



Grand Rapids Michigan Lodge #48

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Elks Care - Elks Share

November 2011



Dear Members:



We are entering into that perpetually busy time of year! While our personal calendars begin to fill up, I hope you will take a moment to save some dates for some upcoming events at the Lodge! The Social Committee has been hard at work and I hope that you will find the time to join in, visit with friends and share in the holiday spirit at the Club! Additionally, our Community Outreach programs are also going to flex their muscles (Hoop Shoot, St. John's Home Giving Tree, St. John's Home Bowling, Veterans Luncheon) as well as our annual Elks Memorial Service in December, just to name a few.

Grand Rapids Elks Lodge 48 has seen many changes. Some have been painful, others joyous. But, the truth is, if we aren't changing....we're standing still! I've given a lot of thought to some of our traditions, and one of the things that keeps me up at night, is how we adapt, evolve, change! The truth is pretty simple, we ARE different than we were a few years ago – our membership numbers and our "home" within the building are two pretty big factors. Now, please don't for one moment look at this as complaining – because it isn't! I'm very proud of where we are and what we've accomplished together! But as we continue to become the Elks Lodge we intend to be, some "changes" will happen!

A case in point, is the Mistletoe Ball. This grand event was THE must attend event of the year....many of you will remember waiting in line for tickets, which sold out in a matter of minutes! Back then, we had the luxury of our own kitchen, large staff, gorgeous dining room – all the amenities to hold such a beautiful ball! The Social Committee worked very hard last year to get the ball rolling and recreate that event for our members. Frankly, those that attended were treated to a beautiful evening, but our attendance was low. I kept asking myself "why"? The Committee did everything right! I may be wrong....but maybe, just maybe, we're trying to replicate something that we just can't anymore. Are we just doing something "because we've always done it"? I am going out on a limb here and suggesting that maybe we need to be who we are, and stop trying to be what we were. What we are, is a GREAT Elks Lodge who's members do a lot of wonderful work in our community, and who also like to have fun while we do it!

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Hot Dates for November!

November 2 - Knights Night Trivia Throwdown 6:00 PM cocktails and complimentary nibbles, **Trivia @ 6:30 PM**

November 10 - Sit Back and Relax night - delicious dinner for donation to the Lodge **5:30 - 8:30 PM!**

November 12 - Veterans Lunch 12:00 PM followed by Bingo for our Veterans! Volunteers willing to serve our Vets - please contact Diane Dusendang - lots of ways to volunteer for this awesome event!

November 14 - 6:00 PM - Margarita's for Senorita's Taco Night and special drink specials for all the lady's (and gents) who aren't leaving for hunting! Gift Basket raffles and FUN! **Full Event Calendar listed on the back page!**

Daisy Chain



A **Daisy Chain Memorial Service** will be held November 8th at 6 p.m. to honor our departed sisters. We will be honoring Life Time member. Louella "Lou" Cyranoski who passed away in May.

There will be a Anniversary Dinner celebrating Daisy Chain's 100 years at 6:45 the same evening. Active past presidents and active Daisy's of the Year will be honored. Contact the office to make a reservation.

2012 Entertainment Books are here!! They are available at the Lodge Office during normal business hours or by contacting Linda Way. Remember, the coupons and savings can be used immediately. Save lots of dollars and only spend **\$25 per book!!** This is the main fundraiser for Daisy Chain, so please help us out. They are selling fast, - - pick yours up today. Great wedding, birthday or early Christmas gifts.

Remember, Daisy Chain is always collecting shampoos, tooth paste, lotion, soap, etc that you get from hotels. We distribute to the less fortunate. Please help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8, 2011 6 p.m. Memorial Service

SICK OR SHUT IN (H= Home, RH= Retirement Home, NH=Nursing Home, HL=Hospital)

Irma Hedgepeth (72) H

301 Woodside Drive N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

If anyone has any knowledge of a Daisy Chain member who is ill, hospitalized, convalescing or has passed away, PLEASE contact the Sunshine Committee: Helen Puplis (95) 784-0574.

Any Daisy Chain news for the Elks Newsletter, for Sick and Shut-In or Entertainment Books, contact Linda Way (89) 677-3178 or perfectway@charter.net

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So – save the date (December 10th!) and buy your tickets for a fresh, new, fun approach to a Christmas Party.....we'll be releasing some of the fun and details over the course of November via email blasts and flyers throughout the Lodge.....look for a new name, a new twist, a beautifully decorated party, fantastic food, dancing....all of that for sure, but we're creating a new tradition for our Lodge to reflect where we are now: growing, fun, community centered, benevolent, caring and relevant! Let's make this a SUCCESSFUL night with GR~8~T participation!

I've got a few "elves" that are in on all the planning.....you'll notice them: they have mischievous smiles, a snowflake and a funny saying.....and our goal is to make our event the party you will want to attend! We're putting in the extra effort, and we hope you'll join us and make December 10th a memory and a tradition! Tickets go on sale November 11th!

On a somber note, I hope you will join in on the planning of a benefit for the family of Walker Police Officer Trevor Slot, who was killed in the line of duty on October 13th. The Grand Rapids Elks Lodge 48 is in the process of planning this benefit and we encourage your participation and ask for your help as we come together to offer our support for Officer Slot's family, as well as the Walker Police Department family. All hands on deck are needed to make this benefit a success. Contact me via email, phone or when you see me at the Lodge if you are willing to help in whatever way.

Finally, I encourage you to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I offer each of you my heartfelt wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving with those you love.

Fraternally yours,

Diane Dusendang
Exalted Ruler, Lodge 48

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St. John's Home Giving Tree

Join us on **November 23rd** at **7:00 PM** in Club48, as we have the lighting of the Christmas tree which will be decorated with gift wishes from the children of St. John's Home. This is our third year of participation with this event...and the generosity of Grand Rapids Elks 48 is always overwhelming! This Lodge shows that Elks Care ~ Elks Share!

Our Giving Tree drive officially kicks off that evening - so pick up some tags and return the unwrapped gifts to the Lodge for delivery in December. There will be a donation drop off- box located in Club48. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Elks National Home - Elkdom's Treasure

Are you familiar with The Elks National Home, located in Bedford, VA? If not, we urge you to check out the website at www.elkshome.org You will find out all about the Home and it's amenities that are available to all Elks as they look forward to retirement. The home is also seeking to raise awareness along with Elks member participation in supporting the home by making a tax deductible donation. Please check out the website!

Scholarship Information

Have a Senior High Student? Then don't forget the Elks Legacy Scholarships that are available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. We also have scholarships for all other students in our area, as well as Gold Key Scholarships for special needs students. Watch for an upcoming date for Seniors wanting help in filling out their scholarship applications! We're here to help!

For more information contact Call Scholarship Chair Sue Murtland at the Lodge office
(616) 453-2451 x210 or email at
office48@grandrapidselks.org

St. John's Kids Bowling Party Fundraiser

We're gearing up for our annual bowling party for the kids at St. John's Home! We are able to host the kids for a FUN afternoon of bowling, fellowship, laughs, treats and lunch by the generous donations of our members and friends! Look to purchase a "bowling pin" from your bartender or server! 100% of the proceeds pays for this event! Thank you in advance for purchasing a pin and helping to make this event a success for the kids!

Club 48 – What's Happening!

Club 48 is gearing up with a new menu coming soon and some great events to warm us up for the holiday season. On **Nov 14th** we will host *Margaritas for Senoritas* on Taco night. Margaritas and Sangria specials with our delicious tacos and all the fixin's from **5:30pm-8pm**, plus special gift basket raffles!

Also coming up in November SOUP THROWDOWN!! Bring a crockpot of your best soup to share on **November 28th**, the club will provide the rolls and butter. If you aren't into making soup, feel free to bring a salad or dessert! In any event, come on down to our second annual Soup Night and share your delicious recipe and enjoy all the other wonderful soups and see who's the best cook in the lodge! As always, the games are always on, so join us to watch all the sporting events on the big screen and enjoy your favorite beverage and good friends at Club48!

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! It's that time of year when folks prepare to leave for warmer climates! Please call the office (or email to office48@grandrapidselks.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

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Michigan Major Project UPDATE!!

Purple Pigs need feeding! Don't forget to return your Purple Pigs (once they are fat and happy!). I'm pleased to announce that a few brave members have signed up for the Turkey Dip being hosted by the Grand Haven Lodge this year to raise \$\$\$ for MMP by taking a dip in the lake on Saturday, **November 26th!** Please consider pledging to Leading Knight Norman Hudson, member Jacob Vasquez and member Nick Ronan (who knows....maybe more?) for this wonderful fundraiser! Their collective goal is to exceed \$800 for MMP! Members are welcome to join everyone at the Grand Haven Lodge prior to the "dip" and enjoy watching the dippers gain their liquid courage, view the dip and come back to the Grand Haven Lodge for food, tall tale telling and a lot of fun! Bring your camera's and video recorders! For more information, please see Diane Dusendang!

The Purple Pig Italian Dinner is approaching! I'm once again looking to our talented artists, hoping you will consider sharing an item for our silent auction. Not crafty? No problem! We welcome gift baskets, items for inclusion in a gift basket (i.e. gift certificates). Last year, we had over 100 people in attendance and made a record amount of \$ for MMP. Our BIG, HAIRY, AUDACIOUS GOAL is to reach 150 members and guests in attendance! We CAN do it for these very deserving kids!
Diane Dusendang, MMP Chair

ENF - Elks National Foundation

Don't forget....donations to ENF can be made directly on the Elks National Website: www.elks.org

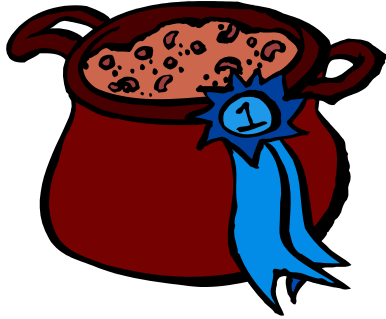
Membership and Lapsation

14 new members and 2 on deck!! Let's pat ourselves on the back! 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

November is Veterans Remembrance Month

As long as there are Veterans.....Elks will never forget.

To honor our Veterans, we will be hosting a luncheon for many of our Veterans at our Lodge on **November 12th** at noon, followed by a few rousing games of bingo! If you would like to join in to help in SERVING these wonderful hero's - we've got plenty of jobs! Please contact ER Diane Dusendang (contact info within this newsletter!)



**ELKS LODGE #48
ANNUAL
CHILI COOK OFF**

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Deadline for team reservations - **Jan 15, 2012**

Preparation time - **11:00 am**

(Use of commercial ingredients only)

Cook-off time - **12:00 pm**

Tasting - **3:00 pm**

Entertainment - **2:00 - 5:00pm**

By Jack Ward

\$25.00 per team - **ELK MEMBERS ONLY**

Call the Lodge office (453-2451 x210) with your team reservation & you will receive a table number. Please do not come the night before & put your cooking equipment on your table.

Thank you,
Dave Abraham, Chairman
Bill Quinn, Co-Chairman

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Upcoming Events & Activities:

- **Nov 2** - Knights Night/Trivia Throwdown 6:00 PM (complimentary nibbles) and Trivia at 6:30 PM
- **Nov 8** - BOG meeting 6:00 PM, Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM
- **Nov 10** - Sit Back & Relax 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (dinner - for donation to the Lodge)
- **Nov 12** - Host the Veterans for Lunch and Bingo at noon - volunteers needed!
- **Nov 14** - Margaritas for Senioritas Club48/ gift basket raffle, Taco Night, drink specials for margaritas and sangria!
- **Nov 22** - BOG meeting 6:00 PM, Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM
- **Nov 23** - Tree Lighting for St. John's Home Giving Tree - Club48
- **Nov 24** - Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Nov 28** - Soup Potluck! Bring a crockpot of soup to share 5:30 PM!

Dec 10 - White Christmas Dance

Jan 14, 2012 Chili Cook-Off