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Exalted Ruler's Message

Sorry for those who missed us but due to the recent freak snow storm and prolonged power outage we were unable to post the November Upstart to our web site. But remember, fresh hot news is always available at the lodge meetings.

The Elk's Hoop Shoot has been scheduled for Sunday December 11th, at the Hebron Avenue Elementary School. Mike Briglia, committee chair is asking for a few good elks to help out. Ball Shaggers, Score Keepers, and Whistle Blowers, all are welcome. Contact Mike at 860 202-9485 or huskybass@AOL.com

Theresa Shaw and Mike Dondi have formed the committee for our annual Veteran's and Camp Sunrise Christmas parties. More volunteers are needed so talk to Theresa and Mike about joining the team. Gift cards for the kids are available at the bar. Take one, buy a gift and make a child smile. These are

two of our most popular events we sponsor and the kids from Camp Sunrise and the Rocky Hill Veterans look forward to them every year. Let's not let them down. These parties are scheduled for December 11th and 12th.

Elk of the Month

Jim Shaw Trustee. Jim spear headed the renovation of the lounge and continues to devote much of his time unselfishly to the benefit of our lodge. Jim park your van or Theresa's toaster, in the space of honor.

Friday night dinners and Sunday morning breakfasts have been drawing crowds and stuffing bellies. Show up early to secure a meal before they sell out! You can't beat the value of the home cooked meals. Thank you to all the volunteer chefs & helpers who continue to donate their time to feed the hungry and the thrifty.

We've been talking about new ways of distributing the

Upstart to members. Currently one must retrieve it from our lodge web site. In years past it was prepared, printed, stamped and mailed by volunteers. This became a costly and daunting task. With the introduction of the internet and web sites we stopped mailing hard copies and switched to posting it on the web site each month. There's always a lot of important news and information in our monthly publication and we don't want anyone to miss out. So I'm asking for some feedback from members. Do you have a preference of how the Upstart is offered? Would you prefer hard copies be mailed to your homes again? Or is the web site access sufficient? If your one of those members that no longer read the Upstart because you don't have internet access you're probably not reading this. So what do we do now? Well for those of you that are still reading it let us know what you think. We want all members to get their monthly copy and are willing to consider any feasible changes to accommodate all.

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ER's Message Cont'd

Come to the lodge meetings and share your thoughts.

On behalf of our lodge I would like to thank Baribault Jewelers for donating their time and skills in the repair our officer jewels. If you're downtown Christmas shopping this month visit our friends at Baribault and thank them for supporting our lodge. And while you're in the store feel free to shop around.

Fraternally,
Stephen Del Rosso, PER
Exalted Ruler

From the Secretary's Desk



Recently a discussion at the Lodge as begun as to how we, as the Lodge should distribute the *Upstart*. Now, some of you already receive it simply by going online. Others, may benefit from our new ability to send it via a "bulk" email program; however, some still want to have a "good old fashion piece of paper to read!" With this being said, we'd like your feedback. Below is a simple form to enter your current (and correct) email address, along with your choice. Please cut it out and send it back to the Lodge, attention Secretary.

Some of you may remember several years ago when we decided to stop sending out the hard copies to all members for cost reasons; however, it may have cost us (no pun intended) members at functions. For example, recently a \$5.00 all you can eat "end of summer BBQ" had dismal attendance at best.

Now, this means you are able to have access to this periodical, which I understand, some members are not getting. With this in mind, if you are one reading this, and you know of a member who may not be, please reach out to the member and ask them. This is our Lodge and we're only as strong as our members!

Name: _____

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Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Secretary



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Sunday Breakfast



The committee would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who continue to make our breakfasts profitable! Remember, without you, we wouldn't be here, and trust me, the following volunteers "LOVE" being here:

Jodi and Dave Poulin, Doug and Louise Beeghly, Kristen Kataja, Eric Fettig, David Volpe, and Bruce Lester.

Our schedule has changed a bit for the month of November as we will only be doing one, rather than the two. We believe after the holiday's are behind us, we will return to the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

Upcoming schedule:

- December 11, 2011
- January 8, 2012
- January 22, 2012

Prices remain the same!

- \$7.00 for all over 10
- \$3.00 for kids 5-9
- Free for kids under 5!

8:30am - 11:00am (coffee is hot at 8:00am!)

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Committee "Cashier"



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William G. Zimmer Jr.
Proprietor

If you find a mistake in this month's Upstart...it's supposed to be there!

Propositions For Membership

The Secretary's Office has received an application on the following individuals, read their names on the floor of our Lodge, and have forwarded them to the Investigation Committee for further processing. In accordance with Grand Lodge Statutes, any member knowing why any of these candidates should not be duly elected to membership, should notify a member of the Investigation Committee or one of the Lodge Officers. Each will be balloted on during a regularly scheduled Lodge meeting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Patrick Moynihan	Alex Rodriguez	Portland, CT	State Marshall
Blaine Gagnon, Jr.	Daniel Durrenberger	Rocky Hill, CT	Driver
Dennis Kies	Greg Haugh	Southington, CT	Fine Artist

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Secretary

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If you know of any member, who may not be doing well, please contact the Lodge at (860) 633-2651 or by email: info@glastonburyelks.org
Subject: Sick & Visiting

Buddy Leach - recuperating at home
Joseph Waggoner - recuperating at home
Lance Weir - recuperating at home

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Committee Co-Chairman

Trap Shooting



If you have your own shotgun, bring it! If you don't have your own one will be available for you to borrow. Eye and ear protection are recommended and can be purchased on site, as well as ammo.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Open to all levels

Every Sunday September thru April at Noon, weather permitting! Reminder - During this time, the Range is closed!

Bill Wolfe, PER
Trap Chairman



Double the Impact of Your Gift to the ENF!

Did know that many employers will match gifts given to non-profit organizations by employees and spouses, even if they're retired?

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December Birthday's

Name		Date of Birth
Gregory	Crucitti	03
Gina	Rushby	03
Brian	Hope	04
Bernard	Herpst	06
Scott	Van Sicklin	06
James	Bernier	07
Deborah	Meissner	08
Donald	Orend	08
Anreas	Spoerk	08
Steven	Nunes	09
Gavin	Murphy	10
Daniel	Durrenberger	11
Craig	Knight	11
Edward	Monahan	11
Oscar	Reyes	11
Sperry	Morway Jr	12
Lawrence	Prokop	12
Frank	Mangiagli	13
Chester	Lamore	14
Dick	Bernier	15
Richard	Hardy	15
S	Shirer	15
Americo	Volpe	15
George	Souliotis	17
George	Meadows	18
Edward	Wilson	18
Wayne	Wolfe	18
Jack	Balint	19
Colin	Cini	19
Michael	Dondi	19
Anthony	Ravosa	19
Joseph	Rotundo	20
Gerald	Satin	20
Mark	Hudak	21
Glenn	Rohde	21
Christine	Difazio	22
Caren	Kittredge	23
Salvatore	Cecere	25
Robert	Morin	25
Charles	Cavanna	26
Mark	Tallo	26
Kerrine	Catucci	27
John	Gagliardi	27
Kathy	Quinn	27
Allen	Labbe	29
Larry	Newquist	29
Robert	Bell	30
Michael	Patulak Sr	30
Thomas	Walsh	30
John	Butler	31
Darren	Cecchini	31

Bakers Wanted!

For our Veterans Christmas Party

We would like to send them home with a goodie bag filled with baked goods.

Anyone willing to bake, we will need cookies, brownies, etc. Please Deliver them to the lodge on December 11th.

Member's Memorial Service

December 4, 2011 - 1:00PM

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of the day sink heedlessly in the West,, but ere the shows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members"

William Dombrowski
Reginald Gallant
William Jefford
Gary Taylor

The Lodge will hold our annual ceremony on the 4th of December within the Lodge Room at 1:00PM. Please attend. A light buffet lunch will follow.

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Memorial Service Chairman



House Committee News



We are entering the holiday season! December 10th is the members Christmas party 4p.m. - 8p.m. Anyone wanting to make deserts or appetizers is more than welcome to bring them that day as the main course will be provided by the house committee. December 11th is the camp sunrise Christmas party if anyone would like to help out or attend. Our last Friday night dinner for December will be the 16th. We will start back up with dinners at the beginning of the new year!

Christmas Eve the lodge will be open from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. New Years Eve will be a potluck evening with drink specials every half hour starting from 7:00 p.m. to closing.

The renovations in the lounge have been completed and there has been a great response to the new no smoking rule!

The House Committee is still looking for volunteers to host a Friday night dinner. Again anyone willing to cook, please contact me or someone on the house.

Friday Night Dinners *All Dinners \$10.00*

December 2nd - Beef or Venison Stew

December 9th - Roast Pork Dinner

December 16th - Pork Rib Dinner

Beer of the Month

Budlight Lime

Michael Perleoni, PER
Committee Chairman

Grand Lodge Veterans Message

by Paul D. Helsel, PGER
Vice Chairman

I thank all of our Lodges, Members and volunteers for their continued support of Veterans and active-duty military personnel. Your service to our nation's heroes deserves every accolade we can bestow.

While we do an outstanding job in service to our Veterans and the military, there is still grave concern for a group of Veterans that can most definitely use our help – Homeless Veterans. Helping these needy Veterans takes on a new level of commitment. They need everything we all expect for ourselves and our families – sustenance, shelter, security and a life filled with purpose.

Although the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Service Organizations are taking steps to solve the problem, the situation is far from acceptable. Specific counts are difficult to establish, but the VA estimates that on any given night 107,000 Veterans are homeless, and probably over the course of a year at least twice that many experience homelessness. In addition, almost 1.5 million other Veterans are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing. As you might gather, there is certainly much to be done for these Veterans!

It is a given that your Lodge is providing service to Veterans and possibly the Military. What are you doing for Homeless Veterans in your community?

If your Lodge is not supporting a Homeless Veterans Program, here is what you can do!

Determine the need in your community. Contact your mayor's office or other elected officials for a list of providers. Contact the Elk Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Representative in the VA Hospital nearest to you and ask to discuss this with the homeless coordinator of that hospital. Search state and community Web sites for homeless veterans programs and initiatives. Work with local shelters and invite homeless Veterans to a dinner.

Participate in local homeless coalitions. Chances are one is in your community. The coalition may need volunteers, food, clothing or other essentials. The Salvation Army is very active in helping the homeless all over the country.

Send a financial donation to your nearest homeless Veteran provider if you are unable to participate in a program directly.

Fundraisers to help Homeless Veterans. Dinners, dances, walks and motorcycle rides are but a few ways to raise funds.

Thank you for your continuing support to our Veterans and Military Personnel and most especially for your support for Homeless Veterans!

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Upcoming Events

December

- 2 - Friday Night Dinner!
- 4 - Memorial Sunday - 1:00PM
- 4 - Trap Shoot
- 7 - Meeting Night
- 9 - Friday Night Dinner!
- 10 - Members Christmas Party
- 11 - Trap Shoot
- 11 - Sunday Breakfast
- 11 - Hoop Shoot - Volunteers Needed!
- 11 - Children's Christmas Party
- 12 - Veteran's Christmas Party
- 15 - Range Committee Meeting
- 16 - Friday Night Dinner!
- 18 - Trap Shoot
- 21 - Meeting Night
- 25 - Merry Christmas!
- 31 - News Years Eve!

January

- 1 - Happy New Year!
- 6 - Friday Night Dinner - Contact Lodge
- 8 - Trap Shoot
- 8 - Sunday Breakfast
- 11 - Meeting Night
- 14 - Friday Night Dinner - Contact Lodge
- 15 - Trap Shoot
- 19 - Range Committee Meeting
- 20 - Friday Night Dinner - Contact Lodge
- 22 - Trap Shoot
- 22 - Sunday Breakfast
- 25 - Meeting Night
- 27 - Friday Night Dinner - Contact Lodge
- 29 - Trap Shoot



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