

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**  
**Big Rapids Elks Lodge No. 974**  
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**JULY, 2010**



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 and  
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Lodge Meetings – 7:30 pm on the first  
 and third Thursday of each month  
 except July & August meetings for the  
 third Thursday. The Club Room of the  
 Lodge is open at 4:30 pm Monday --  
 Fridays. Closed Saturdays til further  
 notice except for special functions.



# Greetings from your Exalted Ruler

July, 2010

We will be manning the beer tent at the County Fair, July 12th-18th. Please stop by as this is a fund raiser for the Elks. If you would like to sign up and help, contact Dan Wanink at 592-4961 (leave a message and Dan will call). We will be having our annual family picnic at Tom Langley's on July 31st, golf in the morning, picnic around 1 PM., bring a plate to pass.

I again appeal to all members to use the club facilities; we have had a real decline in business and are hurting financially. The only way we can keep the club room going is your using it. We are adding new items to the menu this month and still have Taco night on Monday and Fish Fry on Friday. We need your support or we will not be able to maintain the hours now available. All of your officers and trustees are working very hard to keep things going but we cannot do it by ourselves. Please stop in, we have new bar help who you will enjoy, come meet them!

I have asked you to nominate a new member. Membership has been declining for a number of years. We need more members or eventually we will not have an Elks Lodge in Big Rapids.

The Boy Scouts will be having a fund raiser by selling pop in our back parking lot for the 4th of July parade, which is at 6 PM this year. Stop by and refresh yourself and support a good cause.

We will be having a rib fest in September, date to be announced. Thanks to those of you who were able to participate and attend our Flag Day. The ceremony was great. If you would like to get involved in an event or start an event please contact myself or any officer.

Please email your email address to [elksbpo974@tucker-usa.com](mailto:elksbpo974@tucker-usa.com) so we can start sending this monthly newsletter over the internet and also remind you of coming events.

Don't forget to stop in for your birthday drink.

**Paul DesNoyers**  
**Your ER**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

<p>Those who would like to receive their newsletter via email, please give us your email address or tell us if you can read it via <a href="http://www.brelks.com">www.brelks.com</a>. Please let us know. Our Lodge now has an email address: <a href="mailto:elksbpo974@tucker-usa.com">elksbpo974@tucker-usa.com</a>. Because of the increasing cost of postage and printing of our newsletter the Lodge has decided to send the newsletter by email to those who can receive it. Mailings will still be available to those without a computer.</p>	<p>Mail at: 20241 ASH DRIVE BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307</p> <p>Tel. 231-592-1007 888-592-1007 Fax 231-592-1007 e-mail: <a href="mailto:kwalz39@hotmail.com">kwalz39@hotmail.com</a></p> <p><b>KEN WALZ</b> PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY</p> <p>CONFERENCES AT LOCATIONS CONVENIENT TO CLIENT</p>
<p><b>Mecosta Count Fair</b> Remember to volunteer in helping operate the beer tent at the fair. If you can help a few hours, call Dan Wanink at 592-4961. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.</p>	<p>Ken has 40+ years of medical-legal experience. Dedicated now to seeking compensation for you, in association with specific expert attorneys/law firms through-out Michigan and adjoining states.</p>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## July Birthdays

### MEMBERS

- 05 Chris Manor
- 06 Richard Rau
- 07 Fred Howting
- 08 James Chipman
- Curtis Johnson
- 10 Jeffrey Pierce
- Jeffery Rumsey
- 12 Peter Currie
- Katie Nostrant
- John Powers
- 14 Thomas Langley
- 16 Douglas Doxsee
- 18 Richard Pathic
- 20 David Henry
- 21 Patrick Klarecki
- 24 Troy Lindsey
- 26 George Dickson
- Donald Larsen
- Samuel Todd
- 27 Paul Schell
- 28 Ryan Mackowiak

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Jerome & Rita Conrad
- 08 Daniel & Laurie Kirwin
- 09 Robert & Dolores Horan
- George & Helen Rouman
- 13 Jeffrey & Suzanne Pierce
- 17 Mark & Elizabeth Solis
- 27 Donald & Kathy Campbell
- 31 Richard & Kim Doran

### SPOUSES

- 03 Hildred Miller
- 08 Lynne Scheible
- 09 Shirley Lerew
- 12 Robin Young
- 28 Donna McMillen
- 31 Gail DesNoyers



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