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## CLUB 343

**Saturday, October 11th - 5pm**

Come celebrate our NEW season of "Club 343".

Our color theme will be that ever popular  
**BLACK and ORANGE!**

This month we are helping out the "PUMPKIN PATCH" committee. Please bring 1-2 of the following items for the special people at Woodland School: boxes of animal crackers, oatmeal cookies, soft pumpkin cookies, cosmic brownies, jello cups, pudding cups or small juice boxes.

Come out and bring your friends and family for dinner and drinks. We will be giving away a minimum of \$375. We will have a special drawing for \$500 if we sell all 300 tickets before the meeting! There are a few tickets left if you haven't gotten one yet. For tickets (still \$50) and to reserve a table call or text Penny @ 810-357-8322 or Kim @ 810-434-7886.

## END OF YEAR SCRAMBLE

OCTOBER 4TH

**THE ARCHIBLUM**

OCTOBER 12TH

**3-MAN CASH SCRAMBLE**

OCTOBER 18TH



**79th Consecutive Blood Drive**  
**Monday, Oct. 20th - Noon-5:45pm**

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
Woodlands Developmental Center  
Need 7-8 people who wish to help set up,  
and then dress up in costumes and  
pass out candy to kids!  
Contact Paul Torres at  
810-650-9347 if interested.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
PH Elks parking lot  
Jason Hills in conjunction with the PH Minor  
Hockey Assoc. and PH Township will team  
w/Port Huron Elks to have a  
Trunk or Treat in the Elks parking lot.  
Need Trunkers to treat.

FIND YOUR BALANCE

**PRACTICE  
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WEDNESDAY**

\$90 per person  
6 week Classes  
4pm-5pm  
Sylvie's Room

PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343

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Judy Micheals  
(810)941-2342



## In Sympathy

Our prayers to the families who have lost loved ones...



Karen & Dave Barber – Loss of Son-in-Law  
Caremy & Sonya Snellenberger - Loss of Mother  
William "Bill" Gray - Loss of Wife

## SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

PER Marvin Ohrling • John Stewart • Karl Livingston  
Bob Kempf • Joe & Kay Barbe, PER • Brian Duman • Tom Erd  
Greg Shannon PER • Greg Farley • Theresa Conroy  
Gail Marquis, PER • Mike Easton • Justine Bartolotta



## Welcome NEW Members...

### New Member

Sherry Roach 11425  
Timothy Gabriel 11424  
Cheryl A Canto 11423

### Proposed By

Greg Shannon 10538  
Susan Hudy 11171  
Bridget C Smith 11145

## 12th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Show Saturday, November 22nd 9am-4pm

We have a FULL HOUSE already! We will definitely need Volunteers both morning & afternoon. Volunteers needed below. Please contact Sue 810-982-8531 ext 2.

**Main & Sylvie's & Social Quarters Entrance:**  
(5 Volunteers) 8:45am – 12:15pm

**Main & Sylvie's & Social Quarters Entrance:**  
(5 Volunteers) 12:15am – 4pm

**Crafter Raffle: (2 Volunteers) 8:30am – 11:30am**

**Crafter Raffle: (2 Volunteers) 11:30am – 3:00pm**

**After show takedown (6 volunteers) 4pm - 6pm**  
(strong guys to move tables & chairs please)

If you have 2-3 hours to spare (before or after your shopping), we would sure appreciate your time! Yard signs will be in place Friday, Nov. 1st for all past members on our list. If you aren't on the list and you would like a sign for your yard, please let us know, or if you have had a change of address in the past year. ALL signs will be picked up on the day after the Craft Show.

## Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello brothers and sisters, Happy October and bring on the colors. Isn't fall just one of the greatest times of the year? Great time to golf, football in the air and baseball playoffs starting. Hockey and basketball will be starting soon as well. So something for everyone to enjoy.

September was such a great month around the lodge, so much activity. We need to keep this momentum going through the winter months when we are looking for things to do.

Plans are starting for many events so stay tuned to the Expositor and newsletter.

Kudos to Joe Miller and Don Allen for the planning and execution of the mortgage burning ceremony. It was festive and a good time had by all. With that being said and as I have mentioned before, we do have some infrastructure issues that need to be dealt with in the very near future. Sewer lines, windows, HVAC in the large ballroom to name a few. The golf course needs some love, especially around the ponds. We need to stop the erosion. None of these are small ticket items and will need the support of the lodge to help fundraise these items and be fiscally responsible in getting the items completed.

More kudos to Joe Miller and Stacey Weston and their team for organizing the Mingle with Pringle Open. It was a great day for golf and games. We had over a 100 players this year. Brandon Archibald put on quite a driving show on number 11. A very successful event. We will get you the date for next year so everyone can plan accordingly. Let's fill the course next year.

I would like to thank Gerry Goodwin, PER for spearheading the organization of getting donations in support of the family which was tragically stricken with domestic violence in Port Huron. Our fellow brothers and sisters of the Great Metro District 4200 lodges made a very generous donation and I can't thank you enough for your support.

In an effort to foster a family friendly and harmonious environment around the lodge, the House committee is bringing back the Swear Jar starting October 1. The goal is to eliminate the offensive language we have been experiencing in our social quarters especially when children are around. BE THE DIFFERENCE. Proceeds of the collection will be given to Elk Charities. The first charity selected will be for the PER Christmas Baskets for the Needy.

In closing, as we move into the fall season, take in the beauty of the fall colors, crisp mornings. The course looks so wonderful this time of year. Let's keep the family of Port Huron in our thoughts and prayers and remember our cardinal principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. REMEMBER YESTERDAY, ENJOY TODAY AND PLAN FOR TOMORROW.

Fraternally yours,  
John Cuthbertson, Exalted Ruler



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## DOLLAR DRAW RESULTS

The Dollar Draw results for the past 4 weeks are: 8/17/25 #11271 Bob Fritch pot \$1086 (entered) Congrats Bob!; 8/24 #10746 Marvelle Cranford pot \$94 (not entered); 8/31 #9814 Brian DePuey pot \$192 (not entered); 9/7 #10933 Vicky Perkins pot \$300 (not entered).

**Reminder: Each Member must enter your own \$1 and sign your own Name ONLY!**

*Will you be entered in the next Draw?*

## Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Community Appeal for Support

Our hearts are heavy as we share the unimaginable tragedy that has struck a local Port Huron family. Earlier this week, an act of domestic violence forever changed their lives. Their 17-year-old son was tragically killed. Two junior high children were both shot in the face and will require years of reconstructive surgeries. One has suffered a bullet lodged in her spine, leaving her paralyzed.

The oldest child, only 19 years old, is now the family's sole provider. He bravely fought to protect his mother and siblings during this horrific event.

This family now faces overwhelming emotional, physical, and financial challenges. Medical costs, long-term care, accessibility needs, and basic living expenses will be significant.

As a community, we have always come together in times of crisis. We are asking for your support—whether through a financial donation, resources, or simply sharing this message. Every gift, large or small, will make a difference for these children as they begin the long road to healing and rebuilding their lives.

Donations can be made through Venmo @goodwin or by dropping off a donation at the Elks Lodge. Please make checks out to Port Huron Elks Lodge 343. Note in memo: Donation to support PH Family.

On behalf of Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, thank you for standing with this family in their darkest hour. Together, we can help lift them up with love, compassion, and hope. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity will continue to be the pillars that we stand on. Please post and reshare this message.

Fraternally,  
Gerald W. Goodwin  
PER, Port Huron Elks Lodge 343

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ New ☐ Renewal

## Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 - Veterans Corner #52

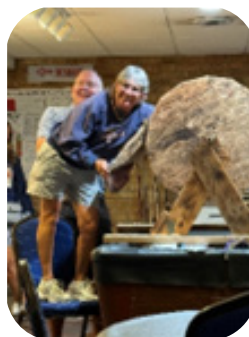
Congratulations to the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 on receiving the recent approval by the Michigan Elks Association Board of Trustees for a warrant (Grant) to purchase (2) cell phone charging station towers and required components to be installed and used at the Veterans Clinic - Yale Community Health Center McLaren/Port Huron. One charging tower has been installed and is available for all clinic patients in the main waiting room, with the other charging tower installed in the Veteran's wellness room. *Pictured from left to right: Gary A. Osburn, ENVSC Deputy Rep, Stephanie McLaren, Clinic Manager and Scott, R. Harris, DDGER, ENVSC State Rep & warrant/grant writer.*

On Wednesday, October 8th from 8:30 am to 12-noon we will be hosting our 10th free "Coffee & Donut Day at the Yale VA" in the Yale-VA Veterans Wellness room. On Wednesday, November 12th in recognition of Veterans week, we will be hosting our annual FREE Hot Dog Roast out front of the Yale VA Clinic from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. These events are sponsored by MiElks Association, ENVSC, Lodge 343, and the Yale VA. This is our way to say thank you, to our Veterans, active Military and first responders for their service. Please feel free to stop in, even without a scheduled appointment, we would enjoy your company.



The ENVSC and Lodge 343 continue with our monthly (2) \$25.00 free gas gift card "give-away" program now into our 3rd year. For the month of July Malissa Clark, US Air Force & Lodge 343 Member Charles "Chuck" Zimmer, US Army were the lucky Veterans drawn. For the month of August Robert Raymond, US Army & Dennis Sherovich, USMC were the two lucky local Veterans drawn by Kenneth Dunsmore, US Navy. Congratulations to these four. The Yale Veterans Clinic of McLaren/Port Huron Yale Community Health Center is located at 7470 Brockway Road, Yale, MI. 48097. To our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans and newly initiated Veterans, your time served is very interesting to us, please consider sharing your Military Service story to Scott R. Harris PER, ENVSC VAVS Rep at [scottharris55@comcast.net](mailto:scottharris55@comcast.net) for a future Veterans Corner publication. *Pictured from left to right: Kenneth Dunsmore – US Navy with Gary A. Osburn, ENVSC Deputy Rep draw the August gas card winners.*

**Remember our Veterans!**  
**They've given so much**  
**for us.**  
**Please wear RED on**  
**Fridays for our Veterans!**



## PH Elks Lodge 343 Queen of Hearts 2025 Through 36 Weeks

The lucky winner on September 12, 2025, was Tina Ferguson, selecting envelope 44, containing the Queen of Hearts and paying \$11,979.35. Congratulations, Tina. Tina has been steadfast buying tickets along with many of her friends at the Macomb Elks Lodge throughout all 36 weeks of this event. Thank you, Mouse for drawing the winning ticket. It has been an amazing 2025 Queen of Hearts. Deep felt thanks to all individuals who have supported the Queen of Hearts this year. Ticket sellers have phenomenally worked hard to make this event successful. "Don Allen, you are now fired from your job of estimating the projected jackpot until we fathom embarking on another Queen of Hearts in 18 to 24 months." One last cry goes out to all the participants, "Long Live the Queen of Hearts!" Thank you and God Bless America and the pillars that the Elks believe, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

### **WE NEED ALL EXTRA TICKETS RETURNED**

To comply with State of MI requirements all tickets need to be accounted for. ALL TICKET SELLERS please return your unsold tickets to the business office asap so all can be accounted for.

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# Americanism Essay Contest theme announced!

To rekindle our youth's regard for patriotism, the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is pleased to offer the Americanism Essay Contest to 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.

The 2024-25 theme is "What Does Service to Your Country Mean To You?"

## DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2025

All essays must go through the judging process through your Local Lodge first, then to your States District Lodge Activities Chairman, then onto your State Chair. This is the perfect time to communicate with your local schools to place the contest in their curriculum and provide them with pertinent information about the contest. Grand Lodge will award \$1,000 to the 1st place winners in each age division, \$500 to 2nd place and \$250 to 3rd place. Contest details can be found at:

[elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/americanismEssayContest.pdf](https://elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/americanismEssayContest.pdf)

## Scholarships for EVERYONE!

Are you aware that there are many scholarships available to your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. The Elks Association has many types of scholarships to choose from:

#1 - **Gold Key Scholarship** - for those seniors with intellectual or developmental disabilities. They can use the \$4,000 per year scholarship for either college or a trade school.

#2 - **Legacy scholarship** - this scholarship is just for Seniors who are Children and/or Grandchildren of an Elk Member in Good Standing. Awarded Seniors will be presented a \$4,000 scholarship. Applications are due by February 2, 2026.

#3 - **PER scholarship** - this is a local scholarship from our Lodge given to any graduating senior who wishes to apply. Usually 4 scholarships are given per year.

#4 - **MVP scholarship** - this is a national scholarship and 30 lucky boys/girls win \$30,000 at the national level with many more winning \$1,000 and \$4,000 scholarships in each state. The 2025 MVS Scholarship closes on November 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. We only had 44 applicants last year in Michigan so let's increase that number by telling everyone you know about these scholarships. You can't win if you don't apply.

#5 - **Emergency Educational Grants** The "Emergency Educational Grant" (EEG) provides undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000.00. The grant is for educational assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education. Applications are available upon request, e-mail [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org) or call (773) 755-4732 and request an EEG application for you or someone you know. All applications must be received by the ENF Scholarship office by December 31, 2025. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Find out more by going to [www.mielks.org](http://www.mielks.org) and looking up scholarships for all the information.




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## A Message from Brandon Archibald, Head Golf Professional

Dear Members,

Thank you to all our Elks members for a fantastic 2025 golf season! It's been an amazing year at Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, filled with great games and even better camaraderie. As summer winds down, we're hoping the beautiful weather sticks around a little longer so we can enjoy some bonus golf this fall.

**Fall Membership Special – 75% Off for New Golf Members** Are you new to our golf family or an Elk member who's never had a golf membership? This fall is the perfect time to jump in! We're offering a Fall Golf Membership at 75% off the regular price for all brand-new Elks members or those who have never held a golf membership before. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow Elks, test out our course and amenities, and hit the ground running for the 2026 season. Don't miss out on this fantastic deal to see what our golf community is all about!

**Golf Shop Fall Sales – Grab Your Gear** - Keep an eye out for new weekly sales in the Golf Shop. This is a great chance to snag some gear you've been eyeing, whether it's a new club, apparel, or accessories. Treat yourself or even get a head start on holiday shopping for the golfers in your life! The deals will be changing regularly, so stop by often and take advantage of the fall specials while they last

Thank you all once again for making the 2025 season one to remember. Let's enjoy the rest of the season, take advantage of the fall opportunities, and continue to make our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 golf community proud. See you out on the course.

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## Port Huron Lodge #343 Shines at Metro District #4200 Meeting

On September 14, the Metro District #4200 held its quarterly meeting at Rochester North Oakland Lodge #2225. All nine lodges were represented, and Port Huron Lodge #343 proudly stood among them with a strong and visible presence. Representing our Lodge were: John C. Cuthbertson, Exalted Ruler, Paul Torres, PER & GL Auditor, Andrew "Drew" Kroetsch, Lecturing Knight, Gary A. Osburn, Trustee & Board Chairman, Scott R. Harris, DDGER, Gregory C. Hudy, PDDGER, Michael Bartolotta, Michigan Elks State President

Their participation highlighted the leadership and dedication within Port Huron Lodge, while also showing the important role our Lodge plays in the overall strength of the Metro District and the continued growth of the Michigan Elks Association at the state level.

As a proud member of Port Huron Lodge #343 and currently serving as State President of the Michigan Elks Association, I could not be prouder of the commitment and progress that our Lodge continues to demonstrate. Membership and retention remain the lifeline of our great Order, and Port Huron Lodge continues to set a strong example of growth, unity, and service. We are excited for what lies ahead as we grow, serve our community, and represent Elksdom with distinction at every level. "We're better together, and united we are unstoppable."



Faternally,

Michael Bartolotta, State President, Michigan Elks Association



### EUCHRE ANYONE?

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Richard Niemietz  
 Officer of the Year  
 Lisa Haremza

## Outstanding Elks Members

Donald W. Allen II  
 Joe Miller  
 Citizen of the Year  
 Carmella Robbins  
 Sweetheart of Elksdom  
 Jo Eisen

## Couple of the Year

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## Elks Youth Recognition

Josh Burke

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# OCTOBER 2025

**KITCHEN & BAR  
 HOURS: Subject to change**

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm YOGA 4-5pm	2 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	3 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-9pm	4 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-8pm End of Year Scramble
5 Bar 11am-9pm Kitchen 12-6pm	6 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12-8pm	7 Bar 11am - 11pm Kitchen 12-10pm	8 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm Coffee & Donut Day @ Yale VA Yoga 4-5pm	9 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	10 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-9pm	11 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-8pm
12 Bar 11am-9pm Kitchen 12-6pm  The Archiblum	13 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12-8pm Initiation/Lodge Mig 6pm	14 Bar 11am - 11pm Kitchen 12-10pm	15 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm Yoga 4-5pm	16 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	17 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-9pm	18 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-8pm 3-Man Cash Scramble Euchre 5pm reg. 5:30 start
19 Bar 11am-9pm Kitchen 12-6pm	20 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12-8pm Brd of Dir. Mtg-6:30 BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	21 Bar 11am - 11pm Kitchen 12-10pm	22 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm Yoga 4-5pm	23 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	24 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-9pm	25 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-8pm
26 Bar 11am-9pm Kitchen 12-6pm	27 Bar 11am-10pm Kitchen 12-8pm Lodge Meeting 6:30pm	28 Bar 11am - 11pm Kitchen 12-10pm	29 Bar 11am-11pm Kitchen 12pm-10pm Yoga 4-5pm	30 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 11am-10pm	31 Bar 11am-12am Kitchen 12-9pm	

**Upcoming Events:** Sparkle & Shine Diamond Art begins every Wednesday beginning 11/5 3-5 & 6-8pm;  
 11/15 - Mike Ball Comedy Show; Christmas Murder Mystery 12/13;