

The Calumet Lodge is one of the oldest of Michigan's seventy-one Elk Temples. This Lodge is now eighty years old, and this is the thirtieth year for the Lady Elks. When the Lodge was first started, the lodge rooms were located in what was then the Gately-Wiggins building on Sixth Street in Calumet.

The Calumet Elks Lodge 404 was organized on December 28th, 1897, and the first officers took their posts on January 5th, 1898. The first Exalted Ruler was O. J. Larson, with Herman C. Guck the Est. Leading Knight, W. J. MacDonald the Est. Loyal Knight, and J. D. Cuddihy the Est. Lecturing Knight. M. L. Effinger was elected Secretary; George H. Petermann, Tiler; A. A. Miller, Treasurer; Henry J. Vivian, Chaplain; John. F. Foley, Esquire; and M. J. Harrington, Inside Guard. W. S. Whisler was the organist, and Fred Roehm, John Knivel, and John Vertin were Trustees.

The institution of the Lodge took place on January 5th, 1898, with Grand Secretary Reynolds of Grand Rapids being in charge. He was assisted by Robert Lake of Saginaw and by a team from the Hancock Lodge. The Hancock team came to Calumet by a special train, arriving that morning shortly before 8 a.m. The members of the newly organized Calumet Lodge met at the Odd Fellow's Hall and, headed by the Red Jacket band, marched to the depot where they met the members from Hancock. The procession then formed and marched to the hall again where the institution took place. The band played "There Will Be A Hot Time In The Old Town," and there *was* before the night was over.

There were twenty-five members in the new Calumet Lodge, and it was reported that the Hancock team understood the ritual work and had every point down to perfection. After the ritual was completed