



February – March 2019
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ER Message

Members All:



We started the year out very busy, with a lot of events, and items going on. I would like to thank all of you who help support and bring these events and everyone who came out to participate. There are so many people to thank and I always worry I will miss someone if I name names, so please accept my thanks to all of you if I did not see you in person.

We had our annual 365 Dinner Dance thank you Pat Strickland Leading Knight for the success of this annual and important event.

Also, this year we had Polish Dinner Night, thanks to all the kitchen crew, and supporters of this event, and everyone who pitched in to help. The annual Wild Game dinner which is another big event with a lot of work, thanks to all of you as well for your dedication to this event. We also had games going on with Jo-Brighton, ARC, with the high schools thanks to Woodhaven, Carlson and Huron Students who participated, as well as all the Elk members who supported these events while so may other things were going on. As you can see there is no shortage of events to get involved with, and everyone is welcome to join and help out, even if you only have a short amount of time any time you can help is truly appreciated.

Flat Rock Lodge also supported the first district meeting of the year. Some By-Law changes were discussed and will be voted on at the annual Convention this summer, for more details please see Paul Robinson, and also thank him for all his work he does on the Judiciary Committee for the Elks.

I have to give a double shout out to the Elkadys and their kitchen crew of helpers. They once again provided us a great lunch for the District Meeting and the food was great, and thanks to the Polish Dinner Team for providing us some stuff cabbage as that went fast. A lot of Elks came from across the state to be with us for this meeting and a nice home cooked meal went over very well.

Also, another huge thank you to the Elkadys, for once again going the extra mile, as they with in about a day went out and got a lot of items to donate and present this at the District Meeting for Bay Cliff Camp. Your support to our lodge and communities can never be taken lightly as all of you do so many items for us and Flat Rock Elks, and I personally appreciate it.

Getting to be that time of year again, Secretary Mike Wrobel is extremely busy working on getting our Dues Renewals out to everyone. The Dues Notice has for some years now provided a spot for also donating to ENF, if you are able to please consider this. I know the ENF and Grant Committee people will have more to say on this, but in short, this helps us secure grants and funding for a lot of projects and community work, simply by the more we all participate in donating to this program. In return our Grant and ENF committee members work very hard to secure funding for a lot of programs such as the Jo-Brighton/ARC games they put on all year long, and many other programs that with out these grants we would not be able to have the funding to do all of these.

We will be soon going through the process of nominating and electing out 2019-2010 Lodge Officers, thank you for all your time and support in volunteering for these positions. My time as E.R is growing very short and thank you all for your support throughout the year.

Exalted Ruler – Scott Thornberry





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It's that time of year, snow is flying and it's cold. The 2019/2020 dues have been sent out and are due by April 1st. We still have 23 delinquent members. Remember, if you fail to pay dues you are dropped from records and are unable to enjoy everything your lodge has to offer. With your dues you help maintain all the good the elks stand for. Your dues help special need children, veterans, children without a Christmas, and many more. Your dues pay the utilities, insurance, supplies, and maintenance. The building is getting old and needs repair. This year alone we repaired the parking lot, walk in cooler, lounge freezer, and furnace in lounge. This all cost money. We hold events to help offset the cost of these repairs, fish fry's, wild game, steak roasts, gun raffle's just to name a few. When you see a function going on at the lodge, stop in and enjoy what the lodge offers. During the week the lounge is open. Stop in and have a burger and beverage. Every little bit helps. Stay safe and think spring. If you have any changes to your information leave it behind the bar or send me an email.

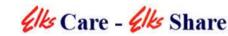
Secretary Message

Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel



With a donation of \$10 to ENF when you send in your dues this year, you will be helping the Lodge earn us our per-capita of \$4.75 per member, that makes us eligible for all the events we sponsor for the athletes at the high schools, Jo Brighton and the ARC. Last year we were given \$8,500.00 for all the events we put on. We had 3 basketball events, 2 softball events, our huge bowling day, Kayaking and this year we even added a soccer tournament. Next year we will not be getting the Anniversary Grant of \$1,000 because that money has dried up. We were trying to figure out how many people were involved in these events and I would have to guess easily over 1,000 students and ARC participants. That doesn't count the Elks participants. At the Bowling event alone, we have more than 180 people bowling along with another dozen Elks helping at the event. These events help prove that the Elks are not just a bunch of old men sitting around smoking cigars, drinking beer and playing cards. These events also help us gain new members. So, if you have \$10 extra when you are paying your membership this year, please donate to ENF. If you already paid, leave \$10 in an envelope for Mike Wrobel to send in for you.

Jeff Recker (PER)





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A word from your Leading Knight:

Last month the lodge held its 365 fundraiser dinner. I would like to thank everyone that donated items for the raffle, all that attended, and all the volunteers that made this a success. In a heated battle for the 365 tie, a total of \$600 was raised. Although weather prevented some from coming out, those that made it had a good time and were very generous. All monies raised were given to the 365 fund. Our lodge is known for what we give, and again we did it. Please continue to give by filling the 365 pink banks, this fundraising never stops. Remember this is for the kids, who really need it.

Pat Strickland

Esteemed Leading Knight

I truly hope everyone is staying healthy and making it through our cold winter months. In December, we held our Elks Memorial Service. I would like to Thank our Member's and Elkady's who helped out and by donating dishes to pass. Thank you to Marvaso Greenhouse who donated the beautiful Poinsettia's.

Wild Game Dinner, wow what a production to prepare for. It was a great dinner. Polish Dinner, what a great one this is. I am looking forward to the next one already.

We are not very far from Spring coming upon us. Before you know it our Summer time Events will be coming up. Speaking of which, please mark your calendar for our Annual 365 Golf Outing on June 1, 2019. Details to follow very soon.

If you are volunteering in our Lodge you are very much appreciated for any time given. Believe me it gets noticed. There are so many things that go on in our Lodge, that volunteers are doing to help out to keep our lodge going. Supporting your lodge is of great importance, like coming to our dinners and events. Thank you for your Support.

See you soon at the Lodge,

Jennifer Click

Loyal Knight



Welcome new members Brian Mikulin and Corey Connor initiated in January to Flat Rock Elk's 1731.





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The 8th Annual Warrior Basketball Games.

It's hard to believe that we just had out 8th Annual Woodhaven Warriors Basketball Games. I saw a few new faces this year. We had a couple of first time referees and some new parents watching this year. As usual the Warriors couldn't catch a break in any of the eight games that were played. They did come close in the final game where they only lost by two points to Whalers. The kids came hungry this time. We served 30 pizzas along with about 6 cases of pop and water, 300 plus bags of chips and 10 bags of candy. We had a lot of laughs and saw some very good basketball from all the athletes. Thanks to all the helpers that showed up for the event. Elk participation is needed to make these events a big success.



The 5th Annual "Shooting With The Stars"

Gibraltar Carlson's High School hosted their fifth annual Jo Brighton "Shooting With The Stars" Basketball Games. Both the Marauders girls and boys basketball programs hosted the Jo-Brighton athletes in an eventful day of fun, friendship, and basketball. Each Carlson player was paired with a Jo Brighton player and the pairs bonded, ate lunch together, played basketball games, and simply made memories throughout the day. Maddie Walsh from Jo-Brighton performing the national anthem again this year. Students from both schools look forward to this event every year, "Shooting With The Stars" is the best day of their season. Oh, did I mention, Jo-Brighton is still undefeated.







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Members All:

Just a word of thanks to all those that attended and supported our Polish Night at **Your ELKS Lodge** on Saturday January 12th. The night was a success by many, members and guests traveled from as far north as Warren and Sterling Heights and as far south as Sandusky, Ohio to enjoy the Festivities.

Most of all the items in the kitchen were house made in our kitchen. Dozens of Member's spent three days volunteering their time trimming and grinding 240 lbs. of fresh pork to make Big Al's famous fresh Kielbasa. Over 680 fresh Stuffed Cabbages were made for both the event and for the wild game dinner. Fresh cucumber salad and Pierogies, Kapusta (sauerkraut) Fresh Baked goods from Hamtramck, and more was prepared for the hungry masses.

The award-winning Polka Band the DeWayne Malinowski Orchestra provided the entertainment and dozens of his followers showed up and danced the night away.

So many gave of the time and talents to make this a success and we all say Thank-You!

The evening raised over \$1,600.00 and is earmarked for Lodge repairs and replacement of our aging and failing Hall air conditioning units. What makes Elkdom work is people working together and giving of themselves and their talents. The event was so well received that another is in the works for later this year (more to follow). If you enjoyed this, plan on buying tickets and attending our annual St Patrick's Dinner Party on Friday March 15th. Remember *Elks care and Elks share.* If you were one of those that enjoyed the event please think of hosting or volunteering for future events. Remember everyone has something to offer their fellow members. Looking forward to future events.

Your Polish Dinner committee





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23rd ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER

The 23rd Annual Wild Game Dinner was held on January 27, 2019 and was the most successful one we have ever put on. Here are the reasons in order:

This event can only happen with donations of wild Game that we need to have in order to prepare all the 15 entrees we prepared. This year was the most donations we have ever received. Due to the large amount of venison, we were able to have "Sliders" for everyone before Dinner started. Veggie Soup and Chili is "standard" every year. Our other Venison Entrees were: Cabbage Rolls, Stroganoff, Mostaccioli, Cowboy Beans, Kielbasa & Kraut, Burritos, Carl's Hungarian Sausage and Prime Roast.

Other entrees were: Pheasant Reuben, Sweet & Sour Duck, Squirrel Shepherds Pie & Deep Fried Fish of many varities.

There is no other Wild Game Dinner that you can go to with this many entrees being served. Besides, ours really taste wonderful due to the skills of the great "Cooking Crew".

The "Cooking Crew" needs accolades for what they do. They start working on entrees on Thursday night while frozen meats are being thawed. Then Friday and "all Day Saturday" finishes off the "prep". Back Sunday Morning to load up the ovens. The main reason that they are so effective is that most of them have been working this event from its inception, and can't wait for next year. Part of the Crew also set up the hall tables and the Raffle Prizes tables. The Dishwashers need accolades also.

Next for accolades are all the "Ticket Sellers" who do such a great job. Special "Thanks" goes to the Ladies who sell the 50-50 Tickets. Can't forget the Front Door Crew. Also the Bartenders need "Thanks".

I did not want to mention names in this article, but I have to thank my Son: Russ Schaller for stepping up and filling my spot due to my recovery from my recent Back Surgery. Following my 23 years of organizing this event, I went with him shopping for everything needed. So he now knows what it takes, and I now know that he got his feet "FULLY WET".

This Event is the largest "One Day Fundraiser" that our Lodge puts on. So, once again "SPECIAL THANKS" to the 30 plus people that it takes to put this on. Lets keep it going.



Bernie Schaller (PER)



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PER - Muskrat Dinner



Hello Members,

Just a little note about the Annual Muskrat Dinner. It was held on February 10th 2019. Turn out was fair, but could have been better. But even so, those who came were treated to an excellent dinner as usual. The P.E.R.'s can't thank enough the "Kitchen Crew" for their expert preparation of the meal as always. We couldn't have this if it weren't for you guys. Thank you so much!!! We also would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our cause.



Sincerely, In true Elkdom Thank you,

John Mason (PER)

Frenchie has been coming to the Flat Rock Elks Muskrat Dinner for over 30 years. He looks so forward to this dinner and here he is working on his sixth helping.











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Hello All,

In the beginning of January 2019, Flat Rock Elks hosted the winter District Meeting at our lodge. Everyone had a good time and business was conducted.

We had the pleasure of getting a surprise visit from our Elkadys. They rolled in two large wagons filled to the top with items that were on the want list for Bay Cliff Health Camp in the upper peninsula of Michigan. These wagons are filled with socks, hand towels, crayons, sidewalk chalk, led lights, balls and the list goes on. These will be transported to the camp by passing them from commissioner to commissioner until they reach the camp. If you need a copy of the wish list, they are down at the lodge or get in contact with me and I will get you one.

For those of you who do not know what Bay Cliff is, it is a special needs children camp in the U.P. that caters to children 3 to 18. They have 160 campers who stay there for 7 weeks and the nookers (3 to 6 years old) stay for 3 weeks. All their needs are taken care of including medical and dental right on site. As an elk, be proud that you sponsor 70 of these great kids. You are encouraged to make a trip up to the camp on July 20, 2019. That is a special day for Elks that they host for us. You will interact with the kids and share a meal with them.

Fraternally,

Tom Harder State Chairman

S.E. District Commissioner

MI. Major Project

Click on the link below to see what Bay Cliff Camp is all about.

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SOUP
COOK-OFF
(PRENETED BY THE ELEADYS)
SUNDAY

February 17th

2PM

No cost for soup entry, so make a pot of your best and bring it in!!!!

\$5.00 all-u-can eat and vote for your favorite soup, try a few or try them all

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Save the Dates: Flat Rock Elk's Fish Fry Dinners & Events

February 1, 2019, March 1, 2019 March 15, 2019 "St. Patrick's Day" (Advance Tickets) April 5, 2019, April 19. 2019 "Good Friday"

Dinners Include choice of:

(Add \$2.00 to your dinner)

Kids Cod Dinner\$5.00

Burger & Fries\$4.00

Can Soda \$1.00 (Pop)

Adult Drinks start at \$2.00

Children 12 and Under

Salad or Cole Slaw, Baked or Sweet Potato

Golden French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries (Add \$2).

Hush Puppies or Onion Rings, Fresh French Bread & Butter Visit the Flat Rock Elks Facebook page and hit the "LIKE" button:

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Do not miss out on our annual St. Patrick's Event. Tickets are advance sales only and limited to 200, so why ??? Wait, get yours early and enjoy the evening. We will have your Irish favorite foods plus two new soups added this year, Cream of Broccoli and Reuben Chowder. Irish and popular music favorites by "Ted and Easystreet ". So tell your friends and family and lets make it a sell out and another fun night at the Elks. It's a great opportunity to invite someone that has never been to Your Elks lodge and let them see what we are all about . If you would like to give back and volunteer that evening we would love to have you join us. See our flyer details.

Hope to see you!

Your Fish Fry Kitchen Committee



FRIDAY - MARCH 15, 2019

DOORS OPEN AT 5.30 PM DINNER SERVED 6.30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Entertainment music by "Easystreet" **ADULTS - \$16.00**

Children 6 to 12 Years - \$7.00 **Only 200 Tickets Available**

Killian's Irish Red Beer Battered Fish Carved Dublin-style Corned Beef with Cabbage Shepherd's Pie Topped with Mashed Potatoes

Killian's Irish Red on Tap Soups: Cream of Broccoli & Rueben Chowder Honey Glazed Carrots Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes Dilled Cucumber Pickled Beets Assorted Pickles and Olives

50/50 Drawing Bakery Fresh Rolls and Assorted Breads with Butter Dessert Cash Bar—Irish Beer & Whiskey Available

Tickets available at Flat Rock Elk's Lodge

Advanced Tickets Sales only Tickets will not be sold at the Door

Must be purchased by Wednesday March 13

Only 200 Tickets will be sold! Get your tickets before they're gone! **Dinner for Members & Guests**

For additional information call 734-731-2219





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PRESENTS GUN-A-DAY FOR APRIL 2019

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! \$20.00 EA.

GET YOURS NOW, THESE SELL OUT FAST, SEE A MEMBER OR PICK ONE UP AT THE LODGE ASAP.

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4/1/2019	\$475 GIFT CARD	2019	BERETTA NANO 9MM FDE
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4/2/2019	SAVAGE AXIS .243 WINCHESTER	2019	RUGER 10/22 DELUXE SPORTER
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4/5/2019	SMITH & WESSON VICTORY 22LR	2019	SMITH AND WESSON BODY GUARD
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4/6/2019	WALTHER PK380	2019	RUGER SECURITY 9
		4/22/	
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4/9/2019	REMINGTON 783 .22-250 REM	2019	GLOCK 42 .380
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4/12/201		4/27/	
9	REMINGTON 870 12/28	2019	THOMPSON CENTER COMPASS 6.5 CM
4/13/201		4/28/	
9	BROWNING BUCK MARK	2019	STOEGER CONDOR 12/28
4/14/201		4/29/	
9	TAURUS JUDGE PUBLIC DEFENDER	2019	\$475 GIFT CARD
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To Our Absent Members

William Root

Born: February 21,1927 Initiated: May 15, 1970

Life Member: February 16, 2000

Died: January 11, 2019

Frances Farkas

Born: January 1, 1944 Initiated: March 3, 2010 Died: January 7, 2019



PER Third Thursday Dinner

February 21st 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

4 Piece Honey Dipped Fried Chicken

French Fry's, Cole Slaw and Biscuit

All for the amazing price of \$8.00

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FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Fish Fry Fish Fry	2 Groundhog Day Do not book anything
Super Bowl	4	5 Chinese New Year Euchre 1:00pm	6 Elk Meeting 7:30	7	8	Carlson Boosters Steak Dinner Kelly Hughes 300 tickets
10 Muskrat Dinner	11	12 Lincoln's B-Day Euchre 1:00pm Quarter Mania	-	14 Valentines Day Hug an Elk Member	15	Flat Rock Little League Mark Coplen
17 Elkady Soup Cook Off	18 Presidents' Day	19 Euchre 1:00pm	20 Elk Meeting 7:30	21 Third Thursday Dinner	22	23 Woodhaven 2019 Steak Dinner 300 tickets
24 Konarska Shower	25	26 Euchre 1:00pm	House Meeting 7:30 Elkady Meeting 7:30			

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
·	·				Fish Dinner	Woodhaven Bar Dinner
3	4	5 Euchre 1:00pm	6 Elk Meeting 7:30	7	8	MI Cookie Steak Dinner
Daylight Saving DAYLIGHT- SAVING TIME DECINS	11	12 Euchre 1:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm	14	St. Patricks Day Party	16
7 St. Patrick's Day	18	Euchre 1:00pm	20 Vernal equinox Elk Meeting 7:30	21 Third Thursday Dinner	22	Huron Booster Steak Dinner
Todd Estes Shelby's shower	25	26 Euchre 1:00pm	House Meeting 7:30 Elkady Meeting 7:30		29	Fundraiser Angie Winton Topolewski
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Flat Rock Lodge Officers for 2018-2019

Elkady Lodge Officers for 2018-2019

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

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Note from the Editor

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