



# Farmington *Elks* Track

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## From the ER:

Here we go, full swing into June. Graduation parties, celebrating Fathers Day, weekends at the lake, camping, and being out on your motorcycle.

We have just returned from the Elks State Convention in Sault Ste. Marie, where we installed new officers, including our very own Tom Killiany as Metro District VP. Congrats, Tom. During the business meeting on Saturday, our Lodge was also named an "All-American" Lodge for the 2017-18 year. This is an award that everyone in Lodge #1986 should be proud of. In addition, we competed in the Ritual Contest where we finished number 3 in the entire state. Congratulations to Rick Lefevre and the rest of the team for their great showing. Let me give a little shoutout to ritual participant Greg Larscheidt who had a medical issue at the Soo and couldn't participate. He is back home now and appears to be fine.

In early May we had a brainstorming meeting, and I want to thank all of you who participated. It was fun to get the engagement from our normal Friday night crowd. Great ideas were brought up and we will be talking about them at the next House Committee meeting this month. If you missed this and want to share your ideas on a new activity, event or fundraiser I welcome your ideas.

Also during May, we had our semi-annual Open House which was terrific. We presented checks to several people who were there, including our two MVS scholarship winners and two members of the Farmington Hills Police Department. Lodge member Ray Okonski was in attendance as one of the main contributors to our scholarship program. He also closed out the ceremony with a very funny monologue. I think he may have a job next year of being our program MC. In addition, Christine Greig, our representative from the House of Representatives in Lansing was in attendance and gave us short speech on progress with our state legislature. Thanks Christine.

Let's do an update on our dinner change where we are now using restaurant services. We had a few minor hiccups, but overall, reviews have been great. Food has been hot and terrific. One thing to mention, let's wait

until we can group a few orders together before placing them. The listed times should be used as guidelines.

And finally, our Flag Day program will be on Sunday, June 10th. Let's have a great attendance for a wonderful program.

And don't forget: ONE!

Exaltedly yours

Steve

## Flag Day 2018



Our annual Flag Day tribute will be held on Sunday June 10, 2018 at 1:00 PM. Grand Lodge mandates only two special services during the year. The first is Flag Day where we honor our Nation's flag and the other is Memorial Sunday, the first Sunday in December where we remember our Brothers and Sisters who have passed away since the last service. Both services are beautiful and memorable. If you've never attended our Flag Day Ceremony, please join us. You won't be disappointed.

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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)  
4:00 - 9:00 Sundays (open earlier for events)

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Lodge Secretary – Tom Killiany, DVC  
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or by appointment

### Internet Sites

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Calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/99urhlo>  
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### Tracks

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Lecturing Knight .....Open  
Secretary.....Tom Killiany, DVP .....248-974-5663  
Treasurer ..... Bob Koenig.....248-474-6405  
Esquire ..... Greg Larscheidt.....248-515-4709  
Inner Guard .....Open  
Tiler ..... Teresa Leithead.....  
Chaplain ..... Eldon Dillon .....248-956-8967  
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Gary Gundle .....1 Year Trustee.....248-477-1939  
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(Board of Directors also includes Exalted Ruler, Leading  
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Americanism .....Open.....  
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Flag Day .....Kevin Goshorn, PER.....248-996-5991  
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Scholarships .....Jennifer Chinn, PER .....248-421-6349  
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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

## From our Lodge By-Laws:

### ARTICLE III: LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

**Section 2. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Honorary Life Membership for distinguished services to the Lodge or to the Order. Any nomination must be in writing and set forth the distinguished services rendered in detail. The Exalted Ruler shall set a date for the ballot on the nomination which shall be no later than the third regular meeting after it is presented. All Members shall receive notice by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date on which the vote will be taken. The notice shall contain the full text of the nomination. A rejected nomination cannot be presented again within a period of one year from the date of rejection.**

**Section 3. The total number of Life and Honorary Life Memberships granted by the Lodge shall be limited to 20 percent of all members of the Lodge at the time of application. Nominations must be acted on in the order received and in a timely manner when new Life Memberships are available. Note: Our Life Membership currently stands at 19.73%.**

At the May 16, 2018 Lodge Meeting Jennifer Chinn nominated our Secretary and District Chairman Thomas Killiany, a 27 year member of our Lodge, for Honorary Life Membership.

Exalted Ruler Steve Luce has called for a vote on the nomination during the June 20, 2018 Lodge Meeting..

May 10, 2018

Dear Farmington Elks Lodge #1986,

I am writing this letter to nominate Thomas A. Killiany to honorary life membership. Tom is the Secretary of our lodge and a 27 year member of our lodge. He was named Elk of the Year in 2007 and Officer of the Year in 2013. In 2007/2008 he became Exalted Ruler for the first time. Since then he has been Exalted Ruler for the 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 Lodge years. That Alone should get him this much deserved recognition.

Tom is currently the Metro District Vice President, He was DVC previous to that and also the District Scholarship chairman for two years prior as well.

Tom has been active around our lodge for many years. He used to cook with the Saturday breakfast crew and would tend bar on weekends as well. There is plenty more to say about what an Elk Tom truly is but I am running out of words. I would bet that one day Thomas A. Killiany will be Grand Exalted Ruler of our great organization!

Faternally,

Jennifer Chinn PER

Thomas Killiany, DVP  
Lodge Secretary

## 2018-2019 Events

June	9	Poker Run
	10	Flag Day Ceremony
	16	Pinochle
		Metro Dist Golf Outing
July	1-4	150th Nat'l Conv - San Antonio
	19-22	Farmington Founders Festival
	29	Old Timers Picnic/Party
Aug	11	Metro Dist Gold Key Golf - Pt. Huron Elks
	18	Corn Roast
	26	Family Pot Luck/Corn Hole Tourney
Sept	8	PER Steak Out?
	9	Metro District Mtg
	15	Pinochle
	16	Golf Banquet
	25	Oktoberfest
Oct	6	State Ritual Clinic
	13	Lodge Halloween Party
	19-21	MEA Fall Conv, Radisson Kalamazoo
	20	MSU vs UM
	27	Pinochle
Nov	10	Hoop Shoot
		MSU vs OSU
	11	Veterans Day
	17	Pinochle
	22	Thanksgiving
	24	UM vs OSU
Dec	2	Memorial Service
	9	Children's Christmas Party
	15	Pinochle
	29	Ugly Xmas Sweater Party
Jan	12	Glow Ball Tournament
	13	Metro Dist Mtg
	19	Pinochle
	26	White Elephant Party
Feb	3	Super Bowl Sunday
	6	Nominations
	16	Pinochle
	20	Election of Officers
Mar	2	9-Ball Tourney
	16	Pinochle
	30	Installation of Officers

## New Member Applications

At the Lodge meeting on May 16, 2018 the following individuals were proposed for membership in our Lodge.

Jennifer Chinn proposes: Mark Moulds of Farmington Hills, Mi. Mark is employed as a Test Engineer, he is an American Citizen and he answered all questions favorably.

Steve Luce proposes: Howard Sikra of Farmington Hills, Mi. Howard is retired, he is an American Citizen and he answered all questions favorably.

Voting on these prospective new members is scheduled to take place at the June 6, 2018 Lodge Meeting.

Tom Killiany  
Lodge Secretary

## Annual Open House

On May 12, 2018 we held our bi-annual Open house at the lodge. I'd like to thank all who helped make the Open house possible. Our scholarship winners, Jack and Phoebe Block, along with their parents, Todd and Holly Block, were in attendance to receive their MVS scholarship awards from our lodge. Ray Okonski, our biggest scholarship fan, did a bang up job keeping everyone entertained for a bit. And our State representative Christine Greig came to show support for all of the above.

We had FH Public safety officers, Piggott and Hsaad, in attendance and Steve Luce presented them with a \$1500.00 Anniversary grant for the Police Dept to use to purchase Honor guard uniforms/ accessories. The \$1500.00 came from a grant offered through Grand Lodge.





## Pass Pinochle News

Hello Spring, finally! 24 players came for May, which gave us 6 tables.



Thank you to all who brought the goodies.

Our May Winners:

1st Lutie Moore	750
2nd Mary Naylor	697
3rd Marge Perkins	655
Good Sport- Liz Kulisz	341

It seems like it was women's night as you can see from the winners. Lutie was unstoppable with lots of runs, aces around and many double pinochles.

Please come join us for our last pinochle on June 16th. We don't play in July and August. I hope everyone has a great summer, stay cool. We start up again on Sept. 15th.

Come support our Lodge and meet old and new members or ask someone to join. Thank you to those who donate the playing cards, too.

See you all soon,  
Jim, Pat, Bob and May



## Bay Cliff Health Camp

As we've done in the past, there will be a donation box in the lobby during the month of July to collect donations for Bay Cliff Health Camp Children's Therapy and Wellness Center. A list of requested items is posted in the Lodge, and cash donations are also welcomed

Faternally,

Jen Chinn PER

## American House Update

A friendly relationship was established with the veterans and residents of American House of Farmington Hills and the Elk members of Farmington Lodge #1986 last Veterans Day. All members of Farmington lodge have been invited to American House on June 14, 2018 for their flag raising at 11:30 AM immediately followed by lunch and cocktails.

Please save the date and contact me with your desire to share in mutual patriotism with our friends at American House.

Faternally,

Jimmi Madigan, PER

248-345-5890

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## June Birthdays

1	Richard G Brenz
4	Terri Harriman
7	Norman Slessor
7	Stephen A Zelenka
9	Edward T McDonnell
11	Raymond N Okonski
13	Scott Horton
15	John E Dahlstrom
15	William Dicks
15	Ralph Paxton
16	John J Mirling
20	Ann Marie Saviniemi
21	Martin Brandenburg
22	Leonard J Homeszyn
23	Tarek Uddin
25	Laurine McDonnell
25	Taljit Sandhu
25	Randy W Sutton
28	Betty Jean Hebel

## Ritual News

Farmington Elks ritual team competed in the state contest after winning first place in the district. Although not winning the state ritual, we came in third place. We all should be proud of your team for their strong performance.

Regards,

Rick Lefevre

Ritual Chairman

## Old Timers' Picnic

### Save the Date!

Join us on Sunday, July 29, 2018 to celebrate our fellow Elks who have maintained membership in the BPOE for over 30 years! We are calling it an Old Timers' Picnic. We will have a good ol' time eating picnic style foods, enjoying ice cream and reminiscing about the good ol' days!

I will be mailing invitations to all who have received this achievement and will ask for an RSVP so I can make sure to have enough awards! Call me if you'd like to help with planning and or executing this fun event.

Fraternally,  
Jen Chinn  
248-421-6349



## Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**Malcolm J. Mcpherson Jr.**

### Civic duty centers on flags and fathers in June



June is here, and with that, I am just one month shy of finishing this journey with you. Until then, there's still time before your Lodge breaks for the summer to find ways to fulfill my theme of Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness, especially with Flag Day and Father's Day.

Allegiance to our country's flag has been a requirement for every Elks Member since our inception. When the Grand Lodge designated June 14 as Flag Day in 1907 and made the occasion a mandatory observance for all Lodges in 1911, the holiday became an even more important day in our country's history. President Harry Truman, an Elk himself, recognized June 14 as a national observance of the flag in 1949, and ever since, all Americans honor the flag on this day.

I hope you participate in Flag Day services at your Lodge this year and I encourage you to welcome all members of your communities, Elks or not, to these events. Take a moment to reflect on the values our country's flag stands for as well as remember all the men and women who have served and continue to serve it. As Elks, let's be proud of the role our leaders before us have played in making Flag Day such an important day for this remarkable nation.

Father's Day on June 17 is a time for Elks to remember our organization's founding fathers, as well as all fathers in our Lodges and communities. Take some time now to plan a brunch, game night, or other event to show your appreciation for the dads that do so much for their families and your Lodge.

For those of you I've yet to visit on this journey, what will you do to honor flags and fathers this month? I can't wait to experience the great things you are working on to support my theme and our shared Elks values.

I'll see you in San Antonio next month for my last moments as your Grand Exalted Ruler. I'm looking forward to celebrating all that we have accomplished this year and welcoming a new year of leadership to Elkdom.



### Reminder!

**Saturday June 9th**

**\$25 per person. Bus leaves promptly at 2:00 PM**

**1:00-2:00 Appetizers at the lodge**

Questions? Contact Jenn Milton 248-477-3894

### *\$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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Track Patrons

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Tom Killiany, DVP	Stanley Wilkins
Bob & May Koenig	Earl Wolfe, PDVP
Ted & Betty Kulisz	PER Al & Sharon Young
Jim Lademan	

## In Memory Of

Robert Bacon	Patricia Hahn Larscheidt
John Beach, PER	Leo Lefevre
William Bliss, PDDGER	Laura Magyari
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## Farmington Lodge No. 1986

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### June, 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
May 27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Club Open 4 PM	<b>Memorial Day Pot Luck - 4 PM</b>	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	7:30 PM Bd of Dir Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Flag Day - 1 PM</b>	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	7:30 House Comm	Amer House 11:30 AM Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM Pinochle @ 7 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Father's Day</b> Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Track Deadline 	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	6:00 PM Bldg Corp Mtg 8:00 PM Lodge Mtg	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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