



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

Eleven O' Clock News



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Greetings to all,

Spring is about to be sprung! Golf clubs are about to swing, the bats are about to hit, spring flowers will soon be sprouting, and our lodge will be a place to gather.

To our current Lodge officers and committee members, on behalf of Dianne and myself, we want to give our deepest thanks for the dedication you bestowed in the Elks organization. When we were thrown a curve ball in our personal lives, you stepped up and kept the ball rolling. Thank you so very much. I also want to wish all of our upcoming officers and committee members many blessings and success in the upcoming year.

What makes our Lodge run? YOU do!!! Without the help of our precious volunteers, we wouldn't be here today. With that being said, I want to say THANK YOU to all who have extended a helping hand during my term as Exalted Ruler.

NOW, as you know, volunteers are the backbone and life blood of our Lodge. They are the ones who come up with an idea and run with it. They are the ones who prepare the food and cook the meals. They are the ones who plan our children's events. They are the ones who plan different activities to bring our Lodge "family" together to have fun. OK, what am I trying to say??? WE NEED YOU! There is nothing more rewarding than having people ask, "Can I help?" or "What can I (We) do?" to accomplish a goal. Everyone of you has something you are good at. I'm sure there is somewhere in our Lodge, we can put your talent to use. If you aren't sure what you can do to help, JUST ASK. Do you realize that without caring people to volunteer, we wouldn't have a Lodge? I am asking for your help to keep us from having just an empty shell of building by supporting your fellow Elks.

News You Can Use...

***Scholarships News:** We have 24 winners from our district moving onto the State level. I am proud to announce that out of 24 winners from our district, we have 4 scholarship winners from our lodge.

The Winners are:

Jefferey Kwarsick

Beth Wloszek

Travon Johnson

Caitlan Kiesel

WAY TO GO & Good Luck on the next level!

*The Elks Veterans Memorial is a tribute to the bravery, loyalty, and dedication of the thousands of Elks who have fought and died for our country. It has been described as one of the most magnificent war memorials in the world. The Memorial is more a symbol of peace and the patriotism of the members of the Elks. The Elks National Veterans Memorial was built 1926 to honor Americans who sacrificed everything for our nation. If you haven't had a chance to visit the memorial in person, I encourage you to take a virtual tour by visiting www.elks.org.

From me to you:

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

Fraternally Yours,
Michael Hall
Exalted Ruler

HEAR & SHARE

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Secretary.....Sue Williams
Treasurer.....Marge Smith
Trustee.....Carol Hennessey
Trustee.....Ginger Metzberg
Trustee.....Gail Elias

HONOREES 2007-2008

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

Well folks, our winter Shuffleboard Tournament concluded on Friday, February 6, 2009. In case you missed it in the Free Press or on ESPN, the winner was none other than Mr. Michael Cody, a/k/a "Mickey Mouth" on the shuffleboard tour. Mike beat Cindi Mckendrick in the finals and if you were there to watch (and listen) to how he won, you would understand how he got the above nickname. But in all fairness, I must admit that Cody shoots as good a game as he talks. Anyway, many thanks and well deserved congratulations to Tournament Chairman Bob McHugh who did an excellent job of scheduling, recording, supervising and arbitrating the games. And, in a show of true sportsmanship seen in few athletes other than Terrell Owens, as soon as Bob was knocked out of competition, he left town to go snowmobiling in 'da YOOPEEE. And he took the keys to the pool table, shuffleboard table, golf and bowling machines and the dartboard with him!

Now, for those of you who haven't visited the clubroom lately, at least one of the coin-operated games in the game room is supposed to be free each day, and all games are supposed to be free on Sunday. But because Bob absconded with the keys, Mike Pilkington and I fed \$468.50 into the pool table over the weekend that Bob was gone. When he returned, we demanded reimbursement. When Bob asked why we put so much into the table when games are only 50 cents, we explained that we were determined to play until we won a game. Well the happy ending to this saga is that Bob has agreed to reimburse us at 25 cents per week until 2045. What a great guy!

Speaking of games, Mike Cody is putting together a contest to be held sometime in March to determine the best BRA in the club. Both men and women are welcome in this competition and the eventual winner will hopefully have a medal pinned on his or her chest signifying the best BRA in the club. If all goes according to plan, Tiger Woods will not be here to pin the medal on the lucky breast. Maybe there should be some explaining here, before someone thinks this is some kind of booby trap. BRA is an acronym for Bar Room Athlete. The competition will test the participants' skills in pool, shuffleboard, golf, bowling and darts. Watch for sign up sheets to be posted in the clubroom when the final date is selected and the events determined. We have done this before and the event has been a lot of fun for a lot of people. Plan on participating to support your club.

In the spirit of supporting our club, I sincerely hope that by the time this appears in print, someone will have stepped up to the plate and agreed to chair the golf outing this year. Lois Calverley has done an outstanding job on the outing the last couple of years but has more important things on her plate this year. Like planning her daughter's wedding. This event is one of the most lucrative fundraisers we have, and we cannot afford to lose this event. If a chairman has been found, I urge you to contact the chairman and volunteer to serve on the golf outing committee. You don't have to be a golfer to help with this activity. I repeat; SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

That's about all I have to say for now, but in closing, I'd like to share with you something overheard in the clubroom. Jimmy Powell was describing an accident he witnessed in his neighborhood. A distracted driver accidentally rear-ended another vehicle as Jimmy was walking down the street. Both vehicles stopped and both drivers got out of their respective vehicles, and Jimmy stopped to listen in on the exchange. The offending driver stood beside his car and the other driver, who happened to be a midget, came storming back, to confront the offender. The diminutive driver shouted in anger, "I AM NOT HAPPY." To which the other guy responded, "Oh? Well which one are you?"

Best Regards,
Frank Donnelly

In Memory of

P. Richard Fry, PER

Royal Oak Lodge #1523

1994-95

Age 79

Passed on Febuary 22, 2009

MEMBERSHIP DUES

MEMBERSHIP

Next Initiation: March 26, 2009

Proposed for Membership:

Jeff J. Jarvey Proposer: Robert McHugh
29175 Spoon
Madison Hts., MI 48071

Jerry Mallon Proposer: Jim Carpenter
4097 Griffith Ave.
Berkley, MI 48072

Patrick Till Proposer: Michael Rearick
2440 Woodward Hts.
Ferndale, MI 48220

Necrology:

Norman D. Vial
Initiated 4/23/1952
Elected Life Member 2/24/1982
D.O.B.: 9/9/1916
D.O.D.: 1/9/2009

As you all know, we are in the process of mailing out dues notices for the 2009-2010 Lodge year. We have been notified by the Grand Lodge that their per member assessment is increasing. In light of this and in accordance with our by-laws, we will need to pass that increase along to our members. For several years, the Lodge tried to absorb the Grand Lodge increases but with rising costs and decreasing memberships, we cannot afford to do so. For the 2009-2010 Lodge year our dues plus assessments will total \$113.50; an increase of \$2.50 over last year. If you pay your dues on a six month basis, the first installment would be \$65.50 and the second \$48.00. As always, spouse/widow cards are \$3.00. Thank you for your understanding.

Maureen Hackney
Lodge Secretary

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.



365 BANKS

Norm Sheppard
Don Leshner--2
Carole Lakotish
Walter Hunt--2



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!

365 Banks

We recieved a 365 bank recently from two children ages 5 & 3. Payton, who is 5, has turned in a 365 bank before however now his 3 year old sister is saving her pennies also to help other children. This is truly a gift of love since Paige is suffering from leukemia and has had two bone marrow transplants in her short three years of life. When children are told what the banks do for other children, they want to help. Thank you Payton and Paige from all of the children that will be helped by your donations.

Maureen Hackney
Major Projects Chairperson

Euchre

Every Thursday & Saturday Night
7:00 pm start time

\$7.00 to play \$0.25 euchre
No Reservations needed

All are welcome!!!!!!!



Clubroom Parties

Planning on having a party in our clubroom? 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 clubroom is not already scheduled for another function.

Thank You,
The Board of Governors

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April 1, 2008 Membership 349

Initiated	13
Transferred In	3
Reinstated	
Absolute Dimits	
Dropped/Non Payment of dues	
Transferred Out	
Deaths	3



Membership as of February 1, 2009 362

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Would you like the monthly newsletter sent to your email address?

E-mail → Me ←

 Sign up today and start receiving the news as soon as it goes to print.

You will also get weekly updates of Lodge Events.

To sign up, simply send an email to Maureen at mhackney@ameritech.net with your name, email address and including "Newsletter" in the subject line. Or, you can sign the guest book on the Lodge's web site: www.royaloakelks.com.

2008 - 2009 Patrons to the Newsletter

Thank you for YOUR Support

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|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Calverley Family | Mary Ann Miller | Robert & Mary Jane Newman | Lou & Jo Koller |
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If you would like to become a Patron of our newsletter to help defray the cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletter, please fill out the form below and return with your donation to the Royal Oak Elks Lodge #1523 and we will print your name on our patron list. **Thank you for your support.**

To renew or to be added as a Patron of the Eleven O'Clock News, please mail this form with a \$10.00 check to: Royal Oak Elks Lodge #1523 (In memo print 'Patron'), 2401 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

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City: _____

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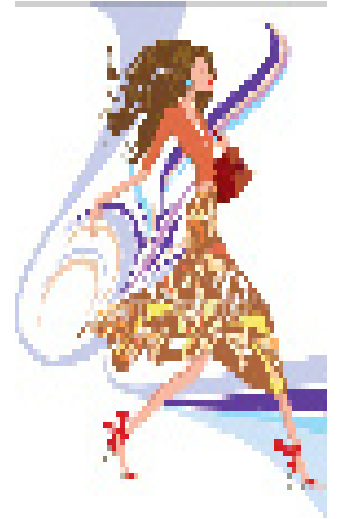
Spiller-Spittler Chapel

836 N. Main St.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-4800

WAPITI LADIES FASHION SHOW

Sunday, March 22, 2009
1pm to 4pm

\$12.00 includes lunch and door prizes.



Royal Oak Elks
2401 E. Fourth Street
Royal Oak

Join us to see the latest in upcoming spring
fashions.

~~~~Hey Kids~~~~  
\*You're Invited\*  
To The Elk's Annual  
Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 11  
Beginning at 12 Noon  
Fun~Food~Games~Prizes  
Special appearance by the  
\*\*\*Easter Bunny\*\*\*



## March Birthdays

- 1 Gary W. McKamey
- 3 Norman M. Raymond
- 4 Erik Eubank
- 6 William "Dale" Larsen  
William J. Rearick
- 7 David A. Fett  
Martin F. Price
- 10 Mark A. Pitchford
- 12 Daniel Jarzembowski
- 14 Hendrick R. Jurrjens
- 15 Dr. G. Michael Kabot
- 16 Philip W, Aqwa  
Donald G. Kirkham
- 18 Chester Brown  
Michael G. Jones
- 19 Donald Finwall  
Stacy Harris
- 22 Marion Foster
- 24 Russell Bowman  
Robert Seemann
- 28 James F. Fanigan, Jr.  
Charles Taormina
- 29 Anthony Legree  
Robert W. Shepler
- 30 Robert T. English
- 31 Richard A. Foster

## Under the Antlers

Hello All

The Lodge year is about over and this will be my last article as Leading Knight. It has been a pleasure writing these articles about all the wonderful help the members have done for their Lodge. Helping your Lodge is sometimes more fun than work. Starting in April, the newsletter will have an Events section that will have upcoming events for the entire year. If you have any suggestions, there will be a planning meeting the first part of March. The Reverse Raffle is March 28th. This is a very important fundraiser for our Club. Events to look forward to are Cinco de Mayo and Scotch Doubles Bowling, both events are coming in May.

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.

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

### SCAMP FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, March 7, 2009, we will be sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit West Bloomfield SCAMP. SCAMP is 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 the 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, which are \$15 each and include hot and cold appetizers, can be purchased from the bartender for a great opportunity to give these children another great camping experience.

Maureen Hackney  
Major Projects Chairperson



**Royal Oak Lodge 1523, 2009 Ritual Team**



# Buy Your Reverse Raffle

## Tickets Now!!



**Price: \$75.00**  
**Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009**  
**Dinner: 5:30 pm**  
**Raffle: 7:00 pm**

### Reverse Raffle Bingo

During the dinner, you can purchase a bingo sheet and predict the numbers that will be drawn. Write on your bingo sheet 100 numbers between 1-200. The person to "cover all" numbers wins percentage.

### Reverse Raffle Insurance

For \$20.00, you may purchase Reverse Raffle Insurance, which insures that if your number comes up at any of the 10th draws (ie. the 10th, 20th, 30th, etc. draw) you will win \$75.00. This is ONLY if you purchase insurance.

|  |                                                  |                                                                                     |
|--|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | ROYAL OAK ELKS LODGE #1523                       | NAME: _____                                                                         |
|  | REVERSE RAFFLE                                   | ADDRESS: _____                                                                      |
|  | DINNER WITH OPEN BAR<br>Saturday, March 28, 2009 | PHONE: _____                                                                        |
|  | CASH PRIZES                                      | Royal Oak Elks 1523<br>2401 E. Fourth Street<br>Royal Oak, Michigan<br>248-544-3560 |

Tickets available behind the bar.

## CELEBRATION TIME



**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**  
**FOOD AVAILABLE AT 5PM**  
**Corned beef sandwiches, Reuben's, and**  
**corned beef and cabbage.**



**GREEN BEER**



**GREEN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED!!**

<-- Dinner Only  
 \$25!!!

<-- \$4,000 Grand Prize  
 Based on 200  
 tickets sold.

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROYAL OAK ELKS SCOTCH DOUBLES

**SATURDAY MAY 9th, 2009**  
**TO BENEFIT**  
**V.A. HOSPITALS & HOMELESS**  
**VETERANS PROGRAMS**  
**AND LODGE ENHANCEMENT**



**Astro Lanes**

**3:00PM REGISTRATION**  
**3:30PM START**  
**MYSTERY GAME**  
**CASH PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACES**  
**- Fun for everyone-**  
**\$20.00 per PERSON- TO BE PAID**  
**By April. 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Bring your favorite finger food to bowling alley.  
 Door prizes-affle-50/50 drawings  
 Non- bowlers for \$10.00 each, you can join the  
 fun at the Elks Club after bowling.  
 This includes (2) drinks and food.

For more information call:  
 Mike Rearick: 248-854-6696/ dave fett: 810-602-4358  
 Royal oak elks #1523 club 248-544-3560



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**ROYAL OAK ELKS LODGE #1523**  
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| <b>8</b>                                  | <b>9</b><br>•BOG  | <b>10</b><br>•Newsletter Deadline               | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>•Lodge Meeting<br>•Euchre | <b>13</b><br>•Fish Fry<br>•Shuffleboard Tournament | <b>14</b><br>•Euchre                           |
| <b>15</b>                                 | <b>16</b>         | <b>17</b><br>• St. Patrick's Day Celebration    | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>•Euchre                   | <b>20</b><br>•Fish Fry<br>•Shuffleboard Tournament | <b>21</b><br>•Euchre                           |
| <b>22</b><br>• Wapiti Lady's Fashion Show | <b>23</b><br>•BOG | <b>24</b>                                       | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>•Lodge Meeting<br>•Euchre | <b>27</b><br>•Fish Fry<br>•Shuffleboard Tournament | <b>28</b><br>• Reverse Raffle Party<br>•Euchre |
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| <b>12</b>                      | <b>13</b>         | <b>14</b>                                                               | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>•Euchre                                             | <b>17</b><br>•Friday Night Dinner              | <b>18</b><br>•Vendor Fair<br>•Euchre          |
| <b>19</b><br>•District Meeting | <b>20</b><br>•BOG | <b>21</b>                                                               | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>•Lodge Meeting<br>•Euchre<br>•Temple Assoc. Meeting | <b>24</b><br>•Friday Night Dinner              | <b>25</b><br>•Euchre                          |
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