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**LODGE MEETINGS
Tuesdays - January 3rd & 17th
8:00PM**

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Officers

Exalted Ruler	Jim Patchell, PER
Leading Knight	Mary Ellen Patchell
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2 Year Trustee	Mike Novenstein, PER
3 Year Trustee	Don DiNapoli
4 Year Trustee	Jim Coffey
5 Year Trustee	Danette Contaras
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Drug Awareness Committee	Joe Dubee
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Birthdays - January

Wish another member Happy Birthday. If it's your birthday this month, come to the lodge for a complimentary birthday beverage of choice.

- 1 Philip Brodsky, Ann Dunne, Janet McFarland, David Newman, Jr., William Ryan
- 2 Samuel Goro, Frank Zielinski, PDD
- 3 Robert Morin
- 4 Patrick Langan
- 6 Patricia Hickey, Robert Mattson
- 7 Susan Bedworth, Brian Carey, Thomas Caruso, Kim Rose
- 8 Michael Paoletto, II
- 9 John Canavan, Carl Massicott, Thomas Walsh
- 10 Melissa Hinckley, Michael Rubinstein, Steven Zahariades
- 11 Jeffrey Cochrane, John Henson, Philip Hessberger, Chris Morse
- 12 Joseph Barnes, Steven Varga
- 13 Thomas Moore
- 14 John Stavola
- 16 Edward Degnan, Robert Thomas
- 17 Joanne Olmstead, Mary Tomasco
- 18 James Connelly, Richard Frotton, Joseph Leto, Jr.
- 19 Robert Congdon
- 21 Nancy Natale
- 22 James Rogers
- 24 Vaughan Dumas, Ronald McCormick
- 25 Darrin O'Brien
- 26 Charles Buynovsky, Sr., James Mulconry
- 27 Gordon Levi, Carl Passaro
- 28 James McKernon, Jack Sheriden
- 29 Charles Flannigan, Thomas Morse
- 30 John Knapp
- 31 Kathleen Biggs, Michael Larusso

What's Happening

Youth Activities

Youth Activities Awards Dinner: We are also starting to make plans for the May 2012 Youth Activity Awards dinner. This will be the responsibility of the new committee chairs. To keep the function running, we will be starting some of the work before Deb and I leave. Any members, old and new, interested in working this function, please contact us.

Christmas Food Baskets & Dinner Thank You

There are so many great people to thank for their help in December for donations of food, money and time. We had a great turn out for both the Food Basket Packing and Delivery and Christmas Day Dinner.

Because of everyone's help we delivered 215 food baskets to those in need this year. Special thanks to Sue Bernor's organization who made it possible to pack all these boxes in 55 minutes.

Our volunteers (both members and non-members) made the annual Christmas day dinner a huge success. We served about 110 people. At one point looking out from the kitchen and all tables (10 of them) were filled with attendees – and they were all smiling and happy. We got a ton of thanks and compliments on the food served. I compliment all chefs and volunteers involved!

A wonderful compliment to all - in the New Register on December 27th the "Sound Off" section asked "Did you have a good Christmas", one of the comments published said "I went to a very nice dinner sponsored by the Milford Elks" signed Fern of West Haven. This is a great tribute to what we do as Elks.

Amy Potts and Danette Contaras - The Basket Committee



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Taproom Hours

Monday -Thursday	3 PM til 1 AM
Friday	2 PM til 2 AM
Saturday	NOON til 2 AM
Sunday	NOON til 11 PM

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Exalted Ruler Message

As I started to write this article I said to myself what the heck happened to 2011. Now that it is 2012 I just want to remind everyone that we still have three months left according to the Elks calendar.

We have made progress so far this year but still have a ways to go. We must always be diligent and work on getting new members. This task should never end or be put on the back burner. Membership is our life's blood and an increase in membership keeps your Lodge alive. If you know someone, family member, friend, or co-worker that might be interested please bring them to your Lodge so that they can meet the members and learn about all the good the Elks do for the Community.

We need to support the Lodge, whether it be by running an event, helping out at an event or as simple as attending an event. Your Lodge needs your support in order to survive. Please try to increase your support in the coming months so that we may close the year on a positive note. With all that said, Mary Ellen would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

ER, James Patchell

Elk of the Month

My Elk of the Month for January is **Pat O'Conner**. Pat has really stepped up the last couple of months and has been a great help at many events. Thanks for the help Pat!

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Officers Notes

Secretary's Notes

Well Happy New Year everyone, I hope you had a good safe holiday season.

As always please take part in the many activities going on at the Lodge. Now would be a great time to renew your commitment to making our Lodge the frontrunner for the Coastal District which is the Jewel of the Crown in CT Elkdom please support the Lodges Hoop Shoot winners as they go forth in their competition. The next phase will be the District Shootout being held on January 8th at Andrew Warde High School in Fairfield. Let's cheer on these youths who are there representing us!

Balloting on candidates will take place at the Jan. 17, 2012 Lodge meeting.

We have attempted to cut costs by sending only one bulletin to a multiple Elk residence. If there is a problem with this please let me know.

Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Jan Wankowicz, Secretary

Candidates	Proposer
Joseph Napoli	Patrick Langan
Raymond Wasson	David Kuehn
Marianne Blackman	Trnsf. Westbrook Lodge

House Committee Notes

The House Committee will be hosting a New Years Eve Party in the taproom. We'll start up around 9 PM, for those early birds, and continue til ?? HC will put out a cold meat platter with rolls, bread, etc. We are looking for people to bring some sort of appetizer or finger food and/or possibly a sweet even. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the Juke Box. Coffee/tea will be available after midnight.

Super Bowl Pool is now up in the taproom, 50 pts/square, they are moving quickly so don't wait too long. The lodge will be having a Super Bowl Party, February 5th, so stop in and watch the BIG GAME.

Don't forget to buy a ticket or two for the PER TV raffle to benefit Major Projects .

And beginning February 11th come enjoy the start of Trivia Night, with teams facing off across the bar having the chance to spew out nearly useless information, in exchange for prizes. This should be a fun night, look for more info to be posted.

Ken Crepeau

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What's Happening

Saturday, February 25 - Foxwoods Casino Trip

Spend a fun day at Foxwoods for a bargain price - gamble, go to the Museum, and just relax. Ticket prices are \$15/person and include the bus, a \$15 food voucher and \$10 Match Play/Keno coupon. The bus will leave approximately at 8:30AM and return around 4:00PM. The proceeds from this event will go to the Lodge. Sign up will end February 15th - ask the Steward on duty to sign up. If you have questions, see Jim Patchell or Amy Potts.

Book Swap: Share Your Used Books

Have you noticed the book shelf between the bathrooms in the lounge? This is our book swap area and we need your used books. We request paperback books only that have been gently read. Bring yours down, take a few to read and then return.

Interesting in Learning Microsoft Excel?

We are toying with the idea of using our resident computer expert (Amy Potts) to teach an Excel class. Would you be interested in this? If so, please see Amy Potts, Danette Contaras or Jim Patchell, ER.

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What's Happening

New Smoke-Eating System Being Installed

We have heard your comments loud and clear about the smoke issue at the bar and are correcting it. During the next couple of weeks we are going to be installing new smoke-eaters and spraying the bar down to kill the old smoke smell. These Hepa filtered-wheel-shaped-fans have been very successful at other lodges and will make the bar environment so much more pleasant for everyone. Come on down and let us know if this new system helps.

Lodge Questionnaire

Thank you all that gave your comments to our questions. These results are already being heard - see the announcement above about the new smoke-eating system. We will be reviewing the results of the rest of the survey and will be working towards putting an action plan in place to address your issues and opinions to make your lodge better.

PER - Major Projects Raffle - Drawing Sunday, February 5th

By now you should have gotten raffle tickets in the mail to benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. This raffle is sponsored by the PER Association and they will be donating the prizes so that we can give as much as possible for the kids. Drawing to take place on February 5th (during the Super-bowl party, you don't need to be present to win).

Saturday, February 11 - Trivia Night at the Bar

Enjoy a competitive evening using your brain-power to play trivia for prizes or come cheer for your favorite brianiac. Games will begin at 8:00PM - no smart phones or cheating allowed. This event is being coordinated by Joe Major and Patrick Langan.

Saturday, February 18 - Mardi Gras

It's once again Mardi Gras time! Come enjoy Mardi Gras at the Elks. Once again, the Lodge hall will be transformed into Bourbon Street! Stroll down Bourbon Street, visit one of the bars, eat at the café, or just hang out and listen to the great music. We encourage you to dress in Mardi Gras costumes. The party goes from 6PM - 10PM. Don't forget to dress up in Mardi Gras style. Tickets (\$20.00/person) will be available at the bar starting in January. All proceeds from this event will be contributed to the Lodge. If you have questions contact Amy Potts.


Meal and Activities Calendar

Meals

(Brunches 9AM - 12PM, Dinners 5:30PM - 7:00PM)

No Events in December

2012

January 1st	NEW YEARS DAY BREAKFAST ALL YOU CAN EAT \$6.00 9:30AM TO 12PM Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs to order, Potatoes, Coffee	
January 8	Brunch	\$10.00
January 25	Dinner Ribs & Chicken	\$10.00
February 5	Brunch	\$10.00
February 22	Dinner All You Can Eat Buffet	\$10.00
March 4	Brunch	\$10.00
March 14	Dinner Erin's Irish Dinner	\$10.00

Activities

February 5	Drawing for PER - Major Projects Tickets
February 11	Trivia Night at the Bar
February 25	Foxwoods Casino Trip

As always a huge thank you to the few members that do help at the Brunches and Dinners.

Are you Experiencing Bulletin Overload?

If you get more than 1 bulletin every month please email Amy at bulletin@milfordelks.com to let us know.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Years Day Brunch	2	3 Lodge Mtg 8 pm	4	5	6	7 Karaoke
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Lodge Mtg 8 pm	18	19	20	21 Karaoke
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				