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HONOREES 2008-2009

Elk of the Year.....Jim Flanigen
Officer of the Year.....Bob McHugh
Sweetheart of Elksdom.....Kitty Arney



Members All

February marks the 152nd year the Elks have been in existence. That is a lot of years the Elks, through their charitable giving, have helped numerous individuals and organizations. February is the month we have our ritual contest. All new members must go through the ritual as part of their indoctrination into the Order.

The purpose of ritual. (Copied from the "White Ritual Book".)

"The whole purpose of the exemplification of the ritual is to impress the candidate with the lesson it teaches. The ceremony should be presented at all times from this standpoint. There is no activity through out Elkdom that more consistently and continually furthers the fundamental principles of our Order than a dignified and impressive rendition of the ritual.

The first impressions are usually the most lasting and the opportunity for Lodge Officers to impress the candidate with the principles of our Order is on the night they are initiated. It must be remembered that the first knowledge of the aims and principals of Elkdom is experienced when a candidate is being inducted as an Elk. Therefore, one of the most important contributions the officers of all Lodges can make is an impressive induction of a candidate into our Order."

Winning or losing a contest is not as important as the impressions we make on a candidate entering our Lodge. The Officers of this Lodge welcome your support on Feb. 20th. There will be a dinner and entertainment following.

Remember, if you have something you would like to relate to other members, you can do so on the Members Page. It can be one sentence or one or two paragraphs. Please send to editor Jim Carpenter by way of e-mail.

Fraternally yours;
David Fett; Exalted Ruler

ELKS

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**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF
OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES
(DURING THE LODGE MEETING)**

NOMINATIONS, THURSDAY

February 11, 2010

ELECTION, THURSDAY

February 25, 2010



Members Corner

Bill, Jim, and Scott were at a convention together and were sharing a large suite on the top of a 75 story sky scraper. After a long day of meetings they were shocked to hear that the elevators in their hotel were broken and they would have to climb 75 flights of stairs to get to their room. Bill said to Jim and Scott, let's break the monotony of this unpleasant task by concentrating on something interesting. I'll tell jokes for 25 flights, and Jim can sing songs for 25 flights, and Scott can tell sad stories the rest of the way. At the 26th floor Bill stopped telling jokes and Jim began to sing. At the 51st floor Jim stopped singing and Scott began to tell sad stories. "I will tell my saddest story first," he said. "I left the room key in the car!"

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Susie's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Things looked grim, but she was by his bedside every single day. One day as he slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come close to him. She pulled the chair close to the bed and leaned her ear close to be able to hear him.

"You know" he whispered, his eyes filling with tears, "you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck right beside me. When my business went under, there you were. When we lost the house, you were there. When I got shot, you stuck with me. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. "And you know what?"

"What, dear?" she asked gently, smiling to herself.

"I think you're bad luck."



2010 Lodge Events

February-10

- 2 Trustees Mtg
- 7 Super Bowl Sunday
- 8 Board of Governors Mtg
- 9 Wapiti Mtg
- 11 Lodge Mtg
- 12 Valentines Dinner/Ent.
- 22 Board of Governors Mtg
- 25 Lodge Mtg
- 26 Big Chief Night/Karaoke Contest

March-10

- 2 Trustees Mtg.
- 8 Board of Governors Mtg
- 9 Wapiti Mtg
- 11 Lodge Mtg.
- 12 Ent./Club Room
- 17 St. Pat's Party
- 20 Vendor Fair 10a-4p
- 22 Board of Governors Mtg
- 25 Lodge Mtg.
- 26 Ent.Club Room

Note: Please check your monthly newsletter for additional information on events.

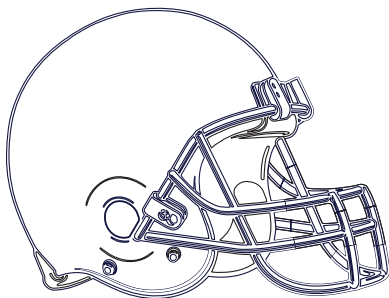
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SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 7th @ 5PM
Drink Specials at Kick-Off!

Bring a dish to share while you enjoy the game with hourly drink specials.

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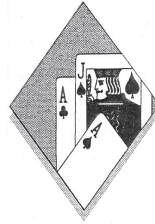
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7:00 pm start time



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Tuesday Drink Special

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Visit our new updated web site at
<http://www.royaloakelks.com>



For all for the latest information regarding Lodge 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.

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Thank you for your support.

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Note: * indicates final month - time to renew!

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Kathy Vereecke

Chuck & Kerin Wear

Chuck & Ann Marie Weber

Under The Antlers

Members and Friends

February brings a multitude of events at our lodge. First, I would like to thank Kitty Arney along with Mike Cody and Ed Harvey for setting up the Friday night dinner schedule for February and March. This shows that when we work together great goals are accomplished. You will see on your refrigerator page the menu and price for each dinner. Plan ahead and come on down and enjoy a delicious bill of fare for the evening.

You will also notice entertainment listed if we are having any. Currently our shuffle board tournament is happening.

February 7, is Super Bowl Sunday. We will be having our traditional pot luck dinner along with "JF Spin the Wheel" drink specials.

We will have our delightful Valentine Dinner for your significant other, save a little and come to the lodge and entertain your sweetheart.

February 19 and 20, your lodge will be hosting the District Ritual Contest. Many dignitaries from across our district and state will be participating, judging the best ritual teams in our district. Come down and support your lodge as we will try and bring home the "Gold" this year.

Nomination and election of officers also occurs in February. I trust you will give this due consideration, attend the lodge meeting on February 11 and nominate the candidates you feel should head your lodge.

Election will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010. Ballots will be cast during the lodge meeting which begins at 7:30.

Fraternally yours,

Bill Dyda
Esteemed Leading Knight

Friday Night Dinner Schedule

Feb. 5	Goulash, garlic bread, salad and desert	\$6.00
Feb. 12	Valentines Day Dinner of beef tenderloin with mushroom caps, baked potatoes, green beans and dessert	\$9.00
Feb. 19	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00
Feb. 26	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00
Mar. 5	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00
Mar. 12	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00
Mar. 17	St. Patty's Day, Rueben's, corn beef and cabbage	\$6.00 & \$7.00
Mar. 19	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00
Mar. 26	Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert	\$7.00



February's Birthdays

- 1 James K. Hoomaian
- 2 Jim Carpenter
Ronald C. Golembiewski
Charles H. Jones
- 4 Russell E. Ditton
- 8 Mark K. Simmerson
Charles A. Weber
- 9 Matt Lixie
- 10 James Schaaasberg
- 11 James B. Petts
- 13 Ronald Figlan
- 15 Darrin Uhlig
- 16 Carl W. Beuthin
Jack Chapman
Robert D. Stewart
- 17 Salvatore Bellestri, Jr.
Lee W. Schumaker
Elnora Tunstall-Turner
- 19 William G. Giertz, Jr.
- 22 Bernard A. Williams
- 23 Charles Bailey
James Ronney, Jr.
- 26 Ralph E. Forbes
Hubert Lingerfelt
- 28 John (Jack) D. Schlau

February's Updates

365 Banks:

Joanne Backus
Club Room
Euchre Club
Kohl Family
Don Leshner – 2
Dee Huston
Neal Norman



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:

Proposed for Membership:

Jason Langa
2435 Hawkins
Royal Oak, MI 48073
Proposer: Darrin Uhlig

Necrology:

Gregory N. Adamkiewicz, #5298
Initiated: 6/23/2005
Born: 4/11/1950
Died: 12/15/2009

Membership Report:

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

The Golfer's Poem

In my hand I hold a ball,
White and dimpled, rather small.
Oh, how bland it does appear,
This harmless looking little sphere.
By its size I could not guess,
The awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath its spell,
I've wandered through the fires of hell.
My life has not been quite the same,
Since I chose to play this stupid game.
It rules my mind for hours on end,
A fortune it has made me spend.
It has made me yell, curse and cry,
I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called par,
If I can hit it straight and far.
To master such a tiny ball,
Should not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses,
And does exactly as it chooses.
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,
And even disappears before my eyes.
Often it will have a whim,
To hit a tree! Or take a swim!
With miles of grass on which to land,
It finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then has me offering up my soul,
If only it would find the hole.
It's made me whimper like a pup,
And swear that I will give it up.
And take to drink to ease my sorrow,
But the ball knows... I'll be back tomorrow.

Veteran's Corner

Veterans Message: Become part of Hide Program

by Roger R. True, PGER
Past Chairman

In 1948, the Elks of California donated 25,000 hides to our Order for the benefit of Veterans. This was the beginning of the Elks National Veterans Leather Program.

Today, Elks in twenty one states participate in this program. Last year, over 16,000 hides were collected, prepared, and shipped to tanneries for processing. The finished hides become craft kits, fingerless gloves for wheelchairbound Veterans, or craft leather for Veterans' hospital therapy and recreational programs.

In 2001, the Elks began a partnership with Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHV). In 2008, this non-profit organization produced 30,727 craft kits for Veterans in hospitals from leather we supplied, at no additional cost to the Elks. The kits come in various styles and assemble with relative ease into moccasins, pouches, handbags, and wallets.

To those hospitals with the proper leatherworking equipment, the Elks supplied over 6,000 square feet of leather in 2009. Skilled Veterans turn this raw material into various items, some approaching the level of art. The National Creative Arts Festival, sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, exhibits many items created from leather.

Our National Leather Program Chairman, Dennis McAleese (Mountain Home, AR Lodge No. 1714), last year distributed nearly 3,000 pairs of fingerless gloves for use by wheelchairbound Veterans. These are made of high quality leather, embossed with the Elks USA logo, and greatly prized by their owners. Elks Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives order the gloves for distribution at the facilities they serve, and there is no cost. McAleese also travels to special events sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and distributes the gloves personally to Veterans in wheelchairs.

Under the able leadership of McAleese, the Veterans Leather Program is growing every year. If your Lodge or state would like more information on participating in this program, please contact Dennis McAleese. Brochures about the program are available, at no cost, from our office in Chicago.

If you already collect hides, please do not ship them to a tannery before first consulting with Dennis. Over the last couple of years, there have been several changes in the tanneries we employ, and Dennis is the one to consult before shipping. Dennis is also the expert on collecting and preparing the hides, so do not hesitate to contact him. His contact information is: Dennis McAleese, Chairman, Veterans Leather Program, 384 County Road 852, Elizabeth, AR 72531-9603; telephone 870-488-5786; and E-mail, kdmc@mtnhome.

Wonders of the Wapati

2010 is here and now! I wish everyone a safe and healthy new year.

As the new year of 2010 begins, 2009 is locked in our memories. We will remember all of the new friendships, successful achievements, member commitment and true teamwork that were expressed during the year. However, those memories will be relived in 2010, because I know successful events will be planned, membership will increase and sincere commitment and teamwork will be shown. Now is the time to plan our upcoming events for the year. Ideas from all are very welcome. These ideas will become a reality, and success will be forthcoming. Please contact me directly with your thoughts if you are unable to attend our meetings. (586) 943-4968.

A quote for all:

"As I walk through life I've learned that your smile has a ripple effect that radiates out and eases minds and lifts spirits. Practice it!"

With a smile and respectfully yours,

Kathy Vereecke
Wapiti President

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



Nov. Drawings
Fri 11/6 & 11/20
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:

07/09/2009 Ginger Metzelburg
07/20/2009 Don Kirkham
08/07/2009 Bob Garner
08/21/2009 Bill & Betty Berrington
09/03/2009 Dave Fett
09/17/2009 Bob Edgerley
10/02/2009 Chuck Weber
10/16/2009 Helen Malega
11/06/2009 Bill & Betty Berrington
11/20/2009 Al Elias
12/04/2009 Norm Raymond
12/18/2009 Tom Dinkelmann
01/01/2010 Audrey Raymond

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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7 -Super Bowl Party	8 -BOG	9 -Wapati Meeting	10 -Newsletter Deadline	11 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	12 -Valentine's Dinner -Clubroom Ent. Beef tenderloin with mushroomcaps, baked potatoes, green beans and dessert. \$9.00	13 -Euchre
14	15	16	17	18 -Euchre	19 -Ritual Contest Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00	20 -Ritual Contest -Euchre
21	22 -BOG	23	24	25 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	26 -Karaoke Contest Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00	27 -Euchre
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14	15	16	17 -St. Patrick's Day Party Rueben's sandwich, corned beef, and cabbage. \$6.00 & \$7.00	18 -Euchre	19 Fish and chips, slaw, roll and dessert. \$7.00	20 -Vendor Fair -Euchre
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