



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

October-November 2017

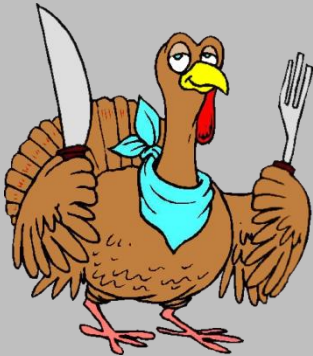
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Officer Messages:

ER Message

Secretary Message

Good of the Order



I'll be sending you more information about our Veterans Dinner and looking for some Volunteers to help.
So lets talk Turkey!!!!

ER Message

Hello everyone. I hope today finds you and your family well. What a great summer this has been. If you didn't get a chance to take part in the elks family picnic, it was a wonderful time with great food and great friends. For all those who attended it was a little windy but we survived. Wendy and I just had the pleasure of attending the Elks 70th Anniversary Party. The food was fantastic and the band was even better. I would like to thank PER Bernie "The Bear" Schaller for a party well done and my thanks to all that helped him put on this fabulous event. Also, a "special thank you" to PER John Mason on the message he delivered that evening. Don't forget to show your support for our FANTASTIC FISH FRY'S.... there is a schedule and menu a little later in this news letter. The ENF OKTOBERFEST buffet dinner is October 14th, please be sure to get you tickets soon as this will sell out fast. Proceeds from this event support major projects for "the kids", please show your support. The children's Halloween Party is fast approaching, please let Esteemed Lecturing Knight Jennifer Click know if you would like to help in any way. Hope to see you down at the lodge soon, until then Go Lions!!!

Exalted Ruler – Todd W. Estes

Secretary Message

Summer is now gone. Fall and football are here. If you know anyone who has delinquent dues let them know what they missed in the past month. Our family picnic, and 70th Anniversary Party were held in the month of September and a good time was had by all who attended. Our "Gun a Day" raffle started October 1st and runs thru October 31st. We initiated 4 new members into the lodge at our last meeting. Come on down and support your lodge. The state convention is October 21st in Grand Rapids and will be well represented by the officers of the lodge. Remember, if you have any changes to be made in your information please let me know. Have a great fall and we are looking forward to seeing you at the lodge.

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Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel





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The Michigan Elks Major Project created a new award (Impact Award) for members who are able to find funding from outside sources such as a current or former employer. Terry Barrett (PER) and his wife Sally were presented with this first time award at the Flat Rock Elks 70th Anniversary Party. Terry has been able to secure funding of \$500 per year for the past 18 years from his former employer, Exxon Mobil, who are very charity minded. The money that has been donated has helped numerous Special Needs Children throughout our state.

I salute Terry and Sally for their long run of dedication and caring for the youth that we support.

Tom Harder Chairman
Michigan Elks Major Project

IMPACT AWARD presented by Tom Harder Chairman,
Scot Burns S.W. District Commissioner and Treasurer,
and Diane Dusedang Executive Director.



Tom

Terry

Diane

Sally

Scot

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We welcomed New Members on Wednesday September 20th . The initiation of 4 new members was preformed during the monthly meeting. From left to right Kyle Schock, Todd Estes (ER), Dante Rosinski, Gary Whitman and Amy Whitman.



**Hurricane Relief Donation Bucket
is located at the lodge bar.**

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All the donations will be distributed to the victims
through the Elk's National Foundation.
100 % of the donations will go to the victims.

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70th Anniversary Party

The party put on by our P.E.R's on September 23rd turned out to be a "Great Event". There were 150 in attendance, and everyone talked about what a great time they had. Thanks to the Elkadys for allowing us to use the "Chair Covers" and for them donating the "70th Anniversary Glass" that everyone received.

John Mason (PER) did a great job as MC for the night in giving us the "History" of our Lodge, introducing the current Lodge Officers, the Elkadys Officers and our Guest Officers from Michigan Elks 365 Major Projects Commission, along with what our Lodge has meant to him thru the years.

We were all honored when Terry Barrett (PER) was awarded the "1st Annual Impact Award" from the 365 Commission for his recruiting of Annual Financial Donations to this wonderful cause.

The Food was great, along with the band, "Hoosier Daddy", who kept the dance floor "full" all evening. Thanks to all of you who attended, which made the Event what it was: A GREAT NIGHT OF ELKDOM!

Thanks to all who donated the pictures and those who helped set-up the "picture show" that went on all night. There were some "great" ones.

Thanks again everyone,
Bernie Schaller (PER)

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Picture by Jenifer Click



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Veteran's Golf Outing

Dear Members All:

On behalf of the Veteran's Golf committee we would like to thank everyone that came out and played or supported our annual golf outing. The event was played at the Raisin River Golf Club in Monroe, MI on Saturday September 30, 2017. After a cool morning the weather was a perfect autumn day with clear sunny skies and a light breeze. Fourteen foursomes came out to play and the staff and course did a great job organizing and running the event. We would like to thank all those that donated money for a hole sponsorship and those that donated very generous raffle items. We would also like to thank those that helped out on the course raising money and helping with check-in and taking responsibility for the different contests and raffles. I would also like to thank Park Place Catering in Dearborn for providing us with a delicious meal and professional service. None of this would be possible without your financial support. The money will be used for local Veteran's Thanksgiving and Holiday meals and Christmas Gifts just to name a few items. A small token of appreciation for those that have served and given so much for our country and our freedom. We hope you enjoyed your day as much as we did. Again, thank you for your support. We look forward to serving you at the Lodge soon!

Sincerely,
Veteran's Golf Committee



Wild Game Dinner

Our 22nd Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018. As you all know, the only way we put this on is with the "donations" of wild game for the entrees we serve. So, when you have "any extra" of any kind be sure to keep it for us. We will "trade" for tickets. Fish is always needed. Also, keep your "Deer Hides" and bring them to the deck of our Lodge to be donated to the Elk's Veteran's Leather Program.

So "shoot straight" and contact Bernie Schaller: 734-552-1411 to donate or if you want to help in the kitchen. It takes several days of preparation to pull off this great event.

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Oktoberfest and the Ten Pin Take Down



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

Hopefully you all know about our Oktoberfest Dinner coming up on October 14th. This year we are having a tremendous band, the "Sorgenbeckers", perform for us. This band is well known as a band that plays Oktoberfest events. We hold the Oktoberfest event as a fund raiser for ENF. We take the funds raised and complete the funding of our expected per capita paid to ENF, so we are eligible for all the grants we get to support the events we put on for the ARC/Joe Brighton and High School Athletes.

We have our yearly bowling event, "**The 10 Pin Take Down**" coming up in November. This event entertains a minimum of 200 people in one event. Our Special Athletes look forward to this event every year now. We are in our 4th year of putting this event on, and we hope to be able to keep putting this event on for many more years to come.

Your attendance at Oktoberfest will help us raise the \$1,000 we need to make our per capita of \$4.75 per member. We are also looking for raffle donations and 6 packs of beer for our 6 pack beer raffle. I am hoping to beat our last raffle prize of 72- 6 packs. Any and all donations and participation are greatly appreciated by all the special athletes that benefit from the Elk,s ENF grants.

ENF Chair Person,
Jeff Recker (PER)



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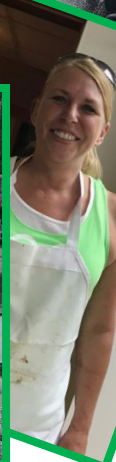
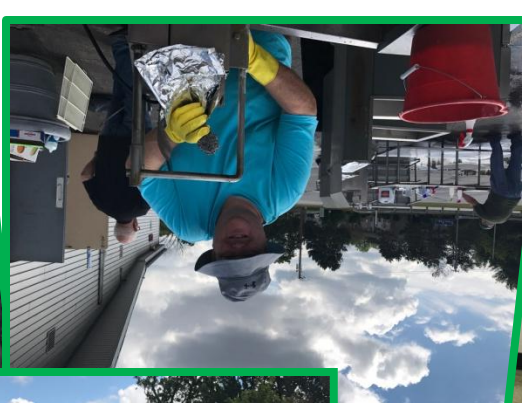
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Kitchen Clean-up

Thank you all for the GREAT job you folks did on taking the Kitchen, turning it **upside down** and cleaning every crack and corner to make our events healthy for all. This is an all day project and I'm sure there was some tired people at the end of the day. Everyone should give these Volunteers a "Thank You" the next time you see them. (Sorry, I didn't have pictures for everyone.)



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RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to all the workers and people who donated. You outdid yourself this year. I'm always surprised at "ALL" the stuff we get. I'm afraid some day you will run out of donations. We use to donate to 365....Why? Because Bob & I are blessed to have healthy children and grandchildren. I also know that all the ladies feel the same way. Now we give to the children's parties. If you have ever come to one of the parties, maybe even participated when you were a child, think back at the happy memories you have and please donate for the spring rummage sale. Thank you again to everyone.

God bless,
Jill Cousino

RUMMAGE SALE CREW



Pictured from left to right: Kathy Fisk, Rubye Leitao, Sandy Brey, Jill Cousino, Metzi Girardin, Pam Bunch and down front Karen (Pam Bunch's sister). Karen is from Alpena, MI and comes down state to help with our Flat Rock Elk's Spring & Fall Rummage Sales.

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As you can see by the pictures the Rummage Sale was a great success. People were in line outside the doors before they opened. The ladies work very hard during the week to set-up and sell all the stuff that has been donated. Some of the men's clothing is on it's way to Bay Cliff for some "Special Needs Kids and Young Adults" (More info about "Bay Cliff" to come)



Rummage Sale also supports Children's parties here at our own lodge for members children and grandchildren.

Thank you ladies,
For all your hard work.



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Looking for donations of Gift Baskets and BEER....That's correct "Beer"

Last time we raffled off 72-6 packs of beer. Jeff Recker has set a new challenge to raffle off 100-6 packs, so we need your 6 pack donations. Tickets for the "6-Packs" drawing will be coming shortly, we need your donations first, please drop them off at the lodge.

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Pop's Corner

Flat Rock Elk's – ENF Buffet Dinner



Saturday, October 14, 2017

Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner Served 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Music by the "Sogenbrechers"

Tommy Schober and the Sogenbrechers will be playing for The Flat Rock Elks Oktoberfest, a 5 piece Authentic German Band. Tommy Schober has been inducted into The Polka Hall Of Fame and has played in Frankenmuth since he was 14 years old. Be sure to Google them if you want to see & hear them.

Oktoberfest

\$16.00 per person

Children under 12 years old \$8.00

TO BENEFIT THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Carved Sauerbraten of Beef

Black Forest Chicken with Mushroom sauce

Grilled Knackwurst, Bratwurst with Bavarian Mustard

Bohemian Sauerkraut

Braised Red Cabbage

Späetzel (German dumplings)

Hot Buttered Vegetable

Warm German Potato Salad

Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings

Cucumber & Sour Cream

Pickled Beets

Assorted Breads & Butter

Apple and Cherry Strudel

Cash Bar—German Beers Available

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, October 9th

For additional information call

Jennifer Click @ 734-771-3943

Members and Guests are all welcome

Gift Donations or Baskets are now being accepted for Drawings. 50 / 50 Raffle



Tommy Schober
THE SOUND OF
SÖGENBRECHER



We are looking for donations of raffle baskets and 6 packs of beer for the event. Once again, I (Jeff Recker) will be trying to have 100-6 packs donated for the beer raffle. The last time we received about 72-6 packs and The Bear and his deer camp friends enjoyed them all!



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Candy Donations needed drop-off box at the Lodge



Flat Rock Elk's Children's Halloween Party Sunday October 22nd at 1pm



Kids wear your Halloween Costume for some Trick or Treating
There will also be some crafts and a light lunch for all.
Anyone wishing to donate Candy please drop off at the lodge.

Halloween Party is for Flat Rock Elk Members and their family's



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Doors open at 6:00pm-Bidding Starts at 7:00
Fun for all, bring your friends to Flat Rock Elks Lodge

Basket Raffles & 50/50's



Many Vendors to choose from such as:
Tupperware, Scentsy, Origami Owl,
Tastefully Simple, 31 Gifts, Judie Jewels
and SunTanSational just to name a few.

Dress in your "Scariest, Funniest or Unique Costume
for our Hallow Mania Event. 1st 2nd and 3rd Place
Winners, Grand Prize going to the 1st place winner.
Grand Prize based on participating attendance
(\$50 to \$100).

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Costumes optional!



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The Elks have been developing gritty kids for more than 45 years through the Hoop Shoot free throw program—long before researchers and experts concluded that grit was the most accurate indicator of future success.

The Hoop Shoot allows every boy and girl between 8 and 13 in an Elks Lodge community the opportunity to participate in a fun, age-appropriate program that sets them up for future success.

<https://youtu.be/5rNejsF3GWI?list=PLn4iWPwLYep6lWZQW1pPqWoiziNJedRpi>

For more information play the Youtube link above.

 **The Elks National Hoop Shoot** 

 **A Free Throw Basketball Program for Youth Ages 8-13**

The Hoop Shoot is **FREE** to all participants and provides youth an opportunity to **compete, connect and succeed.**

Path to victory starts at Old Flat Rock High School on Division Street
28639 Division St., Flat Rock, MI 48134



Saturday - November 4th
Registration 8:00 am
Old Flat Rock High School
Hoop Shoot Starts at 9:00 am

Every Boy or Girl participant will need proof of age to compete. **(Please bring child's Birth Certificate)**
Contestants must be 8 years old before April 1st, 2018
Contestants who will be 14 before April 1st, 2018 are ineligible.
1st & 2nd Place Trophies will be given for each age group for Boys & Girls
Official Hoop Shoot Basketball will be given for 3rd Place
All first place winners will advance to the District Hoop Shoot

For additional information contact Terry Barrett at 734-558-3665

 **Sponsored by Flat Rock Elks Lodge #1731**
FREE Coffee & Donuts, Hot Dogs & Chips, Juice & Pop

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Hot Dogs and refreshments will be served.

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Flag Retirement Ceremony - Friday November 10, 2017

Location: Flat Rock Elks Back Parking Lot at 7:30pm

**Flags to be retired may
be dropped off at the lodge.**

Retiring Old Glory

When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag, but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire.

Boy Scout troops retired over 200 flags given to them from donations from our Flat Rock Elks Lodge 1731 last year.

If you have flags to be retired drop them off at the lodge and the Scouts will make sure they are properly cared for.

Pat Strickland and his Boy Scout Troop teaching the proper care and retirement of U.S. Flags.



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Monday November 13th Birch Run & Frankenmuth Shopping Trip

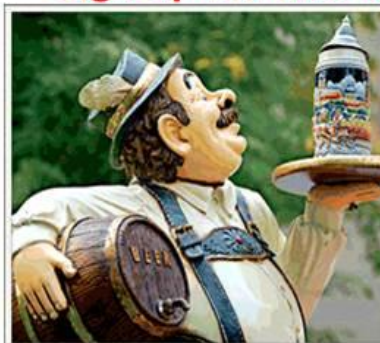
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This is a 12 hour trip leaving from the Flat Rock Lodge at 9:00 am and returning to the Lodge that night at 9:00 pm.

Lodge Members or Member Spouses Travel FREE

All others will pay \$10 so you can bring your Daughter, Mother, Grandma, Sister, Aunt, Friend or Neighbor **it's only \$10**

Sign up for this trip at the Flat Rock Elk's Lodge



Find impressive savings at 145 stores with savings of 25-65% every day, including Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, BCBG Max Azria, Brooks Brothers, Calvin Klein, Coach, Guess, J.Crew, Lacoste, Nike, The North Face, Polo Ralph Lauren, Pottery Barn, Tommy Hilfiger, Under Armour, Williams-Sonoma and more.

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Third Thursday Dinner

October 19th – 6pm to 8pm

½ Baked Chicken Dinner \$8.00

Baked Potato, Corn & Salad

Jo-Brighton , ARC, Elks & HS Students

Annual Bowling Tournament

Sunday November 5th

Elk's come bowl with these Kids. It's a Great Time you will never forget.

Keep the date, more Information about this
upcoming event will be emailed shortly.

Veteran's Dinner

Sunday November 19th

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upcoming event will be emailed shortly.

Elk Members, we have so many events planed over the next few months that
we can always use some new Volunteers to help with our projects. Everyone
says that they like what the Elks do, but it takes you to help us do what we do.

Become a Volunteer and your Heart will grow bigger, just like Elkdom.

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Flat Rock Lodge Officers for 2017-2018

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| Exalted Ruler..... | Todd W. Estes |
| Esteemed Leading Knight..... | Scott Thornberry |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight..... | Harold "Pat" Strickland |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight..... | Jennifer Click |
| Esquire..... | Jerry Ward II (PER) |
| Secretary..... | Michael Wrobel |
| Chaplain..... | Bernie Schaller (PER) |
| Tiler..... | Barry Fawley |
| Inner Guard..... | Keith "Pops" Diedrich |
| Treasurer..... | Alan Kowalewski |
| 5 Year Trustee..... | "Billy" Blohm (PER) |
| 4 Year Trustee..... | Chris Wooten |
| 3 Year Trustee..... | Jeff Click (PER) |
| 2 Year Trustee..... | Chad Marvaso |
| 1 Year Trustee..... | Jim Elamon (PER) |

Elkady Lodge Officers for 2017-2018

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| President..... | Jill Cousino |
| 1 st President..... | Lisa Iwen |
| 2 nd President..... | Melva Haglund |
| Recording Secretary..... | Gay Elamon |
| Corresponding Secretary..... | Gwen Bryant |
| Chaplain..... | Marilyn Robinson |
| Treasure..... | Corrie Hale |

Our Mission

Committed to the members we have been duly sworn to serve, by upholding and maintaining the principles and goals of our Grand Lodge, State Association and District, while continuing to improve our community, the image of our Lodge and The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of USA

Have you checked out Flat Rock Elks Web Page?

Click on link: <http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodgenumber=1731>

Note from the Editor

If you have any news, projects, events, fundraisers, dinners or information you would like Elk Members to know about contact me "Pops" at:

FlatRockElks1731@comcast.net

If you know of members that are not getting this Newsletter by email send me their email address. December Newsletter publication will be first week of December so send me your news worthy information.

See ya.....Pops

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