

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

**Milford Elks
Lodge
1589**

Milford, CT

203-874-1589

LODGE MEETINGS
March 4th and 18th
7:00pm

March 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

James Garfield
 Jennifer Vondle
 Mary Garfield
 Sarah Muoio
 David Field, PDD
 Kelly O'Hara
 Ronald Fontaine
 Stephanie Thompson
 Mary Ellen Patchell
 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
 Fun'D Raising Committee
 Public Relations Committee

Jeff Hall, PER Chairman
 Joseph Leto, PDD
 David Williams, PER
 Danette Contaras, PER
 Joseph Mager III, PER
 Dave Williams, PER
 Caroline Butler
 Mary Ellen Patchell, PER
 Kevin Kozek
 Jerry Artz
 Mary Garfield
 Jennifer Vondle
 Amy Potts, Sara Muoio,
 & Sue Bernor

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Birthdays - March

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.

- 2 Valerie Dorrian, Matthew Jurczyk, Daniel Sefcik, Bernard Simons
- 3 Mary Garfield, Joshua Lopez, Miguel Ramirez
- 4 John Bernardo, Sandra Rainieri
- 5 Marie Hallengren, Kimberly Jones, Robert Kuhar
- 6 Benjamin Bostic, Kathleen Dougherty, Charles White
- 7 Erin Burke
- 8 Salvatore Attianese, Daniel Greene, Caitlyn Kendzierski, Gary Pugliese, Michael Ruggiero
- 9 Frank Mitchals
- 10 Kathleen Camilleri
- 11 Mira Brunje, Graham Wylie
- 12 Robert Howarth, Michael Kozlowski
- 14 Garrett Garfield, Maryjane Seymour
- 15 David Eisenman, Janice Lampo, William Phillips, Timothy Robinson
- 17 Dennis Braney, George Vitone, Jr.
- 18 Gary Gagnon, Edward Shattuck
- 20 Gene Dutchess, Jacques Pittman
- 21 David Piechota
- 23 John Pirozzoli
- 24 Billie Hessberger
- 25 Ellsworth Bennett, Kathleen Hart, Edward Kozlowski, Jr., Joseph Mager, Jr.
- 26 William Deell, Jr., David Martinez
- 27 Robert Page, Gregory Smith, Maureen Smith, Brian Zawadski
- 29 Jeffrey Miller
- 30 Kenneth Benson, Cortny Cirillo
- 31 Jeffrey Knecht, John Mager

March Birthday Celebration
 March 30th @ 5pm!!



What's Happening



MUSIC BY YES MA'AM

DRINK SPECIALS!

UPSTAIRS IN THE HALL!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE CELEBRATION
March 15th
After the Parade

NO COVER CHARGE FOR MEMBERS
\$5.00 NON-MEMBER

CORNED BEEF SANDWICHES AND DINNERS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



LIVE MUSIC

MILFORD ELKS

Make It Happen 7 MARCH

Dustina Rose and Mike Savino 21 MARCH

M&R
 MACHINERY REPAIRS
 HEAVY & LIGHT TRUCKS
 DIESEL REPAIR

Exalted Ruler Message

Brothers and Sisters,

It is with both a heavy heart and immense pride that I write my final bulletin as your Exalted Ruler. As we reflect on this remarkable year, I am humbled by all we have accomplished together.

Financial Achievements & Fundraising

Our newly established fundraising committee, under Jennifer Vondle's exceptional leadership, orchestrated numerous sold-out events that helped us recover from significant equipment replacement costs this year. The complete financial report will be presented at our March 18th lodge meeting.

Community Impact & Special Events

Our lodge earned distinguished recognition through several meaningful initiatives:

- The "Over the Edge" event at Mohegan Sun supporting Special Olympics, featuring Caroline and Sarah's brave participation and tremendous support from our lodge members
- The Westbrook Lodge Penguin Plunge, with Jen and Morgan taking the plunge for charity, backed by outstanding community support

Milford Elks Riders 1589

We successfully launched the Milford Elks Riders 1589, now the largest association in the state with over 50 members and growing. This dynamic group will expand our lodge's presence through fundraising, awareness campaigns, and community engagement activities.

Members are invited to march with the riders at the New Haven St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 16th the day after we march in Milford's. Step off at 1:30pm.

Committee Leadership

Special appreciation goes to:

- Jerry Artz and Mary Garfield for their outstanding leadership of the house and activities committees
- My dedicated "Jimmy's Angels" for their unwavering support and counsel through challenging decisions
- All committee members whose volunteer work forms the backbone of our lodge

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What's Happening

Exalted Ruler Message (Con't)

Key Accomplishments

- Achieved positive membership growth with a net increase of 10 members
- Exceeded our Elks National Foundation goals
- Established a valuable partnership with the Milford Chamber of Commerce, enhancing our community presence and creating new opportunities for corporate events
- Maintained strong fiscal health through responsible management

Looking Forward

As I pass the torch to our incoming Exalted Ruler, Jennifer Vondle, I do so with complete confidence in her ability to lead our lodge to even greater heights. Her dedication and vision will surely make the coming year exceptional.

Thank you all for your trust, support, and dedication to our lodge's mission.

It was an absolute honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler and thank you all for the opportunity.

Fraternally Yours
James S Garfield Exalted Ruler

Milford Elks Lodge #1589
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(Ever Practice Brotherly Love)

Can and Bottle Drive

Sunday, March 2
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



Activities Committee

Dear Members,

For a short month, February was sure filled with fantastic events and memorable moments at our lodge! The Chamber of Commerce After-Hours evening on February 12th brought our business community together for networking and great food. Thank you to ER Jim and some dedicated volunteers who contributed to this success. Earlier in the month, sports fans gathered for an incredible Super Bowl celebration featuring a delectable potluck spread on February 9th. Our Valentine's Day celebration was extra special this year with PJ Boatwright providing musical entertainment in the Taproom, while country line dancers filled the hall with energy. Kevin Boots closed out the month with an outstanding live performance on February 28th.

Our social calendar continued to shine with the Mixed Tape Match on Friday, February 21st, expertly organized by Fund Raising Chair Jennifer Vondle and her dedicated team of volunteers. The competitive spirit was alive during our pool tournament, and Erin Burke has become a welcome regular fixture behind the Karaoke Machine, delighting audiences on Saturday the 22nd. February concluded in style with the rescheduled Roaring 20's party, which proved to be an elegant affair thanks to Debbie Price and her hardworking volunteer team.

Looking ahead to March, we're excited to announce our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 15th! We're seeking walkers to join us – everyone is welcome! Donations of individually wrapped candy are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the designated box in the taproom. Post-parade, join us in the Hall for a festive celebration featuring some Irish music by Yes Ma'am. Members attend free, while non-members can join the fun for a \$5 donation. Don't forget to check the calendar for our regular events including Karaoke nights, Line Dancing, Games nights, Pinochle and our March Birthday celebration on the 30th. The Tap Room will feature live music on March 7th with Make it Happen, and on March 24th, catch Dustina Rose with Mike Savino. If anyone ever wanted to attend a visit from a Psychic/Medium or would like to attend another visit, mark for calendar for March 28th! Tickets are on sale in the Taproom! Here's to a magnificent March ahead!!

Looking forward to seeing you all!!!

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

Officers Notes

Members,

As we end the Lodge year, we can look back with pride on our accomplishments in the past 12 months. Under the leadership of Exalted Ruler Jim Garfield, the Lodge has increased the total amount of our charitable contributions to our community and especially our youth and our veterans. All our members pulled together to make our fundraising events such as the Oyster Festival even more successful. Under the leadership of House Committee chair Gerry Artz and Activities Committee chair Mary Garfield the attendance in the Lounge has reached levels we have not seen in years. The increased efforts of our new members have contributed to our success!!

Dues notices for the upcoming year have been mailed. Please do your best to pay your dues on time. As a reminder, dues for the 2025-26 year are due on or before April 1. Dues can be paid in the tap room by cash, check, or credit card, or by PayPal to MilfordLodge1589@gmail.com.

Please remember to inform the Secretary of any changes in your contact information to ensure you receive on a timely basis all information provided by the Lodge.

Our officers for the 2025-26 year are in place. Our slate of officers is as follows:

- Exalted Ruler – Jennifer Vondle
- Esteemed Leading Knight – Mary Garfield
- Esteemed Loyal Knight – Sarah Muoio
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Erin Burke
- Trustees – Dave Williams, Joe Leto Sr., Danette Contaras, Joe Mager III, and Jim Garfield
- Secretary – David Field
- Treasurer- Kelly O'Hara
- Esquire – Ron Fontaine
- Chaplain – MaryEllen Patchel
- Inner Guard – Caroline Butler
- Tiler – Don Roque

- Candidates awaiting Investigation: 7
- Candidates awaiting Initiation: 13
- Initiation: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
- Investigation: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Dave Field, PDD
Secretary

Elk of the Month

Sal Attianese

Sal has been the loyal member who will help out quickly whenever and wherever help is needed, you will see him on a regular basis serving food at events and running meals up and down the stairs on a weekend.

Thank you, Sal for stepping up and helping when it is sometimes challenging to find able bodies to perform such demanding duties. Your efforts are appreciated, and I'd like you to know your HC Chair Jerry Artz has also noticed and he has personally endorsed you for this honor.

Tip of the Antlers

Dan Kacenski and Kyras Keating: For their efforts at the Elks Rider Patch in ceremony, thank you both for the hard work that day! Your efforts were appreciated and made the event run very smooth.

Joe Mager III, Sarah Muoio, Stephanie Thompson, Lexi Black, Jerry Artz, Ann Marie Field, and Debbie Price: Thank you all so much for your hard work in representing our first Chamber of Commerce "After-Hours" event in our hall. All of your hard work and dedication was to reason we were able to represent so well and show our business community what the Elks are all about!

CHEESE CAKES FOR EASTER

Milford Elks Riders are selling cheesecakes from a distribution business out of NY and they are yummy,

See a steward on duty for the Order form. Orders will be taken through the month of March for Easter. A portion of the profit will be donated to the riders.

What's Happening

CANDIDATES

JThomas Bogart	Investigation / Balloting
Lori Cetaloni	Investigation / Balloting
Christopher Fresilli	Investigation / Balloting
Frank Holleran	Investigation / Balloting
Wyane Lutsky	Investigation / Balloting
Mary Olsen	Investigation / Balloting
Diane Behringer	Initiation
Henry Dzwonkowski	Initiation
Lori Fagan	Initiation
Kathleen Festa	Initiation
Austin James	Initiation
Leigh Hunt	Initiation
Joan Lloyd	Initiation
Adair McCormack	Initiation
Michael Moraco	Initiation
Daniel Steeves	Initiation
Julia Townsend	Initiation
Robert Villodas	Initiation
Suzanne Vitaletti	Initiation
Dave Newman	Life Membership



Board of Directors Corner

MEMBERS ALL,

The BOD meets once per month, scheduled for the first Monday before the first Tuesday of each monthly meeting, except July & August which would be the first Monday before the third Tuesday of each month.

February was a good month, I am happy to report that the LED 2X2 ceiling light panels have been replaced finally, better lighting and operate much more economically. Again, a big thank you to Joe Labozzo for the donation of the fixtures.

This will be my last BOD chairman message to the lodge, I think I have served as a trustee for 14 plus years, it has been my pleasure and honor to serve our lodge, I hope that I have done the lodge proud. The lodge is in excellent hands with the current officers, and I know it will continue forward very successfully. It takes a village to raise a lodge.

If there are any concerns or questions from the membership, please speak to any of your Board of Directors, Jeff Hall PER, Dave Williams PER, Joe Leto PDD, Danette Contaras PER, Joe Mager III PER, ER Jim Garfield, Leading Knight Jen Paskiewicz, Loyal Knight Mary Garfield, Lecturing Knight Sarah Muoio, Secretary Dave Field PDD, and Treasurer Kelly O'Hara.

Fraternally yours,
Jeff Hall PER
Trustee Chairman

House Committee Notes

KITCHEN MENU

Sat, March 1	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, March 7	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, March 8	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, March 14	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, March 15	12 – 8:30pm	St Patricks Day Menu - Corned Beef Sandwiches, Dinners, and Hot Dogs
Fri, March 21	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, March 22	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, March 28	5 – 8:30pm	Event Menu
Sat, March 29	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu

Hello My Fellow Elks!

Well, it has been three years together and this is my last letter to you as your House Committee Chair. It's been an honor to be your House Committee Chair, and it's been a very successful three years in total. I'd like to thank our outgoing Exalted Ruler, Jim Garfield. Sir, it's been an honor to serve under your command and maybe someday we can do it again.

Just some of what the House Committee has done includes: replacement of equipment, deep cleaned and refurbished the bar and kitchenette, added some new equipment to the kitchenette and main kitchen, extended Taproom hours, offered delicious food from our kitchen with our regular and event menus, upgraded equipment in the Antler Park bar, streamlined the liquor ordering process, reduced liquor inventory of unpopular items and focused on what our members want and purchase on a regular basis. Many thanks to our volunteer Bar Manager Stephanie Guyton Thompson for overseeing the bar, scheduling Stewards (and filling in whenever someone called out), ordering liquor, snacks and supplies, keeping the liquor room orderly and stocked up, giving financial reports at the House Committee meetings and handling everything else that came her way.

We experimented with a few things and decided what worked and what did not. In the end I feel confident that the Taproom and kitchen are in great shape and will be in good hands as I turn over the reins to the new House Committee Co-Chairs Lexi Black and Morgan Vondle. Remember, it will be successful as long as our members keep it that way.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and worked on the House Committee these past few years and made it all possible! Don't forget – it's a piece of cake to accomplish anything. Control your situation or it controls you.

Gerald Artz, House Committee Chairman
geralda@mandrmechanical.com
203-410-5838

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
						12-8:30pm Kitchen menu Pinochle Class 3pm Karaoke 7:30pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Can & Bottle Drive 10am-2pm Pot Luck Sunday		Lodge Meeting & Initiation 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm PER Peroggi Night 4-8pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Live Music Taproom 7-10pm	12-8:30pm Kitchen Menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Texas Hold'em Tourney Pot Luck Sunday	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm Investigation Meeting 6pm	Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Country Line Dancing	St Patrick's Day Parade <i>Corned Beef 12pm till gone</i> After Parade Party <i>Band in the Hall 4-7pm</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Pot Luck Sunday New Haven Parade 1:30pm	<i>St. Patricks Day</i> <i>Corned Beef at 5pm till gone</i>	Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Awards Ceremony 7pm Live Music Taproom 7-10pm	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm Karaoke 7:30pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pot Luck Sunday			Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Event menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Psychic/Medium 7:00pm	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Installation of Officers
30	31	<p>VOLUNTEER TO ADD MORE EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR EVERY MONTH</p> <p>GOT AN IDEA? SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ON PAGE 2</p>				
Pot Luck Sunday March Birthday Celebration 5pm	Elks Riders Meeting 7pm					