

ROYAL OAK #34 DETROIT

MAY 2026

NEWSLETTER



LODGE INFO

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

royaloakdetroitelks.com



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LODGE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 5pm-10pm

Wednesday - 1pm to 10pm

Friday - 5pm to 10pm

Saturday - 2pm to 10pm

Sunday - 2pm to 8pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Thurs - 12 to 2

LODGE MEETINGS

4th Thursday of each Month
@7pm

Except Feb, March & April

2nd and 4th Thursday

Nov & Dec 2nd Thursday



The first month of our new Elk year was a great one. April highlights include our members cleaning veteran headstones at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, our Big Chief and Sunday Morning Brunch events, and our very first, at least in recent memory, Blood Drive. All events were very well attended! Thank you to the committee and team members who make our events so successful. Volunteers are at the heart of our Lodge.

Additionally, we initiated six new members in April! Please join me in welcoming them to the Lodge!

The month of May brings renewal, celebration, and a full calendar of opportunities for us to come together as a Lodge. With spring in full bloom, our schedule is just as vibrant.

We begin with two member favorites: Day at the Races, bringing a bit of Kentucky Derby fun right into the Lodge, and our festive Cinco de Mayo gathering with drink specials and \$1 tacos.

May also gives us the chance to honor the incredible mothers in our Elks family. I invite you to join us for a heartfelt Mother's Day ceremony and light brunch as we celebrate the women who give so much to our communities.

Service remains at the heart of Elksdom, and this month offers meaningful ways to support both our Lodge and our community. Please join us for Lodge Beautification Day as we freshen up the grounds for the season. We will also proudly participate in the Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who served and sacrificed. We need marchers—kids and grandkids are especially welcome!! If you can join us, please let me know.

Later in the month, Lodge leadership will travel to Sault Ste. Marie for the Michigan Elks Spring Convention, where we will learn from Lodges across the state, share the great work happening at Royal Oak-Detroit #34, and bring home ideas to continue strengthening our Lodge.

It's a busy month, and I hope you'll take part. Visit the calendar on our website <https://royaloakdetroitelks.com/> for more event details. You can also email officemanager34@comcast.net or leave a note for me at the bar with any questions.

Our May meeting is Thursday, May 28th at 7:00. This is where Lodge business is discussed and voted on. Every member has a voice and a right to be heard. This is your forum to make that happen.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Lodge in May!!

Fraternally Yours, Jill Kosters, Exalted Ruler

2025-2026 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Jill Kosters

Leading Knight
Dave Fett

Loyal Knight
Sean Dare

Lecturing Knight
Glen Goodson

Secretary
Carla Johnson

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Michele Murto

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Wendy Gambill

Tiler
Pat Villerot

Board of Trustees
1 Year - Randy Ravary
2 Year - Jerry Reynolds
3 Year - Michelle Collick
4 Year - Dan Martin
5 Year - Jim Flanigan

**Board of Directors
Chair**
Jim Flanigan

**House Committee
Chair**
Michelle Collick

LODGE EVENTS

Kentucky Derby
A DAY AT THE RACES

MAY 2ND | 5PM - 10PM

DRINK SPECIALS
FOOD SPECIALS
HORSE GAMES

ROYAL OAK-DETROIT
ELKS LODGE 34

CINCO DE MAYO
CELEBRATION!

Royal Oak-Detroit Elks Lodge #34

FOOD SPECIALS 5-7 | DRINK SPECIALS 5-CLOSE

\$1 TACOS
\$3 MARGARITAS

Great Vibes • Good Friends
Fiesta Fun!

MAY 5TH
Royal Oak-Detroit

Bring your friends and celebrate Cinco de Mayo the right way!

ROYAL OAK-DETROIT ELKS #34

FISH FRY

May 8th

Fish & Chips (Cod) 3 Pieces,
Fries, Cole Slaw
(extra piece of Cod \$5)
OR
Baked Walleye & Buttered Noodles

Dessert with every meal purchased

\$15
Kids \$8

Celebrate with us!

MOTHER'S DAY

at the
ROYAL OAK DETROIT ELKS

Saturday, May 9th
- 10 AM - 12 PM -

Enjoy
Light Breakfast Bites

Special
Ceremony at Noon

Join us for a lovely morning of celebration!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS TO COORDINATE AND HELP WITH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO AN OFFICER AT THE LODGE OR CONTACT US AT OFFICEMANAGER34@COMCAST.NET OR LEAVE US A MESSAGE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT ROYALOAKDETROITELKS.COM

LODGE EVENTS

ROYAL OAK-DETROIT ELKS

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY • IMPROVING OUR LODGE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HELP WITH WEEDING, CLEANUP & FLOWER PLANTING OUTSIDE THE LODGE

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

10:00 AM

LET'S MAKE OUR LODGE LOOK GREAT!
HELP KEEP OUR GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL FOR EVERYONE.

DONATIONS WELCOME!
WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF FLOWERS, MULCH & CASH.

LET'S MAKE OUR LODGE LOOK GREAT!

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUT AND MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

ROYAL OAK-DETROIT ELKS LODGE
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE MORE HANDS, THE LESS WORK!
Thank you for supporting your Elks Lodge!

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MEMORIAL DAY

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PARADE
STEPS OFF at 9A

MAIN STREET

CEREMONY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE

CENTENNIAL COMMONS

PLEASE JOIN OUR LODGE AND WALK IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH.

- o We will be meeting at Main Street and Lincoln at 8am
- o The parade starts at 9:00 and will conclude at the Royal Oak War Memorial.
- o Free parking is available in downtown Royal Oak on the day of the parade.

Additionally, there's a pancake breakfast at the Royal Oak Farmers Market from 7am to 11am. All you can eat!
Cost: Adults \$10 & Children 10 & Under \$5

PARADE AND BREAKFAST ARE RAIN OR SHINE!

SAVE THE DATE

ROYAL OAK-DETROIT LODGE 34

— ANNUAL —

GOLF

~ SCRAMBLE ~

SATURDAY

JULY 18, 2026

AT THE

RAMMLER
GOLF CLUB

SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR MORE DETAILS!

ROUND UP

For Charity

MAY ROUND-UP WILL GO TOWARDS BEAUTIFICATION FUND!

Thank You for Your Donation!



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SATURDAY
JULY 18, 2026

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RAMMLER
— GOLF CLUB —

SPONSORSHIP
Completed Form and Money
due by June 30th

Elks Contact Name: _____
Your Name: _____
Company Name: _____
Phone: _____

Questions - Jim Flanigan
Phone - 248-544-3560
Email - flanigan@eastown.com
Cash, Check or QR Code

- HOLE SPONSORSHIPS:**
- Gold Sponsor - \$1000**
Includes 1 Foursome, Banner at the Lodge, Gimmick Hole Sponsor and two signs on the course.
 - Silver Sponsor - \$500**
Includes Banner at the Lodge, Gimmick Hole Sponsor and two signs on the course.
 - Bronze Sponsor - \$250**
Includes Gimmick Hole Sponsor and two signs on the course.
 - Corporate Sponsor - \$100**
Includes two signs on the course.
 - Hole Sponsor - \$50**
Includes sign on course.

Name of Sponsor or Message:

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!
Completed Form and fee are due by June 30th

Registration fee includes green fee, cart fee, grab bag, hot dog at the turn, chances to win prizes and dinner immediately following at the Royal Oak-Detroit Elks #34 (2401 E. 4th Street, Royal Oak)

Captain Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Player 2 Name: _____
Player 3 Name: _____
Player 4 Name: _____

Contests - Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive (included in fee)
Skins and Optional Contests (paid the day of)
Raffle Items and 50/50 Also Available

CASH FEES	Individual \$125	Team \$500
CREDIT CARD	Individual \$130	Team \$520

Registration Fee: \$ _____
Sponsorship(s): \$ _____
Dinner Guest: ____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____
Grand Total: \$ _____



Make Checks payable to Royal Oak-Detroit Elks.
Mail form with check to 2401 E. 4th Street,
Royal Oak, MI 48067 or drop off to the
Bartender at the Royal Oak-Detroit Elks.

<https://square.link/u/bQKjvCZD>
OR USE THIS QR CODE
TO PAY FOR GOLF, HOLE
SPONSOR, OR DINNER
GUEST

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO GOLD KEY
WHICH IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
STUDENTS FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION.**

LODGE NEWS

Hope is in Bloom

@ROYAL OAK-DETROIT LODGE #34

THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS!

April 22nd Blood Drive Results

Goal: 15 units
Registered: 15
Collected: 13 units
(11 whole blood, 2 double reds)
First Time Versiti Donors: 8

Thank you so much for donating with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. Your blood will help impact 39 lives across our community.



Thank you all attempting donors!

LANA LIPOSKY	KALEY SEPANIK
ISABELLA HARDY	LANA CHAPPELL
ZACHARY SEPANIK	THOMAS WILLIAMS
WENDY KISSONERGIS	BRITTANY GARDNER
CARLA JOHNSON	HANNAH MOORE
JILL KOSTERS	MATTHEW UYTINGCO
CAROL LIPOSKY	KELLY SPANKE



ROYAL OAK-DETROIT ELKS LODGE #34

WELCOME



• ALL GUESTS MUST BE SIGNED IN



• ONLY MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE BEVERAGES



• ONLY BARTENDER CAN OPEN FRONT DOOR



• GOOD ELKS CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES

★ ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE ★

★ GREAT LAKES NATIONAL CEMETERY ★

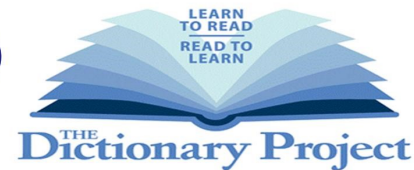
Headstone Cleaning Event April 11, 2026



THANK YOU TO THE ROYAL OAK-DETROIT LODGE #34 MEMEBERS AND GUESTS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO TRAVEL TO HOLLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT LAKES NATIONAL CEMETARY HEADSTONE CLEANING EVENT - YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

JILL KOSTERS-ER, MICHELE MURTO-VETERANS CHAIR, KATIE MURTO, DAVE FETT-PER, MAXINE FETT, RANDY RAVARY-TRUSTEE, JOEL RAVARY, REBECCA FETT-MALONE & MARTHA MCDONNELL

♥ Give Back, Honor Service. Make a Difference ♥



MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of this program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.

This year Royal Oak-Detroit Lodge 34 were excited to present dictionaries to the third grade classes at Addams Elementary, Oakland Elementary and Northwood Elementary. The kids were super excited to receive them! Thank you to all the schools for allowing us to give this gift to them!

LODGE NEWS

ROD #34 CHARTIABLE GIVING

HOURS YTD: 144

DOLLARS YTD: \$216



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| David Delmonico | Donald Edgerly | James Sark |
| John Vultaggio | Jeremy Coan | John Hartkopf |
| Ronald Campbell | Michael DiStefano | Kevin Zmyslowski |
| Richard Polanecki | William Tucker | Thomas Guirey |
| Joshua Zimring | Robert Frydrych | Laurie Gamble |
| Susan Curcio | Lawrence Iminski | David Ohrt |
| Melissa Drager | Joshua Makar | Jeffrey Calhoun |
| | | Kim Haderer |



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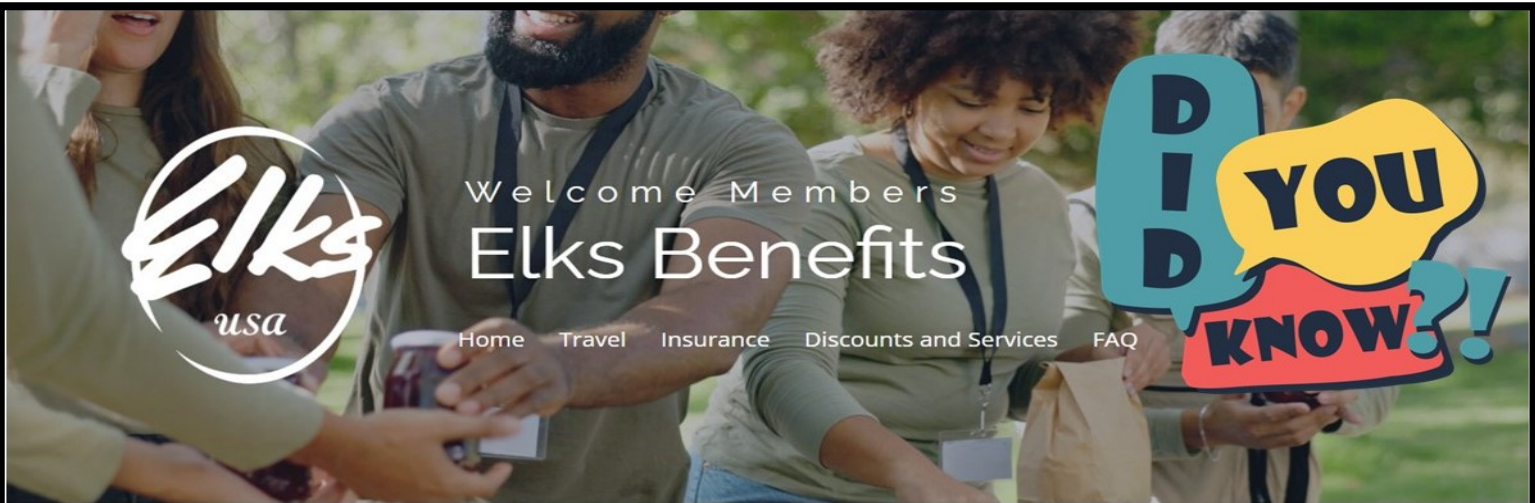
Summer


HOURS OF OPERATION

 SUNDAY	2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 MONDAY	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 TUESDAY	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY	1:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 THURSDAY	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM <small>(OPEN UNTIL 11:00 PM ON LODGE MEETING NIGHTS)</small>
 FRIDAY	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 SATURDAY	2:00 PM – 10:00 PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUMMER!

OFFICE HOURS - MONDAY AND THURSDAY - 12PM TO 2PM





Welcome Members

Elks Benefits

Home Travel Insurance Discounts and Services FAQ

DID YOU KNOW?!

Elks members receive discounts on travel, insurance, and other products and services.

Travel - Car Rentals, Hotels and Resorts, Orland Vacation Park Packages, etc.

Insurance - Auto, Home, Renters Insurance from Travelers

Other - Products from Office Depot, Hearing Aids, Cash back on new vehicles, etc.

You can find a list of some of the benefits available to members on the National Elks Association website @elksbenefits.com

Membership

MEMBERSHIP LAPSATION REPORT

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 04/30/26: 272
 INCREASE OF 5
 DELINQUENT - 63 LAPSATION - 23.60%
 INITIATED: 6 DROPPED: 0
 REINSTATED: 0 TRANSFER OUT: 0
 TRANSFERS IN: 0 DEATH: 1
 LIFE PERCENTAGE: 20.22%

Welcome,
New Members



Susan Curcio, Frank Reimann, Dominic Kosters, Dustin Mizah, Lynn Green and Cathy Ballard

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

STARTING APRIL 1ST

BARTENDERS WILL BE CHECKING FOR

MEMBERSHIP CARDS!

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET, PLEASE DO SO SOON!



Royal Oak Detroit Elks Lodge #34
 2401 East 4th Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

	ROBERT NEAL Reinstatement Proposer - Carla Johnson
ALAN ASKEW Fraser Proposer - Mike Rearick	DAVID TASKY Reinstatement Proposer - Carla Johnson

TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TO MAKE SURE OUR EVENTS LAST MONTH WERE SUCCESSFUL! **THANK YOU!**

TRACY & RANDY RAVARY, JOEL RAVARY, BILL DYDA, DAVE FETT, KATHY TASCH, SHAD & TERESA GARNER, MIKE REARICK, MICHELE MURTO, KATIE MURTO, MAXINE FETT, JILL KOSTERS, MICHELLE & JEFF COLLICK, CARLA JOHNSON, JIM FLANIGAN, REBECCA FETT-MALONE, MARTHA MCDONNELL, ANGEL GRINAGE AND KATHY DELINSKI





ENF At a Glance

HELPING ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES



ROYAL OAK-DETROIT #34 ENF FUNDRAISING STATISTICS FOR 2025-2026

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$2,817.20 PER-MEMBER GIVING: \$10.63 FIDELITY CLUB: 3

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT: 30.19% MEMBERS: 266 LODGE GRANT FUNDS: \$10,500

FIDELITY CLUB MEMBERS: JENNIFER CHINN, JILL KOSTERS, & GLEN GOODSON

Join The Fidelity Club

Automate your support of the Elks National Foundation with a monthly gift through your credit card or bank account. Becoming a Fidelity Club member is an easy and secure way to support your Foundation. Go to elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm and join today!



Thank You

★ TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS TO THE ★

ELKS ENF

2026-2027

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Your support helps the Elks National Foundation build stronger communities and brighter futures.
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- ★ Kruger, John L
- ★ Rearick, Michael B
- ★ Corbishdale, Nicholas
- ★ Riopelle, Robert P
- ★ Reiber, David
- ★ Teitge, Louise H
- ★ Gorney, James A
- ★ Fett, David A
- ★ Dinkelman, Jeffrey S
- ★ Hengel, Frederick W
- ★ Ubbelohde, Nick
- ★ Garner, Shad A
- ★ Davis, Richard
- ★ Henderson, Lori M
- ★ Lindeman, Susan C

- ★ Poehlman, Jamie S
- ★ Pappas, William J
- ★ Chapman, Jack
- ★ Ravary, Randy
- ★ Fedewa, Steven
- ★ Chamberlain, Julie Ann
- ★ Shepler, Robert W
- ★ Liposky, Carol Ann
- ★ Dare, Sean
- ★ Davis, James W
- ★ Serapilia, Larry
- ★ Spanke, Kelly
- ★ Curcio, Jon
- ★ Bartolone, Phillip J
- ★ Villerot, Patrick R

- ★ Lawton, Helen
- ★ Olson, Cheryl
- ★ Ballard Jr, Richard
- ★ Kosters, Jill E
- ★ Sark, James G
- ★ Amell, Jerry E
- ★ Cideko, Jeffrey A
- ★ Ochalek, Walter J
- ★ McIntyre, Matthew
- ★ Cantrall, David J
- ★ Baker, Daniel C
- ★ Rex, Geryln Lynn
- ★ Chappell, Lana
- ★ Villerot, Charles
- ★ Urbanowicz, Todd



★ *Thank you* ★

FOR INVESTING IN TOMORROW.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31				THIRSTY THURSDAY	1 YOUTH WEEK 5/1-5/7 ➔	
3 YOUTH WEEK 5/1-5/7 ➔	4 DROPP-IN EUCHRE EVERY MONDAY Registration @6:30		6 SPORTS CARD SHOW 11am - 6pm	7 THIRSTY THURSDAY LODGE MTG @7PM		
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24	 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE STEPS OFF AT 9A CEREMONY CENTENNIAL COMMONS PLEASE JOIN OUR LODGE AND WALK IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH: • We will be meeting at Main Street and Lincoln at 8am. • The parade starts at 9:00 and will conclude at the Royal Oak War Memorial. • Free parking is available in downtown Royal Oak on the day of the parade. Additionally, there's a pancake breakfast at the Royal Oak Community Center from 7am to 11am. (No reservations) Cost: Adults \$10 & Children 10 & Under \$5 ★ PARADE AND BREAKFAST ARE RAIN OR SHINE! ★	26	27 SPORTS CARD SHOW 11am - 6pm	28 THIRSTY THURSDAY	29 FREE JUKEBOX 8-10	30

NEED A HALL TO RENT FOR A PARTY, WEDDING, SHOWER, GRADUATION, ETC. OR A ROOM FOR A MEETING?
WE HAVE WHAT YOU NEED! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE HALL MANAGER AT
HCRODELKS@YAHOO.COM OR CALL 248.544.3560

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY - JUNE 11TH - FLAG DAY CEREMONY
SUNDAY - JUNE 20TH - FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
THURSDAY - JUNE 25TH LODGE MEETING @7PM

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENT DETAILS