



September 2019

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COMMENTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Members All,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. The kids are back to school and it's time to winterize the campers.

My summer fun was attending Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis,, MO in early July and then at the end of July a very enjoyable, eye opening experience with Tish and I visiting Bay Cliff Health Camp north of Marquette for the first time. This camp is to be commended for what they do and how they provide for these children with different disabilities from ages 3 thru 17 for the summer. If you have never been to the camp I highly recommend you do. The Elks donates to this camp through your Major Project donations.

September we will be starting our Friday dinners again. We have provided a brief menu in the bulletin separate from the calendar. Look it over and give us a try for dinner. Please let us know what you think.

Live music has been scarce for the summer so on the 6th of September come out and enjoy the live entertainment from "Miranda & the M80's" from 8:00 until Midnight More live music is to come in the upcoming months. On September 8th will be our Field of Honor celebration. Come on out and join us for this spectacular spectacle as the flags are placed and the beauty of the field emerges. Look at the calendar for more events coming up.

Stop into the lodge and visit, we are always glad to see you. I know winter sports are starting and we are all busy. We will save a seat for you.

Please take time to thank your bartenders, wait staff and Lynda in the kitchen as they work hard to keep us happy. They should be appreciated for the work they do.

Please come and talk with myself or any other Officer with an issue or an idea and we will help you get it resolved the best way possible. No issue is to menial or unimportant.

If you would like to volunteer for an event, burger crew or cook crew of any kind we have going on come see me. I will find a place for you. There is no better way to get to know people in the Lodge. It can be a fun and rewarding time. That's how I started.

If you have a friend or know someone that would like to join the Elks we have applications available. Bring them out and show them our facility. Bring them to an event, meal or both.

In closing I always leave this quote: It is not what the Elks can do for you; it is what you can do for the Elks!!

Fraternally,
John Kennedy



Join us on
Friday, September 6th
for **80's Night** with
"Miranda & the M80's"
from **8:00 PM-Midnight**

PATRIOTS NIGHT

On **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019** we will be saluting and acknowledging the men and women who protect our community in various aspects. A brief ceremony presenting certificates to all Police Departments, Fire Departments and First Responders of Gratiot County will take place after a meal from **5:30-7:00 PM**. All patriots will eat for free and all others in attendance will pay **\$9.00** for a meal of **steak, baked potato, vegetable and a roll**. Please call the lodge and sign up for this meal so we know how many to cook for. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there to help us honor these brave men and women.

IN MEMORIAM

The clock of their day has stopped and across its dial the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven, the hour of recollection.

JAMES F. ABBEY

BORN: June 23, 1943
INITIATED: May 3, 1971
LIFE MEMBER: July 23, 2008
PASSED AWAY: July 1, 2019

RODNEY GROVER

BORN: March 3, 1928
INITIATED: May 28, 1998
PASSED AWAY: July 27, 2019

DAVID THUM

BORN: July 6, 1960
INITIATED: November 8, 2005
PASSED AWAY: August 16, 2019



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FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS MAKE A COMEBACK WITH SOME CHANGES!!

Friday, September 6th: 1 Brat, 2 Hot Dogs, or 1 Burger (with or without cheese) served with French Fries, Cole Slaw or Cottage Cheese for \$8.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, September 13th: All You Can Eat Here Baked or Fried Fish Fry (no to go containers) served with French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, September 20th: Beef or Chicken Wet Burrito with Chips or Beef Nachos for \$9.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, September 27th: Soup and Sandwich (Chef's Choice) for \$7.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, October 4th: Steak Fry: 8 oz Sizzler, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Roll for \$10.00 (no mushrooms, onions or wedges) from 5:30-7:00 PM

Sunday, September 22nd: Brunch with Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, and Roll for \$12.00 from 12:00-2:00 PM

It's September and that means... "Coins for Kids" month!!

Join us in the state-wide "Coins for Kids" Drive by filling up a 365 Pink Bank and turning it into the lodge by September 30th!!

We are only asking for at least \$3.65 from each member-hence the name "365 Bank". If you cannot make it into the lodge to drop off a bank, a donation can be mailed to the lodge by notating that it is for the "Coins for Kids" Drive.

Last year you helped make Alma Lodge #1 in the District!! Let's shoot for #1 in the State!!

If each member contributes we can raise about \$3,000.00 for Major Project and help special needs kids attend camps and get life changing medical equipment!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert J Buchholz.....1	Victor B Horvath.....8	Terry L Clements.....18
Dale J Davenport.....1	Carla J Peters.....8	Quitman L Moffett.....18
Ruth A Glover.....1	Larry Readman.....8	Wayne Braun.....19
Roy Scott.....1	Patrick Brennan.....9	Thomas D Dewey.....20
Leslie Hunt.....2	Sidney H Hull.....9	Howard G Malloy.....21
David Koutz.....2	Keith Kushion.....9	Warren (Manley) McDonald.....21
Joanne M Peters.....2	Jayne Baracy.....10	Carla R Ross.....21
James Jay Smith.....2	James C Stebbins.....10	Philip R Yost.....21
Vicki L Kirby.....3	Steve Breidinger.....11	Brandon Kozitzki.....22
Robert Lee Priest.....3	James Greening.....11	Charles W Anderson.....23
Thomas L Reed.....3	Marc Raycraft.....12	Scott L Hemker.....23
Richard W Crowley.....4	Lori Neeb.....13	Kory McDaid.....23
Daniel R Hahn.....4	Carrie Sandel.....13	Richard D Gay.....24
Bill Krebs.....4	James H Seals.....14	John Huffman.....24
Karen Lyn Duffy.....5	Alissa Marie Wildt.....14	Michael Joseph Worthy.....25
Lester Schuldt.....5	Daniel Hayes.....15	John E Loper.....26
William C Sutherland.....5	Charles P Hicks.....15	Ernest C Bebow.....27
Alan B Gilbert.....6	Dan J Miller.....15	Donna Brown.....27
Dan Campbell.....7	Jeffrey Naessens.....15	Timothy Lee Snyder.....27
James G Wood.....7	James E Peck.....15	Todd L Snyder.....27
JoAnn Margaret Chase.....8	Sheila Pilmore.....15	Daisy Beckett.....30
Stacy L Hale.....8	Charles Conklin.....17	John M Criswell.....30
	Philip Block.....18	John P Florian.....30

Michigan Elks “Field of Honor” at Alma Lodge - September 8- October 22, 2019

The 15th Annual Alma Elks Lodge #1400 “Field of Honor” was not dedicated on the first Sunday in May as it has been in the past. This year the name will be changed to The Michigan Elks Field of Honor at Alma Lodge and will be dedicated on **September 8, 2019 at 2pm**. It will “fly” for about 6 weeks and will be dismantled on October 22, 2019.

The change of date was influenced by the fact that this year is the 100th Anniversary of the Lodge, Chuck Oatten will be the first Alma Lodge member to become State President of the Michigan Elks and the Grand Exalted Ruler will be visiting Alma Lodge in October and we would like him to see this impressive display of flags.

The Field of Honor will return to the first Sunday in May starting next year on May 3, 2020.

We are anticipating that the Field of Honor will add multiple flags this year by expanding to include all the Elk Lodges in Michigan. We also hope that our community will help us grow into the most impressive display of American Flags in America.

This year’s special honorees will be Veterans that served during the Vietnam era (1963-74). As in the past, all veterans will be honored along with those who have a flag placed in the “Field” for them. Flags may be purchased for anyone that has touched your heart or is a special to you.

Lunch will be served from 12:00-1:30 PM for \$7.00. You can order from 1 Burger (with or without cheese) or 2 Hot Dogs, and your choice of Potato Salad or Chips, both served with Apple Pie.

Cost per flag will be \$25 again this year. This includes the flag, pole and the tag with the name of the person being honored, or in memory of, your name and other important information about the honoree. When the Field is dismantled the purchaser will receive the flag, pole and tag.

Order forms may be picked up at Alma Lodge or emailed to you. Please contact me for any questions you have.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM PER Meeting 7:15 PM	4 Breakfast 7:00-9:00 AM Taco Bar (\$1/taco) 3:00 PM-Close	5 \$.50 Wings	6 Burger, Hot Dogs or Brat Dinner \$8 5:30-7:00 PM “Miranda & the M80’s” 8:00-Midnight	7
8 Field of Honor Dedication 2:00 PM Lunch \$7.00 12:00-1:30 PM	9	10 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Lodge & House Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	11 Breakfast 7:00-9:00 AM Patriots Night 5:30-7:00 PM Taco Bar (\$1/taco) 3:00 PM-Close	12 \$.50 Wings	13 Fish Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	14
15 NE District Meeting at Noon at Tawas Area Lodge #2525	16	17 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Board of Directors Mtg 7:00 PM	18 Breakfast 7:00-9:00 AM Taco Bar (\$1/taco) 3:00 PM-Close	19 \$.50 Wings	20 Beef or Chicken Wet Burrito or Beef Nachos \$9 5:30-7:00 PM	21
22 Brunch \$12 12:00-2:00 PM	23 Indoctrination 7:00 PM	24 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM Lodge & Initiation 7:00 PM	25 Breakfast 7:00-9:00 AM Taco Bar (\$1/taco) 3:00 PM-Close	26 \$.50 Wings	27 Soup and Sandwich Dinner \$7.00 5:30-7:00 PM	28
29	30	1 (October) Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM PER Meeting 7:15 PM	2 Breakfast 7:00-9:00 AM Taco Bar (\$1/taco) 3:00 PM-Close	3 \$.50 Wings	4 Steak Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM	5

365 CLUB FOR JULY/AUGUST

Your donations last year helped Alma Lodge send 7 kids to camps and obtain life changing skills that they may not have otherwise had the opportunity to get. **THANK YOU!!**

In Memory of Millie Hall—Thom and Pat
 2—John & Barb Schuiling
 Darrell & Karen Hundey
 3—In Memory of Walt Smith—Cindy Smith
 Scott & Wendy Cary
 Bill & Carol Sutherland
 5—Terry & Renee Barnaby
 Mike Lemcool



3—No Name
 Krystal Kelly
 Deb Crable
 2—Jim Diehl
 Tyler Haase
 Tracy Ross
 Tom Schmitz

SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that the Elks award \$2.6 Million each year in scholarships? This number is 2nd in the Country, the 1st is the Government!

A High School Senior you know may qualify to apply.

Most Valuable Student Scholarship: Eligibility requires that you are a high school senior and a U.S. citizen. Applications are available August 5th, 2019 online at www.enf.elks.org/mvs. Deadline for the MVS Scholarship is on or before November 5th, 2019 by 11:59 PM Central Time.

Legacy Award: Eligibility requirements are for any child or grandchild of a dues-paying Elk and are a college-bound high school senior. Applications are available beginning September 1st, 2019 at www.enf.elks.org/leg. All applications must be submitted on or before January 31st, 2020 at 11:59 PM Central Time.

Emergency Educational Grant: Eligibility guidelines state that any children of a deceased or totally disabled Elk who wants to attend an accredited U.S. College or University, demonstrates financial need and must be unmarried and under the age of 24 during the academic year. Applications are available online between May 1st and October 31st. To obtain an application, contact the ENF Scholarship Office at 773-755-4732 or scholarship@elks.org. For more information about the Emergency Educational Grant, visit www.enf.elks.org/eeg.



BAR HOURS

MON: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM
TUE—SAT: 3:00 PM—10:00 PM
SUN: Special Events



Rules of our Lodge state that 6 or more members need to be present to extend bar hours.

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