



#1589 MILFORD ELKS

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Exalted Ruler Message

Dear Fellow Elks,

What a month May turned out to be! Event after event, our members came out in force and delivered exactly what makes Milford Lodge #1589 so special, genuine fun, warm fellowship, and a whole lot of Elks spirit. We kicked things off with a fantastic Kentucky Derby Party that had the Lodge buzzing with excitement, and hot on its heels, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo right after our first Lodge Meeting of May. The energy in the room was nothing short of electric, and both events drew wonderful crowds that reminded us all why showing up matters.



Perhaps the most heartwarming moment of the month was our Mother's Day Brunch. In a beautifully impromptu gesture, Jim Garfield, PER and a host of volunteers, pulled together a stunning brunch that truly honored every Mom in our midst. Jim, your thoughtfulness and generosity set the tone for a morning none of us will soon forget, thank you! And to every volunteer who leaned in, stepped up, and showed up to make the day run smoothly: you are the backbone of this Lodge, and this lodge is richer for your dedication.

To close out the month, many of our members gave up their holiday weekend to attend the Connecticut State Elks Convention at the Trumbull Marriott on May 29-30. Engaging with lodges from across the state and representing Milford on a broader stage is no small thing, and you did it with class. Our lodge led the charge by bringing the Coastal District hospitality room to life under the inspired theme "Anchors & Elks", a perfect tribute to the upcoming Coast Guard Museum and a moving nod to the veterans who have served our country. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make our Lodge shine.

Now June is here and summer is officially upon us, and if May set the bar, I have every confidence this month is going to clear it. The calendar is packed with events and opportunities to gather, serve, and celebrate together. Check the rest of this bulletin and the calendar so you don't miss a thing. There is truly something for everyone, and the more of us who show up, the better it gets!

Fraternally yours,
Mary H. Garfield
Exalted Ruler

JUNE 2026

Lodge Meetings:
7:00pm 2nd & 16th

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Esquire

Mary Garfield

Sarah Muoio
Erin Burke
Don Sanchez
David Field, PDD
Kelly O'Hara
Mary Ellen Patchell, PER
Nicole Vartuli
Ray Bernor, PER
Caroline Butler

Trustees:

One-year

Dave Williams, PER,
PER Chair

Two-year

Danette Contaras,
PER

Three-year

Joseph Mager III,
PER

Four-year

James Garfield, PER

Five-year

Jennifer Vondle, PER

PER Assoc. President

David Williams, PER

Youth Activities Comm

Courtney and
Robert Black

Drug Awareness Comm.

Nicole Vartuli

Audit Committee

Jocelyn Eagle

House Committee

Jim Garfield and
Gerry Artz

Activities Committee

Jennifer Vondle, PER

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Amy Potts, Sarah
Muoio, & Sue Bernor,
PER

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SECRETARY NOTES

Members,

Now that school is almost out for the summer, I ask all our members to be aware of the increase in our youth on bikes and scooters during the day.

With summer coming, make sure you read your bulletin to see what the Officers and House and Activities committees have planned. These activities are not only an opportunity for you to meet and work with old and new friends, but they are vital to the success of our Lodge and continuation of our civic, community and charitable programs financially. Please consider either helping or at least attending some of the functions scheduled.

Also, this month is our Flag Day ceremony. Please try to attend this special event that we hold on the Milford Green, and I promise you will be impressed and proud of our Lodge for this truly patriotic presentation.

We currently have 115 members who have not paid their dues. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible as we depend on this resource to satisfy our financial obligations, pay our Grand Lodge dues, and fund our many programs. This month second notices for dues will be mailed to all delinquent members. Additionally, if any member has difficulties with paying their dues, please contact me at MilfordLodge1589.com.

Additionally, if you have paid your dues and have not received your membership card, it is probably behind the bar in the member card case. Check with the Steward when you come into the Lounge.

Please contact me at MilfordLodge1589@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

- Pending Reinstatements: 2
- Applications to be read: 4
- Candidates awaiting Investigation: 10
- Investigation: June 1, 2026
- Balloting: June 2, 2026
- Candidates awaiting Initiation: 0
- Initiation: June 16, 2026

Dave Field, PDD
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear members,

The Board met on May 18, 2026.

Thanks to the Board of Directors and Audit Committee for the many hours of work completing the new balanced lodge budget, it was handed out at the first meeting of May & voted on favorably. I would especially like to thank Dave Field, Kelly O'Hara, Kevin Kozak for their time and dedication for gathering all the data needed. I also welcome our new Audit Committee team members Joycelyn Eagle and Heather Pumphrey who also helped & will assist in tracking our finances throughout this lodge year.

At the second lodge meeting of May on the 19th, the members voted to repair & replace the existing parking lot at a cost of \$125,604.67. The next step is for the Board to send the construction proposal application to the Grand Lodge for approval. The board will continue looking at financing options.

Lodge cleanup occurred on Sunday May 17th with a mighty group. The hall tables were repaired, back walk painted gray, many picnic tables stained, parking lot cleaned up & a lot of weeding occurred. Thanks to ER Mary Garfield, Don Sanchez and Bruce Buzelle we accomplished a lot with Bruce who put most of the amount of back work into the parking lot & weeding. Our lodge was in good shape to begin, we still have a few items remaining if any member would like to help finish at a different time, please contact a BOD member first.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me, or any of your Board Members. Danette Contaras PER, Joe Mager III PER, Jim Garfield PER, Jennifer Vondle PER, Exalted Ruler Mary Garfield, Leading Knight Sarah Muoio, Loyal Knight Erin Burke, Lecturing Knight Don Sanchez, Secretary Dave Field PDD, and Treasurer Kelly O'Hara.

The next Board meeting is Monday June 15 @ 7PM.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Williams, PER
Chairman Elect, BOD

Joe Leto, PDD
Past Chairman, BOD

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Martin Burke

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

May was filled with wonderful memories, laughter, and fellowship at the Lodge. We enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day Brunch celebrating the special women in our lives, along with live music on Friday evenings, Line Dancing, Karaoke, and continued fun during Game Nights. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our events.

May also gave us the opportunity to come together in remembrance and gratitude as we honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Members proudly participated in laying flags at the headstones of our Veterans and took part in the meaningful Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the monuments throughout the center of town. These traditions serve as an important reminder of the sacrifices made for our country, and we are grateful to everyone who helped us honor our heroes with such respect and patriotism. June is shaping up to be another exciting month! Wednesday Night Music in Antler Park begins June 3rd. A special thank you to Jerry Artz, Barb Zink, and M & R Mechanical Services for sponsoring our summer music series. Please see the calendar for the schedule.

As we continue through June, be sure to join us for Karaoke, Line Dancing, and Game Nights throughout the month, celebrate Flag Day on June 14th, and welcome summer at Rockin Fireworks on June 20th with live music and fireworks. Please don't forget to celebrate the special men in our lives this Father's Day.

We are looking for volunteers to help make Rockin Fireworks another successful event and need assistance with setup, breakdown, and working during the event. Please see Jennifer, Anne Marie or Erin if you are available to help. Any amount of help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for helping make our Lodge such a warm and welcoming place. We look forward to another great summer together.

Jennifer P Vondle, PER, Activities Chair
jennifervondle@gmail.com, 203-823-6313

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Jim Garfield & Jerry Artz - HC Co-Chairs

As we move into June, the House Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of its dedicated volunteers who stepped up in such a big way to support the Mother's Day Brunch. Events like these don't come together without the hard work and generosity of so many behind the scenes, and it truly shows. The presence and support that is brought to our lodge is felt every day by our stewards, and by every member who walks through our doors. We are grateful for each and every one of you.

Our Saturday and Sunday Roast Beef Sandwiches continue to be a crowd favorite, and we are happy to report they are going strong! The response from members has been wonderful, and we will absolutely be keeping them on the menu throughout June. Whether you're stopping in for a quick bite after a long week or settling in for a relaxed Sunday afternoon, come on down and treat yourself, you won't be disappointed.

We are thrilled to announce that starting Wednesday, June 3rd, live music comes to Antler Park (6-9pm)! This is sure to draw a crowd, so come early, bring a friend, and enjoy the evening under the open sky. Our event menu will be available during live music nights, so you can enjoy great food along with the entertainment. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and performers, it's going to be a fantastic summer! Finally, to all the fathers in our Elks Lodge family, we want to celebrate you! On Saturday, June 21st, come on down and enjoy some drink specials. You deserve it.

From our Lodge family to yours, Happy Father's Day!

Weekly Specials:

Mondays:	All day roast beef sandwiches \$9.00 Draft night specials (Domestics) 5-10 pm Monday night Jack Box Trivia 7-9pm (no trivia on holidays) (starting May 11th)
Tuesdays:	Wine it down Tuesdays – Wine Specials
Wednesdays:	Frozen cocktail specials
Thursdays:	\$6.00 Zuppardi's personal pizzas Bottles Night (Domestics) specials 5pm-close
Fridays:	Kitchen open 5:30-8:30pm Martini specials
Saturdays:	Kitchen open 12-8:30pm Martini specials
Sundays:	Every Sunday pot luck day Game day 3pm

TAPROOM HOURS

Mondays 12-10pm
Tuesdays 4-11pm
Wednesdays 4-11pm
Thursdays 4-11pm
Fridays 2-12am
Saturdays 12pm-12pm
Sundays 12pm-10pm

ELK OF THE MONTH - Danette Contaras

When duty calls, some Elks answer — rain or shine. This month, we are proud to recognize Danette Contaras as our Elk of the Month for her unwavering dedication to our Memorial Day Services.

Year after year, Danette, together with her husband Dan, loads the Lodge's memorial wreaths and personally places them at each monument along the solemn route, from the Doughboy at City Hall all the way up to the Milford Green. It is a labor of love and a profound act of respect for those who gave everything in service to our country.

What truly set Danette apart this year was her determination in the face of a driving rainstorm. While others might have hesitated, Danette and Dan didn't skip a beat. They showed up, they loaded up, and they carried out this sacred tradition with the same quiet dignity and pride they bring every single year.

That is the Elks spirit at its finest.

Danette, on behalf of Milford Elks Lodge #1589, thank you, and a heartfelt thank you to Dan as well for all that you do to honor our fallen heroes. Because of members like you, our fallen are never forgotten.

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

A heartfelt Tip of the Antler goes out to **Lee Hill, Bill Sheehan, Mike Ruggiero, Don Sanchez, Jocelyn Eagle, and Brian Ashcroft** for stepping up without hesitation when the lodge needed them most! These dedicated members answered the call to shop for, prepare, and deliver a whopping 55 pounds of delicious pulled pork to the Connecticut Elks State Convention in Trumbull which was no small feat! Their willingness to roll up their sleeves, put in the time, and represent Milford Lodge #1589 with pride is exactly the spirit that makes our lodge great. Thank you all for your hard work, your generosity, and for bringing a little taste of Milford to the State Convention, we are truly grateful!

A very special Tip of the Antler goes out to the incredible **Mother's Day Brunch Crew** for pulling off something truly remarkable. It's living proof, that when dedicated Elks members show up, magic happens! With very little lead time and a whole lot of heart, this amazing team came together and delivered yet another fantastic and memorable brunch for all the moms in our lodge family. A delicious spread, a beautifully decorated room, and an atmosphere filled with warmth and fellowship, all seemingly conjured out of thin air! It just goes to show that it doesn't always take months of planning and endless committee meetings to make something special happen, sometimes it just takes the right people showing up ready to work, and BAM!, a celebration worthy of every mom who walked through those doors! To every member of the Mother's Day Brunch Crew, your dedication, creativity, and can-do spirit are what make Milford Lodge #1589 such a wonderful place to call home. Thank you!

HAVE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO NOMINATE FOR ELK
OF THE MONTH OR TIP OF THE ANTLERS?

Send your nomination to Mary Garfield
maryhgarfield@gmail.com

CANDIDATES

Andrew Arnold	Proposed for Membership
William Cantwell	Proposed for Membership
Brenda Papeika	Transfer Dimit
Gregory Papeika	Transfer Dimit
Dante Adams	Investigation
Gary Baker	Investigation
Elsie Correa	Investigation
Jesus Correa	Investigation
Heidi Dragonette	Investigation
Jesse Fyfe	Investigation
Todd Hellyar	Investigation
Robert Madoule	Investigation
Philip Rosati	Investigation
David Visely	Investigation

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS INITIATION MAY 2026



MEMBERSHIP DUES

IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR 2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP DUES: Ask the Steward on duty in the taproom. If you have quesitons please reach out to David Field, Secretary.

IF YOU HAVE **NOT** PAID YOUR 2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP DUES: Your membership card will not give you access to the taprrrom. You will have to buzz in and pay your dues to continue to visit.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN PARKING
SPOTS DESIGNATED FOR MEMBERS.**

(Elk of the Month, Elk of the Year,
Officer of the Year, Exalted Ruler,
Lodge Steward and HC Chair)

They worked hard to get
those parking spots!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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 Joseph Weber
- 2 Laurel Ellson, Jessica Leto
- 3 Joseph Izzo, Falyne Schnaufer
- 4 Ronald Flanders, Dominic Perrotti
- 5 David Amendola
- 6 Kristie Jorgensen, Leonard Martin, Michelle Zawadski
- 7 David Newman
- 8 Joseph OConnell, Michael Sakowicz, Raymond Salati
- 9 Jocelyn Renee Eagle, Richard Lavery, Jr., Susan Smith
- 10 Linda Evangelisti, Kevin O'Connor, Richard Parker
- 11 William Clark
- 13 Eric Ardito, Debra Lynn Price, Brian Smith
- 14 John Sember
- 15 Philip Ucci
- 16 Jesse Clark, Steven Consedine, David DeLuke, Patricia Liptak
- 17 Alexandra Jurczyk, Louise Renzulli
- 19 Jeffrey Bernor, Gilberto DelValle, Daniel Delvecchio, Douglas Hallengren
- 20 Daniel Contaras, Marie Wierzbicki-Vaughn
- 21 Marilyn Saccu
- 22 Bertrand Desbiens, Eileen Fetchick, Matthew Szygiel, James Wilhelm
- 23 Ryan Moran, Diane Warzel
- 24 Pedro Alcantara, Colleen Leto
- 25 Jay Kocsis, Richard Lareau, Lori Limauro
- 26 Roberta Gogliettino
- 29 Jeffrey Hall, Nicholas Ricci, Kathleen Smith
- 30 Joshua Whelan

May 31st - May Birthday Celebration

RIDERS' CORNER

Members All,

Our Riders have been busy making a difference! We recently participated in Edward's Ride, where we collectively logged 1,060 miles and donated \$1,200 to support a mental health-related cause. We also have members currently representing our lodge at Americade in Lake George, NY. Thank you to everyone who continues to make us proud wherever the road takes us.

Now it's time for one of our favorite events of the year! **2nd Annual Bike Night**

Sunday, June 7th

11:00 AM – Blessing of the Bikes
11:30 AM – 5:00 PM – Bike Night

Join us for:

- Music
- Great Food
- Raffles
- Fellowship & Fun

Best of all, every dollar raised will benefit K9 1st Responders, Inc.

Whether you're riding in or just stopping by to support a great cause, we hope to see you there. Let's make our 2nd Annual Bike Night bigger and better than ever!

We will be holding a special Riders' meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 7 PM for final bike night planning and our regular monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 29th at 7 PM. Ride safe and hope to see you all on June 7th!

Fraternally,
Jim Garfield, PER
President, Elks Riders

Milford Elks Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays 6-9 pm

6/3 Generation Gap
6/10 James and Beckman
6/24 Well Played
7/1 Lost Marbles
7/8 Western Electric
7/15 Dustina Rose Duo
7/22 Jason Heffernan
7/29 BASSic Ivory



Can and Bottle Drive

Sunday, June 7th

10 AM- 2 PM

Bring your bottles
and cans and let your
friends know.



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



Family Fun and Safety Day



THE MILFORD ELKS INVITES YOU
TO AN EXCITING DAY OF FUN AND
SAFETY:

WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY
-YOUTH BICYCLE HELMETS
-CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS



-WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
-PROPER FITTING
-PROMOTING SAFETY

When:

Sunday,
June 14

11:00am - 3:00pm

Where:

MILFORD ELKS
LODGE 1589
124 New Haven Ave.
Milford, CT 06460



FREE ENTRY!



Rocking Fireworks

Food

Beverages

Saturday June 20th
5 pm - 10 pm

Bring Your
Own Chair

Family
Friendly

Live Music From Bad Habit and Rock House



Rock House
School of Music

To Benefit CT Children's Hospital and Special Olympics

AMERICA 250 GRAND PARADE

PARADE ALERT!

MEET AT:

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026



WASSON
FIELD



10 AM

PARADE STEPS OFF AT 11:00 AM



Wear your Elks gear! Let's show our
community pride. We'll march together!

JOIN THE MILFORD ELKS IN THE
AMERICA 250 GRAND PARADE!



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Memorial Day - Placing Flags



Memorial Day - Laying Wreaths

MEMBERS' BUSINESS ADS

If you are interested in having an ad in this bulletin, please contact Amy Potts amy@aapk.com.

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1/2 page ad - \$15/month for a year



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June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Roast Beef Sandwiches beginning at 12 noon <i>Investigation Meeting 6-8pm</i>	Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Music in the Park 6-9pm	Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm	5-8:30pm Kitchen Menu	12-8:30 pm Kitchen Menu Karaoke 7:30pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Can & Bottle Drive 10am-2pm Pot Luck Sunday Rider Bike Night Game Night 6:30pm	Roast Beef Sandwiches beginning at 12 noon		Music in the Park 6-9pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen Menu 6-10pm Country Line Dancing	12-8:30 pm Kitchen Menu
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day Family Fun & Safety Day Pot Luck Sunday Game Night 6:30pm	Roast Beef Sandwiches beginning at 12 noon House Committee Meeting 7pm	Lodge Meeting 7:00pm (Initiation)			5-8:30pm Kitchen Menu	12-8:30pm Kitchen Menu 250 Grand Parade 10am Rockin Fireworks 5-10pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pot Luck Sunday Game Night 6:30pm	Roast Beef Sandwiches beginning at 12 noon		Music in the Park 6-9pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen Menu	5-8:30pm Kitchen Menu
28	29	30				
Pot Luck Sunday Game Night 6:30pm	Roast Beef Sandwiches beginning at 12 noon Riders Meeting (Hall) 7-8pm					

VOLUNTEER TO ADD MORE EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR EVERY MONTH

GOT AN IDEA? SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ON PAGE 1