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BIG RAPIDS ELKS LODGE # 974
NEWS LETTER
November 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

Greetings from your Exalted Ruler

Members,

Can you believe it is November already? The Holiday season is just a couple of weeks away. The Feather Party is on Monday 11/1 this year. Please find it in your heart to attend and make this a very successful year. If you cannot attend please consider sending a check for \$30 to the lodge marked for the feather party and we will see that you get a turkey or you can donate it back for a family in need.



The Veterans Dinner is 11/8 this year please stop by that night and help us honor all our community veterans.

We have started to work on the building again after a little bit of a slow down as everyone finished up their summer activities around the holiday and the last of the nice days. Some of the changes are pictured later in the newsletter.

The Parade of Lights is on Saturday 11/20 this year and we will be open with a public license. Stop down before and after the parade for a hot drink of your choice.

Have a happy Thanksgiving

Tom Stellard

Exalted Ruler

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	

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

In Memoriam



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

None Reported

Exalted Ruler Thank You Corner

I would like to give a thank you to Ann Stellard, for helping paint the foyer area and the ceiling grid.

I would like to thank all those that continue to volunteer to cook Friday Night Dinners. Your contribution to the lodge is immeasurable.

I would like to thank Josh Eling, Keith Kenney, and Eric Wolfe for their work on the Social Quarters ceiling. Also Eric Wolfe for helping power wash the east and north outside walls.

Our New Members

Transfers / Demits / Reinstatements
Propositions for Membership

Luke Wyckoff by Josh Eling
Tom L Hines by Transfer



October Meetings:

Board of Directors	11/4 @ 6 PM
	11/18 @ 6 PM
Lodge Meeting	11/4 @ 7 PM
	Initiation
	10/18 @ 7 PM



1st Prize

Henry Big Boy .44 Magnum
Model #H006

2nd Prize
TWO Hundred Dollars

3rd Prize
ONE Hundred Dollars



Drawing on November 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Location: Elks Lodge
203 East Pine Street
Big Rapids, MI



OPEN

OPENS 7 DAYS A WEEK

- LICENSES
- CROSSBOWS
- BAIT & TACKLE
- FISHING SUPPLIES
- RODS & REELS
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Tickets available from Lodge Officers, Elk Lodge, and Frank's Sporting Goods.



\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Need Not Be Present to Win

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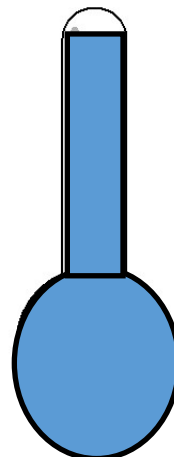
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Building Fund

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



\$20000

\$18000

\$16000

\$14000

\$12000

\$11000

\$9000

\$7000

Current Balance \$ 18,190

Anniversaries

Robert	& Ruth	Henderson	14
Roger	& Judy	Carver	21
William	& Lynne	Scheible	23
Tom	& Andrea	Stellard	26

Birthdays

Brian	Thiede	02
Bradley	Coville	10
Bill	Taylor	10
Joyce	Sonntag	24
Dave	Krug	26
Tom	Stellard	26
Jeff	Scarpelli	28
Nicholas	Boerma	29
Christie	Eling	29
Jillaine	Ruppel	29
Dan	Wanink	30

Spouse Birthdays

Barbara	Kushmaul	03
Mary	Blakely	07
Carol	Semeyn	10
Paula	Foreman	12
Vicky	Simpson	19
Christie	Eling	24
Andrea	Stellard	26

The 2022 Most Valuable Student Scholarship application is open.

The 2022 application deadline is November 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., Pacific Time

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2022 competition.
- Male and female students compete separately.
Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners in late April, 2022. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

The 20 Top Finalists traditionally* participate in an all expenses paid [Leadership Weekend](#) in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 Finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.



We are down to 7 delinquent members if you are one of them please bring yourself current soon.

Let us know of any changes to your contact information to include, address, phone, and e-mail. If you have a WINTER address please let us know when you leave and come back.

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.

Veteran's Corner

Remember our Veterans Dinner on November 8th. Please be thinking of all the Veterans we can invite. It is a time for us as Elks to remember those who have passed and honor those who are still with us. As Elks we never forget our veterans and always remember **TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.**



Chicken Pasta Dinner

11/05/21

6 PM— 8PM

\$10.00



Smoked Pork Chop Dinner

11/12/21

6 PM— 8PM

\$15.00



Fish Dinner

11/19/21

6 PM— 8PM

\$10.50



Calendar of Upcoming Events

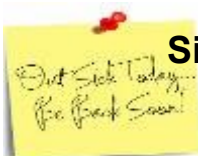
11/1 Feather Party & Gun Raffle Draw

11/8 Veterans Dinner

11/20 Parade of Lights

11/25 Thanksgiving

Sickness & Distress



Mark Solis is in the hospital please keep him in your prayers.

November Special

\$1.75 Coors Light All Month



Big Rapids Elks Lodge 974

Annual Feather Party

Monday November 1st 2021

Doors Open 4:30 PM

Complete Turkey Dinner \$10.00

Join us for fun while helping support



Veterans Dinner

November 8th 2021

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner Provided to

ALL Veterans

See Table of Honor Ceremony



The 2022 Legacy Scholarship Awards Contest is Open.

For the 2022 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2019, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2019, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2022. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

The applicant must be a high school senior

The applicant must apply online only. The 2022 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 7, 2022.

If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.

We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2022 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.

Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

If you are selected as a 2022 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform service once a year with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship.

Upon receipt of the application, the applicant will receive a notification that the application was received. Winners will be announced in late April 2022.

BUILDING UPDATES

The ceiling in the club room is almost completed. The tiles on the edge need to be done and the lights need to be installed. Also see the progress on the Muriel on the west window space. It should be completed in the next couple of weeks.



Parade of Lights

Saturday 11/20/21

The lodge will be open starting at 4 pm

We will have a public license so bring your friends.



November 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p><i>1</i></p> <p><i>Feather Party / Gun Raffle</i></p> <p><i>Doors Open 4 PM</i></p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p><i>Wind Down Weds</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p><i>Board meeting 6 PM Lodge meet- ing 7 PM</i></p> <p><i>Initiation 7 PM</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Pasta Dinner/S Johnson</i></p> <p><i>6-8 PM</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>
<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p><i>Veteran's Dinner</i></p> <p><i>Lodge Open 430 PM</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>Wind Down Weds</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Smoked Pork Chops/Currie</i></p> <p><i>6-8 PM</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>
<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p><i>Wind Down Weds</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p><i>Board meeting 6 PM Lodge meet- ing 7 PM</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p><i>Fish Fry/Stellard</i></p> <p><i>6-8 PM</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p><i>Parade of Lights</i></p> <p><i>Lodger Open 4 PM</i></p>
<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p><i>Wind Down Weds</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p> <p><i>Lodge Closed</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p><i>Lodge Open</i></p> <p><i>NO DINNER</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>
<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p>				