

# GR Lodge 48 Bugle

December 2021

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

## SAVE THE DATE

Jan 15 — Chili Cook off      Feb 12—Valentine Dinner/Dance  
Mar 4—April 15 — Lenten Fish Fry



Have you seen the Toys for Tots donation box at the Lodge? Please bring in an unwrapped gift (or 2!) and drop them into the donation box. Distribution day is Saturday, December 18th and the toys will be picked up and brought to the Toy Bay the week of December 13-17.

We are at about 9,500 kids with 2 weeks of registration left, so we are on par to surpass last years numbers....we may possibly beat the largest rack year which was in 2010 and we served 10,833 kids. Let's help as many kids as we can!

Gifts for teenage boys and girls are especially needed!

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## New Members

Doug Haney, Peter Hess, Vaughn Shade

Melvin Clouse, Linda Galvan, Mary Dietrich



Welcome!!



# Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future



Well, we are wrapping up this year with a lot of social events happening. Live music, Trivia Night, ugly sweater party, Christmas gift wrapping and much more. Please check the newsletter for times and dates.

We have initiated six new members in November alone, and we have one more coming in at the next Lodge meeting.

When you see them in the social quarters, please give them a warm welcome.

Our annual Memorial Service is taking place on Sunday, December 5, at 11:00 am. This event honors all the great members that have passed this year. This year we are honoring two years because we were not able to perform the ceremony last year due to COVID. If you get a chance to experience this ritual, please join us.

The Lodge room expansion is still in progress, but is looking good. I am looking forward to having a dedicated Lodge room for our meetings.

Please frequent the Lodge as much as you can during this amazing holiday season.

Always be safe and generous!!

See you at the Lodge!! It's great to be an Elk!!

Elks Care Elks Share

Mike Kicz

Exalted Ruler



**Have you ever watched a bunch of kids compete in a free throw contest?? Now is your chance!**

Come December 11 to Zinser Elementary for the City competition. Boys and girls 8—13 compete against each other in their age and gender group. They come from all around Grand Rapids for this fun entertaining competition.

Can you count to 25? Can you shag balls at a station? Can you help at registration? Do you have about 2 hour of your time to give these kids? Winners will advance to District in January, then State competition in Howell Feb. 18 & 19. Possible nationals in Chicago with Grand Lodge.

**Contact Mike Kicz for more information.**

Also meet Elroy, our Elks mascot at our Drug Awareness table.



Abe Rossi	03
Chris Leasure PER	04
Sharon Bielecki	05
Paul Bonis	05
Jerry VanZyll	07
Don Freybler PER	09
Raymond Sandberg	11
Keni Jo Hudenko	12
John Lauretti	14
Nancy Ringelberg	14
Tim Lipman PER	17
Jeffrey Motzer	17
Richard Fritz	23
Jesse Tobar	24
Joseph Arbanas	25
Carl Bernott	25
Greg Jakubowski	25
Pau Johnson	25
Lloyd Landman	26
Jon Wolthuis	29
John Kibler	30

**If we missed your special day, please let us know.**

**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>6-10 pm</b>

**We celebrate all service men and women.**

**Friday of every month is wear a Red Shirt day, in honor of our veterans.**

Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday	Dec 1
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Dec 7
US National Guard Birthday	Dec 13
National Wreaths Across America	Dec 18



**The tree is here!! Every year we give thanks for what we have, but let us not forget the veterans in the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. We have requests for many things, so please take a look and see how you can help. Please bring them back with the tag attached by December 10, 2021. Thank you for your support these many years. The vets are forever grateful.**

**ADOPT A VET**

We are starting a new program at the lodge. Would you like to spread a little cheer for the residents at the Veterans Home? Do you want to be a pen pal? Some of them have no family or visitors that come to see them. Pick up a card and a name in the lobby; be a friend. Ask questions. Send cards. Check in with phone calls, if possible. Invite veterans to be guests at Lodge meals and events. Remember birthdays, special events and especially holidays. Cards, small gifts and donations of necessary supplies are common. If a veteran is in need of a larger gift, this can possibly be funded through raffles, 50/50s, donations by individuals or Lodge groups such as the PERs. Please get a list of cleared gifts from me beforehand.

Sue Murtland      Veterans Representative and Lodge Chair

## Your Lodge Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler

Mike Kicz

Leading Knight

Jerry Merrell, PER

Loyal Knight

Scott Smith, PER

Lecturing Knight

Chad Freeland

Secretary

Jackie Palasek

Treasurer

Kim Hickey

Chaplain

Roger Gritters

Esquire

Ted Liberski, PER

Inner Guard

Dave Leasure

Tiler

Emilio Tobar

Trustees

Andy Felde 3 yr.

Diane Dusendang PER 2 yr.

Steve Kosten PER 1 yr.

## Lodge Committees 2021-2022

Accident Prevention-Chad Freeland, Andy Felde

Activities-Sue Murtland

Auditing-Mike Kramarz

Blood Drive-Sue Murtland

Boy Scout Liaison-Randy Birtles, Scott Smith

Drug Awareness-Betty Lampani

ENF-sue Murtland/Diane Dusendang

Flag Day/Memorial-Mike Kicz

Fraternal-Mike Kicz

Gold Key-Sue Murtland

Government Relations-Chris Leasure

Hoop Shoot-Don Freybler, Mike Kicz

House-Steve Kosten

Kid's Christmas-Mike Kicz

Membership/PR-Steve Kosten, Ted Liberski

Memorial Day-Chris Leasure

Michigan Major Projects-Diane Dusendang

Newsletter-Sue Murtland

PER-Chris Leasure

Scholarships-Sue Murtland

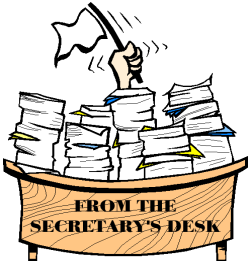
Social-Diane Dusendang, Jackie Palasek

Veterans-Sue Murtland



**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Come join us as we honor those who have passed away in the past two years. This is a wonderful ritual and we share this with member and non-members alike. They were husbands, fathers, brothers and fellow Elks. It is a privilege to participate in this solemn and powerful way of remembrance. A small luncheon follows.



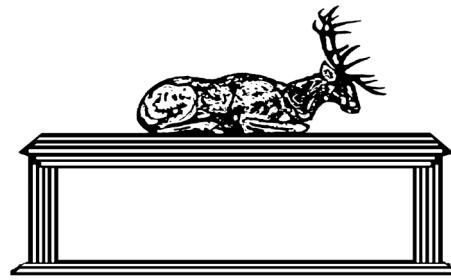
We had a busy month in November! We initiated new members at both meetings! And we will initiate another new member in December! So if you

see these new faces around the Lodge, please make sure and welcome them into our Elks family.

Looking for volunteer hours! If you hosted an event at the lodge, we need to tally up the volunteer hours, miles and donations and report them to Grand Lodge. Members and non-members alike. Events such as the Hoop Shoot, Purple Pig, and even the Pop Up Dinners can be counted toward our volunteer hours. I know that we love to help each other out, so let's try to capture those hours!

**Don't forget Toys for Tots!!**

**Jackie Palasek      Lodge Secretary**



**Please pray for the family of**



**Members**

**Widows/Spouses**

Linda Cole-Village View on 4 mile NW

Lois Telzerow- Clark Home E. Beltline

Donna VanGessel-at home

**Sunshine**



**We have a new Sunshine person!**

Thank you to Joan Rodriguez for volunteering to do this. But she needs your help. If you know of someone that needs a little cheering up, a shoulder, a hug, send us the name. she will send out a card from all of us.

**Lodge Stats**

Active members	245
Regular members	162
Life members	76
Delinquents	7
Candidates	0
Transfers	0
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**Delinquents**

Anne Gallagher	Bonita Gerke	John Handlin
Karl Killman	Jack Lamothe	Timothy Mroz
	Charles Deschaine	

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			3	2 Pop Up Dinner	3	4  Ugly sweater day
5 	6	7 Social/ House 6:00 pm	8 Happy hour 4-6 Darts \$1 Hot Dogs	9 Pop Up Dinner	10	11 Gift wrap- ping 
12	13	14 Lodge meeting 6:30 pm	15 Happy hour 4-6 Darts \$1 Hot Dogs	16 Pop Up Dinner	17	18
19	20	21 Board 6:30	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 	