



BULLETIN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Roll Call Night
Tuesday, Oct. 20

Toys for Tots Party
Saturday, Nov. 7

Millionaire Party
Cedar Avenue Inn,
Gladwin
Oct. 7-11

Millionaire Party
Cedar Avenue Inn,
Gladwin
Nov. 4-8

Christmas Baskets
Sunday, Dec. 19

Hoop Shoot
Date/Location
To Be Announced

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Show your support for Elkdom and the Midland Lodge.

Q: What is the purpose of Roll Call Night?

A: Roll Call Night is when Elks everywhere renew their ties to the lodge and our order. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has a rich history of rituals and traditions. These traditions are what keep our order grounded. Just as the roots of an oak tree go deep into the ground and provide stability, so, too, do the rich traditions of Elkdom give us a quiet sense of permanence. Roots are the difference between the oak and the tumbleweed. We all need deep roots, just as an oak tree does, if we are to survive the challenges life brings.

It has been said by many people that there are two things we should give our children: one is roots, the other is wings. The same can be said of Elkdom in general and our Lodge in particular. The roots of Elkdom connect us to our past; the wings of Elkdom will carry us into the future. Wings are a symbol of liberation and progress, evolution and creativity. They help us rise above the difficulties of today and see the possibilities of tomorrow.

Roots and wings – strength today and the ability to build a better tomorrow.

Please join us October 20 for Roll Call Night. Lets celebrate together our roots of Elkdom and strengthen our wings as we prepare meet the challenges of tomorrow. Enclosed with the bulletin is a postcard. Please use the postcard to reserve your spot on Roll Call Night. If you can't be there, please return the post card anyway to show your support for Elkdom and the Midland Lodge.

Fraternally,
John Cole
Exalted Ruler

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Thank You, Thank You

The Midland Elk Lodge 1610 has just mailed out 13 care packages to our troops in Iraq. This was a project that was paid for in part by the Gratitude Grant that we had gotten from Elks National Foundation (ENF) and several generous members. \$500 came from the Gratitude grant and \$388 came from members. Thanks to the members, we were able to send more stuff to the troops.

When a lodge accumulates \$4.50 per member, we are allowed to apply for a Gratitude Grant from ENF, we had donated \$5.27 per member. We are currently at \$3.00. Please give to the Elks National Foundation.

The care packages that were sent to the troops contained socks, candy, gum, foot powder, pens, peanuts, trail mix, Kleenex, paper, envelopes, tooth paste and other stuff. All of the boxing, purchasing and mailing of the goodies was done by our new member Esteem Loyal Knight Karen Burtner and her crew. Very nice job Karen. Thanks!!

Please contribute to the Elks National Foundation. We need \$400 to reach our goal of \$4.50 per member. Your support is appreciated.

Arthur Vasold, ENF Chairman



Stimulus Package Update

When I sent out the dues renewal notices this year, I announced our Lodge's stimulus package that was intended to help our Lodge weather the tough economic times. Thanks to all of you, our stimulus package is starting to work. We are in better financial condition today that we were a year ago. But we still have a long way to go before we become financially secure. We still need your support for our Lodge.

Support comes in many sizes and levels of participation. The most basic and easiest way to participate is to pay your annual dues and to pay them on time. Most of you do this and your prompt payment is appreciated. It shows your commitment to Elkdom in general and in our Midland Lodge in particular.

The next level of participation is to dine and socialize at our Club. We have been doing a little better this year than last year, but we could still do a lot better. As an incentive to your increased participation, I am hosting a "Birthday Thursday" celebration on the first Thursday of the month, starting January 7. There will be a birthday cake to honor all of the Elks who will be celebrating their birthday in that month. If you have a birthday in the month, you will be given a free drink, courtesy of the ER. Please bring your family and friends with you to help celebrate your birthday and all of the Midland Elks who were born in the same month as you.

The Club is also having Steak Night twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The menu includes a steak cooked to your specifications, potato, salad bar, and dessert. Cost is \$14.95. To guarantee that there will be a steak available for you, reservations are appreciated.

There are two other special events you can participate in. On October 20, we are having Roll Call Night. On November 7, we are having a "Toys for Tots" party. The band, Still Standing, is donating their time and talent to provide us with live music. The Marines will be there to collect our donations of toys and money. There will be food & drink specials. All you need get in will be one new, unwrapped toy per person. If you can't make it for this special event, you can still drop off a toy or donation at the Club.

Another level of participation is to volunteer to help out on one or more of our activities. The Lodge is also fortunate to be sponsor two Millionaire Parties at the Cedar Avenue Inn in Gladwin. The weekly Millionaire parties start on Wednesday and end Sunday. The first one is October 7 through 11. The other is November 4 through 8. Our Lodge gets have of the proceeds, but we have to provide a couple people to help. If you are interested in helping out, let me know. (989.284.5266) We also have received 77 Elks Big Buck Calendars to sell this year. If you can help out by being calendar salesman this year, let me know. Our goal is to sell all 77 by December 1st. Our annual Hoop Shoot is always in need of volunteers. And its not too early to start thinking about being an officer or committee member for next year. If you've been active in the past, perhaps you would consider being a mentor to one of our new volunteers who have the desire, but not the same depth of experience that you have.

And one last announcement: this fall brings our annual visitations from the District Vice President John Dufelmeier who visited on September 15 and from our DDGER Jim Daris who will join us on October 6.

John Cole
Exalted Ruler

No Checks? No Stamps? No Problem!



Recurring Gift Club

WHAT STARTS WITH ONE ACT OF GENEROSITY and over the course of a year multiplies? A recurring gift to the Elks National Foundation!

Through the ENF's Recurring Gift Club, you allow the ENF to automatically debit your bank account or charge a credit card on a recurring basis.

Say goodbye to checks, stamps and reminders, and hello to pain-free pledging! Join the ENF's Recurring Gift Club and receive a special gift, plus have your name listed on the ENF's website. To sign up, contact the ENF at enf@elks.org or 773/755-4728, or visit www.elks.org/enf/recurringclub.cfm.

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Roll Call Night Tuesday, October 20

Members, spouses, and guests are welcome.
Dinner served from 6:00 to 6:30 pm

We would like to see every member at Roll Call. Return the enclosed post card indicating if you will attend. We would like to have an accurate account, so please return the card to let us know.

Dinner Menu

- Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Cream
 - Broasted Red Skins
 - Whole Green Beans Almondine
 - Caesar Salad
 - Roll
 - Pumpkin Squares
- Cost: \$10

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

It does not seem possible that another year has passed us again. But with Christmas only three months away it time for us to solicit your charity. We wanted to catch the SNOWBIRDS before they head south and prompt everybody to start thinking about their donation for 2009. As we have done in years past, we are appealing to our members and their friends for the generosity toward our Christmas Baskets.

Our baskets cost over \$65.00 each (actual cash value is much higher due to donations from Sanford Food Pride vendors of various basket items) – the retail value of these “Baskets” exceeds \$10,000. We are again looking to distribute over 100 baskets in the Midland County area, with the goal is to exceed last year so please get your contribution in early. 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 be 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. The baskets will be delivered on Saturday, December 19.

You can mail or deliver your contribution to the Elks. Checks should be made out to the “Elks Christmas Baskets” and placed in an envelope to the attention of Bob Woods. 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.

If you have any questions, you can contact me by leaving a message at the Elks (989-835-2271) or cell phone (989-239-4328).

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
2009 Christmas Basket Chairman

Christmas Basket Program Highlights

The annual Midland Elks Christmas Basket program brings Christmas dinner and more to needy families in our local area.

- In 2008, 482 boxes and grocery sacks of food were delivered to 132 families consisting of 626 adults and children in Midland County
- The retail value of the “baskets” exceeded \$10,000
- Program is made possible by the generosity of Elks members, community donations and donations from the Sanford Food Pride and its vendors.

ENF SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

With students back at school, they need to be thinking about applying for scholarships. Well, Elks National Foundation provides \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year. All the students have to do is apply for them.

- Most Valuable Student Scholarships 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship.
- Legacy Awards Four-year, \$4000 merit-based scholarship for children and grand children of Elks who are member in good standing.
- Emergency Educational Grants One-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

Midland Lodge 1610 has had several scholarships granted the past few years.

Student	College	Year
Kathryn Ambrose	Michigan State Univ	2002
Tammy Hshieh	Harvard University	2001
Michael Parrish		2008
Bret Wazny	Michigan Tech Univ	2004

If you know of any student that is need of a scholarship they should see the school counselor.

Please give to the Elks National Foundation so we Elks can continue to care. So we Elks may share!

Arthur Vasold
ENF Chairman



ELKS CALENDAR – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Club 4 pm - 10 pm	Club 4 pm - 10 pm	Club 4 pm - 8 pm	Club 4 pm - 8 pm	Club 4 pm - 10 pm Fish Fry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open daily as indicated (note hours above) <input type="checkbox"/> Closed				1	2	3
4	5	6 Lodge – 8 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Lodge – 8 pm Roll Call Night	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3 Lodge – 8 pm	4	5	6	7 Toys For Tots Party
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Lodge – 8 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Elks Care - Elks Share

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Past Due Notice – There are still members that have not paid their 2009-2010 dues. Please, get your dues paid up to date so your record won't be tarnished. If you don't have your dues renewal notice, use this form and send your dues in today:

Name: _____

Member No. _____

Dues Amount

\$ _____ (Life members: \$56; regular: \$93.50)

Spouse Key Card

\$ _____ 2.00

Any Donation (Specify _____)

\$ _____

Total Amount of Check

\$ _____