



BULLETIN

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2008 Elks Open Scramble Golf Outing (for members & non-members)
Thursday, July 31 at Sandy Ridge Golf Course

Shotgun start 10:00 a.m.
Prizes, steak dinner at the club

\$55 per player covers green fees, cart, steak dinner, and prizes.
Team captains should turn in their entry form and payment by July 28.
Entry forms can be picked up at the Club.

Don't want to golf? You can still join us at the Club for an excellent steak dinner for only \$12.95. Reservations must be in by July 28.

For more information, call the Club at (989) 835-2271 or Gary Reisig at (989) 631-4042.

Submitted: Gary Reisig



2008 Fall State Convention

The 2008 Fall Convention of the Michigan Elks Association will be October 16 – 18. The Convention will be held at the Kewadin Casino & Resort in beautiful Sault Ste Marie. The Lodge will be sending in a list of attendees from Midland. If you want to be included on this list, please notify the Lodge ER, John Cole, (989) 284.5266 or DJohnCole@aol.com) before September 1.

September and October Cookouts

Put these Saturday dates on your calendar: September 6 and October 11.

Yes, the club will be open on these Saturdays for these special events.

We are planning cookouts. Could be steak, could be chicken, or the other white meat. Could be individually cooked, or roasted whole on a spit. In the past, everyone who came had a really good time and a REALLY GOOD (MYSTERY MEAT). So don't miss out this year.

More details in the September Bulletin. But the best place to get more details in the club, so visit the club for more details, flyers, and good company.

CLUB NEWS

You say Goodbye & I say Hello . . .

Kristyn Hemingway said her good-byes to the Midland Elks on Friday, June 20, 2008. She has been that smiling face behind the bar for the past several months. She is now working in Saginaw, which is much closer to where she lives. We wish her well.

We say hello to Francine Henson. She is taking over as bartender. Her first night was Friday, June 20, 2008. Be sure to stop in and say hello to Francine. She is looking forward to meeting all of you.

Also, say hello to Rachel Hollingsworth, the new manager for the bar, kitchen, room rentals, and events.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Wow! Summer is here already. Things slow down a bit: this Bulletin covers both July & August; the Lodge only meets once a month during July & August; the ER's message is shorter than usual (is that applause I hear?) – aaahh, those hazy, lazy days of summer.

One of the important holidays we will be celebrating as a Nation is the Birthday of our Country – July 4. One of the reasons we are Elks is “to quicken the spirit of American patriotism.” As we celebrate the 4th of July, we should be doubly proud – we are citizens of the greatest country on earth and we are members of the greatest fraternal organization in the United States of America – BPOE.

My wish for each and every one of you is that you have a safe, relaxing, and refreshing summer.

Fraternally,
John Cole
Exalted Ruler



BULLETIN NEWS

Reader Reward Rules Revised

So far, no one has claimed their reward for reading the Bulletin. Is it possible that no one is reading the Bulletin?! To find out, we are changing the rules for the *Reader Reward Program*.

We have placed some lucky member's membership number in one of the articles in the Bulletin. (You will find the number in the June Bulletin on page 3, at the end of the description of the responsibilities for Michigan Major Projects.)

To win:

1. Read the July/August Bulletin cover to cover, or at least until you find the lucky membership number.
2. Call the club (989) 835-2271 and tell whoever answers that you have found this month's hidden membership number. You will need to give your name, the number you found, and where you found it in the Bulletin. Call by July 15.
3. If the person belonging to the membership number doesn't call, then a winner will be chosen at random from all of those Elks who called in with the correct number and its location.
4. If you win, you will receive one free dinner with the purchase of a dinner at the regular price. What a deal!

*“Most opportunities come disguised as hard work
– that's why so few people recognize them.”*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members Initiated

Amanda Freeman and Josh Powenski were initiated into Midland Lodge #1610 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on June 17. Please make it a point to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Seven Keys to a Successful Lodge

Submitted by John Cole (ER), Greg Saxton (Secretary), Cheryl Anger (Inner Guard)

One of the gems we were given at the state Convention in Manistee was contained in a talk given by C. Valentine Bates, PGER, from Gainesville, FL – Lodge #990. He listed seven keys to a successful Lodge.

We share them with you and invite your reaction to them.

1. Cohesive officer core

- A team that works together
- A team that communicates together
- A team that moves forward together
- A team that has good participation and attendance

2. A good indoctrination and initiation ritual

- Explains what our local lodge is all about.
- Asks what they would like to get involved in.
- Makes them feel “special” and a part of a group.
- An inspiring ritual can be the best motivation for a new member.

3. Eliminate bickering

- When we start on a project we need to lay out a plan of action to help eliminate confusion so we can focus our attention on the major obstacles and not the minor obstacles. 03488
- Respect each other's own respective “space” in the process of achieving our goals

4. Be active in the community

- We need to be more active in the community and show others that we are active and that we care.
- And, get the word out through the media!!

5. Involve new members and their families

- Involve them in our social activities and charitable activities and offer recognition for their services.

6. Make the club clean and inviting

7. Appoint/select members for a position who will complete their tasks.

- Sometimes it is better not to have a committee than to have one that does not function properly.

If you want to react to one or more of these items, or add your own, please contact any one of us.

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 and physical health. It keeps your mind sharp
 and your body fit.

Why not attend dances at the Midland Elks?
 Dance lessons also available.

For more information,
 call John at 989.284.5266, or on the web:
FunAndFitnessDanceYahoo.com



ELKS CALENDARS

Michigan State Association 2009 Big Bucks Calendars are Here!

This is your chance to support a "Win-Win" cause for as little as \$15 per calendar. Proceeds go to support our Youth, Special Needs Children, Seniors, Veterans, and Troops.

Here's how it works: Each ELKS BIG BUCKS CALENDAR comes with a 4 digit number that is issued to you and you alone. The Michigan State Lottery draws a four-digit number daily, (EVENING DRAWING). If your number matches the one drawn that day (STRAIGHT ONLY), YOU ARE A WINNER! Each number drawn Monday through Friday will be a \$50 winner. Each number drawn Saturday will be a \$300 winner.

These make excellent Christmas gifts, especially if you like giving lottery tickets as Christmas gifts. No where else can you get a daily lottery ticket for an entire year for only \$15 and still support everything the Elks stand for: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Don't wait until the last minute – there are only 70 calendars available to our Lodge. To order, fill out the order blank and send it to the Lodge, or better yet, bring it to the Lodge.

ELKS BIG BUCKS CALENDAR ORDER FORM

Yes, I want to support our Lodge by ordering _____ calendars at \$15 each (\$20 after September 15, 2008). My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Each calendar is registered in the name of the person who will receive the prize.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3
Name			
Address			
Address			
City			
State			
Zip			
Phone			
Email (optional)			

Hurry – Only 70 calendars are available for sale!!!

ELKS CALENDAR – JULY/AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Club 4 pm - 11 pm Hot Dogs & Sausage	Club 4 pm - 12 a.m. Steak Fry	Club 4 pm - 10 pm Mexican	Club 4 pm - 10/11 pm	Club 4 pm - 12 am Fish & Steak	
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Lodge 8 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Golf Scramble (Sandy Ridge)	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Lodge 8 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Open daily as indicated (note hours above)
 Closed