



# BULLETIN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NASCAR Party Steak Cookout on October 13

Don't forget to sign up (see poster in the club) and pay for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NASCAR cookout. The club will open at 5.30 p.m. and we will start cooking the steaks at 6:30 p.m.

We will be having steak, potato, baked beans, salad and dessert. Cost is \$13 per person.

There will be race games and door prizes. Everybody is welcome!

If you have questions, contact Bob Meyette, Bill Murray or Bob Woods.



### Wine & Cheese, Anyone?

We are planning a wine & cheese party sometime in November. Look for the exact date and time in the November Bulletin.

Drinking wine is not only enjoyable, it can also be good for you. Recent studies in the United States found that a drink of almost any type of alcohol can lower death rates by reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Serge Renaud, a French scientist, has discovered that two to three glasses of wine a day reduces death rates from all ailments by up to 30 percent. Renaud maintains that wine also acts against other heart ailments because of the antioxidant action of polyphenol compounds in grapes. "Wine is a more diluted form of alcohol, which is important to the body and, if taken moderately at mealtime, it is easily absorbed," he explained.

What a wonderful way to prepare for the holidays. Plan on attending to find out more about what wines are available, what wines are your favorites, what wines you want to purchase for making your holiday celebrations more enjoyable, and what wines you want to give as gifts.

### DVP Visit

East Central District Vice President Jim Davis will be making his official visit to our lodge on November 6. He will be assessing our participation in the Michigan Elks Association programs. Please welcome Jim to our lodge.

### Wednesday is Mexican Night

Mexican night returns on Wednesdays, with south of the border foods prepared by Elivra's. Look for your favorite entrees and pricing from last year.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Looking to the future is as important to all of us in our personal lives as it is to our Lodge. We have made substantial progress in the past few months. However, we still have a long way to go. Our financial situation has improved. We are in the process of organizing our data so we can meet the reporting requirements of the Grand Lodge and Michigan Elks Association. We will be able to make substantial contributions to the Elks National Foundation and the Michigan Major Project in 2007-2008. We have applied for an impact grant and will be applying for additional grants which are available from the Elks National Foundation for our special projects.

As we all know, in order for us to continue to improve and grow as a Lodge, we have additional challenges we must meet and solve.

One of the tough issues we must take a hard look at is the smoking issue. Many of our members think the Elks should be a non-smoking facility. The Officers and Trustees have agreed we should take a hard look at this issue from both sides. We will set aside a portion of the Tuesday, October 16, lodge meeting to have a discussion on the smoking issue. It is our goal to look at all sides of the issue and any options and/or ideas any member may have. It is not a requirement that we make a decision on this at this meeting. It is important that every member attend this meeting and participate in the discussion.

As a member of this lodge you have the right and should participate in the decision making process.

Fraternally,

Bill Ovatt, PER  
Exalted Ruler

## FUNDRAISING

### Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast held on September 15<sup>th</sup> was sparsely attended.

We did, however, make a profit of \$107 for the Michigan Major Project.

A big thank you to all of the people who help us at the event. We should also extend our thanks to Chris Cakes Inc. for doing the breakfast and allowing us to make a profit.



## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

It does not seem possible that another year has passed us again. But with Christmas only 85 days away, it's time for us to solicit your charity. Also, we're trying to catch you "Snow Birds" before you wander south for the winter.

As we have done in years past, we are appealing to our members and their friends for donations for our Christmas Baskets. Our baskets cost over \$60.00 each (actual cash value is much higher due to donations from Sanford IGA vendors of various basket items) and we are looking to distribute some 100 baskets in the Midland County area. Due to the size of our food basket, we will request (from the Salvation Army) only those families with three or more. Families of 7 or more will given additional food items, similar to last year.

Please make your contribution (or at least let us know of your monetary commitment) early, because if the donations exceed our expectations we will increase the number of baskets to be given out. This will allow us time to get with the Salvation Army or area churches for additional names.

You can mail or drop off your contributions at the Elks, or call the Elks at 989-835-2271 or Bob Woods at 989-835-1064 to let us know the amount of your donation. Your commitment is crucial, as we must contact the Salvation Army by mid-November to request additional names if it appears that we will exceed our goal.

You, as members and friends of the Elks, have shown us your generous support in past years. Can we count on you again?

Bob Woods

### 2008 Calendars Available

2008 Elks Calendars available. Buying a calendar will enter you in a contest to win \$50. Please get your 2008 calendar now. They are available now at the club.



## Midland Elks Club Menu October

Monday	Hot Dogs and Brats
Tuesday	Steak Fry
Wednesday	Mexican Night Returns!
Thursday	Hot Dogs and Brats
Friday	Fish and Black Angus Steaks with Salad Bar

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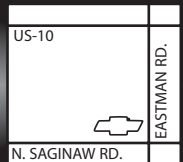
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**ELKS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Club 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Hot Dogs & Brats	Club 4 p.m. - 12 a.m. Steak Fry	Club 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Mexican	Club 4 p.m. - 10/11 p.m. Hot Dogs & Brats	Club 4 p.m. - 12 a.m. Fish & Steak	
	1	2 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 8 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <b>Dance</b> 7-10:30 pm	13 <b>NASCAR Steak Cookout</b>
14	15	16 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 8 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <b>Dance</b> 7-10:30 pm	27
28	29	30	31			

Open daily as indicated (note hours above)  
 Closed