



Grand Rapids Michigan Lodge #48

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February 2012

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Lodge Officers and Contact Info

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Diane Dusendang*453-3474

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Trustee: Greg Porter*813-9635

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Dear Members – welcome to February! We often think of January as the month where we catch our breath after the hectic holiday season - so have you caught your breath? Elks Lodge 48 had a busy month which always includes lots of fun. One of those events was a 20 year old tradition: our annual Chili Cook Off! 14 teams came prepared to win, and a good time was had by all! The chili was excellent,

the beer was cold, the fun was contagious and 3 teams emerged as the winners! Check out the teams and the party at our webpage! Many thanks to co-chairs Dave Abraham and Bill Quinn for all their hard work, Sue Murtland in the office for helping coordinate the sign up, Don and Jeanne Freybler for the beautiful trophies and Don's cheerleading for sign-ups, Betty Lampani for jumping through all the hoops to get our day license, Mike Raymond for setup as well as leading the team that day, and of course YOU the members for coming out and participating, whether as a team or a taster! Every event has so many people involved that help make it a success – so THANK YOU to each of you who helped make it happen!

In looking at the calendar for the next 3 months, we're in from some more great traditions...some newer, some old. I hope you'll take time to participate or volunteer in all of them! Each of these events are terrific, and if you attend, you are certain to enjoy yourself!

This month, nominations of Officers for the upcoming 2012/2013 Lodge year will take place at our February 14th Lodge meeting. If you are interested in being a part of the Officer Team – please don't be shy! The election of Officers will take place.... *continued on page 2*

Hot Dates for February!

Feb 4 - Clean up day! 11:00 AM until? * Feb 5 - Superbowl Sunday!! 3:00 Potluck, bring a dish to pass, drink specials! * Feb 26th 11:30 AM - Daytona 500 Party! Dress A Dog available! Drink Specials *

Full Event Calendar listed on the back page!

Do you have your Elks Big Buck Calendar YET?

Don't miss out on these calendars that can win you \$\$! How??? The cost for the calendars are \$11.00 each.... How....?

Well, attached to each calendar is a number....when you fill out the form and send it in, you are automatically entered into the Michigan Elks State Raffle with a chance to win 6 days a week!

Each day, Monday through Friday, the Michigan State Lottery draws a four-digit number (Evening Drawing only). If YOUR number matches the one drawn that day (straight only) YOU ARE A WINNER!

Monday - Friday - \$50.00

Saturday - \$300.00

To purchase YOUR Calendar....contact the office, stop in the Club....and pick up a few! Calendars are \$11.00 each!



From The Lanes

Congrats to Ryan Ross with the Elks first 300 game this season! Congrats to Randy Ford for winning the 4 game sweeper Jan 14th! Also cashing were Jim DeBoer, Don Welch and Dan Kozak! We will be having another tourney coming up soon! Check out our open bowling special from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm Sundays - 3 games for \$5.00. Call to reserve your spot today!

Jim DeBoer 616-453-2451 ext 210.

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at our Lodge meeting on February 28th. If there is more than one nomination for a particular position, a ballot election will be held. Each elected position: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Tiler, Secretary, Treasurer require an annual nomination and election. The Trustee positions are for 5 year terms, and so each year, 1 position opens up as a 5 year term comes to an end. All other positions (Esquire, Chaplain, Inner Guard) are appointed by the Exalted Ruler, as are Committee Chairs. If you have an interest in running for any of these positions, or being a Committee Chair, please give me a call! I'll be happy to share with you all of the information you need to make a decision!

The culmination of our election process is the Annual Installation of Officers, which is scheduled for April 14th. We hope you will plan on attending this time honored tradition, filled with beautiful Ritual beginning at 5:00 PM. Find out who will be awarded Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Officer of the Year! In addition, I have a few other special awards that will be added to the event. Look for more information to follow!

For 10 months now, I've been inviting you to participate in your Lodge. Thank you for doing just that! I'm thrilled on behalf of our Lodge for your participation and in helping our Lodge to grow. I hope to see you at the Club and in a Lodge meeting! – not only do we have fun, but we share the camaraderie of Elkdom as we work together to build our Lodge. Each member is important piece to our success.

Fraternally yours,

Diane Dusendang
Exalted Ruler

Chili Cook Off Winners!

1st Place: The Freybler 40 Chili Team of Steve "Riley" Freybler, Brandon Freybler and Scott Staskiewicz.

2nd Place: Carl Weny and Mike Margelis

3rd Place: Flying By The Seat of our Pants Team of Dave Dusendang, Diane Dusendang and Meredith Vasquez

Best in Show: 1st Place Joe Zickus - Touchdown Chili Team

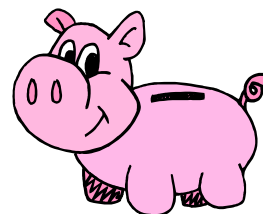
2nd Place: Flying By The Seat of our Pants!

Congratulations to *everyone* for participating!

Daytona 500 Party! February 26th

This event just gets better every year! Race cars are available for sale beginning at 11:30, and are limited to 1 person per car – and you must be present to purchase. If there are remaining cars, a second round will be sold at 12:30. We'll have Dress A Dog (with all the fixin's), pudding shots, 50/50's, drink specials....so c'mon down and START YOUR EN-

It's PURPLE PIG ITALIAN DINNER TIME!!!!!! On March 24th, we'll hold our 2nd annual Purple Pig Italian Dinner – and we're making it bigger and better than last year (which was phenomenal!). Let's all show our support for Michigan Major Projects by making this year's dinner over the top! Silent Auction, Raffle Boards, homemade spaghetti and meatball dinner, music and dancing. Tickets go on sale in February and remain the same as last year: \$10.00 per person! You can purchase your tickets beginning February 15th at the bar or by contacting ER Diane Dusendang. Tables of 8 or more can reserve!



Scholarship Information

I would like to thank or ER Diane Dusendang, Trustee Rick Cross, Secretary Mike Lampani, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Meredith Vasquez for volunteering to help judge the 19 applications that were presented this year. Looking through the applications and reading the essays has only reinforced my faith and judgment of our young people these days. What tremendous thought, giving and determination they have as they continue on their journey into adulthood. Thank You, Sue Murtland, ENF Scholarship Chair

Lodge Clean Up and Fix-It Day!

Want to help make our Lodge look even spiffier? Then please sign up (sheet is located on the bulletin board) and come out and help us on February 4th! If you are a good cleaner, painter, woodworker, can change out a light fixture, whatever your talent is, we can use you! This will be a day of work, but a lot of fun as well as a chance to get some necessary things done to make our Lodge SHINE!! Questions? Contact ER Diane Dusendang....453-3474 For those unable to "work" - we're planning a potluck that day, so bring a dish to pass and have some fun at the Lodge!

GOLD KEY

Thank you to the following wonderful Elks who have contributed to our Gold Key program! All it takes is a few quarters in the books on the tables. To date, the following have been supporters of our program for special needs college age students:



Paul A Smith
Tom Stribley
Terry Brown
Steve Freybler
Don Larson
Nick Ronan
Steve Kosten (2)

Betty Lampani (2)
Lee Host
Leo Wisniewski
Norm Hudson
Mike Lampani
Dave Raymond
Anonymous (2)

Employee



Euchre Sunday's! Euchre is in full swing! Join your fellow Elks on **Sundays-3pm**, Club48. \$5 to play; \$1 additional to do the poker hand from your score card – top 3 places plus poker winners paid out. No partner? **NO WORRIES!** - we rotate players so that everyone is in a mix, which adds to the fun. Come and join us! If you have any questions, call Vikki Guiles @ 745-1234. Want to learn? We'll help!



Attention Snowbirds! Please call the office (or email to office48@grandrapidelks.org) and let us know your name, date of departure and return and your winter address, so that we can make sure you continue to receive your newsletters! As always, you can opt out of the mailed version and receive your newsletters via email! Thank you for helping us!

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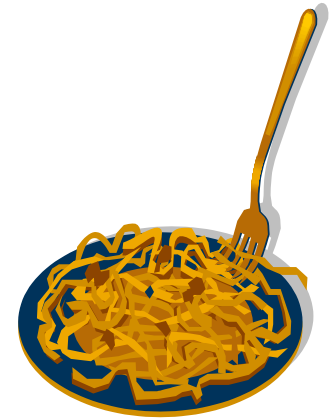
Membership and Lapsation

Do you know of a lapsed member who might need an invitation to return? I'll help make a call! Betty Lampani, Membership Chair -616 - 862-2740

Club48 News

Mark your calendars for February 27th - Lodge Dinner prepared by Mike Raymond!

Mike's famous Italian Sausage and Pasta Dinner! No reservations necessary! Salad and roll included: \$6.00 per person!



Wine Specials will be available!

2012 - 2013 Dues Time!

You will be receiving your dues invoice shortly! Just a reminder that all dues must be paid prior to April 1st. Please be sure to review the form that is enclosed with your mailing carefully and **take a minute to update any email or address information**. Also, the form will contain donations that can be made once a year to MMP, ENF, our (new) Lodge Fund (to help with small requests from members and the community - all with Lodge Floor approval!) and of course the Philanthropy Fund. Your help in getting your dues paid promptly is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact Lodge Secretary, Mike Lampani!

Start your ENGINES!!! It's time for Daytona!

February 26th!

**Race car purchases (1 per person) begin
selling at 11:30!**

**If available, round 2 of race car selling will
begin at 12:30.**

You MUST be present to purchase a car!

**Our world famous Dress A Dogs with full
topping bar will be available for purchase!**

**Bring an appetizer to pass, enjoy drink spe-
cial (of course), pudding shots, 50/50's and
a lot of fun!**

See you on race day!



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Upcoming Events & Activities:

- Feb 4 - Lodge Cleanup day 11AM
- Feb 5 - Superbowl Party 3PM - ?
- Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 - Euchre, 3:00 PM
- Feb 13 - Taco Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- Feb 14 - BOG 6:00 PM, Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 26 - Daytona 500 Party 11:30 AM - ?
- Feb 27 - Lodge Dinner 5:30 PM
- Feb 28 - BOG 6:00 PM, Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

Save the DATE: March 24th Purple Pig Italian Dinner!

Save the DATE: April 14th Installation of Officers - 5PM