



128 Years of Elkdom PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343 EXPOSITOR

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Elks Memorial Service
Sunday, December 1st
2 pm

A beautiful Ritual within our Order to remember our departed members. Please join us.

69th Consecutive Blood Drive
Monday, DECEMBER 16th - Noon-5:45pm



P.E.R.'s
Tom & Jerry Party
Saturday, December 14th
3:00 - 7:00pm
Have a "Hot Toddy" or two!
Merry Christmas!

LIONS GAME POTLUCKS!

How about them Lions! How about we start celebrating the victories together with Sunday Game Day Potlucks!

Every Lions game that is on a Sunday – we will be having a potluck in the social quarters starting 1 hour before the game. Wear your Lions gear, bring some food to share, and cheer on our team!

Lions vs. Colts = Sunday November 24th at 12noon
Lions vs. Bills = Sunday December 15th at 3:30pm
Lions vs. Bears = Sunday December 22nd @ 12 noon
Lions vs. Vikings = Sunday January 5th – game time TBD

Saturday, December 14th - 5pm
Club 343 is the place to be!
THEME IS RED & GREEN!

CLUB 343 STARTS AT 5PM in the Social Quarters downstairs. We are asking members to start helping the P.E.R. Association get ready for the "Holiday Basket Food Drive" this month by bringing the following food items to Club 343. Canned gravy, corn, beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce, applesauce, potatoes, peanut butter and jelly. Please give a monetary donation so they can go "purchase" the meat items this year. There will be a table in the social quarters to drop off your donation.

TO RESERVE A TABLE CALL or Text PENNY @ 810-357-8322 or KIM @ 810-343-7886.

Come celebrate the season and go home with more Brotherly Love than you came with!

PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343

DUELING PIANOS
2025
New Year Party!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
8:00PM - 1:00AM
3292 BEACH ROAD
GRAND LODGE BALLROOM

Special Performance

FRANK GLYNN AND THE DUELING PIANOS

Don't Miss Out On

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Standard Ticket: (includes 2 bar drink tickets)
Elk Member: \$75.00 pp
Non-Elk: \$90.00 p.p.

VIP Ticket: (includes open bar 8pm-midnight)
Elk Member VIP: \$100.00 p.p.
Non Elk VIP: \$115.00 p.p.

Tickets available:
Elks Lodge (office or social quarters)
Venmo: @Lisa-Haremza-1
Credit Card: Scan QR Code (fees apply)
For more info contact: 810-357-8387





In Remembrance of our Departed Members

Richard L. Simmons #10135

Initiated: 3-28-2016
Born: 5-13-1935 Died: 8-21-2024

Delbert R. Jackson #8381

Initiated: 10-24-1985
Born: 11-9-1931 Died: 9-3-2024

Daniel J. Wynn #8883

Initiated: 6-28-1990
Born: 2-12-1963 Died: 11-6-2024

In Sympathy

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

Pat & Jamie Eagen - Loss of Mother
Bob & Linda Kempf - Loss of Mother



SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

*PER Marvin Ohrling • John Stewart • Vicky Perkins
Frank Swarts • DJ Westrick • Teresa Conroy • Greg Farley*



OCTOBER'S NEW MEMBERS

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 initiated 2 members into our Fraternal Order during our initiation ceremony on Monday, October 14th. Please welcome Michael Carwile and Dan Perry into our order of Elkdom.

**WISHING EVERYONE A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello again brothers and sisters, it is the day after the 2024 election. Some are sure that democracy as we know it is dead. Others are thrilled that we are on the cusp of a golden age of our democracy. I know not which, all I can hope for is a peaceful transition of power, and that the new stewards of our fragile democracy keep in mind the ideals, that we, as

citizens, hold inviolate.

Mr. ER what's your point? My point is this, regardless of our political, religious, or cultural beliefs, we as citizens exercise our right to have a say in our democracy. We "care enough to care", by casting our vote. That regardless of the outcome, we are, despite our differences, in agreement on the cardinal principles of our democracy and its framework.

The same happens in our lodge. Starting in January you will see that we are soliciting people to be officers, and for appointed positions. One of my favorite conversations in this realm happened at our bar. A member approached me one night and asked "how the hell did you get to be E.R., I didn't vote for you?" I explained the elections process in depth, and at the end his response was, "Oh, but I didn't vote for you." At first, I thought he was picking a fight, but no, sadly he just didn't "care enough to care" who was going to be E.R., or fill the other positions. It just didn't matter to him. He just wasn't invested enough in the lodge to care.

In the immortal words of Heraclitus, on the eve of battle, "Out of every one-hundred men, ten shouldn't even be here, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle and will win the day. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior and he will bring the others back." If you are the "one", then we are looking for you. Please "care enough to care", and become invested in your lodge, because we are always looking for the "one that brings the others back". Even if you're not the "one", please be one of the nine fighters, because you will help win the day.

Thank you to the many fighters, I mean members who have stepped up and become invested, and won the day, in the last month. Thank you, all of the trunk or treaters, especially Tim Frikken (who shows up every year) for "caring to care." Thank you, Randy Johnston, Dan Croteau and Brian Duman for power washing the building, and taking something off my plate. Thank you, Tim Ainsworth, for the heater/air and lights in the Oasis (sorry you do so much sometimes I forget you). Thanks to Jon Tovarez, Emerson Putnam, and the "bar crew", for getting the old cooler out from behind the bar. For Mark Pringle, Emerson again, and "Mark's guys" for getting the new one back in. Thank you Club 343, and the Entertainment Committee for your hard work this month. I don't sing Karaoke, but I'll "go elkin" and take the opportunity to visit other lodges. I know I've forgotten someone, perhaps many and I apologize, but thanks for all you do as members. A special thank

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you to the staff who pulled off a ton of events this month, and more coming next month. I really can't thank you enough for the hard work you do, your dedication to the lodge, and your teamwork. Only a few of us see how hard you work every day, and we appreciate your service.

In closing again, I ask that we strive to be good to each other, hold each other up, be reminded of our oath, and practice the cardinal principles of our order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. After all, "who's got it better than us, Nobody"!

Fraternally yours,
Gary L. Nesbitt II, Exalted Ruler

DOLLAR DRAW RESULTS

The Dollar Draw results for the past 4 weeks are: 10/20 #9253 Paul Bailey pot \$163 (not entered); 10/27 #10708 Buddy Cripps pot \$322 (not entered); 11/3 #11159 Jeffrey Miller pot \$383 (not entered); 11/10 #11259 Jordan Dietz pot \$458 (not entered).

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

Will you be entered in the next Draw?

Suggestion Box located in Social Quarters near kitchen!

We welcome new ideas!

LET'S MAKE SOME BLANKETS!

Well it's that time of year again. Come join us in making blankets for the veterans and children. ALL ARE WELCOME! We will meet every Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm October thru March in the social quarters at the Elks. If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of blankets please call the Elks Lodge 810-982-8531, or drop off / mail donation to the Lodge.

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Pat & Jamie Eagen	Chris Lafata	Deborah Seely	
	Sue Lamb	Mary Seely	

If there is an asterisk behind your name, your patronage is expiring. To become a NEW patron please fill out coupon below and turn in with your \$20. THANKS!

Expositor Patrons, submit by mail or drop off at Lodge with \$20

Name(s) _____

Mail to: PH Elks Lodge, 3292 Beach Rd., Port Huron, MI 48060

New Renewal

Your Name Could Be Here!

Have YOU brought in a new member this year?

Membership is the lifeblood of the Elks!

CLUB 343 - Total of 19 Prizes were given out!

Club 343 held it's second gathering of the season November 9th at 5pm in the Elks Social Quarters. We enjoyed great food and wonderful libations. Over 100 Club 343 ticket holders and their friends came out to celebrate with us. The following is a list of our recent winners: Club ticket winners were: Tammi Cuthbertson \$100, Shane Grant \$75, Sandy Hamilton \$50 Barry Stokan \$50, and Kim Krug \$100. Share The Wealth winners were: Dan McVety \$125, Mark Howard \$100, Scott Perkins \$50, Leslie Benqske \$50, Margaret Schott \$50. Club 343 Square sheet winners were: Cindy Perkins ticket #12, Justa Smith tk #38, and Penny Osburn tk #29. Other winners were Door Prize winner Jo Eisen \$25 gift card to Big Boy in Marysville donated by Lisa Motte, David Sears won the mens prize a \$25 gift card to Jersey Mikes. The \$5 square winner was Dan McVety \$125, Dan also won the \$25 Gift certificate to the Lodge for food or drinks. The Bottle of "Lions" NFL Edition Crown Royal went to Connie Zeller. (The Crown Royal was generously donated by Mike Stokan). And the WINNER of #100, \$5 Instant lottery tickets went to Kevin Hooper.



We thank everyone for coming to support our Lodge and Remember, "Club 343 is the Place to Be"

Thank you from Kim & AL Krug with Penny and Gary Osburn
Club 343 committee



HOOP SHOOT

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 held our annual "Hoop Shoot" competition this past Saturday, November 9th at Landmark Academy Schools. This year's event had (5) participants. Two 8 year olds, 9 year old, 10 year old and an 11 year old.

Thank you to Committee Chairman Greg Shannon PER, along with volunteers Danielle Shannon, David Crimmins, Exhaled Ruler, Gary L. Nesbitt II PER and Don Allen, Lodge Esquire.

PUMPKIN PATCH SCARY FUN!

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 held our annual Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 31st.

17 Elk and family member volunteers, enjoyed the afternoon, handing out special treats to over 75 students, parents, and faculty at the RESA - Woodlands Schools from the vintage Elks Lodge 343 "Spooky Village".

A great time was had by all, proving once again Elks Care ~ Elks Share!



STATE PRESIDENT & 1ST VP ATTEND ANNUAL REVIEW

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 had the honor of hosting our Michigan Elks State President Michael HD Bowman, Tawas Lodge 2525 and 1st Vice President Michael Bartolotta, Macomb Lodge 2292 as they arrived to attend our annual DVP/DVC review meeting.

The meeting was held on Monday, November 11th as District Vice President, Denise Allport, PER, Macomb Lodge 2292 and District Vice Chairmen, Kate Reynolds, PER Ferndale Lodge 1588 met with Exalted Ruler, Gary L. Nesbitt II, PER and his team of officers.

Pictured below, left to right: DVP Denise Allport, SP Michael HD Bowman, ER Gary L. Nesbitt II, PER, 1st VP Michael Bartolotta, and DVC Kate Reynolds, PER.



LET'S GO ELKIN' FUN!

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 membership held our first "Let's Go Elkin" with great success! The Royal Oak-Detroit Elk Lodge 34 & Ferndale Elk Lodge 1588 were very gracious hosts and provided food and great service to our crew! Friendships were made and could feel the brotherly love amongst all. Thank you to our Entertainment Committee for planning this fun event, with future trips already being planned.



VETERANS BENEFIT A SUCCESS!

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 hosted the Cliff Erickson "Veterans Benefit" Dinner & Show on Saturday, November 9th, with all proceeds going to the Lodge 343 Veterans fund.

A fun evening was had for the over 70 attendees as Cliff entertained and interacted with the crowd throughout the entire show.

BLANKET COMMITTEE DONATES 31 BLANKETS

"Elks Care ~ Elks Share"! The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 membership lives by that motto. This week our Elks Lodge 343 Blanket Committee donated (31) hand crafted blankets and a dozen children's knitted caps to the St. Clair County Department of Human Services. This group of dedicated volunteers also donated (10) blankets to the Yale Veterans clinic recently.

Pictured Left to Right: Kim Krug, Penny Osburn, Amy Farrell (Department of Human Services). Not pictured: Shelley Murdick, Sandy Lashbrook, Karen Barber and Gloria Traub.



Port Huron Elks Lodge #343 donated \$1200 to Hurricane Helene fund at MEA Fall Convention!

UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY 2025

#1 - **Queen of Hearts:** (Social Quarters) - Beginning drawings will be held in our Lodge 343 Social Quarters, starting on Friday, January 10th and will continue every Friday until October 10th. Starts at 5:00 pm. This is a membership drive event, and non-members are welcome to purchase tickets and attend the drawings.

#2 - **Indoor Putt-Putt Challenge:** (Grand Lodge Ballroom). We are looking for people to sponsor and build a Putt-Putt hole for our Indoor Putt-Putt challenge that is planned for Friday January 31st and Saturday February 1st (times TBD).

Putt-Putt holes can be made from anything – cardboard, pool noodles, or anything you have laying around the house that will work.

Course set up times will be available on Wednesday, January 29th, and Thursday January 30th. Dimensions and specs will be determined prior to the event with further details to come.

We are looking for "Hole" sponsors, so they can start planning. The People's Choice Prize will be awarded to the hole sponsor that gets the most votes.



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VETERANS CORNER

The National Wreaths Across America Day (NWAA), sponsored by Jeepers Anonymous Michigan (J.A.M.) takes place locally on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at the Woodland Cemetery in Port Huron Township. This is to honor our lost Veterans, as wreaths are laid at the grave sites of each Veteran in Woodland Cemetery. This recognition of honor has never been done in Woodland Cemetery. It will be the first cemetery in St. Clair County to honor our lost Veterans with a full memorial ceremony, as well as the wreath placement on the Veterans' gravesites. It's the NWAA committees' goal, to ensure every Veteran buried in Woodland Cemetery is honored with a wreath this Holiday season. There are currently 474 Veterans buried at Woodland Cemetery. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 14th beginning promptly at 12-Noon at the Woodland Cemetery, prior to wreaths being placed. This is the time, nationwide, when all participating locations will conduct their ceremonies as well. Lodge 343 membership are welcome to participate or Volunteer to help J.A.M. place wreaths at the grave sites. Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 membership takes great pride in joining the J.A.M. who recently became the Official Wreaths Across America local sponsor with the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach. On Wednesday, November 6th Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 members, Gary & Penny Osburn, met with Veronica Caplinger, committee chair of Wreaths Across America MI0301 and Mike Hernandez to present (2) donation checks of \$500 each on behalf of the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans fund and Club 343 fund. *PICTURED: Left to right: Gary A. Osburn, Veronica Caplinger, Mike Hernandez, and Penny J. Osburn present donation checks on behalf of the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans fund and Club 343 fund.*



343 Veteran volunteers who hosted the event. Monica Franks, Gary A. Osburn, Penny J. Osburn, and Scott R. Harris, PER. Veterans Dave Wagner, US Army (retired) and Patrick Lanthier, US Coast Guard (retired) assisted the volunteers all day as well. Stewart Israel, 2023 Grand Lodge National Veterans Volunteer of the Year from Plymouth-Ann Arbor 325 stopped by to support the team. *PICTURED: Penny J. Osburn, ENVSC Deputy Rep, Monica Franks, Lodge 343 Member, Stewart Israel, Lodge 325 Member, Gary A. Osburn, ENVSC Deputy Rep. and Patrick Lanthier US Navy.*

On another note, the ENVSC and Lodge 343 continue the monthly (2) \$25.00 free gas gift card "give-a-way" program in 2024. Our most recent drawing took place on Thursday, November 7th for the October drawing, as US Coast Guard (retired) Veteran Patrick Lanthier drew this month's lucky local Veterans. The winning tickets belong to Dennis Gill, US Army & Rodger Hoeninghausen, US Army, congratulations! 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 for a future Veterans Corner publication. *PICTURED: Left to right: Gary Osburn, EMVSC Deputy Rep & Patrick Lanthier, US Coast Guard draw this month's lucky Gas Card winners.*



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 for a future Veterans Corner publication.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, 67th consecutive Blood drive was held on Monday, October 21st. With our Membership and Community donations the American Red Cross collected 31 total units of blood during this recent drive. Our 68th consecutive Blood drive was held on Monday, November 18th. With our Membership and Community donations the American Red Cross collected 31 whole blood pints during this recent drive. Working together, Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, and the American Red Cross have collected over 2,275 units (pints) = 284 gallons of blood since our 1st blood drive on January 7, 2013. We are well now well on our way to reaching our next goal of 3,000 pints (375 gallons) while assisting the American Red Cross in providing the "Gift of Life". Our 69th Blood Drive has been scheduled for Monday, December 21st. Please consider registering today at <https://www.redcross.org>.

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 Patriotism Mean To Me." It is aimed at providing our youth with an appreciation of the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution and their importance to every citizen.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2024

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



Americanism Coloring Contest for 1st-4th graders

We are looking for contestants for this year's coloring contest. If you have a child, grandchild, neice, nephew or neighbor in these grades please tell them about the coloring contest. Theme is "I pledge allegiance to the flag". You can find the picture on to download at www.mielks.org/americanism or you can pick up a copy of the picture in the office. Please help us find contestants for this great Americanism program.

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 family members of past and present Elks. The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 3, 2025, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific time.

#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, 2024 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** provide 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. The grant is for educational assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education.

Find out more by going to www.mielks.org and looking up scholarships for all the information. Our kids need all the help they can get with today's prices for college.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE 2pm	2 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED	3 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	4 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop In Pool	5 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	6 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	7 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS
8 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY	9 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Initiation/Lodge Mig 6pm	10 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm PER MEETING 6pm	11 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop In Pool	12 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	13 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	14 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm CLUB 343 & TOM & JERRY PARTY & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
15 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	16 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	17 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	18 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool	19 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	20 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm HOLIDAY MEAT BINGO STARTS 6pm	21 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm EUCHRE 5:00pm DELIVERY OF NEEDY BASKETS
22 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	23 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Brd of Dir. Mtg-6:30	24 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED	25 LODGE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 LODGE CLOSED	27 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen CLOSED	28 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen CLOSED
29 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	30 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Lodge Meeting 6:30pm	31 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR			

Upcoming Events: Wild Game Dinner - 1/18/25; 70th Blood Drive - 1/27/25; Queen of Hearts begin - 1/10/25; Indoor Putt-Putt Challenge 1/31-2/1;

CHECK OUT NEW MENU: Wednesdays - Italian; Thursdays - Nite Bites; Fridays - Fish Fry; Saturdays - Steak Nite