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**Lodge Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.**

**December 2013**

## Exalted Ruler's Message

### Officers

#### **Exalted Ruler:**

Tom "Barney" Hagberg

#### **Esteemed Leading Knight:**

Rob Hibbard

#### **Esteemed Loyal Knight:**

Open "should be you"

#### **Esteemed Lecturing**

**Knight:** Jerry Trepanier

#### **Esquire:**

Bob Massicote

#### **Chaplain:**

August Caruso

#### **Inner Guard:**

Larry Ottinger

#### **Tiler:**

Mike Nekhay

#### **Secretary:**

Lori Massicote

#### **Treasurer:**

Cinde Caruso

#### **Trustees:**

1 Yr. John Deldin

2 Yr. James Sparapani

3 Yr. Dan Ellis

#### **Lady Elks President:**

Martee Trepanier

My Fellow Elks,

In case you haven't heard yet, we will be closing our doors on November 27<sup>th</sup>. We are going to try and keep our charter, but with no volunteers to fill our committees that could be in jeopardy. If we do keep our charter I hope you will still keep paying your dues and we can still do many things for our community, Veterans, and Handicapped Children. I am really sick over this decision, but without more support we just can't keep the building open.

Want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Everyone be good and Santa will come.

Our last night of bingo is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November which makes me sad. I'm going to miss all the ladies.

Well that is it for now.

God Bless

Barney



***ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!***

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### **365 Bank Donations:**

Lois Swanson,  
Connie Balzola.

### **Gold Key Quarter Folders:**

None! ☹️

### **November Birthdays:**

1. Deborah Tirschel
3. Lloyd Hord, Peter Koffman
4. Peter Heczko, Robert Jayne, Frank Rahoi
6. Kerk Summers
8. Claude Dalrymple, Butch Schinderle
9. Robert Janic, Theodore Sparapani
10. Gregory Larson
11. Robert Schillerstrom, Daniel Tyler
12. Roy Johnson
14. Michael Nekhay
15. Steven Langsford
16. Thomas Clark
17. Donald Trulock
18. Donald Sericati
22. Charles Hinman Jr.
23. Bruce Hedlund, John Wedin
25. Lorraine Massicotte
27. Tim Griggs
28. John Jessen
30. Richard Rahoi, Donald Summers, Bill Wiegele



### **Fellow Elks,**

We are very sorry to report that the Lodge will be officially closed before Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The last day we will be open to all, is November 27<sup>th</sup>, until closing. It is extremely hard to accept this happening, but the day has come. This decision was made at Trustee and Lodge meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We closed our club portion of the Lodge to just open for food and drinks on Wed. and Friday but due to lack of support, we cannot continue. The cost of keeping the Lodge open is more per month than we bring in during the month. Therefore it puts us in the red and this cannot continue. The last bingo will be Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

The support of our members is no longer there. We don't have members supporting the Lodge by chairing committees, supporting our required programs, filling officer chairs nor supporting the Club end. We struggle to get 9 in attendance for our monthly meetings, so the few that are dedicated to trying to keep us afloat fight a very hard battle.

A member suggested we raise the dues to \$200.00, but that suggestion was voted down several times in the past, even when we had 4 or 5 hundred members. And with the economy and country the way it is who can afford it.

Therefore the Trustees and Officers of the Lodge have decided to close the Lodge due to extreme financial difficulties and lack of support. Meetings will still be held there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month until we find another place to hold them. This coming month of December the only meeting will be held on December 10 at 7 PM. There will not be one on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday as that is Christmas Eve.

Respectfully,  
Lodge Trustees, James Sparapani, John Deldin and Dan Ellis  
Exalted Ruler, Thomas Hagberg

### **Scholarships:**

Just a reminder for all Elk members that the Most Valuable Student Scholarship is now available for all high school seniors online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). Applications must be mailed to the Elks Lodge 700, 1001 Cedar Avenue, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49802. Legacy Scholarships, which are only for Elk members children and grandchildren are now available at [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org). Please, if you have children or grandchildren that are going to college this coming year encourage them to fill out and apply for these scholarships. They must be filled out exact and include all the necessary items requested, all items in order and meet the deadline to be considered. Most answers to their questions on how to file can be found on the websites listed or they may contact the schools guidance counselors.

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to apply. We are second to the United States government in giving out scholarships.

Lodge Secretary, Lori Massicotte  
James Benbow, Scholarship Chairman

## Coming Events:

December 10<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting

December 21<sup>st</sup> VA Bingo

January 14<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting

January 28<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting

### HOOP SHOOT

Our annual Hoop-Shoot Contest was held Saturday, Nov. 2nd at North elementary School. This is a free throw contest for boys and girls ages eight thru thirteen, six groups girls 8&9, boys 8&9, girls 10&11, boys 10&11, girls 12&13 and boys 12&13. Information about this event was given to all schools in Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway, North Dickinson, Crystal Falls, Iron River, Niagara and Florence. We only had seven students participate and six of them are first place winners in their age group. They will go on to participate in the District contest that will be held December 14th in Ishpeming, Michigan.

The attached picture of hoop-shoot participants are:  
front L-R Cole Mylla and Ellison Powel  
back L-R Foster Wonders, Caleb Evosevich-Hynes,  
Tyler Beauchamp, Caitlyn Bloomberg and Dalas Loehr.



## *Lady Elks*

Our November hostesses were Penny and Pat who created an atmosphere of fall harvest and Thanksgiving. They chose a wonderful meal of pork tenderloin, candied carrots, potatoes and ice cream with Crème de Menthe for desert. Thirteen ladies enjoyed the social hour and dinner. Betty brought a collection of soda top tabs and Sharon brought in Super One slips. Thanks ladies and keep on saving! Sharon won the Pot-of-Gold. Door prizes were won by Sandy, Gail and Cindy.

Through the generosity of the Ladies, they voted to provide \$25.00 to each Hoop Shoot winner that would be traveling to Ishpeming for the District Hoop Shoot. These young people will be competing to qualify for the State Hoop Shoot and we wish them well.

The scholarship applications are due soon from the area schools. If you know of a graduating senior please encourage him/her to apply!

As we look forward to December, don't forget to mark your calendar for our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Penny will be calling your for your dinner reservations. If you are in need of a ride please let Penny know or call me and we will arrange one for you.

May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and safe travels.

"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share." - W. Clement Stone

Until we meet again,

*Martee Trepanier, Lady Elks President*

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### **Our Mission**

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.