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MIDDLE OF THE
BULLETIN.**

**LODGE MEETINGS
November 1st & 15th
8:00PM**

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Exalted Ruler	Jim Patchell, PER
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Birthdays - November

Wish another member Happy Birthday. If it's your birthday this month, come to the lodge for a complimentary birthday beverage of choice.

- 1 Michael Ackler, Jr., Mark Malota
- 2 Roger Bauer, Jr., Burton Cochran, Ron Fiorella,
Eugene McSweeney
- 3 Elaine Barrett
- 4 John Borack, PER, Kenneth Crepeau Jr , Sandra Doebler,
James Wiltsie
- 5 Anthony Colangelo, Lemanuel Hill
- 6 Donald Gerarde, Dennis Krissik
- 7 Spencer Baker, James Sutera, PER
- 8 Dorothy Johns
- 9 Peter Ellsworth, Joshua Rifkin
- 10 Diana Aitkenhead, Bruce Ellis, Debra Malatesta,
Christopher Milewski, Gerald Silver
- 11 Joan Rousseau, Paul Simpson
- 12 Edward White, David Williams
- 13 Beverly McDonald
- 14 George Byrne, Joe Gorkowski
- 15 Deane Allen
- 16 Coreen Edwards, Sharon Fabricatore, David Field, PDD
- 19 Mary Griffin
- 20 Francis Gormley
- 22 Douglas Kasper
- 23 Christine Cummings, Thomas Duggan
- 24 Patty Gilman, Orié Lacroix, William Sheehan,
Bernard Wilhelm, PER
- 26 Charles Brienza, Donald Burns, James Carroll PDD,PSP,
Felton Jackson
- 27 Ronald Funaro, Joe Johnson, Robert Murray
- 28 William Anderson, Brien Ash, John Jakab, Robert O'Sullivan,
Corey Williams
- 29 Scott Furtado
- 30 Dennis Agrella, Jeffrey McPadden, Arthur Volanth

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What's Happening

Christmas Food Baskets

Thank you to everyone that has already generously donated to the Food Drive. If you want to help, **we need the following items:** Jello, Pancake Mix, Canned Corn or Peas, Canned Chicken Noodle Soup, Oatmeal and Hot Chocolate. Bring down your goodies to the bar and put them in the card room.

The Christmas Basket fund time is coming quick. Look for the annual poster just after Thanksgiving in the lodge. We will be accepting donations of money to sponsor a Holiday Basket. Each basket contains food for a family of 4 for 2-3 days. Last year we bought, packed, and delivered 225 baskets. This year our goal is the same - 225 baskets.

Important Dates to Know:

- **Friday, December 23** at 6 pm - packing of boxes.
- **Saturday, December 24** beginning around 8:30 am - delivery of the baskets.
- **Saturday, December 25** for helping at the Christmas Day dinner for the needy or lonely. If you haven't volunteered for any of these events before – come this year it's always a fun and very rewarding time. If you need more information go to our web site (www.milfordelks.com) and find the link on the right titled "Christmas Baskets/Boxes" or contact Amy Potts or Danette Contaras (The Basket Committee)



To get to our Facebook Group faster - use your Smart Phone and scan the image (QR Code) to the right.



Taproom Hours

Monday -Thursday	3 PM til 1 AM
Friday	2 PM til 2 AM
Saturday	NOON til 2 AM
Sunday	NOON til 11 PM

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Exalted Ruler Message

November is upon us and that means the Holiday season will soon be here. This is a very busy time for YOUR Lodge. There are many events planned. Here are just a few Children's Christmas party, the Members party and most importantly the Christmas food baskets and Christmas Dinner for anyone who wants to stop by. The Baskets and the Dinner are great ways to show the community what the Milford Elks are all about and that Elks care and Elks Share.

Help will be needed to make sure all of the events are successful. If you can help out in any way please contact me, Amy Potts or any of our Officers.

There are two brunches in November, the first being November 6th, the second November 27th.

With economic times still hard and it being the Holiday season the Activities Committee and **I have decided to lower the price of the November 27th Brunch to \$8.00.** We hope that you will attend and support YOUR Lodge.

We want to hear from you!! So please take the time to fill out the questionnaire either online or from the bulletin (see the insert in this bulletin).

ER, James Patchell

Elk of the Month

My Elk of the Month for November is **John Plank**. With help being hard to come by, John worked long and hard to put out a great Turkey dinner. The dinner was well attended and as usual the best dinner of the year. John thank you.

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Officers Notes

Secretary's Notes

November is the month that has been designated as Veterans Month. On Sunday Nov. 6th there will be a Veterans parade in Hartford which the CT Elks will be marching in, any and all Elks are invited to march and show our support of the Vets who have given so much for us. Please check the CROSA website for more information.

We still have a large lapsation list for people who owe Lodge dues. Like I have said many times before if there is a problem please contact the ER Jim or myself.

Please do what you can to support the Lodge - it is vital to the success of our Lodge and we hope to keep our strong success going.

Hope to also see you at a Lodge meeting I am happy to see that many more members are attending.

Jan Wankowicz, Secretary

House Committee Notes

Saturday sandwiches return! Not the same roast beef each week either. Instead we will be featuring one particular sandwich w/side & a 12oz domestic draft (Bud, Coors lite, PBR, Mich) for \$5. These will be served from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the bar. I do not have the list in front of me at this time, but look for posters to go up in the taproom, listing each months offerings.

Please note that there will be a limited amount of these sandwiches available, 2 doz or so at most, so come in early so as not to be disappointed.

With regrets, it is my sad duty to announce the end of our daily "Happy Hour", this change will become effective beginning November 1st. The lodges financial needs at this time necessitate canceling the practice for now at least. There will be "Happy Hour" prices in effect on Tuesdays after 6 pm, when we are open for members only. Thank you for your understanding, and continued patronage.

Ken Crepeau

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Youth Activities

December 3rd – Children's Christmas Party: Breakfast with Santa beginning at 9:30AM to 1PM. It will be Breakfast with Santa. Sign up sheets will be up soon. The cut off date for signing up is November 25th.

Raffle Ticket Update: Aprox. 640 members were mailed tickets, we received 145 responses with a profit of 1750.00.

Scrapbooking Update: On Oct 15th a scrapbooking/stamping crop was held, 25 attended and a profit of \$480.00 was turned over to the Secretary. The monies for this and the other crops will be used to help with the Youth functions at the lodge. Special thanks to Head Chef Jim Deptula for a fantastic dinner as well as Marilyn Deptula, Marlene, Danette, Sue, Sonny and Dave for their help. Also the members who came up at 10 pm to help break down the tables. Please watch for the January bulletin with the next date, any help would be appreciated, even a few hours in the afternoon so we can leave for a few hours.

Youth Activities Awards Dinner: We are also starting to make plans for the May 2012 Youth Activity Awards dinner. This will be the responsibility of the new committee chairs. To keep the function running, we will be starting some of the work before Deb and I leave. Any members, old and new, interested in working this function, please contact us.

Annual Hoop Shoot

The annual hoop shoot contest will be held on **Sunday, December 11** at the Parsons complex from 1-4pm. Ages are from 8-13 with the date of 04/01/12 being used to determine age. Please pass the word we need participants, volunteers to help. Any questions please contact John Langan

Are you Experiencing Bulletin Overload?

If you get more than 1 bulletin every month please email Amy at bulletin@milfordelks.com to let us know.

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Meal and Activities Calendar

Meals

(Brunches 9AM - 12PM, Dinners 5:30PM - 7:00PM)

November 6	Brunch	\$10.00
November 16	Dinner Lasagna	\$ 9.00
November 27	Brunch	\$ 8.00



No Events in December

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January 8	Brunch	\$10.00
January 25	Dinner Ribs & Chicken	\$10.00
February 5	Brunch	\$10.00
February 22	Dinner All You Can Eat Buffet	\$10.00
March 4	Brunch	\$10.00
March 17	Dinner Erin's Irish Dinner	\$10.00

Activities

October 23	Chili Cook-Off and Food Drive - Christmas Baskets
October 29	Children's Halloween Party - Youth Activities
November 20	Annual Football Dinner
December 3	Children's Christmas Party
December 23	Food Basket Packing
December 24	Food Basket Delivery

As you can see by the schedule above there are two Brunches in November. We do this so that the few helpers we do get have some time off in December to spend with their families and enjoy the holidays. As always a huge thank you to the few members that do help at the Brunches and Dinners.

Interesting in Learning Microsoft Excel?

We are toying with the idea of using our resident computer expert (Amy Potts) to teach an Excel class. Would you be interested in this? If so, please see Amy Potts, Danette Contaras or Jim Patchell, ER.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Lodge Mtg 8 pm	2	3	4	5 Karaoke
6 Brunch 9am - 12pm	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Lodge Mtg 8 pm	16 Lasagna Dinner 5:30pm	17	18	19 Karaoke
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Brunch 9am - 12pm	28	29	30			

Milford Elks Questionnaire

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE MILFORD ELKS!

Give us your opinions in one of two ways:

1. **Online** - the form is available on line at www.milfordelks.com/Why
2. **Mail** - fill out this two-sided form and mail back.

Please be as honest as you want! You can remain anonymous by responding in either of the two ways. The results will help us make the lodge better for you and future members!

If using this form (Mail):

1. Answer the questions. We encourage you to elaborate on your responses - use the back of this form to make your comments.
2. When completed mail it to us at:
Milford Elks: Questionnaire
124 New Haven Avenue
Milford, CT 06460 To remain anonymous - use the same address as the return address.

1. Overall Satisfaction with Milford Elks

Overall how satisfied are you with the Milford Elks Lodge (this includes all aspects; bar, volunteering, benefits of being a member, etc)? Circle your answer.

Dissatisfied _____ Satisfied
1 2 3 4

2. Visiting the Bar/Taproom

We have noticed that attendance at the bar has decreased over the past years. Can you please let us know why you don't come down as often? (click all that apply)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy, no extra money | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar prices, no longer a bargain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bartender(s) are not friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't feel welcome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much cigarette smoke | <input type="checkbox"/> Too much cigar smoke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much Elks' gossip/drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough going on to visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too many TVs | <input type="checkbox"/> Too much sports on TVs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music is too loud | |

2a. Smokiness in the bar (tap room)

If we installed a working system that eliminated the smokiness in the bar, would you visit more often and feel comfortable bringing in friends?

- Yes - please fix the system so we have a clean-smoke environment.
 No - even if you fix the system I still won't visit.

Milford Elks Questionnaire Continued

3. Tell Us Why You Became a Member

Please check all that apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Want to volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Want to help our community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A place to meet new people | <input type="checkbox"/> Price of membership is affordable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The bar prices are cheaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Find a comfortable/friendly place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To network with other people | <input type="checkbox"/> To be able to smoke at the bar |

3a. Sponsoring New Members

We have had a slow down in new members and want to know your opinion as to why you haven't brought in a new member (check all that apply)

- Friends don't want to join because of the smokiness in the bar
 I don't know where the membership form is located to give to friends
 Can't bring friends/prospects to the bar more than 5 times
 I don't have any friends that I trust to be proposed as members
 My only friends are now all Elks

4. Lodge Events

Over the past few years, lodge sponsored events have not been well attended. Can you tell us your opinion why you haven't attended one or more events? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket prices too expensive | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule conflict |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in event offered | <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't know about it in time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't see event in the bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't see signs for the event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't care for the group running it | |

5. Volunteering

Tell us how you feel about volunteering for activities/events? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I volunteer often | <input type="checkbox"/> I volunteer when I have time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I volunteer when asked directly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to volunteer but don't know how to get involved | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will not volunteer because I had a bad experience | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I won't volunteer because there is too much Elks' politics involved | |

6. How do you find out what's going on at the lodge?

- I read the bulletin all the way through when I get it
 I view the bulletin online I get my news from Facebook
 I rely on notices/signs in the bar area for information

7. Comments

We want you to tell us more, but we ran out of space. So **please** enclose a sheet with your handwritten or printed comments to elaborate on your responses!

Optional: Your Name: _____

Optional: Your Email Address: _____

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Use this open space to elaborate on your answers!

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