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Lodge Social Quarters

Time to Celebrate Football and Love.

The Theme is to wear something with your favorite football team or something to celebrate Valentines Day.

As winter settles in, Club 343 offers a warm and inviting atmosphere that's perfect for an evening out. Whether you have a ticket or not, everyone is welcome to come to this membership opportunity. Over \$700 in cash and prizes will be available to take home, at the same time supporting Lodge activities.

To ensure you have a spot at this popular event, we encourage you to make a reservation. Call or text Penny @ 810-357-6825 or Kim @ 810-434-7886.

Looking Ahead Don't forget our next meeting is scheduled for March 8h, 2025

COME JOIN THE FUN!

POOL TOURNAMENT

PER Super Bowl Party & King of the Hill Pool Tournament

Sunday February 9th

Super Sunday King of the Hill Pool Tournament & Party will be on Sunday, February 9th. Play will begin at Noon or closely thereafter. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board next to the bar. In person late signup will be allowed prior to 12:00pm on Sunday. The tournament will cost \$10 per player for 8-ball double elimination play. The bracket will be limited to 24 players. Horse races will begin approximately at 2:00. 50/50 & football squares may be available. The kitchen will be closed for this event. Please bring your favorite dish to pass for the Pot-luck table.

PER Bob Fritch & PER Steve Peters co-chairs

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See Page 7 for more details

- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Prizes
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71st Consecutive Blood Drive
Monday, FEBRUARY 24TH - Noon-5:45pm



In Remembrance of our Departed Members

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Initiated: 6-25-1987
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DOLLAR DRAW RESULTS

The Dollar Draw results for the past 5 weeks are: 12/15 #9814 Brian DePuey pot \$129 (not entered); 12/22 #11052 Vincent Jarbo pot \$178 (not entered); 12/29 #11274 Eric Kearns pot \$200 (not entered); 1/5 #9730 Lawrence Eagen pot \$252 (not entered); 1/12 #10595 John Cardenas pot \$297 (not entered)

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

Will you be entered in the next Draw?



Queen of Hearts! Friday Nights at 7pm

The Queen of Hearts is a lot of fun on Friday nights. Members and guests continue to anticipate whether the Queen of Hearts will come out of hiding. Come on down to support the Lodge by purchasing your tickets!

May the Queen live long!

Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello again brothers and sisters, it's already February! Still cold, snowy, and cloudy, but with each passing day Spring gets closer, and the pace of your lodge accelerates. Please remember that in these cold and dreary months we need your support more than ever. It is probably a surprise to some, but the lodge during the winter months has to use a line of credit to pay some of its bills. We usually go into debt to the tune of about \$50,000 over the winter which we pay off again by June when the money starts flowing. I'm not going to lie; this place is expensive to operate. The electricity and heating for a 18,000 square foot building and a 3200 square foot maintenance barn can be a little staggering. Infrastructure still breaks, mowers, tractors, and golf equipment need to be repaired, maintained and readied for spring. Wages are still paid; we stay open all winter unlike most golf clubs to serve our members. Again being up front, November and December were tough but in January, we made money, due to the diligence of our management, and the involvement of a small group of members.

I have repeated over and over to the point everyone is sick of hearing it, that the Lodge is a living thing and without participation it slowly dies. Luckily for us we have Club 343, two committees and a counsel that have taken up the torch. Queen of Hearts is back! Every Friday night for the next 40 weeks we will have the Q of H drawings on Friday nights. Please come out have some dinner and drinks, buy some tickets, and pick up some to sell also. The proceeds of this drawing will go to help pay for our new golf cart fleet. Next the Entertainment Committee has a multitude of great events planned. If you missed going "Elking", or the News Years Eve party you missed out on two awesome events where everyone had a great time. Please check in on Facebook to see their coming events. Thanks to the committee and our staff, we have indoor Putt-Putt golf, a Marti Gras Party, a Comedy Show, a Murder Mystery, Meat Bingo, and we are going "Elking" again, just to name a few upcoming events.

A huge shout out to the Bar Counsel. Some of you may be asking what the heck is the Bar Counsel. It's a concerned group of members usually found in bar stools surrounding the bar. Sometimes if it's an especially large meeting they have to move to the high tops as well, but I'm pretty sure you have to be on a bar stool to qualify. I'm told a sitting ER is not eligible for membership, but I have my application filled out for April and if allowed, entry may become privy to its complexities. With the kitchen being closed on Sundays the "Counsel" started pot lucks for the Lions games. It started as around 15 people, the next week it was 30, the next 45, they continue to grow and are a great time. They also threw the first annual Festivus Party! Around 50 people showed up, awards were handed out and it was a great success. Thank you, guys, so much for driving these events. This is really what our lodge is about, people stepping up and helping. Help to me means tak-

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ing on a task, driving it to fruition, and making it a success. Helping also means being a participant. Show up! The core group of people that always "show up" is getting larger and larger. I'm so grateful for that. So again guys, thank you for your help, pushing involvement in the lodge, and most importantly bringing people together.

Again, please come out to the lodge, have some fun, make a new friend, and enjoy the fraternity of a great group of people!

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

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Attention all members in good standing. This message is to notify you of our upcoming elections for the 2025-26 Lodge year. If you would like to become an officer, please read the following section from our Local Lodge By-laws.

Nominations are being taken now for the Port Huron Elks Lodge #343 2025-2026 Officers. Nominations will be closed after Monday, February 10th Lodge meeting. Voting will take place Monday, February 24th at the Lodge meeting.

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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Your Name Could Be Here!

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) _____

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A Bright and Beautiful Winter Day: Celebrating the New Year with Club 343

January 11, 2025, dawned with a brilliant sun illuminating the winter landscape, casting a golden glow over a scene of pure joy and camaraderie. Nearly 100 friends and family gathered to celebrate the New Year with Club 343, creating an atmosphere filled with laughter, warmth, and a sense of togetherness. The venue was alive with the sounds of cheerful conversations and the clinking of glasses, as attendees reveled in each other's company and reflected on the year gone by.

The winners were celebrated for their achievements, with Arrigo Zeller taking home a commendable \$100. Not far behind were Lisa and Conrad Haremza, who delightedly received \$75, while Drew Jacobs and Lisa Duman claimed \$50 for their notable performances. The dynamic duo of Steve and Becky Branch also celebrated, sharing in the joy of winning \$100. The "Share the Wealth" prizes were awarded to deserving participants. Dan McVety took home \$100, followed by Seth Zeller with \$80, and Gloria Traub with \$60. The spotlight shone brightly on Laura Nesbitt, who impressively snagged two prizes totaling \$105, showcasing not only her luck but also her spirit of participation.

The excitement didn't stop there; the square winners, Dave Headlee and Arrigo Zeller, each walked away with \$125, their victories celebrated with cheers from their fellow attendees. The atmosphere was electric as friends rallied around the winners, embodying the essence of community and support. Adding to the festivities were the door prize winners, Jackie Karl and Barry Stokan, each awarded gift cards to the charming Vintage Tavern, a beloved local spot. These prizes were generously donated to the Club by Mike & Lisa Motte and Jeff Payton.

To cap off the celebration, Theresa Dock was recognized for her presence at the party, receiving a \$25 Elk gift certificate, a sweet reminder of the joy of being surrounded by friends and family.

As the day came to a close, it was evident that the bright and beautiful winter day had brought everyone closer together. The laughter, the camaraderie, and the shared moments would be cherished memories for all who attended. Club 343's New Year celebration was not just an event; it was a testament to the bonds of friendship and family that thrive even in the coldest of seasons. Here's to many more gatherings filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of togetherness in the coming year!

PER EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Past Exalted Rulers "EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" is now available for local graduating High School Seniors who will be attending college and/or a trade school following graduation in 2025. Four graduating High School Seniors will receive one of the four available scholarships, chosen from six area high schools: Croswell Lexington "Pioneers", Landmark Academy "Lakers", Marysville "Vikings", Port Huron Northern "Huskies, Port Huron "Red Hawks", and Saint Clair "Saints ".

Each of the four students shall be awarded a \$1,000.00 Educational Assistance Program scholarship, after competition of the P.E.R. Scholarship application form. Using funds available in the Past Exalted Rulers restricted fund account #2911075 and/or the PER Pull Tab asset account #10203.

Applications are available thru each school's college advisor or school counselor. They can also be requested electronically by emailing your request to scottharris55@comcast.net.

Scott R. Harris PER & Gregory C. Hudy, DDGER - Committee Chairs

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The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans & Elks National Veterans Committee (ENVSC) chairman Scott R. Harris, PER, along with Veterans committee members Gary A. & Penny J. Osburn, both ENVSC VAVS Deputy Reps, accepted the 2023-2024 ENF-Veterans \$1,000.00 Freedom Grant check back on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. The funds were slated for purchasing and supplying (50) 18" Durable Waterproof Camo Canvas Backpacks filled with clothing items, toiletries, health and hygiene products, winter apparel, healthy snacks, first aid kits, puzzle books, referrals for emergency services, other cold weather gear, and therapeutic crafts for our local Veterans and active-duty Military in need.

These provisions will help our local Veterans stay healthy, warm, and dry during the cool spring and frigid Michigan winter months. The backpacks are for Veterans in need, including our Homeless/Housing insecure Veterans. Due to the national homeless crisis for Veterans, our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans committee continually supplies our local Veterans with therapeutic craft kits, clothing essentials, and mental health activities. This is only made possible with the donations from Lodge 343 membership continued support, local individuals, and organizations such as our Fraternal Order of Elks. Over and above this Freedom Grant award, our Lodge 343 Members continually provide blankets, hats, gloves, health, crafts, books, and hygiene products to our local Veterans' organizations. In addition, we continue to foster an already close relationship with the Yale VA Clinic, our local DVA agency, which is integral in supporting our esteemed Veterans. This also enables our Lodge to keep this National crisis visible to our membership.

We had a group of (6) Elk Members & (2) Family members involved in the whole process, not to mention the many Elk Lodge 343 members silently helping by donating to our BIG RED BOX program a few months ago, filling it to the top. It should be noted that the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans Committee and Lodge Membership, also donated funds to purchase the additional (15) 18" Durable Waterproof Camo Canvas Backpacks to reach our total of (50) we planned to donate.

In remembrance of Veterans Month of November, we had two separate presentations of the (50) total 18" Durable Waterproof Camo Canvas Backpacks. Our first presentation was on Thursday, November 7, 2024, to Stephanie McLaren, Clinic Manager at Yale Community Health Center who happily accepted the (25) backpacks at the Veterans Clinic in Yale, MI. Then on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, we presented (25) Backpacks to Shannon M. Kreger, Director, and Katie L. Creguer, Clerk, who also happily accepted the backpacks at the Sanilac County Department of Veterans Affairs in Sandusky, MI. all while staying true to our Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 is located at 3292 Beach Road, Port Huron, MI. 48060, Veterans Committee chairman Scott R. Harris, PER & ENVSC VAVS Rep can be reached at (810) 956-7374 or scottharris55@comcast.net with any additional questions, concerns or ideas on how we can assist our local Veterans.



PICTURED: Left to right: Lodge 343 Volunteers Monica Franks, Penny J. Osburn, Gary A. Osburn, Penny Mertz & Scott R. Harris getting the backpacks ready to deliver; Left to right: Gary A. Osburn, Penny J. Osburn, Penny J. Osburn, Katie L. Creguer Clerk, Shannon M. Kreger Director, and Scott R. Harris deliver the (25) Backpacks to the Sanilac County Veterans Affairs office. Left to right: Gary A. Osburn, Penny J. Osburn, Stephanie McLaren Director, Scott R. Harris, and Air Force Veteran Dave Wagner deliver the (25) Backpacks to the Yale VA Clinic

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.

CLUB 343 - On January 11th, Elks 343 came together at Club 343 drawing to honor our veterans in a heartfelt gathering that kicked off the New Year. It was a special day where every veteran in attendance had the chance to win some great prizes in a raffle, including gift cards and more. A big thank you goes out to our generous sponsors: CJ's Bar and Grill, the Elk's Comedy Show, Applebee's, and Chili's, as well as the Lodge Veterans Committee for making this event possible. We're thrilled to announce the veterans who took home prizes: Linda Bullis, Ray Ruszczynski, Scott Perkins, Julius Traub, Randy Johnston, and Ron Morris. As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. Congratulations to all the winners, and heartfelt thanks to each of you for your service!

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, 69th blood drive held on Monday, December 16th collected 43 pints for the American Red Cross. Working together, with the Red Cross we've collected over 289 gallons since our 1st blood drive on January 7, 2013. With our next goal of 375 gallons while in providing the "Gift of Life". Our 70th Drive is scheduled for Monday, January 27th. Please consider registering today at <https://www.redcross.org>.

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 Food & Drinks

JOIN US FOR Meat Bingo!

Come out for a fun night of food, drinks and Meat Bingo, while supporting your favorite dancers! Doors open at 5:00pm, so come on in and enjoy some dinner and get your raffle and 50/50 tickets, before bingo starts!

Port Huron Elks Lodge 343
 3292 Beach Road, Port Huron, MI 48060
 Wednesday, February 12, 2025
 Doors open at 5:00 pm
 Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

To reserve your spot, please call or text Carrie at (586) 322-0623 or call the Elks at (810) 982-8531 ext. 5. Please provide your name and the number of people in your group.

Dance Academy Competitive Dance Team

This is a fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Dance Academy Competitive Dance Team!

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Vol-un-ter - (noun) - a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task. Being a volunteer means that you are offering something that is not required nor an obligation. Whether you wish to volunteer a service that you can provide or just your time to help out with a task pick something that you are interested in (we have many different Elks programs to choose from). You can do it by yourself or have fellow Elks help. Come join the fun!



365 Penny Banks Fill One Up TODAY!

The banks are available at the Lodge in the lower level or ask an Officer. This is a Michigan Elks Major Project for Handicapped Children that helps send special needs kids to 12 different therapy camps. The banks hold 365 pennies. Fill up a bank or BANKS for the kids!!! Wouldn't it be great if every member filled at least ONE BANK...that is only \$3.65 (365 pennies!!!)

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FEBRUARY 2025

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
WEEKLY MENU - Wednesdays - Italian; Thursdays - Nite Bites; Fridays - Fish Fry; Saturdays - Steak Nite			Meat Bingo 2/12/25 - Open 5pm Start 6pm			1 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm INDOOR PUTT PUTT CHALLENGE
2 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	3 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED	4 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	5 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop In Pool	6 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	7 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-9pm QUEEN OF HEARTS BEGINS 7PM	8 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm CLUB 343
9 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED PER King of the Hill & Super Bowl Party	10 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Initiation/Lodge Mig 6pm	11 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	12 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool Yale VA Donut Day	13 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	14 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-9pm QUEEN OF HEARTS BEGINS 7PM	15 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm EUCHRE 5:00pm
16 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	17 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Brd of Dir. Mtg-6:30 BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	18 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	19 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool	20 Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	21 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-9pm QUEEN OF HEARTS BEGINS 7PM	22 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm Mike Ball Comedy show doors open 7pm starts at 8pm
23 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	24 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Lodge Meeting 6:30pm	25 BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	26 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool	27 Bar 3pm- 12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	28 Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-9PM QUEEN OF HEARTS BEGINS 7PM	

Upcoming Events: 72nd Blood Drive on 3/17; MEA State President's dinner 3/21 starting at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm. Hosted by Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge 2169; ER Ball & Lodge Awards Ceremony 3/22; Yale VA Coffee & Donut Day 4/9;