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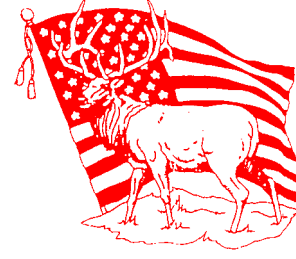
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LOUNGE HOURS
12 PM - 1 AM
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MONDAY-THURSDAY
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
SUNDAY

"Elks - United To Serve Others"

LODGE MEETINGS

January 06



January 20

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2008 LODGE OFFICERS 2009

EXALTED RULER	JIM HESSBERGER, PER
LEADING KNIGHT	CAL MOYER, PDD
LOYAL KNIGHT	JIM PATCHELL
LECTURING KNIGHT	JUSTIN CARROLL
SECRETARY	JAN WANKOWICZ, PDD
TREASURER	DAVE FIELD, PDD
ESQUIRE	MARY ELLEN PATCHELL
TILER	TOM HESSBERGER
CHAPLAIN	DANIEL GREENE
INNER GUARD	TONY COLANGELO

TRUSTEES

1 YEAR	CHAIR	JIM DEPTULA
2 YEAR		BOBBIE MOYER, PER
3 YEAR		DAVE DENHUP, PER
4 YEAR		KEN CREPEAU
5 YEAR		MIKE NOVENSTEIN, PER
P.E.R. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT		CHUCK WHITE, PER
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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR		JIM PATCHELL
YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR		JENNIFER MUSANTE
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**LODGE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST & THIRD
TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 8 PM**



ELK OF THE MONTH

AMY POTTS

DANETTE CONTARAS

Connecticut Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest

2008- 2009 THEME

“GET SMART, DON’T START”

Poster Contest: Open to all students in grades 3-5. Student must color printed picture or draw a picture on the supplied poster. Posters will be available at the Lodge.

Judging will be based on the following: Closeness to the theme, Neatness, Originality and Correct Grammatical structure. Copyright characters are prohibited, they will be disqualified.

Essay Contest: Open to all students in grades 6-8. Student must hand write a story up to 200 words.

Length: No longer than 200 words, paper size: 8 ½ “x 11” white, lined or unlined.

Text: Hand written or hand printed (no typed or computer generated text!).

Judging will be based on the following: Closeness to the theme, originality, neatness and correct grammatical structure.

DUE DATE: Return all posters to your local Elks Lodge by **February 14, 2009**

Winners: Each Lodge will select the top four in each grade, using the criteria listed above. The local Lodges will notify local winners. Winning posters will be sent to District Competition. District winners will compete at the State level. All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association, and may not be returned.

http://www.ctelks.org/OurPrograms/Drug_Awareness.htm

Anne Marie Field

Coastal District & Lodge Chairman

BPOE HISTORY (CONTINUED)

It was during this time that the Elks began its long association with the Salvation Army. Lodges all across the country raised substantial sums using various methods to do so. The Grand Lodge donated an additional \$60,000 in 1918. Commander Evangeline Booth singled the Elks out as a most important factor for the Salvation Army to achieve success on the battlefields of France. Even more remarkable is that WWI hostilities ceased on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The hour of eleven is of tender significance to all Elks and one must wonder if John Pershing, Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Force (a fellow Elk) had some influence in guiding the Allies to pick this auspicious moment. General Pershing by the way was the only living general to ever rise to the US Army rank of "General of the Armies". Only George Washington was awarded that honor and then posthumously.

Much has changed since those golden years. Our government safety net has assumed many of the duties that once fell on fraternal and non-profit groups. This major societal change negated the need for many to join groups such as the Elks and is cited as an important reason why most civic and fraternal groups have declined in the past 30 years.

Still, in numerous Lodges, Elks remember their roots and strive to enjoy each others company, to assist their brothers in times of need and to mourn their passing. In this observer's humble opinion, modern day Lodges that practice these basic principles seem to be flourishing. Those that lack this focus, struggle to operate.

In conclusion, much more on the early history of our most remarkable Order can be found on-line at www.elkshistory.org Included is a link on how to obtain an electronic version of the first comprehensive Elks history book published in 1910. Also, you can find a link to a biography written by the widow of our founder Charles Vivian that was published in 1904. In addition, each Lodge should have an official history book in the Secretary's office that gives a good overview of 1868 to 1988. These books can also be ordered for personal use through your Lodge Secretary for a nominal fee.

(NC Elks State Newspaper Spring 2008 edition on 12/07)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

Stop in the month of your birth and start the day you choose to celebrate your birthday with us and both you and your significant other will receive a complimentary drink of your choice.

- January 1 Phil Brodsky - Bill Cyr - Janet McFarland - Dave Newman Jr
Eugene O'Neill - Bill Ryan
- January 2 Sam Goron - Frank Zielinski, PDD
- January 3 Bob Morin
- January 4 Vin Sarullo
- January 5 Ann Dunne - Kathy Kuchta
- January 6 Pat Hickey - Bob Mattson
- January 7 Sue Bedworth - Tom Caruso - Kim Rose
- January 8 Mike Cavallaro - Mike Paoletto, III
- January 9 Jeff Piazza - Tom Walsh
- January 10 John Dunn, PER - Melissa Hinckley - Mike Rubinstein
- January 11 Jeff Cochrane - John Henson - Phil Hessberger - Chris Morse
- January 12 Joe Barnes - Steve Varga
- January 13 Tom Moore
- January 14 John Stavola
- January 16 Ed Degnan - Cliff Monigle
- January 17 Pete Oliver, III - Joanne Olmstead - Mary Tomasco
- January 18 Jim Connelly - Dick Frotton - Joe Leto, Jr.
- January 19 Bob Congdon - Kirk Grom
- January 21 Nancy Natale
- January 22 Tom LaValle - Bill Reilly - Jim Rogers
- January 24 Vaughan Dumas - Ron McCormick
- January 25 Darrin O'Brien
- January 26 Charles Buynovsky, Sr
- January 27 Tom Foley - Gordon Levi - Carl Passaro
- January 28 Jim McKernon - Mike Picarazzi
- January 29 Charlie Flannigan
- January 30 John Knapp - Ed Wells, Jr.
- January 31 Kathy Biggs



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. As the cold weather sets in we at the Lodge still have things to do, we have the mid-year state convention on **January 10**. Delegates are needed, a nice way to see how the State Association is run. There will be an Elks training session in January with the date to be announced. The Lodge's By-law revisions should be ready for voting soon. The State Association President's night is on **January 29** in Waterbury. We also have our Sunday brunch and Wednesday night dinner. We had a busy December with the children's and adult's Christmas parties, the Christmas homeless dinner, the food basket drive, and the New Years party in the lounge. Thank you to all the committees who worked so hard on these events. We have another very important thing that has to be taken care of and that is the State Major Project, the Hartford Children's Hospital. It seems I have not done enough to get donations for this so far. So here is a request from me to you, please send in a donation for the KIDS to the Lodge Secretary if you can afford it, one, five or even ten will be a great help. I realize that things are tight, just from the number of you who have not paid your dues this year.


In **February** we will hold election of Officers for Lodge year 2009-2010. Nominations will be accepted at the first meeting and elections at the second meeting. If you are interested in being an officer or committee chairman or committee member let one of the present officers know. As always thank you for all your support of the Lodge and its programs.

The "Elks of The Month" are that duo team of **Danette Contaras** and **Amy Potts** for the wonderful job they did with the food baskets. Way to go Ladies!

*Fraternally,
Jim Hessberger, Exalted Ruler*

Happy New Year

your dues is overdue



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

LIVING OR DEAD, ELKS ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

Cal Moyer is home.
Dottie Johns and Jim Wiltsie are recuperating at Lord Chamberlain.

Contact Leading Knight Cal Mover to forward information on the welfare of Lodge members. (203) 878-9775

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Activities Committee's next meeting is Thursday, **February 2** at 7:30 pm.

December family brunch served 115 people.
December family dinner served 58 people.

In spite of costs continuing to climb and attendance dropping we still have a shot to hit our committee budget. It troubles me that when I survey the people attending the brunches and dinners I see very few Milford Elk members. How about making a New Years resolution to attend at least one if not more of the six remaining events for this year and support your Lodge.



I would like to take a moment to thank TJ Craig for his support this year, no matter when or how often he is asked to help you can count on him to be there. In closing I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and remembers that support is still needed to make sure the Lodge has a successful year.

SUNDAY FAMILY BRUNCH - JANUARY 11

Breakfast and brunch items with Belgian waffles and omelet stations.
9:00 am - 12 Noon - \$9.00 per person and \$4.00 per child 8 & under.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNER - JANUARY 28

Erin's Irish Night Dinner (sold out last year)
5:30 - 7:30 pm \$9.00 per person

Tickets are normally on sale in the lounge before the event date.

February Family Brunch - **February 8**
February Family Dinner - **February 25** - Cal's Stuffed Pork Chops

Thank you, Jim Patchell, Chairperson

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party was held on December 13, 2008. 80 Elks' children or grandchildren were present to enjoy the party. There were presents, food, Clowns and of course Santa Claus to enjoy. I would like to thank the Elk members and family who helped buy presents, wrap, cook and clean up; we couldn't have done it without you. A special thank you to the Shriner Clowns who helped to entertain us.



Cal Moyer, PDD, Leading Knight



ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT

The annual 8 ball pool tournament will be held Sunday, **March 1** from 11 am to the final game. The entry fee is \$25 and includes food, beverage and prizes. A sign up sheet with details can be found in the lounge.

Any questions contact Dennis Agrella or Dave Litvinoff.

Early B.P.O.E. History - "Elks are never forgotten - never forsaken."

When the Jolly Corks decided to make more permanent their association, they incorporated the following on Feb 16, 1868 into the preamble of our Constitution.

"The undersigned members of the theatrical, minstrel, musical, equestrian, and literary professions, and others who sympathize with and approve of the object in view thereafter stated in the constitution, do hereby organize an order to promote, protect, and enhance the welfare and happiness of each other."

For many years, this preamble served as a guiding principle for actions and activities for its members. Elks were required in the original constitution to attend the funeral of a fallen brother. Their first benefit raised \$1,000 for a widow of a deceased Elk - an astounding amount of money at the time. As other Elks died, a special ceremony was created called the Lodge of Sorrow with the first public service being held on March 20, 1870. This became an annual event that we now celebrate as our Memorial Service. Sometime after that a provision was made for the chair Officers to become the Standing Relief committee. Any Elk in distress would petition this committee for help which apparently was often requested and granted. For example, Salisbury lodge archives contain a number of telegrams from members who were stranded far from home and in need of financial assistance to help them with their predicament.

For the first 21 years, the Elks grew gradually from one Lodge of 58 members to 158 Lodges with 13,067 members. Once theatrical membership restrictions were removed growth really took off and by 1909, there were 1,155 Lodges with 304,899 members. By the end of WWI, nearly 200,000 more were added to the rolls with the number of Lodges increasing to 1,280. In North Carolina, 20 lodges were chartered during this golden period. All except Washington #822 are still operating.

With this rapid growth, many lodges added requirements that new applicants pass a physical exam given by Lodge appointed physicians. This was necessary in order to limit financial liabilities as most of its charitable fund was used to assist poor and sickly Elks. This exam provision still remains in Grand Lodge statutes.

It was also at this time that a few Lodges bought sections of local cemeteries to bury deceased members - many who died very far from their original home. In 1903, the Elks Home was created for those needing an inexpensive but well furnished and professionally operated retirement facility. For many years it was filled to its capacity of 200.

As the Grand Lodge prospered, responses to national emergencies grew impressively. Elks assisted with survivors of the Johnstown PA flood and other calamities. With the 1906 SF earthquake, the Elks were first responders among all groups assisting. The Oakland Elks equipped a tent city that assisted 2,000 people - with just 12 hours notice! On a national level, an Elks Relief Committee of 1,000 was quickly organized and \$100,000 in funding was distributed. Other calamities too numerous to list here drew quick response from the Grand Lodge.

Other important activities the Elks undertook were to press Congress to eliminate the wanton slaughter of the elk animal and the creation of reserves to help them survive harsh winters. They created a Big Brother Movement which eventually reached 30,000 youth around the country.

Their most impressive response though came with WWI. 70,000 Elks served in the Armed Forces with 1,000 losing their lives. The Elks raised the funds and provided the equipment for the first two base hospitals in the French battle areas. A 700 bed Reconstruction Hospital for maimed and wounded vets was built and equipped in Boston. It operated to its full capacity until 1921. A 72 room structure was built in Camp Sherman, Ohio to help families visiting the 40,000 soldiers stationed there.

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SECRETARY NOTES

With all the New Year Resolutions that have been made I certainly hope that some of our members have decided to help more at the Lodge and not just EXPECT that someone else will do the work, we need to share some of the work. If you still owe dues please also resolve to pay them. The strength of our Milford Lodge has always been our ability to pull together to get the job done. In these tough times we will be tested once again, let us prove our worth.

Balloting for new members will take place at the **January 20**

CANDIDATES

Pasquale Carfora
Judith Czujak
Roberta Gogliettino
Judy Kubicko
Richard Patry
William Phillips
Joanne Ruotolo

PROPOSERS

Alan Brown
Joseph Leto, Sr
Helen Jackson
Joseph Leto, Sr
Reinstatement
William Phillips
Helene Jackson

Jan, Secretary



YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

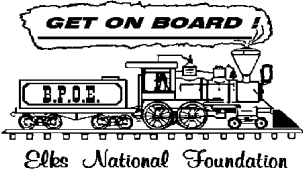
Hello, everyone

On **January 14**, we are having our Student Awards Ceremony at 6:00 pm. This is for the 8th and 12th grades of Milford, for all the schools. We could use all the help we can get to make this a success, please contact me.

We are also having a Can Drive on Saturday, **January 17** from 8 am to Noon.

On **February 28**, we are planning another Ladies Night Out. If anyone has any vendors or good ideas to share, please come to our next committee meeting on **January 8**, at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you at one of our events.

Thanks,
Jennifer Musante, Chairperson, Youth Activities Committee
203-878-9534/JLM1973@optonline.net



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION
2008 - 2009 ENF Goal for #1589 is
\$4.50 per member.
Y-T-D Position (through 12/09/08) is
\$2.10 per member.
(46.66% of our goal)

HOUSE COMMITTEE

New Years Eve the House Committee will hold a casual party in the lounge starting at 9 pm till 2 am; we will put out snack type foods, have a complimentary champagne toast, hats & noise makers at midnight and coffee'n at 1 am. So come on down and join us bring in 2009!!

New Years Day we will be open, from 12 noon to 11 pm for anyone that wishes to come down and watch the various Football Bowl Games. Either day, anyone wishing to bring down a snack, cookie tray, cake, or any food stuffs are encouraged to do so, it is always appreciated.

Speaking of football, **February 1** is Super Bowl Sunday. There are still squares open in the 50 point pool. So, come on down and pick out a lucky one, there will be 9 winners each quarter, so don't miss out. However, if you miss your chance for this pool there will be several smaller ones available so you can still be a winner. Your House Committee will be hosting another great Super Bowl party, starting 1/2 hour before kickoff, featuring a light buffet for a \$5.00 donation.

Friday night food will take a night off on **January 2**, back on January 9.

Thank you for all your support,
Ken Crepeau, HC Chairman

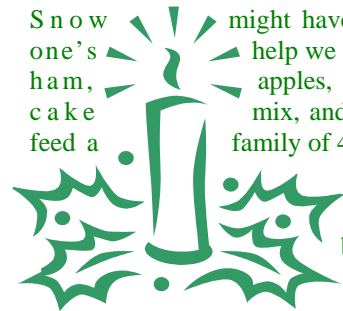
CHRISTMAS BASKET COMMITTEE

The Basket Committee can't thank every one enough for their efforts and donations this year. We all worked hard and because of your efforts we were able to donate **150 baskets** to families in need in our community!



Between the 'Christmas in July' party and the 'Annual Push' this holiday season for basket donations we were able to raise over \$5,000. Special thanks to those that worked hard to find us great prices on the basket contents – because of your efforts we were able to keep the per basket cost low – despite rising prices! The extra money from donations went to support the Christmas Day Dinner.

Snow might have been falling the night of packing but with everyone's help we got all 150 boxes packed. Each family received a 5 lb ham, apples, fresh and canned vegetables, bread, eggs, tea, pancake mix, and other staples that offer complete meals designed to feed a family of 4 for two to three days.



It was great to see a lot of new faces jump in to help us with donations, packing and distributing of the baskets. Keep it up – there are lots of groups in the lodge that can use your help no matter how small your donation.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the '**Christmas in July**' party in 2009.

The Basket Committee
Amy Potts and Danette Contaras

JANUARY

2009



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY LOUNGE OPEN	2	3 KARAOKE
4	TRUSTEE MEETING	5 LODGE MEETING	7 DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE	8 YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES	9 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	10
11 BRUNCH	12	13	14 YOUTH AWARD DINNER	15 BULLETIN DEADLINE	16 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	17 KARAOKE YAC CAN DRIVE
18	19 TRUSTEE MEETING	20 LODGE MEETING BALLOTING	21	22	23 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	24
25	26	27	28 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING FAMILY DINNER	29	30 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	31