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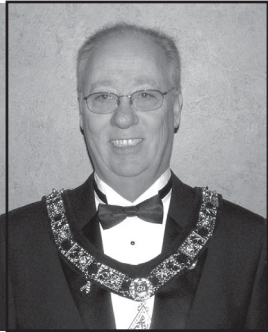


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Eleven O'Clock News

Exalted Rulers Message



Bill Giertz
Exalted Ruler

Happy March Everyone!

This of course means a couple of things. Spring will soon be here (GREEAATE) and new officers will be taking over on the 1st of April. To some a welcomed event and to others not so welcomed. None the less it is here and I would like to take this time to extend my heartfelt thanks to ALL who have assisted me this past year. All of the committee

chairmen and the members/wives who helped make it the best they could. It was a very difficult year for so many members and non-members alike. The way the economy has been going for a while now has everyone feeling the pinch. And the pinch hurts. But through it all, we have stayed the course. Hopefully this next year will see a break in the economy and we will all be able to breathe easier. I for one look forward to the upcoming year.

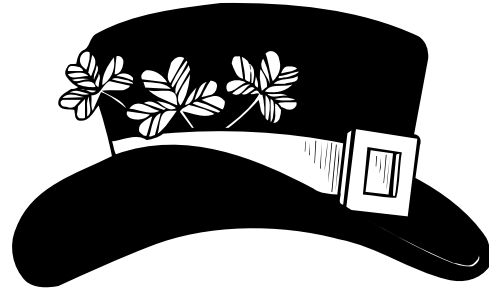
There are many things happening both this month and next month so keep any eye on the calendar and on the walls of the club room and make plans to join us for some great activities. It will be fun for all.

I want to extend a special thank you to all the officers who worked extremely hard for the ritual competition. It was held on Feb. 9th and the team, your team, did a remarkable job at representing your Lodge. The extra hours that they put in getting ready for this competition did not go unnoticed. I know that they felt that they should have placed better than we did but even through we only placed 4th, we learned something. Let's take it all in and go forward. We have next year to do better and to show them what kind of metal we're really made of. And Tom D.? Thanks for filling in at Loyal Knight at the last minute. You gave us the shot in the arm that we needed.

We will be having the officer's ball and the club 100 party at the same time to help offset costs. I hope that all will come and help us bring in the new officers and pat the retiring ones on the back as they move on.

One final time, a heartfelt thank you.

Fraternally Yours,
Bill Giertz



CELEBRATION TIME
St. Patrick's Day
MONDAY, MARCH 17



FOOD AVAILABLE AT 5PM
Corned Beef Sandwiches,
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Party favors, Irish Sing Along
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 Sweetheart Of Elkdome Pam Deneau

From the Club Manager

Hi everyone,

I don't want to sound like a broken record but once again our Friday and Monday night dinner numbers are way down, and in order for the Lodge to keep this going we really need the help of our members to come down and support us. We are having fish fry's every Friday throughout Lent, as long as the support warrants them.

As for the month of March we have a Scamp fundraiser on March 1st from 7: p.m. to 12:00 a.m. It is only \$15.00 per person and that includes hot and cold appetizers, dancing to the DJ, and much more. So come on down and have some fun. On Monday March 17th we will be having our St. Patrick's Day Party and will be serving food starting at 5:00pm until we run out. We will be serving Corned Beef sandwiches, Reubens', and Irish beef stew. All so we will be raffling of a barrow of cheer with a lot of good stuff in it. \$1.00 a ticket or 6 for \$5.00, so don't miss coming down. We will all so be doing a Kentucky Derby party on Saturday May 3rd. We will be having big screen TV horse racing, best hat contest and much more.

I have been to a few of them and they are a lot of fun so PLEASE come down and support our lodge....and see the new flatscreen TV

Thank You,
 Kitty



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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
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Hello to all,

This year has come and gone so quickly. It has been a joy and a blessing to represent our Lodge as your Leading Knight. I have seen many changes, and have been presented with some awesome ideas from the very people who keep this Lodge alive (and kickin'). *This is only the beginning for a Lodge with great potential.*

I would like to give thanks to all of the officers, especially the chair officers, who participated in the ritual contest. Without the help of two of our amazing PERs, Al Elias and Tom Dinkelman, we could not have done as well as we did. All their time and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Thank you both!

Another special thanks goes to our Lodgæ Secretary, Maureen Hackney for keeping our Lodge on track. A goal is something you shoot for and she kept us on target. Thank you, Maureen.

Mike Rearick, an exceptional PER and my friend, I thank you for all you have done not only for me; but for our Lodge.

I saved the most important thank you for last. One thing I have learned is that *all things are possible with God!* I must give him thanks for all he has done for me and the Lodge I belong to.

Our next function, The Officers Ball, will be coming up soon. I encourage you to attend. It is a good time to be had by all. I hope to see you there. Check for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Michael Hall
Leading Knight

Kentucky Derby Day

Mark your calendars now for a fun event at our Lodge. Big screen TV racing, hat contest, mint juleps and lots more surprises. The date is Saturday, May 3rd and more information will follow.

Email Addresses

We are trying to compile a Lodge email address list to get information out to our members quickly, such as Lodge of Sorrows and upcoming event reminders. If you have an email please send your address to mhackney@ameritech.net. This list will only be used for Lodge purposes and will not be shared with anyone else.

Maureen Hackney
Lodge Secretary

Thank You

I want to send a big thank you to those that supported our Crazy Auction, the proceeds of which went to the West Bloomfield Scamp Camp. Scamp Camp is for local disadvantaged (handicapped) children. Unfortunately, we only had eleven people bidding, but, because of the support of those eleven we made \$368.25. Once again we demonstrated that "Elks Care Elks Share." To those of you who couldn't find the time to be there, you missed a great time. Dolly's Pizza supplied the pizza and Rosalie Lang graciously provided all the desserts. Thanks to both for your donations, and thanks again to those who supported this worthwhile function.

Past Wapiti President:
Gail Elias

April Birthdays



2	Jon R. Linstruth
2	John J. Turchin
4	George S. Downey
4	Joseph G. Maruskin
4	Carl E. Polsgrove
4	John C. Williams
7	John O. Mandley
8	Gordon R. Woods
10	Thomas M. Siterlet
11	Gregory N. Adamkiewicz
11	Robert C. Baker
11	George W. Clark
11	Robert Koskinen
12	Harry K. Schroeder
14	Charles A. Bade
16	William G. Pollard
19	Jason Dinkelman
19	Jeffrey S. Dinkelman
20	Billy C. Wyatt Jr.
22	Alfred J. Erwin
22	John L. Kruger
22	Lewis E. McDaniel
23	R. George Donnelly
23	Mac H. Wallace
24	Lynn M. Chapman
25	Jamie Poehlman
26	Bryan P. Stowe
28	Donald E. Ray Sr.
28	Sean F. Wall
29	Paul Szumlanski
30	Glen Davis
30	Dale J. Schneider

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A Note from Roni:

You know they say you can count your true friends on one hand. Well, I think I need about 10 hands. I would so like to thank everyone who was at my side and there for me in the passing of my brother. You can't imagine the love I have for each and every one of you. It makes me proud to be a part of the Elks Club. To all who signed cards and gave donations, Thank you, you are all True Family. Kitty and Lois (starting to cry now!) Thank you, I love you so much, to take time out from your busy holiday's to do what you two did for me and my family. You two will always have a special place in my heart. Maureen Hackney thank you so much for the desserts you donated for my brother's wake. I can go on and on thanking people, but then this note would turn into newspaper!

I know the pain in my heart for the loss of my twin brother will eventually go away, but I do know the love and memories of him will keep getting stronger and stronger. Gail and Al Elias you're right "we do know - don't we" thank you. I will always treasure the talk!

God Bless all of you, I love you all!

Sincerely,
Roni Harvey

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Wapiti News

Presidents Corner

Where did all the time go? It's the end of a remarkable year. I could not have done it without all of your help. Thank you to my officers Margie Rearick, Marge Smith, and Marge Michels. Trustees Carol Hennessey, Michelle Collick, and Ginger Metzelberg. And, of course, my wonderful volunteers Gail Elias, Maryanne Miller, Kathy Vereecke, Ellie Madsen, Marge DeMeyer, Maureen Hackney, Betty Simpson, Rosalee Lange, and everyone. I cannot emphasize on how much I appreciate every one of you.

We've had a great year. New members Tammy Broski & Kathy Vereecke welcome and thank you for joining us. I hope that we can have even a better year, with more new members. Thanks to all.

Sincerely,
Patty Rearick
Wapiti President

Veterans List

The following is a list of veterans that are in the VA hospital. We are sure they would love to receive a card from you.

NAME	ROOM #	BIRTHDATE
Albert Harris	A-6053-A	08/08/1922
Ronald C. Richardson	A-6043-A	07/12/1945
Ernest Allen	A-6029-B	06/24/1938
William J. Vinson	A-6013-B	08/10/1917
Robert Leon Norman	A-6045-A	04/19/1936
Clifford L. Krug	A-6049-A	09/22/1945
Deran Mardirosian	A-6013-A	02/13/1922
Robert L. Henry	A-6039-A	09/19/1940
Lavel Miller	A-6053-B	12/06/1917
Aubrey L. Durham	A-6019-A	07/28/1917

Mail to: Vets Name
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Room #, Bed A or B

Scamp Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 1, 2008 we will be sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit West Bloomfield SCAMP. SCAMP is a five week day camp for handicap children that provides them with an opportunity to swim, exercise, learn and just plain have fun. As you know, Elks Major Projects is one of the largest contributors to SCAMP. Through Major Projects, families of special needs children who cannot afford to send their children to SCAMP are helped financially with the camp fees.

However, there are many items needed at the camp to make this a great experience for the children and those items can only be purchased with the help of donations to the camp. By sponsoring this fundraiser and working with the directors at West Bloomfield SCAMP we are hoping to raise some much needed funds to help with those purchases.

So come on down and join in an evening of food, dancing and fun. Tickets are \$15 each and include hot and cold appetizers. There will be dancing, raffles and 50/50 drawings. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to give these children another great camping experience.

Maureen Hackney
Major Projects Chairperson

Calling All Canes, etc.

I would like to express a thank you to those of you who donated canes and crutches so that we can provide them to those in need. A very special thank you to Maggie and Jerry Jones for the two canes and the wheel chair which looks brand new.

Please remember that if the items you draw from our inventory are no longer needed by you we would appreciate their return so that they may be reused. Those in need, without adequate medical coverage feel as though these supplies are made of gold. Your continued, thoughtful support of this effort is greatly appreciated.

Al Elias: P.E.R.

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

Club 100 News

WINNERS

January 4th

\$250.00 Jim Plaskey
\$100.00 Joanne Backus
\$100.00 Al D'Angelo

January 18th

\$250.00 Billy Pappas
\$100.00 Jess Hackney
\$100.00 Mike Cody

February 1st

\$250.00 Ed Bartz
\$100.00 Bob Bogden
\$100.00 Mike Martin



Thank You and Congratulations
Ginger Metzelburg, Chairperson

5th Annual Elks Scotch Doubles

Saturday, May 10, 2008

To benefit V.A. Hospitals & Homeless
Veterans Programs & Lodge Enhancement

Fairlane Bowling Alley

4:00 p.m. Registration

★ Mystery Game ★ Cash Prizes - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places

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Saturday, March 22nd

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