

MILFORD LODGE NO. 1589
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER OF ELKS
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January 2025

Milford Elks Lodge # 1589

Milford, CT

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LODGE MEETINGS
January 7th and 21st
7:00pm

January 2025 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

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 - January

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 David Newman, Jr
- 2 Samuel Goron
- 3 Alex Fisk, Robert Morin, Jacqueline Murcko, Alan Paschke, Scott Stillings
- 4 Bridget Braney
- 5 Anthony Vartuli
- 7 Beth Artz, Susan Bedworth, Brian Carey, Thomas Caruso, Michele Dark, Susan Laffin
- 8 Michael Cavallaro
- 9 John Canavan, Bob Mansfield
- 10 Melissa Hanson, Steven Zahariades
- 11 John Henson, Philip Hessberger, Morgan Kiely, Chris Morse
- 12 Charles Hart
- 13 Thomas Moore, Joseph Viola
- 14 Michael Rayher
- 16 Robert Thomas
- 18 James Connelly, Joseph Leto, Jr, William Norberg
- 20 John Deangelis
- 21 Nancy Natale
- 22 James Rogers
- 24 Vaughan Dumas, Kathryn Renz
- 25 Margarita Hartley Moore, Darrin O'Brien, Michael Terrible
- 27 Manny Caldwell
- 28 John Sheridan
- 29 Brian Ragozzine
- 31 Kathleen Biggs

November Birthday Celebration
November 24th @ 5pm!!



What's Happening

LIVE
MUSIC
@ MILFORD ELKS

NO SIR
w/ Kaila Collins

3
JANUARY

ELANA ZABARI

24
JANUARY

GREG HANNA

31
JANUARY

MILFORD ELKS
1589

Exalted Ruler Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I am hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year. I would like to reflect on some of the great events our lodge conducted in December.

Our members enjoyed a very successful children's Christmas party hosted by Caroline Butler and a small army of volunteers, even Santa himself paid us a visit and all the kids were so excited.

Thanks to the House Committee and all who helped and supported our member Christmas party! There was an amazing turnout and everyone I spoke to enjoyed themselves and had a great night.

Thanks also goes out to Danette Contaras for her hard work shopping and organizing the Christmas food boxes and to all the volunteers who showed up to help pack them and pass them out the next morning, I'm glad we finally found enough eggs!

We held our annual Christmas day dinner. Thank you, Sue Bernor and her incredible team of volunteers, for organizing this event. These events we hold in December represent the very best of who we are as elks and I'm proud to be a part of it.

A HUGE shout out and sincere Thank You to Dave Litvinoff and Town Fair Tire for the very generous donation that helped support the Christmas food box event and the Christmas dinner for those that need a place to get a Christmas meal and a warm place to congregate.

Let's not forget the amazing Rockin' New Year Eve party to say goodbye to 2024 and ring in 2025. Thanks goes out to Mary and Caroline (and those House Committee members who stood ready to offer a helping hand) for working hard in the tap room to make sure we all enjoyed the night.

This month we can look forward to our mid-year convention to be held on Saturday January 11th at Waterbury Elks lodge #265. Registration begins at 8:30am and will remain open until noon for those wishing to attend.
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What's Happening

Exalted Ruler Message Con't

A continued thank you goes out to M&R mechanical and our very own House Committee Chair Jerry Artz. Their generous donation makes the Friday night live music in the tap room possible. The winter live music Fridays continue throughout the month so don't forget to come down and check it out. These bands are great and never disappoint. Note: This live music is not every Friday so check the calendar for dates.

In closing, Happy New Year to all our members and their families. I am looking forward to great things happening this year in our Great Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and especially at our beloved home lodge #1589.

Fraternally Yours
James S Garfield Exalted Ruler

Milford Elks Lodge #1589
203-915-0198 jsgarfield65@gmail.com
(Ever Practice Brotherly Love)

Can and Bottle Drive

Sunday, January 5th
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



**ELK
RIDERS**
...
MILFORD

**MONDAY
JANUARY
27TH**
7 PM

⋮ Contact ER Jim for more information

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,

Happy New Year!! As we welcome in 2025, we hope that all our members and their families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The Activities Committee would like to extend our warmest appreciation to all who helped make our Children's Christmas Party such a magical event this year. The joy on the children's faces as they visited with Santa was priceless, and we couldn't have pulled it off without our dedicated team of volunteers who helped with decorations, refreshments, and activities. Your commitment to making this special day happen for our youngest community members truly embodies the spirit of the season.

Our regular activities continue to draw enthusiastic participation from our members. The country line dancing has maintained strong attendance, while our Wednesday night game nights and Saturday pinochle gatherings keep bringing folks together for evenings of fun and fellowship. The Members' Holiday Party was a tremendous success, featuring a spectacular potluck spread that showcased our members' culinary talents. Special thanks go out to Ken Jalbert for providing karaoke entertainment, giving our talented members a chance to shine with their favorite songs. The New Years Eve party was a success and all that attended had so much fun ringing in the new year with other members and friends. Cheers, to a happy and healthy 2025.

The Friday night live music series in the Taproom has gotten off to an excellent start this Fall/Winter season.

- January 3rd - NO SIR with Kaila Collins
- January 24th - Elana Zabari
- January 31st - Greg Hanna

We're grateful to M&R Mechanical for their sponsorship and to House Committee Chair Jerry Artz for his personal donation to making this program possible. The variety and quality of performers have made these evenings a highlight of our monthly calendar. Don't forget to check both our calendar and Facebook page regularly for upcoming activities and events – new additions are often made even after the bulletin goes to print!

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

Officers Notes

Members,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe Holiday season! I wish you all an incredibly happy and healthy New Year's. Let us make 2025 a great year.

NOTICE: As a result of an increase in the Grand Lodge Liability Insurance, our dues for the 2025 – 2026 Lodge year will increase by \$3.00. Next Year's dues will be \$125 for Regular Members and \$65 for Life Members. You will be receiving your Membership Dues notification in January. Please remember an expedient remittance of your dues will be greatly appreciated. If for any reason you are having difficulty in paying your dues please contact me in strict confidence, we want to do all we can to keep your membership.

There are still 37 members who have not paid their dues. A final notice will be sent out to them in January. These members are in danger of being dropped. Per our Statues, a dropped member is considered an "Elk not in Good Standing" and as such is not allowed the benefits of the Lounge. They cannot come in on their own and they cannot be signed in as a guest. If you know a member who is delinquent, please reach out to them to make their membership current.

As we begin the last quarter of the Lodge year, I can tell you that your House Committee and Activities Committee are planning several events to end the year on a positive note. Please consult the bulletin for more information.

Also coming in February are nominations and election of Lodge Officers for the 2025 – 2026 Lodge Year. We are looking to fill several very important offices, most notably the Esteemed Lecturing Knight. This position is vital to the administration of the business of the Lodge and the promotion of Elldom in our community. This is an extremely important time for our Lodge, please support this process and consider accepting a position.

If you have moved recently, please remember to notify me of your new address. Don't miss out on any of the great activities and opportunities we have by not providing your current address.

Lastly, everyone has been given an electronic key card to open the door to the Lounge. Please use your card instead of ringing the bell for entry. This requires the Steward to stop working and question you as to why you rang the bell and then see your card. Also, you are expected to put a dollar into the tubes for the children's medical center.

- Reinstatements Pending: 0
- Applications to be read: 0
- Candidates awaiting Investigation: 5
- Investigation: January 14, 2025
- Balloting: January 21, 2025
- Awaiting Initiation: 5
- Initiation: January 25, 2025

Dave Field, PDD
Secretary

Elk of the Month

Caroline Butler

For her hard work and dedication in planning, coordinating and running the Children's Christmas Party this year, I know how much time and effort it involves pulling off such an amazing event that touches the hearts of our members and their families.

Caroline, you are a truly valued and appreciated member, and I thank you for all the hard work you do.

Enjoy that parking spot you have earned it!

Tip of the Antlers

Danette Contaras and her entire team of volunteers.

For her hard work and dedication coordinating the food drive once again this year. It's not easy doing all that shopping and pulling off such a successful event and your lodge thanks you.

Sue Bernor and her entire team of volunteers.

For her hard work and dedication coordinating the Christmas Brunch for the less fortunate this year. This is one of those events that touches the hearts of many and reflects the very best of elkdom. Your lodge is grateful and thanks you.

Christmas Day Dinner
Thank you to **Town Fair Tire** for their generous donation!

Milford Elks Volunteers
Served 100 people Provided



Thank you!

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS
David Woodmansee, PER, LM

What's Happening

Planning Meeting
Wednesday 1/8 6 PM

THE ROARING TWENTIES

Saturday, February 15th
7 pm

CONTACT MARY GARFIELD WITH QUESTIONS

CANDIDATES

Steven Clark	Orientation / Initiation
Gilberto DelValle	Orientation / Initiation
Victoria Dreisbach	Orientation / Initiation
Kelly Hanson	Orientation / Initiation
Thomas Murphy	Orientation / Initiation
Steven Zagami	Orientation / Initiation
Kristen Hunt	Investigation
Josh Miller	Investigation
Jose Oquendo	Investigation
Bronco Parlin III	Investigation
Gary Pugliese	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, we have still not coordinated with our electrician for an installation date, more to come.

At the last lodge meeting the membership approve the purchase of 5 new 32" TVs to replace the current 5 that our at the bar, Dave Williams has been overseeing the replacements and at this writing should have been completed.

From all the BOD members we hope that all our members had a very Happy and safe Holidays.

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 Leto 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, January 3	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, January 4	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, January 10	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, January 11	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, January 17	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, January 18	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, January 24	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Sat, January 25	12 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu
Fri, January 31	5 – 8:30pm	Kitchen Menu

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

Hello My Fellow Elks!

Happy New Year to everybody! Wow, what a year! Well, I am happy to inform you all that 2025 is going to be better and more prosperous than 2024.

Our roast beef sandwiches will continue on Fridays and Saturdays for the foreseeable future as we are having great success and our members are enjoying them. We will no longer have special dinner menu items on Fridays, but will still have our great kitchen menu for you to enjoy. January 3, 17 and 31 are all Fridays when we will have live music in the Taproom, so come on down and enjoy a nice dinner from our kitchen menu and hear some music.

We are always in need of volunteers to run food on Friday and Saturday nights from 5 – 9PM, so let me know if you can help or just come to the kitchen and jump in. Sundays from 12 noon to close are potluck, so bring something to share while you watch football in the Taproom. The Taproom will continue to be open Mondays from 5 – 11PM on a trial basis. Come down and watch the games!

The Taproom will be open New Year's Day from 4 - 10PM, so come down and celebrate the New Year with your fellow Elks. The weather forecast for January will be chilly with a chance of light snow. Stay tuned! I said it before and I will keep on saying it, thank you to all who have helped me out for 2024. You all know who you are, and I am very proud of each and every one of you that have been by my side the whole time. Thank you again.

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

January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Friday night music	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu Pinochle Class 3pm Karaoke 7:30pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Can & Bottle Drive 10am-2pm Pot Luck Sunday	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	Game Night 6:30pm Meeting for the February Roaring 20s Party 6pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Country Line Dancing	12-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Pinochle Class 3pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
Pot Luck Sunday January Birthdays Celebration 5 pm	Elks Riders Meeting 7pm		Game Night 6:30pm		5-8:30pm Kitchen menu <i>Roast beef sandwiches</i> Friday night music	

VOLUNTEER TO ADD MORE EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR EVERY MONTH

GOT AN IDEA? SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ON PAGE 2