



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

April - May 2019

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ER Message

I am Pat Strickland your new Exalted Ruler for the 2019-2020 year.

I would like to thank the membership for your confidence in electing me to this prestigious position. I hope I do not let you down in this role in moving the lodge forward. In this upcoming year you will see some changes coming to the lodge. We now have a new Entertainment Chairperson, Brenda Scicluna, who has some really great ideas for new events for fundraising that will help out the lodge.

We have had some major repairs done to the lodge that made a hit on the finances of the lodge, with more to come. All the help by attending events, and volunteering for them will be greatly appreciated.

Remember, this is your lodge, so on behalf of all the rest of the officers of this lodge, we thank you in advance for making this next year and more to become a success.

Exalted Ruler – Pat Strickland

Leading Knight Message

I am very excited for Spring to finally be here and looking forward to Summer. I would like to thank Scott Thornberry for such a great year as our Lodge Exalted Ruler and congratulate him as our newest PER. Moving forward, I would like to welcome Pat Strickland as our newest Exalted Ruler. I am very excited to follow these 2 gentlemen in our chairs.

I am very excited for our 365 Golf Outing this year being held on June 1, 2019 at Carleton Glenn Golf Course. A flyer will be out, so please check it out. I am looking for Hole Sponsors, Basket Raffles, Help, and Golfers. There will be a folder in the lounge to sign up (Please, all Golfers must pay in advance) Thank you.

For Sickness and Distress if you or if you know of another member please contact me, Jennifer Click at (734)771-3943 so I can bring it to our Elk Members attention. **REMEMBER SICKNESS and DISTRESS is ALWAYS in ORDER!**

Thank you,
Leading Knight - Jennifer Click

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What a GREAT Night in April for the Inaugural Ball. Scott Thornberry (now PER) handed awards to Brian Marvaso (Elk of the Year), Mike Wrobel (Officer of the Year) and James Wooten (Elk Citizenship Award) among other recognition awards making his year as Exalted Ruler so successful. With the start of a new year at Flat Rock Elk's, Pat Strickland (Exalted Ruler) with his newly elected officers pictured below, mentioned the work that needs to be done around the Lodge and will be asking members for their help.

Also, Elkady President Kimberly Thornberry awarded Jill Cousino (Elkady of the Year) and Gay Elamon (Officer of the Year).



Brian Marvaso – Elk of the Year



Mike Wrobel – Officer of the Year



James Wooten – Citizenship Award





Scott Hanging his PER picture in the Lodge with 71 Past Exalted Rulers
Keeping the Lodge tradition of no repeat officers as Exalted Ruler.



Jill Cousino – Elkady of the Year



Gay Elamon – Officer of the Year

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Children's Easter Party

On April 14, 2019, we had our Kid's Easter Party. Kids were able to come, have fun and participate in crafts, such as dying Easter eggs and making clothespin butterflies. They were also able to interact with the petting zoo from Wolfden Zoo, which included a calf, baby goats, chicks, bunnies, and this year we had the privilege to have a mini pig. Along with the fun activities the kids were able to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and they were able to have a fun Easter Egg Hunt. I would like to thank all the members who were able to come and help with the event and those who donated candy, buns, chips, and mac-n-cheese. We are looking forward to the next event with the kids.



Lecturing Knight - Marissa Strickland





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Picnic on the Deck

Lots of changes already happening around the Lodge. The block flowerbed has been redone at the front entrance. Air conditioning for the lodge hall is being installed. The Kitchen and coolers have had their Spring cleaning completed.



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Your Flat Rock Elk's Lodge needs help.

As Lodge members we should have not let this wonderful club let repairs and maintenance get away from us. Change is happening as you have seen by pictures of repairs that are being made today, however, without your membership dues and supporting events some of these necessary repairs can't be done. We have about 120 members today that have not paid their dues for this 2019/2020 Elk Year. Your dues membership fee is only 26% of our yearly budget to help run the lodge. That is why it is so important to attend events, enjoy food and entertainment that brings a little money to the lodge while enjoying these events. Support your lodge, pay your dues and enjoy what Flat Rock Elk's Lodge has to offer.

As Elks we do great things in our communitylet's keep it going!

See ya at the Elks.....Pops - Trustee

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Members All:

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- A new beer/beverage cooler in the members lounge.
- New duct work and the replacement of a 52 year old air conditioner in our hall (installed in 1967) that allows members to be cool and comfortable as well profitable for our many Hall Rentals.
- Steam cleaning and service on our kitchen ventilation systems in Bar and Hall Kitchen's for fire safety as well as deep fryers and equipment used to generate considerable revenue for our Lodge from Fish Fry's, Steak Roasts and Special dinners.
- Degreasing and scrubbing of the kitchens floors and walk-in cooler.
- Deep cleaning the Halls men's and ladies restrooms, scrubbing floors and walls.
- Completion of cleaning and restaining and sealing our outside deck is scheduled in the coming weeks based on weather.
- Like your own home as you know it's a constant program of trying to stay ahead and trying to be proactive instead of reactive.
- Like everyone the Lodge is on a budget and whenever possible we do the work we can in house with volunteers to reduce costs.
- As your Trustees/ Board of Directors we take the financial health and well-being of our Lodge very seriously. Working together to make prudent decisions and taking money from Lodge savings and investments only as a last resort.
- However, as the saying goes you can only put off repairs/ replacements so long...."kicking the can down the road". Just drive down any of Michigan's many terrible roads. Sometimes in the effort to try and keep from spending money or taking it from savings the cost multiplies many times the original cost.
- To put it into perspective the Lodge recently approved nearly \$20,000 for much overdue A/C replacement. If every one of our nearly 685 members split the costs it comes out to \$29.20 a person.
- The reality, like it or not, as a lodge our membership is responsible for our success or failure. By that we mean recruiting new and most importantly active members. Volunteering your time and talents to maintain your Lodge. Buying tickets and supporting events. If you are in a position to do so consider donating money directly to the lodge to offset costs.
- As our Lodge building ages the cost of repairs will increase every year. It's a simple fact. Parking lot repairs, roofing, exterior paint, unforeseen repairs? Other Air Conditioning units as old as 1976 that at some point will need repairs/ replacement.
- The solution is doing your part to increase the financial health of your Lodge.

Respectfully,

Jeffery Click - Trustee Chairmen, PER

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Let's make a difference!

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Why did you join the elks?

I believe that most of us joined to give back to the community and that's a GREAT thing! The problem as I see it is the Flat Rock Elks have been spending more money, lots more money, each year than it brought in. Our reserves are not going to last forever. If you believe in Elkdome now is the time to stand up and be counted. If we do not run some fundraisers, I believe that within the next 10 years, or less, we will not have a club to go to.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED !!!

General membership meetings and Board meetings are open to any member that would like to attend. It's a shame that almost every Elk meeting has more board members than non-board members in attendance. If every member would come to one meeting we would have a nice showing and interested members.

The way I look at it is we can sit back and let Someone Else keep doing the same things that we have done for years or we can get involved and turn things around and have something we can pass on to the next generation. Put money in reserves instead of depleting reserves.

We all want to do good for the community. Lets all pitch in and make it happen. I was once told give a person with no ambition and lots of time something to do and it won't get done, never enough time or some excuse. Give a busy person something to do and somehow some way they will find time to get it done. Lets all get busy for the Elkdome.

We need our elks to run or participate in new and existing fundraisers .

LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE .

Dave Sciculana - Trustee

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Lodge Activities

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Our lodge has many wonderful events that we currently offer. But, we want to continually strive to make sure we are offering activities that motivate you to grab family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers to come to the lodge. Bring them in as a guest and show them what the lodge has to offer and how much fun it can be to belong.

Our building is aging. So repairs, in addition to the monthly expenses, are an ongoing concern. Fundraising events that support our building fund will be important.

The hardest months to get folks to the lodge are the summer months. The lodge's financial obligations don't stop just because the weather is nice. We want to build activity during those months to help pay the bills.

We can't do it without your help! We want to hear from you! Filling our calendar is a year round project, so we are looking for ideas for the whole year. Don't be that guy/gal that sits in the lounge and says "there's nothing for our members to do at the lodge" or "they should do.....". Now is your opportunity to voice your opinion.

An activity survey has been created to find out what types of activities and entertainment you would like to see offered. A paper copy is available in the lounge. Please place completed surveys in the blue suggestion box. The survey is also available online format at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCZGCSM>.

This is your lodge so all ideas are always welcome to help us meet your entertainment expectations.

Don't rely on "Someone Else" to come up with all the ideas.

But, I also can't run everything by myself. If you are interested in helping plan events, please feel free to contact me by email bsciicluna29@gmail.com or phone 313-618-8155.

Entertainment Chair Person.

Brenda Scicluna

[Activity Survey Questions](#)



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Obituary:

Our Lodge was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **"Someone Else"**. For many, many years as part of this Lodge **"Someone Else"** did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a room to flip, or a meeting to attend, everybody said, "Let **Someone Else** do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; **"Someone Else"** can work with that group." It was common knowledge that **"Someone Else"** was among the most generous givers. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed **"Someone Else"** would make up the difference. Now **"Someone Else"** is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. **"Someone Else"** left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things **"Someone Else"** did? When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on **"Someone Else"** anymore.



**CAN'T SOMEONE ELSE
JUST DO IT?**

A good lesson for every Lodge!



A special **"THANK YOU"** sent out to Dan Gaynier and his grandson Jack for cleaning the lodge hall carpet. Dan saved the lodge a lot of expense by giving of his time and carpet cleaning equipment. Grandson Jack told me that he really likes working with his Grandpa.

With the help from a few volunteers: Dave Scicluna, Tom Harder and me, Pops, the carpet is clean again.





The winner of the Elkady's 11th Annual Soup Cook-off was

Evette Vey with her

Kale Sausage Soup. Thinking of good eats if you missed Saint Pats Dinner at the lodge in March look at the plate of food you could have had:

Killian's Irish Red Beer

Battered Fish

Carved Dublin-style

Corned Beef with Cabbage

Shepherd's Pie Topped

with Mashed Potatoes



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Flat Rock Elk's New Members

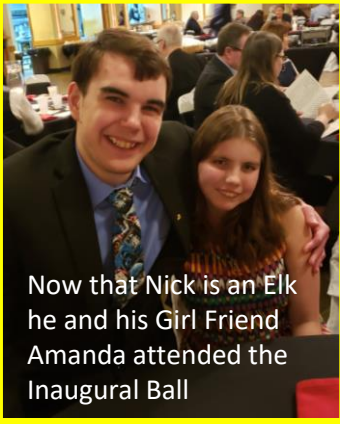
In the last month Flat Rock Elk's Lodge has added 14 new members. As you can see by the picture at the bottom Nick Thornberry has been waiting for years to become a member. With a few of his friends he was initiated into the lodge by his dad, now

PER Scott Thornberry, during his last official meeting. If you know someone that wants to become an Elk, you can now apply on line. Just click on the link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.elks.org/members/emasFAQ.cfm>

In no particular order meet our new members:

Bob Munroe, Jeff Schmitt, Connor Ruschel, Joseph McCluskey, Zachary Kowalewski, Terry Rich, George Lear, Robert Hodge, Michael Brossia, Andrew Mikulin, Terrence Eckhout, Karen Kendrick, Ralph Olsen and Nick Thornberry



Now that Nick is an Elk he and his Girl Friend Amanda attended the Inaugural Ball



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Carleton Glen

Golf Club

Flat Rock Elks 365 Annual Golf Outing

Saturday June 1, 2019

Carleton Glen Golf Course

13470 Grafton Road - Carlton MI 48117

Sign up at Flat Rock Elks Lodge by: Wednesday – May 26th

Payments due in advance by cut off date of May 26th

Check in time: Noon – Tee Off 1:00pm

\$75 Per Person Includes:

50/50 Raffles

On Course Competitions

Rainout Date:

June 2nd @ 1:00pm

Proceeds to benefit 365
Helping Special Needs
Children in Michigan
For info click on the link

<http://michiganelksmajorproject.org/about/>

Sponsor a Hole for just \$50

Drink Tickets Choice of, Beer, Pop or Well Drinks

Drink Tickets valid only at the Golf Course

Lunch: Hot Dog, Chips & 1 Drink Ticket + (2 Additional Drink Tickets)

Dinner at the Golf Course: New York Strip – Cooked over Wood Fire

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll & Cherry Pie

Contact Jennifer Click for additional information at :

Phone: 734-771-3943 or Email: jenn1maggie@gmail.com

Pop's
Corner

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Yeti Tundra 65 Cooler Full of Liquor

Tickets
\$5 each
or
3 for \$10



**Drawing May 3rd at
PER Steak Roast &
Dance**

Yeti Cooler Valued at \$350

**Flat Rock Elk Members your lodge needs your help.
There are some very expensive repairs to be done.
Proceeds will be used for these improvements.**



**Help fill the cooler
Donate a Bottle
Lets fill the cooler.**



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FLAT ROCK ELK'S - PER STEAK ROAST & DANCE

Friday - May 3rd 2019

New York Strip Steak

(Cooked to Order)

\$20

Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions

Loaded Bake Potato Bar

Tossed Salad – Bread & Butter

Dessert and Coffee

Enjoy a night out with good food and live entertainment. While fun for members and guest, everyone will be giving back to our club. Proceeds will support the needed expenses to update our lodge.

Doors Open 5:00 pm – Dinner Served 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Cash Bar - Basket Raffles – 50/50 Raffles

Get your tickets at the Elks by April 30th

Hoozier Daddy Band

**Live Music & Dancing from
8:00pm to Midnight**

An exciting blend of Country, Classic Rock and Dance music from any decade with 3 part harmony and THE BEST musicians in SE Michigan/N Ohio.



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Saturday May 4th

2019
**Kentucky
Derby**
Can't make it to Kentucky
Join us at the Flat Rock Elks for

Ken-Taco-Derby

"You got some Mint Julep in my Tequila....."

"That explains why I have Margareta on my Horse Race"

However you want to spin it when you have
two great events just one day apart why not mix-em up.
Flat Rock Elks is going to celebrate - ***Derby De Mayo & Cinco De Derby***

On Saturday May 4th Starting at 2:00 pm

All you need to bring is a dish to pass.

**Wear you best Derby Hat or Sombrero winner will receive Dz Roses
Mint Julep & Margareta Drink Specials**

**Kentucky Derby Bourbon Basket and
Cinco De Mayo Tequila Baskets will be raffled**

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Local Business Advertising

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Flat Rock Elk Members support these local businesses because they also support the Flat Rock Elk's.



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Corrie Dye-Hale

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MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Elk Meeting 7:30	2	3 PER Steak Dinner Jeff Click	4 Ken-Taco Derby Stepping Stone Steak Dinner
5 Cinco de Mayo Hillary Shower	6 Ramadan begins	7 Euchre 1:00pm	8 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm Elkady Dinner	9 Quartermania	10 Mills steak dinner Chris Starll	11 Special Olympics Scott Thornberry
12 Mother's Day Lodge Closed 	13	14 Euchre 1:00pm	15 Elk Meeting 7:30	16 Third Thursday Dinner	17 State Convention	18 State Convention
19 Mark Wrobel	20	21 Euchre 1:00pm	22 House Meeting 7:30 Elkady Meeting 7:30	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Lodge opens at 4 Picnic on the Deck	28 Euchre 1:00pm	29	30	31	

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 365 Golf Outing Babik Party
2 Todd Estes Hannah's graduation	3	4 Euchre 1:00pm	5 Elk Meeting 7:30	6	7	8 Debra Jamison graduation
9 Bunea graduation Gayl Bunea	10	11 Euchre 1:00pm	12 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 pm	13	14 Flag Day Elks Flag Day  Rob Hogg Wedding	15 Jim Sturgill Graduation Party
16 Father's Day Lodge Closed 	17	18 Euchre 1:00pm	19 Elk Meeting 7:30	20 Third Thursday Dinner	21 June Solstice Hughes / Hale Party	22 Denise Cuevas Graduation party
23 Thornberry Party	24	25 Euchre 1:00pm	26 House Meeting 7:30 Elkady Meeting 7:30	27	28	29 Ed Kalimari Graduation party
30		Check out the on-line Flat Rock Elks Calendar. You can now view months of upcoming events. https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1731				



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or
Bob Cousino
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Flat Rock Lodge Officers for 2019-2020

Exalted Ruler..... Harold "Pat" Strickland
Esteemed Leading Knight..... Jennifer Click
Esteemed Loyal Knight..... Dave Metty
Esteemed Lecturing Knight..... Marissa Strickland
Esquire..... Scott Thornberry (PER)
Secretary..... Michael Wrobel
Chaplain..... Bernie Schaller (PER)
Tiler..... Barry Fawley
Inner Guard..... Marissa Strickland
Treasurer..... Alan Kowalewski
5 Year Trustee..... Dave Scicluna
4 Year Trustee..... Jeffery Recker (PER)
3 Year Trustee..... Ed Nuttman
2 Year Trustee..... Keith "Pops" Diedrich
1 Year Trustee..... Jeff Click (PER)

Elkady Lodge Officers for 2019-2020

President..... Kim Strickland
1st President..... Kim Thornberry
Recording Secretary..... Gay Elamon
Corresponding Secretary..... Gwen Bryant
Chaplain..... Lisa Iwen
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?

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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:

FlatRockElks1731@comcast.net

If you know of members that are not getting this Newsletter by email send me their email address.

See ya.....Pops

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