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BIG RAPIDS ELKS LODGE # 974
NEWS LETTER
May 2021

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LODGE HOURS

Wednesday 4:30 - 9 PM Thursday 4:30 PM - 9 PM Friday 4:30 PM - 9PM
Open Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday for Special Events



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Exalted Ruler Message

LODGE OFFICERS

2021 – 2022

EXALTED RULER	LEADING KNIGHT
Thomas Stellard, PER	David Hosking
LOYAL KNIGHT	LECTURING KNIGHT
Jason Rehkopf	Katrina Peterson
ESQUIRE	CHAPLAIN
James Lindsey, PER	Phillip Currie, PER
INNER GUARD	TILER
Bruce Parker	Jim Allen
SECRETARY	TREASURER
Sue Johnson, PER	Josh Eling
TRUSTEES	GOVERNING BODY
Eric Wolfe – 1 year	Four Elected Chair Officers
Keith Kenney - 2 year	and Trustees
Gary Cox – 3 year	

Greetings from your Exalted Ruler

Members,

On the next page you will see the progress on the building fund. Later in the newsletter you will see more of the updates as they are being completed. It is starting to look very nice. Please consider a contribution to the building fund to make sure we can complete the changes.



The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success thank you to all that helped make it happen this year.

We have the cash bash coming up this month, if you still need a ticket get it quick because they are going very fast. Contact Sue Johnson to see who still has tickets left.

If there are any members that have handyman skills and aspirations please let me know. We can use the help in getting the lodge updates completed.

Friday the 7th we will have a Mothers Day Dinner. All Mothers will eat free and Dads are just \$12.

We have again this year been approved for a ENF Freedom Grant, one of 325 across the entire nation. It is used to support our Veterans Dinner, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and our local Guard Unit.

Tom Stellard

Exalted Ruler

Having a Special Event?

Reserve the Lodge Facilities for
Your Special Event
Call the Lodge at (231) 796-5451
Rental is just \$100 for Members plus
\$100 refundable cleaning deposit
Sound System Available

Exalted Ruler Thank You Corner

I would like to thank Josh Eling, Eric Wolfe, Jim Lindsey, Ann Stellard and Keith Kenney, for their continuing work on the facelift to the social room.

I would like to thank our Friday Dinner crews, the meals have been excellent and your support is going a long way.

I would like to thank all those members who have sent in there 21-22 dues already.

I would like to thank the Easter Bunny for the appearance at the Egg Hunt, an excellent job, we look forward to next years appearance.



In Memoriam

To Our Absent Members:
"An Elk is Never Forgotten"

Our New Members

Transfers / Demits / Reinstatements

Propositions for Membership



**OBTAINED A
NEW MEMBER ?**

May Meetings:

Board of Directors	5/6 @ 6 PM
	5/20 @ 6 PM
Lodge Meeting	5/6 @ 7 PM
	5/20 @ 7 PM

We have two Big Rapids locations to serve you and 27 additional Mid-Michigan locations.

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Our Veterans



So long as there are veterans,
the *Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks*
will never forget them.

Adopted Veterans

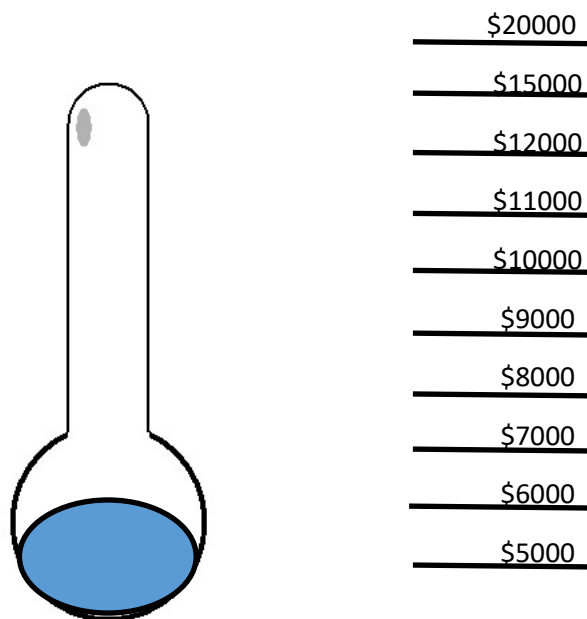
Home

Unfortunately our adopted Veteran passed. We are in the process of searching for a new veteran to adopt.

A card to say HI, or a birthday card would mean so much to them. Cards can be sent directly to their facility to their attention or drop them at the Lodge and the Veterans Committee members will make sure they are delivered. Veterans crisis line 800 273 8255 can be called 24 hours a day.

Building Fund

The Board of Directors voted to establish a restricted building fund with a goal of raising \$20,000.



Current Balance \$ 6,400

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Anniversaries

William & Claudia Johnson	02
Shawn & Ashley Johnson	05
Patrick & Penny Currie	15
Daniel & Christine Ferguson	20
William & Julie Papo	26
Bill & Wanda Taylor	30
Colleen & Greg Olson	31

Birthdays

John Sonntag	11
Paul DesNoyers	12
Shana Larsen	16
Eric Wolfe	17
John Baylis	18
Laura Dean-Bonnell	23
Roger Carver	25
John Currie	28
David Hosking	28
Joseph Czinder	29

Spouse Birthdays

Rita Conran	15
Jillian Colley	23
Penny Currie	23
Paul Mitchell	27
Kathryn Mishler	28
Kerrie Currie	30



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Friday Dinners

Mothers Day Dinner

5/7/21
6 PM— 8PM,
Mothers Eat Free
\$12.00

Steak Dinner

5/14/21
6 PM— 8PM, Stay or Go
\$16.00

Philly Cheese Steak Dinner

5/21/21
6 PM— 8PM, Stay or Go
\$9.00

Fish Dinner

5/28/21
6 PM— 8PM,
\$9.50



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BIG RAPIDS ELKS GOLF OUTING

You are invited to participate in the
Big Rapids Elks Lodge #974 Golf Outing

Thursday, June 24, 2021
Clear Lake Golf Club
14777 150th Ave, Big Rapids

Entry Fee is \$70 which includes 18 holes of golf with cart,
lunch at the turn, and a steak dinner at the
Elks Lodge with **awards** and **prizes..**

Four-Person Scramble
SHOTGUN START • REGISTRATION: 10AM • TEE-OFF: 11AM

Cash Bash 5/22/2021

Doors open at 3 PM first ticket drawn at 4 PM

Tickets \$100.00, only 200 available, each person attending must have own ticket, ticket includes Prime Rib Dinner, Drinks (during drawing) and Prizes.



Top Prize
\$5000

Every 10th
Ticket
\$100

\$500
Prize

\$1000
Prize



\$2500
Prize



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Thank you to those that have paid their 21 –22 dues. We are off to a great start in getting all current. Remember you must be current to use the social quarters.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Secretary Sue Johnson at 231-349-5137 (cell), 231-796-9439 (office) or at the Lodge 231-796-5451.



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Mothers Day Dinner

Friday 5/7/21

6-8 PM

Only Reserved Dinners Ensured a
Meal

Prime Rib Dinner

Mothers Eat Free

\$12.00



May Special's

- Killian's and MDG \$1.50 until gone
- Chili \$1.00 until gone

Calendar of Upcoming Events

5/3-7/21 Youth Week

5/9/2021 Mothers Day

5/21-23 State Spring Convention

5/22/2021 Cash Bash

6/24/21 Golf Outing

Sickness & Distress



None Reported

If you are aware of anyone please let the Secretary know.

Last Months Happenings

Officer Installation

Pictured below are your officers for the 2021-22 Lodge year. Do not forget to congratulate them when you see them.



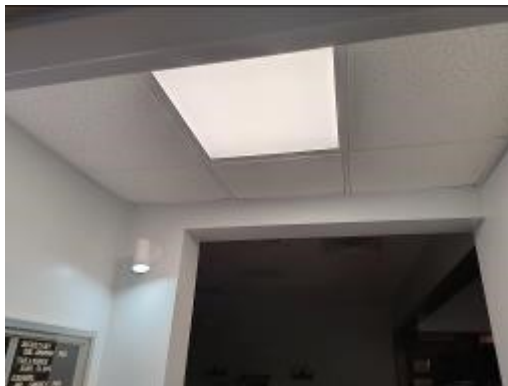
Easter Egg Hunt

On April 3rd we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year and going forward it was held at the Mecosta County fairgrounds. We want to thank the folks at the fair for their help in making this event a success.



Building Facelift

Stop down and see the update that are being made to the club room.



May 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2	3	4	5 <i>Wind Down Weds</i>	6 <i>Board meeting 6 PM Lodge meeting 7 PM</i>	7 <i>Mothers Day Dinner/The Men</i>	8
 <p>← Youth Week →</p>						
9 <i>Mothers Day</i>	10	11	12 <i>Wind Down Weds</i>	13	14 <i>Steak Fry/Currie 6-8 PM</i>	15
16	17	18	19 <i>Wind Down Weds</i>	20 <i>Board meeting 6 PM Lodge meeting 7 PM</i>	21 <i>Philly Cheese Steak /S. Johnson</i>	22 CASH BASH
23	24	25	26 <i>Wind Down Weds</i>	27	28 <i>Fish Fry/Stellard 6-8 PM</i>	29
30	31					