

Summer  
2024

# Manistee Elks 250



## 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler: OPEN

Leading Knight: Lori Brooks

Loyal Knight: Kerri Mackey

Lecturing Knight: April Pope

Esquire: Len Dunlap

Tiler: OPEN

Inner Guard: OPEN

Chaplain: Sharon VanDam

Secretary: Jeri Dziabuda

Treasurer: Pam Schindlbeck

1 year Trustee: Tom Swedenborg

2 year Trustee: Craig Schindlbeck, PER

3 year Trustee: Lars Berentsen, PER

4 year Trustee: Tony Dziabuda, PER

5 year Trustee: Steve Duchon



Flag Day 2024 Ceremony: Opening prayer by our Chaplain, Pastor Sharon Van Dam, as Exalted Ruler, Shawn Waruszewski looks on.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please give a warm wELKome to our newest members!

### Initiated in April

John Pomeroy - Richard Boehm

Jameson Tomaski - Tery Schuitman

Evan Clark - Mario Garcia

Kevin Pope

### Initiated in May

Howard Gimpel - Cynthia Cashmore

James Halsey - Michael McKeough

## Flag Day

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has celebrated Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> annually since 1907, when Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to do so. In 1911, Grand Lodge made Flag Day observance mandatory for all Lodges. In 1949, Elks Member President Harry S. Truman permanently designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us to commemorate our flag: American Legion Post 10 – including the Flag Folding Team and the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Walsh Post 4499, Catholic War Vets Stephen T. Duchon Post 1847, Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter 1, Manistee Scout Troop 167, U.S. Coast Guard Station Manistee, as well as the Officers of Manistee Elks 250 and all that gathered to watch our ceremony.

## A very important announcement

Our Exalted Ruler, Shawn Waruszewski, has chosen to resign. We can't thank him enough for all he has done for our Lodge. During Covid, when our Lodge was in trouble, Shawn gathered a group of officers and ran with it to keep our Lodge going. He has put in many, many volunteer hours. His hard work and leadership will be missed.

Of course, we need to elect a new Exalted Ruler. The floor will be open at the next Members Meeting for nominations. At the following meeting a vote will be taken.

Members Meeting July 16 at 6:00 pm: Nominations for Exalted Ruler

Members Meeting August 20 at 6:00 pm: Election of Exalted Ruler

You must be a member in good standing to vote (your dues are paid for this Lodge year) and you must present your membership card at the meeting.

## Lodges of Sorrow

*Al Verheek*

*Delvey Lindeman, Jr*

*Earl Lancour*

*Greg Gamache, PER*

*To Our Absent Members!*



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Forest Festival: Independence Day Parade 10 am and Sloppy Joe Buffet  **PUBLIC WELCOME**  NO BURGER NIGHT Open 9-9 pm	5 Fish Fry 5-8 pm  **PUBLIC WELCOME**  Open 4-10 pm	6 Open 4-10 pm
7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 NO MEMBERS MEETING  Open 4-9 PM	10 Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone!  Open 4-9 pm	11 Burger Night 5-8pm pm  Open 4-9 p-m	12 Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	13 Open 4-10 pm
14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 MEMBERS MEETING 6:00 pm with Nominations for Exalted Ruler  Vote on Façade Grant Open 4-9 pm	17 Lindsays choice of food served 5-8 pm or until gone.  Open 4-9 pm	18 Burger Night 5-8 pm  Open 4-9 pm	19 Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	20 Open 4-10 pm
21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 Open 4-9 pm	24 Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone.  Open 4-9 pm	25 Burger Night served 5-8 pm  Open 4-9 pm	26 Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	27 Open 4-10 pm
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 Open 4-9 pm	31 Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone			

Forest Festival Activities

**Forest Festival Independence Day July 4:** Independence Day Parade steps off at 10:00 am. Sloppy Joe Buffet available both during and after the parade. The buffet will include Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, chips, cole slaw, and potato salad for \$10.

**August 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
				Burger Night served 5-8 pm Open 4-9 pm	Fish Fry 5-8 pm Open 4-10 pm	Open 12-10 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CLOSED	CLOSED	NO MEMBERS MEETING  Open 4-9 pm	Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone Open 4-9 pm	Burger Night! 5-8 pm Open 4-9 pm	Fish Fry 5-8 pm Open 4-10 pm	Open 4-10 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
CLOSED	CLOSED	Open 4-9 pm	Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone Open 4-9 pm	Burger Night! 5-8 pm. Initiation 8 pm Open 4-9 pm	Fish Fry 5-8 pm Open 4-10 pm	Open 4-10 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CLOSED	CLOSED	Members Meeting 6 pm VOTE ON EXALTED RULER Open 4-9 pm	Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone Open 4-9 pm	Burger Night 5-8 pm Open 4-9 pm	Fish Fry 5-8 pm Open 4-10 pm	Benefit for Foster Children featuring The Downtowners Band Open 4-10 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CLOSED	CLOSED	Open 4-9 pm	Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone Open 4-9 pm	Burger Night 5-8 pm Open 4-9 pm	Fish Fry 5-8 pm Open 4-10 pm	Open 4-10 pm

**Saturday, August 24-Benefit for Foster Children featuring The Downtowners Band:** We are still finishing the planning for this great event. More information will be coming soon!

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**September 2024**

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
CLOSED	CLOSED  LABOR DAY	MEMBERS MEETING 6 pm  Open 4-9 pm	Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone  Open 4-9 pm	Burger Night 5 -8 pm  Open 4-9 pm	Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	Open 4-10 pm
8  CLOSED	9  CLOSED	10  Open 4-9 pm	11  Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone  Open 4-9 pm	12  Burger Night 5 -8 pm  Open 4-9 pm	13  Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	14  NW District Gold Key Golf Outing  Open 4-10 pm
15  NW District Meeting at Hastings Lodge  CLOSED	16  CLOSED	17  MEMBERS MEETING 6 pm  Open 4-9 pm	18  Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone  Open 4-9 pm	19  Burger Night 5 -8 pm Host Business After Hours  Open 4-9 pm	20  Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	21  Open 4-10 pm
22  First Day of Autumn  CLOSED	23  CLOSED	24  Open 4-9 pm	25  Lindsays choice of food available 5-8 pm or until gone  Open 4-9 pm	26  Burger Night 5 -8 pm  Open 4-9 pm	27  Fish Fry 5-8 pm  Open 4-10 pm	28  Open 4-10 pm
29  CLOSED	30  CLOSED					

## Lodge News

Thank you volunteers!: We'd like to thank some great volunteers for making the back of our Lodge look clean and beautiful! First, our Scout Troop 167 along with a handful of Elk members did the spring clean-up. They clean out the flower beds and replaced the wood chips, power washed the deck, and brought out and set up the patio furniture. This month Jim Kaminski and Steve Duchon power washed the concrete patio and the tables. Nick Fortier, owner of Lakeshore Performance, let Jimmy and Steve use the company power washer while they were here cleaning the windows which was very kind of him. He did a great job on the windows, too!

Elks Scholarships: 3 local senior students received \$500 Elks Scholarships! Congratulations to Sadie Verheek of Manistee High School, Joey Banicki of Manistee High School, and Reece Ward of Ludington High School. Many thanks to Sarah Brown who is the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee! Elks Scholarships are available to students who are entering their senior year this upcoming fall. If you know of a student who may be interested in applying please contact Sarah at: [bellabrown1978@outlook.com](mailto:bellabrown1978@outlook.com)

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: We were able to raise a few hundred dollars for our Scout Troop 167 on Saturday, June 1. Many thanks to Shawn and Julie Waruszewski for cooking up a delicious dinner with 3 choices of sauce, breadsticks, and a green salad bar. Thank you as well to those who helped with the day including our scouts. The money helps our scouts with camp expenses and materials to work on their badges.

Queen of Hearts: We are almost ready to go live with our Queen of Hearts game! **Tickets become available for purchase on Friday, July 5. Drawings will take place on Wednesdays.** Paul Anderson, our Queen of Hearts chair, has worked hard getting everything together including a case to keep the playing cards displayed. The committee which includes Paul Anderson, Dan Gilligan, Tony Dziabuda, and Shawn Waruszewski, along with Treasurer Pamela Schindlbeck, recently met with the Queen of Hearts chair at the Charlevoix Lodge to learn more and walk through the process. This game has the potential of bringing a lot of funds into our Lodge as well as offer a chance at some substantial jackpots!

Michigan Elks welcomes a new State President: A new State President took their oath this past May at the Elks State Convention in Sault St Marie. We welcome Michael Bowman from the Tawas Area Elks Lodge 2525.

NW District Gold Key Outing: The annual Gold Key golf fundraiser will be hosted this year by the Hastings Elks 1965 on Saturday, September 14. It will be held at The Legacy Golf Club as a 4- person scramble teeing off at 10 am. Cost is \$90 per player and \$20 for dinner. There will be more information and forms at the Lodge soon. Gold Key provides post- secondary education scholarships to special need students. Those key shaped gold banks you see at our Lodge also collect donations for the Gold Key Scholarship program.



### Manistee Elks brings home the Silver Star!

Lodges can earn stars by meeting goals set by Grand Lodge and the Michigan Elks Association. There are Bronze, Silver, and Gold, along with a new star of Platinum. Your Officers worked very hard last Lodge Year to earn our very first star! We earned the Silver Star and we're very proud! We were only points away from the Gold Star and that is our goal this year!

Pictured is Lars Berentsen, PER/DVP after being presented with a Silver Star at the Spring State Elks Convention in Sault St Marie this past May.

*Dear Members – Steve Duchon, Trustee, has been working very hard to get us a grant from the Manistee DDA for improvements to our building façade. This would include necessary repairs that have long needed to be addressed as well as painting and facelifting. Because we will need to raise \$22,000 in order to get the grant for \$52,000, it will require a vote from our membership. Steve is available to answer any of your questions or concerns. I will also be printing off more information that is too lengthy to cover here in the newsletter that will be available to you at the Lodge.*

*We will be taking a member vote at the upcoming Members Meeting on Tuesday, July 16. Our meetings begin at 6:00 pm.*

*Steve's letter to you is below:*

Dear Elks Lodge 250 Members:

Manistee DDA Exterior Building

Facade Grant Approval

On July 16th, 2024 at our monthly Members Meeting (6:00pm) we will be voting to approve expenditure/spending of up to \$22,000 (Lodge Match) to receive a grant up to \$52,000 for Exterior Building Repairs at Lodge 250. The DDA match is for up to \$29,000 (based on the total cost of the project).

Elks Lodge 250 Members:

Please consider attending the July 16th meeting and all Elks Lodge 250 monthly meetings. We appreciate your support, especially all who volunteer.

Elks Care Elks Share!!!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Steve

Steve Duchon

Elks Trustee & Grant Coordinator

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