

## News From The Back of The Herd

### New Year Blessings from The ER

The first day of winter was December 21, 2021, my favorite day of the year. Beginning that day, the sun started its tilt back to the northern hemisphere, and the daylight is getting longer. Please consider donating to Elks National Foundation, as we need your help to hit our goal of \$4.80 per member. This number allows us to write grants for money to help Veterans and children. Please drop off a check for ENF, or go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) and look for Elks National Foundation on the home page. There you can make a donation to our ENF total. I hope you'll take the time to make that happen. The NW District of the Michigan Elks Association will hold their winter meeting in Big Rapids on Sunday January 9 beginning at 11am, and all Elks are welcome to attend. Membership is more important than ever, so if you have someone that you would like to propose for membership, please take the time to help them fill out an application. Just today, I was approached by a past member asking about how to renew their membership. I explained that they simply needed to fill out a reinstatement application and pay \$15, and prorated dues through March 31, 2022. Remember that this is **your** lodge, and volunteers are needed for all areas of the organization. Offering just a few hours can make a huge impact, and also allows time to meet new friends in the process. May God bless you in the new year and keep you healthy.

Fraternally, John C. Fiedorek ER



The big winners this past month for our fundraisers were:

**December 3 Queen of Hearts** – Micki McGuire, \$100. Pot ended at \$88,718.

**December 10 Queen of Hearts** – Rani Smith, \$100. Pot ended at \$98,312..

**December 17 Queen of Hearts** – Mike Stoneham, \$250. Pot ended at \$111,298.

**December 23 Queen of Hearts** – Andrew Lemle, \$74,746.20 !!!



Apologies to all for this months format. I am having computer program issues.



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## Future Planning Committee Report

Your Future Planning Committee (FPC) is committed to five (5) major Lodge enhancements for 2022. In no particular order of priority, we will be tackling the following projects with the Project Lead identified.

1. Develop the area outside the fence in back to support four (4) campsites (Del Hart).
2. Parking Lot enhancements (Del Hart).
3. Fencing for the back area (Don Papke).
4. Signage/Lighting for the front area and Elk stature.
5. Improved kitchen area (Ed Rogala/John Fiedorek)
6. Seasonal enclosing and heating of the back outside bar (Ed Rogala/John Fiedorek).

All of the aforementioned projects will be highlighted in an upcoming Lodge Project Plan summarizing each project in detail, but right now the Seasonal enclosing and heating of the back outside bar needs to be highlighted. John and Ed have done great work getting the project to the current stage. Currently we have enclosed the “long side” of the bar with removable vinyl material. The two ends will be enclosed with access doors. A couple Elk members need to be identified as going above and beyond in supporting/volunteering their resources. Norm Carlson has donated all the material to run natural gas to the area and to include all hook-ups and ensuring we have gas and an active heater. Speaking of a heater, Steve Bulmann has donated the large “U” heater that will be used to heat the entire area. A special “Thank You” to a couple generous Elk members!!

If anyone has any interest in becoming involved with the FPC, please see one of the Project Leads or myself for more detail.

Upcoming sponsored events;

1. January 5, 2022. Meatloaf Dinner.
2. February 13 – March 17, 2022. Ebel's Meats & Firewood Raffle.  
There will be 2 winners drawn. The 1<sup>st</sup> person drawn will have their choice of either the Ebel's Meat certificate (good for anything within Ebel's or 4 face cords of firewood).



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## Happy New Year from The House Committee!

The House Committee is working on several events for the upcoming year and volunteers are always needed. We are also looking for fresh faces to sit on the committee for the upcoming lodge year that runs April to April. Grab one of your friendly house committee members now and ask them to fill you in on more of the specifics of what we do and they can answer any questions you might have. Some of the fun stuff we look forward to is creating advertisements and flyers, calendars and newsletters and decorating too. We thrive on creating habits around the lodge that makes everyone's life easier, along with keeping the peace and raising awareness and funds to many needed causes in the community, as well in elkdome. A purpose driven life is an award that is well worth it.

Fraternally,

Lori Hart  
House Committee Chair

### Charlevoix Elks January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Got an event in mind? Contact Lori Hart 231.459.8973				Open at 11:30am on New Year's Day!	<sup>1</sup> Happy New Year! BOWL GAMES!
<sup>2</sup> .75 Chicken and Happy Hour all day!	<sup>3</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>4</sup> 	<sup>5</sup> FPC MEATLOAF Dinner! 6pm	<sup>6</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>7</sup> 	<sup>8</sup> All Day Happy Hour
<sup>9</sup>  All Day Happy Hour	<sup>10</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>11</sup> 6pm House Committee Meeting	<sup>12</sup> 6pm Board Meeting 7pm Reg. Lodge Meeting	<sup>13</sup> 	<sup>14</sup> BURGER NIGHT! 6pm-7:30pm	<sup>15</sup> All Day Happy Hour
<sup>16</sup> .75 Chicken and Happy Hour all day!	<sup>17</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>18</sup> 	<sup>19</sup> Prime Rib Dinner Night	<sup>20</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>21</sup> 	<sup>22</sup> REMEDEE LIVE 8pm MUSIC
<sup>23</sup>  All Day Happy Hour	<sup>24</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>25</sup> 6pm House Committee Meeting	<sup>26</sup> 6pm Board Meeting 7pm Reg. Lodge Meeting	<sup>27</sup> Happy Hour 4-6pm every weekday!	<sup>28</sup> BURGER NIGHT! 6pm-7:30pm	<sup>29</sup> All Day Happy Hour