oh you're back already? That was quick!

Did I mention I have a brand new grandson up north? Brody Victor Donnelly(BVD) was born October 10, 2008. I asked my son who picked the name Brody. He replied, "I did." When I asked him why, he said, "Because that's what my wife told me to pick." That sounds like my daughter in law. She's the one who told me my senses were a sign of my age. When I asked her what she meant, she said, "You don't hear so good, you don't see so good and you don't smell so good either!" Anyhow, I just spoke to my son and he told me that Brody can't turn over yet, but he started hockey practice the day after Thanksgiving. (continued on page 7)

# Wapiti Roster Book

The Wapiti is in the process of updating their address book. If you are a member of the Wapiti, please fill out the attached form and either send it to the Lodge or leave it with the bartender. As soon as the updating is complete they will be publishing a new book.

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## Wapiti Roster Book

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's first name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Past President? If so what year \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reverse Raffle

Did you miss someone on your Christmas list? Well, you're in luck because we just recieved the tickets in. BUY them a reverse raffle ticket for \$75.00, which entitles the recipient to a dinner, open bar and a chance to win \$4,000.00. while you're at it, pick one up for yourself. SEE BARTENDER FOR TICKETS

March 28th  
Dinner at 5:30  
Raffle at 7:00



## REVERSE RAFFLE

### *Reverse Raffle Bingo*

Purchase a bingo sheet for \$20.00 and predict the numbers that will be drawn. Write on your bingo sheet 100 numbers between 1-200. The first person to "cover all" numbers wins %

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**April 1, 2008 Membership 349**

Initiated	12
Transferred In	3
Reinstated	
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Transferred Out	
Deaths	2



**Membership as of December 1, 2008 362**

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William Giertz, Pres. PER Association, would like to request your presence at the Lodge on January 21, 2009 @ 7:30PM for a PER meeting.

## Membership Report

Next Initiation:

January 22, 2009

Proposed MemberShips

Chris Cormier - Proposer: Robert McHugh

Transfer-Dimit from Clawson-Troy: Tom Jordon, Jr.

1107 Grove, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Life Member: Gerald R. Jones #0768

Initiated: 3/11/42

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Monday ..... 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Tuesday ..... 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Wednesday ..... 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Thursday ..... 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Friday ..... Noon - 2:00 am  
Saturday ..... Noon - Midnight



## January Birthdays

- 1 William E Moorhead  
Stephan Soviar II
- 3 Edward P Bardallis  
Thomas C Kurkowski
- 4 Kirk J Tollzien
- 5 Stephen L Parrow  
Craig D Shoops
- 6 William D McConnell
- 9 Charles Bartz
- 10 Charles M Mugarditchian  
Dennis Raffaelli
- 11 Brian G Lambert
- 12 Glenn W Greenway
- 16 Marjorie D Martin- Pauling  
Kenneth E McKendrick Jr.
- 19 Richard A Roddy
- 20 Claude E Johnson
- 21 Richard A Roeske  
James D Johnson  
Robert L Runevitch
- 22 Gayle S Chinn
- 25 Michael R Sherman
- 26 Walter D Hunt  
David W Thompson
- 28 William B Berrington
- 29 Donald R Chrisholm
- 30 Steven Fedewa  
Thomas Maday
- 6

## Under the Antlers

Hello all

Welcome to the New Year “2009”. I know everybody is glad 2008 is gone. This year is going to be a challenge for everyone. We at Royal Oak Elks 1523 need to strive for bigger and better things for our Lodge. As members, we need to set our goals higher than normal so that we can function in a way that we can achieve a friendly and productive year. All members are going to have to work harder than ever before so that our Club will be the best place for our members to enjoy. The Board of Governors will be working hard to bring the members the best possible atmosphere in our Club Room for your enjoyment. Friday Nite dinners are here to stay thru Lent and if you would like to participate, please feel free to ask. We are still typing to get as many E-mail addresses as we can get so we can keep everyone informed on the upcoming activities in our club. January is always a slow month due to the Holidays, but the reverse raffle is in full swing, so be sure to purchase your ticket early. In December, we had a few dedicated members visit the Veterans Hospital for the homeless veterans. They served lunch to 120 veterans and gave the gifts our members so generously donated. Special thanks go out to the Chinns and the Caverlys for their most generous gifts. Also, a special thanks to those who gave canned goods to the Salvation Army and to the families that we support with gifts at Christmas. Let’s hope for a prosperous New Year and remember Charity starts with the Royal Oak Elks.

If any member would like to be more involved or would like to voice his or her opinion about the Club feel free to call me. PLEASE!!!!!!

Fraternally yours  
David Fett, Leading Knight  
810-602-4358

## Goodfellows Family

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts, donated money toward gift cards and helped wrap to give our adopted family the best Holiday possible. The gifts were delivered on December 18th and they were so very appreciated by the children’s mother. Even in hard times our members always come through for others.

Barb and Maureen

## 365 Bank Donors

Our Lodge has two special young donors to our 365 bank program. Cullen, who is eleven, and has contributed to our program in the past, as he wanted to do something for children needs. Now he has recruited his sister Kelcie, who is ten, to contribute also. We just wanted them both to know that we appreciate their efforts and so do the children they are helping.

Maureen Hackney  
Major Projects Chairperson

(continued from page 2) Finally, I'd like to share with you something overhead in the clubroom. Louis Calverly and Maureen Pikington were chatting when a thin young lady walked by. Louis wondered aloud, "Why are single women thinner than married ones?" Moe answered, "Because a single woman comes home, looks in the refrigerator, sees what's there, and heads off to bed. A married woman comes home, looks in the bedroom, sees what's there and heads for the fridge."

Best regards and have a Merry Christmas season and if next year is as good as this one, I'll probably see you at the soup kitchen.

Frank Donnelly

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## Happy New Year Everyone,

Well here we are into 2009, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Let me start by saying a few thank you's. A big thank you goes out to Gayle & Tracy Chinn for all the wonderful work they do in collecting canned goods, blankets, socks, and toiletries for our veterans and needy families; THANK YOU so much. I would also like to thank Mike Hall and Gringer along with their crew for the wonderful all you can eat breakfast they put on for our veterans, they really out did themselves; good job guys. Now for those of you that couldn't make our No Party Party's; you don't know what you missed. Everyone who came had a real good time drinking and having fun with friends. For our upcoming events, we have our district Hoop Shout on the 10th of January and the Wapiti euchre party in the clubroom on the 17th of January. February, we have our Super Bowl party on the 8th and our Valentine dinner on the 13th prepared by myself, the menu to follow, it will be a good one. Family fun day is February 22nd. I hope everyone can make all or at least one of them.

Have a great month,

Kitty.

### WEBSITE ADDRESS

Visit our new updated web site at  
<http://www.royaloakelks.com>

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.



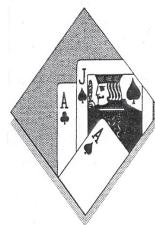
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### 365 BANKS

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Joanne Backus  
Jimmy & Terry Powell  
Mark Hall



**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!

### 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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**FEBRUARY 2009**  
**ROYAL OAK ELKS LODGE #1523**  
**REFRIDGERATOR PAGE**



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