



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

November – December 2018

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ER Message

Members All:

As the 2018-year end is approaching I have to say for me personally this has been one fast busy year. As I look back to find out where all the time went, I have to say Flat Rock Elks is one busy lodge and all of you should be proud of all the work you all do, supporting not only special need kids, but the communities, and each other.

Probably my biggest worry, as most of you know how I worry, is making sure I don't forget to thank people for all their work and time and for volunteering for all our events and support of the lodge. Please know I and the lodge thank all of you for all you do, and if I don't mention something it's not that I forgot it's we have a lot going on, and I always try to make sure I at least thank you in person.

These past months our Lodge has put on some amazing events, thanks to all who made these all successful, and know we are always looking for new volunteers. This past year we also have incurred some maintenance cost. The cooler upstairs had to be replaced, as after more than forty years of dedication cooling our food and beverages, it gave up. Also, the parking lot was redone after a lot of time and dedication from the Trustees and other members to make this happen and at the same time trying to save some money for us. Our building was built in the 1940s, and since we are a volunteer nonprofit organization it can be difficult at times to balance building maintenance, cost, to run things and keep up on daily items there. I would like to thank all the people who give us their time and talents to our lodge, as they do save us a lot of money when possible and I know some of you are there all the time keeping things running smoothly. Thanks to all. However, there are times when such items are beyond the talents and some maintenance items are just too big to handle in house where we have to spend money on.

With that said look in January for a Polish Dinner night with all proceeds going to help the building maintenance cost. This event will once again feature home made items and of course a lot of fun, and it's a good way to come out enjoy the good things the Elks has to offer, as well as support ourselves so we can keep the building in good shape for years to come for everyone.

Also keep your eyes on your e mails, and calendars as with the next year coming there is also a lot of other events going on with our lodge.

As most of us are busy getting ready for holiday preparations and end of the year celebrations, one item I do have to mention, is a thank you to those folks who came up with the idea and who are making no Kids without a Christmas such a huge success and everyone who is involved and supports this program. I know this is something very close to a lot of people hearts and I applaud all of you for supporting this program as well as everyone who is involved. I am truly grateful for being an Elk, as all of you work so hard at making the world and our communities a better place.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and the very best for a New Year, and safe travels for all of you who are traveling. I also want to wish all our "Snow Birds" who left us for winter I hope where ever you are for the Winter, have a good safe time, and we look forward to your return.

Exalted Ruler – Scott Thornberry

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Merry Christmas

*and
Happy New Year!*



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Secretary Message

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Hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is upon us and winter is around the corner. Fish Fry is the first Friday of every month and activity starts to pick up at the lodge. Stop in and enjoy everything your lodge has to offer. Bring a friend down for a burger and fries and watch your favorite team on one of our 7 TV's located in the lounge. Our friendly staff will make your time here enjoyable. Also, if you have any changes to your information, give it to the bar staff or email me at Elks1731@Hotmail.com. If you know someone that wants to join, pick up an application behind the bar.

Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel

NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE NOW

**WE WILL BE SPONCERING ABOUT 25 CHILDERN THIS YEAR
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A CHILD SHOPPING PLEASE
PURCHASE AS MANY TICKETS AS YOU WOULD LIKE.**

THCKETS THIS YEAR ARE \$10.00 EACH

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER ON THE TICKET.

**If you would like to donate, but not shop,
just write DONATION on the ticket.**

**SHOPPING WILL BE ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH
STARTING AT 1:00**

**The families will all be taken to the Flat Rock Meijer's,
after we will come back to the Lodge for pizza.**

**IF YOU ARE CHOSEN TO BE A SHOPPING PARTNER
YOU WILL BE CHOSEN BY A LOTTERY WITH EACH KID
DRAWING THE WINNING TICKET.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE WILL NOT EVER RELEASE
ANYTHING
ABOUT THE WINNING FAMLIES TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OUR
LODGE.**

**We would never want any of these kids to be embarrassed or
bullied because of the situation their family is in.
KEEP IN MIND BOTH OF THESE EVENTS ARE FOR VERY
SPECIAL CHILDREN.**

**THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE DONATIONS.
GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS**



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Vets Baseball Game

On August 13th a bus took 20 people (veterans from our lodge and their spouses) to a Tiger baseball game. They were able to enjoy the game from a suite where they were provided with food and beverages and a special "MVP" t-shirt thanks to Mario Impemba and the Detroit Tigers.

***** Third Thursday Dinner for Vets

On September 20th a Third Thursday Dinner was prepared by the veteran's committee to raise funds for the Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a Polish dinner that was a great success as they served 78 dinners, raising over \$600 for our Vets.

***** Thanksgiving Dinner for Vets

November 11th was our annual Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner. A full Thanksgiving spread was prepared for 68 attendees (veterans and their families). Special thanks to the 28 volunteers who helped organize and prepare such a wonderful meal.



"Thank you all from the Veterans and their families that came for dinner and to all the Elk Volunteers that made this event so special."

Ken Cesta – Veterans Committee





Flag Retirement with the Vets

November 11th the Boy Scouts hosted their annual USA Flag Retirement Ceremony. It was a great turnout and 44 flags were retired.

Veterans Golf Outing

Can't forget all the golfers that contributed to the Veteran's Golf Outing on September 29th. You helped to raise thousands of dollars to support these special programs for our Vets.

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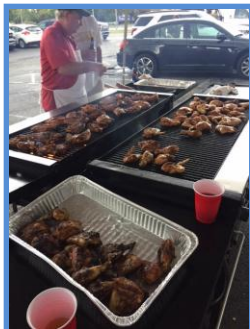


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Dice Run for Autism

On September 1st the Motorcycle Riders from Flat Rock Elks and the Michigan Masonic Motor Association teamed up to ride for Children with Autism. This was our first year for this event raising \$2,300 that will benefit Children with Autism through the Elks Michigan Major Projects. Pictured are the volunteers that made this program a success and fun for all. Looking forward to doing this again next year.....Pops





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ELKS CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Children's Halloween party was a success. I would like to thank my wife Liz and all the other volunteers for all their time, effort and support to make this party a wonderful event for the kids.

Dave Metty - Esteemed Lecturing Knight



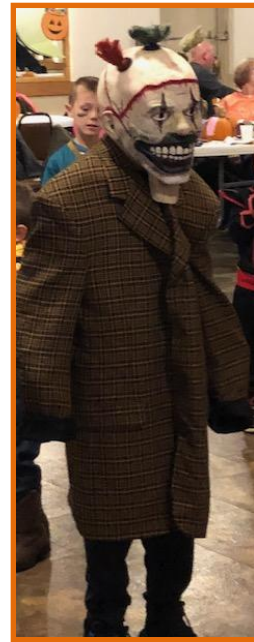
Dave & Liz Metty



Thank you Paul – Kids were excited for the special candy treats you bring for them.



Kids made special treats.





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MONROE ISD HALLOWEEN "PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY"

When I was asked to help at the Monroe ISD Halloween party I didn't know what to expect. When I went there I was very happy by the positive energy that was put out by the high school seniors and all of the other volunteers who helped to make this party special for all the kids.

Dave Metty – Esteemed Lecturing Knight



Pictured above are the Honor Society High School Students and Elk Member Volunteers that helped with the annual "Pumpkin Patch" Halloween Party. Special needs children at the Monroe ISD Education Center made their way around the gym to trick or treat with help from students from local High Schools. High School students assisted these special kids through the make-shift town by holding their hands or pushing wheel chairs and playing games. After, pizza and drinks were served to the High School Students from Flat Rock Elks.

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10 Pin Takedown Bowling Event

On Sunday November 11th was the 5th Annual 10 Pin Takedown Bowling Tournament. ARC Bowlers and Jo-Brighton Bowlers meet up with multiple high school bowling teams and Flat Rock Elk Members. I have been doing this for multiple years now and hope to continue this for many more. It is a blast to get to hang and have fun with this group of people. Each year we get to meet new people who have joined in this event and become friends with them.

Marissa Strickland – Inner Guard

All Bowlers received
Mugs & Metals from
Flat Rock Elks



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Local High School Students



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Coach Phil thanking the Flat Rock Elks



Pictured above is Special Olympic Cycling Team of Jo-Brighton and ARC Athletes. Elk Grant Moneys were able to purchase Cycling Jackets for the team.



On November 7th we welcomed new Flat Rock Elk Members from the left to right: Marissa Strickland, Steve Szabados, Joseph Croft and Mike Cloutier.



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Tickets on sale
Starting Dec 3rd

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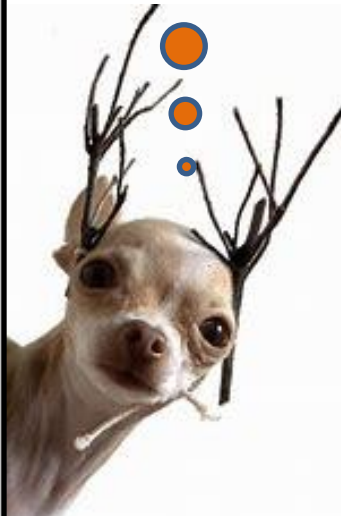
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WILD GAME DINNER
Sunday, Jan. 27th
Open at Noon
CASH BAR
Ticket Includes...
SOUVENIR
DOOR PRIZE & ENTRY
FOR CABELA'S
\$150, \$100, \$50 GIFT CERTIF.
30
TO DONATE
GAME OR
VOLUNTEER
TO HELP...
CALL BERNIE
734-
552-1411
There Will
Also Be
Firearms
Drawings!
All Proceeds Go To Flat Rock Elks

HUNTERS DONATE YOUR HIDES TO THE ELKS VETERANS PROGRAMS

You have been practicing for that perfect shot with weapons ranging from Sling Shots to High Power Rifles. Now, after you take your prize, please remember to do something for men and woman who have given their time to defend this country. After you have your successful hunting experience, don't throw away that valuable hide. Make your success even better. Donate your hides to me, and I will prep it for another very important use. The Elks have a program to get the hides and turn them into wheelchair gloves, wallets and other assorted busy kits. You can not buy these kits because they are donated to the veteran's hospitals and convalescent centers where the veterans use them for keeping their minds, eyes and fingers in good working condition. All that you have to do is bring the hide to this lodge. All large game hides are accepted: deer, elk, moose, caribou, bison, cattle, pig, etc.

When you are skinning your animal try to get as much meat and fat off, leave the tail on. If you can cover the underside of the hide with table salt or feed salt (do not use rock salt). If you can't no problem, most deer hides will need about two pounds, you can not use too much. Put the hide in a bag or box. Bring your hides to the deck behind the lodge. Let the bartender know, or call me at 734-782-1847. I'll take care of it from there.

Thank you, Bob Cousino

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Pop's
Corner

Flat Rock Elks Lodge Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM.

The cutoff for registering is Saturday, December 8th



Children age 10 and Under



Food and Pop will be available for everyone with gifts and activities provided for children 10 and under. It is a requirement that children 10 and under be sponsored by a member and registered for one of the parties. Please enter the child's name in either the 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM Christmas Party sign-up sheet located in the lodge lounge. **The deadline for registering is Saturday, December 8th.**

We will be looking for volunteers to assist with wrapping presents and assisting with the party activities. More information will be shared at a later time.

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Elk Members Christmas Party



On Saturday December 1st at 6:00pm

A Christmas Party is planned with a

“White Christmas Theme”

Elk Members and guest should plan on
something white to wear,

dish to pass and a White Elephant Gift .



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Community Lutheran Church started this ministry in 1991 when they "adopted" four families for Christmas. It has grown since then and they currently serve over 350 families in the local area.

Some of the services they provide: Emergency food boxes, hygienic products, clothing and shoes, furniture and household items, baby items, and working women's clothing.

While they receive many donations of coats, clothing and other household items, they do not get enough toiletry/hygienic items. This is something they have to buy and are in dire need of to keep up with the needs of those receiving assistance.

We as Elk's have been asked to help with this special request from "Helping Hands" in acquiring the needed products listed below. This is another great way we can support our local community.

When you come to the lodge for function or if you stop by for a beverage, please consider bringing a donation. Any donations we can offer will be much appreciated.

A donation box will be located downstairs in the lounge at the Flat rock Elk's. The following are examples of toiletry and hygiene products they need:

Toothpaste / Tooth brushes
Shampoo / Conditioner
Bar Soap / Dish Soap / Laundry Soap
Deodorant
Toilet Paper
Feminine hygiene products
Razors / Shaving cream
First aid items – band aids, etc
Over-the-counter medicine – aspirin, cold medicine, etc.
Diapers – all are appreciated but they don't often get the larger sizes

I, along with our team of volunteer servants, work every Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 1:30p.m. and we always welcome visitors to tour our site. We sincerely appreciate any interest in helping those less fortunate, as it is only through the help of caring people and other organizations that we can hope to meet the needs of the many families who find themselves in desperate situations. May the Lord bless all those caring people who contribute to this ministry as we all try to do His will and help one another.

Serving Christ with you,
Judith Watkins, Coordinator Helping Hands

To learn more about "Helping Hands" click on the link below.

<http://www.clcflatrock.com/helping-hands/>



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To Our Absent Members

William Larry Wallin

Born: April 9, 1945
Initiated: October 21, 1966
Life Member: April 7, 2010
Exalted Ruler: 1987
Died: July 17, 2018

Joseph Worosz

Born: September 17, 1942
Initiated: March 27, 2001
Died: July 28, 2018

John Fowler

Born: March 30, 1942
Initiated: September 20,
PER: Monroe Lodge 2002
Died: November 16, 2018



Rummage Sale was very successful in September.

A request from Jill that if you have anything to donate please hold bringing it to the lodge until after Super Bowl weekend.

Our Lodge turned in 41 Pink Banks totaling \$149.35 for Michigan Major Projects.

If you haven't noticed by now or haven't been by the lodge recently you will notice that the Parking Lot has had some repairs done, seal coated and restriped. A much needed repair before winter.

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