



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

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I want to start out by saying how proud I am to be a Flat Rock Elk. This past Sunday we held our annual Thanksgiving dinner for Veterans. I was filled with gratitude by the support that was given by members of this lodge. Dinner was ready and served to our guests, which was numbered around 100. Shots were drank in honor of veterans that have passed, a musical rendition of Hallelujah was played and sang by PER Jim Elaman, and a medal was given to all the veterans in attendance. Following the dinner, a flag retirement ceremony took place outside and 53 flags were given their retirement by fire. As a veteran myself, this day left a special place in my heart and the outgoing support and dedication to this event has assured me that this will continue. A special thank you goes out to our Veteran Chairman Ken Cesta. This incredible event would not have been possible without his dedication to Veterans.

**Exalted Ruler
Pat Strickland**

Secretary Message

Fall has arrived and the cold with it. I want to thank everyone who purchased Gun Raffle Tickets to support the lodge. It was a huge success. Congratulations to all the winners. Don't miss out on the next one. If you're one of the 47 delinquents, please stop down to the lodge and pay your dues. You're missing out on all the good the lodge has to offer. If you have any changes to your information, please contact me at lodge or email Elks1731@hotmail.com

Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel

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VETERAN'S DINNER



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NO KID WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS GOLF OUTING

Thank You from No Kids without a Christmas

We would like to say Thanks to everyone involved in the No Kid without a Christmas Golf Event. We would like to thank all 140 golfers, our 84 hole sponsors, and all the volunteers we had at the golf course and back at the Lodge. This was a very successful outing. We raised over \$13,000 and we will be taking between 40 and 50 children shopping this year. Our goal was to be able to help out 40 kids, well we blew that right out of the park. The day started out a bit chilly, but with some great Boy Scout ingenuity we were able to get a little fire started as a warming station for all those that stopped for a hot dog. Party hole 7 was a great success. We are already making plans to make the party hole much more fun and a comfortable place to stop next year. The wheels are in motion to collect the truly needy kids to shop. We are looking at kids from Flat Rock, Huron and the Woodhaven school districts. We are offering some of our biggest donors a chance to shop this year. We will be putting a minimum of 5 spots up for raffle down at the lodge this year. Tickets will be \$5.00 per chance. All the proceeds from the raffle will be added to our shopping account. Shopping day is December 7th at Meijer's again. Meijer's has again given us \$250 in gift cards to be used during the event. We will again have our own special check-out lane for our kids. Last year Meijer's made the check-out process an exciting event with cookies, candies and a great set of elf's checking our kids out. We need to thank Wesburn Golf and Country Club for their participation and hospitality. They go above and beyond to make sure our group has a good time.

Plans are already in the works for next year. We have not set a goal for next year yet, but we are hoping to make it bigger and better. This event is growing every year and we appreciate everyone that has been involved. We hope to see all our participants from this year back again next year. Once again thanks to all and Happy Holidays.



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2019 No Kid Without a Christmas Hole Sponsor's



Luke Wooten
Barry Fawley
Kim & Vern Sorenson
John & Donna Cecil
Bob Brehmer
Bill & Sharon Stanifer
Justin Aikey Family
Bruce Newboles Family
Steve & Terri Przyblo
Pat Coleman
Elkady's
Baby Beats CHD Awareness
The Peraino Family
Mark Bates
Vets from Elks Picnic
Gwen & Mike
Steve & Sandy Blanchette
Mike Moffitt
Orin & Kim Minnesota Vikings
Rollin & Brenda Masserant
Richard & Debbie Konarska
Sally Steffen
A & K Construction
Sammy's Pizza
In Memory of Jeff Coleman
Monroe Dodge Chrysler Jeep (x2)
Dave & Brenda Topolewski
Yvonne Brehmer
Ronnie & Shelly Reichlin
Todd, Wendy, Jeff & Hillery
Brad & Gina Schoen
Flat Rock Elks (x2)
Elks PER's
Ilene Messer & Bill Mascaro
Joe Bellino State Representative
The Evelyn Grace Foundation
Chris, Julie, Max & Roman Bogoski
The Sjoberg Family
Jamie & Lisa Porter
The Steffen Family
Bob & Corrie Hale

Tim & Claudia Doyle
Diane Welch
Masserant's Feed & Grain
Dee's Nuts
Ken & Kathy Cesta
Jill & Bob Cousino
Bob Demyan Family
Frank & Joanne Allevato
Pete's Garage
Melinda Ostrander & Gordon Lewis
Tom & Debbie Upton Family
Louie & Rubye Leitao
Flat Rock Elks PDGER's
Lennie & Kim Jacosky
T-N-C Corp
Vamp Company
The Elamon Family
Scott "Lucious" Martel
Gary & Yvonne Peterson
S&S Hydroseeding
Marvaso's Greenhouse
Danny & Susie Gaynier Carpet Cleaning
Darrel Spalding
The Sliz Family
The Brey Family
Michael's On The River
Brenda Jones Family
Wooten Family
Combined Trucking
The Byrne Family
Danny's Fine Foods Monroe
The Recker Family
Mike & Deb Wrobel
Flat Rock Metal
Gene & Ginger Schoen
Mike Blosser Family
Jake From State Farm (Jake Hunt)
Paul & Sue Robinson
Dennis & Becky Burke
Remer Construction (x2)

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Sorry can't picture all 140 Golfers. "What a Day!"



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Leading Knight-Jennifer Click

Members All,

I must first say I hope you have had a wonderful Fall as we are now falling into the colder weather so stay warm. I have had wonderful opportunities this year with many events. We had 365 Golf Outing which started out well with good Weather, then turned into a storm.

I must say **Thank You** to all who sponsored Holes, donated baskets, cooked steaks, and many more things done on this day, especially, those that gave their time to Volunteer. Also, **Thank You** to our golfers who came out and got rained on, but, decided to stay for dinner.

This past month of October, myself along with many Members had the opportunity to Sponsor Monroe ISD Education Center for Special Needs kids Halloween Carnival. What a great time it was to see the many smiles along with costumes. Each year we have Young Adults come from Jefferson High School, most years we have maybe 12-15 students. This year they blew it away and 42 Young Adults came with Teacher Jerry Dyson. Unbelievable! These kids help by either face painting, pushing wheel chairs, passing candy out, or walking down the halls with these kids. Flat Rocks Elks provides them a lunch of Pizza and Pop. Please check out the photo.

Our Memorial Service is December 1st to remember our past members. To All Members who have lost a Family Member or Friend my thoughts and prayers are with you.

January is a big month for our Lodge. We are getting ready to have our 365 Dinner on January 18, 2020. I am looking for your help in many ways: donations, baskets and help working on this event. Please call me at 734-771-3943. A flyer will be out soon. See you down at the Lodge, be safe and stay warm.

The Real Drag Queens of Bingo did it again!

It was clear that it was a night where everyone was able to step away from the daily grind for a few hours and allow themselves to just plain "have fun". I saw lots of smiles as people were having pictures taken with the Queens after the show and comments that they WILL be watching for news of the next performance.

Entertainment Chairperson - Brenda Scicluna



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Lodge Activities

Entertainment Chairperson - Brenda Scicluna

On Friday the 13th we had a Murder Mystery, Death of a Gangster. The hall was decorated with a prohibition era theme, with the stage set up as a photo booth with props. It was great to see so many people decked out in their costumes! Jerry Baggett won the tough guy award since he was packin' heat. We certainly had some laughs! Kudos to Park Place on the great food!

Thursday, September 26th we had another Milk Can Dinner. Chuck Gregoire and his helpers did a great job. The smell as you came through the parking lot was amazing!



Sunday, September 29th was our bus trip to Firekeepers Casino. There were 40 in attendance and most came home lucky winners! What a great trip this was! We are already looking forward to offering this again next September.

Thursday, October 17th we hosted medium Sirena La Point from Toledo. She made many connections and wow, it was fascinating to listen to the details she was able to offer about the departed loved ones. Most of the connections were spot-on!

Next up – New Year's Eve – plans are set for a night of great food, great music and dancing our way into 2020. See the attached flyer for more information.



Jerry Baggett



Pop's Corner



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CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

On October 27th we had our Children's Halloween Party. We had a lot of kids attend and they had a blast. They were able to do crafts and play around with the other kids. All of the kids participated in a costume contest which was nice to see how they all dressed. After the costume contest they were able to go trick or treating around the room and get as much candy as they could get. We also raffled off 4 water park passes and a kid's kindle. I wanted to thank everyone who was able to donate whether it was food or candy and thank those who came to help with the event. I would also like to thank Paul Robinson for bringing his own candy to give to the kids. We hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party on December 21st.

Lecturing Knight

Marissa Strickland



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Members All:



I hope everyone is having a great Fall and enjoying the "Early Winter ". I would like to truly thank Trustee and PER Jeff Recker and his wife Micki for stepping up and organizing this years annual ENF Elks National Foundation event. After successfully serving for over 10 years as our Lodge chairperson Jeff stepped aside at the end of the last Elk Year. During this time, we were always very successful in meeting or beating our ENF per capita requirements. Because of his efforts we have been able to qualify for so many of the Grants that make all our communities a better place and his leadership on this has been tremendous. Unfortunately, no member has stepped up to serve as our Lodges ENF chairperson this year. Jeff seeing a need once again put his full efforts into making it a successful event. This will not be the case in the future so when you see Jeff and Micki thank them for their service as it has benefitted Elksdom more than you probably realize. I would also like to thank the Kitchen crew that worked on all the scratch made German fare and setup and served and cleaned afterwards. 135 members and guests came and enjoyed the event and the music of Frankenmuth's "Polka Riot ". The annual beer raffle was a great hit and is sure to be enjoyed by the winner! In addition to it being a great evening over \$1,500 was raised. The events that we have at the lodge are a tremendous value and a great way to enjoy yourselves with friends and family. A similar meal at one of Frankenmuth's restaurants would cost \$28.00 without entertainment, charitable giving, or the very reasonable and generous drink prices. Thanks to all those that volunteered, donated, and attended. Hope to see you at the lodge soon. As always, I encourage you to be active in your Lodge. Time, Talent, Money are essential to keeping our communities and 675 Lodge members strong. It does not happen on its own. Ask yourself what you can do to make the world a better place?

Happy Holidays,
Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Click: Trustee, PER



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45TH WILD GAME DINNER

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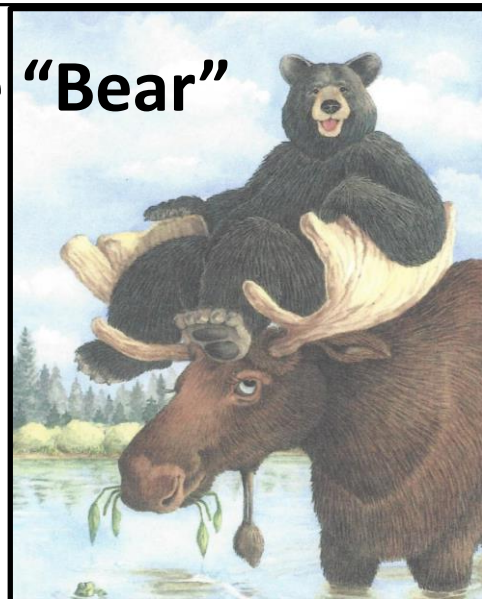
Message from the "Bear"

The 24th Annual Wild Game Dinner is coming up on January 26, 2020.

We need donations of any kind of wild game: Deer, Ducks, Goose, Rabbits, Squirrels, Fish & whatever.

We will also take any last years leftovers to help you have room in your freezer. **Contact Bernie Schaller at 734-552-1411.**

We trade for admission tickets as to how much you donate. Let Bernie know if you want to help in the kitchen, we start on Friday January 24th.



Message about "Deer Hides"

We would like to thank everyone over the years who donated their deer hides to the Elks for the Veterans program.

Unfortunately we will **NO** longer be accepting the deer hides.

Thanks again.
Bob Cousino (PER)

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CAUTION

**DEER HIDES
NO LONGER
ACCEPTED**



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ELKADY'S PAGE



Elkady Officers: Kim – Kim – Gay – Corrie – Gwen - Lisa

Exciting things are happening with the Elkady's of Flat Rock Lodge 1731

December 7th we are hosting the annual Christmas Party with a "Decorate your own Table" Theme. Best table wins a prize. We are also holding the ever popular "White Elephant" Gift exchange which was a big hit at last year's party. A lot of gift "stealing" went on, with battles over some very unique items. \$5.00 entry fee (or a pink bank) and a dish to pass. Hope to see you all there.

December 15th The Elkadys will be hosting our Christmas Vendor and Craft show. Doors open at 10am. Come on down and see what the Vendors and Local Crafters have to offer to assist you in completing your Christmas List. Please help us to spread the word so we can make this a very successful event for all involved.

Have you ever wondered how to become an Elkady and what kind of time commitment is required?

Join us at our monthly meetings every 4th Wednesday of the month @ 7:30pm. Come in and see what we are all about. As far as commitment it can be whatever you want it to be. You can help out in the background by donating or simply helping out at an event or you can be all in. You can give as much or as little time as you wish. Everything is appreciated. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me or an officer for additional information. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Looking forward to a Joyus Holiday Season and a very Happy 2019!

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Dear fellow Elks of Lodge 1731:

There have been a lot of repairs and maintenance going on at the lodge that you may or may not realize have happened this year. It takes a great amount of dedication, time and money to do the things that need to be done to maintain our building. Please get involved in some way to make our lodge the best it can be. It is only as good as the people that are behind it.

Some of the things accomplished this year are:

- > Replace 15 ton air conditioner, 40 feet of duct work, repaint all ductwork. (Old unit was from 1967 and after 52 years of service needed to be replaced).
 - > Fix hole in the wall in kitchen (required per health inspector)
 - > Replaced 2 hot water tanks (Down stairs bar and bathrooms upstairs hall)
 - > New awnings front and rear (Construction will begin shortly)
 - > Deck power washed and stained
 - > Painted outside doors
 - > Professionally cleaned kitchen, duct work, ovens and deep cleaned kitchen
 - > Replaced exit signs and emergency lighting
 - > Replaced ramp at kitchen door
 - > Replaced beer cooler
 - > Shampooed carpet in hall
 - > Replaced all deck chairs with new ones
 - > Replaced thermostat on fryer
 - > Changed air and water filters throughout the building
 - > Repair of the wall at the front door
- (Special **"Thank You"** for those that did go the extra mile to donate, volunteer.)
We need to paint the outside of the building next spring, it is badly needed.
We hope to accomplish this project next year.

GET INVOLVED. Run a money making project for the club. Buy a ticket for a function. Make a donation. This club won't be around if our members are not involved. Your Membership Dues and drinks you buy at the bar do not begin to cover what it takes to run the lodge. There are many lodges failing mostly because of two issues. The first is letting building maintenance fall behind to the point when it's too expensive to make necessary repairs. The second is that members don't participate in events that do make money for the lodge. It's your choice as to what happens to your lodge. Be involved.



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OCTOBER GUN RAFFLE WINNERS

DATE	PRIZE	#	WINNER	SELLER
10/1/2019	Mossberg Model 930 Shotgun	075	DON ADAMS	
10/2/2019	S&g Sauer P365 9mm Pistol	594	JAMES GANALLIS	J. GANALLIS
10/3/2019	Savage Axis 6.5 CM Scope Package	184	EDWARD KOLE	
10/4/2019	Ruger 10/22 Package .22 LR	649	BRENDA PRIEST	BRIAN IWEN
10/5/2019	Ruger LCP II Pistol Package .380 ACP	804	RICH CLEMENTS	M. DOMINE
10/6/2019	Remington 870 Express 20 Gauge	515	ED ST BENARD	D GAYNIER
10/7/2019	\$400.00 Gift Card	487	TOM HARDER	T HARDER
10/8/2019	CVA Optima Black Powder Package	834	JIM WILCOX	
10/9/2019	Wicked Ridge Cross Bow	036	MIKE DUNLAP	M ZLATOS
10/10/2019	Stoeger Condor Longfowler 12 Gauge	291	JIM SCHAAAL	J SCHAAAL
10/11/2019	Benelli Nova Tactical Shotgun 12 Gauge	797	KATHY AMOLSCH	JILL
10/12/2019	Mossberg 500 .410	495	GWEN BRYANT	G. BRYANT
10/13/2019	Walther PK380 .380 ACP	779	TOMMY MILLER JR.	D. GAYNIER
10/14/2019	Savage 93R17 Bolt Action Rifle	261	DAN WHEELER	R. SCHOCK
10/15/2019	\$400.00 Gift Card	018	LARRY MACHINSKI	M. WROBLE
10/16/2019	Smith & Wesson M&P 22 .22LR	323	ZACH HOLLIS	K CESTA
10/17/2019	Ruger American Ranch .450 Bushmaster	065	BILL KOLPA	
10/18/2019	Traditions Vortek Strikerfire Muzzleloader	653	HOJNACKI	WROBLE
10/19/2019	Winchester XPR Compact .350 Legend	434	SCOTT MC LAUGHLIN	M ZLATOS
10/20/2019	Winchester SXP Waterfowler 12 Gauge	120	ERIC STEVENS	MIKKI DOMINE
10/21/2019	\$400.00 Gift Card	736	JAMES KIMBLE	BOB HALE
10/22/2019	Mossberg MC19C Subcompact Pistol 9mm	087	JEFF HICKEY	JERRY WARD
10/23/2019	CVA Scout .450 Bushmaster	861	JERRY SRIBNIAK	MARK WROBLE
10/24/2019	Ruger Security 9 Pistol 9mm	772	DAVE ROBINSON	PAUL ROBINSON
10/25/2019	Mossberg 500 Field/ Deer Combo	177	KRISTI PACE	DAVE ROBINSON
10/26/2019	Thompson Center Compass .22-250	900	CAROL WOROSZ	
10/27/2019	Stoeger M3000 Semi Auto 12 Gauge	059	KEITH WILHOITE	
10/28/2019	PSE Fang Crossbow	033	RON BONDRA	BILL BORDT
10/29/2019	Remington 870 Express 12 Gauge	503	JAY TALBOT	DON HARMENTER
10/30/2019	\$400.00 Gift Card	914	JOHN WODARSKI	
10/31/2019	F. LLI Pietta 1873 .45LC	228	DONNA KERR	KEN

Thank you to all that helped sell tickets for this Gun Raffle. We would like to see more people help with sales of these tickets. We need to have more volunteers to stepup, without your help the April 2020 Gun Raffle may be in jeopardy. These Gun Raffles have produced over 45k in the past 3 years, much needed to help with repairs and daily operation of your Flat Rock Elks Club.

Thanks Gun Raffle Guys

Lodge Master Gardener grows a Triple!



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