Clawson-Troy Elks #2169

Elk Eye

November 2026

Ed Sager, Editor

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

The holiday season is upon us, and it's hard to believe that the end of the year is already approaching! We've had a busy and exciting few months at our Lodge, and I want to take a moment to share some highlights and what's coming up.

October Was a Great Month! - We kicked things off with our very first Reverse Raffle and Dinner, with proceeds going toward our parking lot project. The event was such a success that several members have already asked when we're having another one! Stay tuned, as we'll be sharing details about our next raffle soon. We also enjoyed a variety of fun activities, including Crafting Through the Holidays, our Pumpkin Patch, Halloween Party, and Kids Candy Crawl. A BIG THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who continually step up, lend a hand, and help make these events possible. Our Lodge wouldn't be the same without you!

A Special Weekend at MEA Convention - Seven of our members recently attended the Michigan Elks Association (MEA) Convention at Shanty Creek for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun. We attended several educational sessions and even had the opportunity to meet our Grand Exalted Ruler, Timothy Jaeger, and his wife, Sandy. Saturday evening brought an unexpected and exciting surprise! As we were wrapping up our conversation with them, our Michigan Elks State President, David Cashbaugh, announced that he had a special gift for a Lodge that wanted it. Erica and I were standing right there, and I raised my hand as fast as I could and shouted, **"WE DO!!"** Well, guess what? He chose OUR Lodge! We're currently working on a date to officially unveil this special gift. You'll want to stay tuned because good things are coming! Another topic discussed at the convention was a proposal regarding keeping the bar open during Lodge meetings. A vote was taken, and the proposal passed. It will now move on to the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee for review. If approved, it will then be presented for a vote at the next Grand Lodge Convention in Denver next July. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Getting Ready for the Next Elk Year - Believe it or not, we are already just five months away from the end of our current Elk year! As we look ahead, we're always looking for members who would like to become more involved and help lead our Lodge. Whether you're interested in serving on the Board, becoming a Knight, or taking on the role of Exalted Ruler, there are many opportunities to make a difference. We'll begin accepting nominations at our February Lodge meeting. If you've ever thought about getting more involved but aren't sure where to start, please reach out to me or speak with any Board member. We'd be happy to answer your questions and help you learn more. Our Lodge depends on members who are willing to step up and get involved. We would love to have you be part of our leadership team!

Holiday Giving – Toy Donations Needed! - The holiday season is all about giving, and we'd love your help making Christmas special for the children in our community! **We are now accepting toy donations for our Kids Christmas Party.** If you'd like to help spread some Christmas cheer, please bring an unwrapped toy and leave it on the conference room table. Thank you for helping us make the holidays a little brighter for our kids!

Our next lodge meetings will be **November 12 at 7:30 PM and December 10 at 7:30 PM.** Please note that we will have only one Lodge meeting in November and one in December. Please join us! Your participation, support, and friendship are what make our Lodge special. As we head into the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for everything you do for our Lodge and for continuing to make it a great place to belong. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge!



Fraternally,

Scott Dickinson, PER Exalted Ruler
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This Month

November 2026

Lodge Info

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248.588.6500
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clawsontroyelks2169@gmail.com

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Lodge Hours:
Sun: Lodge closed
Mon, Wed: 4PM to 11
Tue: 3PM to 11
Thu: Lodge closed
Fri: 4PM to close
Sat: 6PM to close

Website:
www.clawsontroyelks.org

Did You Know?
Elks are eligible for additional benefits such as discounts on travel, insurance, office supplies, internet security, prescriptions, health services and more! Check out https://elksbenefits.com/ for more information.

Lodge Facts:
Clawson-Troy Elks has 272 members. There are currently 50 Elks Lodges in Michigan.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the country, with nearly 800,000 men and women in 1,900 communities nationwide.

Activities

November 1st: Lions Game and Potluck at 1 PM Come watch the Lions take on the Vikings. Doors open at noon	
November 1st: Painting with a Purpose at 1:00 Discover your inner artist	
November 7th: MSU Game at 7:30PM Come watch the Spartans and the Wolverines. Bring a dish to pass.	
November 8th: Lions Game and Potluck at 1:00 Come watch the Lions take on the Dolphins. Doors open at noon	
November 10th: Blood Drive 12-6 PM - Blind Draw Cornhole at 7:30PM Help save lives with a donation. Then later play some cornhole! No skills necessary – come play for fun!	
November 11th: Veterans Day Veterans get a free meal 5-8	
November 12th: Lodge Meeting at 7:00 PM All members are welcome to attend.	
November 13th: Family Feud at 7:00 PM Just like the game show. Bring some friends and/or family. Hosted by Ed Sager.	
November 15th: Lions Game at 9 AM Come watch the Lions take on the Patriots in Munich. Doors open at 8:00 AM	
November 20th: Trivia at 7:00 PM Are you smarter than a fifth grader? Find out. Hosted by Ed Sager & Sylvia Johns	
November 21st: Kids Karaoke Hosted by Michael Covert and Angie Kids sing from 4:30 – 6:30. Adults join in the fun at 8:00. Fryer food til 9	
November 22nd: Lions Game at 1:00 Come watch the Lions take on the Bucs. Bring a dish to pass. Doors open at noon	
November 27th: Game Night at 7:00 PM Elks style Bingo. Come on down and give it a try. Hosted by Junior and Nikki.	
November 28th: U of M Game at noon Come watch the Wolverines and OSU. Bring a dish to pass. Doors open at 11	
November 29th: Shear Madness Brunch and Haircut Social 11-2 Come have brunch and get a trim. Doors open at 11.	

Karaoke: Saturdays at 8 PM Hosted by members. Come and sing your heart out!	

Stay Up to Date
Visit our website at https://clawsontroyelks.org/ to keep an eye on our Calendar of Events.
To receive notifications and up-to-date information, be sure that you are a member of Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge 2169 Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/381971308489980/.

Milestones

November 2026



November Birthdays

02 Mark LePage
10 Andrea Breen
11 Harlan Pedersen
13 Garland Whitney
Matthew Scarano
16 William Pickett
18 James Horton
Sherlyn Wilson
20 Lawrence Ratkowiak
23 Laurence Wolf
25 Russell Maes
Jennifer Whitney
27 Devon O'Toole
28 Lila Schneider
Darrel Kozikowski

***** Birthday Drink *****

Come have a birthday drink with us!

Present this coupon any day in the month of your birthday for a complimentary drink. (One drink per member)

Name:_____ Date:_____

Veterans News

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission promises service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need.

Veterans Crisis Line:
1-800-273-8255

Elks National Veteran Services
www.elks.org/vets/programs.cfm
Email: Vets@elks.org
Ph: (773) 755-4736

Michigan State Chair
Haley Thomas
324 W. Peck St., Negaunee, MI 49866
Ph:(906)-362-4572

Oakland County Veterans Counselor
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 26 E
Pontiac, MI 48341
Ph: (248) 858-0785
wootteng@oakgov.com

Metro District 4200 Veterans Contacts:

Scott R. Harris PER, DVP ENVSC VAVS Representative

Port Huron Elks Lodge #343

dvpme@mielks.org

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS GRATITUDE MONTH!

Wednesday, November 11th is National Veterans Remembrance Day! When you see a veteran during your daily activity this month, please make a point to thank him or her for their service to our county!

VETERANS NEWS!
Veterans Remembrance Month:
During the month of November, we dedicate our thoughts and gratitude to all US veterans. We are asking our members to support our new **donation drive** to help homeless veterans in our area. A list of NEW articles and supplies needed such as personal care items, clothing, protective gear etc., are listed in the flyer located in this newsletter. Cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase additional supplies. The deadline to receive donations is Monday, November 30.

Fundraising For Veterans:
The L'Kettes will begin selling tickets soon for the annual **Holiday Basket of Cheer** Raffle. The drawing will be held at the Elks Members Christmas gathering Saturday, December 12th. We hope our members will support this effort that will ultimately provide funds to benefit hospitalized and/or homeless veterans of our area.

Bingo Date Change at the VA Hospital:
Due to a conflict in scheduling fall events this holiday season, our Bingo date for November has been moved to **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**. For those who are regular volunteers, a reminder alert will be sent to verify attendance. As always, we meet at the lodge at 6:00 p.m. and travel by carpool to the hospital for a one hour 7:00 p.m. game. Please call or text Jan Petrie, 248-909-3650 for more information.

Respectfully,

Ron Sauger, Chairman



Elks Care - Elks Share

To our current Veterans and newly initiated Veterans of Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge #2169, we ask that you please consider providing your Military Service story to the contacts listed on the left for a future Veterans publication.



Veterans' Donation Drive

We are collecting the following NEW items for Veterans in need. Please drop off all donations in the bin located in the lobby by Nov. 30th. If you prefer a cash donation, please see Jen Whitney or Jan Petrie, all cash donations will be used to purchase items on this list.

Requested Items (NEW):

- Backpacks
- Rain Ponchos
- Hats/Scarfs/Gloves
- Flip Flops (Shower Shoes)
- Combs/Brushes
- Chapstick
- Hand Warmers
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
- Kleenex Packets
- Travel Size Shampoo/Conditioner
- Travel Size Body Wash
- Travel Size Lotion
- Travel Size Wet Wipes
- Towels / Washcloths
- Small First Aid Kits (no medication)
- Sweatpants (Size: L/XL/2XL)
- Sweatshirts (Size: L/XL/2XL)
- Long Sleeved Shirts (Size: L/XL/2XL)
- Non-Perishable Food (Single Serve Packs)
- Laundry Detergent Pods / Dryer Sheets

All donations will be delivered to the Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center in Detroit to go to Veterans in need.

Donation Deadline:
Nov. 30, 2026

Clawson-Troy Elks #2169
2549 Elliott Ave.
Troy, MI 48083

So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

L'Kettes Corner

2025-2026 L'Kette Officers

President:
Carol Rivetto
Vice President:
Joan Sauger
Recording Secretary:
Jan Petrie
Corresponding Secretary:
Nancy Bernstein
Treasurer:
Shirley Durak
3 Year Trustee:
Virginia Mertz
2 Year Trustee:
Jan Hopper
1 Year Trustee:
Sue Shillair
Honorary Trustee:
Michele Sauger

Here we are, almost to the end of the year. It's a time when we think back one on how the year went for us. How our L'Kette year turned out. Did we do anything to support our membership? Well, this is a good time to think about that. Go to the next meeting; find out what's going on; give your opinions and ideas. You are a member. We need you!

Joan Sauger

L'Kettes Vice President



Elks National Foundation (ENF) Fundraising Statistics

Total Donations: $5,212.20
Fidelity Club Members: 12
Per-Member Giving: $19.82
Updated through: 10/29/2026

2026-2027 ENF CIP Grants

Freedom Grant ($1,000)

Meet the needs of today's veterans and military members.

On June 17, we delivered 24 fully stocked backpacks and much-needed supplies to the Veterans Shelter in Detroit. This donation, valued at more than $3,300, was made possible by our members through the Veterans Donation Drive and funding from the Freedom Grant.

Beacon Grant ($4,000)

Lead an active, charitable project.

We have been approved for the Beacon Grant and funds will be used to purchase food and supplies for local food pantries. If you are interested in helping with this grant, please contact Sue Palmer.

Gratitude Grant ($5,000)

Support local, charitable activities.

We have been approved for the Gratitude Grant, funds will be used for The Dictionary Project, Pet Food Pantry, Oakland County Foster Closet, Community Housing Network of Troy, and Grace Centers of Hope. More info coming soon!

Spotlight Grant (Projected amount: $2,500)

Shine a light on important community issues

More information to come as we move through the grant application process – stay tuned!



JOIN THE FIDELITY CLUB!

The Elks National Foundation's monthly giving program is:

- SECURE
- FLEXIBLE
- CONVENIENT
- ECO-FRIENDLY

scan to join!

enf.elks.org/fidelity

Community


American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE
GIVE BLOOD GIVE HOPE
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 10
12:00 – 6:00 PM
Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge
2549 Elliott Avenue, Troy
amazon
$10 AMAZON GIFT CARD
by email from the American Red Cross!
500
BONUS REWARDS POINTS
Redeemable for another $10 e-gift card!
PLUS!
Chance to WIN a
$30 GIFT CARD!
Schedule your appointment online, check in at the Lodge on November 10, and attempt to donate to be entered.
You don't have to successfully donate to qualify!
Successful November donations also receive complimentary A1C testing, which provides valuable information about blood sugar levels!
RESERVE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!
A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME COULD MEAN A LIFETIME TO SOMEONE ELSE.


KIDS KARAOKE!
JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING OF MUSIC & FUN!
FREE KIDS EVENT!
NOVEMBER 21
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge
2549 Elliott Ave, Troy, MI 48083
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!
Kid favorites include:
6pc Nuggets
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Mac & Cheese
Sweet Treats
All Are Welcome to Attend!
SING • LAUGH • HAVE FUN!


CLAWSON-TROY ELKS NO. 2169
EXALTED RULER'S
MEMBERSHIP
CHALLENGE!
GROW OUR LODGE. BUILD OUR FUTURE.
Invite a friend today!
JOIN ME ON
The Road to
50!
ONE MEMBER AT A TIME
My goal is simple:
add 50 new members
to our lodge!
The more we grow,
the stronger we are.
Let's reach 50 together
and keep our lodge
thriving for years
to come!
CONTEST PERIOD:
Begins immediately and ends
MARCH 1, 2027,
allowing sufficient time for
the winner's 2027–2028 dues
to be paid before the Early Bird
deadline and for the designation
to appear on the winner's card.
MEMBERSHIP
CHAMPION
WINNER RECEIVES:
Our ER, Scott will pay your
27-28
LODGE DUES.


VETERANS DAY
AT THE ELKS
Clawson-Troy Elks #2169
Wednesday, November 11
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
ALL VETERANS RECEIVE A
FREE MEAL & DRINK
Join us as we honor and thank
our veterans for their service.
Thank you for your service!

ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

UNLEASH GRIT AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



CONTEST LOCATION: Boys & Girls Club of Troy @ 3670 John R Rd, Troy, MI 48083

HOSTED BY: Clawson-Troy Elks & Macomb Elks **LODGE NO.** #2169 & #2292

DATE: November 22, 2026 **TIME:** 1:00 PM

DIRECTOR: Angela Johnston **CONTACT:** operations@clawsontroyelks.org

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2027. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit **elks.org/hoopshoot.**

Elks National Foundation, Inc. 2750 N. Lakeview Ave. | Chicago, IL 60614 | 773/755-4758 | hoopshoot@elks.org | elks.org/hoopshoot

Elks AMERICANISM

COLORING CONTEST & ESSAY CONTEST

COLORING CONTEST

1st through 4th Grade

A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL WAY TO WIN PRIZES FOR THEIR EFFORTS!

ESSAY CONTEST

5th through 8th Grade

Contact Angie at **925-487-1520**

or email **operations@clawsontroyelks.org** for more information.

Deadline for Submissions DEC 15th, 2026

Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge #2169

Save the Dates!

NOVEMBER 21ST



4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 22ND



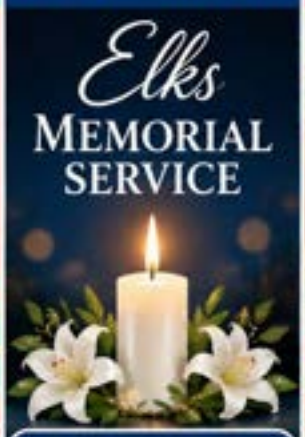
1 PM - 3 PM

DECEMBER 5TH



12 PM - 2 PM

DECEMBER 6TH



TIME TBD

DECEMBER 12TH



TIME TBD

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  @1 Painting w/ a Purpose 1-5	2	3	4	5 Lodge Closed	6	7 Game @7:30
8  @1	9	10 Blood Drive 12-6  @7:30	11  L'Kette Bunco @ 6	12 Club Closed Lodge Meeting @7:30	13  @7	14  @8
15  @9:00AM	16	17 L' Kette Meeting	18	19 Lodge Closed	20  @7	21 Kids 4:30-6:30  Adults @8
22  @1:00	23	24	25	 Lodge Closed	27  @7	28  @noon  @8
29  Shear Madness 11-2	30					



