



Farmington Elks Track

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THE TRADITION REMAINS THE SAME

As we approach the holiday season, our thoughts turn once again to the joy of giving.

There is rarely a lodge at Christmastide which does not in some way enhance its own wealth by giving to others and sharing its own material happiness what a great thrill to kindle in the eyes of the less fortunate, both children and adults, the light of unexpected happiness.

A true Elk does not stop, however, with the delight at sharing just at Christmas.

He will give of himself, he will give of his time and energies and his thoughts throughout all year.

He will extend the hand of friendship and lift the burdens of others.

Elkdom knows no season to be generous, not only generosity of bounty but a beneficence of kindness that bespeaks good cheer comort and understanding of those who have not yet learned to live or know the principles of our Order.

G.E.R. Glen L. Miller

From the ER:

As we review the words of a Past Exalted Ruler and think of the month before us, we think of what type of organization we have. One whose belief in Charity is the most important belief we have.

Charity comes in many forms from many directions this time of year. Clothing, food, gloves, hats, toys, are all donated by the American Legion, the VFW, Goodfellows, Odd Fellows, Salvation Army, Moose, and most importantly, in my humble opinion, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We all perform these charitable tasks with joy, giving these items freely.

But sometimes we forget to honor the people we cherish the most, family. Our family is not only made up of brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, etc., it is another part of our families that perhaps can be forgotten — our Elks family. These people are the ones that we spend a great deal of time with. Planning events, having meetings, and putting together lodge activities.

While we know these people very well, they could have issues in life that require kindness and a good word spoken to them. Reach out to a member that might be feeling alone in this very rough time of year. The right word at the right time can be a powerful comfort in someone's daily being.

We have a lot of activities this month, as outlined in this newsletter. Make sure that the most important is showing and sharing the love that all of humankind can show to each other.

Merry Christmas
Steve Luce

Elks Memorial Service

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

Family and Friends are invited to join us.

Gone but not forgotten...



Alfred W. Freude
James F. Crouse
Daniel M. MacDonald
Robert L. Wiggins, Jr.
Donald C. Warthman

Richard A. Mullen, PER
Robert J. Lane, Jr.
Gerald Parent
Donald H. Kaump
Kenneth W. Fowler

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Lodge Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
(Except July & August)
Meetings start at 8:00pm

Lounge Hours

4:00 - 10:00, Monday – Friday
4:00 - 10:00 Saturday (open earlier for events)
3:00 - 9:00 Sundays (open earlier for events)

Office Manager – Jennifer Chinn, PER
Phone: (248) 476-1986
Fax: (248) 426-8767
Elks1986@yahoo.com

Office Hours 10:00 – 4:00, Monday – Friday

Lodge Secretary – Tom Killiany, DVC
Elks1986@gmail.com

Office Hours 6:00 – 8:00 PM Monday & Wednesday
or by appointment

Internet Sites

Website: <http://elks1986.weebly.com>
Calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/99urhlo>
Facebook: Look for Farmington Elks #1986

Tracks

Newsletter Article Deadline – 17th of the month
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Exalted Ruler Steve Luce.....248-921-3261
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Loyal Knight..... Open.....
Lecturing Knight Open.....
Secretary..... Tom Killiany, DVP248-974-5663
Treasurer Bob Koenig..... 248-474-6405
Esquire Greg Larscheidt..... 248-515-4709
Inner Guard Open.....
Tiler Teresa Leithead.....
Chaplain Open.....
Lodge Piper Todd Wyber248-228-0725

Board of Directors

Gary Gundle 1 Year Trustee.....248-477-1939
Bob Michela, Chairman.2 Year Trustee.....517-740-1232
Kevin Goshorn, PER.....3 Year Trustee.....248-996-5991
Fred McGrath4 Year Trustee... 248-345-8490
Eldon Dillon5 Year Trustee... 248-956-8967
(Board of Directors also includes Exalted Ruler, Leading
Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight)

2018 – 2019 Committees

Accident Prev.Kevin Goshorn, PER.....248-996-5991
AP Co-Chairman..... Thomas Bozek.....248-476-5793
Americanism Open.....
Auditing Rick Milton
Drug Awareness Open.....
Flag DayKevin Goshorn, PER.....248-996-5991
Gov. Relations Steve Luce.....248-921-3261
Hoop ShootBob Michela.....517-740-1232
Lodge Activities.....Jennifer Milton248-477-3894
Lodge Security.....Kevin Goshorn, PER.....248-996-5991
Major Projects.....Jennifer Chinn, PER 248-476-1986
MembershipTodd Wyber248-228-0725
Memorial Day.....Kevin Goshorn, PER248-996-5991
Nat'l Fndtn... Kevin Goshorn, PER (Co-Chair) 248-996-5991
.....Phyllis Mirling, PER (Co-Chair) . 248-752-4995
Public Relations..... Phyllis Evans..... 313-286-6343
ScholarshipsJennifer Chinn, PER248-421-6349
Veterans Steve Luce.....248-921-3261
Youth Activities Open.....

2018 – 2019 Building Corporation

Betty Jean Hebel - President, Jerry Holcomb - V. President
Rick Brenz - Treasurer, Andrew Lauderback - Secretary,
Tom Bozek, Gary Gundle and Bob Koenig

2017-18 Lodge Award Winners

Elk of the Year: Carol Clark
Officer of the Year: Paul Masciarelli
Citizen of the Year: Jennifer Milton
GER Award: Laurie Kuznia
GER Award: Jennifer Chinn, PER

2018-2019 Events

Dec	2	Memorial Service
	9	Children's Christmas Party
	15	Pinochle
Jan	29	Ugly Xmas Sweater Party
	12	Glow Ball Tournament
	13	Metro Dist Mtg
	19	Pinochle
Feb	26	White Elephant Party
	3	Super Bowl Sunday
	6	Nominations
	16	Pinochle
	20	Election of Officers
Mar	23	ENF Reverse Raffle
	2	9-Ball Tourney
	16	Pinochle
	30	Installation of Officers



Elks & Goodfellows Christmas Projects

Last call for hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. Any questions? Talk to Laurie Kuznia, Tony Ferrante or check with the office.

Farmington Area Goodfellows are in need of new toys and new books for children newborn - 12 years old and canned/boxed foods (expiration date 2019) for their 2018 Holiday Assistance Program supporting deserving families and seniors living in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Items may be dropped off at the following locations from now till December 21, 2018:

Farmington City Hall and Farmington Public Library
Liberty Street, Farmington 48335

or

Farmington Hills City Hall and Costick Center
Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336

Monetary donations may be made by going to our website <http://www.goodfellows.info> or by mail to:

Farmington Area Goodfellows
31455 West Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Thanks,
Judy
Secretary
248.986.1111
248.986.1010 fax
fagoodfellows@gmail.com

Incentive Time!

Know someone who would like to join the Elks? Give them an application. Can't get to the Lodge to pick one up? Online info to the rescue. Invitations and applications are available at the Grand Lodge website at:

<https://www.elks.org/members/emasFAQ.cfm>

Any member who sponsors someone will be eligible for a \$25 gift certificate to be used at the Lodge once the new member has been initiated. Have five friends or relatives join and get five certificates. The more the merrier.



Usually, I'm fairly flexible with deadlines for the Elks Track, but December is the one month that I can't do that. Greenman's Printing — best printer in the area! — closes between Christmas and New Year's Day. That means that this year the files must be uploaded to them by December 19th. I have set the absolute deadline as Sunday, December 16th. Please help me out and send all material for the January Elks Track early.

Would you like to become a Track Patron?
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The cost is only \$20 per year.

Contact the Lodge Secretary, Office Manager Jen Chinn or Editor Phyllis Evans for more information.

Notice of Proposed By-Law and House Rule Changes

At the regular Lodge meeting on October 17, 2018 revisions to both the Lodge By-Laws and House Rules were proposed in writing, read on the floor and laid over for a vote.

By-Law Change:

Current By-Law: ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August, in which the Lodge shall meet on the third Wednesday.

Proposed Change:

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Summary: Proposal would change the current requirement of holding two Lodge meetings per month to requiring only one Lodge meeting per month.

House Rule Change:

Current House Rule #16 (April, 2014)

In respect of our absent members, hats/headwear will not be worn at the bar. Exceptions may be granted by the bartender on duty or any elected officer present.

Proposed Change:

Eliminate House Rule 16.

By order of the Exalted Ruler, discussion and voting on these proposed changes will take place at the regular Lodge meeting, convening at 8pm, on December 5, 2018.

Thomas Killiany, PER
Lodge Secretary
Farmington Elks #1986

Ref: Grand Lodge Annotated Statutes, Section 17.060.

Amendments or revisions by By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules of a Lodge shall be proposed in writing, read at a regular meeting of the Lodge and laid over for a vote at a regular Lodge meeting to be held not less than two **(2)** weeks nor more than eight **(8)** weeks thereafter. Notice setting forth the full proposed amendment or revision of the By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules shall be sent to all members at least ten **(10)** days before the regular meeting at which the proposed amendment or revision is to be voted upon. A majority vote of Members at the meeting shall be required for adoption.

\$5.00 Off Birthday Coupon

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.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY DEC. 9, 2018
10AM- 12PM

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES
AND SAUSAGE, CRAFTS, AND
A VISIT FROM SANTA



CALL THE LODGE OFFICE
TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN NO LATER
THAN DECEMBER 5TH. PLEASE INCLUDE THE GENDER AND
AGE OF EACH CHILD TO HELP SANTA WITH HIS SHOPPING.

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER - OLDER CHILDREN
MAY BE SANTA'S HELPERS!



Glow Pool Tournament

\$20 per couple

Partners can be any combination
(male/male, female/female, male/female)

Saturday January 12th
5:00 PM

Pizza and Other Snacks Provided

"Glo pool" is an 8 ball billards game
played in the dark with special fluorescent
lighting and glowing billiard balls

All regular 8 Ball rules apply
This is a fun event, friendly competition, all skill levels
Sign Up behind the bar or by calling the office



**DETROIT
LIONS**

**Potluck
Dinner**

The Club will be open at 1 PM on December
2, 16, 23 & 30 for the Detroit Lions games.

Dinner? Potluck! (Bring a dish to pass.)

Hoop Shoot Results

Putting this article in the track each year is a very hard thing to do. The program takes a lot of time and effort by so many and then the results come in.

We only had 3 participants in this year's Hoop Shoot and that number is always less than what we would like to see. However, the good news is that when I call on the volunteers to help us put on this event each year, **THEY ARE THERE.**

My many thanks to (in alphabetical order) Tom Bozek, Jen Chinn, Eldon Dillon, Gary Gundle, Gretta Horton, Bob Koenig, Greg Larscheidt, Jim, Judy, Jack & Max Madigan. And an extra special thanks to Laura Galloway who just went way beyond to help us put this event together. You all are just super. Your Lodge **Thanks You** for your continual support.

PASS PINOCHLE NEWS:



Winter is upon us with the recent snowfall. We played too late in October to be included in the last newsletter, but here are the winners:

OCT. WINNERS:

1st Rick Lefevre	697
2nd Orrie Milazzo	648
3rd Gerry Lefevre	647
Good Sport - Mary Galloway	245

NOV. WINNERS:

1st Dolores Hommel	690
2nd Ron Bozek	595
3rd Mary Ann Pilszak	572
Good Sport - Ralph Zerbonia	292

We had a wonderful turnout for Nov. with 30 players. We welcomed new players, Orie Milazzo, Ron and Gloria Bozek, and Mary Ann Pilszak.

Bring a partner and come join us for our next date, December 15th. Have a Merry Christmas everyone.

2019 Dates: Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th, March 16th

See you all soon at the Lodge.

Jim, Pat, Bob & May

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MICHAEL T. LUHR

***Enjoy holiday festivities but
beware 'vacuum effect'***

December is here and it's time to enjoy our carefully planned holiday celebrations. What's your favorite holiday event? Is it a special dinner with family and close friends? Is it an office celebration? Is it rooting for your favorite college football team during bowl season? Or is it a special holiday function at your Local Lodge? Maybe it's all of the above.

Like any important holiday event, a successful Elks Memorial Service program requires careful preparation. This solemn event, held on Sunday Dec. 2, is an opportunity to invite non-Members to honor the lives and contributions of our dearly departed Brothers and Sisters. This is our chance to show the public that "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."

With so many Lodge activities in December, it's important to maintain focus on January to avoid the "vacuum effect" we sometimes experience after the busy holiday season. Start planning your January events and make sure they're posted in your Lodge Bulletin in order to maintain the high levels of excitement you established during December.

Now is also the perfect time to update entries for All-American Lodge Contest "A." Go to elks.org and locate these forms under the "Fraternal Committee" section. When you fill in the entries, you will likely discover that your Lodge is doing even more than you thought. Keep updating this form each month, and be sure to send it to your DDGER postmarked no later than March 15. Save a copy so you can compare it to next year's contest entry to see how your Lodge is progressing. This contest is your opportunity to proudly track what your Lodge does for your community, so use it to increase your visibility in a positive way.

December 31 is also this year's ENF grant deadline, so you should already have plans in place to use these grants to help your community and improve the image of your Lodge. Your Auditing & Accounting Committee should also be preparing for its January report. The end of another Elks' year fast approaches, and it's important that this committee maintain a high level of focus.

Barb and I sincerely hope you have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Blessed New Year. We also hope that you enter the new year with resolutions in place that will make your Lodge stronger than ever before. The time we spend "Working Together To Make A Difference" will undoubtedly reap major rewards.



Annual Lodge ENF Reverse Raffle

Tickets are now available for our 6th annual Reverse Raffle benefiting the Elks National Foundation. These tickets can be purchased in the Lodge office or from any bartender. The date & time of the drawing will be Saturday, February 23, 2019 starting at 6:00pm. The cost of each ticket is \$20.00 and is limited to only 200 tickets sold. How it works:

1st & every 25th ticket drawn wins \$50.00

3rd from last ticket drawn wins \$100.00

2nd from last ticket drawn wins \$250.00

Last ticket drawn wins \$1,000.00

Thank you for your support in advance, and remember, winners need not be present to win.

December Birthdays

4th	Jan Klamik
5th	Tom Qualls
6th	Carl Seyler
7th	Carol Clark
9th	James Rogers
12th	Ed Norton, PER
13th	Stephen Morawa
17th	Charles Remus
18th	Greg Larscheidt
19th	Rebecca Sockow
20th	Phyllis Mirling, PER
23rd	Kevin Goshorn, PER
	Gerardo D'Adamo
26th	Laverne Eady
27th	Rick Lefevre, PER
	Gary Luce
28th	Larry Gauthier
	Clifford Page
31st	Craig Drew
	Orie Milazzo
	Steve Magyari, PER

Need a gift idea?

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

Track Patrons

Wilma Bliss
 Tom & Marcia Bozek
 Ed & Ann Campbell
 Marty & PER Jen Chinn
 Rod & Maggoe Chubb
 James Collins
 Eldon & Carolyn Dillon
 David & Susan Duquette
 Laverne Eady
 William Ellis
 Phyllis Evans
 Tony & Marianne Ferrante
 PER Bill Ford
 Doug & Shirley Gembis
 PER Kevin Goshorn
 Andrea Hall
 Bill Hampton
 PER Joseph & Barbara Homick
 Jane Hopper
 Doug Kanack
 Tom Killiany, DVP
 Bob & May Koenig
 Ted & Betty Kulisz

Jim Lademan
 PER Rick & Gerry Lefevre
 PER Jim & Judy Madigan
 PER Steve Magyari
 Laurine McDonnell
 Fred & Sherry Bevis-McGrath
 Bob Michela
 Rick & Jenn Milton
 John & PER Phyllis Mirling
 Phyllis Misenar
 Henry & Lutie Moore
 Richard Neff
 Raymond Okonski
 Marjorie Perkins
 Don & Judy Robinson
 Nancy & Jim Rogers
 Taljit Sandhu
 Annie Saviniemi
 James & Pat Sockow
 Billy Vance
 Stanley Wilkins
 Earl Wolfe, PDVP
 PER Al & Sharon Young

In Memory Of

Robert Bacon
 John Beach, PER
 William Bliss, PDDGER
 Betty Dahlstrom
 Bill Dicks
 Laurie Eady
 Richard Evans, PER
 Marian Ford
 Andrea Kay Goshorn
 Paul & Wanita Horton
 Jake Jenkins
 Gerre Kanack
 Pamela Killiany

Marcia Larscheidt
 Patricia Hahn Larscheidt
 Leo Lefevre
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December, 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>November 25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>December 1</i>
Club Open 3 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM		Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
Elks Memorial - 1 PM Lions Potluck	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	7:00 PM PER Mtg 8:00 PM Lodge Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Breakfast 9 AM-Noon
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
Kids Xmas Party 10 AM-Noon	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	6:00 PM House Comm 7:30 PM Bd of Dir Mtg	Club Open 4 PM Wing Dings	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM Pinochle 7 PM
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
Club Open 1 PM Lions Potluck Track Deadline 	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	6:30 PM Bldg Corp Mtg 8:00 PM Lodge Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Breakfast 9 AM-Noon
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
Club Open 1 PM Lions Potluck	Christmas Eve	Merry Christmas to All Lodge Closed		Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>January 1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
Club Open 1 PM Lions Potluck	New Years Eve		7:00 PM PER Mtg 8:00 PM Lodge Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Look for calendar updates on the web at: http://tinyurl.com/99urhlo	