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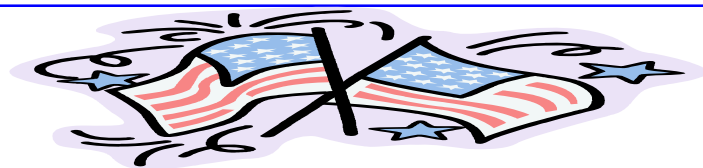


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Dear Friends,
I would like to say Thank You to so many people for helping me in 2012.

The Veteran's luncheon on Dec. 15th, went very well at the Domiciliary. My helpers were: Phil Bartolone, David Fett, PER, Richard Strehlke, Hannah Tiltman, Clinton Caudill, Jeanie Tiltman, Jill Barger, Jack Pedder (who provided the music, as always), Bill Dyda, PER, and Sean Francis Wall (who also provided music).

Also, many thanks to Bonnie Nafco, who made a beautiful Christmas Tree salad and to Laurie Hemingway-Barnette, who put together some beautiful cookies and festive pretzels.

We also visited our adopted Veterans at the John Dingell Veterans Hospital and took them holiday gifts.

This year, so Many Donations were generously given and a room full of thank you's go out to all of you!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!
GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS !!!!!

Ginger Metzelburg, Veterans Chairperson



Happy New Year!!

Would you look at this...wow...2013 already. Where oh where does the time go? Remember when you were a kid and you couldn't wait to be a teenager? Get your driver's license? Get married, have children of your own? I think of these things and can only say...wow!

The past year has seen many things going on, changes all around us, like the elections, the slumping economy and a very bad job market. (if there is one?) Our Lodge has suffered right along with you and while we are still struggling to pay bills, not let our building fall down around us, we are managing. Thanks in no small part to the generosity of you members. Our building fund raiser is still in need of donations and gifts. Not just in giving monetarily but around the place too. Lots of things to do, so please help out the best you can. And for that I say thank you. You members are the **BEST!!!**

We are also in need of a couple officers to fill our ranks. We need an Inner Guard, a Tiler and a Lecturing Knight. With our year rapidly passing us by, would someone step up and help us in this area. Think about it and please come forward. Talk to one of our Officers or the Lodge Secretary if you have questions. I thank you and the other Officers thank you.

We had a good memorial service last month along with a great auction and Big Chief night. Thanks to all who helped make these things a great success! Keep your eyes and ears open for other things coming to our Lodge and Lounge.

Let me wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. May the Good Lord Bless each of you.

Fraternally,
Bill Giertz (E.R.)

2013 BIG BUCK CALENDARS

Members and friends,
 Purchasing a Big Buck calendar is a win-win situation. Not only will you be helping your Lodge, but you will be guaranteed a chance to win **\$50** each Monday through Friday, or **\$300** each Saturday for the entire year, based on the evening drawing of the Michigan State Lottery. Our Lodge received 125 calendars and must pay \$11 each, or \$1,375.00. We make no profit from the sale of these calendars; we are only trying to recover our cost. This program is to supplement the budget for the state association. Failure to sell these calendars will result in an increased per-capita tax to the Michigan Elks Association of approximately \$3.00.

PLEASE purchase one (or more for family & friends) for only \$11.00 each and help your Lodge... **that in itself will make you a WINNER!!** For more information or to request a calendar, feel free to contact Kathy Tasch in the Lodge Office 248-544-3560.

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OFFICERS 2012 - 2013

Exalted Ruler.....William Giertz, PER
 Est. Leading Knight.....William Dyda, PER
 Est. Loyal Knight.....Tom Dinkelman, PDDGER
 Est. Lecturing Knight.....To Be Determined
 Secretary.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
 Treasurer.....James P. Syme, HLM
 Tiler.....To Be Determined
 Esquire.....Michael Rearick, PER
 Inner Guard.....To Be Determined
 Chaplain.....Jack M. Pedder, L.M.
 Subordinate Forum.....Claude Beavers
 Organist.....Jack M. Pedder, L.M.

TRUSTEES

5 Year Trustee.....Darwin Foote
 4 Year Trustee.....Pam Omiatek
 3 Year Trustee.....Norman Raymond
 2 Year Trustee.....Barbara Dinkelman, PER
 1 Year Trustee.....David Fett, PER

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention.....Darwin Foote
 Americanism.....William Dyda, PER
 Auditing.....Donald Kirkham
 Building Enhancement.....David Fett, PER
 Drug Awareness.....Albert Elias, PDDGER
 Flag Day.....William Giertz, PER
 Government Relations.....To Be Determined
 Golf Outing.....Dave Fett, PER & Dave Reiber
 Hoop Shot.....Jeff Dinkelman, PER
 Lodge Public Relations.....To Be Determined
 Major Projects.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
 Membership.....Mike Rearick, PER
 Memorial Day Parade.....William Giertz, PER
 Mothers Day.....William Giertz, PER
 National Foundation.....Tom Dinkelman, PDDGER
 National Service (Vets).....Ginger Metzelburg
 Necrology.....Miles Young
 Picnic.....William Dyda, PER
 Pumpkin Patch.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
 Scholarships.....William Dyda, PER
 Visitation.....Maureen Hackney, HLM
 Youth Activities.....Bonnie Nafso

HONOREES for Lodge Year 2011 - 2012

Elk of the Year.....Rick Calverley
 Officer of the Year.....Pam Omiatek
 Sweetheart of Elkdom.....Maureen Hackney
 Outstanding Member.....Ed Harvey
 Citizen of the Year.....Gayle Chinn

Membership Report

Next Initiation: January 24, 2013

Proposed for Membership:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
None at this time	



Eligible for Life Membership

Age 65 & 30 years completed as an Elk in good standing
 None This Month

Requests for Transfer/Dimit

Mike Deradourian From Plymouth Lodge #1780

Necrology



REGULAR CLUB ROOM HOURS

Monday - Thursday	3 - 11 pm
Friday	3 - 12 Midnight
Saturday	12 Noon - 12 Midnight
Sunday	12 Noon - 10 pm



The Bartender or Club Management reserves the option to remain open later if business warrants

SPIN THE WHEEL

FOR THE DAYS DRINK SPECIAL THE FIRST MEMBER IN THE DOOR WHEN THE CLUB ROOM OPENS, SPINS THE WHEEL. THAT'S THE DRINK SPECIAL FOR THE DAY!

2012 Annual Lodge Hoop Shoot

On Saturday, December 8th, The Boys and Girls Club hosted the annual Lodge Hoop Shoot at the Salter center on Lincoln. Over thirty five winners of preliminary elimination shoot-offs at all of the Royal Oak Elementary Schools participated , along with winners from the Boy's and Girls Club.

The winners of these competitions will advance to the District contest in Ferndale, with the chance to move on to state, regional, and national competition. The National winners have their names inscribed on a plaque in the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield Ma.

The Elks National Hoop Shoot is the Largest Co-ed sports contest held in the USA, with annual participation of over three million of our youth, ages 8-13 years old.

Events of this type could not exist without the help of many of our members. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their help as scorers, rebounders, basket captains, and sign in:

Maureen Hackney, Nick & Susie Foote, Bill Dyda, Fran & Darwin Foote, Yvonne Kantz, Rob Goble, Dave Fett, Barb & Tom Dinkelman, Richard Strelke, Dave Reiber, and to Dave Potter for his help in facilitating the participation both in the schools and at the Boys and Girls Club.

Congratulations to all of the shooters and many thanks to all of the helpers!

Jeff Dinkelman, PER
Lodge and Metro District Hoop Shoot Chairman

WEB SITE ADDRESS

Visit our new updated website 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!

Under The Antlers



Members and Friends

Happy New Year to each and every one of you and may 2013 be even better than you ever thought it would.

We once again will be facing a challenging year here at your Lodge, attempting to continue to maintain the same level of services and benefits to you the members, that we have in the past.

I hope you attended our New Year's Eve Reverse Raffle. It sure was fun ringing in the New Year with fellow elks. This article is written before the party so I can't tell you if I was one of the lucky winners.

We will be starting up Friday night dinners once again and as always we are looking for new crews and new menu items for them. If you have an idea for a menu item let me know. If I cannot create or cook it myself I will find a qualified person who can. We rarely have input on what to serve for the dinners, so your suggestions would be very helpful. Put them in the suggestion box or text or email me and let me know what you might want to see prepared for a lovely dinner.

We hosted our Lodge Hoop Shoot on Dec. 8th, and the winners from our Lodge will compete at the district level at Ferndale High School on Saturday, January 5th. If you have never seen a hoop shoot you should come out and observe or even participate as a score keeper, re-bouncer or referee. It is always a lot of fun and exciting to see the kids competing in the event. Hopefully our Lodge will have a contestant continue on to the state competition. PER Jeff Dinkelman should be complimented on always keeping this event going and encouraging your support.

Our Tail Gate parties run by Ed Harvey and Mike Cody, once again were a big hit with all Lions Fans. Too bad the Lions let us down and did not make the playoffs this year. Thanks Ed and Mike, we so enjoyed the grilled brats, burgers and dogs and as always the "Man Meat" is a wonderful snack for all to enjoy. Join us for the Super Bowl on Feb 3rd bring a dish to pass and hopefully the game will be over at a decent time.

In February we will be nominating and electing officers for the new Elk Year that begins on April 1st. We need members to step up and help run the Lodge. With our membership at Royal Oak diminishing to 297 as of this date we cannot just stand by and see what happens. We all know the Elks is a volunteer organization and it takes support from you the member to step forward and lend a hand when you are able. Let it be known you would like to run for office or serve on a committee. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INVOLVEMENT!!!!

I would again like to wish your family and friends a prosperous New Year

Fraternally yours,
Bill Dyda, Leading Knight

EUCHRE!

Every Thursday and Saturday Night

7:00 PM Start Time

\$7.00 to Play \$.25 Euchre

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USE OF THE KITCHEN

We are asking our Members to NOT use the kitchen without asking a Lodge Officer for approval. PLEASE help us keep the kitchen ready for use for our banquet business and save unnecessary clean up costs.

January Birthdays

3	Edward P. Bardalis Thomas C. Kurkowski
4	Kirk J. Tollzein
5	Stephen L. Parrow Craig D. Shoops
10	Dennis Raffaelli
11	Roy Scott Cutter Brian G. Lambert
12	Glenn W. Greenway
16	Kenneth E. McKendrick Jr.
17	Mike Dresden
19	Richard A. Roeske
20	Claude B. Roddy
21	Richard A. Austin James D. Johnson
22	Gayle S. Chinn
25	Chris Cormier Mike A. Nadlicki
28	William A. Berrington
30	Steven Fedewa

A Message From The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had a modest beginning in 1868 as a social club (then called the "Jolly Corks"). After the death of a member left his wife and children without income, the club took up additional service rolls, rituals and a new name. Desiring to adopt "a readily identifiable creature of status, indigenous to America," 15 Members voted 8-7 to favor the Elk above the Buffalo. It has since evolved into a major American fraternal, charitable and service order now with nearly 900,000 members, both men and women, throughout the United States.

Interestingly, our Order has attracted famous people who have joined and supported our Order, including Presidents Warren Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, John Kennedy and Gerald R. Ford, Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil and entertainers like Lawrence Welk, Jack Benny, and Andy Devine (a past Exalted Ruler). Who can forget Gene Autry and Clint "Make My Day" Eastwood. We even had famous sports figures such as Casey Stengel and Mickey Mantle to name only a few of the Elks who have given so much to our great Fraternal Order along with you and me. Today the Elks, like other fraternal organizations, are struggling with massive declines in membership – more than 600,000 since 1980, almost 19,000 a year as membership declines. We must turn this around. We need younger members, and we need to adapt to younger ideas to increase our membership. We must support our communities more and let them know it. We are not a secret organization. There are more than 2,000 Elks Lodges in the United States.

We must let our communities know that we gave \$19.8 million to communities and scholarships just this past year alone, more than any organization in the world.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Grillo has stated that most Elks are ready to embrace change. Let's get the ball rolling and increase our membership.

2012—2013 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

Marilyn Baldwin

Irene R. Barkume

Ed & Betty Bartz

Bill Berrington

C. "Buzz" Besanson

Calverley Family

Gayle & Tracy Chinn

Ellie Madson

Dave & Dolores Drawbaugh

DDGER AI & Gail Elias*

Dolores Enmark

Bob & Dee Garner

PDDGER Larry Green & Carol

Marian J. Hickey

Dr. G. Michael Kabot

Don Kirkham

Carole Lakotish*

Sue MacKay

Pete & Helen Malega

Jack Mandley

Betty Mayer

Ken & Cindi McKendrick

Ginger Metzelsburg

Robert & Mary Jane Newman

Dick Nyquist

Sam Owens

Jimmy & Terry Powell

Jim Quaderer

Capt. Norm & Audrey Raymond

Paul W. McIntosh Jr.

Kathy Tasch

Chuck & Ann Marie Weber

YOUR NAME

COULD BE HERE

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Call Kathy at the Lodge

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To make arrangements!

Thanks for your support!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 •Euchre	4	5 •District Hoop Shoot •Euchre
6	7	8	9	10 •News Letter Dead-line •Euchre	11	12 •Euchre
13	14	15	16	17 •Euchre	18	19 •Euchre
20	21	22	23	24 •Euchre	25	26 •Euchre
27	28	29	30	31 •Euchre		

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	1/11/1935	A-6156-B
Harris	Albert	8/8/1922	A-5117-A
Henry	Robert	9/19/1940	A-6039-A
Humphrey	Leon	8/15/1933	A-6041-A
Kelps	Paul	1/16/1932	A-6115-A
Mardirosian	Deran	2/13/1922	A-6015-
Maxfield	Kevin	10/13/1956	A-617-A
Norman	Robert Leon	4/19/1936	A-6043-A
Picarella	Albert L.	6/22/1925	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 04/01/2012

365 Banks

Don Leshar - 2
Norm Sheppard 3
Rick and Paula LaRue
Dave and Shirley Hanson
Bill Woodcox
Marge DeMeyere
Delores Huston

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!

A FEW POORLY CHOSEN WORDS

All the passengers are seated on a plane out on the tarmac and the stewardess announces “we’re just waiting for the pilots.”. The passengers look out the window and see two men, dressed as pilots walking towards the plane. Both men are using guide dogs and appear to be blind. There are murmurs among the passengers, and some believe it is a joke. The men board the plane and go into the cockpit. More concerned murmurs and uneasy chuckles from the passengers. The plane taxis normally to the runway and begins its takeoff. As passengers look out the window they realize they are nearing the end of the runway. The entire passenger cabin begins screaming but the plane lifts off just before the end of the runway. The passengers calm down and chuckle to themselves. In the cockpit, the pilot turns to his copilot and says “you know, one day those people are gonna scream too late and we’re all gonna die!”



Two guys were out walking their dogs on a hot day, when they pass by the Elks. The first guy says “Let’s go in there for a pint.” Second guy, says, “They won’t let us in with our dogs.” First guy: “Sure they will, just follow my lead.”

He goes up to the Elks, and sure enough the bartender says, “I can’t let you in here with that dog.” He replies, “Oh, I’m blind and this is my seeing-eye dog.” The bartender says, “Ok then, come on in.”

The second guy sees this and does the same thing. He goes up to the pub, and the bartender says, “You can’t come in here with a dog.” He replies, “I’m blind and this is my seeing-eye dog.” The bartender responds, “You have a chihuahua for a seeing-eye dog?” The second guy stops for a second, and exclaims, “They gave me a chihuahua?”

Hear and Share will return next Month, Frank Promised!!

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 Bring this coupon to the Lodge and receive one free hamburger or cheeseburger, fries and a beverage on your BIRTHDAY!

BUNCO LEAGUE
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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!

06/01/2012	Dave Fett
06/15/2012	Al Elias
7/20/2012	Kathy Tasch
8/03/2012	Kathy Tasch
8/17/2012	Barb Dinkelmann
9/07/2012	Barb Dinkelmann
9/21/2012	Al Elias
10/05/2012	Bob Artis
10/19/12	Barb Dinkelmann
11/2/12	Debe Malega
11/16/12	Tom Dinkelmann
12/07/12	Audrey Raymond

Club 50/50 Application

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Bonnie Nafso**



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