



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



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Eleven O'Clock News

Exalted Rulers Message



Mike Rearick
Exalted Ruler

Greetings to all. Well, here it is March already. I want to start by applauding Our Ritual Team this year. We competed at Port Huron Lodge on February 10th against the rest of our district (11 lodges, 8 performed). I am proud to announce we took 3rd place. All the officers did a great job and I am very proud of them all. I wish I could have done just a little better myself and we would have placed even higher.

Unfortunately, memorization is not one of my strong suits, but all in all we did do a good job. I would also like to congratulate Bill Giertz on taking "High Point Officer" for his performance in the contest. Great job Bill!! I am proud of the performance and hard work done by everyone on our team this year. Thank you all!!

Lent is here and the Friday Night Dinners are in full swing. We have posted a cooking crew schedule on the bulletin board to help keep things working smoothly. We still need some help to fill some of these teams. If you can help, please step forward. We would also like to add a few more teams to the list so no one gets burnt out. If you can put a team together please see Kitty to get added to the rotation.

Two large events coming up that need your support are the "Club 100 Dinner" party and the "Officer In & Out" dinner. Ginger has a spectacular party planned for Club 100. Anyone can buy a ticket for this event, even if you are not currently in Club 100. This has always been a great time with very good entertainment and food, well worth the cost. She also has openings for anyone interested in joining for next year. I would like to extend my personal invitation to everyone for the "Officers In & Out Ball". Please come celebrate the officers leaving us, and the new ones joining us. I will be finished as your Exalted Ruler and Paul Adamczyk has finished his 5 year commitment as Trustee, show your appreciation for the jobs we fulfilled. It is also a time to show support for the new officers coming in.

Well, I guess this is my last article as your Exalted Ruler. Where has the time gone? I would like to thank each and every one of you for the great support you all have given me throughout this past year. We continue to move forward to keep Royal Oak 1523 the best lodge we can be. Our Officers will each move up the ranks to keep our momentum moving in a positive direction and I hope you all will give them the support you have given me. We have made some changes through the years to hopefully better our lodge and the board will continue to strive forward in the years to come. I have

promised them I will continue to be involved and support the many projects and events we have started and continue to better. I hope each and every member will show the same support. We have a lot of new members who can add a lot to this great lodge, also. Encourage each and every member to do all they can to keep this support going.

I also have to give a huge round of thanks to my family for the understanding and support, although not always easy, they have given to me and this lodge. It has been said that we are only as good as the people that support us. Special thanks have to go to my wife who has traveled with me to many of the events that are necessary for "Lodge Officials" to attend. Although most of the time was fun and exciting, sometimes it required sacrificing personal things. We also sacrificed many weekends we could have spent at our cottage. Most of all, I could not have done it without her support. My children, parents and siblings have also helped me tremendously and I thank them.

In closing, I think our club is in great hands. The upcoming officers will do a great job to keep us moving forward. Kitty has been doing a super job as club manager and fulfilling all the banquet commitments that help support this lodge. Barb has quickly filled the void as office clerk with the retirement of Audrey, and is doing a super job. Maureen continues to amaze many as one of the best Lodge Secretaries in the State. Finally, many have already stepped up to chair many of our committees. If there is anything I can do to help any of you, just ask.

THANK YOU ALL, AGAIN. There is not enough space to name everyone that has helped throughout this year, but I have been very proud you all allowed me to be Your 2006/2007 Exalted Ruler. I hope I did you justice.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Rearick, Exalted Ruler

REMINDER TO EVERYONE

Friday Night Dinners Are Back !!

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6pm to 8pm

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P.S. If you can help cook let Mike or Kitty know

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From the Club Manager

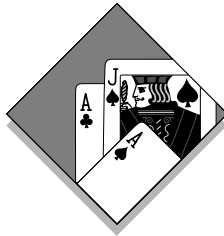
Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are into March already. Boy how time flies when you're having fun, ha ha.

Well let's see; our Valentines dinner went well Thank-You to Lois and Penny for helping out. Ginger did a lovely job on the club 100 everybody seemed to be having a good time. Don't forget St. Patty's Day March 17th, we will be having Corn Beef and Cabbage, Stew, and Ruben sandwiches, so come down and have some fun.

As you all know Lent has started so come on down to the club on Friday nights for different fish dinners. See you soon.

Kitty



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CLUB HOURS

Sunday Noon - 10:00 pm
 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

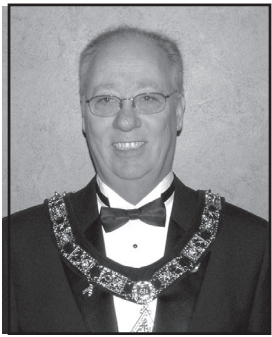
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Greetings One and All,

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but you know what? The temps in the lounge have been comfy. I think that it because of the good fellowship of everyone there. Come join the euchre that is being played on Thursdays and Saturdays, the shuffleboard tournament, and everything else that goes on every week. For those activities I am extremely thankful.

Just a quick note to let everyone know your ritual team finished third and from what I've heard, as good or better than previous teams have done in recent years. We placed third in the overall standings with only a fraction of a point separating us from the second place team. You may well be proud of your ritual team! The next time you see your officers give them a hearty handshake and pat on the back for a job well done.

We have many activities in the works for the next couple months and I encourage everyone to participate in supporting the Lodge by attending. Please come down to the lounge for the Friday night dinners. They are fantastic, probably because of the great ability of our club manager Kitty. She is a real gem, you should tell her thanks. (I say thanks Kitty). We also have our Lodge meetings, and if you can make it down to the Lodge, join us for those meetings. I would like to let everyone know that on April 14th we will be having our annual in and out ball in the big hall. We are planning some great food and entertainment so you will not be disappointed when you come. Also, on the 3rd of March the club 100 will be having its annual dinner/dance. If you can make it, it'll be fun. Just see Ginger for tickets and information. There are many other things listed on the calendar so take a few minutes to look it over and then decide when you would like to come down to the lounge and greet everyone.

I would like to give each of our ritual team a heartfelt thanks for a job well done. You guys were awesome!

Well everyone that about does it for this time around. I wish everyone good health and safe travels.

Fraternally yours,
Bill Giertz

Wapiti News Presidents Corner



This will be my last official article for the year 2007. I would like to thank my Officers and Committee Chairpersons for all of their hard work and dedication. We had a very productive February meeting, with 12 members in attendance. Nominations of Officers and elections will both be at our meeting on March 6th.

Al and I went to Port Huron for the East District Ritual Contest and had a great time. I am also proud to say that Royal Oak placed third. Congratulations guys!!!!!!! Next year I presume you will bring back a first place trophy.

And, kudos to Leading Knight Bill Girtz for being named "Best in Lodge".

Also a very big "Thank YOU" to Gary Smith and the Port Huron Lodge for providing us with a wonderful weekend.

Don't forget Ladies that our dues are due on April 1st.

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

Wapiti President—Gail Elias

By-Laws Amendment Change

A proposal has been made to amend our by-laws relative to our initiation fees. In an effort to increase our membership the proposal is to lower the fee to \$35.00. This change will be voted on at the April 12, 2007 Lodge meeting.

Current:

Article X: Fees and Dues

Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$60 dollars, \$10 dollars to accompany the proposition, and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

Proposed:

Article X: Fees and Dues

Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$35 dollars, \$10 dollars to accompany the proposition, and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

Maureen Hackney
Lodge Secretary

March Birthdays



- 1 Gary W. Mc Kamey
- 2 James M. Gagnon
- 3 Kent M. Ludwig
- 3 Norman M. Raymond
- 3 Richard R. Tudhope
- 4 Gregory W. Breitingner
- 4 Erik Eubank
- 5 Albert Kohl Jr.
- 6 William J. Rearick
- 7 Grace Bopray
- 7 David A. Fett
- 7 Martin F. Price
- 10 Mark A. Pitchford
- 12 Daniel Jarzembowski
- 12 Raymond H. Olsen
- 12 Mark Pauck
- 14 Harold Atwell
- 14 John T. Hill
- 14 Hendrick R. Jurrjens
- 15 Brian H. Hug
- 16 Phillip W. Aqwa
- 16 Donald G. Kirkham
- 17 James E. Bischoff
- 18 Michael G. Jones
- 19 Donald Finwall
- 19 Stacey Harris
- 20 Michael Andrzejak
- 20 Edward Kolokoski
- 20 Brian M. Tilley
- 22 Marion Foster
- 22 Roger Kirk
- 23 Jonathan Switalski
- 24 Russell Bowman
- 24 Robert Seemann
- 26 Bradley M. Cochran
- 28 James M. Flanigan Jr.
- 28 John J. Rhoades
- 28 Charles Taormina
- 29 Anthony LeGree
- 29 Robert W. Shepler
- 29 Richard C. Wessel
- 30 Robert T. English
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- 31 James J. Kujawa
- 31 Scott J. Patterson

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New Applications:
None

Waiting for Investigation:
Hatem Hannawa
Sponsored by: Mike Hall

John Holtkamp
Sponsored by: Barbara Dinkelman

Waiting for Vote:
Transfer Dimit: From Houghton-Higgins #1982
Jack Chapman, PER

Transfer - Demit from Duluth #133
Cy Elliott

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

Mark Your Calendar OFFICERS

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Club 100 News



Winners:

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1/19/07
 \$250.00 Kerin Wear
 \$100.00 Norm Johnson
 \$100.00 JoAnn Backus

2/02/07
 \$250.00 Tom Dinkelman
 \$100.00 Jim Powell
 \$100.00 John Turchin

2/16/07
 \$250.00 Harold Mackler
 \$100.00 Jimmy Powell
 \$100.00 Ellie Madson

Congratulations to all winners .
 March 3, 2007 is the Dinner Dance, where we will all celebrate.

Sign in is from 6:00 - 7:00PM and Dinner is at 7:00PM. Non members of Club 100 may purchase Drink Tickets for \$15.00 if you are not having dinner or Dinner Tickets for \$35.00 each. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued alliance and support. I'm looking forward to all of you re-signing up for the next 12 months. Ginger Metzelburg, Chairperson. 248-541-1119



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- Marion Hickey - 3
- Larry Ball - 2
- Audrey & Norm Raymond - 2
- Carole Lackotish - 2
- Walter Hunt - 1
- Delores Huston - 1
- Marge Demeyere

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Anyone wanting to help on the committee, the next meeting is Wednesday, March 7 at 7pm at the club. Look for flyers at the bar for hole sponsorships and golf sign up sheets. We are also running a kickoff raffle in the club room for a wonderful two night stay at the beautiful Bay Harbor Resort. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 and will be sold through February and into March, with the drawing on St. Patty's Day.

Wife of Rick!
Lois Calverley
Golf Chairperson



**What More Could
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Wapiti Officer Elections

Nominations for officers were taken at our February 6, 2007 meeting. Sadly, there were no candidates for the position of President, Vice President and Treasurer. A motion was made to call for nominations again at our March 6, 2007 meeting in an effort to preserve the organization. In order for the Wapiti to continue we not only need officers, we are in desperate need of new members, with fresh ideas. The Wapiti is an auxiliary organization whose purpose is charity, socialability and cooperation with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks upon request. The Wapiti provides events for families, members of the Wapiti and members of the Elks. Many of the proceeds are used to fund improvements to the Lodge and support Veterans Services, National Foundation and Major Projects. This organization has been in existence for 65 years and it would be a shame to see it go by the wayside. We invite all interested ladies of our Lodge and friends to attend the meeting on March 6 at 7pm and learn more about this organization, or offer suggestions as to how we can increase our membership or better serve our Lodge.

Maureen Hackney
Wapiti Past President

Royal Oak Elks Lodge #1523

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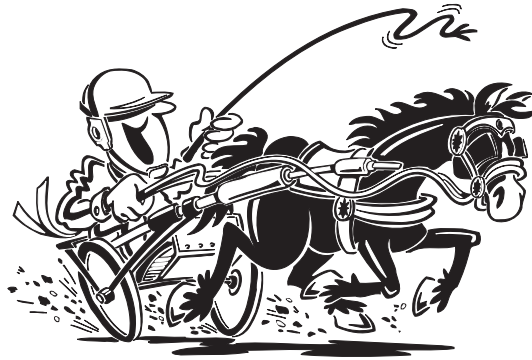
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm 2	Wapiti Meeting 7:00 pm 3	4	Euchre 5	Club 100 Drawing 6 Fish Fry by PER Assoc. Night at the Races 8:00 pm	Euchre 7 Kids Easter Egg Hunt
8	9	Newletter Deadline 10	11	Euchre 12 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	Fish Fry by Bill G. 13 Karaoke Night	Euchre 14 Officer's Ball
Spring Conference 15	Board of Governors Meeting 16	17	18	Euchre 19	Club 100 Drawing 20 Fish Fry by Kitty	Euchre 21
22	23	24	25	Euchre 26 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Assoc. Mtg.	Fish Fry by Sky F. 27 Karaoke Night	Euchre 28
29	30					


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⁴	Trustee Meeting ⁵ 7:00 pm	Wapiti Meeting ⁶	⁷	Euchre ⁸ LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm	Karaoke Night ⁹ Fish Fry by Sky F. Texas Holdem Fundraiser Karaoke Night	Euchre ¹⁰ Newsletter Deadline
Officer Orientation ¹¹	¹²	¹³	¹⁴	Euchre ¹⁵	Club 100 Drawing ¹⁶ Fiish Fry by Kitty	Euchre ¹⁷ St. Patrick's Day Party
¹⁸	BOG Meeting ¹⁹	²⁰	²¹	Euchre ²² LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm	Karaoke Night ²³ Fish Fry by M. Cody Karaoke Night	Euchre ²⁴
Texas Holdem ²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸	Euchre ²⁹	Fish Fry by ³⁰ D. Fett	Euchre ³¹

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