



128 Years of Elkdom PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343 EXPOSITOR

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Military Appreciation Night Friday November 1st proceeds go to Veterans Fund

The PH Elks Lodge 343 is sponsoring Military Appreciation Night at the PH Prowlers Hockey Game on Friday, November 1st against the Motor City Rockers. All funds raised will be donated to the Elks Lodge 343 Veterans Fund. We are doing raffle baskets at the game and would like donations. There will be a Jersey Raffle (jerseys will have Elks logo on them), 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, as well as a door prize (anyone who brings in non-perishable items for our Christmas baskets, will be entered in the drawing). Tickets will be on sale, for a discounted price.

Saturday, November 9th - 5pm Club 343 is the place to be! THEME IS RED, WHITE & BLUE!

Come join the fun with your fellow Club members and be a part of helping our lodge fund different events for Children and Veterans. Last month we gave back to Club members over \$1,000 in cash and prizes. We were able to give \$455 to support our pumpkin patch committee.

Reserve your table now or buy one of our few remaining tickets by texting or calling: Penny @ 810-357-8322 or Kim @ 810-434-7886. AS ALWAYS CLUB 343 IS THE PLACE TO BE!

Club 343 committee

Kim and AL Krug, Penny and Gary Osburn



Saturday, Nov. 23rd 9am-4pm

You won't want to miss This Year's Show! We have a Full House with lots of both familiar and new crafters. It's going to be a Great Show!

We are once again in need of Volunteers for the 11th Annual Port Huron Arts & Craft Show on November 23rd: Please contact Sue in the Lodge Office 810-982-8531 ext.1or 2

Areas help needed are:

- Sylvie's Entry Door: (2Volunteers) 8:45am-12:15pm & (2Volunteers) 12:15 - 3:45pm
- Social Quarters entry (1Volunteers 8:45am-12:15pm & (1Volunteer) 12:15-3:45pm
- Crafter Raffle (2Volunteers) 8:30-11:30am

If you have 2 - 3 hours to spare (before or after your shopping), we would sure appreciate your time!

We will be putting out our Yard signs Nov 1st. If you have let us borrow your yard in past years, you are on our list. If not, and you would like a sign for your yard, please let us know. ALL signs will be picked up on Sunday, Nov. 24th, the day after the Craft Show. Sunday, November 23rd.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED for after the Craft Show to help with taking tables and chairs down to be put away.

***By-Law change in process
to have ALL Lodge & Board
Meetings on Mondays***

Port Huron Lodge
of
ELKS
343

Cliff
Erickson

**Veterans Benefit
Dinner Show**

\$35

Saturday, November 9th at 6:00

Come enjoy a dinner and show with Cliff Erickson! Doors open at 6pm in our banquet facility. Stop by the Lodge Social Quarters bar or contact Scott R. Harris at (810) 956-7374 if you still need tickets.



In Sympathy

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



- Mark Howard – Loss of Mother
- Dave & Rose Howard - Loss of Mother
- Stephen Rumptz – Loss of Aunt
- Scott & Karen Harris - Loss of Brother in Law

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

PER Marvin Ohrling • John Stewart • Vicky Perkins
 Frank Swarts • DJ Westrick
 Alan Krug • Brian Depuey

Welcome NEW Members...

New Member

Michael J Carwile 11349
 Daniel L Perry 11350

Proposed By

Andrew Kroetsch 11341
 Gregory Hudy 8572

Spaghetti
FUNDRAISER DINNER
Benefitting Teresa Conroy

All proceeds will help pay for a needed upcoming surgery for Teresa.

**WEDNESDAY
 NOVEMBER
 6TH
 5 TO 8PM**
 DINNER SERVED AT 5:30PM

DIRECT DONATION TO TERESA

Teresa Conroy @TeresaConroy10

Hosted at Port Huron Elks Lodge
 3292 Beach Rd, Port Huron
 RSVP to Elks 810.982.8531 ext. 4
 or to Kim Tousignant 810.531.3040
 \$35 per person

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Sisters Act Out Enjoyed by All!

Congratulations to the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Ladies Golf Invitational Committee for putting on the "Sisters Act Out" dinner and show sold out event this past week. The Elk members and guest in attendance truly enjoyed an evening of good food, fun, and laughter.

Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello again brothers and sisters, hard to believe that the summer has flown by, and it's November. I hate November! Falling leaves, gray cold days and most of all the lodge is quiet most days. November means being closed Mondays and Tuesdays, bar and kitchen hours will be shorter Wednesday through Sunday. Golf leagues are replaced by pool leagues, but nobody goes out on the pavilion for a drink (too cold and windy). Life slows down and our vibrant summer lodge goes into a semi hibernation. That being said, don't give up on us as we need your support as much or more during the winter months, then we do in the summer.

The good news is we have a lot planned over the winter. A few construction projects to update some facilities, so keep your eyes on Facebook we will be looking for volunteers. Queen of Hearts is starting again in January to help pay for the new golf cart fleet. I'm sure Gerry Goodwin will be looking for people to help out with that also. The entertainment committee has been resurrected and they are already planning some music nights, a New Years Eve Party, and some other events are in the works for the weekends. We are also going "Elking", which is getting a bus and visiting other lodges in the district, so again keep your eyes on Facebook, the Expositor, and the bi-weekly newsletters. The lowerlevel bar has started euchre the 3rd Saturday of each month and some wine and meat bingo nights are in the works. Please keep November 6th (spaghetti dinner) and 13th (wine bingo) in mind as they are fundraising events for a member in need. Also, November 9th, is Club 343, and immediately following Cliff Erickson will be upstairs for a Veterans Fundraiser. The world-famous Christmas Craft Show is scheduled for November 23, don't forget your yard signs.

On a sad note, Jeff will be closing up the pro shop on November 10th, so please go in and thank him for a great season. He is a member who stepped up in a difficult situation and has done a great job this year. A vast majority of the membership has been great and easy to work with, but a small minority have been pretty selfish and less than pleasant to him this year. So please go in and thank him for his service to the lodge, and apologize if necessary. November also brings about budgeting and strategic planning for 2025. The Board of Directors, along with Emerson and the staff are examining what we do, why we do it, and identifying where and how to make adjustments. If you have constructive criticism or innovative ideas, please reach out to a lodge representative. If you just want to get something "off your chest" see me, I'll listen and explain what we're doing and why. That way it won't just end up as a topic for the "bar committee", because problems and issues don't get solved there, only exacerbated.

If you have interest in being a lodge officer or a trustee in the near future, please touch base with myself or John Cuthbertson the Leading Knight (who will be the next Exalted Ruler). We

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would be happy to walk through the responsibilities and expectations of the officer corps. We are always looking for reasonable, intelligent people who want to be part of the solution. Its not always an easy job but its worth it! Remember the good things we do in this life, echo in eternity, and right action, always leaves a legacy for those who follow your path.

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

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WEEKLY DOLLAR DRAW?

In case you haven't heard of the weekly Dollar Draw . . . to enter you pay \$1 and place your name on the Weekly Draw List hanging on the clipboard at the end of the downstairs Bar. You Must Enter Your Own Membership Number, No One Can Pay & Sign For You. Every Sunday at 11:00am a chip is drawn with someone's membership number written on it. If you entered into the Draw AND your member number was drawn you win 75% of the pot. The other 25% goes to the Betterment Fund for the Lodge. If you did not enter that week, sorry, and the pot is added to the next week's draw. If the pot is not won prior to it reaching \$1000, chips are pulled until a member wins. The key is to donate a dollar each week.

DOLLAR DRAW RESULTS

The Dollar Draw results for the past 4 weeks are: 9/15 #10351 Tom Wilkins pot \$275 (entered) Congrats Tom!: 9/22 #10416 Jim Feher pot \$87 (not entered); 9/29 #10967 Jon Tavarez pot \$177 (entered) Congrats Jon!: 10/6 #11053 Jeffrey Jones pot \$88 (not entered); 10/13 #10240 Dave Birtles pot \$163 (not entered).

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

Will you be entered in the next Draw?

EXPOSITOR PATRONS

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Mike & Susan Barnes Michael Basey	Tim & Ruth Frikken PER Bob & Brenda Fritch	PER David & PER Gail C. Marquis	Michael & Deborah Smith William & Tricia Smith
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Linda Bullis Dorothy Burgess	James & Patricia Greuber Michael & Bonnie Grider	Sherry Middleton Joe Miller & Stacey Weston	Pete & Mary Lynn Tahaney Bob & Barb Tarsi
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John Cardenas Chad Carlisle	Pamela Hall * PER Scott R. & Karen A. Harris	Pamela Moran Ron & Patty Morden	David Thiele, Jr. Katherine Thompson
Pam Carlisle Mark & Marcy Caza	Donna Hazlewood Jeff & Kelly Hedberg	Michael & Lisa Motte Carolyn Munro	Thurs. Men's Pool League Mike & Judy Toles
Pete & Sandra Cervini John & Laura Chambless	Joel & Brooke Heimbach David & Vicki Heino	George & Shelley Murdick Paul & Janice Naz	Jesse Torres Jr. Jon & Julie Tovarez
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Joseph & Debbie Eagen Pat & Jamie Eagen	Pat Korth Alan & Kim Krug	Ray & Sue Ruszczyński Kurt & Amy Satryb	

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!**

PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343
PRESENTS

WINE BINGO Night

FUNDRAISER FOR TERESA CONROY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM BINGO 6PM-8PM
3292 Beach Road
Port Huron, Mi. 48060

**First Bingo Cards \$10
Additional \$5**
All proceeds will go to
Teresa Conroy for a medical
procedure

FOOD & DRINK
SPECIALS
AVAILABLE

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810.982.8531 ext. 5
Social Quarters/Melissa

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
NON-ELK
MEMBERS
WELCOMED!



P.E.R. Holiday Basket Food Drive

Your P.E.R. Association is asking for Your Help from our Membership again this year to fill Baskets for Needy Families in our Community. Last year our Membership helped donate 67 Baskets to needy families in our Community.

We are looking for canned goods and non-perishable items, and hams under 15 lbs.

Here is a list of suggested items for our Baskets. Items needed: corn, green beans, stuffing, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, apple sauce, potatoes, peanut butter and jelly.

We will be distributing these Baskets the Saturday before Christmas so our deadline to put the baskets together is December 15th. Any questions please contact the Secretaries Office at 810-982-8531 ext.2 or Greg Hudy at 810-334-7177.

**Thank You to our Membership for
Helping us Help Others.**



EUCHRE ANYONE?

Join other Euchre players in the Social Quarters on Saturday, November 16th.

Registration starts at 5:00pm with play starting at 5:30pm. There is a \$10 buy-in with prizes paid to top three winners in points. Bring friends and hope to see you there.



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.

Ladies Pool League Drop-in
All ladies welcome.
Begins November 1st at 6pm
\$10 per player.



Payouts for 1st & 2nd places. Drop in Pool
No registration required!

68th Consecutive Blood Drive
Monday, NOVEMBER 18th - Noon-5:45pm

CLUB 343

Full Book
100 Scratch off tickets
\$500 Retail value
1 Ticket \$5
5 Tickets \$20

DETROIT LIONS INSTANT GAME

**Drawing will be
Nov. 9th 2024**



"Club 343's" Latest Raffle!

Win this Book of 100 Detroit Lions Instant game tickets. This is a full book of \$5.00 scratch off's from the Michigan Lottery. Raffle tickets are (1) for \$5 or (5) for \$20, win up to \$500,000. Please see Penny or Gary Osburn for Tickets.



Congratulations to Sue Hudy on winning our mystery prize box in May at our annual End of Year banquet. For just \$5, Sue won a Boat Trip for 4 Joe Miller and Stacey Weston's beautiful boat.

The prize included adult beverages and wonderful snacks before launch then took to the water. After 2 other aborted tries (due to weather), they finally hit the jackpot. On Saturday, September 21st with 80 degrees and sunshine, the group went up the St. Clair River north to the Lexington Boat Harbor and the Windjammer Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed dinner and drinks along with desserts, then a nice relaxing ride back to Port Huron.

Club 343 covered the cost of food/beverages at the restaurant. Joe and Stacey donated their time, boat, fuel, beverages, snacks and entertaining abilities. Thank you Joe & Stacey from all of us at CLUB 343.



Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Annual Hoop Shoot

Saturday, November 9, 2023

Registration begins at 10:00am.
Free Throw contest begins 11am!

WHERE:

**Landmark Academy
High School Gym
4800 Lapeer Rd • Kimball**

COME JOIN THE FUN!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Eligibility Rules: #1 - A contestant may only enter one Lodge Hoop Shoot contest. #2 - Contestants must be at least 8 and no older than 13 as of April 1, 2024, in order to participate. #3 - Regarding eligibility, the Director is responsible only for ensuring that the contestant competes in the correct age-group. #4 - Use the Age-Group calculator on the Hoop Shoot website www.elks.org/hoopshoot to verify age-group assignments. Contestants who shoot in the wrong age-group will be disqualified. #5 - As the Hoop Shoot tournament progresses, contestants may not switch divisions and may not skip levels of the competition. In order to be eligible to advance, a contestant must have participated in and won the previous level. #6 - The participant does not have to be family member of a Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 members.

Required Attire: ALL CONTESTANTS: Gym shoes are required. A t-shirt and pants or gym shorts may be worn. Basketball uniforms are acceptable, but not required.

Competition Age Groups: (Boys & Girls)

Contestants will compete in one of six divisions:

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Boys, ages 8-9 | Girls, ages 8-9 |
| Boys, ages 10-11 | Girls, ages 10-11 |
| Boys, ages 12-13 | Girls, ages 12-13 |

Age Participation Rules: What their age is on April 1, 2024.



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Fridays are Membership Drive Night!

Invite Someone New to Dinner!

*Bus Trip
Let's Go Elkin!*

The Entertainment Committee is hosting a Bus Trip!

Saturday, November 16th

12:00 noon -Meet in Social Quarters and grab a bite to eat
1:00pm (sharp) Midnight Madness Bus departure

Destination
Royal Oak Elk Lodge #34

Cost for bus: \$20.00 per person
BYOB for bus ride

For tickets - contact Lisa Haremza at 810-357-8387
or can purchase at social quarters bar
Limited seating available so buy your tickets soon!!

VETERANS CORNER

Why is November 11, 1918, so important? It is the Armistice for World War I and was signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the 18th year of 1900 on November 11, 1918, at that moment the guns of World War I went silent. We are the Land of the Free, because of you, the BRAVE and we thank each one of our nations Veterans for their service and the sacrifice. From Valley Forge to Vietnam, from Kuwait to Kandahar, from Berlin to Korea to Baghdad, our Veterans have borne the costs of America's wars, and they have stood watch over America's peace. We are all humbled and grateful to the Veterans and all who have fought for our freedom. Those who live today remember those who do not. Those of us who know freedom, remember this date for those who gave up life for freedom. On Monday, November 11, 2024, we will honor our dead, we will conduct ceremonies, we will lay wreaths and dignitaries will speak words of tribute to our fallen Hero's and our Veterans alive today. In our memories, in our hearts, we hold them close to us still. We all have family members who fought bravely to protect us and our nation. Yet we also know, even as their families knew when they last looked upon them, that we can keep them in our thoughts, though they can never be fully ours again, for they now belong to our God and to that for which they so selflessly made a final and eternal act of devotion. Even if they were not our own, we should not forget them. For all time, they are what we can only aspire to be, giving, unselfish, the epitome of human love, to lay down one's life so that others might live. In our mind's eye, we see young Americans going off to war to some foreign land to fight for us. We think of them now, with love, with devotion, and with faith. The certainty that what they fought and may have died for was worthy of their sacrifice, faith in God and in the Nation that has pledged itself to His work and to the dream of human freedom, and for a nation, that today and always pledges itself to their eternal memory. I urge all of you, to go up to those BRAVE men and women and shake a hand, give a hug, and give a word of thanks.

I ask you to consider volunteering at a Veteran's hospital or a nursing home. I encourage you to work with your local Veterans' group to help support our troops in the field and their families here at home. We honor those that followed in a great tradition, a tradition handed down to them by America's Veterans. In public ceremonies and in private prayer, we give thanks to these BRAVE men and women for the freedom we enjoy because of their willingness to serve. We should always honor those who have set such a brave example, our nation's Veterans the TRUE American hero's. May God bless our Veterans, and all who wear the uniform and may God continue to bless all of us.

In honor of Veterans Day and our local Veterans, the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 in conjunction Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) will be holding a Free Hot Dog Roast on Thursday, November 7th starting at 10:00 am in front of the Veterans Clinic. All Veterans, Spouses, active Military and First Responders are invited to stop by, for free Hot Dogs, Condiments, Chips, Cookies, and Beverages, we'd love to hear your story. .

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 Monday, September 30th, as John Bolf, US Air Force Veteran drew this month's lucky local Veterans. The winning tickets belong to John Durfee, US Army and Jesus Castillo, 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 Veteran members, 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: John Bolf, US Air Force Veteran



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BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES


The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, 66th consecutive Blood drive was held on Monday, September 16th. With our Membership and Community donations the American Red Cross collected 32 total units of blood during this recent drive. Working together, Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, and the American Red Cross have collected over 274 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 67th Blood Drive has been scheduled for Monday, October 21st. Please consider registering today at <https://www.redcross.org>.

CIVIC AWARD

Congratulations to the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 and its membership on being presented the Spirit of Port Huron – "Civic" Award on Monday, September 23, 2024, by Mayor Pauline Repp and our City Council members.



The Civic award is bestowed upon a person, business or organization that has significantly contributed time, talent or investment to make Port Huron a better place to live, work and play. In recognition of all the good Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 has done and continues to do for our local community, families in need and our area Veterans. *Pictured left to right with the recognition plaque is Joe Miller, Lodge Treasurer, Gregory C Hudy, DDGER & Lodge Secretary, Council Member, Bob Mosurak, ER, Gary L. Nesbitt II, PER, John C. Cuthbertson, Leading Knight & Board Chairman, and Scott R. Harris, PER, ENVSC VAVS Rep.*



Americanism Essay Contest theme announced!

by *Gwendolyn B. Parker, GL Committee Member*

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 2023-24 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

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.

**Suggestion Box located
in Social Quarters
near kitchen!
We welcome new ideas!**



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 Esteemed Loyal Knight.....John Woolman IV
 Esteemed Lecturing KnightLisa Haremza
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 Chaplain.....David Vandebossche
 Tiler..... Penny J. Osburn
 Inner Guard.....Tracey Cameron
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 & District 4200 DDGER
 Treasurer.....Joe D. Miller
 Presiding Justice.....Frank Mitchell Jr.

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 John Cuthbertson

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 PER Greg Shannon

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 Randy Johnston • Shawn Eagle

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
Check out our website at: phelkslodge343.com					1 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm Prowlers Hockey Game for Veterans	2 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm
3 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	4 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED	5 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	6 Bar 3Pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm SPAGHETTI DINNER for TERESA CONROY	7 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm ENVSC FREE HOT DOG YALE VA 10am	8 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	9 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm CLUB 343 CLIFF ERICKSON VETERANS BENEFIT
10 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	11 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Initiation/Lodge Mig 6pm	12 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	13 Bar 3Pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm WINE BINGO FOR TERESA CONROY	14 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm	15 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	16 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm EUCHRE 5:00pm Let's go Elkin Road Trip
17 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	18 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Brd of Dir. Mtg-6:30 BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	19 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	20 Bar 3Pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm	21 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm	22 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	23 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm CRAFT SHOW 9am-4pm
24 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	25 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Lodge Meeting 6:30pm	26 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	27 Bar 3Pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm	28 CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	30 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm

Upcoming Events: Breakfast w/Santa 12/7; Special Needs Christmas Party 12/8; Children's Christmas Party 12/14; New Year's Eve Party 12/31; Wild Game Dinner - 1/18/25

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