

MILFORD LODGE NO. 1589
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER OF ELKS
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May 2025

**Milford Elks
Lodge
1589**

Milford, CT

203-874-1589

LODGE MEETINGS
May 6th and 20th
7:00pm

May 2025 Taproom Hours

Monday	5:00pm—10:00pm
Tuesday	4:00pm—10:00pm
Wednesday	4:00pm—10:00pm
Thursday	4:00pm—11:00pm
Friday	3:00pm—12:00am
Saturday	12:00pm—12:00am
Sunday	2:00pm—8:00pm

Officers

Exalted Ruler
 Leading Knight
 Loyal Knight
 Lecturing Knight
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Esquire
 Tiler
 Chaplain
 Inner Guard

Jennifer Vondle
 Mary Garfield
 Sarah Muoio
 Erin Burke
 David Field, PDD
 Kelly O'Hara
 Mary Ellen Patchell, PER
 Don Sanchez
 Julia Townsend
 Caroline Butler

Trustees:

One-year
 Two-year
 Three-year
 Four-year
 Five-year
 PER Association President
 Youth Activities Committee
 Drug Awareness Committee
 Audit Committee
 House Committee
 Activities Committee
 Public Relations Committee

Joseph Leto, PDD, PER Chair
 Danette Contaras, PER
 David Williams, PER
 Joseph Mager III, PER
 James Garfield, PER
 Joseph Mager III, PER
 Robert Black
 Mary Ellen Patchell, PER
 Kevin Kozek
 Lexi Black & Morgan Vondle
 Mary Garfield
 Amy Potts, Sarah Muoio,
 & Sue Bernor, PER

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Birthdays - May

Wish another member Happy Birthday. Stop in the month of your Birthday 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.

- 1 George Derbabian
- 2 William Hoben, Jennifer Miller, Wendy Stowell
- 4 Ron Gambardella, Ralph Malafronte, Melissa Wasik
- 5 Barry Boland, Ronald Tirpak
- 6 John Demore
- 7 James Hessberger, Ryan Tobin
- 8 Wesley Christensen, Gregory Hart
- 9 James Morse
- 10 Christopher Fresilli, Francis Walsh
- 11 Jeanne Bertonis, Celeste Falcone, Scott Savo
- 12 Anne Marie Field, Michael Julian, Jesse Viscardi
- 13 Caitlin Contaras
- 14 Thomas Agria, Daniel Kushman, Kelly Michael O'Hara, David Smith
- 15 Ronald Benkoski, Lori Brescia, Michael McCormack
- 16 Naim Munawar, Richard Smith
- 17 Michael Lonergan
- 18 Charles Brown, Kevin Kozek, Robert Muoio
- 19 Thomas List, Joseph Tamagni
- 20 John Joseph Edmonds, Robert Fantarella, Lisa Mitchals
- 21 Diane Behringer
- 22 Jerome Larracuente
- 23 Michael Hudd
- 24 Scott Harrison, James Kiely, Erin Patchell, Allen Smith, Peter Smith
- 26 Mike Coplan, Susan Stokes
- 27 Lindsey Abbotts, Ronald Kilinski, Nicholas Thompson
- 28 William Lesko
- 29 Judith O'Connor, Joshua Petro
- 30 Melissa Hart, William Stevens
- 31 David Bednarik

May Birthday Celebration
 May 25th @ 5pm!!



What's Happening

TRIVIA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
MAY 28TH

ARE YOU READY?

TRIVIA NIGHT 7:30 PM START

MILFORD ELKS LODGE #1589 | HOSTED BY TRACEY WILLIAMS

Past Exalted Rulers' Annual

SURF & TURF

SATURDAY, JUNE 7



5pm Appetizers
6pm Dinner



See Steward for Tickets

\$45.00
Per Person

Members and Guests

No Tickets
Sold After
June 1st

Exalted Ruler Message

Dear Members of Milford Elks Lodge #1589,

As we settle into this new lodge year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to each and every one of you. Your ongoing love, support, and dedication have been felt in so many ways as our officers, committee chairs, and members step into their new roles. Your encouragement fuels the spirit of Elkdom, and I could not be more thankful to be part of such a passionate and committed Lodge.

Please join me in congratulating all of our newly installed officers and committee chairs. Your willingness to serve is what keeps our lodge thriving. A special congratulations goes out to Joseph Leto, PDD, who now serves as our Board of Directors Chairman, and to Sarah Muoio, our newly appointed Board of Directors Secretary. We are confident that both will bring their dedication and leadership to these important roles.

On April 27th, several of our officers attended the District Deputy Clinic, taking the time to learn, listen, and connect with leadership across the district. Thank you to those who represented our lodge—you make us proud, and your efforts to bring back fresh ideas and information are truly appreciated.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to everyone who participated in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event to support the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. Whether you walked or donated, your involvement made a true impact in supporting survivors in our community.

We're also grateful to those who donated non-perishable food items for the Purple Pantry throughout the month of April. Your generosity makes a difference and shows what it means to give back.

As we look ahead to Memorial Day, we invite you to join us in honoring and remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Please see the activities message and the calendar for more information.

This month, we also take a moment to recognize and celebrate all the amazing mothers and mother figures for Mother's Day. We honor the love, strength, and support you bring to our lives and communities.

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What's Happening

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE (Con't)

With the warmer months approaching, we're looking forward to the opening of Antler Park and the addition of exciting new dinners, activities, and events at the lodge. Stay tuned—we have some great things planned and hope to see you enjoying everything our lodge has to offer.

As always, we welcome your continued support and involvement. Volunteering your time and talents is what keeps our Lodge running strong. Whether it's helping on a committee, assisting with events, or simply showing up—you make a difference.

Here's to a meaningful, active, and fun month ahead—rooted in community, gratitude, and brotherly love.

Fraternally Yours,

Jennifer P Vondle , Exalted Ruler
jennifervondle@gmail.com
203-823-6313

Can and Bottle Drive

Sunday, May 4th
10 AM- 2 PM

Bring your bottles and cans and let your friends know.

Volunteers needed to sort glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans.



What's Happening

Milford Elks

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday
May 11
9:30-12:30 pm

Tickets: \$15 each
until May 7
\$18 each after

Children
10 yr. or younger
\$10 each

See Steward For Tickets

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

REMEMBER & HONOR

What better way to show our veterans that Elks care than to participate in one or more of these events.

Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 am
Flag Laying at St. Mary's Cemetery
on Buckingham Ave.

Sunday, May 25th at 9:45 am
Wreath Laying at City Hall
(then march to each monument on the green)

Sunday, May 25th
Memorial Day Parade
(2pm start meet at Wasson Field)

Activities Committee

Dear Members,

April was filled with wonderful activities at the Milford Elks Lodge! Our kids' Easter party featuring a special visit from the Easter Bunny was exceptionally well attended, with over 50 children and their families joining in the festivities and participating in our Easter egg hunt. Karaoke Nights, Country Line Dancing and Game Nights were a smashing success, with members and their friends and families come together for evenings of fun.

May promises to be just as exciting as we kick off the month with the Kentucky Derby on May 3rd, followed by Cinco de Mayo on May 5th. Join the Boot-Scooters for Country Line Dancing on May 9th, and don't forget to celebrate the special women in your lives on Mother's Day, May 11th. Our regular activities continue with Karaoke Nights on May 3rd and 17th, and Game Nights every Wednesday (7th, 14th, and 21st), plus a special treat on the 28th when we'll enjoy Trivia with Tracy!

Memorial Day weekend will be particularly meaningful this year with several opportunities to honor those who have served our country. On May 24th, we'll meet at Saint Mary's Cemetery on Buckingham Ave. to place flags on Veterans' headstones. A wreath-laying ceremony will take place on May 25th, with participants gathering at the Doughboy Statue in front of City Hall at 9:45 AM. The Memorial Day Parade will step off at 2:00 PM from the Daniel Wasson parking lot behind the Parsons Complex. All are welcome to participate in every activity. Planning is underway for the June 6th Mixtape Match (Music Bingo) and the Wednesday nights live music in Antler Park. Stay tuned!!!!

Don't miss our other regular monthly events, including our popular Potluck Sundays throughout the month and our monthly Birthday Celebration on May 25th, the last Sunday of the month. Our Lodge is your hub for fun, connection, and meaningful traditions—we look forward to seeing you at our many May events!

Mary H. Garfield, Leading Knight, Activities Chair
203-906-5693

Officers Notes

Members,

Our new Lodge Officers have completed their first month in office and are off to a great start under the leadership of Exalted Ruler Jenn Vondle. Make sure you read your bulletin every month, so you don't miss any of the exciting things going on!

We currently have 156 members who have not paid their dues. If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2025- 2026 Lodge year I ask you to please remit your payment as soon as you can so as not to become a delinquent member. \$40.00 of your dues goes to the Grand Lodge and our State Association to cover insurance, per capita fees, and the cost of the Elks magazine. We have already been assessed and remitted this cost for our total membership this year. We need your dues to offset this value of \$6,240 as it can impact some of our charitable programs.

May 1 – 7 is Youth Week!! Watch the bulletin and our Facebook page to see what activities are planned to recognize our young people. I can tell you that the Lodge recently made a donation of \$700 to support local high school student Sarah Schuman as she represents her High School and Milford at the CHEERHAWAII National gymnastics event.

Finally, I wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all our deserving Moms!

Take care of yourself and your family. Please contact me at MilfordLodge1589@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

- Delinquent Members: 156
- Reinstatements Pending: 0
- Applications to be read: 3.
- Candidates awaiting Investigation: 9
- Investigation: Monday, May 12, 2025
- Balloting: May 20, 2025
- Candidates awaiting Initiation: 2
- Initiation: June 3, 2025

Dave Field, PDD
Secretary

Elk of the Month

John Pirozzoli PER

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we recognize John Pirozzoli PER as our Elk of the Month!

John is the steady heartbeat behind many of our Lodge's most important moments—setting up for meetings, preparing for ceremonies, and always stepping up when called upon. Whether it's filling in as Esquire or lending a hand in any other role, John's incredible memorization skills, dedication, and can-do spirit never go unnoticed.

More than his reliability, it's John's warmth, friendliness, and generosity that truly embody the spirit of Elkdom. He is always willing to help, donate, and contribute with his whole heart—and for that, we are sincerely grateful.

Tip of the Antlers

Sal Attianese

We're proud to shine the spotlight on Sal Attianese, a true embodiment of Elkdom's spirit of service and kindness. Whether he's bringing joy as the Easter Bunny or delivering meals from the kitchen with care, Sal always shows up with a smile on his face and giving in his heart.

He's the kind of member who makes a difference simply by being present—always ready to lend a helping hand, share a laugh, and brighten the day of those around him. Sal's energy, positivity, and commitment to our Lodge family do not go unnoticed.

Thank you, Sal, for all that you do! We appreciate your time, your heart, and your dedication to our community. Your contributions make our Lodge a better place.

Sue Bernor, Amy Potts & Sarah Muoio

We're giving a huge Tip of the Antlers to Sue Bernor, Amy Potts, and Sarah Muoio for their outstanding work and dedication to keeping our Lodge connected and informed!

From website design to social media management to building our monthly bulletin, these incredible ladies bring creativity, kindness, and teamwork to everything they do. Their behind-the-scenes efforts ensure that our members are always in the know—whether it's upcoming events, special announcements, or the amazing things happening in and around our Lodge.

Thank you, Sue, Amy, and Sarah, for the time, energy, and heart you pour into your work. Your passion for publicity helps shine a light on all the good our Lodge does, and we're excited to see everything you'll continue to share throughout the year!

What's Happening



Milford Elks
LODGE CLEANUP

What is your specialty? Do you enjoy gardening, organizing, cleaning or painting? There is many options when it comes to helping make our lodge an enjoyable place to be.

Time: 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Date: SAT. MAY 10
Rain Date: SAT. MAY 17

- Painting
- Gardening
- Mulching
- Driveway Blowing
- Sanding
- Debris Clean Up
- Picnic Table Cleaning
- Line Painting

Contact Dave Williams with any questions.

SIGN UP AT LODGE

CANDIDATES

Lori Reisinger	Proposed
Mariano Sanchez	Proposed
William Sarrazin	Proposed
George Chelednik	Investigation
Matthew Cuminotto III	Investigation
Abaigail Failliacce	Investigation
Christopher Field	Investigation
Raymond Girard	Investigation
Katelyn Jennings	Investigation
Concetta Mastrianna	Investigation
Jessica Rissolo	Investigation
Timothy Saller	Investigation
Lori Cetaloni	Initiation
Suzanne Vitaletti	Initiation

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Joseph H Dudding
Frank Liscio
Kenneth Thomas, PER

Board of Directors Corner

Members all,

I am happy to announce that the Board of Directors has selected a new chairman and secretary for the '25-'26 fiscal year. Our chairman shall be Joseph Leto, PDD and our Secretary shall be Sarah Muoio, LK.

In addition to the election of BOD officers, our April meeting brought a number of issues before the Board including the proposal and approval of entering into a contract with Cisco, a food purveyor and restaurant distributor, to lessen the load on our House Committee and Lounge management.

Furthermore, the Board approved an expenditure to hire a professional power washing service for the exterior of the Lodge and accompanying structures.

The chime in the clock upstairs has also been repaired thank to our Leading Knight, Mary Garfield, and associates.

Please keep your eye out for our Spring cleanup date. There are volunteer sheets around the Lounge and we are anticipating a May 17 clean up day.

Finally, please spread the word that the BOD will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on May 11. It will be upstairs in the Hall and open to all members and guests. We will have an omelette and waffle station, eggs benedict, and other breakfast goodies. We hope to see you there.

Faternally,
Joseph Leto, PPD, Board of Directors Chairman

House Committee Notes

KITCHEN MENU

Fri, May 2nd	5 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Sat, May 3rd	12 – 8:30pm Potluck & Drink Specials
Fri, May 9th	5 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Sat, May 10th	12 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Thu, May 15th	6-8 pm Thursday Supper Club (Porchetta Sandwich, Thin & Crispy Potatoes)
Fri, May 16th	5 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Sat, May 17th	12 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Thu, May 22nd	6-8 pm Thursday Supper Club (Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Mushroom Gravy)
Fri, May 23rd	5 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Sat, May 24th	12 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Thu May 29th	6-8 pm Thursday Supper Club (Fried Chicken with Mac cheese)
Fri, May 30th	5 – 8:30pm Kitchen Menu
Sat, May 31st	12 - 8:30pm Kitchen Menu

Hello, my fellow Elks!

We just wanted to say THANK YOU! With all of our Heart & Soul for a great first month in our new roles as House Committee Chairs. We weren't perfect, but you supported us and made us feel right at home. The amount of love and support we have received is overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

April had quite a few successful events that made our Lodge thrive and a welcome space for many individuals, both Elks from near and far and those close to us. We were proud to be a small part of the successes.

May will hopefully bring us that nice weather that we have been waiting for. It will also bring us the Start of the new "Thursday Supper Club". This will be a limited amount, simple, tasty offering where the kitchen makes and serves on a first come first serve basis. Every Thursday will be different, and we hope to include some global influence, vegetarian options as well as seafood items in there every now and then too. If you have a regional cuisine or a dish that you would like to see prepared, or better yet, inspire us and help us create that would be welcome too. Please let us know. #Wearefamily Kitchen hours Fridays and Saturdays remain the same (See Calendar) and Sundays from Noon to close in the Taproom are Potluck. Please bring something down that you love to make for other members to share and enjoy.

Just a friendly reminder that no one should go behind the bar in the taproom unless you are working on shift, or you are on the House Committee and the Steward has given you permission.

As always, we would like to say thank you for allowing us this opportunity and we would appreciate the continued support of our Elks Family. Our contact information is below if you have any thoughts or questions. Can't wait to see you at our next meeting!

Your House Committee Co-Chairs,
Alexis Black, bobnlex@aol.com 203-214-6911
Morgan Vondle, mdv724@gmail.com 203-313-6644

May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Blood Drive	5-8:30pm Kitchen menu	12-8:30pm Potluck & Drink Specials Kentucky Derby Karaoke 7:30pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Can & Bottle Drive 10am-2pm Pot Luck Sunday	Cinco de Mayo Potluck & Drink Specials	Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu Country Line Dancing	Lodge Cleanup 9am-1pm 12-8:30pm Kitchen menu
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Mother's Day</i> Pot Luck Sunday		Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	Blood Drive 6-8 pm Thursday Supper Club	5-8:30pm Kitchen menu	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu Karaoke 7:30pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pot Luck Sunday		Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm	6-8 pm Thursday Supper Club	5-8:30pm Kitchen menu	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu Veteran's Flags
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pot Luck Sunday Wreath-laying 9:45am Parade 2:00pm May Birthday Celebration 5pm	Closed for Memorial Day		Triva with Tracy 6:30pm	6-8 pm Thursday Supper Club	5-8:30pm Kitchen menu	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu

SAVE THE DATE - June 6th 7pm - Mixed Tape Bingo

VOLUNTEER TO ADD MORE EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR EVERY MONTH

GOT AN IDEA? SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ON PAGE 2