

June 15, 2005
Letter to the Membership

Members All:

While I admire the thought that prompted the letter last month from Sharon Shellenberg, I take issue with her on one of the facts stated in that communication. I was Exalted Ruler in 1995-1996, and as such, I initiated the first Lady Elk in the state of Michigan. Although this person was *NOT* the first female member of our Order, she *WAS* the first in our state, and it was *NOT* Ms. Shellenberg.

The first Lady Elk in the state of Michigan was none other than our own Barbara Murray, widow of Past State President "Sarge" Murray, of Rochester Lodge 2225. Ms. Shellenberg was the second Lady Elk initiated into membership by our Lodge.

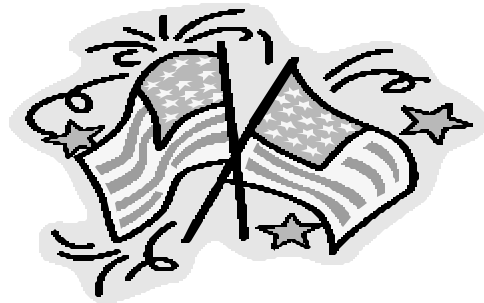
Chris Ferguson PDDGER,
State Trustee, MEA

Interested in Elks Fantasy Football this year ? New League forming now. Looking for 8 - 10 new teams. Contact Brian Dittmer at info@rochesterelks2225.org or just call the office and leave your info



Jim Purdom beautifying our Lodge

Happy 4th of July!



NOTICE

Anyone who has pictures that were taken at lodge events since April 1, 2005 please send copies to thomas_21166@msn.com or copy to a disc and leave at the lodge. I am collecting pictures that we can use for year end submissions and that we can add to our portal.

Tom Robinson
Secretary

2005 Community Service Award Nominations

If you know of an individual who has "*Made a Difference*" in our greater Rochester community please forward all pertinent information to Brian Dittmer.

Nominations will be accepted thru the end of August. Our 2005 Awards Dinner will be in November.

Once again this year we will be collecting sweaters at our Lodge for the **V e t e r a n s**. You can drop off clean men's, women's, and children's sweaters and sweat shirts in the collection box at the Lodge.



Thank You - Jim Purdom