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COMMENTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Fellow Members,

January has come and gone, and we end yet another month of this pandemic and current shut down. Great News! We will be open Monday, February 1st! To celebrate we will be offering a meal. Please see the weekly reminder email for details. If you are not receiving the weekly reminder email, please let us know! We will have a 25% capacity limit and a 10 pm mandatory closing under the new rules. Good news is we will be operating with the wall open to help spread out and take full advantage of our beautiful and spacious lodge. We will continue to offer all meals to go at the back door for any who do not feel safe enough to come inside.

Grand Lodge has a new membership renewal program this year. It's designed to save the lodge money and save the secretary lots of time. You all will receive a letter for membership renewal. Regular member dues are \$124.50, with \$19.00 of it going to Grand Lodge. Please keep in mind to pay your dues on time, as Grand Lodge will collect this \$19.00 per member regardless of a member paying his or her dues. We still have quite a few delinquent members from last year; I believe there are still over 70. So, the lodge missed out on dues of \$7,385 and still paid Grand Lodge \$1,330 for those delinquent members. The need for members to pay your dues on time has never been more important than it is this year. When paying your dues, there is an additional spot for a donation to our lodge. If you can, please consider an additional donation; any amount is greatly appreciated. This year has been incredibly difficult for the lodge. We will survive and hopefully soon thrive with the support of you!

If you are interested in becoming an Officer for the upcoming 2021-2022 lodge year. Please let us know. You can call the lodge, stop in, or email me kpackard220@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year as we work to get back to normal. There are other ways to make an impact within the lodge, without being an officer. We'd love to hear any ideas you have for the lodge, whether it be a meal, event, or just some things you'd like to see within the lodge. Don't forget volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. All you have to do is let us know, we need you! You can reach out by email alma1400@mielks.org.

I would also like to welcome Jack Snyder to the Board of Trustees. Jack as voted into his position in January. This has been a roller coaster ride thus far as ER. It's been a humbling experience, and one that I could not do without my team of officers: Stephen Todd, Joe Noggle, Doug Stahl, John Criswell, Elaine Helman-Boudreau, Matt Clark, Chelsea Rigley, Sally Linton, and Heather Todd. As well as my Trustees: Tracy Ross, Doug Yost, Scott Cary, Jack Snyder, and Sue Helman. Thank you!! I'm looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish together as Elks.

Humbly Yours,
Kyle Packard, Exalted Ruler

FEBRUARY DINNERS!!!

(All meals are available for take-out or delivery to vehicle, just call or stop in)

Friday, February 5th: Beef Enchiladas with Rice and Beans for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, February 12th: Matt's Homemade Pizzas made to order for \$8.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, February 19th: Rob's Pot Roast with Carrots and Potatoes for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Friday, February 26th: All you can eat HERE Baked or Fried Fish (no to go containers) served with French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$10.00 from 5:30-7:00 PM

BAR HOURS

MON: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM

(Bar closes at 7 PM for Meetings)

TUE-FRI: 3:00 PM-10:00 PM

SAT: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM

SUN: Special Events

Rules of our Lodge state that 6 or more members need to be present to extend bar hours.

Jack of Hearts tickets are \$1.00 each and drawings are held every Friday at 7:00 PM.

There are many more ways to win this time around so check the rules posted at the lodge.

Remember that all dinners and events are subject to change based off new or changing Covid-19 restrictions and Executive Orders. Please keep your eyes and ears open for updates as they become available.



ELKS—1400

2020-2021 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Kyle Packard
Esteemed Leading Knight.....Stephen Todd
Esteemed Loyal Knight.....Joe Noggle
Esteemed Lecturing Knight.....Doug Stahl
Secretary.....Heather Todd
Treasurer.....Sally Linton
Tiler.....Chelsea Rigley
Esquire.....Elaine Helman-Boudreau, PER
Chaplain.....John Criswell, PER
Inner Guard.....Matt Clark

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Scott Cary
Tracy Ross
Doug Yost
Sue Helman
Jack Snyder

Lodge Phone.....989-463-1400
Secretary Phone.....989-533-1975
Secretary Email.....alma1400secretary@outlook.com

NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3.080 of the Grand Statutes and Article VII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Alma Lodge #1400, nominations for the following offices will be held at our regular lodge meeting on Monday, February 8th and 22nd. Election of Officers will be held on Monday, February 22nd, 2021.

**EXALTED RULER
ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
TRUSTEE (5 YEAR TERM)
ALTERNATE TO GRAND LODGE**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Henry Aumaugher.....1	Jean McNab.....8	Helen J Laurenz.....18
Rick Lute.....1	Douglas B VanHorn.....8	Douglas W Hull.....19
Douglas L Merchant.....2	Thomas W Rodenbo.....9	Mark Jon Zimmerman.....19
K Hugh Rohrer.....2	William Shafer.....10	Stephanie Terrian.....20
Gari Baracy.....3	Dale R Chalut.....11	Vicki Lynn Tuma.....20
John Roger Foster.....3	Hal D Purves.....11	Donald Howell.....23
Chris Gutzki.....3	Randall Baldwin.....12	Dennis Kreiner.....24
Steven R Leonard.....3	Marlene Beach.....12	Scott G Martin.....24
Kenneth Patton.....3	Duane Feiss.....12	Shirley S Potacka.....24
Velma Joy Hardman.....4	Patricia Huyck.....12	David Bryant Betts.....26
Wanda Fay MacLaren.....4	Barbara Breidinger.....13	Richard Conklin.....26
Gordon Ward.....4	Elaine Helman-Boudreau.....14	Donna Kolar.....26
Chadwick Burt.....5	Kurt C Anderson.....15	Jennifer Lobdell.....26
Chad Frederick Clark.....5	Amy Pratt.....15	Jeffrey Skidmore.....26
Gary D Fockler.....5	Scott Alan Shaw.....16	Scott Tiernan.....26
Patrick J McLaughlin.....5	Julio Benitez.....17	Jonathon Breidinger.....27
Richard Weatherby.....5	Brent Beracy.....17	Harold R Daniel.....27
Ivan Wheeler.....6	Bobbie Jo Brown.....17	Carolyn Veeder.....27
James Allen.....7	Ron Brandal.....18	Matthew D Cary.....28
Timothy S Palmer.....7	Joe Cleary.....18	David Parsch.....28
	Thomas D Cooper.....18	

NOTICE

Pursuant to Statutes 14.260 of Chapter XIV, Local Lodge Membership and Revenues, the following members in good standing are eligible to apply for Life Membership before our regular Lodge Meeting on Monday, February 8th, 2021. Those Elks on the list must contact Secretary Heather Todd to acknowledge they would like to be considered for Life Membership before they can be nominated. Please either email her at alma1400secretary@outlook.com or leave a message on the Lodge voicemail at 989-463-1400. If you feel you should qualify in the upcoming Lodge year (2021-22) for Life Membership (65 years of age and 30 year good standing member) and are not on the list, please notify the Secretary at your earliest convenience.

**Douglas Aldrich
David Clevenger
Thomas D Cooper
Daniel R Hahn
Gerald McAllister
Thomas Nester
Scott Sheldon
Richard Tesman
Lyle A White**

**David Browne
Charles Conklin
Henry Farr
Harold House
Warren (Manley) McDonald
John Renneberg
Jack L Snyder Jr
Edward Weber**

The nomination of the members in good standing will need to take place on Monday, February 8th at 7:00 PM by a current Life Member in good standing on Lodge floor. They will be voted on by the membership during our regular meeting on February 22nd at 7:00 PM. The voting will need to occur on each proposition separately as any action to the contrary is null and void.

FEBRUARY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 PER Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	3 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	4 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	5 Beef Enchiladas \$10 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	6
7	8 Lodge & House Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	9 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	10 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	11 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	12 Made to Order Pizza \$8 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	13
14	15 Board of Directors Mtg 7:00 PM	16 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	17 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	18 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	19 Pot Roast \$10 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	20
21	22 Indoctrination 6:00 PM Lodge & Initiation 7 PM	23 Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	24 Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM Tacos, Nachos, Salad \$1.25 each 5:00-8:00 PM	25 Wings \$.75 5:00-8:00 PM	26 Fish Fry \$10 5:30-7:00 PM Jack of Hearts Drawing 7 PM	27
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FIELD OF HONOR RETURNS

We are pleased to announce that we are planning to hold the Michigan Elks Field of Honor at Alma Lodge #1400 on May 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

The gathering will be following all restrictions as required by Covid guidelines and plans may need to be altered as we draw closer to the dedication date.

Price for the flag, pole and tag remains at \$25.00 and the purchaser will receive their flag after the Flag Day ceremony in July. If you purchased a flag for last year your order will be honored.

For any questions or to get an order form contact Randy Boudreau at 989-506-6332 or at rand1b@yahoo.com. Forms are also available at the lodge.

Field of Honor 2021

Field to be dedicated Sunday May 2, 2021 starting at 2pm.
Flags come down Monday, June 14, 2021

Please order by April 16, 2021 to be sure that it will be listed in the program and we have time to order supplies.

Cost per flag is **\$25** which includes the flag, pole and tag with the name of the person being honored or in memory of, your name and other important information about the honoree. We prefer that payment be made in the form of a check payable to:

Alma Elks #1400
P.O. Box 413
Alma, MI 48801

(Please print legibly; we will not be responsible if we can't read your writing)
Include all information even if you have ordered in past years

Name of person flag is for: _____ in memory of _____ in honor of _____

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Your phone number: _____

This is in case we have questions about your order.

Tell us a little about the person you are purchasing the flag for:

Please circle **ONE** of the pictures or emblems below that you would like shown on the tag.



Army

Marine Corps

Coast Guard

Navy







Air Force

If you have any questions, please contact Randy Boudreau at (989) 506-6332 or rand1b@yahoo.com



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For more information or to place your ad please call Pat Brennan at 989-506-6928