



Farmington Elks Track

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From the ER:

Wow, it seems like we roared through fall and went directly into winter. One minute the leaves were on the trees, the next minute they were gone. Now, it's time for the holidays.

Thanksgiving, with turkey and all the trimmings is already past us and Christmas is just three weeks away. The joy of the Elks Kids Christmas Party is in two weeks. For children, it is a most magical time of year, with beauty all around. Trees, ornaments, tinsel, wreaths and decorations throughout the home. Adults, as well, get to enjoy the miracle of Christmas — with bills included!

Look around your Lodge and see how beautifully it is decorated and give a big thank you to all of our volunteers for the time they gave to your Lodge. However, let's not forget the reason for the season, the birth of our savior.

Which brings us to one of the key reasons we are Elks; charity. This season we should all take the time to look around and see who there is in our circle of friends, family or acquaintances that we could help. Help can come in many ways: financial, with a meal, gifts, or in many cases, just giving your time. Sometimes, that's all people really need and want.

Finally, be nice. This is your Lodge, a Lodge that has 200+ members who should all be treated with the utmost respect and most importantly, love.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. Have a blessed holiday season.

Forever fraternally yours,
Steven Luce, Exalted Ruler



Elks Memorial Service

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 1:00 P.M.
Family and Friends are invited to join us.

Gone but not forgotten...



David Duquette
Joseph S. Homick, PER
Fredrick J. McGrath
Waine D. (Doug) Kanack
Ralph Parry
John F. Shalhoub, PER
Richard J. Cuff
Bradley D. Marx

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Lodge Meetings

February - April — 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
May - January — 3rd Wednesday of the month
Meetings start at 8:00pm

Lounge Hours

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Monday – Friday
4:00 PM - Close Saturday (open earlier for events)
1:00 PM - Close Sundays

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Lodge Secretary – Tom Killiany, PER
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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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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

Notice: For those with internet access, you can now download the Track each month in color in Adobe PDF format at <http://elks1986.weebly.com/newsletters.html>

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The cost is only \$20 per year.
Contact the Lodge Secretary, Office Manager
or Editor for more information.
Remember, your ads help defray the cost of
printing and First Class mailing.

2019-2020 Events

Dec	1	Memorial Service 1 PM
	14	Breakfast Pinochle
	15	Kids Xmas Party 1 PM
	28	Breakfast
2020		
Jan	4	Ugly Sweater Party
	11	Breakfast
	18	Pinochle
	25	Breakfast White Elephant Party
Feb	2	Super Bowl
	8	Breakfast Glow Ball Tournament
	15	Pinochle
	16	Daytona 500
	22	Breakfast
March	7	9 Ball Tourney
	14	Bowl-a-thon
	21	Pinochle



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 Monday, December 16th. Please help me out and send all material for the January Elks Track early.

Hoop Shoot Time

Annual Hoop Shoot (Free Throw) Competition for boys and girls who have reached the age of 8 but not older than 13 as of April 1, 2020.



This year's competition is Saturday, December 14th, with registration starting at 9am at East Middle School on Middlebelt between 10 & 11 Mile Roads. Competition will start as soon as all participants are registered.

We will be visiting the schools in our area to ask them to encourage qualified students to participate. We also hope you will talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors with eligible children, and encourage them to participate in this very worthwhile competition.

Call Jen Chinn at the Lodge office (248-476-1986) for more information or check the postings at the Lodge.

Pass Pinochle News:

Hello Winter, and Merry Christmas to all our fellow Elks. We continue to have a good turnout for our pinochle with 6 ½ tables of players for November.



The winners:

1st	Eldon Dillon	664
2nd	Willie Mueller	651
3rd	May Koenig	631

Good Sport - Mary Ann Coopersmith 320

Our next dates to play are December 14th & January 18th. Bring your partner, friend or neighbor and join our fun group. Have a blessed Christmas and may all good things be yours in the new year 2020. See you all soon at the Lodge.

Jim, Pat, Bob & May



Childrens Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 15th, 1:00 P.M.

*Please sign up your kids, grandkids and great grandkids, 12 years old and under,
No Later Than Dec. 10th.*

*Be sure to give your child's name, gender & age.
We will have lunch and ornament making, then
Santa will come for a visit and have a gift for
each child. Call the Lodge at 248-476-1986
with your information. Thank you. We look
forward to seeing all the kids.*

Pat Sockow & Bette Smith



The Elk Membership Card

From Greg Larscheidt

I hold in my hand a little piece of paper 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in an Elks Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Elks to Practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity in every word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my fellow members; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among friends

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to defend and protect mine as I have sworn to defend and to protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Elk on the face of the earth hands of every Elk on the on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that, and a great deal more, this little card, makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends that are numbered in the thousands.

And finally, when my final exit from this stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends who will recall to mind my virtues, though they may be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.



Halloween Party

The kids had a great time, thanks to the efforts of Bette Smith and Pat Sockow

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

Charlevoix Elks #2856 Presents Northern Michigan Elks Open

Saturdays (3 Dates Available)

Feb 22 / Feb 29 / Mar 7



1 PM Registration – 2 PM Bowl
\$75 each

Includes delicious prime rib dinner served after
bowling at the Charlevoix Elks from 6-8 PM
Additional dinners available for \$15

4 person teams

(Men, women, mixed, singles welcome)

2 members of each team must be BPOE members

BC Lanes & Venue Sports Bar
1199 S Michigan 75 Boyne City
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Send Entries/questions to:
Northern Michigan Elks Open
Lori & Del Hart

05894 Loeb Rd Charlevoix, MI 49720
Lori 231-459-8973 Del 231-459-8974

More information available at the Lodge

Americanism Contests

The annual Americanism Essay and Coloring Contests are now open. This year's theme is "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?". The coloring contest is open to 1st thru 4th graders, and the essay contest is open to all students in 5th thru 8th grade.

The information and forms are available for download on the Lodge website (links below). Deadline for submissions is December 15, 2019.

<https://elks1986.weebly.com/uploads/7/7/4/2/7742793/americanismcoloringcontest2019-20.pdf>

<https://elks1986.weebly.com/uploads/7/7/4/2/7742793/americanismessaycontest2019-20.pdf>

THURSDAYS ONLY



INTRODUCING A WEEKLY SLIDER SPECIAL ON THURSDAYS ONLY

In addition to the burger sliders we will be having a slider special. Only 12 will be freshly made – first come first serve on specials.

December 5th Reuben Corned Beef \$3.00

December 12th Chicken Club \$2.50

December 19th French Dip \$2.50

December 26th Pulled Pork \$2.50

Make your Thursday night a fun night. Come to the Farmington Elks for a fun slider dinner and a few laughs with your friends!!

Watch the Lions on the big screen

December 8, 15, 22 (4 PM) & 29

Game Day Special Drink Prices!

*\$1.00 Off All Drinks During
Game Only*

*Purchase Of Drink Chips Not
Allowed During The Game*



Breakfast is Back!



BREAKFAST DATES

December 14th & 28th

9 am-Noon

We will be playing Club Pull Tab Bingo during breakfast. Bring your Bingo daubers — don't have one — bring coins, popcorn or candy and have a fun time.

Volunteers needed. If you would like to volunteer to help, please talk to Jen Chinn.

Need a gift idea?

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

\$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.

Lonely Members Appreciate Holiday Cheer

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

ROBERT L. DUITSMAN

Happy Holidays! Beth and I extend to each of you a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and a happy, prosperous, and successful new year.

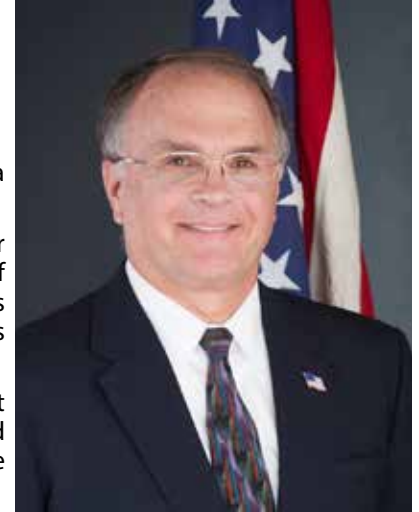
While schedules become crowded with social and family engagements, we should remember our duties to one another as Elks. The holiday season is the loneliest time of year for many of our Members. For many reasons, they find themselves alone, and a lack of social opportunities is undoubtedly a large part of the heightened levels of depression experienced during this time of year.

As Elks, we should be mindful of those Members we haven't seen in a while, or who don't have anyone special in their lives. Try to reach out, to find out how Members are doing and if the Lodge can help with getting them to events. A simple phone call or visit may be the greatest gift some of our Members will ever want.

The Elks Memorial Service, to be held this year on Sunday, December 1, is a time to remember our departed Members. It falls under part of my slogan for the year, "Honoring the Past." It is a time to remember the people who brought our Lodges and Order to the heights they have reached.

Of course, it is also important to be mindful that the service is not just for our Members who remain among us, but also for the spouses and friends of our departed Members who may attend and who will appreciate a dignified and well-prepared event to honor the memory of their loved ones. Let's give it our best!

As I close this message, it goes without saying that the holiday season can be a time for alcohol consumption, and it falls on each of us to do our very best to keep consumption within limits. Unfortunately, our Order continues to be confronted with liquor liability lawsuits arising from our Lodges that are not diligent in monitoring the over-serving of alcohol. For the sake of everyone—Members, guests, and even strangers—let's all do our part to keep the holiday season safe.



Elks Launch Campaign to Support Pearl Harbor

At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.

"I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"

During their travels throughout the country, Barbara and Mike Luhr visited the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii, in awe of the veterans who were aboard the USS Arizona that fateful day. And yet some of the displays and signage at the memorial were not as expected. They were old, weather-beaten and outdated.

They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

All funds raised will be used to:

- Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten.

As of November 12, Elks have donated \$29,733 for this cause!

Donation totals will be updated the first week of every month. Stay tuned to the blue thermometer for the latest totals!

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. Will you help? Make a donation today at: enf.elks.org/phc

Checks, payable to Elks National Foundation, may be mailed to Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL 60614-2256. Please write "Pearl Harbor" in the memo line.

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

Business Card listings are only \$120 per year,
 April through March, and we will prorate ads
 that start after April.

Contact the Office or Editor for more information.



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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

December, 2019

Look for calendar updates on the web at: <http://tinyurl.com/99urhlo>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Memorial Service 1 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Club Open 1 PM Lions vs Vikings	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM 6:00 PM House Comm 7:30 PM Bd of Dir Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Breakfast 9-Noon Play Club Bingo! Pinochle 7:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Club Open 1 PM Lions vs Bucs	Club Open 4 PM Track Deadline 	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM 6:30 PM Bldg Corp Mtg 7:00 PM PER Mtg 8:00 PM Lodge Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Club Open 1 PM Lions vs Broncos (4:05 PM)	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Merry Christmas — Lodge Closed	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Breakfast 9-Noon Play Club Bingo
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
Club Open 1 PM Lions vs Packers	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM New Year's Eve	Open for Bowl Games	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	