

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Owning a hobby store is never easy around inventory time, but this year was extra hard.

There are over 2600 miniatures alone in my gaming section, and that is only one of the many categories of merchandise that have thousands of items to be counted and confirmed in my inventory system. Just as it is nice to know how much product (and therefore cost) I have in my store it is also good (but not nice) to see how much shrinkage I may have experienced in the preceding year (actually not much this past year).

And of course this year’s problems involved that darn COVID pandemic we are still experiencing after almost two years. I usually have five employees helping with inventory (it takes a full day with this many), but this year I barely had two. One helper has been sick with COVID for over the past three weeks. One was quarantined at home with a daughter who caught COVID at school. And another was under quarantine when they found out several people at the Christmas day party they attended reported they had the virus later in the week, so this helper had to wait for a COVID test to come back to show whether they themselves were sick or not (fortunately the test was negative).

With the current surge going on now (is it the fifth, I lost count), I am still trying to be extra careful for the sake of myself and my family. I’ve had a mask request to enter my store since early Fall, and my customers understand my concern. I get more at-risk customers who appreciate being able to safely visit my store because of the mask rule versus the occasional one who doesn’t (one girl called me a communist as she left because she would not wear a mask for the protection of others). I said “Thank you, have a safe day.” There is no point in arguing.

We all have personal rules we live by, and we all take different amounts of risk while abiding or ignoring our own rules. I am lucky in that my customers & friends are the best, even when we disagree on some things we get along fine and respect each others desires and goals. The news media sometimes paints the world as different than this, but in this case I think they exaggerate for effect. I hope your world is like mine.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - January 2012

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ The idea to raise funds for a Clock Tower is first mentioned at this month's lunch meeting.

15 Years Ago - January 2007

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The KBOT started the year with 84 members, an all-time high!

20 Years Ago - January 2002

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - January 1997

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ It is reported that over Christmas the KBOT donated funds for locks for low-income residents, a trip for Heminger 2nd Graders to go to the Great Lakes Science Center, and for a new flag-pole at the Shadyside Park Gazebo.

30 Years Ago - January 1992

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

35 Years Ago - January 1987

- ⊕ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- ⊕ With much sorrow, it was decided at this meeting that the KBOT will no longer host the Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival Parade, as no insurance could be found to protect against accident.

40 Years Ago - January 1982

- ⊕ **Kermit Bair**, President
- ⊕ KBOT thanked South Akron Awning (still a member today) for decorating the Christmas tree in front of the Kenmore Library.

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