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Exalted Ruler's Message

Our new Elk year begins April 1st, and I want to congratulate all members that will be sworn in as officers at our upcoming installation scheduled for April 9th. In addition congratulations to members that have volunteered to chair a committee or participate as a committee member. A signup sheet will be behind the bar for those wishing to attend the installation dinner.

Also on April 1st, your membership dues for the new year should be paid in full. Those that have paid by March 31st have qualified for the early bird dinner which will take place April 23rd. If you have not renewed your membership **use of the facility** is no longer allowed. The bartenders will be checking membership cards.

I want to thank the range committee for hosting another successful antique gun show. Not only is this a welcomed fund raiser for our lodge but it's a great show of firearms from the past with military memorabilia and

artifacts of all kinds. I along with many others have enjoyed attending every year.

The ENF raffle drawing winners were pulled and have been posted in the bar. Thank you for those generous people that purchased tickets. Our lodge has achieved the annual ENF goal again and the Grand Lodge will be happy to hear.

Every year we have a "Spring Clean-up Day" around this time. I hope to have a date set for a Saturday in May. Please plan on donating some time to help us clean up our property in-and-out. Check next month's *Upstart* for the date.

A general reminder to all members: Use of our facilities is limited to members and members with their families. A member may bring a guest to our lodge if he or she wishes to introduce them to our order or a special occasion arises. However, a guest is limited to three visits. After that they may be proposed for membership or

should discontinue visits to the lodge. This applies to the bar and all outdoor activities such as use of the gun range and property grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Elk of the Month

Billy Wolfe

If you want to know where Billy Wolfe spends most of his time on Sundays its up the hill managing the trap shoot. Starting a fire, loading the bird house and keeping score, Billy is the first to show up and won't leave until the last bird is dead. So thank you to Billy for keeping our trap shooting sport up and running for all of our shot gun pleasure.

Fraternally,
Stephen Del Rosso, PER
Exalted Ruler

From the Secretary's Desk



As this is my first "From the Secretary's Desk" in some time, I'm a little loss for content; however, I would be remiss in not congratulating Sandy on the superb job she did the past year. I know from experience, jumping into this position is rather challenging, and not having the background makes it even difficult.

I am certain she leaned on past secretary Erik Myles, PER, a lot over the past year, and of course we owe him a well deserved thank you.

Speaking of Erik, he has chosen to move on to bigger and better things and has stepped away from both the publishing of the *Upstart*, as well as the maintenance of the web site.

He played (and I hope will continue to play) an important part for this Lodge, and I'd like to thank him for his support over the years.

Finally, to the majority of you who have paid your dues, Sandy and I appreciate your effort; however, there are some of you who haven't paid as of yet. Keep in mind, the Membership Card presented to you is a means of identification, and without it you cannot gain access to this Lodge.

Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
Secretary

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The committee is moving forward with preparations of our celebration! Recently a meeting was held to place some additional ideas on the table, such as a chili cook-off and a family picnic, along with a dinner on Friday night.

However, many ideas are still being considered, and more importantly, assistance is greatly needed.

We will be creating a booklet highlighting our past 50 years, with space available for advertisers. If you, or some company you are aware of wishing to advertise, please see one of the members of the committee for exact details.

Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
Committee Co-Chairman

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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>
Rick Latorre	Michael Latorre	East Hartford, CT	HVAC Technician
Cory J. Francis	Aaron M. LaJoie	Glastonbury, CT	Firearms Retail
Joe Corpora	Michael Perleoni, PER	Farmington, CT	Consultant
Nancy Brown	Tom Herzog	East Hartford, CT	Nurse
James Dummitt	Tanesha Dickau	S. Glastonbury, CT	
Thomas J. D'Amato, II	Jon Elliott	West Hartford, CT	IT Senior Developer

The Future of Elkdom

If you recall back in the September/October time frame, we announced the Grand Lodge was seeking recommendations on the future of Elkdom.

Well, after receipt of over 6,000 responses (many, many were duplications) the Future of Elkdom Committee met several times. Recommendations were made to the Advisory Committee, which approved numerous issues for preparation of legislation by the Judiciary committee and the Advisory Committee on Laws.

Those bodies will prepare and distribute the proposals for the delegates (where legislation is required) at the July, 2011 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. It will be a big job.

To see the proposed changes, please visit www.elks.org. You will need to be registered to view this report.

Cautionary note to all Members - many of the proposals require either Constitutional amendments or amendments to our statutes. Accordingly, those proposals requiring a Constitutional amendment are not effective until approval by two-thirds of the Grand Lodge delegates present and voting at the Phoenix Convention and ratified by a majority of the Lodges. The other proposals requiring statutory change cannot be effective unless approved by a majority of Grand Lodge delegates and the passage of thirty days after the close of Phoenix convention.

Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
Lodge Secretary

House Committee News

We'd like to report that Friday Night dinners will be taking a short recess for the summer, and we'll start the back up again in September; however, we will be hosting different deck events to enjoy the outdoors during the upcoming spring and summer months.

We are always looking for volunteers to cook and come up with fresh new ideas. Maybe you have an idea of something you would like to do or help out with. Please don't hesitate to talk to me or Billy W. with all thoughts and suggestions.

We also will need people to cook Friday night dinners in the Fall. Consider volunteering to cook one of the many that we have each month.

Once again, thanks to all of the members who have come up and supported the lodge. We are looking forward to having another successful upcoming year.

Finally, there have been some concern/questions over the absence of the "birthday" listing which use to be part of this periodical. Although space constraints no longer allow for the publishing of the list, the "drink special" still exists. Hence, on your birthday, come on down and enjoy one on us!

Michael Perleoni, PER
House Committee Chairman

SUNDAY BREAKFAST NEWS



All I can say is WOW! During the breakfast held on March 27, 2011, we broke through with our largest crowd ever, with almost 100 total patrons joining us!

Our "wounded warrior" (Louise) has come back stronger than ever to continue to support us, even in the sitting position. She is a true trooper, and I for one thank you! I know Jodie Poulin does too... how many eggs Jodie?

Thank you to the committee: Doug and Louise Beeghly, Dave and Jodie Poulin, Martin Saindon, Mark Curtin, Bruce Lester, Dan Vallier, Eric Fettig, and yours truly!

Upcoming schedule:

April 10 2011
May 1, 2011
May 15, 2011

May 15, 2011 will more than likely be our last breakfast for the season. As we did last year, we are taking suggestions for Mother's Day, where all mom's are free!

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Other ENF News

At a meeting held on February 9, 2011, the ENF Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2011-2012 fiscal year totaling a record \$21.8 million.

That's an increase of nearly \$2.6 million, or 13.5 percent, over the current year's budget. Only 8.8 percent of their budget will be used for administrative expenses. That's well below the Better Business Bureau's standard for charities of no more than 35 percent.

Additionally, the ENF Board of Trustees increased their spending rate to 5 percent from 4 percent. This change will allow them to double funding for the Community Investments Program, which has a proven track record of slowing, and occasionally reversing, the membership decline. Since this program debuted in 2005, they've increased its funding by more than 1,200 percent.

To see more information regarding the Elks National Foundation, you can visit their web site at: <http://www.elks.org/enf/default.cfm>. The secretary has placed material on our bulletin board within the Lodge area as well.

Scott Tackus
Chairman

Range Committee News



The Range Control Committee continues to review the suggestions provided to them during the last meeting.

As we previously reported, we have been receiving a large quantity of complaints involving the use of the range about debris and broken glass left on the firing range. Since there is no one present to monitor the range, and this type of action has been getting worse, the committee has been discussing what can be done.

To our members who use the range, it is your responsibility to police the area, along with maintaining discipline when firing. We have had many complaints. We have talked about limiting shooting hours, installing cameras, closing the range for the winter and others.

The combination to the range lock has been changed as of March 1st. You will need to show your current membership card to the bartender on duty in order to get the combination. Do not call the Lodge to get it. Remember we have something special at 2202 so please respect it.

Eugene Tucceri
Chairman


Mark Fierravanti

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Lodge, or emailed to:

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Upcoming Events

April

1st - April Fool's Day
9th - Installation & Awards Dinner
10th - Sunday Breakfast
13th - Lodge Meeting 7pm
15th - Tax Day
17th - Palm Sunday
19th - Passover
21st - Range Meeting 7:30pm
22nd - Good Friday / Earth Day
24th - Easter
27th - Lodge Meeting 7pm

May

1st - Sunday Breakfast
8th - Mother's Day!
11th - Lodge Meeting 7pm
15th - Sunday Breakfast
19th - Range Meeting 7:30pm
25th - Lodge Meeting 7pm
30th - Memorial Day/Parade



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