

# GR Lodge 48 Bugle

April 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

**May 1—Chili Cook Off**

**May 9—Mother's Day Brunch**



### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Elks #48 Chili Cook Off**

**10 am - Set-Up      11:00 am - Cooking**

**3 Pm - Judging    \$25 Entry Fee    10 tables**

**Store bought food only    No venison.**

**No propane    Small butane allowed.**

**Call Don Freybler - 648-8653 to reserve a table.**

### **Community Makes you An Elk**

#### **The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks**

is your connection to your community. Elks are your neighbors and coworkers. That veteran down the street is an Elk. That nurse at the hospital is an Elk. Owners and staff at your local restaurants, hardware stores and auto shops are Elks. Your community is filled with members of the elks whose sole purpose, through benevolence, is to do good in our communities, our cities and our great state with like-minded fun loving community oriented friends and neighbors. The days of smoky dank and dark lounges filled with grumbly old men are history and have been replaced with vibrant open, bright and welcoming establishments that empower the members to reach out and find new and better ways to lift up our ever changing communities. Our Lodges support hundreds of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, brownies and Cubs and their families. Elks give helping hands and honor to our Veterans with Welcome Home Kits, need packets and even an honor guard for our Veterans cemetery. Elks sponsor and coach your community's children's sports teams, provide dictionaries in our schools and fill the gaps wherever they can be found. By being one person in a million each Elk member was a part of donating over four million dollars to help our Veterans Administration combat veteran's homelessness. The Elks in your state of Michigan fully fund many camps for special needs children through Michigan Major Project while also supplying wheelchairs, computers, bikes and other assistance on a case by case basis.

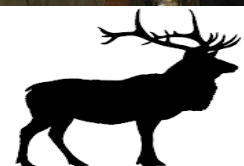
Join the community, find the connection you're looking for and be one part of something bigger than yourself.

**Join the Elks Today.**

Save Date	Pg.	1
Chili Cook Off	Pg.	1
New member	Pg.	1
Community	Pg.	1
ER Message	Pg	2
PER Message	Pg	2
Birthdays	Pg	3
Vets Corner	Pg.	3
Lodge hours	Pg.	3
ENF	Pg	3
House	Pg.	3
Recipe	Pg	4
Gold Key	Pg.	4
Officers	Pg.	4
Committees	Pg.	4
Blood Drive	Pg.	4
Memorials	Pg	5
Secr'y Desk	Pg	5
Sick Distress	Pg	5
Social	Pg	5
Sunshine	Pg	5
Calendar	Pg	6

### **New Member**

Chris Baughan



## **Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future**

Dear members:

April is the start of our new Elk Year. I want to thank all Officers and members for electing me and having faith in me to handle the every day responsibilities of the Lodge.

First, I want to thanks Chris Leasure for the great job she did for the last two years. She guided us through move, pandemic and many mandatory shut downs.

Our new Lodge Officer team is:

Exalted ruler—Mike Kicz  
Lecturing Knight—Chad Freeland  
Secretary—Jackie Palasek  
Treasurer—Kim Hickey  
Chaplain—Roger Gritters  
Trustees—Andy Felde 3yr,  
Steve Kosten, PER 1 yr.

Leading Knight—Jerry Merrill, PER  
Loyal Knight—Scott Smith, PER  
Esquire—Ted Liberski, PER  
Inner Guard—Dave Leasure  
Tiler—TBD  
Diane Dusendang, PER 2 yr.,

I am looking forward to the new year and building membership through activities, dinners, and general Elk fun! And let's make this a great year!!

Michael Kicz Exalted Ruler

Elks Care Elks Share

### **PER Association**

The last PER meeting was held February 17 at 6 pm. Final arrangements for PER Robert Kramarz memorial service we4re prepared as well as finalizing new lodge officer and roster and installation planning. The next meeting will be held April 21 at 6:00 pm with agenda items to include mentorship to newly installed officers as well as the Bill and Dee Mesery Scholarship program. Between meetings we voted for Officer of the year and agreed that voting would be limited to PERs who are actively participating in Lodge.

Scott A. Smith, President Grand Rapids Elks Lodge 48 Past Exalted Rulers Association.

### April Birthdays

Dennis Bass	02
Gordon Johnston	02
David Theule	03
Robert Bloom	04
Roger Gritters	06
Randy Birtles	08
Jess Larson	10
Edward Wagner	10
Bonnie Purcell	12
Kevin Quinn	17
Jenelle Kroupa	18
William Quinn	18
Joseph Rosloniec	22
Richard Olejnik	23
Andrew Felde	24
Kathleen Foley	24
Walter Hayward	24
Stephen Markee	25
Robert Walters	26
Paul Ronan	28
Paul Sydloski	28
Larry Randall	29

### ENF



#### Our Mission

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities,

To be continued



### Calling all lodge Veterans.

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

Month of the military child

Military Saves Month

April 5 Gold Star Spouses Day

April 9 Nat'l Former POW Recognition Day

April 14 Air Force Birthday

April 15 Purple Up! Day

April 23 Army Reserve birthday

April 30 National Military Brats Day

Are any of you former POWs? Let me know if you would share part of your story.

Yea me! I was a military child and an Army brat for 25 years.

Remember those **large print crossword, word search and Reader's Digest books**

Sue Murtland PER Vet Chair

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

### Social Club Hours

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4-8 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4-8 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 -8 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4-8 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4-8 pm</b>

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

## Your Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler  
Mike Kicz

Leading Knight  
Jerry Merrill

Loyal Knight  
Scott Smith

Lecturing Knight  
Chad Freeland

Secretary  
Jackie Palasek

Treasurer  
Kim Hickey

Chaplain  
Roger Gritters

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Ted Liberski, PER

Inner Guard  
Dave Leasure

Tiler  
TBD

Trustees  
Andy Felde 3 yr.  
Diane Dusendang, PER 2 yr.  
Steve Kosten, PER 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	242
Regular members	164
Life members	78
Honorary Life members	1
Delinquents	0
Candidates	0
Pending Transfers	1
Charter—December 12, 1886	
135 years Unbroken Charter!	



### Gold Key

The new banks are now in the lobby and on the

tables for the Gold Key Scholarships! Please take one home and donate. These help the special needs kids go to college, trade school or vocational schools. Every little bit counts.

**Sue Murtland  
Gold Key Lodge Chair**



**.Our next blood drive is Thursday, July 22.**

**Please consider donating and watch for up dates. Congratulations Sue Murtland-2 Gallons.**

**Also, are you an Organ Donor? Sign up soon.**



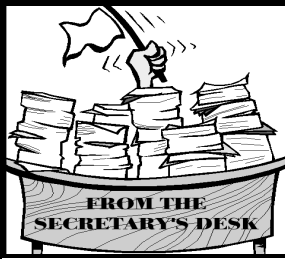
Sue Murtland  
Lodge Chair

### The Elks Chicken Wrap

<b>2 8oz chicken breasts</b>	<b>1/2 c Apple juice</b>	<b>1Tbsp fresh chopped ginger</b>
<b>2 2" flour tortillas</b>	<b>2 Tbsp ranch dressing</b>	<b>1/2 c chopped lettuce</b>
<b>1/4 c shredded cojak cheese</b>	<b>1/4 c chopped tomatoes</b>	

**Marinate chicken in apple juice and ginger for 8 hours. Charbroil on outside grill or bake in oven for 15 minutes or until done. Slice chicken into thin strips. Brush tortillas with ranch dressing and sprinkle with each with ne half of the lettuce, tomatoes and cheese. Add chicken and roll. Makes a great meal when served with fresh fruit.**

**Chef Jim      Newsletter July 2004**



Thank you to every member who has paid their Elks membership so far. Your new cards are mailed to you, if you didn't get it as you paid at the bar. April 1 is the new fiscal Lodge year and you would be considered delinquent. If you

have not paid by now I urge you to so now. We have to pay Grand Lodge for all members on the rolls. So...Please stay up to date and continue Elkdom.

Please consider donating to Elks National Foundation, which helps the Lodge qualify for grants so that we can distribute money to charities in our area. Also add Michigan Major Projects and Gold Key. They both help special needs children in our area.

Mike Kicz

Lodge Secretary



**Please pray for the family of**

**Joan Stratton previous First Lady of this Lodge**



**Members**

**Widows/Spouse**

Linda Cole-Village View on 4 mile

**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.

**Social Committee**

# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Pop Up Dinner— Ham, sweet potato mash redskin po- tatoes</i>	2 <i>Wine Down Friday Fish Fry</i> 	3
4 	5	6	7 <i>Wine Down Wednesday</i>	8 <i>Pop up dinner</i>	9 <i>Wine Down Friday</i>	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Wine Down Wednesday</i>	15 <i>PrePolElk- ski Day</i> 	16 <i>Wine Down Friday</i>	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Wine Down Wednesday</i>	22 <i>Pop up dinner</i>	23 <i>Wine Down Friday</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 	