

Farmington **Uks** Track

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From the ER:

At the beginning of July, I attended the Elks National Convention, this year held in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a wonderful venue, with a downtown setting, not unlike our own city of Detroit (not as nice, but similar). Total attendance was just under 7000 people and included Elks from all over the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Last years Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Luhr, is in fact the first GER to be from Alaska.

Elections are a big part of what we do at the National Convention, including electing a new GER. This year, we elected Robert L. Duitsman from Culver City, California as our new leader.

The convention itself is very inspiring, with committee leadership providing inspirational presentations. The keynote speaker was Uttam Dhillion. He is the acting head of the DEA, who encouraged the Elks to continue our hard work in the area of fighting drugs. He was a terrific speaker, engaged, and thoughtful, with a wonderful message.

There were also quite a few by-laws to be voted on. Most of them were procedural, but two stand out that I wanted to outline for you. The first was a proposition that the Lodge Board of Directors automatically include the Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer; this was voted down. The second was that all Lodges meet twice in the months of February, March, and April. This one was approved and we will start this in February.

And last I want to tell you about a very inspirational event that happened. The hotel that the Michigan delegation was staying at was the Hyatt where the back area is the home of the world famous Arch. While in the Michigan hospitality room, the idea came out that we should close the room at 10:45 and have our 11 O'Clock Toast on the grounds of the Arch. Several other states joined in and we ended up having 200 people, hand in hand listening to State President Chuck Oatten deliver this inspirational toast. This was a wonderful way to sort of conclude the convention. Oh, we had a few things to do the next day, including the swearing in of state officers, but in my mind, it was a great way to end a wonderful convention.

This was a great inspiring time, one that each and every Elk should participate in. Thanks for blessing me with this honor.

Fraternally Steve Luce

Happy 100th Birthday!

Best Wishes to our own Wilma Bliss.

For our newer members who may not know her, Wilma has been a part of our great Lodge since her late husband, Bill, joined in 1968. Bill was Exalted Ruler for 1974-75, then went on to be District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 1979-80.



The following year, Wilma took on the presidency of the Vivians, our ladies auxilliary, a group she was very active with until they finally gave up their charter. She also wrote a column for this newsletter from 1985 through April, 2013 called *Wilma's Korner*. *Wilma's Korner* was filled with birthdays, anniversaries, and all of the comings and goings of our Elks family.

There will be a Birthday Open House on August 9th from 2 until 5 PM at the Lodge. If you can't make it, send a card to Wilma, c/o Farmington Elks @ 30898 W. Ten Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. We are all hoping to have 100 cards for Wilma. Wouldn't that be great!

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Lodge Meetings

February - April — Ist & 3rd Wednesday of the month May - January — 3rd Wednesday of the month Meetings start at 8:00pm

Lounge Hours

4:00 - 10:00, Monday - Friday 1:00 - 6:00 Saturday - Sunday (July and August)

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Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lec	cturing Knight)

2019 - 2020 Committees

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Americanism Jennifer Chinn, PER248-476-19	986
Auditing Rick Milton 248-477-38	394
Drug Awareness Open	
Flag DaySteve Luce, PER248-921-3	
Gov. RelationsSteve Luce, PER248-921-3	
Gold Key Cris Doby 989-714-77	730
Hoop Shoot Bob Michela 517-740-12	232
Hoop Shoot Jennifer Chinn, PER 248-476-19	986
Lodge Activities Open	
Lodge Security Kevin Goshorn, PER248-996-5	991
Major Projects Jennifer Chinn, PER248-476-19	986
Membership Open	
Memorial Day Steve Luce, PER248-921-3	261
Nat'l Fndtn Kevin Goshorn, PER (Co-Chair) 248-996-59	991
Phyllis Mirling, PER (Co-Chair) 248-752-49	995
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Ritual Rick Lefevre, PER248-685-20)25
Scholarships Jennifer Chinn, PER248-421-63	349
VeteransSteve Luce, PER248-921-3	261
Youth Activities Open	

2019 - 2020 Building Corporation

Betty Jean Hebel - President, Jim Sockow - V. President Rick Brenz - Treasurer, Andrew Lauderback - Secretary, Tom Bozek, Bob Koenig and (Open)

2018-19 Lodge Award Winners

Elk of the Year: Jennifer Chinn, PER Officer of the Year: Bob Michela Citizen of the Year: Jennifer Milton GER Award: Gary Gundle GER Award: Jennifer Chinn, PER

Monday is Burger Night!

(Open to the Public Mondays Only through the end of August)

5 PM - 8 PM

Grilled 1/3 lb Sirloin Burger with chips, lettuce, tomato, onions, mustard & ketchup — only \$2.25



Add cheese for only \$.25 more

Clean Up Help Needed!

Saturday, August 17, 2019 9 AM - Noon

Lodge summer clean up time.

If you can spare some time and muscle, we can use your help in sprucing up the Lodge, inside and out.

Thank You Corner

2019 Farmington Founders Festival

Please thank these folks for spending their time volunteering at the Festival July 18-20 selling 50/50 tickets in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, and selling and serving drinks at the 'beer tent' on July 21: Jen & Marty Chinn, Cris Doby, Susan Duquette, Cliff Fogleman, Laura Galloway, Alan Huet, Gary Luce, Steve Luce, Jim & Judy Madigan, Bob Michela and Cindy & Rich Shelley.

It was a hot weekend but we made a little bit of money to help further our charitable endeavors. We hope to be a part of the festival again next year.



2019-2020 Events

August 9 Fish Fry

10 Farmers Mkt Corn Roast

17 Lodge Cleanup

Frogmore Stew Feast

Sept 8 Golf Banquet

14 Farmers Market - Italian Sausage

21 Pinochle

Oct 5 MSU-OSU Game

12 Halloween Party

19 Pinochle

Nov 3 DST Ends

9 Pinochle

11 Veterans Day

12 Turkey Dinner

16 UM-MSU Game

30 UM-OSU Game

Dec 1 Memorial Service 1 PM

7 Wine Tasting

14 Pinochle

I5 Kids Xmas Party 1 PM

2020

Jan 4 Ugly Sweater Party

18 Pinochle

25 White Elephant Party

Feb 2 Super Bowl

8 Glow Ball Tournament

15 Pinochle

16 Daytona 500

March 14 Bowl-a-thon

21 Pinochle

Flower Fund Reminder

The Lodge Flower Fund is still underfunded. We don't budget for this, but rely on the generosity of our members. A container has been set up in the lobby and we welcome any and all donations,



big or small. Extra loose change in your pocket? We'll take it. Won a 50/50 and feeling generous? We will gladly accept a portion of it.

Please donate. Someday you may be the one on the receiving end.

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2020 MVS Scholarships

The 2020 MVS application will open on *August 5, 2019*. The 2020 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.

Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. High school graduates are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Application deadline is November 5, 2019 at 11:59 PM Central Time Zone.

Awards:

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 fouryear scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2020 competition.

Male and female students compete separately.

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 2020 500 national winners in late April 2020. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

The 20 top finalists will participate in an all expenses paid Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

(From Grand Lodge website)

Need a gift idea?

Gift Certificates for the Dining Room and Bar are always available at the Office. Just check with Jen.

Corn Roast



Saturday, August 10 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Downtown Farmington at the Farmers' Market
\$1 ears of corn
Freshly grilled and dipped in butter
Volunteers Needed - Sign up at the Lodge

(If you can't make it for the Corn Roast, watch for more info on the Farmington Italian American Day in September.)

Ist Annual Frogmore Stew Feast

(aka Low Country Boil)



Saturday, Aug 17th 5pm - 8pm

NO, there is no Frog. It's "Frogmore"! Onions, lemons, smoked sausage, new potatoes, bay leaves, fresh corn and SHRIMP!

With secret seasoning, then sprinkled with Old Bay!

ONLY \$15! - Sign Up at the Bar by August 14

(Frogmore Stew gets its name from a place that has only a post office on one side of the road and a two-story white country store on the other. Frogmore is the mailing address for the residents of St. Helena Island just off the South Carolina coast. The town was named by John Grayson, an early owner, named after his ancestral English country estate in England.)

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August 9th Fish Fry

If you missed the July 12th Fish Fry, you missed another GREAT one. Our cook (Gary Groves), waitresses (Laurie Kuznia & Dana Glinski), prep person (Denise Pistonetti), & dish washer (Zack Goshorn) who all contribute to the success of these Fish Frys were at their best. Compliments on the event came from all who attended. We still are not getting large crowds but hopefully after the nice weather and the summer vacations are done we will start getting more of our members back out to enjoy these great evenings.

Hopefully you will be with us at our next Fish Fry on Friday, August 9th. See you at the Elks.

FISH FRY MENU

Cod Dinner Fried 2 pcs \$8.95 3 pcs \$9.95

Broiled 2 pcs \$9.95 3 pcs \$10.95

Shrimp Dinner (Fried or Sautéed) 7 pcs \$10.95

Dinners come with coleslaw, roll and your choice of baked potato, fries or tots.

Chicken Wing Dings with choice of baked potato,

fries or tots 8 pcs \$8.95

Hamburger w/lettuce & tomato \$4.95

With chips \$5.45

With fries or tots \$6.45

Cheese - add \$0.25

(Tax and gratuity not included.)

August Birthdays

- 1 Edward L Campbell
- 2 Michael C McGrath
- 3 James E Templin
- 5 Beverly L Carr
- Alan Huet
- 8 Jim Madigan
- 10 Howard Sikra
- 16 Joyce E Strong
 Brent Thorne
- 17 Carla May Lucas
- 19 James A Clark
- 21 Billy L Vance
- 22 Andrew Larson
- 23 Edward E Caughell
- 24 Robert Remick
- 25 Eldon C Dillon

Russell Masura

Melvin E Orchard

- 27 Danny Duhani
- 29 Steven Luce

Donations

Pink MMP Banks:

Annonymous

Bill Ford

Ted Kulisz-2

Julie Kula

Bob & May Koenig-2

Norm Slessor

Marcy Hornsby-Mohr

Mary Ellen Robinson

Barney & Geri Skop

Gold Key Banks: Phyllis Evans

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Present this coupon within	30 days of your	birthday and receive	\$5.00 off your	food or beverage bill.

Name

Birth Date _____

Membership #

Note: Limit one (1) coupon per member per year.

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Look Backward And Forward To Build Elkdom

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler ROBERT L. DUITSMAN

As was the case with most people who have joined our great fraternity over the years, it never occurred to me that someday I might become its National President. It is the culmination of a long journey, with many twists and turns. I have met and developed relationships with fine and dedicated men and women whom I am very happy to call my friends. At its core, friendships are what Elkdom is all about, and I am very proud to have been given this wonderful opportunity to serve our Order.

I see the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as an organization dedicated to doing good works while having a good time doing them. From the countless projects our Lodges engage in within their local communities, to the help they extend to those in need, to our scholarship programs, to the support of our veterans, to supporting the values and causes that have made our country the greatest in the world, the Elks have a long tradition of



service in a wide variety of areas. I've lost track of how many times new Members have said they wanted an opportunity to get involved, to give back, and to be part of something greater than themselves. At its best, Elkdom gives its Members all of those opportunities.

My motto for this year is "Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future." Its significance to me is that, as Elks, we need to be mindful of the many great works we have accomplished over the last 150 years, and with a spirit of optimism, move forward together to grow our membership, work our programs, and promote our brand.

By "Honoring the Past" my goal is to emphasize the richness of our traditions, the things we have accomplished, the importance of our rituals, and the quality and character of our Members, that together have made the Elks the premier fraternal organization in the United States. There is a lot of history for every Elk to be aware of and take pride in; it is what makes us special.

By "Embracing the Future" I want to share my optimism that our Order is capable of great things. As a result of our history, the benefit of our experience in so many areas, the good-hearted men and women who are involved in their Lodges and care so deeply for their success, and with the financials upport of our Great Heart of Elkdom, the Elks National Foundation, we will continue the journey together toward an even greater future.

To our friends, Mike and Barbara Luhr, Beth and I extend our sincere appreciation for your friendship and year of service, and your steady leadership that has seen our Order achieve many successes. You both are truly the best Elkdom has to offer.

Beth and I look forward to the coming year as we travel around the country, hearing about and sharing in the great works being done every day by Elks. Again, thank you for this unique opportunity.



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August, 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 28	29	30	31	August 1	2	3
Club Open 1-6 PM Look for calendar up http://tinyurl.	Club Open 4 PM Burger Monday dates on the web at: com/99urhlo	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 1-6 PM
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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