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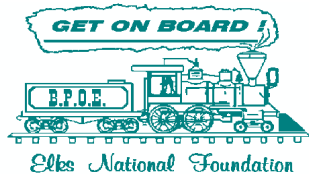
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 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.

- February 1 Bill Galke - Brian Thomas - Don Weil
- February 2 Tisha Miller - Pat Rouse - John Thomas - Pete Weichner
- February 5 Bob Phelan - Frances Temple
- February 6 Stephen Hill
- February 7 Lou Hunt - Nancy Passaro
- February 8 Ed Gorman - Ray Lacroix
- February 9 Carole Degnan - Lisa Mizzone
- February 10 Bill Harrison - Doug Nosal - Al Robbins
- February 11 Bob Winters
- February 12 Dawn Hanna - Fred Richetelli
- February 13 Wayne Lorincz - Bob Riordan - Al Schoenster
- February 14 Shawn Anderson - Amanda Morin - Kelley Sullivan
- February 15 Jen Musante - Troy Stuckey
- February 16 Deb Valalik
- February 17 Brett Assunto - Stephen Bagoly - Don German
- February 18 Jim Tweedie
- February 19 Dom Alfano
- February 20 Mike Paoletto
- February 21 Les Newman - Matt Ruggiero
- February 22 Tom Hardisty - Jerry Maher
- February 23 Ed Austin - Tom Conroy - Paul DeFrancisco - Ed Pohl, Jr
Ed Zuscin
- February 25 Jim Betzig - Jason Carroll - Danette Contaras - Chuck Ringel
- February 27 Alicia Haley - Lisa Lawruszko - Robin Magel - Lou Martines
- February 28 Heather Leto
- February 29 Roger Johns - Ron Michaels



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

2007 - 2008 ENF Goal for #1589 is \$4.25 per member.
Y-T-D Position (through 12/31/07) is **\$2.91 per member.**
(68.5% of our goal)

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Hey Gang,

This is not the letter that I would have written three weeks ago. Please let me explain.



Because I am not a quick writer I mentally compose this letter throughout the month. My original thought was to ask people to reconsider what it means to be an Elk and a member of our Milford Elk's "family". I had planned to ask that we put aside our egos and our petty differences, to treat each other with respect. To believe that although someone may disagree with us they still have what is best for the Lodge in their hearts.

In other words, I would have vented some frustration but accomplished nothing. In this New Year, with Lynne's help and example, I would rather focus on the positive aspects of our Lodge. So, I am going to use this opportunity to express some well deserved thanks.

Thank you to the House Committee for an incredible Christmas Party. The food was great, the drinks were free and the service was excellent. Who could ask for more? Us, that is who. So the party was followed by a night of Karaoke. (Thanks to the Karaoke Committee which has done a fine job all year.) We had such a good time that even I sang. Did I mention that the drinks were free?

The next morning at 7am.....

Thank you to Barbara Weber, my wife Lynne and the others who helped me whip together a Children's Christmas Party for eighty-three little weasels. The kids were treated to songs, games, stories, food and prizes. Santa presented each with a gift.

Thank you to Amy Potts and Danette Contaras, their volunteers and contributors who provided Christmas Food Baskets to over 120 of our neighbors in need. For some this was the only Holiday cheer that they had.

On Christmas Day Dave Denhup led a crew that provided Christmas Dinner to another 130 people who needed a little help at the holidays. The remaining food was then delivered to the Beth-El Shelter. Thanks to all the members of Lodge #1589 that proved Elks Care, Elks Share.

Thank you to Jim Deptula and those that hosted an incredible New Year's Eve party. These folks raised \$1,000 for the Lodge Special Project, The Connecticut Children's Hospital, by eating, drinking and dancing. Who's better than us?

Thanks to Joey G. for all the work he has done on the lounge TV project. Hey, once in a while we can reward ourselves as long as it doesn't become a habit.

Thanks to Jim and Mary Ellen Patchell for always being there.

Thanks to Jan and Jimmy, our Lodge Secretary and Treasurer for all they do. Now you guys can't say that you have thankless jobs. Honestly, without them the Lodge would fall apart. They deserve our appreciation.

And last but not least, Thanks to Chuck White for all he does quietly behind the scenes.

A Tip of the Antlers to you all!!!

Now for my one complaint. With so many people doing so much it is almost impossible to pick an *Elk of the Month*. I would like to name *Kathy Kuchta* in recognition of the great success of scrap booking and the strong revenue it has brought our Lodge. Congratulations Kathy!!!

See ya around the Lodge, Mike Novenstein, Exalted Ruler

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee will host a **Superbowl party** on **February 3**, starting at 6 pm (I think that is the usual time for the intros, coin toss etc). We will offer a buffet of various snacks and finger foods, as well as chips n' dips, salsa, veggies and etc to munch on during the game; all for a \$5 donation to help defray costs. (Kids at 1/2 price) We still have a very few spots left in the \$50 pool, so act quickly if you plan on winning! Pools of lesser cost will be forming soon if you do miss out, but I can not guarantee what will be available on game day, so plan on stopping by beforehand to get in on the action. Also there will be drink specials to be announced during the game.



Fresh **roast beef sandwiches** are still being served on Saturdays from 12:30 till 3 pm, so come on down and enjoy one.

For those who do not know there is always food available in the lounge; burgers, pizza, hot dogs, chili and meatball are usually all on hand, just ask the steward on duty to prepare one for you. Friday night is a great time to pop in for a cocktail and a bite to eat, we are serving up some tasty dishes at reasonable cost and there is good company to sit with and unwind after the long work week, so join us!

As always we welcome your ideas to stimulate members interest in coming down to enjoy our Lodge, so if you have an idea you think may fly, jot it down and put it in our mail box (in the utility room) or hand it directly to one of us or you can stop in on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm and present it in person at our meeting.

Last let me remind those who are interested that March is next month, and we all know what that means, green beer, corned beef and **Basketball!** So keep your eyes open for the signup sheet for **March Madness**.

Ken Crepeau, Chairperson

DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE

Mark this date on your calendar - Friday, **February 8** the Drug Awareness Committee will be cooking a few items from the Drug Awareness cookbook for the Lodge. Cookbooks will be available for purchase and you will be able to sample a few choice items for dinner or snack. Crab cakes, appetizers, and more... Please contact us if you are interested in helping, this is a great opportunity to start getting involved. Contact Anne Marie @ 203-314-1831.



The cookbooks are available at the Lodge for \$7.00. We have a limited supply of 200 so come on down and get your copy. Thank you all for your support on this project.

The **Poster & Essay** contest entries are due back by **February 10**.

The new coloring books, Fantastic Four comic books, book marks and etc are all available for the taking in the lounge. If you are in need of additional supplies contact the committee.

Thank you and see you **February 8**, DA Committee

BRICKS

All front entrance commemorative bricks have been installed, we have a local reliable vendor, the Milford Monument Company. We are still accepting orders.

ELKS LOGO CLOTHING

The following are available for sale at the Lodge from a steward or call Jack Flanagan at 882.9790 to order. Jack is available weekends in the Lounge.

Shirts with Elks logo (short or long sleeve) (women pink is available)	\$20.00
Sweatshirts with Elks logo (white, red, black, maroon, blue or pink)	\$22.00
Hats with Elks logo (white/blue with name)	\$15.00
Milford Elks Lodge pins	\$3.00
Antler Park sweatshirts	\$10.00

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Hi all,

Well I would like to begin by thanking all those who participated in any way, manner, shape or form to the great success of Youth Activities over the past years. Let it be known that we could not have had such tremendous success without your ideas, contributions, help, etc., etc., etc. You probably know, as of the end of March, I will no longer be chairperson of Youth Activities but I am sure your new chairperson will be more than capable. I have promised to help whenever and wherever I can and count on you to do the same. It is a great undertaking and with all that we have accomplished I am sure we would like to see it continue to grow. I will certainly miss a lot of things but I need a little rest!!

At the next meeting, on the first Thursday in February, I would like to discuss having another Veterans Dinner. At that time I hope to introduce our new chairperson and give some insight as to what needs to be done for the coming year, naturally with your assistance!!!

Again, my sincerest thanks for making these past years so wonderful and giving me such a great sense of pride by being chairperson of this committee.

Thanks for all you do,

Barbara Weber - chairperson - Youth Activities

COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like e-mail notification of upcoming Lodge functions, important Lodge news and the monthly Bulletin please send your e-mail address to the bulletin editor at 1589editor@ctelks.org. I will do my best to keep your e-mail address private.

Tom Craig, Bulletin Editor

SECRETARY NOTES

**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE
ELKS - UNITED TO SERVE OTHERS**

Interested in becoming a Lodge officer, February is the month for nominations and balloting for Lodge year 2008-2009. Contact an officer and let them know. Attend a Lodge meeting.

There are Elks Visa Credit Card applications and information packets in the lounge, for every individual that signs up \$10.00 will come back to the Lodge. You can call 800-853-5576 ext. 8908 or visit www.elks.org and click on the home-page banner. Please consider this program.

Balloting on new candidates will take place at the **February 5** Lodge meeting, initiation will be done by the Past Exalted Rulers at the **February 19** Lodge meeting. Hope to see you there.

There are still some members who have not paid their dues - please check your card so you do not get dropped.

Jan, Secretary

CANDIDATES

Robert Harriman
James Meraviglia
Dr. Harvey Polansky
Harley Pretty
William Riley

PROPOSERS

Robert Mattson
James Simone
Transfer Demit - Southington
Robert Mattson
Charles Terry

A tip of the Antler to Gary Sullivan for re-arranging the National Foundation and Absent Member display boards in our lounge.

Thank you, Trustees.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this year's New Year celebration a huge success!

A \$1000 donation was made to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center from the proceeds of this evening!

Thanks again, Jimmy D, Chairperson

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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



Ed Kozlowski, Sr is in the hospital.
Joe Dudding is home.
Tony Pasquini is in the VA Hospital.
Pat Liptak is home recuperating.

Contact Leading Knight Jim Victor to forward information on the welfare of Lodge members.
(203) 415-8661

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Activities Committee's next meeting is Thursday, **February 7** at 7:30 pm.
December family dinner served 46 people.
January family brunch served 184 people.



SUNDAY FAMILY BRUNCH - FEBRUARY 10

Breakfast and brunch items with Belgian waffle and omelet stations.
9:00 am - 12:00 noon - \$8.00 per person and \$4.00 per child 10 & under.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER - FEBRUARY 27

Cal's Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 pm - \$8.00 per person

Last months Honey Roasted Chicken Dinner was a great meal. If you did not attend you missed some of the best chicken you will ever have. Thanks Barbara. Well another successful Brunch has come and gone. Thanks again to the faithful few who show up and help. If you can not help out, how about supporting us by attending a dinner or brunch. Even though the year is almost over your help and support is still badly needed. Hope to see you at the next dinner and/or brunch.

March 16 - Brunch

March 26 - RJ's Italian Luau (always a sell out)

Thank you, Jim Patchell, Chairperson



BRIDGEPORT & MILFORD ELKS' SET-BACK TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, **FEBRUARY 10** AT 2:00 PM AT THE MILFORD LODGE.
\$10 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON (SIGN UP AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL)

PROCEEDS GO TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION.

SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AT BOTH LODGES

FOOD AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

SET-BACK RULES WILL BE SET PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT

PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM

CONTACT CHUCK WHITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

A NEW YEAR TO BRING BACK AN OLD ELK TRADITION

ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT

The annual 8 ball pool tournament will be held Sunday, **February 24** 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.



FEBRUARY

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Happy Birthday				1 PUB FOOD	2 KARAOKE ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES
3 SUPERBOWL PARTY	4 TRUSTEE MEETING	5 LODGE MEETING	6 DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE MEETING	7 ACTIVITIES & YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS	8 DA COMMITTEE'S COOKBOOK SAMPLER PUB FOOD	9 ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES
10 FAMILY BRUNCH SET-BACK TOURNAMENT	11	12 BULLETIN DEADLINE	13	14 	15 PUB FOOD	16 KARAOKE ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES
17	18 TRUSTEE MEETING	19 LODGE MEETING	20	21	22 PUB FOOD	23 ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES
	 President's Day 					
24 POOL TOURNAMENT	25	26	27 FAMILY DINNER HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	28	29 PUB FOOD	