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

Attach First
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

Good Day Big Rapids Elks Lodge 974 Members!



October was another outstanding month for our lodge. We added some great new members to our membership rolls. Brother's Jeff Godfrey & Shane Strickler treated the club to UP Pizza. I encourage all members to reach out to the lodge if they would like to cook a special dinner or have an idea for a new exciting event. October was our State Convention at Shanty Creek Resort. My wife and I spent time making new friends and learning about the new initiatives for the year. Special thanks to Tom Stellard for chairing our Trunk or Treat & Pumpkin Patch. Thank you to all that participated in those events. Shout out to two of our newest members Catherine Insley & Norma Naylor for their help at the Pumpkin Patch at MOISD. You ladies ROCK! November is a YUUUGE month. We have our annual Feather Party on the 7th. We will be raffling off turkeys and raising money for our Christmas Charities. It will be MC'd by our very own Bill Scheible. Please come down for dinner, drinks and fun! We are hoping to raffle off 100 turkeys. We are also looking for help shopping and wrapping for our families and will be delivering in December. On the 9th we will be having our Veteran's Dinner. Please invite anyone who has served to come in for a free Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a special guest speaker and celebration of our service men and women. On the 19th Big Rapids will be having their Lights Parade Downtown. The Lodge will have a public license and be open at 4:30 for food and drinks. We'll have hot chocolate and chili that night. The lodge will be closed the 24th & 25th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
 Josh Eling
 Exalted Ruler

LODGE OFFICERS

2022 – 2023

EXALTED RULER	LEADING KNIGHT
Josh Eling	Open
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"
David Lerew

GATHER AROUND AND JOIN US IN OUR

ANNUAL FEATHER PARTY

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH
 DOORS OPEN AT 4:30
 AUCTIONS BEGIN AT 5:00
 DINNER SERVED AT 6:30
 \$10

Our New Members

Transfers / Demits / Reinstatements
Propositions for Membership

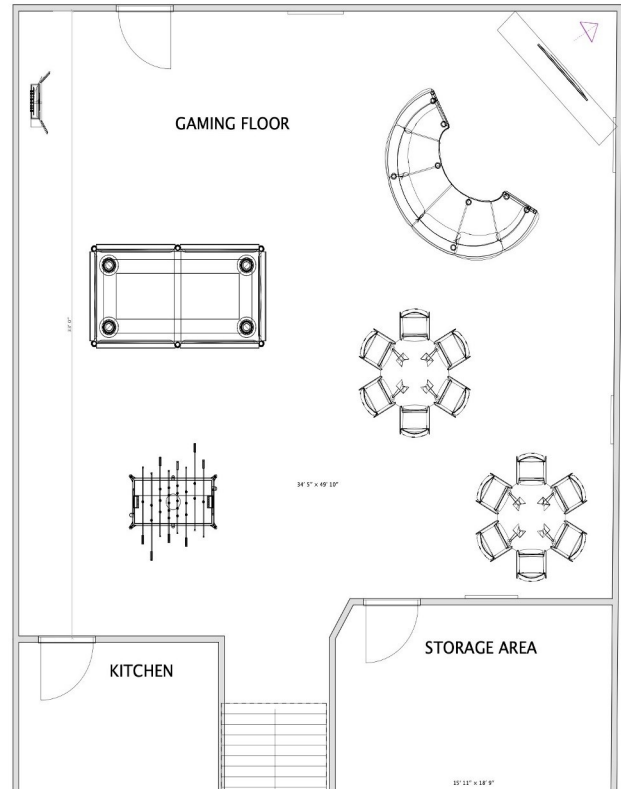
New Members



November Meetings:

Board of Directors	11/3 @ 6 PM 11/17 @ 6PM
Lodge Meeting	11/3 @ 7 PM 11/17 @ 7 PM Planned Initiation

Basement Project!



BIG RAPIDS ELKS LODGE #974



WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS SX4 SEMI-AUTOMATIC 12 GAUGE
ON DISPLAY @ FRANK'S SPORTING GOODS MORLEY, MI

GUN RAFFLE

DRAWING NOVEMBER 7TH
@ THE ANNUAL FEATHER PARTY

LOCATED: ELKS LODGE
203 EAST PINE STREET
BIG RAPIDS, MI
LICENSE NUMBER: R65769

\$1,030.00
VALUE!

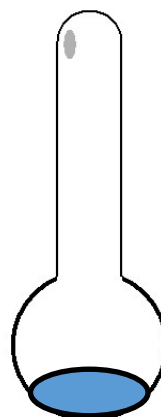
\$5 each
5 for \$20

SUPPORTS OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

Tickets available from the Elk's Lodge, Lodge Members, and Frank's Sporting Goods

Building Fund

The Board of Directors voted to establish a restricted building fund with a goal of raising \$15,000. Please consider making a contribution.



\$20000

\$18000

\$15000

\$10000

\$7000

\$5000

\$3000

\$1000

Current Balance \$ 2774.00

Anniversaries

Robert	&	Ruth	Henderson	14
Roger	&	Judy	Carver	21
Bill	&	Lynne	Sceible	23
Tom	&	Ann	Stellard	26

Birthdays

Brian	Thiede	2
Bradley	Coville	10
Bill	Taylor	10
Tony	Foster	13
Jason	Hensel	14
Joyce	Sonntag	24
Dave	Krug	26
Tom	Stellard	26
James	Insley	27
Jeff	Scarpelli	28
Nicholas	Boerma	29
Christie	Eling	29
Jillaine	Ruppel	29
Dan	Wanink	30

Spouse Birthdays

Barbara	Kushmaul	3
Mary	Blakely	7
Carol	Semeyn	10
Paula	Foreman	12
Vickie	Simpson	19
Ann	Stellard	26

HAPPY
Anniversary

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Join The Big Rapids Elks for

Diamonds in December

A Holiday Craft Show with talented local vendors
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Wednesday December 7th from 5:00- 8:00
The Big Rapids Elks Lodge
203 E. Pine St. Big Rapids

VETERAN'S DINNER

We would like to honor our Veterans and their families with a free dinner at the Lodge

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH
DINNER SERVED AT 5:30

From the Secretary's Desk

- The Secretary will be contacting all members to update their contact information.
- Dues notices have been sent out, please contact the Secretary if you have not yet received yours.

Secretary Sue Johnson 231-349-5137 (cell), 231-796-9439 (office), or 231-796-5451 (lodge)



November Friday Elktastic Dinner Schedule

11/4/2022 - Tom's Fish Fry

11/11/2022 - Asian Buffet

11/18/2022 - Sue's Philly Cheese Steak Subs

11/25/2022-****CLOSED****



Thursday Supper club



Please join us **EVERY** Thursday evening for Supper Club

ALL DINNERS \$7.00

November Suppers

November 3- Country Ribs & Scallop Potatoes

November 10- Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes

November 17 - Taco Salad

November 24 - *Thanksgiving- Closed*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

11/7 - Feather Party

11/9 - Veteran's Dinner

11/11 - Veteran's Parade

11/19 - Festival of Lights
Parade

Sickness & Distress

Joyce Sonntag

Pete Kent



November Drink Special

\$1.00

Assorted Beer, Seltzer &
Cider cans while they last

Last Months Happenings



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We wELKcomed 5 new members last month! Have you brought a friend to visit and join lately ?



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November 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 Country Ribs & Scallop Potatoes	4 Fish Fry	5
6	7 FEATHER PARTY @4:30	8	9 VETERAN'S DINNER @ 5:00	10 Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes	11 Asian Buffet <u>Veteran's</u> <u>Day</u>	12
13	14	15	16 Chili & Soup	17 Taco Salad	18 Philly Cheese Steak Subs	19 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE @ 6:00 LODGE OPEN @4:30
20	21	22	23 Chili & Soup	24 <u>CLOSED</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u>	25 <u>CLOSED</u>	26
27	28	29	30 Chili & Soup			