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1589**

Milford, CT

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**LODGE MEETINGS
December 4th and 18th
7:00pm**

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Exalted Ruler

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Jeff Hall, PER

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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.

- 2 Nancy Brennan, Daniel Johnson, Joseph N. Pouliot
- 3 Barbara Macisco
- 4 Dennis Gaetano, Jeffery K. Gamble
- 6 Frank Liscio, Walter Pilkowicz LM
- 7 Jeffrey J. Feulner, Timothy M. Grivalsky
- 8 Thomas Craig Sr. LM, David P. Kozek, Kyle Stafford
- 9 Ronald Kuhl LM, Donna Marie Noto
- 11 Kevin Suech LM
- 13 Arleen R. Jones, Joanne Ruotolo, Robert J. Smith, Rick Theriault
- 14 Raymond T. Carroll, James S. Hessberger Jr., Anthony Natale
- 15 James O’Brien LM
- 16 David Baldwin LM
- 17 Justin J. Carroll, Guy Wannop
- 18 Richard B. Jones
- 19 Britta Kivell
- 21 Thomas Haray
- 22 Ann Donnells, Kenneth J. Jalbert, Robert Kemp, John O’Gorman, Chloe Zimmerman
- 23 Mark Waters
- 25 Steven Warren
- 26 Paul Ouellette, Robert Radecki
- 27 Jose L. Lopez, Jennifer Torre
- 28 Warren Cullen LM, Richard Patry LM
- 29 Kenneth D. Maraczi, Marlene Terry
- 30 Daniel Kochman, Calvin A. Smith Jr.

LM Denotes Life Member



What's Happening

Annual Members Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th, 2018

7 PM-10 PM

Join us in the Tap Room for our annual Members Christmas Party hosted by the House Committee. Each member will receive a free drink ticket. **This is a pot luck party. Please consider bringing something to eat. Members who bring something to the dinner table will get an extra drink ticket!** Come out and enjoy a great evening celebrating the holidays with your Elks family! Stick around for Karaoke!



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th, 2018

10AM-1PM

Ages 12 and Under

Sign Up Outside Tap Room Door

Our annual Children's Christmas Party is just around the corner. Make sure you sign up outside the Tap Room door! There will be lots of fun activities for the kids. Pancakes and eggs will be served with Santa! This year, we are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Milford Fire Department's Toys 4 Tots collection. Bring a toy to the Children's Christmas Party, or drop it off anytime before 12/15 in the box down at the Lodge. Toys will be picked up by the Fire Department at the Children's Christmas Party!



Exalted Ruler Message

Members all,

I'm not sure how 2018 passed by so quickly, but it's crazy to think we are in the last month of this year. So many of you have worked hard to keep our Lodge active in 2018, and to continue to deliver a positive image for the Elks within our community. I'm really proud of all the great events we've held, and of all the impactful community works we've done together. Congratulations to all who have participated.

As we get ready to wrap up 2018, and we head into 2019 full speed ahead, I want to be a little bold in my wishes for the New Year. I've encouraged many of you to participate in the great activities that have been held at our Lodge. Participation is one of the several ways you can support our Lodge financially. While I am impressed by a rise in our participation, I'm still looking for more. With over 500 Lodge members, I want to see the faces of people I have yet to meet.

As we say goodbye to 2018, I hope we enter the New Year with an increase in participation from all of you. For those of you who can't come out to participate, we still want to hear from you in some way! Send us your thoughts. Give us ideas of how to make our Lodge more successful. Find other ways to be a part of the organization you've help build before us.

You may or may not have heard that the struggle to meet our financial obligations has become more difficult as each month passes. I truly believe this struggle would be a lot easier to overcome if we were to get an influx of support from the majority of our members. Believe it or not, the active participants of this Lodge make up the minority.

If you haven't been to the Lodge in a while, I encourage you to come down and see what's changed. We've got a lot of great volunteers working to bring new ideas and events to our Lodge. If the Lodge is missing something in your opinion, I encourage you to use your voice to make us better. Remember, we are all equal in our membership with this great organization. Come help us be the place you want to go to spend your time off!

On behalf of my entire family, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and joyous holiday season. May your time be spent honoring the traditions that make you happy. May your home be filled with laughter, love, good health, and the positive spirit of this season.

As always, reach out if you need anything. And, remember, your Lodge and its members are here for you if needed.

Fraternally Yours,
Robert Muoio
Exalted Ruler

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What's Happening

Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month is **Jen Musante**. Jen has been an asset to our Lodge in many ways. Taking on the task of running the Youth Activities Committee, Jen has done a great job bringing some very successful events to our Lodge to benefit our Youth. Over the past few months, Jen has been working extremely hard for the good of our Lodge. She ran a great Children's Halloween Party, held a luncheon at West River Rehab Center to benefit our Veterans on Veteran's Day, organized the Ham and Turkey Shoot, and did an amazing job with the Sportsmanship Dinner. She even collected donations to award a "good sport" from each team a recognition plaque. Keep up the good work, Jen! Thanks for all you do!

Tip of the Antlers

Tip of the Antlers to **John O'Gorman** and all who helped with the 2018 Hoop Shoot! Great job!

Also, to **Joe Soto** and all who helped with the Milford Elks First Responder Food 2 Kids Food Drive! Great way to get people talking about the Milford Elks!

Tip of the Antlers all who helped with the Foran/Law Sportsmanship Dinner! From setting up to cooking and cleaning, it was a great day to be a Milford Elk!

Taproom Hours

Please note the change in hours!

Monday-Wednesday	4PM to 10PM
Thursday	4PM to 10 PM
Friday	3PM to 1 AM
Saturday	NOON to 1 AM
Sunday	NOON to 10 PM

Please Note: Happy Hour is on Fridays only.

What's Happening

Spreading Christmas Cheer

Friday-December 21st at 6:30 PM

Christmas Basket Packing- Join us in the Lodge hall as we share in the spirit of Christmas and prepare our Christmas baskets for delivery.

Saturday-December 22nd at 9 AM

Christmas Basket Delivery- Gather the troops and join us to deliver our Christmas baskets to some very deserving families. This is a rewarding and fun event that's a Milford Elks' tradition!



**Christmas Day Dinner-December 25th
11 AM- 2 PM**

Please join us on Christmas Day as we serve a hot buffet dinner to our friends in the Milford community. This event is free to anyone who needs a warm meal, a place to be on Christmas, the fellowship of our members, and the music of our own **Tom Intelisano!** The dinner is from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, but volunteers are needed starting at 8:00 am for cooking/set up, and we're usually finished with clean up by 3:00 pm.

Family and friends are always welcome to help out, too, including kids and teens.

What's Happening

Donate to our Annual Christmas Basket Food Drive!

Our Christmas Basket Campaign is back! This is one very important way the Milford Elks helps those in need in our community. Please consider making a donation to help us deliver a basket to a family for the holidays. Each basket is designed to feed a family of up to four people for two to three days.

You can sponsor a basket for only \$25.00. Any amount is greatly appreciated. And, please share with family, friends, and co-workers!



SAVE THE DATE!

December 31st-New Years Eve Party (more info to follow)
January 12th-Scrapbooking-9 AM-3 PM

Check It Out!

There are some great raffle baskets on display in the Tap Room. Tickets are \$1 for 1 and \$5 for 7. Proceeds go to the Children's Christmas Party!

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Secretary Notes

Hello Members,

The holidays are fast upon us! As I write this, I'm thinking about all I have to do to get ready for Thanksgiving, keeping up with work deadlines and lodge work, and shuffling my "to do" lists for December and the Christmas holiday. I'm also reminding myself to take the time to enjoy my family and friends, and all the things I have to be thankful for.

Among the things I'm looking forward to in December are two of my favorite events that our lodge undertakes every year. The holiday food basket project, in which we deliver boxes of food to members of our community the weekend before Christmas, and the Christmas Day dinner that we host for anyone in our community looking for hot food and fellowship on Christmas Day. The looks on the faces of the people we serve through these projects is priceless, and I strongly encourage everyone to participate in one or both events. You won't regret it, I promise! Details on both events are elsewhere in this month's bulletin.

Also, I'd like to remind everyone that when you are running an event that is bringing money into the lodge, all money that comes in for the event needs to be turned in to the Secretary for deposit into the lodge accounts. Unless you had previously gotten a cash advance approved on the floor, all expenses should be paid by the lodge, not taken out of the proceeds of the event. If there are extenuating circumstances, such as a vendor that has to be paid at the time of the event, please let me know in advance so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

As of this writing, there are still 40 members whose dues are delinquent. I urge you to pay them as soon as possible. If you need to discuss your ability to pay them, please contact me. It was decided by the Trustees that the door cards of all delinquent members will be turned off until the member is current on their dues.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need me or have questions. You can reach me by email at MilfordElks1589@gmail.com or by phone/text at 203-415-8405.

Wishing you a relaxing and happy Thanksgiving with the ones you love,
Lisa Murray
Secretary

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What's Happening

Delinquent Members

If your member number is listed below, your dues for the 2017-2018 lodge year are delinquent. If you wish to discuss your payment, please contact Lisa Murray at 203-415-8405 or MilfordElks1589@gmail.com.

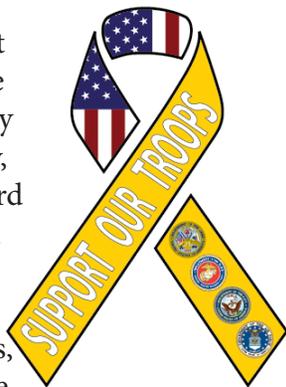
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2483	3213	3415	3475	3576	3628
2594	3254	3416	3481	3577	
2595	3333	3427	3502	3587	

CANDIDATES

Name		Proposer
Katie Rose Martino	New Member	Linda Tschilske
John Drapp III	New Member	Linda Tschilske
Frank Musante	New Member	Jennifer Musante
Louis Swanson	New Member	Chloe Zimmerman

Holiday Collection for the Troops

We will be sending holiday care packages to the Troops overseas this year. There is a box set up in the Tap Room to drop off non-perishable items. Any of the following items will be greatly appreciated: snack bars, cheese crackers, candy, gum, sunflower seeds, nuts, trail mix, small hard containers of snacks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving lotion, disposable razors, shampoo, mouthwash, baby wipes, lip balm, lotion, pain relievers, feminine hygiene products, eye drops, foot powder, sunscreen, qtips, first aid kits, Axe body spray, finger nail clippers, lens cleaner or cleaning cloths. Cut off is December 15th!



What's Happening

Elks Memorial Service

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018
1PM

The first Sunday of December is a day of remembrance at Elks lodges across the country. Join us for a special ceremony to remember our members who have passed this year. This meaningful ceremony is a great way to honor our deceased members.



Ugly Sweater Holiday Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 8th, 2018
7:30 PM

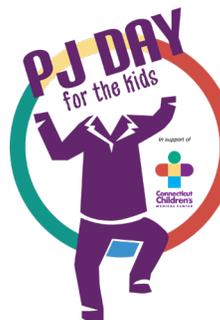
Join us for a fun party that is sure to be filled with lots of laughs! Wear an ugly sweater and get a free drink ticket. You'll also be entered into the contest for the best ugly sweater where the winner takes home a prize! Bring a grab bag gift to participate in the holiday gift exchange. Spending max for gifts is \$20. This is not your mama's gift exchange, so have fun with your purchases! Light snacks will be provided.



PJ Party for the Kids

Friday, December 14th, 2018
6:30 PM

Join us for breakfast for dinner and an old fashioned PJ party! Started in 2011, PJ Day for the Kids is celebrated across CT by businesses and civic organizations who come together to raise money for CCMC. Wearing PJs is a reminder that somewhere there are children in the hospital. Wear your favorite PJs, make it fun with silly holiday PJs, and come out to support this fun event!



Trustee's Corner

Brothers and Sisters,

The Trustees recently met with a representative of the State lottery concerning having Keno available in our Lounge. The meeting was very illuminating. The bottom line is that there is very little financial commitment from the Lodge and the potential income is very good. In addition to Keno games we can also sell all the draw games including Lotto, Power Ball, and Mega Money. We will keep you informed as we move closer to a decision.

There are now an additional 2 sets of new tables and chairs in the Lounge that have been donated by members. Please come down and look at how they brighten up the Lounge. We are still looking to add 3 more sets so if, like some of your fellow Elks, you wish to donate a table and 4 chairs just send in a check for \$298 to the Secretary. We will make sure to get that new set right away.

ER Rob is working with one of our members in contacting the Boy Scouts about the possibility of replacing the picnic tables in Antler Park as part of an Eagle Scout project. Additionally, another member is investigating obtaining a new set of concrete steps to replace the damaged ones at the back of the Lodge Hall.

The Lodge exists on the participation of our members. Your help is needed now more than ever. Due to the age of our building each year more and more money is needed to repair and maintain the structure and its equipment. This has put stress on the funds needed to support our charitable programs. Programs that would hurt the members of the Milford Community if they were to be reduced or terminated all together.

Please review your bulletin and see all the activities that are planned and consider attending with family and friends. The more you use your Lodge, the more you get out of your membership.

Dave Field, PDD
Trustee Chairman

House Committee Notes

Please Note: All House Committee Activities are listed here! The House Committee is hard at work bringing member suggestions to life. Please consider participating in one of the many holiday themed events going on this month!

We are always looking for member participation to help make our events a success. If you are able to help in any way, to cook, help run an event, or plan an event yourself, please call Chloe Zimmerman at (203) 954-7704.

Remember, this is your Lodge and active participation is a great way to keep it running and fun!

Friday Night food cost varies this month. See below!

Friday Night Food - 6:30PM:

- December 7th- Lobster Rolls- \$15 pp
- December 14th- Breakfast for Dinner(PJ Party for the Kids)\$10 pp
- December 21st-Pot Luck after Basket Pack-no cost-bring a dish
- December 28th-Grilled Cheese w/ Tomato Soup and Salad-\$7 pp

Saturday Sandwiches - Noon and while they last:

- December 1st- Roast Beef Sandwiches
- December 8th - Roast Beef Sandwiches
- December 15th- Roast Beef Sandwiches
- December 22nd- Roast Beef Sandwiches
- December 29th-Roast Beef Sandwiches

House Committee Events:

- Saturday, December 1st-Italian Dinner Dance Fundraiser-6PM
- Saturday, December 1st-Karaoke-8PM
- Saturday, December 8th-Ugly Sweater Holiday Gift Exchange-7:30PM
- Friday, December 14th-PJ Party for the Kids-6:30PM
- Saturday, December 15th-Annual Members Christmas Party-7PM
- Saturday, December 15th-Karaoke-8PM
- Saturday, December 22nd-Music by Big Tom-7:30 PM
- Saturday, December 29th-Karaoke-8PM

December, 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Italian Dinner Dance Fundraiser-6PM Karaoke - 8PM
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Elks Memorial Service-1PM		Lodge Meeting- 7PM	Ladies' Night 6PM-9PM		Lobster Rolls-6:30 PM	Ugly Sweater Holiday Gift Exchange-7:30 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Ladies' Night 6PM-9PM		PJ Party for the Kids w. Breakfast for Dinner-6:30 PM	Children's Christmas Party-10 AM-1 PM Annual Members Christmas Party-7PM Karaoke-8PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Lodge Meeting- 7PM	Ladies' Night 6PM-9PM		Christmas Basket Packing-6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner-7:30 PM	Christmas Basket Delivery- 9 AM Jams with Big Tom- 7:30 PM
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