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# PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343 EXPOSITOR

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ELKS LODGE 343  
DADDY  
DAUGHTER  
*Dance*  
9th February 2024  
6pm-8pm  
3292 Beach Rd,  
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Join us for a fun night  
of dancing! Taco Bar.  
Candy Bar.Prizes,  
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child \$10

American Girl Doll  
Of 2024 Raffle



## Club 343 is the Place to Be! SATURDAY, FEB. 10th 5pm

in downstairs Social Quarters

**Come celebrate Valentine's Day with your special person and family. The theme will be to wear something RED or White with Hearts or other valentine related items on it.**

Chef Rob is making his delicious Strawberry Cheesecake for us, and there will be other tantalizing dinner items for us to enjoy. We will have our SUPERMARKET SWEEP TICKETS for sale, (only \$20) or you could win one by purchasing a square on the bulletin board down by the bar for just \$1. Tickets are available at the downstairs bar, Friday nights from 5-7 in the social quarters or by calling or texting Penny @ 810-357-8322.

Last month we gave away over \$800.00 dollars in cash and prizes. Come join us whether you have a Club 343 ticket or not, it's a great place to enjoy on these cold winter Saturdays.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT  
PENNY @ 810-357-8322 OR KIM @ 810-434-7886



## ANNUAL PER Super Bowl Party & King of the Hill Pool Tournament

### Sunday February 11th

We will have the Super Bowl Party this year on February 11th. This includes the annual PER King of the Hill Tournament & Horse races. Early registration sign-up sheet has been posted on the Lodge Social Quarters bulletin board. Registration is between 10:30 am to 11:45pm on the 11th with the pool tournament starting at noon sharp. Horse Races will go on thru the afternoon. Super Bowl Party - Kitchen will be open. Hopefully we will be able to cheer on our Detroit Lions!!!!

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

DEATH OF A GANGSTER

A 1920's Mafia Marriage  
Murder Mystery

24 FEBRUARY  
2024

DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM  
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Tickets Call Events Dept (810) 982-8531

Open to the Public



## *In Remembrance of our Departed Members*

### **Charles F. Gray #6767**

Initiated: 12-27-1993  
Born: 7-26-1942 Died: 12-18-2023

### **Scott T. Plant #11199**

Initiated: 5-2-2022  
Born: 6-5-1962 Died: 1-15-2023

Viola "Vi" Dill, Past Exalted Ruler First Lady has passed away on January 15, 2024. Her husband PER Fred Dill, passed away in 2023. Both of them will be missed.



## **In Sympathy**

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



Thomas & Louann Jobbitt - Loss of Mother  
Jerry & Sue Oden - Loss of Brother-In-Law  
Orv & Simone Reid - Loss of Brother-In-Law

## **SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

PER Marvin Ohrling • Tim Meikle • PER Scott R. Harris  
John Stewart • Frank Swarts • DJ Westrick • PER Greg Shannon

## **59th Annual Blood Drive**

**Monday, FEB. 19th - 12-5:45pm**

## **NOTICE TO ALL THURSDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON LEAGUE GOLFERS**

WATCH FOR REGISTRATION FORMS FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON LEAGUES COMING NEXT MONTH. Please fill out and send in as soon as possible. The Leagues Fill Quickly! All returning teams will be considered first. Any questions, call Scott Perkins at 810-956-4030. Remember, you must be a paid-up Elk Member.

## **LOST 'N FINDS:**

Thanks to a couple of Special Volunteers, one of the closets received a good Spring cleaning. A 'few' pieces of 'lost' clothing, umbrellas . . . have been put aside to be claimed by their owner. Anything unclaimed by the end of February will be donated to those who are in need. Everything is upstairs :)

## **Exalted Ruler's Message**



Hello again brothers and sisters, I hope this finds you well in the deep freeze of January into February. These are the days when we ask ourselves, "why do we live in Michigan". The answer is for the months of June, July, August and September because they are magnificent, and May and October can have their high points as well. Not going to lie, I'm typing this from sunny Scottsdale, AZ, where its only in the 60's but it beats 12

or 13 degrees.

But I miss being at home too. I don't mind the cold as long as there is snow and sunshine. I miss my Michigan friends, my kids and my lodge. I've seen most of Michigan and actually most of the country and still believe we live in a great place. When I left the area, I really missed it and when we had kids, we made our way back here because all our friends and family were here. Port Huron was a good fit for us, the pace of life is a little slower, people are a little nicer, the schools are good and people genuinely seem to care for one another.

I like visiting here, the weather is great, but here, people drive like jerks, other than that they seem nice, but life is lived at a faster pace. That's what I like about our community and our lodge- we care for each other, we have each other's backs and we do things for others. So, thank you Port Huron Lodge 343 for keeping us grounded. For doing great things in the community, for looking out for each other and for realizing that "there is legacy in public service". That the little things we do mean a great deal, and that the values we share make a great difference.

Last month I told you we were already in the throws of budgeting and looking at 2024. After several meetings with both the executive board and with committees we are going to be raising golf rates 5% for 2024. I know this is never popular but the costs of keeping the doors open have exceeded the 5% and to stay viable it needs to be done. We really try to not raise both golf and membership the same year, but this year we also have to raise the membership dues from \$185, to \$190, as Grand Lodge has assessed another \$5/member for insurance costs. Grand Lodge has only found one company that will insure us, and they have raised rates. Our lodge has seen about a 23% raise last year and we got off easy as some lodges were raised in excess of 30%. This is because of a couple large lawsuits against local lodges mostly because of accidents involving bar overservice.

So.....like me or hate me, you're stuck with me for another year (unless I get voted out). I've decided to do a second term. We have some things going we are trying to get in place, business models, financial structures, employee/manager reviews, capital expenditures, lodge infrastructure, etc... in 2023 into 2024, and I/we feel consistency in the ER position is important to making this happen.

While I have been gone for the month of January, John Cuthbertson has been acting as ER in my absence. John is your Leading Knight, if you don't know him you should get to. John will be a great ER in 2025, he's, intelligent, thoughtful, moral, kind, and a whole bunch more adjectives that you would use to describe a great person and a great friend. The lodge will be in good hands in 2025 and 2026 with John Woolman in the wings. That being said, we are always recruiting and looking for reasonable, intelligent, moral people without agendas, and with the good of the lodge in mind to fill the officer ranks. If your interested in being part

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of the solution, not the problem, please reach out to me or any of the officers.

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 2024-25 Lodge year. If you would like to become an officer, please read the following section from our Local Lodge By-laws. You can contact Exalted Ruler Gary Nesbitt or Secretary Greg Hudy to volunteer yourself for an open position.

**Nominations will be closed after**

**Wednesday, February 14th.**

**Voting will take place Wednesday,**  
**February 28th.**

## ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after the 1st day of January if meetings are held monthly, or otherwise after the 1st day of February and prior to the date of the annual election. If no nomination for a particular office shall have been made prior to the date of such election, or if all candidates previously nominated for a particular office shall have declined or withdrawn, nominations for that office may be made on the date of election. If a Member has been nominated for more than one office, they must declare that they accept one nomination and withdraw from the other nomination before the close of the last regular meeting of the Lodge prior to the regular meeting at which the election is to be held, and if they do not do so, they must accept only the first nomination. No Member, unless nominated in accordance with this Section, shall be eligible to election at any such annual election. Only a Member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination to office in the Lodge of which they are a Member.

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Be Here!**

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

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

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

## THE WEATHER OUTSIDE WAS FRIGHTFUL BUT CLUB 343 WAS DELIGHTFUL!

Saturday January 13th was our first Club 343 gathering of the new year and it looks to be a very promising year.

Over 100 members and family came out to the lodge and took home more than \$400 in cash and prizes. Club winners were: Steve & Tammy Peters \$100, Lori & Don Allen \$75, Keith Collins \$50, Paula McVety \$50, Jon Tovarez \$100, and Scott Perkins took home the \$25 gift certificate for food or drink at the Lodge.

Door Prize winners ( a Supermarket Sweep ticket and some pull tabs) were: Lynn Hartnett and Cody Allen. Share the wealth went to: Meredith O'Hare Schmitt \$100, Lynn Bowman \$75 and \$60 (double winner), Sally Biernasz \$50, and Keith Eisen \$25. Supermarket Sweep ticket (square sheet) winners were: Sally Biernasz, Nancy Falk, Mouse, and John Stuewer.

Thank you members, Kitchen and Wait staff for making the new year start off great. Paula McVety did another amazing job with our snow flake table decorations. A great big thank you to her. Can't wait to see what she will come up with for our Valentine's Day theme for our next gathering February 10th. Thanks and hope you all had fun.

**"CLUB 343 IS THE PLACE TO BE "**

## 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.

## HAVE YOU DONATED TO ENF YET?

If each member gave \$5 - \$10 to ENF our Lodge can acquire Grants from \$500 - \$20,000 to help in our Community. This past year we were able to hand out over \$8,000 worth of grants to local food banks including Mid-City Nutrition, Blue Water Food Depot and Church of Freedom Lighthouse Fellowship. You can donate when you pay your dues, drop off cash or check at the office or call in with a credit card. What we get back from National from these ENF grants far exceeds what we donate.

## METROIT DISTRICT 4200 WINTER CONFERENCE VOTES IN NEW OFFICERS

The GREAT Metro District 4200 Winter Conference was held on Sunday, January 14th hosted by Lapeer Area Elks Lodge 2567. We were honored to have in attendance our State President Penny Geishert (our first female state president) and her husband Ed Geishert, Past State President and current national Grand Lodge Lecturing Knight attended our Winter Conference. Both share some words of wisdom and thoughts on Elkdom in general.

Congratulations to our incoming Great Metro District 4200 Officers. Greg Shannon PER from Port Lodge 343 will our District Vice President, Phil Carbon PER from Ferndale Lodge 1588 our District Vice Chairman, our Gold Key Metro District Commissioner will be Chuck Pankey-Fanning DDGER from Ferndale Lodge 1588 and our Major Projects Metro District Commissioner will be Jennifer Kurtz PER from Ferndale Lodge 1588.

Our incoming State Trustee representing our Metro District will be Richard Evans PDDGER from Lapeer Area Lodge 2567 and our incoming Grand Lodge District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler will be Gregory C. Hudy PER from Port Huron Lodge 343. Thank you to all the members who attended while proudly representing your Elk Lodge!

*Pictured: Scott R. Harris PER, Metro District 4200 Vice President from Port Huron Lodge 343, Penny Geishert State President from Coldwater Lodge 1023, Penny's husband Ed Greishert PSP and current Grand Lodge Lecturing Knight also from Coldwater Lodge 1023, and Chuck Pankey-Fanning our Metro District 4200 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from Ferndale Lodge 1588.*



## 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 draw 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, that draw chips are pulled until a member wins. The key is to donate a dollar each week.

The Dollar Draw results for the past 4 weeks are: 12/17 #10508 Joe Fogarty pot \$282 (not entered); 12/23 #10571 Teresa Lamb pot \$332 (not entered); 12/30 #8973 Scott Bennett pot \$372 (not entered); 1/7 #10667 Richard Killian pot \$426 (not entered)

**Will you be entered in the next Draw?** Reminder: Each Member must enter your own \$1 and sign your own Name ONLY

## LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELK MEMBERS CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2024 application closes on February 5, 2024 at 11:59 a.m. PST.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

For the 2024 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2021, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2024. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

The applicant must be a high school senior.

The applicant must apply online only. The 2024 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 5, 2024, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.

We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2024 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.

Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

If you are selected as a 2024 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship.

**GO TO: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>  
TO LEARN MORE!**

### Volunteers are ALWAYS needed here at the Elks Lodge!

Whether you only have an hour or want to do more we can ALWAYS use the help. Ask about all the different committees we have, find one that interests you and join THE FUN!



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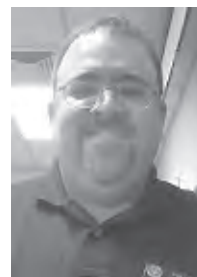
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## VETERANS CORNER #38



The Yale Veterans Clinic of McLaren/Port Huron Yale Community Health Center held a free Veterans Coffee & Donut Day on Wednesday, December 20th, co-sponsored by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Gary & Penny Osburn, Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Lodge Officers assisted the VA Staff in support of the ENVSC. Two dozen of the best Chef Shell's donuts, along with additional Strudel bites, Mini Danish and Protein bars were made ready for the Veterans and staff. The Veterans started arriving around 9am after fasting for their blood work, they were ready for a bite to eat, a fresh coffee, all while they shared their supportive comments and stories. Over 25 Veteran patients stopped in, with most of them filling out the free "Gas Card" entry slip with a chance to win, relaxed in the massage chair, and looked through the free Therapeutic Craft kits, gun locks, MGM playing cards, dice and Yahtzee score sheets all available free to them. The ENVSC team also helped McLaren

Hospital Staff hand out the staff donated Christmas gifts which they had provided for the local Veterans.

On another note, the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, Clawson/Troy Elks Lodge 2169 and ENVSC monthly \$25.00, (2) free gas gift cards "give-a-way" program drawing took place on December 27th. Shirley Whiting, wife of Eldon, a Navy Veteran, was asked to assist Gary Osburn with the drawing. Shirley drew the tickets for two lucky local Veterans. This month's winning tickets belong to Doug Brown, US ARMY and Gabe Coronado, USMC. The Yale Veterans Clinic of McLaren/Port Huron Yale Community Health Center is located at 7470 Brockway Road, Yale, MI. 48097. The Elks pledge "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises service to our nation's Veterans and Military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Providing once again, Elks Care – Elks Share. To our Veterans of Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, along with our newly initiated Veteran members, to please consider sending your story to Scott R. Harris PER, DVP, ENVSC VAVS Rep at [scottharris55@comcast.net](mailto:scottharris55@comcast.net) for a future Veterans Corner publication.

*PICTURED: (a) Left to Right: William Ortega US Army, Penny Osburn Elks Lodge 343, Eric Verbecke USMC, enjoying the morning treats and Christmas gift. (b) Shirley Whiting draws (2) winning tickets.*



## WHAT IS R.E.D. FRIDAY?

RED is an acronym that stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. R.E.D. Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts.

How did R.E.D. Friday Get Started? - Remember those email chains you used to get asking you to forward to 10 friends – or all of your friends? There were all kinds: some claiming ridiculous things, some trying to raise awareness for campaigns or diseases, and some that were just plain silly. This is how R.E.D. Friday originated: an email chain back in 2005.

According to SNOPEs.com, the original email chain read: You will soon see a lot of people wearing RED on Fridays. Here's why.....

The Americans who support our troops, are the silent majority. We are not "organized" to reflect who we are, or to reflect what our opinions are. Many Americans, like yourself, would like to start a grassroots movement using the membership of the Special Operations Association, and Special Forces Associations, and all their friends, simply to recognize that Americans support our troops. We need to inform the local VFW's and American Legion, our local press, local TV, and continue carrying the message to the national levels as we start to get this going. Our idea of showing our solidarity and support for our troops is starting Friday, and continuing on each and every Friday, until this is over, that every RED – blooded American who supports our young men and women, WEAR SOMETHING RED.

Word of mouth, press, TV — let's see if we can make the United States, on any given Friday, a sea of RED much like a home football game at a university.

If every one of our memberships share this with other acquaintances, fellow workers, friends, and neighbors, I guarantee that it will not be long before the USA will be covered in RED – and make our troops know there are many people thinking of their well-being. You will feel better all day Friday when you wear RED! Let's get the word out and lead by example; wear RED on Fridays.

**Being a part of R.E.D. Friday is easy: just wear red on Friday and tell your friends why!**

**Fridays are also Membership Drive Nights . . . Bring friends for dinner. If you can't be at the Lodge, please take a minute to mention the Elks to your Family and Friends!**

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KITCHEN & BAR  
 HOURS: Subject to change

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	2 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 3pm-8pm	3 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm
4 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-6pm	5 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED	6 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm	7 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL YOGA 4-5pm	8 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	9 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE	10 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm CLUB 343
11 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-6pm PER SUPER BOWL PARTY & KING OF THE HILL	12 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED	13 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm	14 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL Initiation/Ldg Mig 6pm YOGA 4-5pm	15 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	16 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm MEAT BINGO 5PM	17 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm EUCHRE 5PM REGISTRATION 5:30PM START
18 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-6pm	19 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	20 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm	21 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL Brd of Dir. Mtg 6:30pm YOGA 4-5pm	22 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	23 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm	24 Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
25 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-6pm	26 CLOSED	27 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm	28 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4pm-8pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL Lodge Meeting 6:30pm YOGA 4-5pm			

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