

GR Lodge 48 Bugle

January 2021

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PER GRAND LODGE-NO MASK, NO ENTRY

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PER GRAND LODGE STATUTE-BAR WILL BE CLOSED DURING ALL LODGE MEETINGS

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 7 Super Bowl Party



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; meet the needs of today's veterans; help the state Elks

associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Community Investment Programs

State Elks Association Grants

Scholarship Programs

Elks National Veterans Service Programs

Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest

Elks Drug Awareness Program

Our Lodge participates in Scholarship (26 applicants this year), Blood Drive every quarter, Hoop Shoot every fall, Veterans, and in the community through the Investment Programs. Because of your generous donations throughout the year we have been able to reach out to many organizations, in spite of COVID. Here is what we have done this year:

Gratitude Grant relies on your money more than the others. Each Lodge has to reach a per capita goal to use this grant and we have to raise \$4.75. We did! Thank you. So we used \$3,000 with \$500 to Feeding America, \$1,000 to Shop With a Cop in conjunction with Boys and Girls Clubs in GR, and \$1,500 to 3-11 Youth Housing which is a non-profit organization working with 18-24 year old young people coming out of the foster system and most are homeless.

Spotlight Grant—\$2,000 which provided the Veteran's Home a big Christmas Dinner and whatever medical supplies they needed.

Beacon Grant—\$3,500 donation to Toys 4 Tots.

Thank you all. And continue with your donations. If you have a suggestion for an organization we can support, please contact

Sue Murtland and Diane Dusendang, ENF Co-Chairs

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Proposed members

Murray Macready

Proposed by Steve
Kosten

Retired

Transfer

Susan Harris from
Washington Lodge



Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future

Members all, I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year. As our calendar year comes to a close, I cannot express enough my gratitude and appreciation for all your support, patience and understanding for our Lodge during this crazy time.

The crew of the Social Committee: Diane Dusendang, Jackie Palasek, Kim Hickey, Martha Bosch and Sherri Soltysiak, with the support of donors from our membership have kept this Lodge going for the last 10 months. Their enthusiasm and love for our Lodge is amazing. My hat's off to you.

As our fiscal year comes to a close at the end of March, we have some important business to accomplish. January 12 is open nominations for Lodge Officers. We have several positions open as of yet. If you would like to make an impact on your Lodge and have an interest in becoming an Officer or know of someone who would like to become an officer, please contact a current officer. This is open to all current members.

February is election of the Officers and March is Installation of the Officers.

As always in these crazy times please STAY SAFE. KEEP POSITIVE. BE KIND

Chris Leasure Exalted Ruler

NEW OFFICERS NEEDED

**Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
3 yr. Trustee**

**Lecturing Knight
Treasurer
Chaplain**



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Join us for Wine Down Wednesdays and Fridays!

Special full bottle pricing on Dona Sol Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot or Chardonnay \$10/bottle

Special snack trays available for purchase on Wednesdays to enjoy with your wine—\$5

No need to reserve. Open 4:00 until 8:00.

If you are interested in our meeting, have an event you would like to see happen, or simply volunteer-please give Diane Dusendang or Jackie Palasek a call or email us. We would love to have your enthusiasm!

January Birthdays

Duane Bucklin	1
Robert Ortiz	2
Harold Larson	6
Kenneth Pierce	7
John Schaut	10
Mark Bydalek	12
Ted Liberski	13
Gary Evanzo	14
Emilio Tobar	19
Kerry Smith	20
Jim Varenhorst	21
William Freeman	22
Joe Koenig	22
Thomas Pelak	23
Thomas Rooney	25
James Troutman	26
Michael Alkema	29
Roger Andrzejewski	29
Steven King	29
Max MacKellar	30
Robert Velding	31

If we missed your special day, please contact the Lodge Secretary, Mike Kicz.

Social Club Hours

Sunday	12-6 pm
Watch NFL Games	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	4-8 pm
Wednesday	4-8 pm
Thursday	4 -8 pm
Friday	4-8 pm
Saturday	4-8 pm

ENF



Any questions, contact co-chairs Sue Murtland or Diane Dusendang.



Calling all lodge Veterans.

What branch of the military did you serve? We celebrate all service men and women.

In December we were happy to be able to donate \$2,000 to the Veterans Home to pay for their Christmas Dinner and other life essentials. This was all courtesy of the Spotlight Grant through ENF.

Remember those **large print crossword and word search books** for our compatriots in the Vets Home. They can be dropped off at the Lodge. A special thank you to those who brought in Crossword books, Readers Digest, Word Search books. They are very much appreciated. Keep them coming.

Sue Murtland PER Vet Chair
616-802-2520

HOUSE COMMITTEE

What a wild year. It's been tough and without the dedicated group that is making the food specials, we would be having to make tough decisions. This group is led by Diane Dusendang and she has many wonderful members assisting. Each and every one has risen to the occasion in keeping us viable during these uncertain times. From the Monday sub nights, the Thursday Pop Up dinners, the Christmas dinners and of course the buh-Bye New Years Eve boxes—creativity, hard work, dedication and great food.

We thank the members who have been generous with monetary contributions. This allow us to keep the cost of food to a minimum so all sales are mostly profit.

By the time you read this we should be approaching January 15 when we can reopen. Our hours will then be the same as posted, left column. **Please note Happy Hour Tuesday 4-6, Wednesday 4-8, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 4-6 pm.** Sunday is open Noon to 6 if there are NFL games.

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The House Committee

Steve Kosten, Scott Smith, Mark Pospiech, Diane Dusendang, and Jackie Palasek.

Your Officers 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler
Chris Leasure, PER
616-570-3021

Leading Knight
Sue Murtland

Loyal Knight
Jackie Palasek

Lecturing Knight
Dave Dusendang, PER

Secretary
Mike Kicz

Treasurer
Mark Pospiech

Chaplain
Scott Smith

Esquire
Ted Liberski, PER

Inner Guard
Chad Freeland

Tiler
Dave Leasure

Trustees
Diane Dusendang, PER 3 yr.
Steve Kosten, PER 2 yr.
Andy Felde 1 yr.

Lodge committees 2020-2021

Accident Prevention-Chad Freeland

Auditing-Mike Kramarz

Blood Drive/Organ Donor-Sue Murtland, Dave Leasure

ENF-Sue Murtland, Diane Dusendang

Flag Day/Memorial-Chris Leasure

Gold Key/MVS/Bill Mesery Scholarships-Sue Murtland

Government Relations-Jackie Palasek

Hoop Shoot-Don Freybler, Mike Kicz

House-Steve Kosten

Activities Chair-Sue Murtland

Membership/Retention-Steve Kosten, Ted Liberski

Michigan Major Projects-Diane Dusendang
PER—Scott Smith

Philanthropy Fund-Sue Murtland

Social-Diane Dusendang, Jackie Palasek

Veterans-Sue Murtland

Lodge Stats

Active members	275
Regular members	189
Life members	86
Honorary Life members	1
Delinquents	36
Candidates	1
Pending Transfers	1
Charter—December 12, 1886	
133 years Unbroken Charter!	



Gold Key
The new banks are in for the Gold Key

Scholarships! Please be generous and donate. These help those special needs kids go to college, trade school or vocational schools. So please donate. Every little bit counts.

Sue Murtland
Gold Key Lodge Chair



.Our next blood drive is March 16, 2021.

Future drives are:

- Tuesday, March 16
- Thursday, July 22
- Monday, October 18
- Wednesday, December 29

Scott Smith, Diane Dusendang, Chris Leasure, Emily Blik —1 Gallon each

Congratulation!!
Sue Murtland Lodge Chair

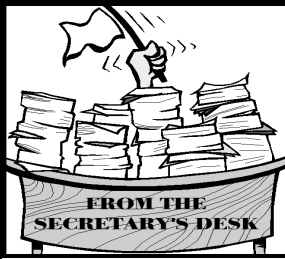


This year we received 26 applications. Our judging was held on December 13. I want to thank our judges, who do a fantastic job in determining which applicants should go on to the next step in their quest for a scholarship. Roger and Deb Gritters, Jackie Palasek, Chris Leasure and Scott Smith keep coming back each year and I am forever grateful. Can't wait until next year.

- **DO NOT FORGET THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP** program, which includes 350 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks. An increase of 50 scholarships from the previous fiscal year. **Applying closes February 5, 2021.** Applicants must be the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2018.

Sue Murtland

Scholarship Coordinator



As we start the new year, 2021, hopefully better things are to come. Many things have been changed, postponed or cancelled because of the COVID-19. The Elks have faced many challenges and we are keeping a positive outlook

for our future.

There is still time to pay your dues for 2020. Be sure to check the list of member names who haven't paid their dues yet. If you see a familiar name, contact them and encourage them to renew their membership.

Delinquent Members: According to Statute 14.160 delinquent members are to be listed in the Lodge newsletter and posted at the Lodge.

The following names are members who have not paid their dues as of December 2020:

Greg Ackerman Jennifer Baker Rudy Banka
 Randy Barnard Thomas Beenen Michael Gloe
 Geoff Dewey William Fischer Robert Glupker
 Robert Gould Thomas Gunn Greg Hatfield
 Janet Holmes Fred Kacos John Koval
 Jim Kratsas Mary Law Jeffrey Olenicak
 Robert Ortiz Craig Pihl William Plakos
 Charles Przekop Darwin Raatz Mike Raymond
 Brad Rine Dale Roede Marty Sawicki
 Margaret Sieh Richard Taylor Mary Woodard
 James Zawacki

Please send payments to:

Elks Lodge #48
 917 Bridge NW Unit #1
 Grand Rapids, MI 49054

Mike Kicz Lodge Secretary



Please pray for the family of



Members

Bob Kramarz - Heather Hills
 Jim Boshoven—Mary Free BedEmily

Widows/Spouse

Linda Cole-Village
 Joan Stratton—St. Ann's home

Sunshine



Is someone sick or feeling down? They need to know we are thinking of them and not forgotten. **Please contact Don Freybler.** He will get a card signed by all of us and send it out.

A SPECIAL THANKS



I would like to thank some special members who donated money to buy hams for people in the community.

I called Meijer and told them I wanted to buy some hams for almost \$1,000! They were very accommodating and would have them ready in two days. They had 96 hams ready for us. So a special thanks to Meijer and their staff for helping us load them into my car.

Our Board gave me names of organizations in the Westside area and they were contacted by your Exalted Ruler.

We donated 25 hams to Matthew's House on 7th and Alpine, 24 to Westside Apostolate on Bridge, 23 to Northwest Pantry off of Leonard and 24 to God's Kitchen all in the name of Grand Rapids Elks Lodge!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	2 <i>Closed</i>
						
3 <i>Closed</i>	4 <i>Closed</i>	5 <i>Closed</i> <i>Social committee</i> 6:00 pm <i>House</i> 7:00 pm	6 <i>Closed</i>	7 <i>Pop up dinner</i> <i>Take Out only</i>	8 <i>Closed</i>	9 <i>Closed</i>
10 <i>Closed</i>	11 <i>Closed</i>	12 <i>Closed</i> <i>Lodge Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	<i>Closed</i>	14 <i>Pop up dinner</i> <i>Take out only</i>	15 <i>Closed</i>	16 <i>Open</i> <i>Chili Cook-Off</i>
17	18 <i>Closed</i>	19 <i>Board Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	20 <i>Wine Down Wednesday</i>	21 <i>Pop up dinner</i>	22 <i>Wine Down Friday</i>	23
24/31	25 <i>Closed</i>	26 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	27 <i>Wine Down Wednesday</i>	28 <i>Pop up dinner</i>	29 <i>Wine Down Friday</i>	30

Postponed due to COVID