



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

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Members

Spring is here and we are starting to return to a slightly closer to normal life. It is evident to me that not unlike myself many of you are starving for socialization. Unfortunately, we are not out of the woods with Covid yet. Some of you have asked why I am wearing a mask in my ER picture. It is my simple reminder that we should be mindful that the virus is real, and that it has cruelly taken family and friends from us. Like other members that recently contracted the virus I am asking you if you feel a little off, go get tested and refrain from patronizing our lodge until you are sure you are not contagious. I firmly believe due to their responsible actions we avoided spreading the virus to our Elk family.

Recently our lodge has had some mechanical struggles, to say the least. It was truly amazing to watch officers and members come together, form a plan, and take action. THANK YOU. These repairs are very costly and we still have some other issues to deal with soon. So even if you are not ready to come down to the lodge, you can still help support the lodge by purchasing a Reverse Raffle ticket or Blackstone Griddle ticket.

Unfortunately, the fish fry season has come to an end. What an amazing success it was. We even got a couple of bonus dinners out of the group. When a few of us asked if they would put on a Polish and Italian Dinner, they said without hesitation, absolutely we will. When patrons drive thru and you hear repeatedly when is your next dinner, or why don't you keep them going all summer. In my opinion, that is the greatest compliment you can receive. The Drive Thru Dinner Crew is truly what Elkdom is all about. A big thank you to all that volunteered and supported our Drive Thru Dinners.

The officers and I had the privilege of preparing and serving our Elkady's group dinner. This tradition has been going on for as long as I can remember, and it is a small gesture of our appreciation. Your hard work and continued support, help make 1731 the best lodge around.

Our Corn Hole league is about to start up. Thanks to all that got the ball rolling. I just want to say it's great to see new and young members at the lodge. I am always open to hearing about new and interesting ideas about how to make our lodge more inviting, while preserving a fun, safe, and respectful environment for all.

To all of our mothers, one day is not enough for celebrating the sacrifices you have made and continue to do. But we can always make this one day the most special day in your life.

Happy Mother's Day to all !

Sincerely yours,
Brian Marvaso,
Exalted Ruler





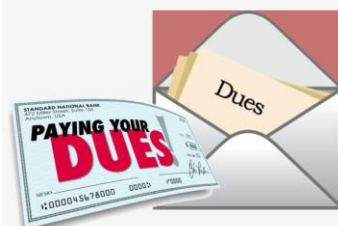
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Message from Lodge Secretary

Hope all members and their families are doing well. Even with 50% Covid restrictions we continue to provide the best service possible for our membership. We continue to have drive thru dinners and raffles to help with the cost of running the lodge. I would also like to thank everyone that participated in the "Gun Raffle". If you know a member that is delinquent, please remind them to pay their dues. Without membership we can't continue giving to the community. We have given out 6 five hundred dollar scholarships this year already. Please continue to support our lodge. Stay safe and hope to see everyone soon. If you have any changes to your information, please let me know.

Mike Wrobel
Lodge Secretary





Even though we were unable to hold our Inaugural Ball our exiting Exalted Ruler and newest PER, Jennifer Click, gave out her special awards.

"The Elk of the Year" went to Brenda Scicluna and "The Officer of the Year" went to Brian Marvaso. Congratulations to both of these honored Elk Members.



Fish Fry Fun Facts:

Last year we had 7 out of 10 fish fry's (Covid Cancel)

This year we had 8 Drive - Thru Fish Fry Events

Total Dinners Sold 3,406

Cod Dinners 2,384

Shrimp Dinners 1,022

Elk Volunteers 169 – Total Hours 1,131

Non-Members 22 - Total Hours 91

Average Dinners Per Night 425 (2 to 3 Dinners Per Car)

Two nights over 600 Dinners Served breaking records of 605 & 612

Profit was up this year by \$406



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Harold Kott Celebrates His 100th Birthday



Harold Kott celebrated his 100th Birthday recently and is the only original charter member of Flat Rock Elks Lodge still with us today. Up until last year before Covid restrictions you would find Harold attending most of the events that supported this lodge. During such events as Inaugural Ball, Wild Game Dinner, Fish Fry's and special events the entertainment committee would hold Harold was always there. Whenever I got a chance to talk to him he would always have a story to tell me about the lodge.

When the Flat Rock Elks was founded in 1947, Harold married a Mortician's daughter and was told by his father-in-law he would be joining the Elks. At that time they were looking for members to join and that's how he became one of the original charter members. Harold, along with two lady helpers would prepare the Fish Fry Dinners that also included Frog Legs. They would arrive early to prep lettuce, peppers and to wrap potatoes here at the Lodge. Harold tells of the fun days of dances being held in the current upper lodge meeting room and playing poker in the back room.

When Harold Celebrated his 96th Birthday he told me he has had a "Good Life". He remembers as far back as 1939 going to school at Port Creek School with one teacher and about 25 students and walking two miles to and from school in very cold weather. Being the son of a farmer and working hard on the farm he thinks that's the reason he has always been considered a "Good Helper". Harold worked for the Ford Motor Company for two years and actually met and shook hands with Henry Ford. He spent four years serving our country in the Navy and worked over 30 years for Edison. While working at Edison he was able to help save the lives of two fellow employees that almost died from being exposed to Argon Gas. Harold was also a member of Kiwanis where he had served as President, Treasurer and Trustee.

Harold Kott is a "True and Upstanding Flat Rock Elk."Pops



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Flat Rock Elk Officers for 2021/2022

Congratulations to all the Lodge Officers and Elkady Officers that were sworn into their positions of Flat Rock Elks last month.



Exalted Ruler – Brian Marvaso
Leading Knight – Marissa Strickland
Loyal Knight – Tonio Schembri
Lecturing Knight – Jeff Weiler
Esquire – Scott Thornberry
Chaplin – Bernard Schaller
Secretary – Michael Wrobel
Treasurer – Alan Kowalewski
Tiler – Barry Fawley
Inner Guard – Pat Strickland
5 Year Trustee – Keith Diedrich
4 Year Trustee – Jeffery Click
3 Year Trustee – Dave Scicluna
2 Year Trustee – Jeffery Recker
1 Year Trustee – Ed Nuttmann

Flat Rock Elkady Officers for 2021/2022

I would like to thank our officers for taking the time to put on a wonderful dinner for our Elkady's on April 28th.

I am looking forward to a fun filled year with a great group of ladies, RickDon and Ron.

Sincerely,

Michele Marvaso - Elkady President



Michelle MarvasoPresident
Kim Strickland..... Vice-President
Gay Elamon.....Recording Secretary
Evette Vey.....Corresponding Secretary
Corrie Dye Hale.....Treasurer
Lisa Iwen.....Chaplin

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No "Pot of Gold" for Flat Rock Elks

We hope that this finds you happy and healthy as we transition into the better part of Michigan's spring weather. The last month has had a flurry of activity with repairs and required repairs and maintenance to our Lodge. Just a quick overview of some of the major projects finished or underway currently.

- Main sewer line from the bar, social lounge which was 75 years old collapsed/ failed. A respected plumber Frank Clark of Flat Rock was hired to access and complete the following actions.
- Tim Campau and his crew carefully removed the awnings and handrails at the front entrance.
- The concrete and stairway were removed and dug out, the drain replaced/ repaired, and the access clean out relocated for easy access in the future.
- New concrete was poured for the entrance walkway and stairs and Tim Campau and his crew from Wayne Craft reinstalled the awning and replaced the handrails with a modern and attractive upgrade.
- Additionally, a drain in the bar storage room was failing and not up to code and that was replaced as well.
- There is still an issue with drainage under the bar floor. We are investigating possible options for a repair at the time of this letter writing. Updates will be forthcoming.
- The Trustees meet with the insurance adjuster and we are awaiting their settlement report.
- I want to thank all our Trustees and Board for working together collectively for the benefit of the Lodge members and looking after the interest of our building and assets.
- The City of Flat Rock has a federal matching grant of up to \$10,000 in exterior updates for businesses and organizations in the city. We are applying for that grant and are taking bids of exterior repairs and repainting and lighting updates. While not guaranteed we will make every effort to obtain it.
- The ice machine in the bar was repaired recently.

As you can see even with planning and maintenance, unforeseen expenses and major and minor repairs do happen without notice. It is the nature of a 75-year-old building. Whenever possible/ practical we do as much in-house work as we can. Long term expenses like roofing, the parking lot, kitchen equipment and general maintenance will continue to require increased expenditures.

Being active and participating in events, fundraisers, dinners, golf, raffles are appreciated and a necessary part of what being a member of the Elks is all about. Having a building that not just our members, but the community at large can be proud of is critical for long term success. As the world reopens be active, please. Everyone has something to contribute, time, talent, money. Stay safe and Healthy!

Fraternally Yours,
Your Trustees,
Jeff Click (PER)
Keith Diedrich
Dave Scicluna
Jeff Recker (PER)
Ed Nuttmann





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No "Pot of Gold" for Elks

Everyone knows that there should be a "Pot of Gold" at the end of every Rainbow, well not true.....!!! Instead the Elks had pots full of something else because of a plumbing failure. Tim Campau and his Crew removed the recently installed Awning and stored it on the back deck. An excavator was brought in to dig for that Gold but failed to find any. If you look down into the bottom of the hole you will see the 75 year old sewer pipes had just rusted away. With the new sewer pipes installed and the hole backfilled, it was time to replace all the cement work for porch and steps. Tim and his crew reinstalled the awning and looks just like it did before taking it down. **(GREAT Job Tim)**. Also, take notice of the modern new hand rails that really finish it off. Christy and Gay taking some time to enjoy the new Elks Front Porch.





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Welcome New Elk Members

Welcome to Flat Rock Elks Lodge #1731. As members you all have given a reason as to why you wanted to join this Elks Lodge in this GREAT City of Flat Rock. You will find that members, not just a relative, are some really great people to meet and get involved with working on events and special projects. Our lounge bar is a good place to come and enjoy friends and family while meeting other lodge members. Unfortunately, the Bar doesn't totally support the needs of the lodge and this is where you as a new member can help. Get involved, volunteer and participate in fundraising events such as Golf Outings, Dinners, Raffles and Entertainment. Along with that you will become aware of what Elks do in our community: Veterans Events, Kids without a Christmas, Children with Disabilities and our local High Schools sporting events and Bowling just to name a few. Please take the time and click on the link below to see why other Elks wanted to be involved.

<https://youtu.be/LVRljEUTVro>



Flat Rock Mayor - Mark Hammond
Joined the Flat Rock Elks



New Flat Rock Elk Members that joined in April listed in no particular order: Evan Shearer, Mark Hammond, Victor Harmon, Darrel Eldridge, James Makowski, and Douglas Alexander.



New Flat Rock Elk Members that joined in February listed in no particular order: Wendy Tinsler, Conner Camplin, Lisa Ann Warren Bonner, Kayla Warren, Luke Wooten, Geffory Bondy, Bryan Henry and Samantha Gregolie.

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Meet the Elks New Bartenders

In case you haven't been down to the lodge in a while we have added 5 new bartenders. Wendy Doney works the day shift. Laura B. is currently working Monday and Wednesday evenings. Miranda is working Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Kaley and Allison are rotating Saturday and Sundays. Please come down and see the new girls. If you aren't aware of the plumbing issues we're dealing with, the problem isn't over yet. We still have to repair the pipe under the bar. Hopefully, we can get this taken care of soon. Please bear with us while we continue to work on repairing it.



Laura Bacco

Teacher at Trillium Academy. Getting married June 26, 2021 to Elks member and Flat Rock Sergeant and K9 handler Brian Tetreau. 2 dogs, Xena and Xander, with a third on the way!



My name is Allison Wilk

I am a senior at Western Michigan University studying accounting. My favorite things are macaroni and cheese, volleyball, golf, and bonfires. I also have a German Shepherd named Kabela and a Guinea pig named Ozzy.



Hi, I'm Miranda!

I was born and raised in Riverview. I'm a junior studying biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan. On campus, I'm involved in an engineering social sorority and a professional biomedical engineering fraternity. I like traveling, cooking, going to Michigan football and hockey games, and swimming!



I'm Kaley Schock

I'm 22 years old. I graduated from Eastern Michigan University this spring 2021 with a bachelor in health administration. I play indoor and beach Co-ed volleyball year round and I love hanging out with my family, friends and elks family.



Wendy Doney

I am a wife and mother of two. I love the outdoors, camping, gardening, boating, jet skiing and love being with my family and friends. I don't like negativity. I love trying to make people laugh with my silliness.



Jill Cousino Retires

As of February 1st Jill officially retired after tending the bar for approximately 30 years. Our members would like to extend a big "Thank You" for a job well done during all those years. Everyone hopes you will enjoy your retirement and want you to know you will be missed by all !

Jill says she will still be around occasionally. And she said Bob would have been real proud of the Lodge of Sorrow ceremony held in his honor.

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CORNHOLE

The bags were flying during the first night of the Cornhole League. 24 players of various skill levels gave it their best shot. There was a whole lot of cheering going on even those with little experience had a blast. Thanks to Mo and Wendy for bringing some normalcy back to the lodge to make it a fun filled night for everyone.

What a great group of people!



Winners



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Lodge Activities

Save The Date

Sunday, July 18th we will be holding our lodge picnic. Stay tuned for details. This event takes a small army to pull together, so we will need plenty of helpers.

While we are still under COVID restrictions and can't offer the events we all would like to attend, I am always looking into possibilities for the future.

We have a blue Suggestion Box in the lounge. Please, please, please !! I welcome all ideas you may have. It takes a LOT of planning to check into pricing, reserve potential dates, and organize events. So it's never too soon to offer suggestions. It's never too soon to check into cost and feasibility of each idea or event.



Whether it's a band/music you enjoy, or some other kind of entertainment, an event you would like us to consider, or a dinner idea, all ideas are welcome!!!!

Brenda S

(Or you can call/text me your ideas 313-618-8155)

Elk Bottle Drive will only accept bottles until the End of May

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.....

Thanks to everyone that donated bottles and cans.

How much does your ten cent donation count for? Well, it was able to buy one of the new Deep Fryers in the kitchen that really made a difference in serving 600 plus fish fry dinners during our Drive Thru Dinner Program.



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Want to help sell Reverse Raffle Tickets !

The Reverse Raffle is a very important fundraiser for much needed maintenance and repairs to our building. Provided we sell ALL 200 tickets, we will raise just under \$4,000.00!!!!

If you would like to take tickets to sell them to your family members, friends, neighbors or coworkers, see the bartender to check out (5 max) tickets at a time. Aside from your name and the ticket numbers, be sure to include your phone number when checking out tickets so I can follow up with you. All sold tickets and money is to be returned to the bartenders promptly!



Flat Rock Elks Reverse Raffle Fundraiser

Raffle Tickets \$50 each

The Flat Rock Elks is excited to present our first "Reverse Raffle" on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM. The event is to raise funds to support our building repairs and maintenance issues. Due to COVID19 restrictions, we will not be able to offer this event as originally hoped at the lodge. If successful, our future plans will be to hold drawings as social gathering events with dinner. Raffle will be live streamed via web link below:

Web Link to Live Stream: [Flat Rock Michigan Elks Lodge #1731 | Facebook](#)

Drawings will be held June 5th Starting at 1:00 PM

The ticket price is \$50, selling 200 tickets with cash prizes starting at \$100.

As well as a Last Chance drawing of non-winning tickets for \$250.

With drawing 31 winning tickets, we are awarding \$5,975 total in cash!

This is a Reverse Raffle where only 200 tickets are sold for the event with 31 winners. The 1st ticket drawn, and every 10th ticket drawn wins \$100 through the 190th ticket. Beginning with the 191st ticket drawn wins \$125 and prize increases for each ticket drawn through 199th ticket drawn. **The 200th ticket drawn wins \$1,000**

Ticket Drawn	Winnings	Ticket Drawn	Winnings
191st	\$125	196th	\$350
192nd	\$150	197th	\$400
193rd	\$200	198th	\$450
194th	\$250	199th	\$500
195th	\$300	200th	\$1,000

Plus, there will be a Last Chance drawing of \$250 from all non-winning tickets drawn.

In total, we are awarding \$5,975 total in cash!

If 200 tickets are not sold the drawing will revert to a 50/50 raffle with a minimum payout of \$500 awarded.

List of Winners will be posted on Flat Rock Elks web page and emailed to members.

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ANOTHER CHANCE!

Another Chance to Kick your Summer Grilling up a notch.



Blackstone Griddle Cover
Water Resistant,
Weather Resistant
BBQ Grilling Cover



Flat Rock Elks
Drawing May 31st
Memorial Day

BLACKSTONE
Grill
Tickets \$10

Tickets Available
At The Elks Lodge



Blackstone Seasonings
Parmesan Ranch, Whiskey Burger
Tequila Lime and Cheesesteak



Blackstone Deluxe Stainless Steel
6-Piece Spatula Griddle Set

With the Blackstone 2-Burner 28" Griddle with Electric Air Fryer and Hood, you can do it all: bake, sear, roast, sauté, and air fry. This griddle combines the simplicity and ease of air frying with the hands-on art of griddling for a satisfying blend of styles. 524 Square inches of cooking space combine with 2 quarts air frying capacity for all the space you need to cook meals for large groups of people.

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Flat Rock Elks 365 Annual Golf Outing

Saturday June 12, 2021

Proceeds to benefit Children with Disabilities

Lake Erie Metro Park Golf Course

14786 Lee Rd - Brownstown MI 48173

Sign up at Flat Rock Elks Lodge by: Wednesday – June 9th

Payments due in advance by cut off date of – June 9th

Registration in Clubhouse 8:00am – Shotgun Start 9:00am

4 – Person Scramble

\$70 Per Person Includes:



Hole Sponsor \$50

Coffee and Donuts - 18 holes of Golf with Cart - 3 Drink Tickets
Hot Dog and Soft Drink at the turn

Closest to Pin - Longest Drive - Skins available - 50/50 Raffle
And other games on course. Dinner will be at the Elks after Golf
Catered by Happy's Pizza / Savvy Sliders

Contact Marissa Strickland for more information at 734-288-1046
or Pat Strickland at 734-771-0481 or haroldstrickland@att.net



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Flat Rock Elks Lodge

8th Annual Classic Car Show Sunday July 25th



Past Exalted Rulers (PER's) from the Flat Rock Elks Lodge
are sponsoring a Classic Car & Motorcycle Show.

Proceeds will benefit repairs and updates to the lodge.

Registration Starts - 9:00 am - Fee \$10

Dash Plaques will be given to the first 100 Cars Registered

Gift Cards for Restaurants

Cash Cards – and more

Show Hours 10:00am to 3:00pm

Music by – Doo Wop Danny

Flat Rock Elks 26910 Telegraph Road



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