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**LODGE MEETINGS**



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## 2008 LODGE OFFICERS 2009

EXALTED RULER	JIM HESSBERGER, PER
LEADING KNIGHT	RJ WEBER, PER
LOYAL KNIGHT	JIM PATCHELL
LECTURING KNIGHT	JUSTIN CARROLL
SECRETARY	JAN WANKOWICZ, PDD
TREASURER	DAVE FIELD, PDD
ESQUIRE	MARY ELLEN PATCHELL
TILER	TOM HESSBERGER
CHAPLAIN	DANIEL GREENE
INNER GUARD	TONY COLANGELO

### TRUSTEES

1 YEAR	JIM DEPTULA
2 YEAR	BOBBIE MOYER, PER
3 YEAR	JACK FLANAGAN
4 YEAR	VACANT
5 YEAR	MIKE NOVENSTEIN, PER

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT	CHUCK WHITE, PER
HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR	KEN CREPEAU
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR	JIM PATCHELL
YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR	JENNIFER MUSANTE
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**LOUNGE PERMITTEE** PAT LIPTAK

LODGE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST & THIRD  
TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 8 PM



Tip Of The  
Antlers

ELK OF THE MONTH

**MARY ANN GRIFFIN**

### THE 10 SAFEST STATES FOR KIDS

By Karen Cicero (Parents Magazine)

Where in America is a child least likely to get hurt? Our powerful investigation maps out the safe havens and the danger zones.

#### How States Affect Safety

Of course, one of your top priorities as a parent is to keep your kids safe. It's never an easy job, but it could be a lot harder depending on which state you live in. Troubled by the fact that more than 5,600 kids die from injuries every year, Parents Magazine recently launched an exclusive three-month investigation of how safe it is for children around the nation. The verdict: It truly depends on where you live. After crunching the numbers on more than 30 criteria that involved protecting children from accidents or violence, we uncovered big differences that could impact your child's health.

To give you a quick idea of how much location matters, consider this: Kids are six times more likely to die from a violence-related injury in Alaska than they are in Massachusetts. In California, public playgrounds must meet all federal-government safety recommendations, but 34 states offer no standards for where your kids climb, jump, and swing. Connecticut and 20 other states have made big improvements in school-bus crossings, while 13, including Nebraska and Arizona, are way behind.

Surprisingly, basic safety devices like booster seats and bike helmets aren't required in most states, 31 fail to mandate one or both of them. "Having a law is essential, even if you wouldn't dream of putting your preschooler in the car without a booster seat," says Alan Korn, director of public policy for Safe Kids Worldwide, an advocacy group in Washington, D.C. "Not only does a law educate parents who might not be as safety conscious as you, but it also makes it easier for you to handle protests from your kids. When my 7 year old says he's too big for a bike helmet, I just remind him that it's the law. Argument over." While no state has a perfect track record, Parents' investigation turned up a top 10 ranking of those that are at least trying hard. If you live in these states, consider yourself lucky.

**#1 Connecticut excels at:** Enacting safety minded laws and educating parents about them. "When our booster seat law was about to take effect a few years ago, a notice was sent home with every kindergartner and first grader in the state," says Karen Brock, director of Safe Kids Connecticut. Even for legislation that's been on the books for a while, the state started requiring that kids wear bike helmets in 1993, education efforts are ongoing. "Instead of developing one size fits all programs for the entire state, we try to match them up with the area," says Brock. "For instance, in high traffic areas we zero in on pedestrian safety, while in the suburbs we're more likely to promote bike safety." The proof that it's working: Kids in the state are far less likely to die from accidents; in fact, Connecticut has the second lowest rate in the nation.

**Still Hazardous:** Backyard swimming pools. Connecticut is one of 45 states that don't require drain covers for home pools. This led to the death last summer of a 6 year old from Greenwich who became trapped in the suction of an uncovered drain. However, new federal legislation mandates that drain covers and other safety devices be installed in public pools nationwide by 2009 and gives states incentives to enact laws that cover backyard ones.

Connecticut Elks Association Major Project is one of the sponsors of Safe Kids Connecticut and is administrated through the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.



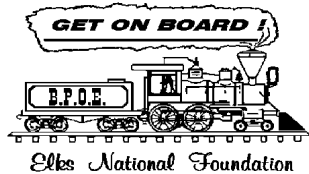
**Safe Kids**  
Connecticut

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## April Birthdays

Stop in the month of your birth 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.

April 2	Paul Fandrella - Michele Fratarcangeli
April 3	Matt Schwartz - Brigit Stuckey
April 4	Edna Glazier - John Vanacore
April 6	Tim Silver
April 7	Barbara Howe
April 8	Hugh Gray - Howard Haberman
April 9	Bill Kowalski - Bob Madoule, Sr - Kathy McDonald
April 10	Jack Schubert - Matt Turdo - Ted Wilhelm
April 11	Stephen Ambrisco
April 12	Jim Hassenmayer - George Wydra
April 13	Pat Chaco - Joe Pietrafesa - Ray Spaziani
April 14	Tom Albrikes - Dan Clifford - Alex Fisher - Cal Moyer Mike Sotir
April 15	Pete Burdett
April 16	Norm Ellsworth
April 17	Will Chamberlain, Jr - Tom Charney
April 19	Frank Fatigati - Tom Hessberger - Linda Tschilske
April 20	Harry Broderick - Vic Diberardino - George McGuire Dr. Harvey Polansky - Randy Wetmore, Sr
April 21	Charles Ilioff
April 22	Rich Krusewski
April 25	Tom Obenhoff - Dick Ross
April 26	Joe Chipello - Chris Corvino - Mike Knapp - Chuck Ringel, Jr
April 27	Karen Plaveck - Paul Schmidt
April 28	George Ambriscoe - Nancy Boccamazzo - Neil Forbes, Jr Bill Hart - Tom Smith
April 30	Guy Fontana - Gene Holst - David Litvinoff



### ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

2007 - 2008 ENF Goal for #1589 is \$4.25 per member.  
Y-T-D Position (through 3/14/08) is **\$4.97 per member.**  
(104.4% of our goal)

### EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

As a new year starts I would like to thank the members for electing me as the 2008-2009 Exalted Ruler. To our own DDGER Joe Leto Sr. and his suite, thank you for doing an outstanding job installing our Lodge officers. We had a large group of dignitaries and members attending. With all the good wishes that came from that night how can we not have a good year in Milford. As usual the last ones to get thanked are the families, my wife and my sons who are members included. Thanks to my youngest son (no Tom is not the youngest) Phil, who did the food preparations for the installation dinner. Thanks to all who helped with set-up, cook, serve and break-down for the meal.

There are programs and committees that have a lot to do through out the year and now is a good time to get started on them. What did that just mean? Committees need help, we have some new committee chairs and they would love to meet you. We all chose voluntarily to join this organization and from the application process to the initiation we said repeatedly we needed your help with this or that. When you joined things were overwhelming but I hope that by now things have calmed down for you. We are a Lodge of over 700 members and it's not fair to ask the same ones to do it all, so how about helping out. Contact me and I will help you get on the committee of your choice or one that really needs your help and/or skills.

My goals for the year are simple but not limited to include growth in Membership, helping our Veterans, doing more with the community Youths, and increasing our role in the Community while having fun doing it. So let's get started on them and have a fun year.

Fraternally,  
Jim Hessberger

### BABY PER MIKE

For my last *Elk of the Month* I have chosen **Mary Ann Griffin** for the wonderful job she did with the Americanism Essay Contest. It shows what Elks are all about.

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

LIVING OR DEAD, ELKS ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.



Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of **THOMAS J. CODY, SR.** who died February 25, 2008

**CAL MOYER** is at home.  
**TONY PASQUINI** is in Lord Chamberlain.  
**ED PECKHAM** is in Milford Hospital.

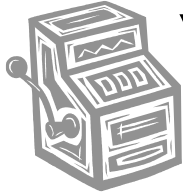
Contact Leading Knight RJ Weber to forward information on the welfare of Lodge members.  
(203) 934-3247

### SCRAPBOOKING

The Scrapbooking committee has scheduled a crop for **April 5**. We will be needing help for a few hours during the day or at night.

Thank you, Scrapbooking committee

### CHRIS'S CASINO BUS TRIP



There are a few available seats for the casino bus trip to Atlantic City. The accommodations will be at Bally's Atlantic City from **Sunday, April 13 to Tuesday, April 15**. The package includes round trip transportation for a two night stay at Bally's, \$20 slot bonus and \$10 food coupon per person, taxes and tips.

The package will cost you \$220 per person double occupancy and \$345 for single occupancy. If you are interested please call me as soon as possible at 203-876-4768.

Thank you, Chris Cummings

### POOL TOURNAMENT

The annual pool tournament that was held in February was a fun time for the participants even though eleven members signed up. Dennis Agrella did a wonderful job with the food as he does every year and thanks to Gary Sullivan for keeping the bracket sheet straight. The results:

1st Place – Tony Frat won his lodge dues paid and 10 rip off tickets.

2nd Place – Jim Hessberger won half his lodge dues paid and 10 rip off tickets.

3rd place - Dennis Agrella won 15 rip off tickets.

4th Place – Marty "Lucky" Burke won 15 rip off tickets.

Dennis Agrella, Joe Leto, Jr & Dave Litvinoff

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

I would like to introduce myself as the new Youth Activities Chairperson. My name is Jennifer Musante. I would like to thank Barbara Weber for all she has done for Youth Activities over the past years, and all the support she is giving me as I assume my new responsibilities. I have met my committee, and they are all wonderful people with great ideas. We are preparing for the Youth Awards ceremony on **May 8**. We could use all the help we could get, so if anyone could volunteer some of their time, please let me know. We need help cooking, setting up, and cleaning up. Our next committee meeting is on **April 3**, at 7:30 pm in the lounge. Please join us if you can. You can contact me at [jl73@att.net](mailto:jl73@att.net)

Thank you,  
Jennifer Musante, Chairperson



### YOUTH ACTIVITIES RETURNABLES

Drop off your aluminum cans and plastic bottles at the lodge. They will be returned for money for youth activities.

**JUST CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES NO, NO, NO GLASS!!**

There are containers outside the lounge's front entrance hall. Notify the steward on duty if you find the container full. The area must be kept clean.

*if it's good for kids, do it*

### ELKS LOGO CLOTHING

The following are available for sale at the lodge.

Shirts with Elks logo (short or long sleeve) (women pink is available)	\$20.00
Sweatshirts with Elks logo (white, red, black, maroon, blue or pink)	\$22.00
Hats with Elks logo (white/blue with name)	\$15.00
Milford Elks Lodge pins	\$3.00
Antler Park sweatshirts	\$10.00

John Flanagan

### ANTLER PARK FUND

TJ, Fred the Shed and others want to do some redesigning of Antler Park to accommodate handicap people with wheelchairs. The redesign would affect a small area at the entrance to Antler Park, the change would include concreting a small area and adding a picnic table that can accommodate wheelchairs.



There is a collection jar on the bar in the lounge that can accommodate your dollar bills or loose change.

The Committee

### 2008 HOOP SHOOT NATIONAL FINALS

The Elks Hoop Shoot national finals are being held April 26 in Springfield, MA.



**SECRETARY NOTES**

**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE  
ELKS - UNITED TO SERVE OTHERS**

**T**HANK YOU to all the members who have already paid their dues. I have left the membership cards with the stewards in order to save the Lodge postage, please stop by and pick up your cards. If you haven't paid your dues remember they are due **April 1**; if there is a problem please contact me.

Balloting on new members will take place at the **April 15** Lodge meeting. Please try to attend the Lodge meeting and support the Officers and committee chairman, remember this is your Lodge and it is only as strong as its members.

*Jan, Secretary*

CANDIDATES

Donald Anderson  
John Anderson  
Robert Bartoszewicz  
Jason Briglia  
Jeffery Briglia  
Rainer Ernsteins  
Donald Gerarde  
Sean Kirkman  
Joyce Koslowski  
Kenneth Lesinsky  
Thomas Malec  
Sandra Rainieri  
Sally Seeger  
Joseph Weber  
Adam Whelan  
Joel Whelan  
Mathew Whelan  
Robert Whelan III  
Robert Whelan, Jr  
Edward White  
Joseph Yednasty

PROPOSERS

Jeff McPadden  
John Plank  
Thomas Briglia  
Thomas Briglia  
Thomas Briglia  
John Plank  
Kenneth Crepeau  
Richard Parker  
John Plank  
Patrick O'Connor  
James Simone  
Patricia Rainieri  
David Field  
Demit (West Haven)  
Thomas Briglia  
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Wayne Walker  
John Plank



**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Activities Committee's next meeting is Thursday, **April 3** at 7:30 pm.

**W**ell we are starting a new year and the plea will be the same; your help is needed at all our functions. We had a great year but need to do even better this year due to rising costs. Get involved any way you can or as deep as you want. In closing I would like to thank everyone who had a part in making last year a success. There was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. I'm looking to see you at a family brunch or a family dinner.

February family dinner served 78 people.  
March family brunch served 126 people.



**SUNDAY FAMILY BRUNCH - APRIL 13**

Breakfast and brunch items with Belgian waffle and omelet stations.  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon - \$8.00 per person and \$4.00 per child 10 & under.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER - APRIL 30**

Prime Rib Dinner  
5:30 - 7:30 pm - \$10.00 per person

*Thank you, Jim Patchell, Chairperson*



**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

**T**he Superbowl party on February 3 was a great success and a lot of fun especially those wearing Giant blue. A special thanks to those wonderful women who supplied those homemade desserts and of course Fred with his special chili. Another successful weekend was St. Patrick's. The Milford Irish club supplied the entertainment and the Elks supplied the corned beef and Irish beer. Roast Beef sandwiches are always available every Saturday 12:30-3:00 pm. Myself and the committee would like to thank those who volunteered to help the House Committee make 2007-2008 a very enjoyable and successful year. March Madness continues into April; come down, watch the men and women battle for the basketball championship on the lounge's new TV's. Stop in on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm for our committee meeting.

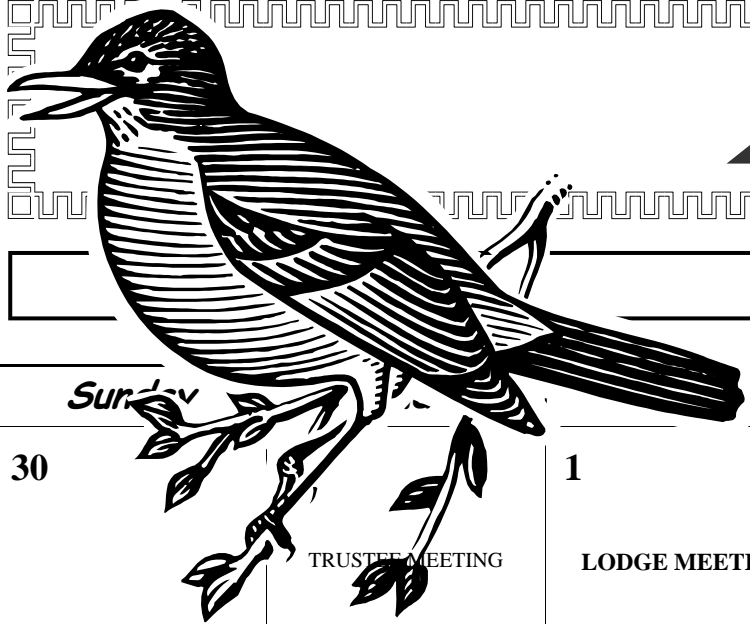
*Ken Crepeau, Chairperson*



**THEY'RE HERE!!**

**T**he TV's are up and I would like to thank all the members who helped make it happen. There are five flat screen TV's overhead above the stewards. They look great, come down and enjoy them. Again thank you to everyone who helped, with a special thanks to Dave Denhup and his company Milford Communications & Electric for installing them at no cost and Rick Breen for purchasing them at cost through his company, Home Theater Associates.

*Joe Gorkowski*



# APRIL

**2008**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
30 TRUSTEE MEETING	1 LODGE MEETING	2 DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE	3 ACTIVITIES & YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES	4 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	5 SCRAPBOOKING KARAOKE ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES
6	7	8	9	10	11 PUB FOOD SPECIALS
12 ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES	13 FAMILY BRUNCH CASINO TRIP	14 TRUSTEE MEETING CASINO TRIP	15 LODGE MEETING CASINO TRIP	16	17 BULLETIN DEADLINE
18 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	19 KARAOKE ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES	20	21	22	23
24	25 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	26 HOOP SHOOT NATIONAL FINALS ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES	27	28	29
30 FAMILY DINNER HOUSE COMMITTEE	1	2 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	3 KARAOKE ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES	4	5
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