



Farmington *Elks* Track

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From the ER:

Buon giorno. By the time you read this, Cris and I will be completing our two weeks in the incomparable country of Italy. At press time, we had only been to Venice along with a couple days in Croatia.

I was trying to think of a clever way of comparing the Elks to what we'd seen in Venice. For example, the Elks are 150 years old, but that's nothing compared to Venice. That would be a pretty recent event in their history. Some of their churches, which are really beautiful, are more than 1000 years old. So much for that.

Anyhow, we have a lot going on with the club in October. To me, one of the most fun things we have done will be this Friday's "Trivia(l) Chicken". It includes a roasted chicken dinner, complete with all the trimmings while we're playing a trivia game that includes prize money! Cash prizes of \$30, \$20 and \$10 for the three teams with the most points. You can have 1, 2, 3 or 4 people on a team! Sign up for the dinner and the trivia game separately at the bar or by calling Jen in the office.

Another big thing is we're doing breakfasts again on the second and fourth Saturdays starting on October 12th through the month of March. Bring your appetite for what has always been a great event.

An additional event for our breakfast on October 26th is that day will be an Open House for the Lodge. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy our great menu and to learn everything they'd like to know about the BPOE.

Make sure you say thanks to all the volunteers that help out at "Trivial Chicken" and our great breakfasts. Volunteering is the lifeblood of our organization and I know they'll all appreciate hearing from each of you.

Once again, so long from Italy, and we'll see you when we get back.

Arrivederci!

Your Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

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.

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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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or by appointment

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

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2019 – 2020 Building Corporation

Betty Jean Hebel - President, Jim Sockow - V. President
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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

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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

Sept	28	PER Steak Out
Oct	1	2nd-Half Year Dues are due today!
	4	Trivial(L) Chicken Dinner
	5	MSU-OSU Game
	12	Breakfast
	19	Pinochle
	26	Breakfast
		Open House
	27	Kids Halloween Party
Nov	3	DST Ends
	9	Breakfast
		Pinochle
	11	Veterans Day
	12	Turkey Dinner
	16	UM-MSU Game
	17	Snowman Nightlight Class
	23	Breakfast
	30	UM-OSU Game
Dec	1	Memorial Service 1 PM
	7	Wine Tasting
	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

Friday, October 4, 2019 Trivia(L) Chicken Dinner



½ Rotisserie Barbeque Chicken, Corn & Dessert

Dinner starts at 5:30pm — \$10.00 per person

\$5 per person (Max 4 per team)

First game starts at 6:30pm

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Sign up for one or both at the bar

Pass Pinochle News:

We had a great turnout for September with 7 tables of players.

Our winners were:

1st Pauline Brandenburger 669

2nd Lutie Moore 654

3rd Willie Mueller 644

Good Sport - May Koenig 264



It was good to see Willie and Marge Mueller back to play, also Lutie and Henry Moore. We missed Rick and Gerri Lefevre, Jim Lademan & Andrea Hall, Marge Perkins and Jane Hopper, who is on her trip to South Dakota. Hope to see you all next month.

Our next dates to play are October 19th and November 9th. Bring a partner and come join us.

See you all at the Lodge,

Jim, Pat, Bob and May

October Birthdays

1	Trevor McKibben
7	Jerome McGill
	Donald Gutowski
8	Walter Gajewski
10	Richard Joslyn
	Lowell Moore
11	Paul Masciarelli
	Albert Spicer
12	Christine Doby
14	David Wilson
18	Todd Wyber
21	Clara Simpson
24	Robert Koenig
26	Patrick Podges
27	Ronald Michalak
29	Michael Johnson
30	Norman Kilgour
31	William Redditt

Need a gift idea?

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



Farmington Elk Member Jerry Holcomb Honored

Jerry Holcomb, a 38-year member of the Farmington (Michigan) Elks, was honored at the August Lodge meeting for his 20 plus years of leadership in the Farmington Elks Building Corporation. He is designated as 'President Emeritus of the Building Corporation.' The Building Corporation is responsible for the strategic management of funds needed for the maintenance and upkeep of the land and building of the Farmington Elks.

(Pictured: Jim Sockow, Jerry Holcomb, Tom Bozek, Betty Jean Hebel and Andy Lauderback)

Just For Fun

Sunday, Nov 17th at 5:30pm.

Join us for an evening of fun in designing a cute Snowman Nightlight. This sweet art piece will decorate any room beautifully. No experience needed. All the materials will be supplied. This is an easy-peasy, step-by-step instruction class, so bring a friend for twice the fun! This class is appropriate for ages 10 to 75 (children must be supervised by an adult at all times) and is limited to 25.



Your ticket price includes making one glass nightlight. Approx Size 3.25" for \$23. If you'd like to make more than one, you may make your additional purchases in cash or check (payable to Laurie Freeman) on the day of the event.

Please sign up at the bar as soon as possible. As we go to press, almost half of the slots are filled. You don't want to miss this fun class.

Breakfast is Back!



BREAKFAST DATES

October 12th & 26th
November 9th & 23rd
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, see the signup sheet in the lobby



Farmington Elks #1986 Open House

Saturday October 26th, 2019 — 9:00am-Noon
(During breakfast)

Please come and support.

Bring your neighbors, friends and family members.

Please see Jen Chinn if you are able to help in any way

Elks & Goodfellows Christmas Project



Like last year, beginning November 1st there will be two boxes in the lobby to collect mittens, gloves, hats and scarves (mainly for children). We will be putting up the Christmas tree sometime in mid-November, and once it's up, these items will be used as temporary decorations. The boxes will remain in the lobby for the extra items that will not fit on the tree.

For the knitters and crocheters in the Lodge, this is a good way to use some of that yarn that is sitting in your stash. Don't knit or crochet? These things are not expensive. Buy some. Times are still tough, and keeping hats and scarves and mittens on growing kids can eat into an already stretched budget for some of our less fortunate neighbors. Don't feel like shopping? We'd be more than happy to accept your cash donations and shop for you.

Any questions? Talk to Laurie Kuznia, Tony Ferrante or check with the office.

Help!

We received the following letter and hope someone who has been around for more than a couple of years can help this person find the right "Jerry."

Dear Mr. Luce:

I am trying to find a man who was a friend of my mother's since way back in the early 50's and all thru the 60's in Detroit.

My mother passed away in 2016 and left explicit instructions that prevented me or my four younger sisters from publishing an Obituary or celebrating her life with a funeral service. So, many of her longtime friends don't even know that she's gone. She was bedridden for the last 5-6 years of her life and suffered with debilitating bone disease and dementia. Our father passed away seven years before my mother.

Back in the early 90's, another business acquaintance of mine told me that "Jerry" was a member of your Lodge. Dick Walsh used to own Walsh's Irish Pub on Grand River (near 6 Mile) in Detroit. Dick told me that "Jerry" was a regular patron of both Walsh's and also when it was originally known as Janet Tank's Lounge. Dick was a bartender for Janet Tank for more than 10 years before he bought the location from her. My mother was also a regular at Janet's after she got off work at the Red Devil Pizzeria. "Jerry" would also stop out to visit the Royal Oak American Legion where my mother worked for nearly 10 years. I worked at the Legion too and had the opportunity to meet "Jerry" there in the early 80's. [We never learned his last name - even when he visited our home in the 50's in West Bloomfield.]

I have visited your website several times recently - searching thru your photo pages and believe I recognize the man I haven't seen for more than 35 years. My life with my late husband took us from the Macomb County area to Florida in 1997. Sadly, I lost him in 2012 and moved here to North Carolina in 2016.

I am 70 now and trying to put together a history of Maxine ("Mickey") (nee "Fox") Petruska for myself, four younger sisters, ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was not openly talkative about her history so we have very little to go on. Many of my mother's family are also gone, along with her friends. If "Jerry" is still with us, I was hoping that he might share some stories about her life in Detroit, the little diner in front of the Kelsey Hayes plant, maybe even when she worked for Jeanette Stewards Interiors in the 40's.

I have enclosed my card in the hope that you can determine which "Jerry" (or Gerald) it is who might help us add to her legacy. Could you pass it on to him please.

Polly Ann (Petruska) Taormina
 Concord, North Carolina
 AdmiralAnnieT@aol.com

\$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.

*Watch the Lions on the big screen**October 20 & 27**Game Day**Special Drink Prices!**\$1.00 Off All Drinks During Game Only**Purchase Of Drink Chips Not Allowed During The Game***Friday Night Fish Frys At The Lodge**

This is one of those articles that you always hope you do not have to write, but inevitably, something comes along that forces the article to be published. We have been very fortunate to have had seven Friday Night Fish Frys over the last seven months. Other than the first two and the last one (59 meals), we could have had better attendance, but we have made some badly needed revenue for the Lodge. Those who came to the Lodge for these dinners, *the Lodge truly thanks you.*

But what we are facing today is not caused by lack of attendance. We have been very lucky and privileged to have Gary Groves step up and volunteer to be our chef for these seven Fish Frys, and the compliments on his cooking expertise has just been phenomenal. It took a lot of hours to prepare, cook, and clean up before and after those meals, and Gary stood up to the challenge. It finally took its toll. He just got 'burned out', plus our older bodies just don't hang on as well as they used to. That, along with the fact that there was no one in the wings to do every other month or even every 3rd month. So we are sad to say that the September 13th Fish Fry was our last unless someone steps up to volunteer to do this popular event for our Lodge.

It involves a lot of work but only one event a month. There are a few of our members who will work with you as they have with Gary, so if you think this might be something that you would or could volunteer to do, please call the Lodge office or Fish Fry Co-coordinator Bob Michela at (517) 740-1232.

We need volunteers to do events such as this so members come out to the Lodge more often. In the meantime, if you should see Gary at the Lodge or elsewhere, please take a moment to shake his hand and thank him for once again volunteering, and also for once again doing a 'Job Well Done.' *Gary, our most sincere thanks to you.*

8 Ball League News

The Farmington Elks 8 Ball Pool League is about to start up for the 2019/20 season. Play in the league will start Nov. 3, 2019 and run through April 4, 2020. Days of league play will be alternating Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings (one or the other – not both), identical to previous years. League season dues will be approximately \$30.

If you would like to share in the camaraderie, competition and fun that we experience playing in the league – **sign up now.** To be eligible to join you **must** be a Farmington Elk #1986 member in good standing.

To sign up for the league you can do one of the following:

1. Write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board by the pool table in the lodge. OR
2. Call Paul Masciarelli at 248-214-4700 and indicate that you wish to join the league. Please leave your name and phone number if you get my voice mail.

Don't Delay! The **deadline** for signing up in the league is **Monday, September 30th.** All previous year's league members **must** sign up as well as new members.

Members of the league must be available to play on both Sundays and Mondays (on an alternating basis.) There are no substitutes in this league. You are committed to the entire season.

We welcome all returning members of the league as well as new members who wish to share in the fun. If you have any questions regarding the league, don't hesitate to call me or see me in the lodge.

Faternally,

Paul Masciarelli

Kids Halloween Party
Sunday, October 27th, 1 PM



Lunch Served - Craft Making
Prizes for the best boy & girl costumes

Please call 248-477-5791 by October 22nd to let us know if your child, children, or grandchildren will be attending. We need a head count. Please leave a message if no answer.

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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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October, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Club Open 1 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM 2nd half year dues are due now.	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM	Club Open 4 PM Trivia(L) Chicken Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM	Club Open 4 PM
Look for calendar updates on the web at: http://tinyurl.com/99urhlo						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Club Open 1 PM	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!
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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					MEA Fall Convention (Friday-Sunday)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Club Open 1 PM Lions vs Vikings	Club Open 4 PM Track Deadline 	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	Breakfast 9-Noon Play Club Bingo Open House 9-Noon
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