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Eleven O'Clock News



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Exalted Rulers Message



Mike Rearick
Exalted Ruler

Greetings to all,

The holiday season is here already, winter is fast approaching, and the days are getting shorter. Hope everyone is in good health and spirits. Please remember the less fortunate during these holidays. Just a simple kind word or gesture can make a huge difference to some. Remember "ELK'S CARE/ELK'S SHARE".

With that kind of start I would like to remind everyone to reread your "Obligation" to our order. I know the

economy is not good and that can wear on everyone, but we have taken an oath to be kind to others, aid those in distress, and help each other in time of need. I would just like to remind everyone something as simple as a kind word or smile can make a huge change. Help others when you can. Keep a positive attitude and it can be contagious. Don't take your bad mood out on others. I know the Holidays are hard times for some people, they need our help. Extend your hand and a smile to greet and welcome them. It will return to you when you need it most.

Talking about people or spreading gossip is not the way we need to move forward. Even though we don't always agree with what is happening, you cannot just sulk about it. Get involved and add new ideas to promote these things more positively. Nothing is ever solved by name calling, screaming, or fighting. Sit down and talk these things through and things will smooth themselves out. I would like to see more positive attitudes in the upcoming months and challenge each of you to be more positive with me. Thank you.

Next order of business. Friday night dinners are back in full swing. We have some of the best dining in the city here at Royal Oak Elk's and you can not beat the price anywhere in this area. Invite your friends and family down for dinner and drinks. It will be sure to be a pleasant experience. Also we are still in need of people to help out with cooking crews. If you can help on an existing crew or can come up with a complete crew of your own, see Kitty or myself. You may find it to be fun and satisfying.

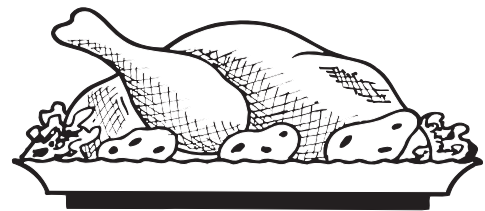
With the holidays here and more activities in the works, we still have plenty of things we could use volunteers for. Get involved, see any officer for information. I realize with the economy the way it is, people cannot support all functions but do try to support as many as you can. Remember this is OUR place, promote it.

In closing I would like to thank the three members that

ran for the vacant Trustee position, Ed Harvey, Barb Dinklemann, and Shenandoan Wornica, at the October Lodge meeting. Congratulations to Ed Harvey for winning the election. I am proud that so many members care enough to offer the time and services. I would also like to thank all the members that showed up at the meeting. It was very nice for the Officers and me to have an audience for a change. I would like to encourage all members to try harder to show up for some meetings as they are quite informing. This audience also was treated to an initiation and visitation by our District Officers. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the Ritual Team did a pretty good job. With some more practice we hope to do our Lodge proud at the competition in February.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Rearick, Exalted Ruler



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Saturday, November 11, 2006
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

TURKEY DINNER
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Join us for our annual deep fried turkey dinner with all of your favorite side dishes. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

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From the Club Manager

Hi Everyone,

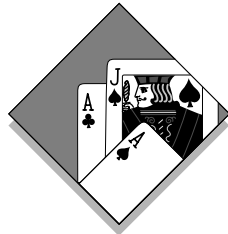
I would like to start off by saying thanks to the following past PER'S and officers for kicking me out of my kitchen so they could put on a terrific dinner and give me a night off from cooking. You don't know how much it was appreciated. Any one who didn't get a chance to come down for dinner; you don't know what you missed. I'm still hearing people talking about how good it was

So thank you so much Al and Gail Elias, Barb Dinkelmann, Steve Parrow, Maureen Hackney, Phil Stowe and Dave Delmonico for a wonderful job.

Now for the up coming events, we have the vendor fair on November 11th from 12:00pm-4:00pm and the Turkey dinner with all the trimmings from 5:00pm-8:00pm. And Thanksgiving on the 23rd I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving.

For the month of December we have Dec 3rd the Elks memorial service, Dec 10th the kids Christmas party and the adults Christmas party on the 22nd of December and the club's no party party on December 31, hope to see everyone at these events. Thanks, and happy holidays

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
 Thursday 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 Friday Noon - 2:00 am
 Saturday Noon - Midnight

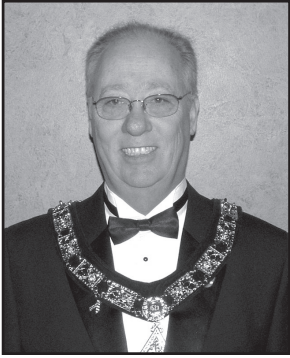
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Hello and Blessings to everyone,

Here we go once again. It is November and soon the weather will be turning

really nasty. But hey, we have a real nice Lodge and Club to go to for some fellowship with some of the greatest people on the planet. Sit back, watch a game, have a drink or maybe even stop by and enjoy a Friday night dinner. They have been turning out absolutely great. Everyone has been more than cooperative in helping around the place, but as always we could still use more help. We are trying to clean up the basement of things that has been sitting around for years. So if you think you

would like to help, give me a call or leave word at the club and I'll get back to you. Again I would like to personally thank everyone who helps out at the club every day of the week. A lot of times the little things that get done on a daily basis gets over looked and while I would forget someone if I tried to name everyone, let me just say thanks to you all.

Our regular lodge meetings are starting up again and I would like to encourage everyone to come to the meetings. We had a visitation last month and your officers shined. There was an initiation of two new members and it was a thrill to sit there and participate in the ritual. To all the members who were there to witness the ritual, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It means a lot to your officers when they get that kind of support. We are looking forward to the ritual competition coming next February in Port Huron. We have an excellent chance to

place well in this competition this year and maybe represent our Lodge and our District at the State convention next spring. We have got a great group of officers. So if you would like to help us fine tune and polish our ritual parts, we would be most grateful.

For the month of November we have a vendor fair scheduled on the 11th along with our annual turkey dinner at 5. On the 9th and 23rd we have our Lodge meetings for the month. And another visitation where we will get to have another chance to fine tune our stations. There is of course euchre every Thursday night in the clubroom, and lunch specials on Wednesdays. That's about it for this month but please check our calendar just to be sure.

Thanks for everything, once again.

Fraternally Yours,
Bill Giertz



The Royal Oak Elks Bowling Fund Raiser generated a \$600.00 return.

Bob Baker, Veterans Chairman, presented a check to Fran McGivern, Coordinator for Homeless Veterans Program.

As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget.

Wapiti News Presidents Corner



We are into October already. Can that really be??? Wasn't last Tuesday the Fourth of July??? The Vendor/Craft Show is just around the corner, November 11th. Our annual Lodge Picnic was another success and we had visitors from Warren/Sterling Heights and Clawson/Troy Lodges. A thank you to all who bought from the Wapiti booth. We had another good year thanks to you.

Congratulations to the PER Association on their Fund Raiser. They sold 75 dinners. Great job guys and girls.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have returned from the State Convention. I will give a report next month.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and please do not forget Veterans Day on November 11th or the Fall Fling on October 28th. If you like big bands, dancing and fun, this is not to be missed. We had 13 ladies in attendance at our October meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 7th at 7pm.

As always: "A gift of sunshine and flowers to everyone having birthdays or anniversaries in the month of November".

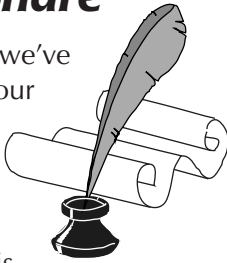
Gail Elias, Wapiti President



Frank Donnelly

Hear & Share

Well folks, we've returned from our annual sojourn in the YooPee just in time for me to face a deadline for this article. Timing is everything.



My name came up in the Friday

draw right after I left, and I haven't even gotten reacquainted with the need to take my keys out of the ignition, and here I am trying to think of something to write about.

Let's see. We had quite a bit of company this year but mostly family. Steve and Paula Parrow did come up for a few days though. On their first day, I had a small project to finish in my sauna, and Steve volunteered to help while the girls went over to play golf. We finished in early afternoon, and I suggested we wander over to see what my neighbor, Batt Fastard, was doing at his place. Well, Batt's wife Bunny had asked him to put a metal roof on one of his buildings, and he said we could help by handing the sheets of roofing up to him. The project went as smooth as silk, except we didn't have the right tools or enough tools and Steve got airborne five or six times trying to hand up sheets of metal roofing in a 30 mph gale. We finished about 9:00 PM and Steve said "If I ever come back to this bleepin' place, remind me to bring every bleepin' tool I bleepin' own." Of course Steve is very welcome to come back, but Batt wants a little advance notice so he can schedule his next project.

I heard Pilkington fell into a ditch at Andrzejak's cottage and hurt his leg. He claims his vision was blurred because the grass was too high on him. I wonder if it was the other way around? At any rate, Denise said that when Pilk fell into the ditch, two skunks got up and left!

Someone told me there was quite a rainstorm here on Father's Day and one of our members bet his wife \$100 she wouldn't remove her bra and walk around the building in her wet tee shirt. He lost the bet! What makes this incident noteworthy is that I've heard the Wapiti is considering trying this as a fundraiser. Who wouldn't pay \$100 to see that group walk around in wet tee shirts? They took a secret ballot to select the best looking "credentials" to lead the parade and Bob Garner won!

Ed Harvey is now a trustee. Congratulations and thanks to Ed for stepping up to the challenge. And Ed, if you're ever around my place in the U P, please stop in. My neighbor Batt Fastard would love to meet you.

Over the summer, I probably drank more wine than

any year since I quit being an altar boy. I just had a taste for enjoying a glass of vino with my meals. A friend, who has quite a collection, gave me a bottle of white wine from the vineyards of Stuart Pedasso in California. It was a special vintage Stuart made for his fiancée Rae Jean Beach. In my never humble opinion, that Stu Pedasso really knows his stuff. The wine seemed a little bitter, but it fits that Rae Jean Beach perfectly.

Since I haven't spent much time in the clubroom lately, I'll have to close by describing what happened in the clubhouse of our golf course up north. Penny and I were enjoying a beverage following a round of golf. At the next table were two guys having a few pops. One had local roots, judging by his accent, and the other was African American. Penny and the local kept stealing glances at each other until the light of recognition flashed. "Heiki" she asked? "Penny" he answered. Well wouldn't you know, it was none other than Pikku Heiki Sotala-Niemi. Apparently he and Penny started school together way back when and hadn't seen each other since dirt was a youngster. So they carry on with the laughing and hugging and kissing and crying and Heiki tells her he had a mad crush on her for three of four years when he was in first grade and on and on and on. Meanwhile I introduced myself to the other guy, Marcus, and learned that he and Heiki were in Nam together and they agreed to meet here for a reunion, but had not yet found a place to stay for the night. We took them over to our place and wined and dined them some more. Somewhere between his 17th and 42nd beer, Heiki became obnoxious and got worse after that. He kept making remarks about how disappointed Penny's folks must have been that she married an Irish guy and how next day he was going to take Marcus out on the lake next day and teach him how "real men" fish. Just before he passed out on the couch, Heiki told Penny "Tell your Irish husband to wake me up at 7:00 tomorrow morning." I was kind of irked and I did something very juvenile. I suggested to Marcus that we paint Heiki's nose bright red while he slept. Fortunately, Marcus was more mature and wouldn't hear of it. He said we should black Heiki's face, which we did.

At 7:00 the next morning I woke Heiki up and he immediately went into the bathroom to freshen up. As soon as he saw himself in the mirror he let out a whoop and came storming out with fire in his eyes. "You stupid Mick" he screamed, "you woke up the wrong guy!"

Best regards.

Frank Donnelly

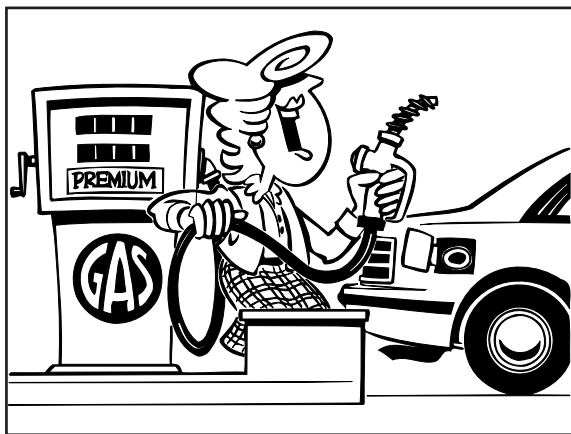
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- 1 Lawrence R. Green
- 1 Norman C. Henriksen
- 1 Calvin Wilkinson
- 2 Edward Korkoian
- 2 Shenandoah Wornica
- 3 Ray W. Knightstep
- 3 Robert J. Newman
- 4 Michael H. Cody
- 4 Roger J. Kunko
- 5 William P. Nettle
- 5 Darwin A. Sommers
- 6 Gene R. Guban
- 6 Robert W. Wirt Jr.
- 7 Michael O'Brien
- 8 Jerry R. Reynolds
- 9 Michael K. Donnelly
- 9 Chester J. Sodini
- 11 Phillip J. Bartolone
- 12 Patrick J. Hennessey
- 15 Murle Denney
- 15 Richard Shepler
- 16 George Patton
- 17 Randall McDonald
- 19 Robert A. McHugh
- 19 Andrew P. Misner Jr.
- 19 Wallace J. Smith
- 20 Paul R. Fry Sr.
- 20 Michael Hall
- 21 Glen D. Cordial
- 23 William R. Dyda
- 23 Paul M. Sauve
- 25 Kenneth McNeill
- 26 Raymond D. McMahan
- 27 Weldon R. Williams
- 30 Daniel Sawicki

NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEE

We are in need of a four year Trustee. If anyone is interested in this position, nominations will be taken at the November 9th Lodge meeting and balloting will occur at the same meeting.

Maureen Hackney
Lodge Secretary



Necrology:

Michael Lisi #5107
Initiated: 10/28/1998
D.O.B. 8/10/1930
D.O.D. 9/13/2006



Member's Information Corner:

Contact the lodge office if you know of a member who recently is deceased.
Thank you.

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- Euchre - 1
- Bob Artis - 1
- Don Leshner - 2
- Wally Smith - 1
- Tom & Kim Sydlowski - 1



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September 15, 2006
\$250.00 Larry Mack
\$100.00 Ellie Madson
\$100.00 Bob Garner

October 6, 2006
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\$100.00 Tim Mann
\$100.00 Larry Mack

Congratulations Winners!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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Exalted Ruler Recognition

I would like to recognize the following members for stepping up to run for the open Trustee position. There love and dedication to Our Lodge really shows.

Ed Harvey
Barb Dinkelmann
Shenandoan Wornica

I would like to extend a personal thank you to each of them for their support to myself and this great Lodge.

Mike Rearick, Exalted Ruler

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If you have not yet paid your 2006-07 dues, please remit as soon as possible to avoid being dropped from our rolls.

October 1, 2006 - 2nd 1/2 year dues are due.

Patron's to the Newsletter: (Thank you for your support!)

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Bradford, Shade	08/29/1922	A-6055-B
Harris, Albert	08/08/1922	A-6053-A
Richardson, Ronald C.	07/12/1945	A6013-A
Allen, Earnest	08/24/1938	A-6029B
Squires, Robert M.	04/11/1941	A-6015-A
Vinson, William J.	08/10/1917	A-6013-B
Norman, Robert L.	04/19/1936	A-6045-A
Krug, Clifford L.	09/22/1925	A-6019-B
Mardirosian, Deran	02/13/1922	A-6021-A
Henry, Robert L.	08/19/1940	A-6043=A

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5	Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm 6	Wapiti Meeting 7	Lunch Specials 8 BOG Meeting	Euchre 9 LODGE MEETING 7:30 pm	Newsletter Deadline 10 Karaoke Night	Food Drive Kickoff 11 Vendor Fair Turkey Dinner Gas Card Raffle Euchre
12	13	14	Lunch Specials 15	Euchre 16	Club 100 Drawing 17	Euchre 18
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26	27	28	Lunch Specials 29	Euchre 30		

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Memorial Service 3	Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm 4	Wapiti Meeting 7:00 pm 5	Lunch Specials 6	Euchre 7	Karaoke Night 8	Euchre 9
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17	18	19	Lunch Specials 20	Euchre 21	Karaoke Night 22 No Party Party	Euchre 23
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