



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

December 2017

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ER Message

As the Holiday season is now upon us I would like to wish all members and their family's a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wendy and I had a great time in November with the Elks. First we were able to help out with the ARC & Jo Brighton Elks bowling at Indian Lanes. What a great event and if you have never attended one of these functions I can assure you that you will leave with a new attitude on life. Also we were fortunate enough to be able to serve our Veterans a Thanksgiving dinner down at the lodge, and our daughter Hannah was able to help as well. I would like to thank all of the people who help with these events. There is a tremendous amount of hard work and donated time involved in these functions and I thank all of you for your continued efforts for Elksdom... Members, make sure you get down to the lodge and sign your child or grandchild up for the Children's Christmas Party on December 16th. The lodge has a fantastic New Years Eve Party in store for you with great music, great food and great friends. You can pick up your tickets behind the bar anytime. Until next time Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Exalted Ruler – Todd W. Estes

An Elk's New Years Resolution

Invite a friend to join the Elk's

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Secretary Message

Been going thru my paperwork and find that several members are delinquent. Don't let your membership expire and miss all the activities going on at the lodge. Your dues not only help the Elks lodge, but the veterans and your community. We recently lost a long time member and it made us realize what a great brotherhood we belong to. We did his lodge of sorrow at Bobcean's Funeral Home and at the funeral home the family wanted to thank the lodge for everything and wanted us to know how much the Elks meant to their dad. In lieu of flowers they asked for any memorials to be sent to the Flat Rock Elks 365. They could have picked several other charities, but dad wanted to remember the lodge. They told us that their father considered everyone at the lodge family and he felt at home with everyone there. This is true Elkdom and why I'm proud to be a member of Flat Rock Lodge 1731. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. I want to also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and may God Bless.

Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel

***** Lecturing Knight Message

Members All, Autumn has been such a beautiful Season this year. As most of you know, I've had plenty of parties to plan for your Kids or Grandkids. What a pleasure it has been for me! We had our Kid's Halloween Party which was great. Fun was had by all, enjoying Ghost Bowling, Crafting, Cooking Hot Dogs, Serving Pop, or making a Carmel Apple. Oh, and don't forget the Trick or Treating. With your many Donations that were provided, whether it was Candy, Hot Dog Buns, Hot Dogs, time spent with kids making Crafts and Carmel Apples and playing games,

I THANK YOU, YOU AND YOU!

This year Santa and Mrs. Claus invite you to bring your Kids and Grandkids to Your Lodge Children's Party on December 16th. Please see the Flyer for scheduled times and sign them up down in the Lounge, if you have not yet done so. I will be looking for help, as well as Donations like Hot Dogs, Hot Dog Buns, Wrapping Paper, Candy Canes, and Macaroni and Cheese. Please contact me at Cell (734)771-3943. Thank You to my Husband Jeff Click, for being a wonderful supporter to me.

Moving on to Our Jack Oliphant Halloween Carnival held at Monroe Intermediate School District October 27th. What a Special Pleasure it holds for me to do this. I look forward to seeing the kids as they are growing up and dressed up for Halloween. Some of your donations of Candy also helped out with this Party. Pizza was donated from Carrington Golf Club - Rivers Edge Restaurant. The School also has a Dance in the evening for them. They surely had a wonderful time. We had Kids from Jefferson High School Honor Society and Middle College attend to the Kids, pushing wheelchairs and working with them on crafts. I could not express myself more what it is for me to do this, other than say Thank You to our Late Jack Oliphant.

You may have seen me walking with a cane this year. Well, I am finally having Left Hip Replacement on January 31, 2018. Please keep me in your prayers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jennifer click

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

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Leading Knight Message

Hi Members,

With Christmas and New Years approaching fast I know everyone is very busy, either getting ready, or just busy in general. I hope you get a chance to take some time and just enjoy the holidays. I know everyone's mind is on Christmas and such, but the 365 Dinner/Dance will be Jan 20th, 2018, featuring again Doo-Wop DAN as our DJ.

Please save the date, and if you find a good deal during this holiday season please consider picking up something for a basket to donate for our raffle. Or if you need to re-gift something please also think of donating it as a basket item for our raffles.

Have a great Christmas and we'll see you down at the lodge.

Scott Thornberry

Esteem Leading Knight.

Veteran's Golf Committee

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,

Jeff Click (PER)

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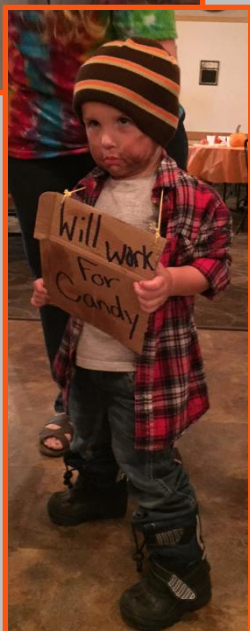
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Good of the Order Children's Halloween Party

Fun was had by all, enjoying Ghost Bowling, Crafting or making of Carmel Apples. We had many great costumes come to the party including a "Little Stinker", Elvis and one looking for work. Oh, and don't forget the Trick or Treating and selecting a special candy bar or two from Paul Robinson.



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Hoop Shoot



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On Nov 4, 2017 The Lodge Hoop Shoot was held at the Flat Rock Community Center. The top scorer in the boys was Carter Hoffman from St Mary's Middle School in Monroe. Carter shot 22 out of 25 Shots. Carter will advance to The District January 6, 2018 at The Howell High School.

The top shooter girl was Bailey Bryant shooting 14 out of 25. She will advance to the district also. Sally and I are planning on going to Howell to watch our 2 kids compete. The last time we had a contestant shoot 22 it was Patrick Bionda. Patrick won the Lodge, the District, State Regional, and the finals in Massachusetts in 2000.

We were there to watch him shoot as he came in third place. He was an amazing young man. I have been The Lodge Hoop Shoot Director for 30 Years, and the District Director for 7 years.

Tim Horton's in Flat Rock donated the donuts and coffee. West Grange Drugs, in Trenton, donated the pop, chips, ketchup and mustard.

Sally and I want to thank all the volunteers that came out so early in the morning. Next year we are planning on having the contest on a Sunday afternoon to attract more kids. Saturdays have been a low turnout because a lot of the kids have basketball games on Saturday afternoon. Sally talked to one of the mothers and she suggested a Sunday later in the day so it may be held around 1:00 pm.

This is something Sally and I have enjoyed doing and hope to keep doing for a few more years. It's a lot of time and paperwork, but worth seeing the kids get involved. I will give a report on The District Hoop Shoot In January.

Fraternally, Lodge Hoop Shoot Director - Terry Barrett (P.E.R)



Bailey Bryant shot 14 out of 25



Carter Hoffman shot 22 out of 25.

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Oktoberfest Success

We made our goal for ENF again this year. We made a little over \$1,700.00 from our 50/50, Chinese Raffle and the great food we served at the event. This now allows us to apply for more grants from ENF to do more things in our community for Special Needs Children, our local Veterans and people that are down on their luck. Thanks to all that participated and donated to the event.

Jeff Recker (PER)

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As seen by the pictures it was a fun festive event with lots of **GREAT Food!**

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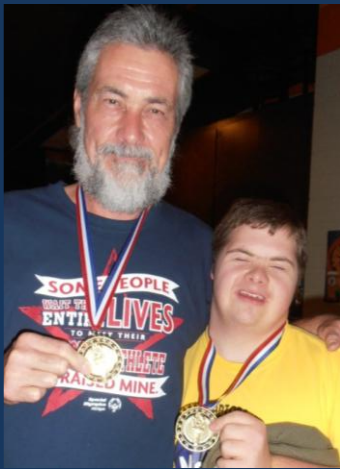
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4th Annual 10 Pin Takedown

We once again had a full house at Indian Lanes in Wyandotte for our 4th "10 Pin Takedown". We had about 160 bowlers this year: 38 Elk bowlers and supporters, 35 High School bowlers, and about 130 Bowlers from ARC and Jo Brighton. Just like the past 3 years, as soon as we were done bowling we had people asking us what the date is for next year. This event, just like our Basketball and Softball events, has now become something all the athletes look forward to each year. Thanks to everyone that helped with the event and thanks to all the bowlers.

Jeff Recker (PER)



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Veteran's Appreciation Thanksgiving Dinner

This year's dinner was attended by over 50 Vets and spouses and we had 31 Elk helpers for this event. We served 5 fresh roasted turkeys, 2 smoked turkey breasts, garlic mashed potatoes, Chef Jeff's amazing stuffing, rolls, gravy, Jen's homemade cranberries, green bean casserole and a bunch of pies for dessert. Everyone involved had a great time and no one left hungry. It was nice to see people from different areas visiting and sharing stories and experiences with each other. We saw some familiar faces, but we also saw some we haven't seen before. Our friends from the Flat Rock VFW sent us a nice thank you card and are already making plans to come back next year and bring more Vets with them next time. This event is very special to everyone that showed up to help cook and even just visit. I know I feel honored to be able to serve those that have served for me and made this the best country in the world to live in. We are already making plans for next year's menu. We will be adding a few new things to the menu, but you will need to show up to find out what changes we are making. Thanks to all our Vets that came up to spend the afternoon with us and thanks to all the volunteers.

Jeff Recker (PER)



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Flat Rock Elk's Steak Dinner Fundraiser Program

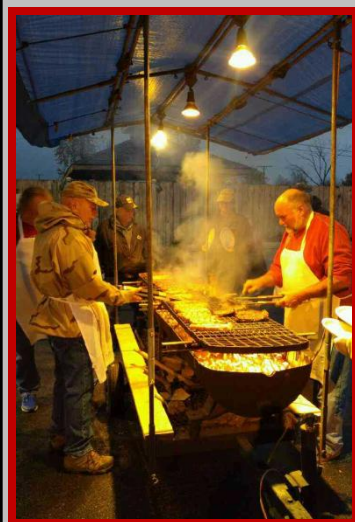
The Steak Dinner Program started way back in 1997 with Woodhaven High School Senior Class trying to raise money for their "All Night Party". From there it has been a huge success in raising large amounts of money for the youths in our neighboring communities. The list of schools and non-profits has grown to almost fifteen different groups participating. To name a few: Woodhaven High School, Huron High School, Airport High School, Carlson High School, Flat Rock Little League, MI Monarchs U16, Stepping Stones, MI Cookie, Mills Gymnastics and Devils Fast-pitch Baseball. These groups have raised many thousands of dollars in which all money raised has been spent on our community youths 100%.

Our lodge has generated large amounts of funds over the past 20 years from these steak dinners which helps to keep our lodge functioning. Back in the 90's when we built the barbeque grill we now use, we never thought it would have cooked as many steaks as it has. We built it out of an old air compressor tank, an old pop-up camper trailer, cat walks from a GM plant and a few other parts from here and there. We think this barbeque grill is a cows worst nightmare. We cook approximately 4,000 to 4,500 steaks every year. When we do steak dinners we will cook around 300 steaks per event to your liking in 1-1/2 hours. This program takes a large amount of Elks volunteering their time and help, but we do it knowing everything we are doing is going to our community youths 100%, which we feel makes it all good and worthwhile. There are too many names to start thanking people over the past 20 years, you know who you are and that's what counts. I'm sure it's all appreciated by the community groups that have profited from this program over the years. As we always say....."Elks Care - Elks Share"

**Gary Peterson and
The Steak Dinner Crew**



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Flat Rock Lodge Officers for 2017-2018

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

President..... Jill Cousino
1st President..... Lisa Iwen
2nd 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 Pops at:

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

See ya.....Pops

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