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Eleven O'Clock News



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2 Year Trustee	Edward Harvey
1 Year Trustee	Bob McHugh

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Major Projects	Tom Dinkelmann,PER
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Youth ActivitiesTerry	Powell & Cindi Mckendrick
WAPITI O	FFICERS
President	Kathy Vereecke
Vice President	Kathy Tasch
Secretary	Sue Williams
Treasurer	Marge Smith
Trustee	Barb Dinkelmann
Trustee	MaryAnn Miller
Trustee	
HONOREES	2008-2009
Elk of the Year	Jim Flanigan

Elk of the Year	Jim Flanigan
Officer of the Year	Bob McHugh
Sweetheart of Elkdom	Kitty Arney



Members All

There is a Frank Sinatra song that seems appropriate for the ending of this Lodge year; "And now the end is near, and I did it my way." Every Exalted Ruler comes into office and tries to make a difference by setting some personal goals that will make his Lodge stand out from the other Lodges. When I went to Portland for the National

Convention, my fellow conventioneers got me all pumped up to come back to my Lodge and make a difference. But, as many ER's have found, it is not that easy. The best thing I found to do was, set my goals, and stand up for what I believe was best for my Lodge and Elkdom. My goal of 100 new members was probably high, but a goal is a goal. We will by the end of the Lodge year have initiated 29 new members, and if some of you who have not paid your dues for this year will reconsider, we will have our first year of not losing more members than we gained, since I can remember. I am proud to have initiated so many wonderful people into our Lodge, and the enthusiasm they have shown by joining into our activities, and their presenting of new candidates for membership.

After 7 years as an officer I think its time to give it a rest and focus on the things I do best, which is making our Lodge look the best around. By the end of the Lodge year we will have new wood blinds on our windows, and new carpeting, to go with the new paint in the Clubroom.

In closing I would like to thank all the officers for their contribution to a great Lodge year, and all the members who have unselfishly given their time and energy to make Royal Oak Lodge #1523 the best it can be. I would also like to invite all of you to come and join me and the officers at the, "In and Out Brunch", on March 21st, so you can also stand and be recognized for your job well done.

Fraternally yours; David Fett; Exalted Ruler

Elks Care, Elks Share

Join our Bunco League!

(Royal Oak Elks Club Room)

- 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month.
- Starts: Monday September 6, 2010 through Monday April 19, 2011
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$10.00 per person per session
- Bring a snack to pass
- Contact Kitty Arney at 248.544.3650 or
- Audrey Raymond at 248.399.5261



The History of Bunco.

Bunco dates back to the late 1800's and was played by groups of women, school children, and couples. The old fashioned game of the future is becoming ever more popular at parties, social events, and new groups are popping up across the country.

This progressive dice game, under its original name of 8-Dice Cloth was played in England during the 18th century. It was unknown in the United States until 1855, when it was introduced into San Francisco during the Gold Rush by a crooked gambler. This shady character, traveling from the East to West coast had made many stops in route to the California gold fields. He also made various changes to the gambling game he called Banco. After a few years the game, Banca, and its Mexican derivative, Monte, were also introduced to the population of San Francisco. Bunco Dice and Bunco Cards were combined to form a more efficient method of separating the hard working citizens from their money at numerous gambling locations. These locations were known as Bunco parlors. Hence, the word Bunco came to be a general term that applied to all scams, swindling and confidence games. After the civil war and into the turn of the century, Bunco flourished as the population grew and the economy recovered. Between 1870 & 1880 in virtually every large city on the country, Bunco-Banco games were in operation. Some Bunco locations were furnished elaborately while others resembled professional offices.

During the 1880's and into the mid 1890's, Bunco was played in Texas & Oklahoma, through Kansas & Missouri, in towns and cities along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and from New York to the Great Lake states. Through the Victorian era and prior to WWI, Bunco had achieved permanent placement as a traditional family or parlor game, promoting social interaction. During this period Bunco groups consisting of 8-12 people and as many as 20 people enjoyed an evening of food, drink, conversation, and friendly competition. During prohibition and the roaring 20's, the infamous Bunco gambling parlors resurfaced in various regions of the US the most notorious speak-easies and Bunco dice parlors were located in and around Chicago, Illinois. The term "Bunco Squad" referred to the detectives who raided these establishments!

After prohibition Bunco group activity declined in the major cities of the country, but spread to the suburbs as housing development and the migratory population expanded nationally. Not much was heard about Bunco activity from 1940-1980. (WWII, Korea, Vietnam.) Since the early 1980's Bunco group activity has increased due to a combination of circumstances; a return to traditional family values, a sense of neighborhood & community and, the desire & need for social interaction. Traditionally most Bunco groups consist of 12 players (usually groups of women & occasionally couples.) Kids are even beginning to play at parties & other social events. Playing Bunco is a great way to maintain relationships and make new friends. Bunco is a game of dice, luck, & prizes.





Saturday March 20, at the Mt. Clemens Lodge

Doors open at 6:00PM, contest begins at 8:00PM

Cost is \$10 to enter, Contestants must have three song ready to give to the KJ upon arrival.

Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with a side of fries will be available for \$3. Cash Bar.

Under the Antlers

Members and Friends

We finally received some snow this winter in the month of February but it did not stop any of you from supporting our activities. The month of March promises to be even more fun filled. As we look forward to spring, St. Patrick's Day comes to mind, and even though most of us are not Irish (like Shawn) we will be having the traditional fare of corned beef and cabbage along with Reuben sandwiches.

Friday night dinners continue this month as fish fries. We have listed the new menu items for April after Easter on the calendar page along with the price of each dinner. I hope you find this addition to the calendar a helpful one. Why don't you invite a friend or neighbor with you to sample our dinner items and maybe talk some about becoming a member.

Sunday, March 21 we will be having a special day for our Lodge. This will be the date of the Installation Brunch held for our new officers of the Lodge and of the Wapiti. This will also be the time to thank our ER, Dave Fettt for a job well done as our Exalted Ruler. Dave will also be awarding our annual awards for Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Sweetheart of Elkdom, and Citizen of the Year. Cost of the brunch will be \$10.00.

Easter arrives the first Sunday in April so I am putting a word in early for the Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Saturday April 3. I hope the weather will cooperate as it did last year so that all the children will have a wonderful time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reading the "Under the Antlers" column. I hope you have found it informative. Furthermore, thanks to all Lodge members for supporting my candidacy for Exalted Ruler. I hope that your continued support will strengthen our lodge to have another successful year of Elkdom.

Fraternally yours Bill Dyda, Esteemed Leading Knight

Friday Night Dinner Schedule				
Mar. 5 Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert				
Mar. 12	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00		
Mar. 17	Mar. 17 St. Patty's Day, rueben's, corn beef and cabbage			
Mar. 19	Mar. 19 Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert			
Mar. 26	Mar. 26 Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert			
Apr. 2	<i>Apr. 2</i> Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert			
Apr. 9	Apr. 9 Pasta Night			
Apr. 16	Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggie and salad	\$7.00		
Apr. 23	Mexican Buffet	\$7.00		
Apr. 30	Steak Night	\$9.00		
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- Gary W. McKamey
- 3 Norman M. Raymond
- 4 Gregory W. Breitinger
- James McMullen

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- 5 Albert Kohl, Jr.
- 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 Stacy Harris
- 22 Marion Foster
- 24 Russell Bowman Robert Seemann
- 28 James M. Flanigan, Jr. Charles Taormina
- 29 Anthony Legree Robert W. Shepler
- 30 Robert T. English
- 31 Richard A. Foster Scott J. Patterson LaRue C. Williams

March Updates

365 Banks:

Audrey & Norm Raymond Don Lesher Sam Owens Jimmy & Terry Powell



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!

Membership Report:

Next Initiation: March 25, 2010

Proposed for Membership:

Brian Siurek 226 Cherry Dr. Troy, MI 48083 Proposer: Mike Nadlicki

Mike Dresden 4414 Rochester Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073 Proposer: Craig Hornung

Matthew J. Waananen 714 S. Stephenson Royal Oak, MI 48067 Proposer: Craig Hornung

Joe Guzman 1512 Wyandotte Royal Oak, MI 48067 Proposer: Craig Hornung

Necrology:

Charles A. Bade, #4688 Initiated: 6/22/1988 Born: 6/14/1924 Died: 1/21/2010

April 1, 2009 Membership	335
Initiated	11
Transferred In	0
Reinstated	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Dropped/Non Payment	0
Transferred Out	0
Deaths	0

Membership as of July 2009 346

Lodge Officers Installation Brunch Sunday, March 21, 2010 - 12:00 Noon Instalation of Lodge and Wapiti Officers Presentation of Awards Bunch Immediately Following for \$10.00

Law & Order Night; January 23, 2010

I would like to thank all of the participants, Officers, and Elks for coming out for this night of honoring the dedicated recipients in their jobs and services for the citizens of Royal Oak.

Presentation of the Flags and leading The Pledge of Allegiance: Troop 1610 and Scout Master, Mark Pritchford. Great show of Americanism.

Awards: From Mayor Ellison's office and the Royal Oak Fire Department: Joel Smith awarded and presented by Chief, Will White

From the Royal Oak Police Department: Richard Chipman awarded and presented by Al Carter

From the Department of Public Service: Michael Thornton awarded and presented by Greg Rassel

From the Royal Oak Senior Center Wilbur "Bill" Shaffmaster awarded and presented by Paige Gemborski

Special thanks to organist, Jack Petter, Chaplain for blessing of the food. Officers past & present: Thank you to Al Elias, Bill Dyda, Al Norris, Barb & Tom Dinkelman, Bill Giertz, Mike Resaric and Dave Fett, Exalted Ruler. Behind the scenes: Special thanks to Bartender, Carol Taylor, Dishwasher, Courtney Smalls, Cook, Kitty Arney and Secretary, Kathy Tasch, and our great friend, Maureen Hackney.

Ginger Metzelburg, Americanism Chairperson

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.

Name	Birthday	Room #
HARRIS, ALBERT	08/08/22	A-6053-A
PICARELLA, ALBERT L.	06/22/25	A-6015-B
ALLEN, ERNEST	06/24/38	A-6029-B
SIGLIN, DANIEL FRANCIS	04/16/31	A-6013-B
NORMAN, ROBERT LEON	04/19/36	A-6043-A
KRUG, CLIFFORD L.	09/22/45	A-6049-A
MARDIROSIAN, DERAN	02/13/22	A-6015-A
HENRY, ROBERT L.	09/19/40	A-6039-A
YOUNG, JAMES B	03/06/46	A-6019-A
STARGHILL, RONALD C.	08/28/25	A-6053-B
Updated List as of 11/03/09		
c/o V.A. Medical Center		
4646 John R Street		
Detroit, MI 48212		

Wonders of the Wapati

As I write my last words as 2009-2010 President of the Wapiti, I reflect on all the wonderful experiences I have encountered throughout the year. I truly thank each member who stood behind me. The smiles, the hugs, the conversations, the simple reminders of my article deadline, the helping words of encouragement when I have that "senior moment" with my meeting agenda, the laughs, and the great feelings when our goals are achieved.

I am truly proud to have been President of the Wapiti. You ladies are just tooooo wonderful.

A quote: "As I walk through life, I've learned that the most wasted day is one in which we have not smiled."

With a Smile and Respectfully Yours, Kathy Vereecke Wapiti President





Saturday, April 3 From 12:00PM to 3:30PM Fun~Food~Games~Prizes Special appearance by the ***Easter Bunny***



March Drawings Fri 3/5 & 3/19 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, You may think this is similar to the old Club 100, but it's not. Club 50-50 only will cost you \$10.00/month. No end of year party, just cash!!

Club 50-50 Winners:

Ginger Metzelburg
Don Kirkham
Bob Garner
Bill & Betty Berrington
Dave Fett
Bob Edgerley
Chuck Weber
Helen Malega
Bill & Betty Berrington
Al Elias
Norm Raymond
Tom Dinkelmann
Audrey Raymond
Mark Olko

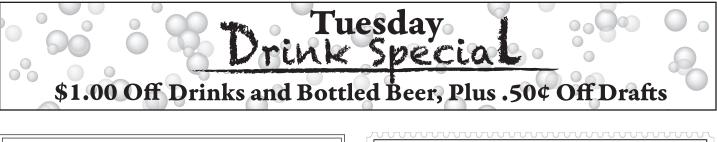
Clubroom Parties

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

Widow and Spouse cards are available for \$3.00. Send your request, payment and current address to the Lodge office.

> Thank you, Kathy Tasch, Office Manager



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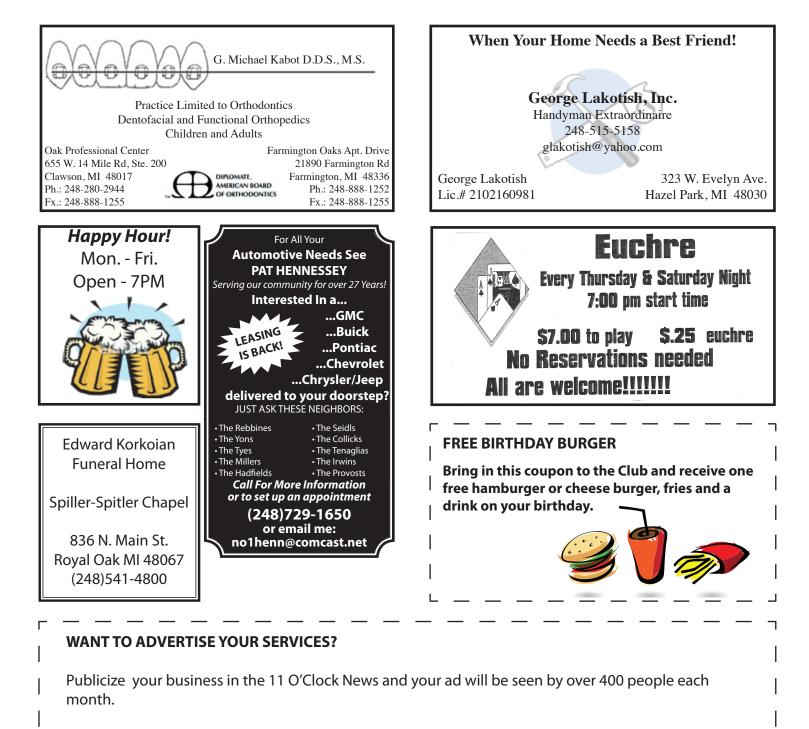
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2009 - 2010 Patrons of the Eleven O'clock News (Thank you for your support!) Note: * indicates final month - time to renew!

Andy & Frieda Andrews **Bob** Artis Joanne Backus Marilyn Baldwin Irene R. Barkume Ed & Betty Bartz Bill & Betty Berrington C. "Buzz" Besanson **Calverley Family** Jim & Kerri Carpenter Gayle & Tracy Chinn Betty Clifford Dave & Dolores Drawbaugh **DDGER AI & Gail Elias Dolores Enmark** Steve & Mary Fedewa

Bob & Dee Garner Jim & Donna Green Jean Hermann Marian J. Hickey Dr. G. Michael Kabot Lou & Jo Koller Teresa Komski Carole Lakotish Sue MacKay Ellie Madson Pete & Helen Malega John Mandley **Betty Mayer** Paul W. McIntosh Jr. Ken & Cindi McKendrick Ginger Metzelburg

Joyce C. Middleton Mary Ann Miller Bill Moon Nellie "Bea" Morgan Robert & Mary Jane Newman Sam Owens Robert & Lorraine Perry Jimmy & Terry Powell Will & Kaye Powers Jim Ouaderer Cpt. Norm & Audrey Raymond Kathy Tasch **Bill & Colleen Tolman** Kathy Vereecke **Chuck & Kerin Wear** Chuck & Ann Marie Weber



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2 -Trustee Meeting -Drink Specials	3	4 -Euchre	5	6 -Euchre	
					Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00		
7	8 -BOG	9 -Wapati Meeting -Drink Specials	10 -Newsletter Deadline	11 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	12 -Clubroom Ent.	13 -Euchre	
					Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00		
14	15	16 -Drink Specials	17 -St. Patrick's Day Party	18 -Euchre	19	20 -Vendor Fair -Euchre	
			Rueben's - \$6.00 Cornbeef - \$7.00		Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00		
21 -Officer Inst. Brunch	22 -BOG	23 -Drink Specials	24	25 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	26 -Clubroom Ent.	27 -Euchre	
					Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00		
28	29	30 -Drink Specials	31				
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SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -Euchre	2	3 -Easter Egg Hunt -Euchre
					Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00	
4	5	6 -Drink Specials	7	8 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	9	10 -Newsletter Deadline -Euchre
					Pasta Dinner - \$7.00	
11	12 -BOG	13 -Drink Specials	14	15 -Euchre	16	17 -Euchre
					Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggie and salad \$7.00	
18	19	20 -Drink Specials	21	22 -Lodge Meeting -Temple Assoc. Meeting -Euchre	23	24 -Euchre
					Mexican Buffet - \$7.00	
25	26 -BOG	27 -Drink Specials	28	29 -Euchre	30	
					Steak Night - \$9.00	
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