Clawson-Troy Elks #2169

Elk Eye

October 2026

Ed Sager, Editor

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Happy October!

September was great. We raised over $550 during Coins 4 Kids month, supporting Michigan Major Project - thanks to all of you! We celebrated Elks National Patriotism Week (Sept 7-13) and received our Proclamation from the Mayor of Madison Heights and recognized our '25-'26 Americanism Essay and Coloring contest winners during a ceremony on Friday Sept 11th.

We hosted our Elks Metro District #4200 dignitaries at both Lodge meetings this past month for our annual DDGER and DVP/DVC visits. We received a lot of useful feedback, and our Lodge is in good order!

Clawson-Troy Lodge #2169 initiated 4 new members this month. A warm wELKome goes out to our newest members Paula Marie Carr, Jacob Porter, Susan Gibeault and Andrew Schott along with recent initiated members Raj Agrawala, Raymond Muzzin, George McMahon Jr., Leslie McMahon, Leonard Stesney, Jeff Otto and Matt Scarano.

We are thankful for new members and my ENF challenge to initiate 50 new Members remains. Remember this contest, I'm already saving money so I can pay the winner's '27-'28 Lodge dues. Guests are welcome and encouraged to join us as Elks!

Call for future leaders! We are at ½ way through the Elk year and we are looking for lodge leadership. Our Lodge needs folks that are interested in making a difference. It takes a lot to run an Elks Lodge and all members are encouraged to consider joining the Lodge Board. If you are interested in learning more, please attend our upcoming Lodge Meetings on October 8th or October 22nd at 7:30pm.

When I was nominated to be your Exalted Ruler for a second time, I began a lot of work travel and have not been able to be at the Lodge as much as I'd like but know that I am available to receive your feedback, concerns or questions by phone or at a Lodge meeting. Please remember we are not just a bar/club, we are a community of members who care and make a difference together, supporting veterans, youth and our communities through volunteerism and charitable giving – your opinion and support matters!

We have a number of fun events in store for this coming month and we need volunteers, see details below and sign up today!



Fraternally,

Scott Dickinson, PER Exalted Ruler
erelks2169@gmail.com
(248) 670-1256



This Month

October 2026

Lodge Info

Main Phone:
Ph: 248.588.6500

Hall Manager:
248.588.6500
Press 3

Secretary: Sue Palmer
734.474.5304
clawsontroyelks2169@gmail.com

Exalted Ruler: Scott Dickinson
Ph:248 -670-1256
erelks2169@gmail.com

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

October 3rd: Reverse Raffle Have dinner and win some prizes!	
October 6th: Blind Draw Cornhole at 7:30PM Elks and their guests – let's play some cornhole! No skills necessary – come play for fun!	
October 8th: Lodge Meeting at 7:00 PM All members are welcome to attend.	
October 9th: Family Feud at 7:00 PM Just like the game show. Bring some friends and/or family. Hosted by Ed Sager.	
October 10th: Crafting Through the Holidays 12-3 PM LIVE Band Smokin' 45s at 7:30. Flex your creativity then rock out to some oldies	
October 11th: Lions Game at 4:25 PM Come watch the Lions take on the Cardinals and bring a dish to pass. Doors open at 3:30	
October 14th: L'Kettes Bunco at 6 PM	
October 16th: Trivia at 7:00 PM Are you smarter than a fifth grader? Find out. Hosted by Sylvia Johns	
October 17th: Karaoke Hosted by Michael Covert at 8 PM Get in the spotlight	
October 22nd: Lodge Meeting at 7:30 All members are welcome to attend. Make your voice heard.	
October 24th: Kids Candy Crawl 1-3 PM then Karaoke Hosted by Judy at 8 Be the star that you are.	
October 25th: Lions Game at 4:25 PM Come watch the Lions send Green Bay packing and bring a dish to pass. Doors open at 3:30	
October 30th: Game Night at 7:00 PM Elks style Bingo. Come on down and give it a try. Hosted by Angie and Nikki.	
October 31st: Karaoke Hosted by Michael Covert at 8 PM Show off your talent	

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

October 2026



October Birthdays

04 Gary Gnyp
Linda Hunkele
06 Brian Brown
06 Daniel Desjardins
Robert Rourke
08 Christopher Simmons
09 Paula Carr
12 Amanda Snitgen
13 Albert Schwaller
19 Robert Distefano
25 Lawrence Schultz
Robert Waple
27 Matthew Brill
Sean Fleming
28 Lindsey Tapin
29 Daniel Rees

***** 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

Fundraising For Veterans:
The L'Kettes are currently working on the annual Holiday Basket of Cheer Raffle that will conclude with a drawing at the Elks Members Christmas gathering Saturday, December 12th. Tickets will go on sale later in October and we hope our members will support this effort to ultimately provide funds to benefit hospitalized and/or homeless veterans of our area.

Bingo at the VA Hospital:
Dates for future bingo visits include Tuesday, October 20th, Tuesday, November 17th. and Tuesday, December 15th. With the cooler autumn and winter days ahead we hope to provide a little bit of cheer for our hospitalized friends at the VA Hospital Community Living Center. For those who are regular volunteers, a reminder alert will be sent each month to verify attendance for each date. 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.

Looking Ahead:
A reminder: November is Veterans Remembrance Month.....Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day in the United States!

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.

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

It's October already! How fast the days are going by! Last month L'Kettes enjoyed wonderful appetizers provided by the members before our September meeting. October 22 the Lady Larks Luncheon will take place at Ford's Garage Restaurant. If you wish to join us, call Virginia Mertz at 586-826-8733. On October 27, we will be enjoying our annual Potluck Supper. On November 1, we hope everyone will join us for another fun day of **Painting with a Purpose**. Fliers will be posted very soon with all the information you'll need to attend this fundraiser.

Joan Sauger,

L'Kettes VP

Elks Americanism Contest Winners - September 11, 2026

Five local youth attended a ceremony at Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge #2169 where they were presented with awards for participation in the 2025-2026 Americanism Essay and Coloring Contest.

- Ram Prapann Gupta took 1st Place in Division I (5th Grade) in the Michigan Elks Association and went on to take 2nd Place in Division I in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Grand Lodge contest.
- Irsia Ball took 1st Place in Division IV (8th Grade) in the Michigan Elks Association and went on to take 3rd Place in Division IV in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Grand Lodge contest.
- Dhruthi Pingili placed in the Lodge and District contests and received a certificate of participation from the Michigan Elks Association.
- Advait Patil placed in the Lodge contest and received a certification of participation from the Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge.
- Asher Gheldof participated in the Lodge coloring contest and received a certificate of participation from the Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge.

Congratulations to all!



Pictured (from left to right): Irsia Ball, Asher Gheldof, Angela Johnston - Esteemed Leading Knight, PER, Advait Patil, Scott Dickinson - Exalted Ruler, PER, Dhuruthi Pingili, Marcia Hanley - Americanism Chairperson, Ram Prapann Gupta

Metro District Lodge Visits

On September 10th, we had the honor of hosting Scott R. Harris, DDGER & PER, of Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, Paul Torres, PER & District Auditor from Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, along with Garland Whitney Jr. PER, Grand Esquire & Michigan Elks Association Sergeant at Arms from Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge # 2169. The meeting was also attended by our very own PERs Ron and Sharon Malendowski and included our September 11th Service to pay tribute to the lives lost and the courage of first responders.





On September 24th, we had the pleasure of hosting District Vice President, Grant Smith from Pont/Waterford Elks 810 and District Vice Chairman, Jason Judkins from Rochester-North Oakland Elks Lodge #2225.





Elks Patriotism Week Proclamation

Thank you to Madison Heights Mayor Corey Haines and the City Council for supporting us as a Lodge in the community!



Pictured from left to right: Sean Fleming (Councilman), Emily Rohrbach (Councilor), Laurie Geralds (Councilor), Corey Haines (Mayor), Toya Aaron (Councilwoman), William Mier, (Mayor Pro Tem), Quinn Wright (Councilor).



Elks National Foundation (ENF) Fundraising Statistics

Total Donations: $5,104.30
Per-Member Giving: $19.40
Fidelity Club Members: 11
Updated through: 9/2026

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 (Projected amount: $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!



MICHIGAN ELKS ASSOCIATION

October 2026

MICHIGAN ELKS ASSOCIATION MAJOR PROJECT

Helping Michigan Children Reach Their Full Potential

CHARITY: The foundation of Elkdom

WHAT IS THE MAJOR PROJECT?

The Michigan Elks Association Major Project is one of the most important charitable programs supported by Elks throughout Michigan. Through the generosity of our members, lodges, and communities, the Major Project helps provide services and support for children with special needs and their families.



ELKS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

When you donate to the Michigan Elks Major Project, you join Elks from across the state in making a difference in the lives of Michigan children.

Our support helps provide valuable programs and services designed to give children greater opportunities to **learn, grow, communicate, and thrive.**

Every contribution matters. Whether it comes from a lodge fundraiser, a handful of change, returned bottles and cans, or an individual donation, those dollars add up when Elks work together.

WHY WE SUPPORT THE MAJOR PROJECT

The Major Project represents what Elkdom is all about:

Helping others.
Strengthening our communities.
Supporting children and families.

It also gives every Elk an opportunity to participate. You don't have to organize a huge fundraiser to make an impact. Small efforts throughout the year can become something extraordinary when combined with the efforts of Elks across Michigan.

EASY WAYS TO HELP

- Donate your spare change
- Participate in lodge Major Project fundraisers
- Donate returnable bottles and cans when a collection is being held
- Encourage friends and family to support our projects
- Volunteer at a fundraiser
- Make a personal contribution
- Help spread the word about the Michigan Elks Major Project

SMALL CHANGE + MANY ELKS = A BIG IMPACT!

CLAWSON-TROY ELKS #2169 SUPPORTS OUR MAJOR PROJECT

Our lodge is proud to support the Michigan Elks Association Major Project throughout the year. From Cans for Kids and Coins 4 Kids to special fundraisers and individual donations, our members continue finding creative ways to raise money and awareness for this important cause.

In 2026, our Cans for Kids campaign alone raised $3,252.90 for the Major Project!



COINS 4 KIDS UPDATE

Our Coins 4 Kids contest ended on September 30.

We will post fundraising details in the next Elk Eye.

We accept coin banks year round.

Thank you to everyone who donates, collects, volunteers, participated in our fundraisers, and helps us spread the word.

Questions or want to get involved?
Contact our Lodge Major Project Chair:

Jen Whitney
Lodge Major Project Chair

Call or text: 248-895-8215

TOGETHER, MICHIGAN ELKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) helps Elks turn generosity into opportunity by investing in programs that strengthen our communities.

WHAT DOES ENF SUPPORT?

SCHOLARSHIPS
Helping students pursue higher education.

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Building confidence, leadership, and healthy choices.

VETERANS SERVICE
Honoring and supporting those who served.

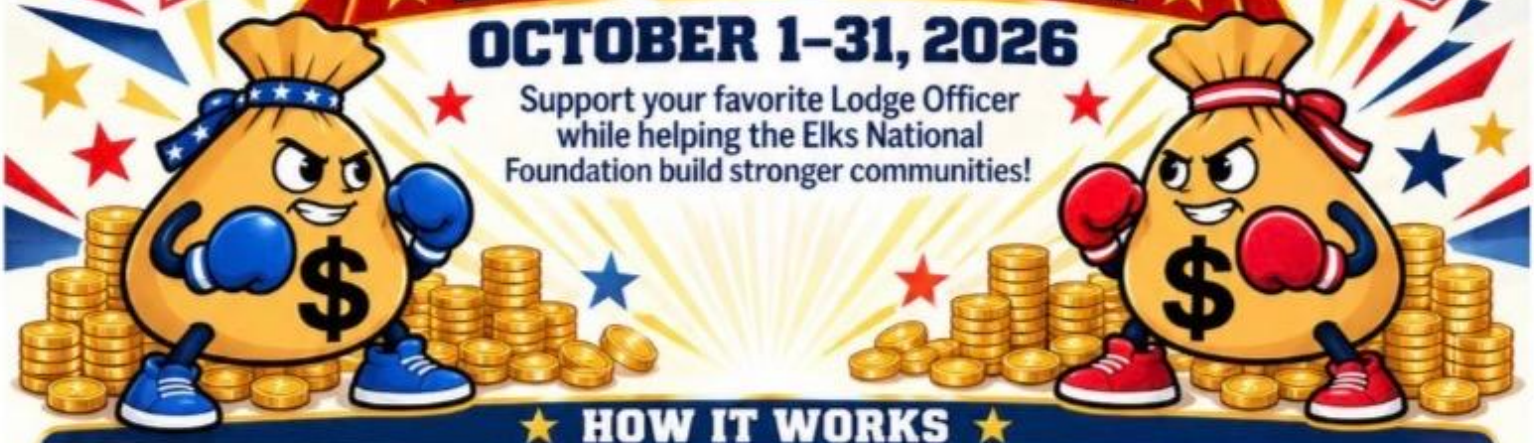
COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS
Funding local projects that meet real community needs.

BATTLE OF THE OFFICERS

ENF FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 1–31, 2026

Support your favorite Lodge Officer while helping the Elks National Foundation build stronger communities!



HOW IT WORKS

1. Each officer has a money bag and will work to raise funds for ENF.
2. Place your donation in the officer's labeled money bag.
3. The officer who raises the most money will be crowned the **ENF FUNDRAISING CHAMPION!**

EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Together, we turn generosity into opportunity and stronger communities.

CLAWSON-TROY ELKS NO. 2169

EXALTED RULER'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE!

GROW OUR LODGE. BUILD OUR FUTURE.

Invite a friend today!



Exalted Ruler
Scott Dickinson

★ 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!



WINNER RECEIVES:

I will pay your

2027/2028 ELKS LODGE DUES!

A PRIZE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER!

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.

★ CONTEST RULES ★

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:
All current members of Clawson-Troy Elks No. 2169 in good standing.

HOW TO WIN:
The member who sponsors the greatest number of new members during the contest period will win.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:
You must sponsor at least two (2) new members who are accepted into the lodge during the contest period to be eligible.

PRIZE:
I will personally pay the winner's 2027–2028 Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge dues!

TIE-BREAKER:
If two or more eligible members are tied for the highest number of new members, the winner will be determined by a random drawing among the tied proposers.

VERIFICATION:
Official lodge membership records will determine the number of new members credited to each proposer.

FINAL DECISION:
The Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary will verify results, and their determination of eligibility and membership totals will be final.

EVERY NEW MEMBER STRENGTHENS OUR LODGE.

★ *LET'S KEEP GROWING – ONE NEW MEMBER AT A TIME!* ★

Thank you for helping make Clawson-Troy Elks No. 2169 the best it can be! – *Exalted Ruler Scott Dickinson*

Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge #2169

PRESENTS

CRAFTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

WITH POPSICLE STICKS

Crafters of all ages are welcome!

Come on your own, bring a friend, or bring the whole family and enjoy making festive holiday crafts with popsicle sticks.






HALLOWEEN | THANKSGIVING | CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH | **12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FREE EVENT!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
All are welcome!

2549 Elliott Ave, Troy MI 48083

Macomb Elks Lodge | Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge | Ferndale Elks Lodge

Elks Care – Elks Share

PUMPKIN PATCH

Supporting students, faculty and volunteers
at the Donald Bollinger Education Center.

CANDY DONATIONS & TREAT BAG STUFFING

Tuesday, October 21st
at 6:30 PM



Macomb Elks Lodge
25950 Schoenherr Rd.
Warren, MI

We need individually wrapped candy donations and volunteers to help stuff treat bags.

No peanuts, No gum, No suckers.

PUMPKIN PATCH EVENT

Wednesday, October 22nd

Donald Bollinger Education Center
8655 Irving, Sterling Heights



We need volunteers to attend the Pumpkin Patch and help make this a special event for the students, faculty and volunteers.

Meet at the Macomb Lodge at **8:00 AM** to depart by **9:00 AM**.

Arrive at the Education Center to complete setup by **10:00 AM**.

The event will end around noon and help will be needed to return everything back to the Macomb Lodge.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE WITH

Angela Johnston



APPROPRIATE COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED FOR THE EVENT, BUT NOT REQUIRED.



CLAWSON-TROY ELKS #2169

A FAMILY EVENT • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

COMMUNITY
FAMILIES
FRIENDS
FUN!

KIDS CANDY CRAWL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A fun and safe way for kids to trick-or-treat in our lodge hall!

Kids can go table by table to collect candy, as well as other small, individually packaged snacks and items at each station.

- CANDY & TREATS AT EVERY STATION
- GAMES TO PLAY
- CRAFTS TO DO
- CIDER & DONUTS SERVED AT THE END
- BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

★ ALL ARE WELCOME! ★

FREE EVENT

KIDS • PARENTS • GRANDPARENTS • FRIENDS • NEIGHBORS

2549 Elliott Ave, Troy, MI 48083

Clawson-Troy Elks

L'KETTES

Painting with a Purpose

Come paint, enjoy good food and drinks, and support a great cause!



This is the painting we will be doing!

Sunday, November 1st

Food Served: 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Painting: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

$40 per person

Pay with cash or check at the bar, or use the QR code to pay online, or see Jan Petrie for a ticket.

SCAN TO PAY

Food and Drinks Available for Purchase at an Extra Charge

We hope you can join us!



Blood Drive

Clawson Troy Elks Lodge

2549 Elliott Avenue, Troy

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: CTELKS) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

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

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Lodge Closed	2	3
4 Lodge Closed	5	6 CORNHOLE @7:30	7	8 Club Closed Lodge Meeting @7:30	9 FAMILY FEUD @7	10 CRAFTING 1--3 LIVE Music @730
11 @4:30	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13	14 L'Kette Bunco @ 6	15 Lodge Closed	16 TRIVIA Night @7	17 KARAOKE @8
18 Lodge Closed	19	20	21	22 Club Closed Lodge Meeting @7:30	23	24 Kids Candy Crawl 1-3 KARAOKE @8
25 @4:30	26	27 L' Kette Meeting	28	29 Lodge Closed	30 GAME NIGHT @7	31 HALLOWEEN KARAOKE @8