



**Grand Rapids Michigan Lodge #48**

Established 1886

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

September 2011 Lodge Bulletin

# **BIG EVENTS COMING to YOUR LODGE**

## **BOWLING**

### **Pulaski Day Rehearsal Party**

### **Lodge Golf Outing**

See details in this newsletter and on our web site

[www.grandrapidselks.org](http://www.grandrapidselks.org)

#### **BOWLING NEWS**

The Bowling Season is here and what a treat we have for you! We have washed and dried, cleaned and shined, dusted and polished, scrubbed and buffed, sanded and smoothed. And the lanes have been stripped and oiled, leaving a smooth even line. This is all for you the bowler. Please come and try it out -

**FREE open bowling August 29 & 31, 5-8pm.**

Leagues are starting up the week of Labor Day. There are openings in all leagues, whether men's, ladies or mixed doubles. A new children's league is starting

Saturday, September 10. Are you a senior or retiree looking for something to do during the day? Come to bowl in the afternoons. If you have a full league for late night, every other Tuesday or all Monday evenings, call the lodge and we will help you get started.



#### **A new beginning.....**

On August 8, 2011, I received Executive Order No. 11-017 from David R. Carr, Grand Exalted Ruler, dissolving and terminating the Operating Committee and their duties as it relates to Lodge 48! I report this good news

with gratitude and thanks to all of the many Officers, Trustees and Members who worked so hard to make this a reality.

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#### **Bowling Machine Update**

The plan is that the bowling machine refurbishment project will be completed by Monday, August 22.



### Lodge 48 Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for our annual golf outing sponsored by the officers of the Lodge, Saturday, Oct 15, 2011. Cost of \$70 per person (Discount for Highland Golf members) includes lunch ( brats & beer), dinner (steak fry) and golf. Four person scramble format, games and prizes. Several betting holes, 50/50s, skins and much more. Get your foursome together and join.

Entry forms are by the bulletin board, in the bar, or on our website at [www.grandrapidselks.org](http://www.grandrapidselks.org)

Volunteers, donated prizes and sponsoring a hole will be greatly appreciated. If you can help with the fun, please contact Sue Murtland at the Lodge office (616) 453-2451 x210

### Purple Pig Bank Donations for MMP

Norm Hudson 3

Sue Murtland

Leo and Marilyn Wisnewski 2

Terry Brown 2

Betty Lampani

James Hazewinkel

Nick Ronan

Beth and Tom Stribley

Anon - 2

Ron Larson

Paul Lindstrom -2

Walker Medical

### Donations to YOUR Lodge

We are pleased to report the donation of a new George Forman Grill to Club48 by an anonymous donor.



### Family Picnic

Was a big success.

Additional pictures on page 7.



### Cleaning Home & Office

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### *ER Message cont. from Page 1*

I am specifically choosing to not use this moment, or this newsletter to dwell on the past, but it goes without saying that we must acknowledge our mistakes so that we do not repeat them. What we do now is what will define us as Elks. We've accomplished a LOT over the past several months and should be proud as a membership of the direction we are headed. I've been thinking about the next step and where we go from here and I keep coming back to the same thing: membership (increasing and retaining!).

By virtue of our membership as Elks, we are all a member of the Membership Committee. You became a member because someone asked you. When is the last time you asked a friend, co-worker or family member to consider becoming a member? Have you thought lately about who you know that might enjoy being a part of our wonderful organization? Will you consider picking up a membership application or two and keep them with you so that when an opportunity arises, you are ready to ask someone to become a member? Do you know of an Elk that has allowed their membership to lapse? Have you considered reaching out to them and inviting them to come back? Now is the time! We're moving forward and have lots of momentum! This is an exciting time for our Lodge and I believe that anything is possible!

Another thought: just because we initiate a new member, we need to remember that we're not "done"....in fact, our job as Brothers and Sisters to our new members is just beginning! Let's all reach out and to each other (new and old) and make sure that we encourage our members to join in activities and programs! I know that personally, I can do a better job of this! How about you? With membership growth and retention we will become a more vibrant Lodge - one that is able to help our community and our Veterans in a way that will make a difference.

I truly believe that each small act of kindness travels a long journey, and we may never know the difference we make, but because of our efforts, we can be assured that we are touching someone's life in a positive way.

Many thanks to our members who came out and participated in the past months events! The Family Picnic, the Pancake Breakfast, Dress A Dog, Knights Night, the food drive for Family Haven, Lodge Dinner, Grill Night and more! Thank you to each of our chairmen, volunteers, and especially our members who helped to make each event so much fun! Stay tuned for even MORE NEW events, coming soon to Grand Rapids Elks Lodge No. 48! YOUR participation is KEY to the success of our Lodge!

Fraternally yours,

Diane Dusendang

Exalted Ruler

## Food Drive Update

Many thanks for the generous and wonderful donations to our food drive to benefit Family Haven. We did a GR~8~T job for our first ever (that I'm aware of?) food drive! The food for the food pantry was delivered on August 18. Just another way that the Grand Rapids Elks Lodge No. 48 proves that Elks Care ~ Elks Share.

## Contest!

I promised a "contest" while I was out in Phoenix and it's time to kick it off! I'm looking for a great, innovative "tag line" that our Lodge can use as we go out into the community - something that really helps define us as a Lodge and make people WANT to become a part of what we do. An example is: (stolen - well... "borrowed" from Brother Ted Hommert, Alameda CA Lodge 1015) *Welcome to the LIVE-LIEST LODGE IN ELKDOM...don't stand still, you might just get run over!* So - put your thinkin' caps on and come up with something creative. The deadline for submitting your tagline is September 30<sup>th</sup>! The selected winner will receive a gift certificate for \$25.00 provided by the ER for food or beverage at Club48! I am looking forward to giving out this award! Please submit your suggestion to Diane Dusendang either in writing or via email to

[exaltedruler@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:exaltedruler@grandrapidselks.org)

## **MEMBERSHIP PROPOSITIONS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>
David Arbanas		Reinstatement
Anthony Arbanas		Reinstatement
Mary Ester Arbanas		Reinstatement
Matthew J. Pickart	IT Manager Grand Rapids	Michael A.

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## Veterans News

The annual fishing trip with our Veterans took place on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 40 Veterans took to Lake Michigan for great fishing and a great day of fun, followed by burgers at the marina. Our many thanks to the Muskegon Elks Lodge, Terry Brown and Jim Smith for their generous gifts that allowed this tradition to take place! The date for the smoked fish luncheon has not been set at the writing of this newsletter - but if you would like to help serve our Veterans lunch, please contact Diane Dusendang and watch for more details in our email blast.

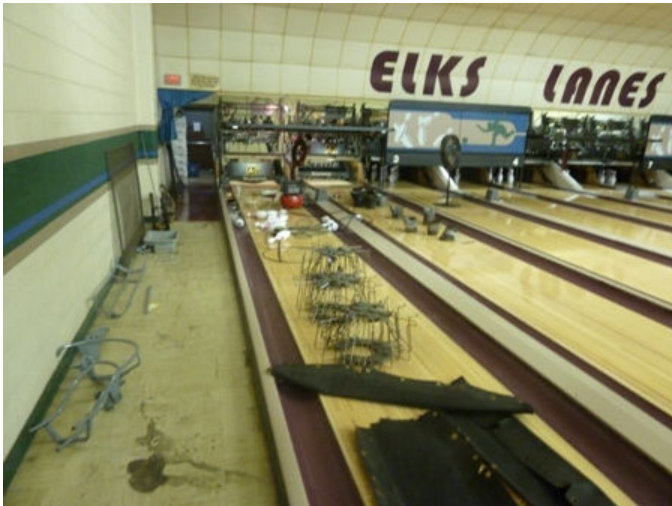
## Meetings and Convention!

September 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM, the Northwest District (of which our Lodge is a member) will meet with the other Lodges for our fall District meeting. This will be held at the Traverse City Elks Lodge and all members are encouraged to attend! This is a one day event - at 10:00 AM we will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> "informal" Membership Meeting (Grand Rapids Lodge hosted the first one on July 10<sup>th</sup>), followed by lunch (donation) and the District Meeting at 12:00. This meeting will wrap up by approximately 2:00 PM. There is no RSVP necessary - and if you have ANY questions about these meeting, please contact ER Diane Dusendang for more information.

The Michigan Elks Fall Convention is being held October 20 - 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Sault St. Marie Michigan at the Kewadin Casino and Resort. All members are encouraged to attend, not just Officers! Room reservations and convention sign-up must come through the Lodge and using the forms provided by the Convention Committee. Room rates for Kewadin at \$79.00 (plus tax) per night. There is no charge to attend the business meetings, but there is a charge for the President's Banquet of \$25.00 per person if you choose to attend the banquet. Room deposits or credit card number must accompany sign up to reserve your room. Please contact Diane Dusendang to sign up - reservations from Grand Rapids Lodge will be sent in the first week of September!



Bowling Machine Refurbishment Project Pictures



Working on the last lane



Lots of cleaning being done on all parts.



Lane oiling machine being completely overhauled



Ball returns being fixed and cleaned

Pictures from Annual Lodge Family Picnic



**Club48 PRESENTS**

**PULASKI DAYS**

**REHEARSAL**

**PARTY**

**SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2011**

**TIME: 1:00PM TO MIDNIGHT**

**KIELBASA, PIEROGI, GOLABKI**

**KAPUSTA, POLISH BEER,**

**MUSIC & DANCING**

**FREE BOWLING FOR KIDS TILL 6:00**

**NO COVER CHARGE**

**PORTION OF PROCEED TO BENEFIT STEEPLETOWN**

PULASKI DAYS  
THE BIGGEST WEEKEND IN  
OCTOBER.

ARE YOU READY FOR IT ?  
THE ELKS LODGE # 48  
WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOU  
ARE. SO WE ARE HAVING A  
PARTY IN **SEPTEMBER**  
FOR YOU TO PRACTICE  
YOUR EATING, DANCING &  
DRINKING  
ALSO ON OUR BIG SCREEN TV

**MICHIGAN**

VS

**NOTRE DAME**

**8:00 PM**

**Club48 AT THE ELKS LODGE**

**2715 LEONARD ST NW**

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

**616-453-2451**

### Pulaski Day Rehearsal Party

Pulaski Days Rehearsal Party on Saturday September 10th is "Open to the public". The event starts at 1:00 PM and will last till Midnight I'm sure you're aware that Pulaski Days is in October. We at your Elks Lodge 48 want to make sure you are ready for it, so we're having a Rehearsal Party. Polish food, beer, music, dancing with FREE BOWLING for the kids till 6:00pm..We also will have 50/50's, basket of goodies raffle and some surprises. In addition to all this, the Notre Dame vs Michigan football game will be on our big screen TVs starting at 8:00 pm

A portion of the proceeds for this event will benefit a local west side, non-profit, faith based organization know as STEEPLETOWN CENTER. In 1993 these three churches, the Basilica of Saint Adalbert, Saint James, and Saint Mary's, realized the value in working together to address the needs of persons living on the West Side. As a result, Steepletown was founded and incorporated in 1994. Its mission reflects the neighborliness of the West Side: "to promote neighbor helping neighbor live with dignity and hope." Steepletown accomplishes this mission through creative programs and services, and by managing a neighborhood center that provides space to other agencies working on the West Side. Welcome to the neighborhood! You can get more information on their website at [www.steepletowncenter.org](http://www.steepletowncenter.org).

So make sure to mark your calendar for this all day FUN event.

Need people to clean tables, sell 50/50 & Raffle Basket tickets. pudding shots, make signs, kitchen help, bartenders to pour drafts, help with decorations, putting up fliers around town. Send me email or call 862-1661. The event runs from 1 to Midnight so we need plenty of help before and during this event.

And if you can't work how about donations instead.

Thanks, Joe

# Elks #48 Annual Golf Outing

## 4 Person Scramble

### Highlands Golf Course



Saturday, October 15 2011

Mail Entry Forms

To

Gr Elks Lodge #48

2715 Leonard NW

Grand Rapids, MI

49504

Attn: Sue Murtland

#### Time Line

Time	Event
11:30	Registration & Lunch
1:00	Shotgun Start
5:30	Dinner

Prizes for Top Men's, Ladies & Coed Teams

50/50s, Mulligan's, Skins,

Betting holes on course - Win Cash!!

Lunch, Dinner & Golf all for the low price of \$70.00

Highland Golf Members \$50.00

### Golf and Dinner Sign Up Form

You do NOT have to	How many Players/Dinner	Price	Total
Golf to come to the			
Dinner	Scramble (Before Oct 8th, 2011)	\$70/\$50	
	Scramble (After Oct 8th, 2011)	\$80/\$60	
	Dinner only (No Golf)	\$11	

Sub Total:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Lodge Name and Number

Total:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name (Player #2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name (Player #3)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name (Player #3)

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**LODGE OFFICE HOURS 11:00am - 1:00pm**

**Club48..... ext. 217**  
Bowling Alley..... ext. 216  
Pro Shop.....453-1504  
Dugan's/Glendon ..... ext. 215

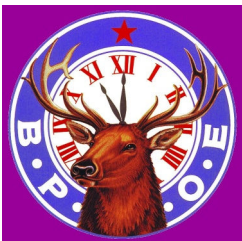
**Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday 10am to 1pm.

You can contact the office at

453-2451 X 210 or

office48@grandrapidselks.org



**Lodge No. 48 Officers**

**2011/2012**

email Lodge officers at  
office48@grandrapidselks.org

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453-3474

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322-3663

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364-0989

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334-2543

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791-9422

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784-1850

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895-1172

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453-3220

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Steve Freybler  
453-8123

**Tiler:**  
Bill Mesery  
453-9320

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437-0305

Joe Arbanas  
453-3760

Bernard Fritz  
453-8730

Greg Porter  
813-9635

Rick Cross  
453-4507

**Upcoming Events & Activities:**

**September 29 & 31 - Open bowling**

**September 7 - League Bowling starts**

**September 10 - Pulaski Day Rehearsal Party**

**September 23 - ER's Birthday Bash**

**October 15 - Lodge Golf Outing**

**January 21, 2012 - Chili Cook-Off**