



The Dial



Bridgeport Lodge #36
March 2010

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Exalted Ruler's Message

As I look back on my year as ER I am proud to say we had a successful year and with the election of Joe T and his officers I am confident the Lodge will continue to move forward in the up coming year.

As many of you know the ER is only as successful as his officers and committee people below him. I am thankful for all the hard work and time they have donated to making THE Bridgeport Lodge one of the best Lodges in the state.

This is the time of year that if you are interested in helping out the lodge, that you speak to ER elect Joe T to see if there is a committee or activity you would like to get involved with and help make a difference in the up coming year.

As we wind down the Lodge year we had a few functions during the month. Howard Green once again did a great job for the Winterfest on the 6th, the Lodge hosted a well attended Super Bowl party on the 7th. No matter who you were rooting for it was a great game and the Saints showed that putting your heart and soul into something you believe in can produce great results. Paul H hosted his famous spaghetti and clam sauce dinner on the 19th and the crowd sang into the wee hours of the morning.

The month of March's big event will be St. Patrick's Day starting at 11am and continuing till ??????. We will also draw the winning ticket for the PER raffle for a 47" HDTV. There are only 250 tickets available so don't wait to purchase a ticket or they may be gone. We will also have our installation of officers on March 27th for the 2010-2011 Lodge year.

In closing I thank you all for the support through out the year in making the Bridgeport Lodge one of the best lodges in the state. This coming year is also our 125th year as an Elks Lodge and we will be celebrating with functions and a new logo so make sure you come down.

Fraternally yours,
Edward Baranyai Jr., PER

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler- Edward Baranyai Jr, PER
Leading Knight- Janet Baranyai
Loyal Knight- Edward L Baranyai
Lecturing Knight- Tom Lyons
Secretary- Alan Baranyai, PSP
Treasurer- Vacant
Esquire- James Money, PDD
Chaplain- Vacant
Inner Guard- Steve Polifka
Tiler- Kathy Polifka
Presiding Justice- Gerard Eisenman, PGLC

Trustees

5 Year- Matthew Frankel, PER
4 Year- Sue Rodriguez
3 Year- Joseph Trovarelli Jr., PDD
2 Year- Charles Carroll, PGLC
1 Year- David Acanfora, PDD

Bar Manager-Paul Wargo

Board Of Governors

Paul Hurteau – Chairman

Rathskellar Hours

Monday	3pm - 1am
Tuesday	3pm - 1am
Wednesday	3pm -1am
Thursday	3pm – 1am
Friday	2pm – 2am
Saturday	11:30am-2am
Sunday	12pm – 11pm

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Dial please feel free to contact me at Dialeditor36@yahoo.com or call the lodge at 203-372-0140.



Kid's Easter Party



Hosted by: The Easter Bunny

Date: March 28th

Time: 10am

Free to all children and grand children of Lodge members. Please sign up your children by calling the Lodge or posting their name on the sign-up sheet at the Lodge. There will be an Easter egg hunt (weather permitting), egg coloring and crafts.



Resolution

At Bridgeport Lodge Number 36 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, In the City of Bridgeport, County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut be it resolved that:

Whereas: Gerard P. Eisenman, PGLC, has been a member of Bridgeport Lodge No. 36 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks continually for 27 years since his initiation into the order in May of 1983; and

Whereas: Gerard has served Bridgeport Lodge four years as Secretary and Trustee; and

Whereas: Gerard has served Bridgeport Lodge as Exalted Ruler from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992; serving again from April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994; and

Whereas: Gerard has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Coastal District No.1680 in the year 1998 – 1999, during the term of Grand Exalted Ruler Carlon M. O' Malley; and

Whereas: Gerard served as a member on the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 2000 to 2004; and

Whereas: Gerard has continually served on the Committee on Laws for the Connecticut Elks Association since 1997; and

Whereas: Gerard is an Honorary Founder to the Elks National Foundation, "The Great Heart of Elkdom"; and

Whereas: Gerard was a dedicated member of the Grand Forum from 2004 to 2009, serving as Chief Justice of the Elks in the lodge year 2008 – 2009; and

Whereas: Gerard is a faithful family man married to his loving wife Ann for seven years honorably serving our country in the U.S. Air Force, protecting the well being of the citizens of Connecticut for the last 27 years as an Assistant States Attorney, and truly an upright, honorable citizen of the City of Bridgeport;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that at the February 18, 2010 meeting of Bridgeport Lodge No. 36 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a motion was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved to grant Honorable Life Membership in our great Order to Gerard P. Eisenman, PGLC, in honor of his dedicated service to Elkdom.

Dated at Bridgeport this 4th day of March, 2010

Edward Baranyai
Exalted Ruler

Alan Baranyai
Secretary



Americanism Corner



Last Month's Answer

The Battle of Iwo Jima began on February 19th and lasted more than a month. This battle produced some of the fiercest fighting in WWII. The battle was immortalized by Joe Rosenthal's photograph of the raising of the U.S. flag on top of Mount Suribachi by five Marines and one Navy Corpsman.

This Month's Trivia

In March of 1836 the pivotal battle in American history ended after a 13 day siege. Only two Texan defenders survived the battle but it inspired the rest of the Texan army to defeat the Mexicans in April of that year. If you go there make sure you ask about the basement! Can you name this famous battle?

Email your answers to dialeditor36@yahoo.com

Secretary's Corner

The 2009-2010 lodge year will soon be over and we still have 35 members who are lapse in paying their dues. We will have no choice but to drop them from our roles come March 31st. The new slate of Officers is getting into place to take over in April. We have the Installation of Officers set for Saturday March 27th so try to join us at this event.

The outgoing officers should be thanked for all that they did in the previous year to keep the lodge prosperous as we enter Bridgeport Lodge's 125th year of service to our community.

We have sent out dues notices to all members; if by chance you have not received one please let us know. We know this past year nationwide was a tough year for many of us but, as Elks we are still proud of all the things that we can accomplish during these trying times. We thank everyone who has pitched in this year to make it a successful year for Bridgeport Lodge.

Fraternally,

Alan Baranyai PDD PSP

Secretary

The following members of Bridgeport Lodge have met the qualifications and are requesting to be considered for Life membership status. They are, Ronald Breen, Frank Carroll Jr., William Carroll, Patrick Donahue, Raymond Leja, Laurence Parnoff Esq. and Richard Porto Sr

Installation of Officers for
lodge year 2010-2011

March 27th

Cocktails at 5:30pm
Installation at 6:30pm
Prime Rib Dinner to follow
\$12 per person

A new slate of lodge officers
will be sworn in on March
27th. Join us as we welcome
them in and give them our
best

Sign up in the Rathskellar



Wednesday March 17th

Come down to the lodge
for Corned Beef
Sandwiches

Beware the Leprechaun!!

Lodge opens at 11am

**PER Raffle to be drawn at
9pm**