



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

October 2021

ER Message

Members,

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. This means many important and exciting events are just around the corner. Trunk or Treat, Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner and Flag Retirement Ceremony, Drag Queen Bingo, Birch Run Shopping Trip, and Quarter Mania just to name a few. Our committee chairs, officers, and Elkadys are working hard for our members on these events, please support them by volunteering, attending, or donating.

The No Kid Without a Christmas Golf Outing keeps exceeding expectations. The generosity of our members and friends is overwhelming. This year we will more than likely help more than 50 children. So if you are interested in how you can help with the shopping day please reach out, many people will be needed to make another successful event. Thanks to all that helped, donated, volunteered, or golfed especially Dave Steffen and Chris Wooten.

We have had many new members initiated to our lodge in recent months and already I see them stepping up to help at recent events. Thank you very much it was great to see you lending a hand.

The Veterans Golf Outing was another big win for local Veterans. Pat Strickland, Kenny Cesta, and company did another great job and raised much-needed funds for those that served our country. Once again the generosity of our members will impact many Veterans that are close to home.

The PER Pig Roast, Rummage Sale, and Firekeepers trip were other great events that help keep our lodge moving in the right direction. A big thanks to those that supported these events.

We have had our lodge visitation and fall meeting and I have received many compliments on our lodge. I want to thank the officers that represented us for visitation during my unfortunate absence. Keep up the good work, we continue to move in the right direction.

**Sincerely Yours,
Brian Marvaso
Exalted Ruler**

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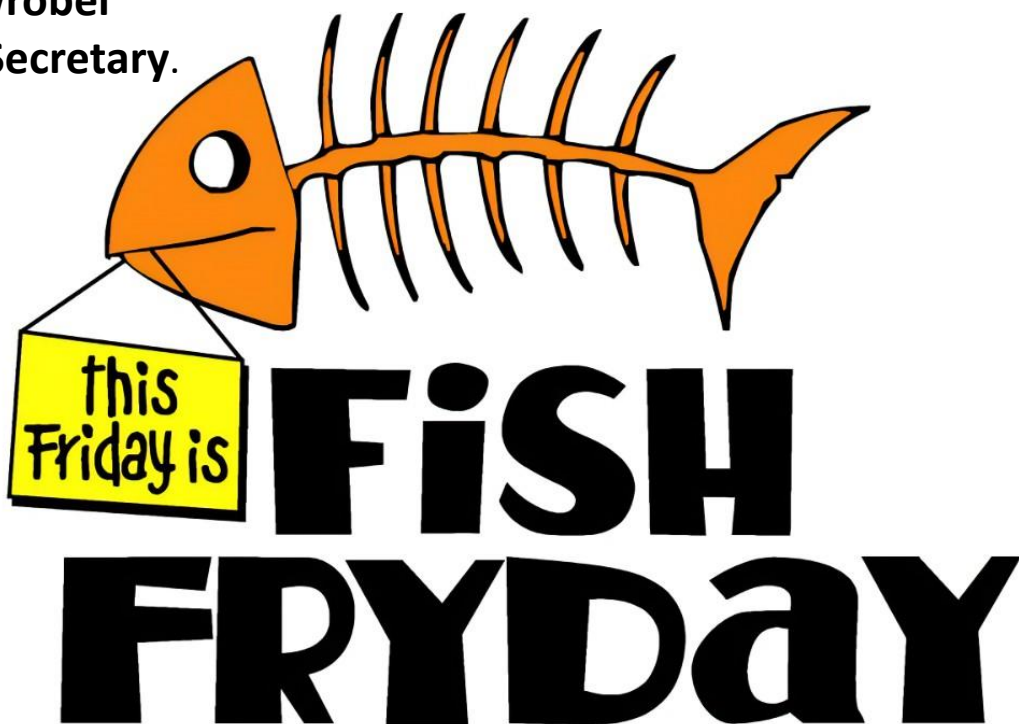
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Secretary Message

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. The lodge is in full swing and has lots to offer. First, I would like to thank everyone who sold and purchased gun raffle tickets. Again, because of you it was a huge success. The drawings begin November 1st. We have a Fish Fry November 5th and Drag Queen Bingo on November 13th. Stop down and watch football, hockey, and basketball on one of the several tv's in the lounge. Also starting in November, we will start serving homemade soup. Stop down and check it out. We still have 28 delinquent members. If you know a member who hasn't paid their dues let them know what they're missing. The Veterans Thanksgiving dinner is November 7th. Stop in and thank a vet for his service to our great country. Remember if you have a change of address, phone number or email address let me know so I can make corrections. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Mike Wrobel
Lodge Secretary.



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Veterans Committee

Weather is changing, events outside are slowing down, time to come inside. On November 7th at 4:00pm we will again be hosting our Thanksgiving Dinner for local veterans and their guests in the hall. Following dinner we will be holding our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in the rear of the building. All veterans, guests and members are encouraged to attend. Any and all flags that need to be retired should be brought to the lodge so they can be properly disposed of.

If any member knows of a veteran that may need help or assistance please let the Veterans committee know so we can reach out and help.

Our condolences go out to the family of Karen VanHorn, who was a previous Veterans Committee chairperson and who dedicated many years of service for veterans.

Pat Strickland PER

Your Veterans Committee Chairman

The bus for the Birch Run Shopping Trip is full. I would like to thank everyone that donated treasures and helped with the Rummage Sale. It was a huge success bringing in over \$2,000. Next Rummage Sale will be in April 2022. See you then.

Thank you, Jill Cousino

House Committee



Coming Soon Hot Soup

With the cold weather approaching we are going to be adding Hot Soup to the menu a couple days a week.

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GRILL MENU

HAMBURGER	3.50
ADD FRIES	1.50
ADD SEASON FRIES	2.50
ADD CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATO	.50
WING DINGS	4.00
CHICK TENDERS	4.00
LARGE ORDER FRIES	3.00
LARGE WAFFLE FRIES	3.50
ONION RINGS	3.00
MUSHROOMS	3.00
CHEESE STIXS	3.50
DEEP FRIED PICKLES	3.00
MAC & CHEESE WEDGES	3.50
CAULIFLOWER	3.00
PIZZA	6.00



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Trunk or Treat



Kevin



Teagan



Landon

Costume Winners





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Trunk Winners

Trunk or Treat



Al & Shelly



John & Joan



Chris & Karen



Special
Thanks to the
Kitchen Crew.





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Lodge Activities

On Sunday, September 19th 39 of us took a bus trip to Firekeepers Casino. We had some big winners and some of us came home with lighter wallets – ouch! Always a good time though. I want to thank Kenny Cesta and Jeff Weiler – without hesitation they stepped right up to handle beverages and the 50/50 on the bus. Great job guys!

Our Drive-Thru Fish Fry Dinners for September and October have done well, serving just over 300 meals each month. We're off to a great start for the season.

On Saturday, October 9th we held our 2nd Chicken Parmesan Drive-Thru. Although we had some technical difficulties in the kitchen, we powered through and served 160 dinners. We were a little short staffed going into the event but were happy to see some new helpers join the crew. It's always great to see new faces helping out!

As with all of our events, they cannot be successful without volunteers, help promoting the events, and participation. Hundreds of Elk hours are donated for events each year. Your time and generosity are much appreciated!

Next up –

The broads will be back for a return engagement of Drag Queen Bingo on Saturday, November 13th. This one is shaping up to be a sell-out!

Brenda S



Got ideas, suggestions or feedback? Drop me a note in our suggestion box.

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.....





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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members All,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the remarkably late Autumn colors. Some updates on your Lodges maintenance and upkeep.

- After an extensive search we were able to source new gas valves and regulators for the double deck ovens in the kitchen. They have both been replaced and calibrated which will provide many years of continued service at a fraction of the replacement cost of new ones. The Fish Fry crew and Trustees hosted a drive thru Chicken Parmesan dinner on 10/9/21 which raised over \$1,500 for equipment and repairs. Our thanks to all that participated and enjoyed.
- Thank-You to Mike Wrobel and Gary Peterson for snaking and cleaning the Urinal drains in the Lounges men's washroom, going above and beyond the call of duty so often to help.
- The Exterior painting of the Lodge will be done in the spring once the preparation and needed maintenance is done. Our ER and his paint color committee are getting ready to wrap up their final choices. The exterior lighting will be updated with money-saving LED and modern equipment as well. Getting it done properly is worth the extra time.
- Our bi-annual Wayne county health inspection was done in Mid-October and we passed with good marks. Several non-critical items were discussed and have been corrected.
- Thank You to a newer member, Steve Dobkowski, for donating money and purchasing four large banners used to advertise Fish Frys on our building for members and local traffic to see.
- As always, the future of our Lodge and Elkdom will require our members to stay active and participate as they can. We are a very lucky Lodge with new members and a strong reputation throughout the state and district. Please continue to give of yourself and support your Lodge and community as only you can.
- We would like to remind members to attend lodge meetings for their input and their privilege to vote on the issues. Meetings are scheduled first and third Wednesday of each month.

Fraternally Yours,

Flat Rock Elks 1731 Trustees

Jeff Click PER –Chairperson

Keith Diedrich

Dave Scicluna

Jeff Recker PER

Ed Nuttman



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Scholarships



The Elks National Foundation (ENF) has kicked off the 2022 scholarship year. Here are the details!

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Contest:

The 2022 MVS application is now open. Applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS. The application deadline is November 15, 2021.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) awards 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. National awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year. The national awards will be announced in April 2022. Additionally, the Michigan Elks Association provides 6 four-year scholarships valued at \$1,000 per year. The Flat Rock Elks Lodge #1731 also provides 6 scholarships of \$500 each to students in our local community.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), at a U.S. college or university next school year. Some important applicant details include:

- ★ Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- ★ Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks.
- ★ Male and female students compete separately.

Applicants select from a list of the Lodges closest to their home address zip code. Please have your students choose Flat Rock Elks Lodge #1731 as their sponsoring Lodge.

Complete details can be found at enf.elks.org/MVS.

Legacy Awards – The Legacy Awards program begins on September 1, 2021. Legacy Awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The ENF offers a total of 350 national awards. The application deadline is February 7, 2022. Please visit enf.elks.org/Leg for more details and the application link.

For any questions, please contact me at pr@sullivanleavitt.com

Sincerely,

Paul E. Robinson
Flat Rock Elks Lodge #1731
Scholarship Chair

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Welcome 22 New Members initiated into the order of the Flat Rock Elks in September and October



Michelle Stalhood
Judy Ray
Clifford Straub
Leo Miller
David Miller
Alyssa Marvaso
Angelica Marvaso
Erica Marvaso
Erin Lynn Marvaso
Daniel Silva
Brion Baith

Devin Finnerty
John Finnerty
Brandon Ferris
Taniya Tittle
Jared Bellingham
Chloe Tasselmyer
Douglas Parpart
George Polhemus
John Page
Adam Krimmel
Chesaray Dionisi



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District Deputie Joe Morgan helping with Flag Ceremony during initiation of new members.



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The 25th Flat Rock Elks Wild Game Dinner will be held on January 30, 2022. As we all know, this Great Event is only possible with all the Wild Game and Fish that you Hunters and Fisherman donate. So make sure that you sharpen your Hooks, Shoot straight so that you can donate. Your Donation will get you Tickets to the Event. We want it to be the "Best One Ever". So contact Bernie Schaller at 734-552-1411 to donate or get Information. Also Tickets will be available in December, so they will make great "Christmas Presents"!

WILD GAME DINNER

Sunday
Jan 30th

Open at Noon
CASH BAR

There
Will
Also Be
Firearms
Drawings!



Ticket Includes...
SOUVENIR
DOOR PRIZE & ENTRY
FOR CABELA'S
\$150, \$100, \$50 GIFT CERTIF.

\$40

TO DONATE
GAME OR
VOLUNTEER
TO HELP...
CALL BERNIE
734-
552-1411

All Proceeds Go To Flat Rock Elks



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A Special Tribute to Karen VanHorn

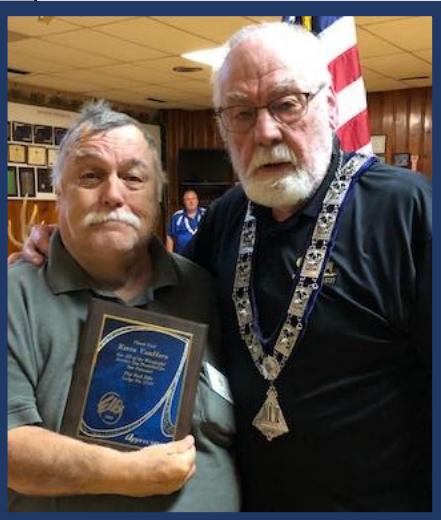


Karen VanHorn, wife of P.E.R. Jim VanHorn (2001/2002) passed away on August 24, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers continue to Jim and the family. Karen was a 23 year member of our Lodge and was our "Elk of the Year" in 2011-2012. She served as our "Veterans Chairman" for many years, and we just want to highlight some of the special "Veterans Events" she organized.

Karen organized our annual "Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner". The Veterans were brought to our Lodge for a great Dinner and "Get Together" visiting with the crew of our Members who helped put the Event on. She also organized the "Summer Deck Party" where once again the Veterans were brought to our Lodge for a lunch and visiting with our members on our "Outside Deck".

Her greatest Veterans Event was the "Monthly Bingo" at the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital that She and her Crew put on for many years. One of her helpers every month was P.E.R. Bob Cousino (2000/2001) who also is no longer with us, along with her husband Jim.

In token of "Thanks" for her wonderful Veterans Activities she organized, a \$100.00 Donation was sent by our Lodge and the P.E.R.'s in her memory to the "Downriver Veterans Association". This Plaque was also given to Jim in memory of Karen and all of the great "Veterans Events" she did in the name of our Lodge.



Bernie Schaller (PER) *Elks Care - Elks Share*



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Richard LaBeau

Born: September 15, 1949

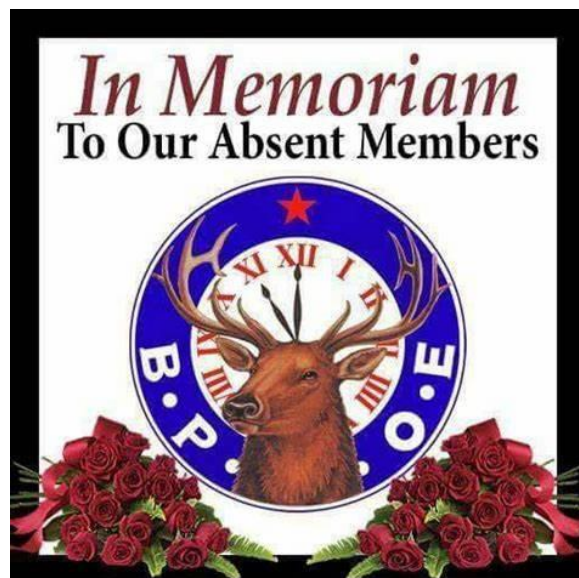
Initiated: November 1, 2006

(Monroe Elks Lodge)

Affiliated with Flat Rock Lodge

October 7, 2009

Died: October 6, 2021



Ed Taylor

Born: August 24, 1938

Initiated: February 6, 1970

Life Member: February 5, 2003

Died: September 6, 2021

Karen Van Horn

Born: November 5, 1952

Initiated: October 21, 1998

Elk of the Year: 2012

Died: August 24, 2021

Sickness and Distress

Passing of an Elk Member should be reported to the Leading Knight.

If a family would like to have other members know of a sickness or death of a member a notification can be emailed to members upon request. Remember Sickness and Distress is always in order.

Contact Your Leading Knight:

Marissa Strickland 734-288-1046 or marissastrickland58@gmail.com

You may also contact Jim Elamon at 734-672-5332



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"Cash Only"
Exact Change
Appreciated

Flat Rock Elks

Drive-Thru

Carry-Out Dinners

Friday – November 5th

**Future Fish
Fry Dates**

Nov 5th

Dec 3rd

Jan 7th

Feb 4th & 18th

Mar 4th & 18th

Apr 1st & 15th

Your Choice of Shrimp or Cod Dinners
Dinners Served 4:00pm-6:30pm

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

Shrimp Dinner
\$14.00

PUBLIC WELCOME

Cod Dinner
\$13.00

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

Family Style Shrimp \$52

Save \$4.00

Family Style Cod \$48

Buy a Family Style Dinner Style

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

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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Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner & Flag Retirement

Sunday November 7th at 4:00pm



Flat Rock Elk's invites any military Veteran & Family to Flat Rock Elk's Lodge located on Telegraph Road in Flat Rock for Thanksgiving Dinner. After dinner the Boy Scouts will be hosting the U.S.A. Flag Retirement Ceremony with help from any Veterans that may want to participate. If you plan on attending please **RSVP by November 5th** to: **Pat Strickland** 734-771-0481 or Email to haroldstrickland@att.net



**Flags to be retired may be dropped off at the Flat Rock Elk's Lodge.
Flag Retirement Ceremony - Sunday November 7, 2021**

Location: Flat Rock Elks Back Parking Lot at 6:00pm

Retiring Old Glory

When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag, but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire.

Boy Scout troops retired over 200 flags given to them from donations from our Flat Rock Elks Lodge 1731 last year.

If you have flags to be retired drop them off at the lodge and the Scouts will make sure they are properly cared for.

Pop's
Corner



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THE REAL DRAG QUEENS OF BINGO



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Return Engagement

The Real Drag Queens

Return Engagement

Event is SOLD Out
NO tickets available at the door.

Now Starts 7:00pm
Pizza and salad - Cash Bar
\$10 per person - Adults only

Bring your family, friends and coworkers! Fill up a table and they will have a blast!

The drag queens will perform musical numbers and take us through 5 rounds of bingo (with prizes).

Bingo cards and highlighters are included.

Return Engagement

"Be Our Guest"

"Best Girls
Night Out Ever"

Tickets are available at the Flat Rock Elk Lodge
Located at the corner of Telegraph and Vreeland Rd.

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Monday November 15th

Pop's
Corner

Birch Run & Frankenmuth Shopping Trip

This is a 12 hour trip leaving from the
Flat Rock Lodge at 9:00 am and returning
to the Lodge that night at 9:00 pm.

Bus Trip

Only 34 Seats

Lodge Members or Member Spouses

All others will pay \$10 so you can

Grandma, Sister, Aunt, E

Sign up for the

SORRY, THE BUS IS FULL !



BIRCH RUN
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Find impressive savings
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Flat Rock Elks Lodge Quarter Mania Thursday December 9th

Entry Fee: \$10

Includes 2 Paddles, Additional Paddles \$3 each

Doors open at 6:00pm

Bidding Starts at 7:00pm

Fun for all, bring your Family & Friends

Basket Raffles & 50/50's

**Many Vendors to choose from and
Bidding starts as low at just 1-Quarter
Depending on Retail Value.**

**Great for last minute
Christmas Gifts**