



THE ANTLERS

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Exalted Ruler Statement

Hello Fellow Elks,

We have made huge progress since our last newsletter. The roof and exterior of the building have been enclosed, and most of the electrical wiring has been placed. The final electrical inspection should be done soon. At this time some of the smaller inside projects are being completed. We had a couple of work bees, and tore out the old bar carpeting in preparation for the new carpet. It will be replaced along with the new dining room flooring for continuity purposes. We are at the point where we can start to see the progress being made. We are still a couple of months away from reopening but there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

We are meeting early next month with the House committee and Trustees to address plans on reopening, and to establish a worksheet on what we will need to do prior to opening. This will include plans on staffing and ordering food and supplies.

We should have a firm date by the next newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe,

Mike Metzler ER

Officers of the Lodge

Exalted Ruler

Mike Metzler

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T.J. Blakely

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Steve Boyer

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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.

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Secretary Message

Fellow Elks' Members,

It's hard to believe that we are officially into fall. We are now into flannel and jean season, hunting season is fast approaching, and with a little more time, the Elks will be reopening.

Here is a short update of our current member status. We currently have 308 active members, and 266 of those have already paid for the upcoming 2020-2021 Lodge year. That puts us at a paid percentage of 86%. Thank you so much to all the members who have already paid, and we are slowly inching our way closer to getting all of our members paid.

Since our last newsletter, we have continued to receive some very generous donations toward our roof repair. I have no doubt that when we are back up and running, we will have not only the nicest, but also the safest Elks Lodge in the U.P. It will certainly be something we can all be proud of.

We have such a great group of members, and thanks again to all of those who have gone above and beyond in helping to start get our building back in order. I am always here to 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

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Newberry Elks Club Reconstruction Update

As of this writing, the new roof and walls have been completed, the dining room is now enclosed and water tight. The electrician is wiring the dining room, and the HVAC company is installing the new AC units. The new siding will be installed in a couple weeks. Even though it seems slow at times, we are making progress at getting our club back open.

Plott Construction, the general contractor on this project, has made sure the reconstruction has been above and beyond the state code requirements. The new trusses were doubled in number and moved from 24" to 16" on center. The walls are made with 2x6 studs and doubled together. The headers are doubled and tripled in some cases. Footings were replaced and existing walls were reinforced to insure their strength. Along with the new heating and electrical systems, extra insulation will make us more energy efficient. The building is solid, and will carry 1.5 times the required snow load for our region.

We took off the old apartment above the kitchen to give the whole thing an equal pitch, then put on a new rubber roof. That project wasn't covered by insurance, but 8 generous members donated enough money to make that project happen. It looks better and will be more energy efficient. Our volunteers got all the old carpet taken out of the bar area and back room. That was quite a chore, but it's done. We have more volunteer work to do before we can reopen. We need to put up tongue and groove ash in the dining room, paint the ceiling in the whole building, and paint the bathrooms. A general cleaning of the kitchen, bar area, and bathrooms is also needed. Watch for notices on the upcoming work bees. October will be busy and we will need lots of volunteers.

We still had cost overruns on other parts of the roof and building that insurance didn't cover, so we need to raise that money. If you haven't contributed to the building fund this year and feel you could do so (any amount helps), it would be greatly appreciated. Mark Building Fund on the check. Thank you for your continued support of your Elks Lodge #1705. Please send your contributions to:

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Gary Stephenson, Trustee Chairman



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U.P. District - P.R. / Media Report
Gary Stephenson (Newberry #1705)

As we all know this certainly has been a strange and difficult year for all the lodges. Some lodges were closed for many weeks, then open at only 50 percent capacity and found it hard to pay their bills with fewer people coming to the club and smaller revenue coming in. To help off set some of the money pain, Grand Lodge just recently sent all lodges a \$1500, 1-time grant, for COVID 19 financial relief. If your lodge did not receive this money, please contact Grand Lodge. Even though our clubs are struggling, we still have to promote the great things our lodges do. The lodge is the heart of Elkdom. Without a lodge, we don't have a club.

Our charitable works are really what we are all about. The social part is fun, but the charitable part should be too. When we talk to our new or old members about our charities, we have to explain how good you feel helping those in need and how rewarding it is to volunteer. The more you have members involved in charities, the more likely they are to remain in the order of Elks.

When your lodge or club does charitable work, you need to toot your own horn. Put articles in your local newspaper, with pictures. Post it on Facebook, using proper etiquette. Use your local radio station to promote your lodge. Put articles in Elks Michigan Magazine and Grand Lodge Magazine. Perhaps make a sign or banner with all your charitable activities (with the dollar amounts given back to the community), to put on the outside of your club, so the community can see all the good we do.

We also need to expand our membership during this COVID time. Someday this will end and we want our clubs and lodges full again. One great tool I found was on a new web site Grand Lodge set up. It has videos and still posters that you can post directly to social media. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. They are easy to post and are really targeted to the younger generation, which is a big part of our future. The three campaigns are "New Generation of Elks", "Join the Heard" and "Charity with Friends for those we Love". I encourage all members to go to: virtualmanuals.elks.org/social-shareables and post the sharables on your social media. Getting the younger generation involved in the Elks lodges is crucial to the Elks survival. Ask your friends and family to join us and make us bigger and better and to make our communities better and better through our charities!

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