



Farmington *Elks* Track

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From the ER:

Here we are, right near the first of the year 2019. It is that special time of year when you both look back at the year 2018, and look forward to this year.

When I think back personally, it has been an adventuresome period of time.

- I retired at the end of January.
- I became the ER in April.
- The Elks started having local food places serve us on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- We started having volunteers bring food in on Thursdays.
- I entered in my first golf league.
- I almost went to my first Elks National Convention, but my girl had lung cancer surgery, so I stayed home with her.
- I unretired at the end of October.
- I entered my first pool league EVER!!!

In my Elks year, I started a long string of Errand Running. In short, it is what ER means. And we've added 11 new members. Alas, we've also lost a few.

As we look forward into 2019, we do so with optimism and hope. Can we continue to grow and prosper? Can we continue to provide for children, veterans and the communities that we serve? Of course we can. We are Elks, we care and we share.

At the beginning of my tenure as ER, I asked each one of you to do one more thing this year, and many of you have. Some have stepped up and done even more. That's the life of Elkdom. Let's continue to be great Elks. It is what we did in the past and what we will do in the future.

Fraternally yours
Steve Luce

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

January Birthdays

- 1 Edward Waldecker
- 2 Bill Hampton
Kenneth Edwards
- 3 Rebecca Kashat
- 4 Ken Glinski
- 6 Carl Swanderski
- 8 Sherry Bevis
- 10 Tom Killiany, DVP
- 11 Arthur Biggers
Larry Ashmore, PSP
- 13 Bob Beauchamp, PER
- 15 Henry Moore, Jr.
- 19 Susan Duquette
- 22 Rick Milton
Harold Galloway
- 24 Marty Chinn
Ronald Gutzke
Jerry Holcomb
- 28 Scott Saxton
- 29 Terry Purves
- 30 Joshua Leach
Duane Perry
George Schlotta



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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)

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

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

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Calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/99urhlo>
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Lecturing Knight Open.....
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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

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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
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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
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MembershipTodd Wyber248-228-0725
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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

Jan	1	Potluck Brunch
	12	Glow Ball Tournament
	13	Metro Dist Mtg
	19	Pinochle
	22	Girls' Craft Night
	26	White Elephant Party
Feb	3	Super Bowl Sunday
	6	Nominations
	16	Pinochle
	20	Election of Officers
	23	ENF Reverse Raffle
Mar	2	9-Ball Tourney
	16	Pinochle
	30	Installation of Officers



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



Girls' Craft Night

Tues. January 22nd , 2019

5:00 til ? — At the Lodge

All are welcome. We haven't decided on a craft as of this
printing, but contact Laurie Kuznia or Pat Sockow.



Potluck Brunch and Football

Tuesday January 1st - 12:00 PM

Join us for Brunch on New Year's Day!

Bring a dish to pass and enjoy college bowl games

12:00 Outback Bowl Mississippi State vs Iowa

1:00 Citrus Bowl Kentucky vs Penn State

1:00 Fiesta Bowl UCF vs LSU

5:00 Rose Bowl Ohio State vs Washington

8:45 Sugar Bowl Texas vs Georgia

PASS PINOCHLE NEWS:

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you
all had a Good Christmas. We had 24 players
for our December pinochle. We had lots of
goodies and lots of fun. We had a visit by
20 members from the Livonia Lodge. They were on their
Lodge crawl and having fun.



December winners:

1st – Greg Larscheidt 651

2nd – Dolores Hommel 620

3rd – Maryann Pilzak 617

Good Sport - Marge Mueller 289

Our next dates to play – Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16. Bring
a friend, neighbor, or partner & join our fun.

See you all soon at the Lodge.

Jim, Pat, Bob & May

Thank You Corner

Kids Christmas Party

It was a fun morning with 25 kids coming for breakfast and to see Santa. Many, many thanks to all who helped make this a success.

Jenn Milton for all the shopping and set up, Gretta Horton for the great cookies, Marcie & Kylie for cooking, Donna Drew for donating jello jigglers, Cheryl Keeley for helping with kids ornaments, Chris Doby helping set up, Abigail for acting as Santa's helper, Jim Sockow & Bob Michela for cleaning up and taking care of things.

If I missed anyone, thank you. We really appreciate all. Thank you to Santa for taking time for the kids here, too.
Pat Sockow

Kitchen Update

The old kitchen deep fryer bit the dust. Your House Committee and Board of Directors have spent a lot of time trying to come up with the best solution for dealing with the problem.

It has been repaired at least one other time, and this time our experts advise us that it is not worth spending the money to fix, but many of you have said that it is time to get back to our old Fish Frys. We have listened to you and have had some serious discussions regarding this.

We are currently putting a program together that will, over a short period of time, pay off the expense for investing in a new deep fryer for our kitchen. Included in this discussion are:

- 50/50's at least one time a month for this project.
- Every other month Fish Frys like we have had so much attendance for in the past.
- Plus, a chance to make a voluntary contribution into bringing back the in-house Fish Frys periodically.

Please join us in helping to keep the Lodge as a place we want to visit for good food and friendship.

From the House Committee and The Board of Directors

Here's wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and an even better New Year.

Your House Committee and Board of Directors would like to take this time to wish each of you the best of this season and hopefully for each of you a better new year.

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.

Would you like to become a Track Patron?
Help support the Track by becoming a patron.
The cost is only \$20 per year.

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

\$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.

White Elephant Gift Exchange



Saturday January 26th

6:00 PM Potluck

7:00 PM Gift exchange starts

Spend the evening at the Elks. Bring a dish to pass for a potluck dinner, and get ready for some laughter with the White Elephant gift exchange.

Bring a new/unused wrapped present that you received as a gift and don't want. Maybe you have something laying around the house that you have never gotten around to using. Or you can buy something funny to re-gift. The possibilities are endless! Best of all you will go home with a new present and a full stomach and your cheeks will hurt from laughing! There will be a sign up sheet to help get an idea of how to arrange the room, but you can still come if you forget to sign up.

Any questions? Call Jenn Milton 248-477-3894

Your Penny Banks At Work

The Michigan Elks Major Project is one charity that uses all of the money we donate to help children with special needs. All applying families are screened to ensure that there is a definite need for financial help. This Michigan Elks Charity uses your donations and income from investments in the following ways:



- To pay for part or all of the tuition needed to send children with special needs to special and remedial summer camps.
- To pay for tuition to special remedial programs at other facilities.
- To purchase supporting items to help these children in their everyday life, like wheel chairs, braces and computers.
- To help build wheelchair ramps.

We want to make sure that the handicapped child will be the recipient of our investments. Therefore the tuition fees are sent directly to the facility that the child will be attending. Equipment purchases are made by the members of the MMP Commission and delivered to the home of the child.

Our goal is to help these special children become self-supporting and contributing citizens. Your penny a day donations do make a difference, and you can see the difference right here in our community and in our Lodge.

Annual Elections

Farmington Elks Lodge

We are waiting on an approval from Judiciary concerning the legality of the By-Law change passed in December to reduce the Lodge meetings to once a month. Once we receive the approval the first meeting of the month will be cancelled and the Lodge will only meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

With one meeting a month the process of holding Nominations and Elections changes. If we only have one meeting in January we will be accepting Nominations for next years Lodge Officers during the January 16, 2019 Meeting. If we don't have approval in time, and we are still having two meeting a month, then Nominations are held at the First Meeting in February. Either way, if needed, Elections will be held during the February 20, 2019 Lodge Meeting.

The following rules still apply:

- If only one person is nominated for a position during Nomination Night the nominations are closed and that person wins the seat outright.
- If two or more people are nominated for a seat then we will have an election for that seat.
- All nominations and voting happen on the floor of the Lodge while the Lodge is in session. Proxies and/or absentee votes are not allowed.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Tom Killiany, DVP

Lodge Secretary

Did You Know????

If you read this newsletter, you know that we have (and have had for many years) a website, and we also have a presence on Facebook. Nearly 50% of our members are signed up to receive weekly reminders and special notices by email.

Those same people also receive a PDF version of the monthly newsletter in full color several days before the paper copies arrive in mailboxes. Every copy that we can send by email saves on our printing and postage budget. Want your newsletter by email, along with weekly reminders? Just send a request to:

farmingtonelks@gmail.com

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MICHAEL T. LUHR

A new Elks year means a new donation goal

I am gratified and humbled to have been chosen as the National President of an organization that does so much for communities all across this great land. The hard work of every Local Lodge Member is what makes our charitable work possible, which is why I chose the theme "Working Together to Make a Difference" for this exciting new Elks year.

As Elks, we are all working toward a common goal, whether it be Lodge Members giving back to their communities, strengthening a charitable organization through a State Association's Major Project, or enriching a life because of a Grand Lodge Program. These are the ways we truly make a difference in people's lives.

This year, I have set the ENF donation goal at \$4.75 per Member. I encourage everyone to donate. When you give back to the ENF, Lodges throughout the country are able to take advantage of the numerous charitable opportunities it provides. The difference your Lodge can make in your community is more than doubled by taking advantage of these incredible opportunities.

I also encourage you to take a hard look at the programs and contributions your Local Lodge makes to your community. Is your community aware of the impact your Lodge makes on the lives of people living in your town? Are your contributions meeting your goals? Are you making the most of the ENF grants offered through Grand Lodge?

The Elks provide the perfect opportunity to get involved in projects that benefit the community while enjoying the personal rewards that come from unselfishly giving back. Best of all, we reap the rewards of benevolence while enjoying the camaraderie of our families and closest friends. Make sure that both current and prospective Members are aware of the good work you're doing in your community. Provide them with a well-maintained, inviting, and fun place to socialize. Not only will your Lodge grow, but you'll also find more people eager to volunteer.

Barb and I are looking forward to our travels across the United States to see the great work you're doing in your Local Lodges and State Associations. Most of all, we are looking forward to meeting all of the amazing Elks who are so dedicated to our grand organization. Hope to see you soon.



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.

17th Annual 9-Ball Tournament & Crock-Potluck

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

(game starts @ 1 pm)



Hello, pool fans! It's never too early to start advertising, so here we go...

Just like we started doing last year, in lieu of a cook-off "competition," we will have a crock-pot-luck. And again in the spirit of the former competition (& to help encourage more "luck" with a variety of "pots"), I will give a drink chip to anyone who brings a crockpot! However, there may be only a limited number of chips available so it will have to be first come, first served while supplies last. We will still be providing a cold-cuts table or party sub, but I would encourage anyone to feel free to bring any desserts or side dishes.

I was very pleased that we had 21 competitors last year, which was up from 16 the year before. This year, I'd really like to continue that trend...can you help me get over 25? Do I hear 30? I say, the more the merrier! I mentioned last year that my personal goal was to double with 32, which seems like that would be too many. But my ULTIMATE goal is if I can get enough people to commit early enough, then I can look into renting a SECOND TABLE for the competition! No promises yet, since it's just a dream for now...

Please look for the signup sheet which will be posted by the pool table. Thank you!

Fraternally Yours,

Rick Bowes & your 9-Ball Committee

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Wilma Bliss
 Tom & Marcia Bozek
 Ed & Ann Campbell
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 James Collins
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 David & Susan Duquette
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 William Ellis
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 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

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 PER Rick & Gerry Lefevre
 PER Jim & Judy Madigan
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January, 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>December 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	Club Open 4 PM Happy New Year to All!	Open @ Noon for Bowl Games - Potluck - Bring a Dish to Pass	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
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
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