



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

January 2021

NEW YEAR - NEW HOPE

Members All,

We are in the middle of January, 2021. I am hoping to see the State of Michigan open and going in full swing since the restrictions of Covid 19. I am waiting patiently to hear what our Governor and our Health Department will say for us by Feb 1st, 2021. I would really like to see our Lodge open for you to visit with your Elk Family & Friends, you are dearly missed. Know that I am thinking of you!

A few things we are missing this month are Super Bowl Dinner, Wild Game Dinner, 365 Dinner and the crew that puts these Events on. I am saddened knowing what we as Elks are missing out on and seeing the hard work and fun that comes with these events.

I would like to take the time to mention we have lost many Elk Members this year and it makes me sad. My Sympathy and Thoughts are with each family. I would also like to mention PER and Past Trustee Chairperson, Bob Cousino, will be greatly missed. Bob was a great mentor to me and he was with us to practice and sub at Initiation before he became ill. I will remember my conversation I had with Bob in our Lodge Room the last time I spoke with him. Bob will be greatly missed from our Lodge.

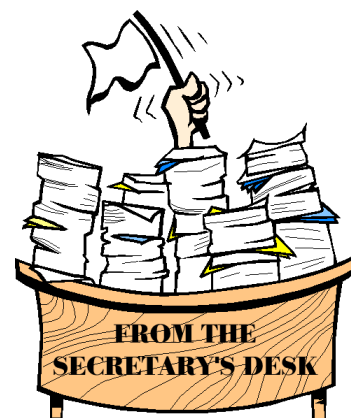
Members, letters for your Dues are mailed and thank you to the crew who got them ready. There are so many things that have been taken care of this month, such as carpet cleaning, hot water tank replaced and a freezer replaced. Thank you to the crews who worked hard fixing these and the PER's and Elkady's for your Donations, it was greatly appreciated.

Moving forward, please remember to bring any bottle returns to the Lodge and place them on the deck. Gun Raffle Sales are here again and if you are interested please see the attached letter. Come see us for our Drive Through Fish Fry on February 5th, 2021. Please see the attached Flyer. Thank you, Pops' Corner!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Click Exalted Ruler

I want to thank everyone who has continued to support the lodge during this hard time. To say it has been difficult is an understatement. We had to say goodbye to several members who lost their lives to the virus. They will be missed by all. We continue to perform our duties and manage the lodge to the best of our abilities. The dues letters have been sent out for the new elk year. With your continued support the lodge will survive and we can continue to function. Within the foreseeable future we will be able to return to normal operations. We again can sit down next to each other and share conversation without the risk of infecting one another. To see someone's entire face, not just their eyes. Watch a sporting event with people in the stands cheering for their favorite team. Please stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you soon.



Mike Wrobel Lodge Secretary

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*As long as there are Veterans
the Elks will never forget them.*



A word from your Veteran's Committee:

First off, we hope everyone is staying safe in these troubled times. We shall endure this and get together again soon. Next we would like to thank all that helped and attended last year in the annual golf outing. We are beginning to plan this years outing that will take place in late August. From proceeds we bought and gave out 60 new blankets to Downriver for Veterans for distribution to needy veterans in the downriver community. The balance of the proceeds will be used in upcoming events.

On Nov. 14th we held our annual flag retirement ceremony at the lodge and retired 94 flags that had been donated by lodge members and members of our community. Thank you to all that attended and donated.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to hold our annual picnic and Thanksgiving dinner for our veterans. We are hoping that this year we can continue servicing our Vets.

Remember, as long as there is a Veteran, they will not be forgotten.

Your Lodge Veterans Committee Chairman:

Pat Strickland, PER



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No Kids Without a Christmas

We held our No Kid Without a Christmas Golf Outing in early October. We were blessed with a calm sunny, but chilly day. The event was sold out and the course was full. As a matter a fact the event was sold out in just a few days after the sign-up sheet went out. Keep that in mind for next year. As soon as you hear the sheet is out, sign your team up. Due to Covid things were a little different. Luckily we had enough volunteers to cover the extra work. We had to make up over 160 food boxes since we were not allowed to serve or have a food line. The golfers all seemed to have a great time and the workers had fun also. The event was capped off with our mega raffle. Everyone that purchased tickets got to put a ticket in to each item that was being raffled. Some were lucky and some were not. Thanks to everyone that volunteered and donated to the cause.

Shopping for the kids was much different this year. We received shopping lists from the families this time. Due to Covid we were not able to shop with the kids. We had mixed reviews on the shopping. Some liked being the secret Santa and others like me missed the one on one with the kids. I think we about cleaned Meijer's out of clothing. Each child again was given \$250 in gifts. When I looked at wish lists each kid needed clothes and shoes. Each shopper spent about half the money on shoes and clothes for each kid. We had 21 families with 54 kids we shopped for this year. We had the families come and pick up the gifts at the lodge the week before Christmas. Dave Steffan dressed up as Santa and greeted all the cars as they drove up to pick up the packages. I'm not sure who had more fun, the kids that came with the parents or Dave handing out candy canes and yelling out his jolly Ho Ho Ho. Thanks to everyone that shopped and handed out gifts this year. Covid may have made us change the way we did the events this year, but it could not change the Great Spirit or the great feelings we all get from participating in these events.

**Article by,
Jeff Recker (PER)**





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Santa and his Helpers





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The Elks Creed

***B**elieve in the goodness in theyself
as well as in others.*

***P**rotect childhood with tenderness,
old age with respect, and
cherish with reverence the memory of
those who have passed.*

***O**bserve faithfully the Golden Rule.*

***E**njoy the good things of earth,
keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth
and remain always of good cheer.*



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Robert Cousino

Born: February 8, 1947
Initiated: December 1, 1982
Life Member: Jan 18, 2012
Exalted Ruler: 2000 / 2001
Died: December 14, 2020



Thomas Parker Sr.

Born: October 28, 1936
Initiated: February 2, 1973
Life Member: Feb 5, 2003
Died: December 10, 2020



Keith Shulaw

Born: December 10, 1946
Initiated: October 19, 1994
Died: December 3, 2020

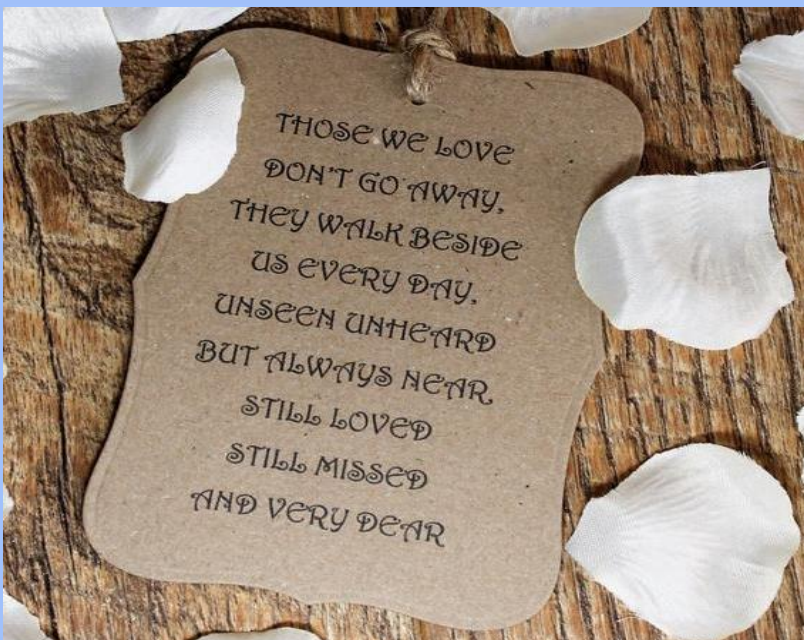
11th Hour Toast
Click Here

https://youtu.be/hS_LX59zqZU

Also Remember

**Flat Rock Elk Members
That passed this year:**

John Maier
Robert Barton
Eugene E Machcinski
Daniel A Bryant
Virgil J Hinzmann
Ronald G Klingel
Stanley Fadoir
Henry C Gilstorf
Ervin Doede
Marilyn Robinson
Elaine Worley
George W Satterley



I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and food that were given to our family. We really do appreciate everything. I plan on having a Memorial Service for Bob in May if COVID restrictions allow. **Thank you again, Jill Cousino**

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Message from Lodge Trustees

Members All,

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Holiday season. Like all of you your Lodge Trustees and Board of Directors is looking forward to seeing this difficult time thru and having better days ahead. Like you, we miss seeing everyone and sharing in the fellowship of our Lodge and community events and just plain having fun together. While the Lodge may have been closed, the work of Elkdome and keeping our building and finances in order continue. In recent weeks we have replaced the main gas water heater in the kitchen. A special thanks to Gary Peterson and Mike Wrobel for cleaning up the water and mess after the tank failed after nearly 30 years in service. One of our Members, Bob Monroe of Air Command Heating and Cooling, came out and replaced the water tank. Please see the attached thank you letter to the Elkdads and thank them when you see them.

In addition to that the main freezer in the kitchen failed after 25 years in service and the cost of repairs exceeded its value. We have ordered a replacement and your PER association covered over half the cost of replacement with a donation. Please see that attached thank you letter.

One of our members, Danny Gaynier and his Grandkids, came in and spent a day scrubbing and cleaning the carpeting both in the lodge's hall and social lounge downstairs. They did a terrific job and it really looks great! They did this on their time and we are grateful for this.

It's also with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to our departed PER and past Trustee chairperson Bob Cousino. Bob was a true Elk right up to the end of his life. Such a wealth of knowledge and a person willing to help mentor and serve Elkdome always. He will be missed by us all and we send our condolences to his widow Jill.

Last year we asked for and received over \$3,100 in donations for the repainting of the exterior of your Lodge. The money is secure and when we reach the estimated \$9,000 plus in costs in donations we will move forward with the needed project. A big thank-you to those that have contributed! We will keep you updated on the progress. Remember always, *Elks Care and Elks Share!*

God Bless our nation at this difficult time.

Fraternally Yours,

Flat Rock Elks Trustee's

Jeff Click (PER)

Jeff Recker (PER)

Dave Scicluna

Ed Nuttman

Keith Diedrich



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Thank you Elkadys & Past Exalted Rulers

Dear Elkady's,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$ 4,400 to cover the cost of the new kitchen's gas water heater.



This comes at a particularly difficult time at the Lodge with restrictions on our operation and our ability to raise money thru daily operation as well as our usual hall rentals, steak roasts, fish fry's, Elkady events, Wild Game Dinner, ETC. Your willingness to step forward and help keeps us from tapping into the Lodge's savings.

This new water heater is in addition to a major freezer in the kitchen that we will be replacing soon that is at least 30 years old. In the past two years these are just some of the maintenance and replacement costs the Lodge has faced. New A/C and duct work, two additional hot water tanks that failed and were replaced, a new beer cooler, staining the deck, replacement of the garbage disposal, repairs to the roof, plus general maintenance items. So, your generosity was particularly appreciated during our time of need. We all know the Elkady's commitment to our Lodge and Elkdom and the amount of time and effort that went into raising that amount of money.

Like all of us, our building and facilities are aging and will require additional maintenance and upgrades planned and unplanned in the years ahead. By working together, we can meet the needs of our Lodge and Elkdom and serve the needs of our membership and community for years to come. To which we all say Thank-You!!!

Please keep up your good works on behalf of everything we stand for, particularly helping us maintain a building we can all be proud to call home. Frankly, you do a lot more than you get credit for and we felt that you need to be recognized for your efforts. Looking forward to better days ahead.

Fraternally Yours,

Jeff Click (PER)
Keith Diedrich
Ed Nuttman
Jeff Recker (PER)
Dave Scicluna

Dear Past Exalted Rulers,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$1,500 towards the necessary replacement of the main Kitchen freezer.
This will help defray costs to the Lodge's savings.

Without this important piece of equipment our kitchen operations and income sources for our lodge would cease. Fish fry's, steak roasts, wild game, annual picnic, PER and Elkady dinners, just to name a few would come to a halt.



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GUN RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to everyone that bought or sold tickets for the November Elk's Lodge Gun Raffle. These Gun Raffles really help to support the lodge. This year, without the help from events like the Wild Game Dinner and Muskrat Dinner the April Gun Tickets will be a little harder to sell. Hopefully, the lodge will be open in February so you'll be able to buy tickets. We will be sending out information for those of you that would like to help sell tickets. Contact Mike Wrobel at 734-341-1074 for additional information.

Thank you from the Gun Raffle Crew!

GUN RAFFLE

FLAT ROCK ELKS LODGE #1731

Presents

A GUN A DAY IN APRIL 2021

Price \$20.00

Raffle Starts 4/1/21 through 4/30/21

Winning Numbers will come from Michigan Evening 3 Digit drawing
if winning number is not sold there will be a drawing from the pool
of ticket stubs sold at the

Flat Rock Elk lodge that night between 7:30pm - 8:00 pm

Need Not to be Present to win (Prizes subject to change)

MI License # X99884

FlatRock Elks

26917 Telegraph Rd.

FlatRock, MI 48134

Prizes are in a form of a gift card
from:

Cabelas

110 Cabela Blvd.

Dundee, MI 734-529-2700

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY REP OF LODGE

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How to help support your Lodge

Members all,
Still have bottles and cans laying around the house and garage that you need to get rid of?
Why not help out your Flat Rock Elks Lodge by donating them to the Elk's Bottle Drive.
Please bring your clean returnable deposit bottles and cans in plastic trash bags and leave them on the back deck.

Thank you in advance for your donation that helps to support our lodge.....



Elk New Members

Welcome to our New Members that
joined the Flat Rock Elks in November
David Masserant and Chad Warren
Hopefully soon we'll meet them
"Face to Face" without the mask.





Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

What Elks National Foundation (ENF) Means to Flat Rock Elks Lodge #1731

<https://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/enf/files/FY15CIPBrochure-SupplyOrders.pdf>

Click
Here

Members, by now you should have received a dues membership letter from our lodge secretary Mike Wroble. On your dues renewal form there is a line for a donation to ENF for \$10. Some members ask what does ENF do for Flat Rock Elks. Above is a link highlighted in yellow that you can click on for information about ENF. In that brochure you will read about grants available to Elk Lodges. With your donation to ENF and the Help from Tom Harder we have been able to apply and receive all these grants.

Our community recognizes the Flat Rock Elks
"Good Deeds"

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"Cash Only"
Exact Change
Appreciated

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Drive-Thru

Carry-Out Dinners

Friday February 5th

PUBLIC WELCOME

**Elk's Fish Fry
Future Dates**

Feb 19th
Mar 5th
Mar 19th
Apr 2nd

Your Choice of Shrimp or Cod Dinners

Dinners Served 4:30pm-6:30pm

"Keeping Downriver Elk Fish Fry's Great Since 2008"

**Shrimp Dinner
\$12.00**



Dinners Include:
Cole Slaw, Golden
French Fries,
Hush Puppy
Dinner Roll
Condiments

**Cod Dinner
\$11.00**



Save \$4.00

F/S Shrimp \$44

Buy a Family Style Dinner

F/S Cod \$40

Family Style Dinners will feed a family of 4 or more people.

Dinners include 12 pieces of Cod or 28 Shrimp,

A pound of Golden French Fries,

Cole Slaw & Hush Puppies,

Dinner Rolls and Condiments

Delray Baking

Allen Road

in Southgate



Proceeds help support our Flat Rock Elks to continue our Community Service to Veteran Programs, ARC & Jo-Brighton Special Athletes, MI Cookie Project, Penrickton Center for the Blind, Children with Hair Loss, Stepping Stones, Monroe ISD, coordinate Special Athletes Games with four local High Schools and more, Etc..

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Elks Fish Fry Drive Thru Dinner Pickup

Telegraph Road

Vreeland Road

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EXIT



Stay in your Car

Pay for Dinners
At Front Door

Flat Rock
Elk Lodge

Back Deck

Stay in your Car

Pick up Dinners at
Double Doors
By the Kitchen

