



THE ANTLERS

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Exalted Ruler Statement

Fellow Elks members,

When I decided to accept the role of Exalted Ruler for the coming year, I never expected us to be in this state of affairs. The building collapse was bad enough, but the health scare we're currently undergoing just adds to the frustration. I hope everyone is in good health as you're reading this newsletter.

While we're in the this period of down time, many of our members are using this opportunity to give the bar and kitchen a facelift also. I think all will be happy with the changes and upgrades.

I am looking forward to the time when we can all go back to life as usual. In no time, we will be able to enjoy each other's company and the use of the lodge again. Rest assured we will be back soon, and better than ever.

Until then stay safe, and be happy with the knowledge that this will soon be over, and we'll be back to helping the community in any way we can.

Mike Metzler

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Officers of the Lodge

Exalted Ruler

Mike Metzler

Leading Knight

Rob Onica

Loyal Knight

T.J. Blakely

Lecturing Knight

Vacant

Secretary

Nathan Moulton

Treasurer

Gary Moulton

Esquire

Robert E. Edwards

Tiler

Vacant

Chaplain

Jeanine Blakely

Inner Guard

Vacant

Board of Trustees

Neal Davis

Gary Stephenson - Chair

Rich Auttersen

Buzz Medelis

Dale Duffield

House Committee

Ed Neff - Chairman

Pat Conlon

Dave Kreuzscher

Steve Boyer

Bruce Klusmeyer

The Antlers Platform

1. To keep the Brothers and Sisters informed about Lodge and Club activities.
2. To encourage formal Lodge meetings with a full slate of officers.
3. To encourage Brother and Sister Elks to attend Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Secretary Message

Hello Members All,

One last summary from me; We have 316 Members as of March 24th. 140 of those Members paid for the upcoming 2020/2021 Lodge Year! This puts us at a paid percentage of 44, which is higher than previous years. Grand Lodge no longer allows a grace period. Any Member not paid by April 1, 2020, will be considered delinquent. In addition, we have to pay the GL for ALL Members on the roster, whether they have paid or not. Thank you to all who have paid early and a huge thank you to everyone who has helped during the Club crisis; both physically and financially!

Nagging over, I want to say that I truly have enjoyed being your Secretary these past three years. It is a GREAT Lodge and you are all wonderful Elks! Take care and keep you and yours safe! You will now be in the very capable hands of Mr. Nate Moulton who, I have no doubt, will be a terrific Secretary! Be nice to him!!

Fraternally

Lori Williams/Lodge Secretary #1705 4/1/17-3/31/2020

Fellow Elks' Members,

My name is Nate Moulton, and I am your new secretary. I want to thank Lori Williams for all of the help in my training, and know she did a great job while in office and is more than willing to help me as we move forward. Change can sometimes be hard, but rest assured, between the two of us, we will make sure this transition is as seamless as possible.

The Newberry Elks Lodge #1705 is something that has been a big part of my family for a long time. My Grandfather, Richard "Dick" Moulton, was the Exalted Ruler and Secretary. When I was younger, I used to love hearing him talk about the stories that he would have from the Elks Lodge, and how much it meant to him and so many of his friends. I know that Hack Hanson, Karl Parker, Jim Mills, and my Grandpa (just to name a few) made many lifelong memories. My father, Gary Moulton, was also once the Exalted Ruler and is the current Treasurer, and some of his friends and fellow members continue on the tradition that my Grandfather and those before him started. Not only is there a social aspect, but I also wanted to give back like my Grandpa once did, and my Dad continues to do.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns in regard to your membership. I am here to help in any way that I can, and just ask that you please be patient as we move on from the phenomenal job that Lori did.

We have such a great group of members, and they have gone above and beyond in helping to start to get our building back in order. I am always here to you help you, the members, and will always be sure to do anything I can to help you and the Newberry Elks Lodge #1705 continue to strive and grow. We are a huge part of our community and need to continue to be. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Fraternally,

Nate Moulton

New By-Laws

As you've likely noticed by now, page three shows our new House Rules. These are also included in our brand-new By-Law booklet, approved by Grand Lodge Judiciary February 12th of 2020. Members that have the previous version will tell you it's eleven years old. At one time we were required to buy a copy for each Member. Due to a drop in membership, we still have some of those left. House Rules were not included in that version.

Our new version was a struggle that began in 2014, with the required 5-year review. We thought we had it done. A year or so later we figured out that John Jago, Lodge Secretary in 2014, had passed away without having submitted it. I think he was sicker than he let on, because six months of minutes were also lost. We started over. By the fall of 2017, By-Law submissions had gone online. Again, we waited for the news that never came. I think everything that could have gone wrong with it must have happened in the next two years. It took that long to get the new version. Some of the changes were those we made, and others were made at Grand Lodge Conventions during the previous eleven years. We recently bought 100 booklets, and will get more as we need them.

P.E.R. Neal Davis

Newberry Elks House Rules
as approved February 12, 2020

It is the policy of the Lodge that the Club Rooms are to be used freely and fully for the enjoyment, comfort and edification of its Members, except that none shall have the right to infringe on the rights of other Members, or to conduct themselves in such a manner that it shall be detrimental to other Members or to the Lodge as a whole. To date, the following rules have been adopted:

1. It shall be the duty of the House Committee to manage and supervise the Club Rooms in such a manner that the above policy is carried out.
2. The rights and privileges of the Club Rooms shall be open to all Members in good standing, their spouses, family members and out-of-county guests. Single Members may bring in one guest of the opposite sex. No persons between the ages of 12 and 21 shall be brought into the Club Rooms, except on special occasions with permission from the House Committee.
3. Opening and closing hours of the Club Rooms shall be posted in the Lounge, and Members and guests shall abide by these hours strictly and carefully. There shall be no exception to this rule.
4. No Member shall be permitted to spend time or money at the Club that said Member cannot afford in the best interests of family.
5. Members' Wives, Husbands, Widows and Widowers shall not be permitted to entertain guests in the Club Rooms who are not Members of the Order.
6. The House Committee shall determine the number of visits Members may entertain guests who reside permanently within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.
7. No property of the Lodge shall be removed from the building without the consent of the House Committee, except as required by Officers/Committee Members for performance of Lodge business.
8. The Stewards shall not falsify the presence of any person in the building when said person is called for on the telephone or at the door.
9. The use of the kitchen shall not be permitted to a Member or Members without the consent of the House Committee.
10. Loud and boisterous conduct will not to be tolerated within the Club Rooms and conduct unbecoming a Member or guest shall be sufficient grounds for denial of the use of the Club Rooms for such a period as the House Committee shall see fit.
11. The Stewards of the Club are charged with the enforcement of these rules. Any violations of them or abusive arguments about them shall be reported promptly to the House Committee.
12. The House Committee shall determine the penalties for violation according to the severity of the offense, which may range from a written warning to suspension of ALL Club privileges for up to one year.
13. Any Member whose dues are delinquent as of April 1st, shall be denied ALL Club privileges.

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REVISED CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR MICHIGAN ELKS
PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED ON 3/23/20

The Governor of Michigan has issued a new Executive Order, effective March 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and extending to April 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm. The Governor will evaluate the continuing need for this Order prior to its expiration based on the best information available.

The previous Executive Order remains in place, except to the extent that the new Executive Order imposes more stringent limitations.

For the Elks Lodges of Michigan, this means no more public or private gatherings of any size may take place at the Lodge. All Members are to remain home, subject to exceptions in the Executive Order. The exception that would apply to an Elks Lodge is in Section 4(b), which provides that "No person or entity shall operate a business or conduct operations that require workers to leave their homes or places of residence except to the extent that those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life or to conduct minimum basic operations."

To conduct minimum basic operations, "in-person presence" is limited to those strictly necessary to allow the business or operation to maintain the value of inventory and equipment, ensure security, process transactions, or facilitate the ability of other workers to work remotely. The term "workers" includes volunteers.

The Executive Order provides that businesses are to determine which workers are necessary to conduct minimum basic operations and to provide them with a written authorization to do so, which authorization must be issued no later than March 31st. This would allow entry into a Lodge by the Officers necessary to conduct the minimum basic operations of the Lodge, i.e., the Exalted Ruler, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee Chairman. Entry by other Lodge Officers and Members is prohibited.

A number of Lodges have expressed interest in allowing the Red Cross to conduct Blood Drives at the Lodge facility. Such activities are permitted under the Executive Order, as "necessary to sustain or protect life" and those involved in that activity would be deemed "critical infrastructure workers." The term critical infrastructure workers includes "workers engaged in Health care and public health." So, a Lodge could provide access to the Red Cross for a Blood Drive by one of the Lodge Officers allowed entry into the Lodge.

Bottom line, all other Members are to Stay at Home and practice Social Distancing at all times. Regular Lodge Meetings and other meetings are prohibited at the Lodge and Lodge Officers and Members are encouraged to conduct Lodge business by telephone, e-mail, or by a remote access meeting site on the web, including Officer Installations and Initiations.

Submitted by,

Ronald L. Hicks, PGER, James R. Deamud, SDGER and Paul Robinson, Area 4 COJ

3/23/2020 10:00pm