



# Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

April 2020

## *Flat Rock Elk Chaplain Bernie Schaller Has a Prayer for All*



To all our Members and Families

During these “Trying” and “Difficult” times, which our “Generation” has never seen before, I feel that as Chaplain we all need to take a moment to read the following “Prayer” that I wrote.

Let us Pray: Heavenly Father,

We ask You to be with us, the Members and Families of Flat Rock Elks Lodge 1731 along with the entire World, as we continue to live thru this “deadly” Virus that has totally changed all of our lives. Also continue to be with all of those who are putting their lives “on the line” as they are doing whatever it takes to “control” this “Virus” and make it “go away”. Be with those of our Members who are in the Medical Field who are a part of this Group. Bless the “Families and Friends” of those who have already given us their lives, and may they “Rest in Peace”. Help us all to follow the “Guidelines” set up that we must follow, even though “staying home constantly” is not what we want to do, but no contact with “other people” will help to control and eliminate this “epidemic”.

We ask this in your son Jesus Name,

Amen

Hopefully all of you Members are doing well. Can’t wait for the Lodge to Re-Open so we can see each other and get “Back to Business” remember

**Bernie Schaller, Chaplain**

  
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### ER Message

*Happy Easter!*

#### Members' All,

Here we are in a time of our lives which we have never experienced before, the Corona Virus Pandemic. Honestly, I truly did not know where to start this letter to you. Each and every one of us is being touched in some horrible way from this virus. Whether it is you or someone you know actually working on the Frontline Fighting the Virus. I cannot imagine what someone is going through finding out if a test comes back positive. My only thought is I'd be scared as heck. Social Distancing has and is truly making a huge impact on our lives every day, being stuck in the house, how we have to clean everything brought in, and being separated from loved ones. Watching Fox News has been a great part of my morning every day to keep up with this. Remember we are in this together.

Members, I am aware of your many concerns of how the management of our lodge is being taken care of. Also, Secretary Mike Wrobel recently had surgery, and is doing well. Since then Mike has been taking care of Lodge Business.

PER Harold Strickland, I would like to congratulate for the time you have given as an Officer and our ER. You are an active member with the time you have given in being a Chaplain, doing Boy Scouts and then accepting the roll as an Officer. Your involvement was not only by you but, of your family and friends. Your wife Kim and your kids Marissa and Matt, and your mother-in-law have all been a part of your support, it truly has shown. Congratulations, you are a PER, and a big thank you for accepting the position of Veterans Chairperson, it will be a pleasure to continue working with you.

Installation of Officers has been completed, but in a different manor than what we have done in our Lodge, due to the Social Distancing. I was directed to have this done by giving the Oath over the Phone on April 1, 2020. Your Officers are:

Exalted Ruler Jennifer Click.....Sworn in by PER Jeff Click  
Leading Knight Brian Marvaso.....Sworn in by PER Bob Hale  
Loyal Knight Marissa Strickland.....Sworn in by PER Harold Strickland  
Lecturing Knight Tonio Schembri.....Sworn in by PER Jeff Click  
Secretary Mike Wrobel.....Sworn in by Mike Wrobel

Congratulations to All of You for accepting your positions, I have all the confidence in the world for you this year.

**Dave Metty**, I am truly sorry you have chosen to step down from your position as Leading Knight. I understand that family comes first, and you must be there to take care of you wife. It was a pleasure working with you the past few years and with Liz at your side. Thank you for the past 2 years being an Officer of the Lodge.

**Brian Marvaso** has accepted the position of Leading Knight. Brian you are a great asset to our Lodge, and I look forward to working with you. Brian and his family are very active in our lodge in so many ways.

**Tonio Schembri** has accepted the position of Lecturing Knight. Tonio is an active Member in our Lodge as well. You have seen Tonio in the kitchen working many events such as Fish Fry. Tonio, I look forward to working with you.

**Mike Moffitt** has accepted the position of our ENF Chairperson, Mike is an active member to our Lodge, and has a lot to offer us. Mike, I look forward to working with you this year.

**Hilary Weiler** has accepted the position of Drug Awareness, she is an active member to our lodge, and I look forward to working with you.

**Jeff Weiler** has accepted the position of Inner Guard. Jeff is an active member in our lodge you may see him in the kitchen working many events such as Wild Game Dinner, Fish Fry and many other activities held in the lodge. Welcome aboard!

**Exalted Ruler – Jennifer Click**

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## ER Message - Continued

PER's, Committee Chairperson's, Committees', and Elkadys, you have supported the Lodge so much this year with many projects it is greatly appreciated. Thank you for what you have done. I look forward to working with you this year.

First Lady Kim Strickland, you have completed your Position as President, of the Elkadys. You worked very hard with the Elkadys this year, and have done so much with them for our Lodge. Thank you for what you have done.

Elkdom, "This Your Lodge" is not by one person, it is EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU. Our Lodge succeeds because of what you do. You and your families do so much for our lodge.

Please continue to Volunteer and be Active in the Lodge. Participate in a meeting, you have a voice that counts, this is where it happens, it is where you find out all the answers, to learn and listen and find out what the truth is, and where your opportunity is to participate as a member. What I'm saying is come on out don't be left out.

As soon as we get the All Clear, from Grand Lodge to open the doors there will be an update with this information. Grand Lodge is working out ways for our Lodge Officers to have meetings via phone. I look forward to getting back to regular business as well as you do. Please stay safe, contact members to say hello. Be the Best you can be!

Members and Officers, I am honored to have been elected to serve in a Leadership Position, in this your Lodge. I must thank my mentors for the now and then phone calls or long conversations in the Lodge, working through Elkdom, you know who you are. Family and friends, Thank you for your support. To my husband Jeff Click, he is my biggest supporter of all, Thank you honey. Elkdom means so much to both of us.

We are proud to be an Elk. Sincerely,

**Exalted Ruler – Jennifer Click**

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## Secretary Message

We are dealing with something no one ever could have imagined. This is usually the most active time at the lodge with fish fry's, steak roasts, Inaugural Ball and so much more. But due to events that are out of our control have occurred we must continue to function, regardless. The lodge still has bills that must be paid. I know things look bad, but we will come out of this stronger than before. We need members to continue to pay there dues. This is the only way the lodge will survive. We hope to be back in operation ASAP but our first concern is our members and there family's safety. Please remember to pay your dues by April 1st. I hope all are well and may god bless. One additional note, the State convention at Sault Ste. Marie has been cancelled.

**Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel**

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## Message from Trustees

Members' All,

First and foremost, we hope and pray that you, your family and loved ones are safe and healthy. In the past month or so we have seen so many events that are creating uncertainty. Like most of America the Lodge is shut down and will remain so until we are given the clear to reopen by the State of Michigan and the Grand Lodge. The lights and heat are turned down. Our non-essential coolers and freezers are thawed and unplugged to reduce energy consumption and to keep expenses at a minimum. Your Secretary, Mike Wrobel, and Treasurer Al Kowaleski have been making sure that all correspondence including dues, Lodge bills and official matters are being tended to. While the lodge is closed monthly meetings are canceled until further notice. Your Trustees / Board of Directors will be meeting via phone / Zoom to have our monthly meeting and take care of Lodge business as needed. Since this health Pandemic has been disruptive to our lives our many Elk events had to be cancelled or postponed such as Inaugural Ball, Fish Fry Dinners, Steak Roast Dinners and Hall Rentals. The Lodge Major Cleaning Day was cancelled as well. When life reopens remember to keep your Lodge in your thoughts and plan to be active. When asked to volunteer please make every effort to be there for your Lodge. Until then stay safe, healthy and maintain social distancing for everyone's sake. We are truly looking forward to better days.

God Bless, Your Flat Rock Elks Trustees

Jeff Click PER, Keith Diedrich, Ed Nuttmann, Jeff Recker PER, Dave Scicluna





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## Sick Members, Family & Friends

Liz is home with home health care and is still in it for a long recovery, She is improving by the week and still praying she won't need any more surgeries. Thanks for all the prayers.

**Dave Metty**

Good morning pops, the idea of sharing our concerns for sick members in the newsletter is great idea! Elroy Bonner is recouping from additional radiation of his tumor on his liver. This is his second procedure to eliminate the cancer. They (doctors) have got it; we pray they did! Thank you for commitment to our Lodge and making the newsletter the instrument of communication.

**Ed Nuttmann**

My next-door neighbors and very good friends of ours are going through a very difficult time. She does not have Corvid-19 but this pandemic causes additional issues that you may not think about. Names are Fred and Lea; Lea had some issues with her health and recently has broken her foot. She has been in hospitals and rehab centers since December. Now with the current hospital rules Fred and Family have not seen her for 4 weeks. Fred got a call from the doctor that her health is failing and she may not make it and family may not be able to see her.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**Keith & Kathy Diedrich**

**Sorry to say  
Lea Passed on Palm Sunday**

We're doing alright. I have "cabin fever" but because I am a high risk person, having diabetes, liver disease n asthma. I know, staying home is the best way to protect myself n family. Having survived cancer twice in my life, I've lived thru far worse, including my Navy career in both Iraq n Afghanistan. I do need prayers tho- not for me, but for my son who is a paramedic and on the front lines. He is working mad hours - over 120 to 160 hours per week- He has my daughter, n their 3 young children- n they need protection.

Prayers are welcomed n thank you to my Elk family. If there is anything we can do- just ask.

**Rhonda Boitkus**

## Call Someone different everyday!

## It's in your Flat Rock Elk DNA

Most of us call family members to check up on them on a daily basis. Take it a step farther, call another Elk Member, Friend, Neighbor or Just someone you haven't talked to in a long time.

## It's good for both of you !!!!

pops

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**Why! Why! Why!**

**Don't some do their part ?**

My husband is my rock! He let me sleep in today, made coffee and got up early for everyone else. Then we started talking about people who don't believe corona really as bad as it is. I lost my mind! Started hysterically crying, yelling. I was so mad and sad! He just sat there and let me get nuts! I needed to vent! People need to be walked to the morgues and help make room in the freezer trucks for all the humans that have died ALONE! Not ticketed \$1000. I think that will have more of an effect. Of course the hospital halls might look empty, because that's what ALL HANDS ON DECK looks like. That's when you redeploy staff to other departments to help in this Pandemic. Non-essential staff in healthcare do not work or they are redeployed. Nurses learning vents and IV drips they may never have heard of, let alone administer to helpless patients. We hold the hands and try to comfort your family and friends while they are dying with strangers, not family and friends. Thank God for our immediate families and coworkers who give us the strength to come back to our assigned shifts and departments and not call off for our safety and to protect our families. Next time you this this is bullshit, remember us healthcare workers. I see you in the store with your gloves on touching everything including your face with Covid. I pray for you right then. Please pray for us. Pray that we are well and can take care of you if your not. Pray that we don't fail our families and bring this home. Healthcare is doing all we can, please do your part. We haven't had the worst yet, but it's coming.

PS: We don't have enough PPE because there is not enough, not because our health systems can't afford it! This is not a blame this blame that and give me credit for all I have done or lack there of. Everyone has a part, so do yours!

**NO ONE IS IMMUNE TO THIS, NO ONE!**



**#coronasucks**

**#staysafe**

**#doyourparttostayhealthy**

**Jennifer Parker**

**Daughter of Bob & Jill Cousino**



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## Personal Member Messages

We are managing. Thanks Pops. I have a suggestion. If anyone would like to try and organize a catered meal for the forgotten shift (midnights) at local hospitals. I personally am trying to organize with a local restaurant feeding 2 floors of Wyandotte hospitals midnight shift. Days are receiving very generous donations of food for health care workers from Doctors, restaurants and individuals but nights are not. ICU and some floors are all COVID floors and morale is down. To feed both is about 60 meals. ER is also stressed but I can't manage all of them plus it might be a little overwhelming for the hospital to receive. I will let you know how it goes. Just started contacting hospital and local restaurant yesterday.

**Brian Marvaso**

I would like to ask prayers for my nieces Alyssa, Erica, and Erin during this time. They are all nurses working in the hospital and on the front lines during this time. They are seeing the bad and some good, but it takes a toll on their emotions and their bodies, and our family is always worrying about them. Please also send prayers for all the health care workers and all workers that are critical and working while they too must also go to work. We are truly thankful for everyone at this time for all the heroes out there!

**Thank you to Flat Rock Elks for ALWAYS being a beacon of good will and charity!**

Sincerely,

**Mike and Denise Cuevas**



## White Ribbon support for our "Front Line Responders"

A doctor from the Henry Ford Health Care System has asked for anyone wanting to show support for our front line fighters to put a white ribbon in the front window of their house.

We all have a policeman, Fire Fighter, Medical Personnel, Restaurant Worker, Mechanic, Grocery Store Workers and more. Please place the ribbon in your front window to show your support. Remember, Thank You also goes a long way when you see these people. It doesn't hurt to say "thank you" to the stock boy or restaurant worker when you see them. As a matter of fact when I have expressed my thanks I get a huge smile back with "your welcome". **Jeff Recker (PER)**

**Flat Rock Elk Members – Click on the following link for more info.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcwZnNFJkt4>

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# *To First Responders*



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Show Your Support - Print this page and post in your front windows.





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The Iwen's are doing well and looking forward when all of this is behind us and able to chat in person. ;-)

Brian still has to report in to work (Selfridge) but with limited contact with anyone else. Other than needing to go to the store once necessities are low, we are just staying home.

Take care and maybe suggest to use the Facebook page to post positive things and to keep in touch with others from our lodge, but don't want it to get out of hand?

Take care and chat soon,

**Lisa**

To all Elks members

I hope all of you are well. I know it is hard to just stay at home and find things to do. For me it's not too bad. I have the race cars to get ready for the upcoming season. I miss talking with other members and friends. It's very hard for me. If you would like to chat, just send me a line at jeffmaczink11@gmail I can always use a good conversation. Again my best to all.

**Jeff (Sliver) MacZink**

Thank you for keeping our lodge alive by staying home and not getting or spreading the Corona virus. Thank you to all the members that have paid their dues and the generosity to ENF and painting the lodge. Your support is greatly appreciated by everyone at the lodge, and soon to be by everyone that drives by the lodge.

During these quarantine days call all your family, friends and a couple people that are acquaintances. It is good to hear from people that you know.

Stay safe and enjoy the time off. You have time now to dust off and play games like Monopoly. It's one of those board games that, if played competitively, could end up being a 2 day monopoly game. My point is, you have time for it now.

A big thanks to all the first responders and health care providers.

**Dave Scicluna Trustee**

**Marv Phelps** Hay Marv here, all is good with me need help with anything give me a call.

**Marilyn Robinson** Hi I'm doing pretty well hope everyone else is too..

Hi ya ' Pops'. Thank U for all U do!! Willing to help out if & however needed. Hope U and all Elk family members and friends R doing ok.

**Ronald Gildersleeve**

Hope your doing well, My family and I are doing well and staying in (as much as possible) during this time.

**Steve Gary**



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Hello everyone, I hope everyone is being safe and staying healthy. This is definitely a different time. Nick has been lazy. He is missing everyone. Nick's teacher is doing Zoom conferences with his class. He even started a dance party before their regular meeting time. It makes such a difference to see all of the kids smiling and laughing. Mr. Matt gets my vote for teacher of the year!

Amanda has been keeping busy with her college classes. It is weird they are online only now. She is also working nights at Rivergate Nursing Home. Please keep her and all of the healthcare workers in your prayers! They are amazing! Stay safe everyone and hopefully we will be down at the Elks hanging out soon!

**Kim Thornberry**



The Jo Brighton Athletes were in the middle of a pretzel fundraiser. We are donating all of our 20 cases that we have left to hospitals, nursing homes, and some police departments. I had the athletes send me their signatures and we created a thank you that will be include in them. It is important to give back to the community. Especially when the community shows so much support for our athletes.

**Kim Thornberry – Jo Brighton Special Olympics Coordinator**

**The Jo Brighton Special Athletes would like to  
say Thank You for everything you do!**



## Jo-Brighton / Carlson Basketball Game

The Jo Brighton special athletes and Carlson High School basketball players came together for “**Shooting with the Stars**” on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The link below will give you an insight on how important these games are for all players. Thank you to coach Rob Raymond, Samantha and Teresa Camilleri for letting us be a part of this event. Flat Rock Elks support this event and more like these for Special Athletes from Jo-Brighton and ARC.

<https://www.facebook.com/38730444217/posts/10158628865474218/?vh=e&d=n>

**Click this Link to See**

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## April Distance Brings May Existence

Hello members and friends,

Our two-month stay in Florida has been slightly extended. We plan on staying a few more weeks before heading back to Flat Rock. We (John & Joan Pawlukiewicz, Dennis & Becky Burke, Ruby & Louie Leitao and Dick & Kathy Fisk) are all in the same condo complex and remain healthy. We're following the guidelines as set forth by the state of Florida. Cabin fever remains high, but we are doing our best by walking in the sunshine, swimming in the pool (which fortunately has not been shut down), reading and EATING. (Our refrigerators keep asking us 'why are you here again'.

Most of the "snowbirds" have left for their destinations earlier in the week, so it is somewhat quiet. It would be great to be home with family and friends but we seem to be weathering the storm. Our families have told us to stay put and try to enjoy the warm weather while we can. We're watching the virus numbers in Michigan and are concerned regarding the drive home as to what to expect along the way.

We hope all is well with you and your families. We look forward to the newsletter to see how everyone is handling this crazy and unpredictable situation. Take care and be safe.

**Joan & John Pawlukiewicz**

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### *Elkady Soup Cook-Off Winner Ken Cesta and Grandson Nolan*

Kenny and his 6 year old grandson, Nolan, had a great day together. The family had been preoccupied with an illness with their grand daughter at the time. So the day was special since Nolan had never been a part of an event like that before. Although he was not able to help make the "Creamy Mushroom Soup" with his grandpa, he sure was excited to see all the votes that had been turned in to make it a winner!

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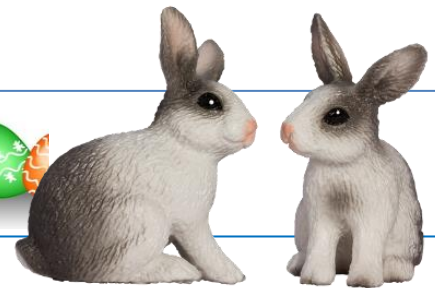
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## Message from Pat Strickland, your newest PER.

Hope this is finding everyone well. Although my year is over, there is still unfinished business that I will still be involved in. I want to thank all the members and the Elkadys that made my year go well, and also to my officers for your support. In these trying times, I encourage all to follow the orders of the Governor to stay home. When this is all over, I hope to see everyone back at the lodge healthy. I am sorry that we could not have an Inaugural Ball to end the year and to recognize certain people for their outstanding contributions for the year. I am hoping that in the near future we can all get together again to award these persons the correct way, and to celebrate the start of the new Elk year. So until we can meet again, Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Alive.

**Pat Strickland PER**



## Hello Members and Spouses of Flat Rock Elks 1731

I hope all are Safe and Healthy during this uncertain time.

The Elkady's have had several successful events during the month of February. February 13<sup>th</sup> we had our Valentine Quarter mania which was a huge success despite the snow we received on that day. As usual, fun was had by all that attended. Keep your eyes open for information on our next Quarter mania once life gets back to normal. We will keep you updated.

Another successful event sponsored by the Elkady's was the Elkady's Annual Soup Cook off on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>. This year featured 13 different types of soup and we had over 42 happy tasters. I do have to say that the competition was fierce this year and participation continues to grow year to year. Our contestants pulled out all of the bells and whistles to make their entries stand out above the crowd. This year's winner of the "golden spoon" was Kenny Cesta PER and his Mushroom Soup. Kenny's soup was made with several varieties of mushrooms that he and Kathy searched high and low in the area to make this soup a winner. Congratulations Kenny Cesta PER

Please watch for upcoming events such as Jill's annual Rummage Sale. This event will of course need to be pushed back, but will definitely be held this year. We also will be having a raffle of a beautiful quilt that has been quilted by Kathy Cesta and features all of the past tee shirts for events that have been held by the Elks. It is a Beautiful quilt. Stand by for information on this.

As a final note, I would like to personally thank all of the Elkady's and Members for all the support you have shown Pat during his year as ER of Flat Rock Elks 1731. Thank you for all of your attendance at the many events that Brenda has sponsored this year, for all of your donations, every time you volunteered to help out at a event and the overall genuine kindness and friendship you have shown to Pat thru his year as ER. It has been a true honor for him to serve as your ER and I as your 1<sup>st</sup> Lady.

Please remain to stay safe and healthy during this time, and please if you need anything please reach out to us. We will always be happy to help you.

**Kim Strickland** Elkady President 2019-2020

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## What Flat Rock Elks Do Best

**Hello Members All,**

The bakers at Mi Cookie Project are Staying Home and Staying Safe. They have been so sad not to be able to come to Mi Cookie Project and make cookies. While our bakers learned to make cookies, the most important skill our bakers learned is sanitation, particularly washing hands. We have certainly learned an important skill.

**They miss coming to the Lodge Fish Fries to sell their cookies and say hi to the many friends they've made.**

We were all so sad to cancel/postpone our major fundraiser: Steak Dinner/Dueling Pianos. It was scheduled for Saturday, March 14 at the Lodge. It was cancelled on March 12 the day before our state put restrictions on gathering of over 100.

We are sad, but we are safe. We have learned to have group facetime on facebook, so we can see each other and support each other. We all get to see & talk to each other a few days a week. Thank goodness for technology and for the baker (Katie) who was able to set it up for all of us.

We are donating our boxes of food service gloves to our local hospitals. We also have cookies prepped for our fundraiser and for sale. We will be donating these cookies to a variety of groups: hospital staff, first responders, veterans, school children's lunches and seniors. We want to pay it forward to those who help others and to people who may need a little extra help.

**Cause the only thing between ordinary and extra ordinary is just a little extra!**

God bless all. Wash your hands. Stay home & stay safe.

**Maggie Gibson**

I'm seeing messages out there that say something to the effect of: small businesses were there to support your organizations with donations for fundraising, those same businesses are now struggling to survive and we need to support them when they open. Shop local!

**Brenda S**





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## Elk Membership Dues was due by April 1<sup>st</sup>

I would like to mention that we are really fortunate to have Mike Worbel as our Lodge Secretary. He recently had knee replacement surgery and struggles to climb the stairs to his office making sure that the lodge paperwork is done. This is a very busy time for secretaries of Elk Lodges because of year end reporting, follow-up of officer changes, collection of dues, sending out your membership cards and the list goes on and on. He tells me that members have met him in the parking lot to pay their dues and he has made house calls. So, for the members that still owe dues payments please mail them to the following address and help Mike:

**Flat Rock Elks #1731**

**PO Box 38**

**Flat Rock, MI 48134**

Lodge Dues are very important with the current conditions we all are experiencing. Without the usual cash flow from bar sales, hall rentals, fish fry's and planned events your dues becomes a vital part for this lodge to succeed. Please use the address listed above to send in your dues payment. Remember this will pass and we will be stronger to continue the good deeds we are known for in the Downriver Communities as members of the Flat Rock Elks.

**Keith (Pops) Diedrich    Lodge Trustee**



## Elk's Tuesday Men's Golf League

For all those interested in playing golf in the Elk's Tuesday Men's Golf League, all things are on hold at this time due to the shutdown by the state. We will have a meeting once restrictions are lifted. If you are interested in playing in the league, please contact me via email ([botelersteve@sbcglobal.net](mailto:botelersteve@sbcglobal.net)) or text at (734-347-1245). Provide me with contact information and I will provide details. We play at Wesburn on Tuesday nights and our tee times start at 3:30pm.

**Steve Boteler    Secretary/Treasurer of league**

## The April Gun raffle was a huge success.

Ticket sales went really fast, sold them all, with this shut down the last 2 weeks it still was very smooth. Myself and Mike would like to thank all the members that took time to sell and or buy tickets. I honestly can't remember if this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year, but I try to make sure we gross at least \$7,500 per raffle. So that's \$15,000 a year. As long as the ticket sales stay good we will continue this. Easiest fundraiser there is. I want to thank Pops for all the help you give with the communications.

**Thanks Rob Schock & Mike Wroble**





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## INTERNATIONAL DINNER TO BENEFIT LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS

On behalf of the scholarship committee (Carol Wallace, Tammy Steffen, Brian Marvaso and me) we would like to thank all who participated in the scholarship dinner.

Hopefully you were one of the fortunate ones who purchased your tickets to the International Dinner before it sold out. The evening was a huge success allowing us to raise over \$5,400 in profit to fund the Lodge's scholarships for the 2019/2020 and the 2020/2021 academic years. By all acclaim those present were treated to a delicious variety of homemade food prepared and donated by your fellow Members as well as being entertained by a fabulous evening of music by Tequila Mockingbirds. Our success was dependent upon so many people who helped in so many ways sharing of their time, their talent, and their financial support. We want to offer our sincere appreciation to all those who shopped and cooked; who donated food; who donated baskets; who worked in the kitchen, at the doors, and selling basket raffles and 50/50 tickets; and who purchased tickets for the event, for the baskets, and for the 50/50s. The evening's success was truly a Lodge effort and everyone who participated should feel proud of their contribution to our success.

On a very personal note, I was never more pleased and proud of our Lodge than I was that night. It really showed what great hearts, sense of brotherhood and sisterhood, and good citizenship we have for each other and our community.

On a final note we want to offer a singular personal recognition to the family of Chad Schoen. As many of you know he was a gifted athlete, respected coach and teacher, and a leader in the downriver community. He exemplified the exact type of person we reach out to with our scholarships to help the talented youth of our community develop into talented and caring adults. Sadly, he passed away a few years back in a tragic accident. In his honor and memory Chad's family donated \$1000 to the scholarship fund so that other young men and women from the downriver area may have the educational opportunities that Chad was able to enjoy before his untimely death. Hopefully one or more of them will be able to continue Chad's legacy of service so that his generous spirit will continue to live among us.



**Paul Robinson**

**Scholarship Committee Chair**





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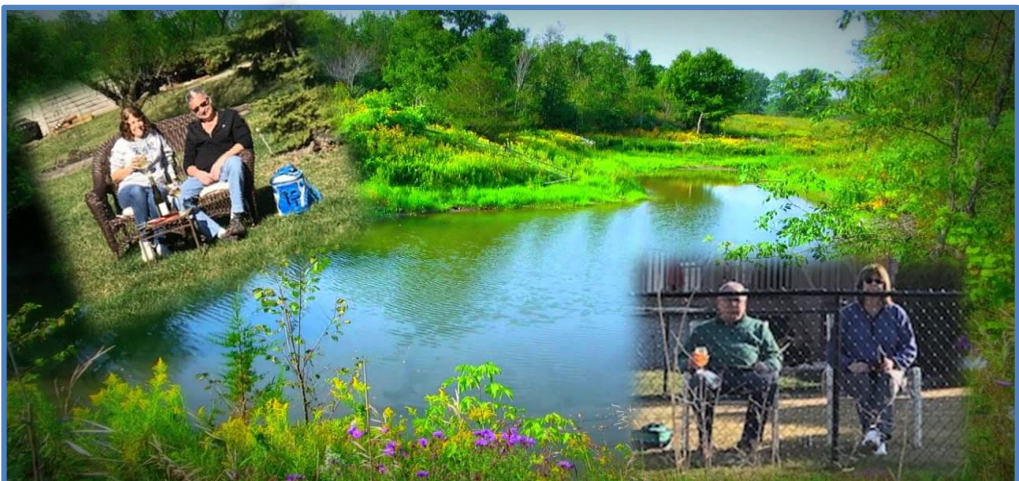
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## *“Backyard Social Self Distancing Party”*

When you're an Elk and you get invited to a member's party you never know what you are going to get. You may end up on the floor going to sleep from boredom, or you may end up on the floor from a few too many Screwball shots.

Mick and I were invited by Paul and Sue Robinson to a “Backyard Social Distancing Party”. It was a beautiful day, Sunny and in the 60's. I talked with Micki and she said sure, anything to get out of the house. I wasn't sure what we were going to do, but I was told to bring my own cooler and chairs. I figured that was a good idea because we would not be doing any cross over contaminating. I never really thought about where we would sit, but knowing Paul I knew it would all be on the up and up. If any of you don't know Paul is a lawyer and is a very proper and honest person, sometimes to a fault. As I was getting ready to head out I was waiting for Micki to get all dolled up to go out and I asked how much longer she would be and I was told 10 minutes. In Micki time I knew I had 20 minutes, so I grab the vacuum and start on the first floor. As I am passing by the patio window, I look out and see Paul in his backyard. He was on the other side of the Creek sitting right up against his fence with a glass of wine just waiting for us to come out. I yelled up to Micki to tell her to look out back. She instantly started laughing. That was the beginning of a great night of proper social distancing. They sat on one side of the creek and we sat on our side. We had many laughs, we got to see the city version of Mother Nature and share a few good drinks and conversation. We are planning round three for tonight. The Reckers and Robinsons all hope you are all staying safe and practicing social distancing. Maybe not as large of distancing as us, but stay safe.

Remember that if anyone is having an issue getting food or medicine you can contact Pops and he can put the word out for assistance. We can make arrangement for no touch drop offs for whatever you need. Say a prayer for our Front Line People and be kind to one and others in the time of craziness.





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Sorry Kids that we didn't have the Easter Party at the Elks this year. I know all of you look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt, Making Crafts and the Petting Zoo, the animals sure miss you. Maybe next year we can plan something special. Remember the Goats and Chicks?

**Happy Easter !**



If you weren't able to attend Our Valentine's Dinner Date "An Evening With Sinatra", you missed a fantastic night! Gary Sacco did a wonderful job of entertaining us with his amazing voice and getting everyone out on the dance floor – wow! So many people came to me and told me what great time they had. That's wonderful! Stay tuned – he will be back!

For those who were interested in attending, The Mystery Dinner Show will be rescheduled – no date decided yet.

With so much unknown at this time, it's hard to schedule upcoming events. But we know once it's safe, everyone will be ready to get out and enjoy life again. So we are already thinking ahead to possible party plans and tentative dates. Stay tuned!

One other thought – although our annual picnic is still a ways off (and we definitely don't want to rush the summer), I am in need of a picnic committee. Last year's picnic was fun, but it's an event that takes a small village to organize and make happen. Please – if you are interesting in helping, contact me: ph # 313-618-8155 (call or text) or email [bswomanis29@yahoo.com](mailto:bswomanis29@yahoo.com). Any and all ideas will be welcome!

Stay safe!

**Brenda S - Entertainment Chairperson**

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Chaplain..... Bernie Schaller (PER)  
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Chaplain..... Lisa Iwen  
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## 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: [FlatRockElks@comcast.net](mailto:FlatRockElks@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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