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NEWS, NEWS, NEWS
BIG RAPIDS ELKS LODGE # 974
NEWS LETTER
May 2022

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Class Postage

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



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



Hello Elks Members, April showers bring May flowers, and hopefully some warmer temperatures. The good news is that is always Sunny and 70 degrees in the club and we have tasty dinners, beverages and comradery available every month. My first month in office has been a whirlwind of the events for the club including, Ham Raffle, Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Raffle and Bourbon Tasting. Thank you Tom Stellard for all of the work on the Easter Hunt and various committees, thank you Sue Johnson and all of our other volunteers at our various events. I want to give a special thank you to Gary and Deb Cox for their generous donation of a condo stay in Myrtle Beach for a week. That prize was part of our vacation raffle and really helped drive sales. These events are only successful and possible because of our great membership. We concluded the month hosting the District Elks Meeting, it was fun to have Elks from all over our district stop in and enjoy our lodge. The fun and excitement will continue at the lodge in May. We kick the month off celebrating education, with our Student Recognition Dinner on May 3rd. We will be giving scholarships to outstanding students in our area. We are donating the use of our lodge to the Big Rapids Little League, they are hosting a dinner and auction to raise funds and it is open to the public and Elks members who want to support the event or stop by to bid on items. We finish May with one of our biggest events every year and that is our Cash Bash. Tickets are going fast contact me or the lodge if you need one. Finally, we plan to start cleaning out our basement and auctioning off some items to make room and raise funds for our basement remodel. The goal is to spruce up the downstairs and make it a nice area for kids and teens to hang out and play. We will be looking for volunteers to help with that project. You will notice a few changes in the newsletter as I am learning to put one together. There is a Sudoku (Elk-doku) Puzzle included in the newsletter, the solution is at the lodge. Please bring in your game for \$1.00 off of your first drink. I am also taking suggestions for a renaming of the newsletter, Big Rapids Bugle, something like that and is Elk related. There are great opportunities for you to participate with this club, so please grab a friend and come on down to join in the fun!

Sincerely,
Josh Eling
Exalted Ruler

LODGE OFFICERS

2022 – 2023

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

Our New Members

Transfers / Demits / Reinstatements
Propositions for Membership

Candidate

Jennifer Currie

Sean Mitchell

Proposer

Phil Currie

John Currie



May Meetings:

Board of Directors	5/5 @ 6 PM
	5/19 @ 6 PM
Lodge Meeting	5/5 @ 7 PM
	Planned Initiation
	5/19 @ 7 PM

The Big Rapids Elks #974

presents

Area Outstanding Students Awards

May 3rd 6:00 PM



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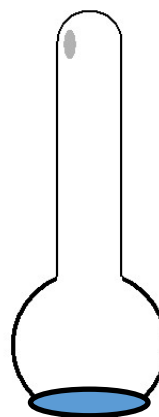
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Make the world a little brighter!

Currie's Amoco

Pat Currie (231) 796 5351
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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

\$15000

\$10000

\$7000

\$5000

\$3000

\$1000

Current Balance \$ 1124.00

Anniversaries

William	& Claudia	Johnson	02
Shawn	& Ashley	Johnson	05
Deanna	& George	Clark	14
Patrick	& Penny	Currie	15
Daniel	& Christine	Ferguson	20
William	& Julie	Papo	26
Tammy	& Andrew	Spring	28
Lenin	& Helen	DeJean	29
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	Conrad	15
Jillian	Colley	23
Penny	Currie	23
Paul	Mitchell	27
Kathryn	Mishler	28
Kerrie	Currie	30

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	5	8					6
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Big Rapids Little League

Gun Raffle & Fundraiser

Date: Saturday May 7th @ 4:30 PM

Dinner @ 6PM, Gun Raffle @ 7PM

Place Big Rapids Elks Lodge 974

Cost : \$30 Per Ticket



Cash Bash

5/21/2022

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.



\$2000
Prize



Top Prize
\$5000

\$1000
Prize

Every 10th
Ticket
\$100



Dues notices are out in the mail, if you have not received yours as of yet, please contact the Secretary. For those who have already mailed your dues in THANK YOU for being so prompt.

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.

May Friday Elktastic Dinner Schedule

5/6/2022—Tom 's Famous Fish Fry

Baked or Fried

5/13/2022—Phil's famous Steak Dinner

5/20/2022—Christies homemade Lasagna

5/27/2022—Sue's Mexican Dinner



Thursday
Supper
club



Please join us EVERY Thursday evening for Supper Club

May Suppers

All Dinners \$7.00

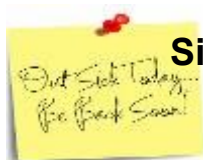
May 5 -Enchiladas
May 12 -Creamy Chicken & Noodles
May 19 -Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo
May 26 -Pulled Pork Sliders with Pasta Salad

Calendar of Upcoming Events

5/3/22 Student Awards

5/7/2022 Little League Dinner

5/21/22 Cash Bash



Sickness & Distress

Elizabeth Czinder

May Drink Special

Whiskey Sours

\$2.50

All Month



LAST MONTHS HAPPENINGS

April was a very busy month for the lodge. Pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt, Friend of Education, Friday Dinner crowds and Ham Raffle.



May 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3 Student Award Dinner @ 6PM	4 Burger Weds	5 Board meeting 6 PM Lodge meeting 7 PM Planned Initiation Enchiladas Cinco De Mayo Drink Specials	6 Fish Fry -Stellard	7 Little League Dinner @ 4:30
8	9	10	11 Burger Weds	12 Creamy Chicken & Noodles	13 Steak Dinner Currie	14
15	16	17	18 Burger Weds	19 Board meeting 6 PM Lodge meeting 7 PM Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo	20 Lasagna Eling	21 Cash Bash @ 3PM
22	23	24	25 Burger Weds	26 Pulled Pork Sliders with Pasta Salad	27 Mexican Dinner -Johnson	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				