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LODGE MEETINGS



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MILFORD ELKS LODGE

1589

MILFORD CT

2008 LODGE OFFICERS 2009

EXALTED RULER	JIM HESSBERGER, PER
LEADING KNIGHT	CAL MOYER, PDD
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	CHAIR	JIM DEPTULA
2 YEAR		BOBBIE MOYER, PER
3 YEAR		DAVE DENHUP, PER
4 YEAR		KEN CREPEAU
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
DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE CHAIR		ANNE MARIE FIELD
LODGE SECRETARY		
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LOUNGE PERMITTEE	PAT LIPTAK	

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



ELK OF THE MONTH

LEE HILL

Connecticut Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest

2008- 2009 THEME

“GET SMART, DON’T START”

Poster Contest: Open to all students in grades 3-5. Student must color printed picture or draw a picture on the supplied poster. Posters will be available at the Lodge.

Judging will be based on the following: Closeness to the theme, Neatness, Originality and Correct Grammatical structure. Copyright characters are prohibited, they will be disqualified.

Essay Contest: Open to all students in grades 6-8. Student must hand write a story up to 200 words.

Length: No longer than 200 words, paper size: 8 ½ “x 11” white, lined or unlined.

Text: Hand written or hand printed (no typed or computer generated text!).

Judging will be based on the following: Closeness to the theme, originality, neatness and correct grammatical structure.

DUE DATE: Return all posters to your local Elks Lodge by **February 14, 2009**

Winners: Each Lodge will select the top four in each grade, using the criteria listed above. The local Lodges will notify local winners. Winning posters will be sent to District Competition. District winners will compete at the State level. All winning entries become the sole property of the Connecticut Elks Association, and may not be returned.

http://www.ctelks.org/OurPrograms/Drug_Awareness.htm

Poster and Essay contest forms will be available at the Lodge or you can contact me at 203-314-1831 for a larger supply if needed.

*Anne Marie Field
Coastal District & Lodge Chairman*

SCRAPBOOKING

I give special thanks to all those who helped with scrapbooking throughout the years. We kept the commitment to the Lodge and Croppers who wanted to attend and completed the days which were already scheduled on the calendar. The last crop in November did make a profit and all monies were turned over to the Lodge Secretary. Please contact the Exalted Ruler for any additional questions you may have on this program.

*The committee wishes you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.
Thank you and Merry Christmas
Anne Marie*

The sold out bus trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino in November netted the Lodge \$630. I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to TJ Craig for helping me with food, the House and Activities Committees for their donation of raffle prizes, Jim Patchell for making the potato salad and Jacinto Torres a member for getting the bus. Most of all I would like to thank everybody that took the ride.

Thanks you, Chris

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 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.



- December 1 Bill Izzo - Christina Landau
- December 2 Dan Johnson - Bob Keiser - Joe Pouliot
- December 3 Frank Leto - Barbara Macisco
- December 4 Dennis Gaetano - Jeff Gamble
- December 5 John Denis - Chris Grzywacz
- December 6 Frank Liscio - Walt Pilkowicz - Geoffrey Spence
- December 7 Tim Grivalsky
- December 8 Tom Craig, Sr
- December 9 Marshall Blevins - Ron Kuhl - Don Sobocinski
- December 10 Donna Pratt
- December 11 Tony Assunto - Kevin Suech
- December 12 Bob Buchino - Dave Pina
- December 13 Al Echeverri - Warren Field, Jr - Arleen Jones - Bob Smith
Rick Theriault
- December 14 Ray Carroll - Jim Hessberger, Jr - Anthony Natale - Jim Simone
Leigh Ann Warrington
- December 15 Emil Mark - Jim O'Brien
- December 16 Dave Baldwin - Mark D'Agostino
- December 17 Justin Carroll
- December 18 Bridget Morin
- December 19 George Zentkovich, Jr
- December 20 Phil Cantore - Everett Noel - Paul Prisavage
Ed Warrek
- December 21 Mike Flanagan - Tom Haray
- December 22 Bob Kemp - Jim Tobin - Stephen Wilhelm, Sr
- December 23 Mark Waters
- December 24 Bob Baldwin
- December 26 Dave Denhup - Paul Ouellette - Bob Radecki
- December 27 Linda Piorkowski
- December 28 Warren Cullen
- December 29 Marlene Terry
- December 30 Dan Kochman - Cal Smith, Jr
- December 31 Ray Oberg



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

The Holidays are upon us and as we tighten the belt, let us not forget those less fortunate. We have our Christmas basket drive and Christmas Day dinner for those who are homeless, need a meal or companionship.



On **December 7** we will hold the annual Elks Memorial Service to honor our members who have passed away.

Do not forget to sign up your young children or grandchildren 10 years and younger for the Children's Christmas Party on **December 13**. Help will be needed for shopping and wrapping.

This month is also the Hoop Shoot foul shot competition on **December 7**, lots of help is needed for this.

We helped at the State Volleyball Special Olympic on November 22 and 23; all the athletes, coaches and staff from Special Olympics says Thank You.

In November we had 30 veterans from the V. A. hospital, 15 Boy Scouts and 1 Girl Scout attend. The scouts sat with the vets and had them sign Christmas cards for our troops overseas. We held a Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot to help raise money for the Veterans.

We also had the annual dinner for Jonathan Law and Foran High Schools football teams and the cheerleaders. At the dinner two students from each school were honored for their sportsmanship.

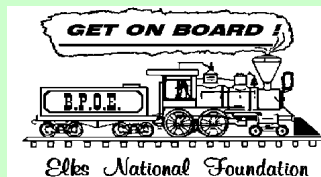
These are excellent jobs done by our committees and volunteers working together. Thank you for your support of these great programs. Thank you for being members of Milford Elks Lodge 1589.

The Lodge by-laws are being reviewed for updating and/or needed changes. If you have any suggestions or knowledge of a needed by-law change, please contact me. The recommended changes should be ready for voting on in **January**.

The *Elk of the Month* is **Lee Hill**. Brother Lee is always there to help out and never asks for nothing in return. Lee has been there to help every committee. Thank You Lee!

From my family and me we wish you and your family a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Fraternally,
Jim Hessberger, Exalted Ruler



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

2008 - 2009 ENF Goal for #1589 is
\$4.50 per member.

Y-T-D Position (through 11/09/08) is
\$2.04 per member.
(45.34% of our goal)

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Activities Committee's next meeting is Thursday, **December 4** at 7:30 pm.

October family dinner served 110 people.
November family brunch served 128 people.
November family dinner served 56 people.

For those who missed the last two dinners, shame on you. John Planks Turkey Dinner was unbelievable and was followed by Ken Thomas's Lasagna Dinner which was just as good. Thanks guys.

Once again thanks to all who have helped make the Activities Committee's functions so successful.

SUNDAY FAMILY BRUNCH - NONE IN DECEMBER



WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNER - DECEMBER 10

Jan's Polish Night Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 pm \$9.00 per person

Tickets are normally on sale in the lounge before the event date.

January Family Brunch - **January 11**
January Family Dinner - **January 28** Erin's Irish Night

Thank you, Jim Patchell, Chairperson

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DRIVE

The Holiday Season is here, again. We have to include others in our holiday planning by making someone else's holiday a bit brighter with a donation to the Holiday Food Basket Drive.



A \$25 donation will help sponsor each basket. Our goal is 150 baskets.

Last year, through your generosity we were able to distribute 135 food baskets to families less fortunate than ourselves throughout the community. The monies collected also paid for the Christmas Dinner our Lodge provides to the elderly, the needy and the lonely.

Remember the more money we collect the more families we can help have a wonderful holiday! Mark your calendar for the evening of Friday, **December 19** for shopping and stuffing and the morning of Saturday, **December 20** for delivery. Please come down and help us out - all help is appreciated.

Donations will be accepted at the Lodge lounge, or give them to Amy or Danette. Please ask your employer or the local businesses you know, to donate to this great cause.

Thank you,
The Basket Committee
Amy Potts & Danette Contaras



ELK SCHOLARSHIPS

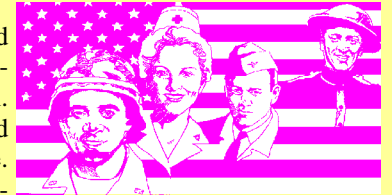
The Elks National Foundation provides more than \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year. The Most Valuable Student scholarships are open to any graduating high school senior. Legacy Awards are available to the children and grandchildren of active Elk members. Emergency Educational Grants are available only to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. The application process and deadlines vary for each of the programs. All applications must go through a local Elks Lodge before reaching the Elks National Foundation office. Contact your high school counselor for more information or your local Elks Lodge.

- Most Valuable Student Scholarships 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship.
- Legacy Awards Four-year, \$4,000 merit-based scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks who are members in good standing.
- Emergency Educational Grants One-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

The 2009 MVS Scholarship and Legacy Award contests are officially under way. Applications are now online and available for download. We encourage all eligible high school seniors to apply. Applications are due no later than **January 9, 2009**.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the dinner for the disabled Veterans from the West Haven Veterans Hospital. We had a nice turn out, with 30 Veterans and 16 Boy Scouts from Milford's Troop One. They sat amongst the Veterans and had dinner with them. They really enjoyed hearing all their war stories, and the Veterans enjoyed telling them.



Also on November 23, we had our Law/Foran football teams & cheerleader squads Thanksgiving banquet. Thanks to everyone who helped.

On **January 14, 2009** we have our next big function, the Award Ceremony for grades 8 and 12 for Milford schools. We can use all the help we can get for this function. If anyone is interested please contact me.

I would also like to have a Can Drive on **January 17, 2009**.

Our next meeting will be held on **December 4** at 7:30 pm.

I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Thanks,
Jennifer Musante, Chairperson, Youth Activities Committee
203-878-9534/JLM1973@optonline.net



SECRETARY NOTES

The holiday season is upon us and we as Elks should try to remember those that are less fortunate. The Lodge will be putting together food baskets and a Christmas Dinner for them. Please try to help.

For those who still owe dues they are payable **now!** Please talk to me.

If you are interested in attending the mid-year meeting of the Elks State Association contact Exalted Ruler Hessberger for the information.

My wife Joli and I wish a Happy Holiday Season for all and your families.

Balloting for new members will take place at the **December 2** Lodge meeting with initiation at the **December 16** meeting.

CANDIDATES

Howard Beers
Jane Bonnanzio
Judith Czujak
Judy Kubicko
Robert Kuhar
Bruce Kuryla
Richard Primavera, Sr
Tara Rainey

PROPOSERS

Life Membership
Reinstatement
Joseph Leto, Sr
Joseph Leto, Sr
Life Membership
Life Membership
Dennis Agrella
James Puvogel

Jan, Secretary

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, **December 7** at 7:30 pm in the Lodge hall the Elks Memorial Service will be held. For those members who have never attended it is a short ceremony mandated by the Grand Lodge Statues to honor our departed members. It only takes a few minutes and it will make you feel great that you attended. Attendance is a mandatory for all Lodge Officers.

Jim Hessberger, ER



NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

The annual Hoop Shoot contest will be held Sunday, **December 7** at the City of Milford's Parson Complex gymnasium from 12:30 to 4:00 pm. I need help as scorers, registration and miscellaneous duties. Notices will be posted in the Lodge with more information and sign up space.

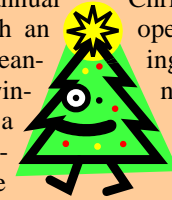
If you can't help, bring your age 8 – 13 years old relatives, friends or neighbors so they can compete in the basketball foul shooting contest. Pass the word.

They could depending on their talent have their names placed on a plaque in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

John Langan

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee will be hosting the annual **December 20** from 6 pm to 10 pm with an open bar from 7 to 9 pm. Chef Langan is planning the menu and is leaning heavily toward appetizers and light fare but whatever award winning recipes he chooses it will sure to please. Anyone with a suggestion is welcome to drop him a note. Special Ed has graciously agreed to host Karaoke for the evening, so it is sure to be a good time.



The Lodge lounge will be closed on **Christmas Day** but will be open later than usual Christmas Eve till 9 pm.

New Years Eve the House Committee will hold a casual party in the lounge starting at 9 pm till 2 am; we will put out snack type foods, have a complimentary champagne toast, hats & noise makers at midnight and coffee'n at 1 am. So come on down and join us bring in 2009!!

New Years Day we will be open, from 12 noon to 11 pm for anyone that wishes to come down and watch the various Football Bowl Games. Either day, anyone wishing to bring down a snack, cookie tray, cake, or any food stuffs are encouraged to do so, it is always appreciated.

Speaking of appreciation, don't forget your favorite bartenders, while you're in the Holiday Spirit. While you are in town during the weekday stop in and visit Susan from Noon on and she makes a great lunch, or pop in Saturday for roast beef with Jack (Sunday he'll offer you one of his specialties). Stop in and say hello. Your House Committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!!

*Thank you for all your support,
Ken Crepeau, HC Chairman*



CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, **December 13** from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. There will be gifts for members' children who are signed up and are 10 years or younger. So sign up your children or grandchildren. The sign up sheets are hanging outside the lounge.

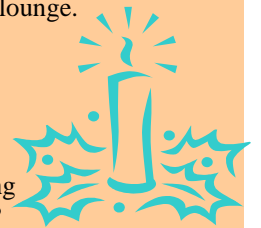
Cal Moyer, Leading Knight

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Are you looking for something to do instead of staying home alone **Christmas Day** or a few days before?

Families who think their children should be involved in the community instead of indulging excessively in the commercial Christmas are welcome.

Please contact Santa Dave Denhup if you want to monetarily donate or volunteer to shop, cook or feed the homeless or lonely. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Santa at dave@milfordcom.com or (203) 878-8323.





DECEMBER

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	TRUSTEE MEETING LODGE MEETING	3 DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE	4 ACTIVITIES & YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES	5 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	6 KARAOKE
7 MEMORIAL SERVICE HOOP SHOOT	8	9	10 FAMILY DINNER	12 PUB FOOD SPECIALS	13 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
14	15 TRUSTEE MEETING	16 LODGE MEETING	17	18 BULLETIN DEADLINE	20 COFFEE PICK UP CHRISTMAS PARTY KARAOKE
21	22 HANUKKAH	23	24 LOUNGE CLOSING AT 9 PM	25 LOUNGE CLOSED CHRISTMAS (HOMELESS)DINNER	26 PUB FOOD SPECIALS
28	29	30	31 HOUSE COMMITTEE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY	1 LOUNGE OPEN NEW YEARS DAY	