



ELKS NEWSLETTER

Holland Lodge #1315

March 2021

Newsletter

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Club Hours

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Mon - Wed 3:00pm - 10:00pm
Thursday 3:00pm - 10:00pm
Friday 3:00pm - 10pm
Saturday 3:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday To be announced

Events

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Chair officers

Exalted Ruler: Ernie Serrano
Leading Knight: Chris Brown
Lecturing Knight: Bob DeVries
PER
Loyal Knight: Matt Johnson
Secretary: Barb Jaehnig PER
Treasurer:
Esquire: Sara DeVries
Chaplain: Gordon Jaehnig PER
Inner Guard: Mark Fox
Tiler: Kelvin Brown
Trustee: Robin Bailey PER
Trustee: Dan Cyrus PER
Trustee: Phil Carr
Trustee: Andie Walker
Trustee: Rudy Lara

Exalted Ruler Message

My Fellow Elks.

Generally speaking, the end of February marks the time when winter is coming to an end and we start thinking about Spring. With all the snow we still have on the ground, it is hard to imagine that Spring is just around the corner. It is also a relatively quiet and slow time at the lodge. Even so, we still managed to operate fully with the support of our members. That support has been critical in helping the lodge meet its monthly financial obligations. A very big THANK YOU to all those members who supported the lodge during this time. As the weather improves and vaccines become more readily available, it is my hope that the rest of our membership will feel safe enough to return to our lodge.

As already mentioned, February was a fairly quiet and slow month at the lodge. We did however, manage to hold two lodge meetings where we elected and filled most of our officer positions. The two officer positions we still need to fill are Exalted Ruler and Treasurer. If you have an interest to serve the lodge or know a good candidate, please let us know. Also in February, we initiated 5 new members, hosted Life Line and held our Elk Memorial Service (more on this below). I would also remind our members that we are still running our Member Dinner/Trivia night and our darters are holding an open dart night on Thursdays.

Our Elks Memorial service is held annually on the 1st Sunday in December however, with COVID restrictions, it was rescheduled and held on Sunday February 21st. If you have never attended this service, I would highly recommend it. This year, Pastor Emmett

What's happening at the Lodge info

Besides receiving info from e-blasts about what's happening in our Lodge, join our page on Facebook: Holland Elks Lodge #1315.

Your Help is Needed!

Andie Walker

In order to provide useful content for the newsletter, your help is needed! If you have an article you want in the newsletter or have any ideas for an article that you would like to see, please let me know. In order to have the Newsletter sent out on time, all submissions must be submitted by the 23rd of each month. Anything submitted after the 23rd will be in the next months issue of the Newsletter. Please send submissions to elknewsletter1315@gmail.com or awalker831@gmail.com

Veterans

Robin Bailey

Michigan Major Projects

Larry Brown

Volunteers of the Month

Wayne Walton and Dave Johnson - for all their hard work in providing the Member Night Dinners.

Brown was our designated special speaker who delivered a very emotional and inspirational message.

Assuming there are no new state restrictions, we will be looking for member volunteers to help with coming events. For starters, we will plan a Cabin Fever party to be held about mid March. We also want to start planning for a Family Easter Egg hunt. This event will require more volunteers than most events in that we will need candy donations, people to fill Easter eggs, to hide the eggs, run activity/game tables and hot dog and refreshment tables. Please let us know if you are willing to help and or leave candy at the lodge. Our annual St. Patrick's day dinner is still under consideration and if held, will be communicated to membership via eBlast. On March 31st, we will be hosting the Red Cross Blood donation drive. Sign up appointments are available on-line.

Finally, welcome back snowbirds! It will be nice to see you all again and spend time with you catching up.

Elks Care....Elks Share....When paying your dues for the upcoming year, please consider adding a bit more for ENF. This foundation is the crown jewel of our order and so important to helping those in need.

Red Cross Blood drive.....March 31th
Easter Egg Hunt.....April...date to be announced

Fraternally,

Ernie Serrano
Exalted Ruler

Secretary's Corner

Welcome to March! It's been quite a month. We finally were allowed to reopen the doors in February – with restricted hours and capacity. It was nice to see some friends down here enjoying activities. Tuesday meetings were being held in person – rather than via zoom. Wednesday members nights resumed – along with Trivia. Thursday night darts resumed with a slightly different format. We initiated 10 new members in January and another 3 new members in February. If you see a face you don't recognize – introduce yourself. I've had the privilege of meeting these new

March Birthdays

3/1/2021 Chad Lloyd
3/2/2021 Raymond Fischer
David Johnson
3/4/2021 David Bazan
3/6/2021 Robin Bailey
3/7/2021 Thomas Rafinski
3/8/2021 Kimberly Goding
Harold Tanis
Calvin Tardiff
Bradley Vincent
3/9/2021 Neil Browning
Judy Mosterd
Scott Smith
3/10/2021 Yolanda Brinks
3/11/2021 Robert Myler
Arthur Wood III
3/12/2021 Fred Pathuis
Steve Serrano
3/13/2021 Aaron Emery
3/14/2021 Gary Ferris
Kasey Trombley
3/15/2021 Jamie Serve
3/18/2021 Curtis Avison
Jeani Hesse
3/19/2021 Mike Leeuw
3/20/2021 Jan Nummikoski
3/22/2021 Edward Smith
3/23/2021 Dr. William Bonzelaar
Donald Disselkoen
3/24/2021 Rudy Lara
3/26/2021 David Methric
John Vereeke
3/27/2021 Edward Serrano
3/28/2021 Gloria De Jonge
Clifford Ponstein
3/29/2021 Sara De Vries
Frank Sawitzky
Raymond Tardiff
3/30/2021 Ray Bowen
3/31/2021 David Bradley
Jeff Mosier
Louis Schulist

members and they are all really good people.

I've had some questions regarding where the notices are for the coming year's dues. Grand Lodge and MI State Elks organization has encouraged all lodges to participate in a new invoicing program this year. This option was brought before the board and voted in. It costs us only .32 per member to mail through the Grand Lodge System, rather than the cost of postage now. This saves us money and helps us to keep our costs down. The notices for dues will be mailed to you through the Grand Lodge (assuming you have not already received them). Because this is a new system, they have had a few bumps along the way getting the notices out. I have received information through CLMS that these bumps have been worked out and you should be getting the notices soon.

If you have not received them, you can pay your dues anytime at the Lodge. If I'm in the office, I can help you with that – or, they can be paid at the bar and I will get the cards to you. If you are out of town and have not received the notices yet, feel free to call and we can take a card over the phone. The dues amount remains \$89.00 and there is an opportunity to give to some of the Elk Charities – such as Michigan Major Projects, Veterans, Elks National Foundation, Gold Key, and Scholarships.

Sincerely,

Barb Jaehnig – Secretary

Memorial Service

Due to the Covid shutdown restrictions, the Memorial Service that normally takes place in December was held on Sunday, February 21 at 1pm this year. This service honors members in good standing that have passed on during the past year. We honored 10 members who have passed – Stuart Baker, John Bronkhorst, Kathy Brown, James P. Heeringa, Larry Levey, Jack Otting, Larry Pete, Gerald Stryker, Duane (Doc) VandenBosch, and Allen White. The service was well attended and very touching.

New Members Initiated in January 2021

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021 we initiated 5 new members; from left to right are: Devin Manino, Josh VanderHeide, and Rose Weaver. Please join me in welcoming them to Holland Elks Lodge #1315!



WHY BE A MEMBER

of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks? **BECAUSE** We seek to bring into our fraternal family only those who delight in wholesome associations with congenial companions. Only persons who possess a deep sense of patriotism, fair play, chivalry and dedication to noble causes. Persons who find the fulfillment of their existence in service to humanity, desiring to join in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, aiding those in distress; proving themselves to be true friends to all in need.

Attending families received a candle that had been lit during the service for their loved one, as well as the “Forget Me Not” flower – signifying that these members will never be forgotten.

Life Memberships

For those of you who are not familiar with Life Memberships, there is a process that needs to be completed in order to receive this. This gives the recipient a reduced amount of dues at the lodge level.

1. You must be 65 years or older and be a member in good standing for 30 years or more.
2. You must submit a letter to the lodge requesting life time membership. Listing offices held, committees you’ve worked on, etc.
3. You must have someone propose you for life membership at one of the membership meetings. This is then voted on.

Elks - OSG Payment Portal Information

Do you want to pay your due’s by Credit Card, before you make it to the Lodge next? Check out the how to document included in the Newsletter eBlast. This information will also be available on the News page of our website. <https://www.elks.org/lodges/lodge/news.cfm?LodgeNumber=1315>