

MILFORD LODGE NO. 1589
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER OF ELKS
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December 2024

Milford Elks Lodge #1589

Milford, CT

203-874-1589

LODGE MEETINGS
December 3rd and 17th
7:00pm

December 2024 Taproom Hours

Monday	5:00pm—11:00pm
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	12:00pm—9:00pm

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Holiday Hours

Officers

Exalted Ruler

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

James Garfield
Jennifer Paskiewicz
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 Paskiewicz
Amy Potts, Sara Muoio,
& Sue Bernor

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Birthdays - December

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 Jennifer Paskiewicz, Christine Trombetta
- 2 Nancy Brennan, Catherine Graham, Daniel Johnson
- 3 Peter Berube
- 4 Dennis Gaetano, Jeffery Gamble, Nancy Zelinsky
- 5 John Rainieri
- 6 Frank Liscio, Nicholas Sostilio
- 7 Jeffrey Feulner, Timothy Grivalsky
- 8 Thomas Craig, Sr, David Kozek, Kyle Stafford,
Louis Swanson
- 10 Allan Banyacsky, Donna Berlanda, Jacqueline Mager
- 11 Kristen Schultz, Kevin Suech
- 13 Kelly Diaz, Linda McMahon, James Mountzouris,
Joanne Ruotolo, Robert Smith, Rick Theriault
- 14 Jared Heon, James Hessberger, Jr, Anthony Natale
- 15 William Lyons, James O'Brien
- 16 David Baldwin, Thomas Kosa
- 17 John Barney, Guy Wannop
- 18 Richard Jones, Carol Steers
- 19 Brian Ashcroft
- 20 Paula Reynolds
- 21 Thomas Haray
- 22 Kenneth Jalbert, Robert Kemp, John O'Gorman.
Chloe Zimmerman
- 23 Peter Falcione, Doreen Tomao
- 26 Paul Ouellette
- 28 Paola Lopez, Sven Olsen, Richard Patry
- 29 Kim Billings, Marlene Terry
- 30 Anthony DiMartino, Daniel Kochman,
Calvin Smith, Jr, Nicole Vartuli

November Birthday Celebration
November 24th @ 5pm!!



What's Happening



Milford Elks
CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Packing
Friday, December 20th
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Delivery
Saturday, December 21st
9 am to 12 pm

Contact Danette w/questions
or to make a cash donation
Milford Elks Lodge #1589



Milford Elks Annual
Christmas Day Dinner

Wednesday December 25th
11 - 2 pm

Sign up to volunteer in hall
It is a wonderful way
to spend Christmas!

Exalted Ruler Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for a great month of November, our members enjoyed Mix Tape Match and the Turkey Shoot, there was karaoke and great dinners served by our staff. Our Thanksgiving morning breakfast that so many members look forward to being very well attended and we all enjoyed.

Our Hoop Shoot had more in attendance than ever before and was a huge success thanks to all the dedicated members who make this happen every year. The following awards presentation was also well attended by very proud kids and of course their parents.

The Coastal District was well represented at the Special Olympics Volleyball Sports Holiday Classic, and many came out to the Westbrook lodge and supported our Leading Knight Jennifer, and I while we participated in the Special Olympic Penguin Plunge by jumping into the freezing cold Long Island Sound. The Paper Penguins and donations raised a bit over \$700 for Special Olympics. Thanks to all of our members and those who donated to this great cause. This was a lodge competition to see who raised the most money for the coastal district and as of the time of this writing the results are not yet in but stay tuned as I will announce our standing as soon as I get it.

December brings us to work on our holiday food boxes for distribution so volunteers will be needed to shop, pack and deliver these boxes. Packing will be on Friday 12/20 at 6:30pm and deliveries will be on Saturday 12/21 at 8:30am.

Don't forget our Christmas Day dinner that will be served in our hall 11am-2pm, Volunteers will be needed, and a sign-up sheet will be available in the tap room so please consider signing up and helping the unfortunate. Donations will be needed to make this event successful. We will keep everyone informed through our Facebook page and email for volunteering and donation opportunities.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you, our members who have helped me, our lodge and this wonderful order of Elks have a very successful year, our volunteers and our members are what makes us great and our lodge is truly thriving as a result of your hard work. I am incredibly proud to be your Exalted Ruler, we are in this together so let's keep up the great work!

From my family to yours, Mary and I would like to wish you all the very best holiday season. Merry Christmas and a very healthy and Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours
James S Garfield Exalted Ruler

Milford Elks Lodge #1589
203-915-0198 Jsgarfield65@gmail.com
(Ever Practice Brotherly Love)

What's Happening

HOLIDAY TAP ROOM HOURS

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve: 3 – 6PM

Wednesday, Christmas Day: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve: 4PM – 1:00AM

Potluck New Year's Eve Party at 8:00PM

Wednesday, January 1- New Year's Day: 4 – 10PM



Can and Bottle Drive

Sunday, December 1st

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



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!

Activities Committee

Dear Members,

Our lodge had a fantastic November, highlighted by several successful events that brought members together in the spirit of community, fellowship and generosity. The Mix Tape Match fundraising event was a huge hit, featuring great raffles donated by our generous members—thank you for your support! The Veterans Day parade saw an impressive turnout of 14 marchers, including an additional four members of our newly formed Milford Elks Riders #1589, who proudly represented our lodge. Additionally, this year's Turkey Shoot was incredibly successful, with the generosity of members and their guests helping us significantly increase our ability to support youth activities throughout the year. A special shout-out to the recipients of our sportsmanship awards: the football player, cheerleader, and a band member each from Foran and Jonathan Law High Schools, who truly exemplify the values of sportsmanship, dedication and teamwork.

Looking ahead, December promises more opportunities for fun and giving at the lodge. Be sure to join us for the annual Children's Christmas Party! Look for the signup sheet at both doors to the tap room and consider volunteering—whether you want to help with setup, cooking, cleanup, donating treats, or simply spreading holiday cheer, there's a role for everyone. This event is a wonderful way to bring smiles to the children in our community, and your participation will make it extra special. In addition, we're preparing and delivering holiday food baskets to support fellow community members in need. If you're looking for a way to give back this season, this effort truly warms the soul and embodies the Elks' motto of "Elks Care, Elks Share."

As always, keep an eye on the December calendar for all scheduled events (i.e. Country Line dancing, Game nights, Pinochle and Karaoke) and activities throughout the month. December is a time for celebration and generosity, and we're proud of the difference our lodge continues to make in the community. As we wrap up another year, let us reflect on the happy moments, camaraderie, and community spirit that makes our lodge so special. December is a time of giving, gratitude, and celebration, and we should be grateful for each and every one who makes up the membership in our lodge. Thank you for your commitment, and we look forward to celebrating the holidays together!

I wish you and your families a happy holiday season and cheers to a healthy and prosperous New Year. Here's to making 2025 even better - Together!

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

Officers Notes

Members,

On the first Sunday in December, we remember our members who have passed in the last year. This year the Memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 in the Lodge room. Please attend this reverent ceremony to honor our members who are no longer with us. An Elk is never forgotten.

As of this writing there are still 33 members whose dues are delinquent. I urge you to pay them as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss your ability to pay them, please contact me. Per our Lodge direction all delinquent members Lounge access cards have been disabled. They will be turned on once your dues are paid up. Delinquent members are **not entitled** to Lounge and/or Lodge privileges and you cannot be signed in as a guest.

Finally, as I am sure you know membership is the lifeblood of our Lodge and all our good works are only possible with a robust group of individuals dedicated to the principles of our Order. I ask each of you to approach a family member, friend, or coworker who you feel would make a good Elk and ask them to consider joining our organization. Tell them why you became an Elk and how you feel about the Lodge and the members who have become your friends. Let them know about all the opportunities for members and their families in the organization. Applications are available at the Lodge or contact me at MilfordLodge1589@gmail.com and I will send as many as you need.

Key Cards were provided to you for entry into the Lounge if your card is lost or damaged replacement cards cost \$5.00.

Best wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season.

- Delinquent Members: 33
- Reinstatements Pending: 0
- Applications to be read: 0
- Candidates awaiting Investigation: 7
- Investigation: December 10, 2024
- Balloting: December 17, 2024.
- Indoctination / Orientation: December 1, 2024
- Awaiting Initiation: 10
- Initiation: December 3, 2024

Dave Field, PDD
Secretary

Elk of the Month

Amy Potts

Amy has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create these bulletins and get them edited properly and sent out to all our members. This is no easy task as she has to put up with our sometimes-untimely submittance of lodge information and of course typos and other mistakes.

Amy and her team have recently taken on our current web site and are in the process of completely redoing it in order to make its content more complete and informative. I for one am very excited about this and I'm looking forward to its completion.

Thank you Amy for all you do, you definitely make us all look good and it's great to have you on the team.

Tip of the Antlers

Chris Contaras, Joe Mager III, Dave Williams – For their combined efforts to install the new Necrology board in the Hall donated by the PER Association.

Morgan Vondle – For his assistance in the kitchen, serving food and helping our Leading Knight – Jennifer Paskiewicz with the Mixed Tape Match fundraising event.

Don Sanchez – For his continuing support of activities outside of our lodge. He spent the day in Woodbridge helping to shag volleyballs at the Special Olympics Volleyball event.

Caroline Butler – For organizing and running a successful Turkey Shoot that helps support our youth activities throughout the year.

Joe Mager and Erin Burke - For bartending during the Thanksgiving Day breakfast and donating back their tips of \$300 for holiday baskets!

Past Members Memorial Service

Sunday 12/1 at 4:00pm

What's Happening

A festive poster for a Children's Christmas Party. It features a large, stylized Christmas tree on the right side, decorated with various patterns and colors. To the left of the tree, there's a Santa Claus figure and several wrapped gifts. The text is arranged in a clear, readable manner, with the title 'CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY' at the top. Below the title, the date and time are specified. A list of activities is provided, followed by information about a sign-up sheet and volunteers. The bottom of the poster includes the location and a small illustration of a reindeer.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14th @ 10 to 1:00pm

- **BREAKFAST SERVED**
- **AN ACTIVITY**
- **A VISIT FROM SANTA**

A sign up sheet for Children's names and gift ideas will be outside the Taproom on Thanksgiving Morning! Deadline is December 3rd.

Volunteers needed from wrapping presents
Date & Time to be determined!
Open to members and their children & grandchildren

Milford Elks Lodge #1589

CANDIDATES

Vincent Canavan	Orientation / Initiation
Victoria Dreisbach	Orientation / Initiation
Mikayla Castro	Orientation / Initiation
Joseph Coady	Orientation / Initiation
Gina Marie Falt	Orientation / Initiation
Robert Fantarella Jr.	Orientation / Initiation
Jay Kocsis	Orientation / Initiation
Olga Nigretti	Orientation / Initiation
Vincenzo Sorrentino	Orientation / Initiation
Steven Zagami	Orientation / Initiation
Gilberto DelValle	Investigation
Kelly Hanson	Investigation
Josh Miller	Investigation
Thomas Murphy	Investigation
Jose Oquendo	Investigation
Gary Pugliese	Investigation
Lawrence Wydan	Investigation

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.

In my last message I mentioned that the lodge had fifty-two new led light fixtures donated to the lodge, we have received them and now trying to arrange the installation of them. Just trying to coordinate the use of the up stair hall and open time with the electrician. I will keep the membership updated as we progress.

It's been a quiet month so this will be a short message from the BOD !

From the all the BOD members we would like to wish all the Lodge members a very Happy and safe Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years !!

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 Letto 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

Fri, December 6	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu Special: French Onion Soup \$8.00
Sat, December 7	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, December 13	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu Special: Beef Stew \$9.00
Sat, December 14	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, December 20	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu Special: Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$11.00
Sat, December 21	12 – 8:30pm	Event menu
Fri, December 27	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu Special: Minestrone & Garlic Bread \$9.00
Sat, December 28	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu

Roast beef sandwiches (\$9) will be served on Fridays & Saturdays

Hello My Fellow Elks!

Winter is upon us, so our Friday night dinner specials will be hot soups or stews to warm you up. Come down to the Lodge and take a break from cooking!

Sundays from 12 noon to close continue as potluck, so bring something to share while you watch football. The Taproom will continue to be open Mondays on a trial basis from 5 – 11PM for Monday night football. Come down and watch the games and enjoy some of our weekly drink specials too!

There are a lot of fun holiday activities this month, including our annual Christmas Party on December 21 at 6PM. Please bring something to share because this is a potluck party. We are also working on something special for New Year's Eve, so stay tuned!

The weather forecast for December will be partly cloudy, cool and maybe a flurry, but don't worry – I'm working on getting it to pass us by!

We are always in need of volunteers to run food on Friday and Saturday nights from 5 – 7PM and volunteers to decorate the Taproom for the holidays, so let me know if you can help or just come to the kitchen and jump in. Please sign up on the sheet attached to the clipboard in the Taproom.

My phone number and email are listed below, so please feel free to send me your thoughts, questions and ideas.
Gerald Artz, House Committee Chairman
geralda@mandrmechanical.com
203-410-5838

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Can & Bottle Drive 10am-2pm Memorial Service 4pm		Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm	Blood Drive 1-6pm	5-8:30pm Kitchen menu - French Onion Soup \$8.00 <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i>	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm Karaoke 7:30pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pot Luck Sunday	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu - Beef Stew \$9.00 <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i>	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pot Luck Sunday	Blood Drive 1-6pm	Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu - Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$11.00 <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Basket Packing 6:30pm	Basket Delivery 8:30am-12:00 12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm 6pm Potluck Xmas Party
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pot Luck Sunday			CLOSED		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu - Minestrone & Garlic Bread \$9.00 <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i>	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm
29	30	31				
Pot Luck Sunday December Birthdays Celebration 5 pm		Potluck New Year's Eve Party at 8:00pm				

VOLUNTEER TO ADD MORE EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR EVERY MONTH

GOT AN IDEA? SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ON PAGE 2