

Rochester Elks 2120 January 2010

2009/2010 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Kathy Easterday
Leading Knight.....Susie Hilton PER
Lecturing Knight.....Lori Alterson
Secretary.....Jackie Holloway PER
Treasurer.....Bob Maes
Tiler.....Jon Good
Chaplain.....Roberta Foor
Inner Guard.....John Garrett
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New Year's Eve Party

Join us on New Year's Eve for an evening of dinner and entertainment. Dinner will be your choice of Surf and Turf (Rib Eye and Shrimp) or Salmon. Both include baked potato, vegetable and choice of soup or salad.

Dinner Only ...\$25.00
Dinner and Entertainment....\$40.00
(\$75.00 per couple)
Entertainment Only...\$15.00
(You must have a ticket to enter. Tickets will be on sale at the door)

Entertainment this year will again be by Ike. Don't miss this great evening of food and music.

Happy New Year!!!!

I hope you all had a joyous holiday season with your families. I would like to thank the officers for their participation in the Memorial Service on December 6th. This service is a time to reflect on our members who have passed during the year. I encourage everyone to come to the service next year. We had our annual Christmas dinner on that day as well. There was a lot of wonderful food prepared by the members. Santa stopped by for a visit and had a good time talking to the kids and taking notes.

We held our annual Hoop Shoot on December 12th. I would like to thank Jackie & Dave Holloway, Gary Crist, Tom Bair and Ed Foor for their help again this year. We will have 4 kids participating in the district contest on January 16th. We had a small but good group of kids. I had a chance to talk to some parents afterwards and we have some new ideas for next year to try and increase our participation. Again I cannot thank the members enough for their help in setting up and running this program.

As you will all read in this newsletter, we have decided to close the kitchen down to just Fridays and Sundays for the month of January. As well we will be reducing the hours at the bar for January. I know many members will not like this idea, but it is a decision that was made by the membership at the December 7th meeting. I know many of you think I harp on this in my letter every month, but I cannot stress enough how important it is that you the members come to meetings. These meetings are on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM. February is an important month for our lodge. We will be nominating officers for 2010-2011 at the first meeting in February. The second meeting will be the vote for officers. The officers and trustees are working to best provide for the lodge, but you the members have the ultimate say and if you do not come to meetings to express your concerns we cannot address either. I will step off my soapbox for now☺.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful and successful 2010!!!!

Kathy, ER

Winter Hours
Bar

Monday.....Closed
Tuesday..... Closed
Wednesday & Thursday...3PM to 9 PM
FridayNoon to 10 PM
Saturday.....Noon to 9 PM
Sunday.....10 AM to 6 PM

Dining Room

Sunday Brunch.....10 AM to 2 PM
Friday.....5PM to 10 PM

Pro Shop

The Pro Shop will be open depending on the weather. If closed, pay at the bar.

Upcoming Events

Saturday January 16th

Texas Hold'em

12:30 pm Registration
1:30 pm Start

\$30.00 buy-in
\$30.00 re-buy optional.

Friday February 12th

Valentine's Day Party

You are cordially invited to a "Valentine's Day Party at the Elks, A Sweet Affair." This special event will be held Friday February 12. There will be a special menu and entertainment. So fall in love all over again at the Elks!

More details to follow. This will prove to be a very special evening – plan on attending.

A Ripple of Information...

There was a discussion held at the General Meeting at the Elks Lodge, November 16, 2009 concerning the per capita dues. Our by-laws state that each member be assessed per capita dues plus their regular dues which now stands at \$40.00 per year. This year's per capita, per member works out to be \$17.00. This assessment includes National, State and District dues. Do the math – it works out to be less than five cents a day, or about \$1.50 per month. If these per capita dues are not paid by each member, as stated in our by-laws, the lodge must pay it. Last year this amounted to over \$9,000.00. If we had a larger number of members participate more actively in lodge activities then absorbing this per capita tax wouldn't be as much of a problem. For those of you who paid this per capita tax last year, we thank you very much. I realize that during these difficult economic times an additional \$17.00 could prove to be a burden. However, a beautiful and well maintained golf course, lodge, bar and restaurant does not come cheap. This my friends, is all part of being an Elks Lodge. If you are financially able, please help by paying the extra \$17.00. As a trustee I feel this is my fiduciary responsibility to explain. Thank you so much.
Sue Bair, Trustee.

From the T-Box

The following page contains the Golf Membership fees for the coming year. Dave, Tom and Roy are also working on other golf rates. These will include a corporate rate, and a junior rate (up to age 16), probably a 16 through college rate, and new daily specials. Rates are Monday through Friday. Monday will feature a special, lower rate, Tuesday is ladies' day and Thursday will feature a Senior Citizen rate. Spring rates are in effect until April 30, summer rates through mid-September and then fall rates.

We will also offer twilight rates and Elk Lodge members can play for a \$2.00 discount. Any suggestions are welcome and we'll post the rates in the pro shop and in the newsletter. Some tournament dates are ready and will fall approximately the same time as last year. The Golf Committee will finalize the tourney schedule. If you would care to make a donation to the Golf Course, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for all your support. Fore!

Tom Bair, Trustee

Golf Rates 2010 – 2011

Golf Membership (Green Fees)

	<u>Before 2/1/10*</u>	<u>on or after 2/2/10</u>
Single	\$320.00	\$350.00
Primary & Secondary in household	\$445.00	\$490.00
Dependent Child	\$100.00	\$110.00
2 or more Children	\$200.00	\$220.00

Associate Membership

Eligible to play in club		
Tournaments & receive Handicap	\$25.00	\$25.00

Membership Cart Fees

Private Cart Storage

Gas Cart	\$190.00`	\$225.00
Electric Cart	\$210.00	\$255.00

Private Cart Trail Fees

Single	\$310.00	\$350.00
Primary & secondary in household	\$395.00	\$430.00

Seasonal Club Cart Pass

Single	\$410.00	\$480.00
Primary & secondary in household	\$745.00	\$850.00

Weekday Club Cart Pass

Single	\$260.00	\$300.00
Primary & secondary in household	\$490.00	\$640.00

Lake Pier Rental

\$275.00	\$300.00
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***2010 – 2011 Elks dues must be paid to receive discount.**

Please pay golf dues and lodge dues in separate checks. Thank you.

Special Note Regarding Hours

To those of you who have been supporting our Dining Room and Bar throughout the past year we extend a heartfelt thank you. Without your support we could not have accomplished what we did. We feel that our Dining Room has been a great success this past year. Keep in mind that we went into this venture on our own because it has been extremely difficult to find someone reliable enough to lease it. Previous attempts at this have met with little success. Thanks to Chef Juan and his staff as well as the efforts of a number of volunteers we have provided a dining experience unique to the Rochester area. The food has met with consistent raves from our members and guests. The service got off to a bit of a rocky start but has improved significantly.

Throughout the month of December we have had a number of private holiday parties ranging from 20 to 100 people. Without exception we have received nothing but compliments on the food and service at each of these parties. We look forward to hosting them again next year.

There is no doubt that our business is seasonal. Many of our members, who support the lodge in the summer, leave the area for the winter months. As a result our business in the dining room on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday declines below the level where it is economically feasible to continue serving on these days. Effective January 1st we will revert to "winter hours" for the dining room. We will continue to serve a full (if somewhat limited) menu on Friday nights. We will also continue to serve Brunch on Sunday. It is our hope that we can continue this schedule throughout the winter months and resume a full schedule in the spring.

Again, thanks to those of you who have supported this effort. To those of you who have not yet had a chance to dine with us, come out on Friday for dinner or on Sunday for brunch. We think you will be glad you did. (Bring your friends – remember you don't have to be a member to dine at the Elks!

Saturday April 17th

We are having a special \$1000.00 drawing on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Only 300 tickets will be sold. A "home cooked" meal is included with the price of your ticket. This is a really FUN event. Tickets will go on sale after the first of the year. Tickets are \$10.00 each. This is a fundraiser for the lodge, so we hope you will all participate. Mark your calendars for a FUN NIGHT at the ELKS!

More information to follow as we get closer to the date.