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# THE UPSTART

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

In January I attended the mid-state convention hosted at the Hamden Lodge. Secretary Dennis Claffey PDD and Billy Zimmer Leading Knight joined me as we heard reports from state committee chairs and attended a workshop for CLMS. One message to share from our State President Steve Ferraro is that retention of membership is still a high priority. Members that have sponsored someone in the past year or two should find out if that new member has been active. Give them a call and invite them to meet you for a Friday night dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, trap shooting, or a social drink. They're probably just waiting for you to call and need an excuse to get out of the house.

We're starting to gear up for the New Elk Year that will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. At the first meeting in February nomination of new officers will take place. Anyone wishing to join the team of the elite and formally dressed should show up and have your name nominated. Balloting will also oc-

cur at that meeting so all sponsors should be there to vote. During the second meeting of the month nominees will be formally voted on and elected. We'll be having an initiation that same night. I ask all current officers to be prepared and put on your best show; this will be my last initiation ceremony as your Exalted Ruler so let's make it one to remember.

### Elk of the Month

*Leading Knight  
Billy Zimmer*

Billy Z. recently traveled to Colorado and bagged a Mule deer just in time for a Friday night dinner. Thanks Billy for donated 40 lbs of specially prepared venison bratwurst. Billy also donated fresh caught cod last year for Friday night fish fry. Park your truck in the space of honor and leave the window cracked for your sidekick.

*Stephen Del Rosso, PER  
Exalted Ruler*

## Quotable Quotes:

A telephone survey says that 51 percent of college students drink until they pass out at least once a month. The other 49 percent didn't answer the phone.

*Craig Kilborn*

If you give a man a fish he will eat for a day. But if you teach a man to fish he will buy an ugly hat. And if you talk about fish to a starving man then you are a consultant.

*Dilbert*

Yelling really loud can sometimes ease tension...and sometimes it makes everyone else in the library jump out of their skin.

*Maxine*



## From the Secretary's Desk



During the month of February, the bills for next Lodge year will be going out. This year, in an effort to keep all our members involved in activities at the Lodge, we'll be asking you to return your preference for notification within the dues notice. Each month there are many activities ongoing at the Lodge which are missed by many, we hope this will help.

The dues, plus fees will remain the same at \$103.90 for regular members, and \$40.90 for life time members.

Although we cannot force you to do so, as in the past, we'll be asking you to make donations to the Lodge Scholarship, Major charities, and finally the Elks National Foundation.

As of the time of this note, we currently have 47 members delinquent, and 21 candidates in waiting. Some of you may find this encouraging; however, last year we only lost (dropped for non-payment) 19 former members. Hence, there will be a large push at the end of the year to capture a lot of these 47 non-paid members.

This brings up two very important questions. Why did you join in the first place, and why are you not interested in remaining an Elk? How can we, as members of the Lodge help you retain your membership?

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD  
Secretary

## Next Initiation

Our next initiation will take place during our regularly scheduled meeting of February 22, 2012. If you are a sponsor of a candidate it is **IMPERATIVE** you make yourself available for the full meeting as well. **Dress for the candidates is business casual. Jeans will not be accepted.**

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD  
Secretary



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## Sunday Breakfast



The number of guests joining us continues to grow, and we thank you!

Our last breakfast on the 8th of January, we had close to 100 people and made a good profit for the Lodge again. Without your support, we cannot support the many events

Thanks to the "Breakfast Crew": Jodi and Dave Poulin, Doug and Louise Beeghly, PER, Kristen Kataja, Eric Fettig, David Volpe, Mark Curtin, and Bruce Lester for once again stepping up to make the committee profitable. The profit on the 11th was more than \$225.

Our schedule now returns to every 2nd and fourth Sunday of the month up until May, when we change to the first and third due to Mother's Day!

### Upcoming schedule:

February 12, 2012  
February 26, 2012

\$7.00 for all over 10  
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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>
Michael Martin	Darren Cecchini	Marlborough, CT	Self Employed
Jonathan Morton	Brett Cavaleri	Glastonbury, CT	Registered Nurse
Blaine Gagnon	Daniel Durrenberger	Rocky Hill, CT	Driver
John Connors	Christopher Connors	East Hartford, CT	Stylist
Paul DiSanto	Tom Herzog	Glastonbury, CT	Director of Finance
William Levesque	Robert DiBella	Glastonbury, CT	Attorney

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD  
Secretary

## Sick and Visiting



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](mailto:info@glastonburyelks.org)  
**Subject: Sick & Visiting**

Buddy Leach - recuperating at home  
John Spencer, PER - recuperating at home  
Joseph Waggoner - recuperating at home

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD  
Lodge Secretary

## 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.

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Bill Wolfe, PER  
Trap Chairman

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### February's Birthday's

Name		Date
Philip	Caouette	1
Shawn	Martin	1
Dalton	Strom	1
Thomas	Bassell	2
David	Lafreniere	2
Charles	Pethigal	2
Alfred	Cecchini	3
Thomas J	D'Amato	3
Walter	Kostrzewa	3
Bruce	Motowidlak	3
Steve	Clow	4
Stephen R	Jones	4
Steven E	Little	5
Michael J	Luna	5
Richard	Saddlemire	5
H Patrick	Campbell	8
Richard	Sheehan	9
Fred	Joslin	10
Daniel L	King	10
David	Simoes	10
Thomas	Herzog	11
Robert	Liberatore	11
Michael R	Raffalo	12
Edmond	Cassetti	13
Erwin	Hyson Jr	13
Roger J	Smyth	13
Dan	Freeman	14
Leverett	Weir	14
Luis	Caceres	15
Catherine	Gallant	15
Robert	Hauserman	16
Suzanne	Rathbun	16
Daniel R	Franzen	17
Elizabeth M	Motowidlak	18
Ryan	Bowler	19
Steven	Ciszewski	20
Vinnie	Incandella	20
Mark	Fierravanti	22
Kristen	Kataja	22
Michael	Rappaport	22
Michael	Smithwick	22
Walter	Cusson	23
Franklin W	Eichacker	24
Robert	Liss	24
Mark	Van Heuverzwyn	24
Keith	DeLaire	25
Alex	Rodriguez	25
Frank J	Manganaro	27
Paul F	Persson	28
Robert	Spear	28
James P	Sponzo	29

### House Committee News



Thanks to everyone who cooked Friday night dinners in January. February 3rd, there will be no dinner due to a rental. The new storage facility is just about complete. The next renovation will be that bar area. Hoping to start that very soon. On Monday February 20th - Presidents day, we will be opening at noon! We have a coffee maker in the bar for those cold days. Create your own coffee drink!

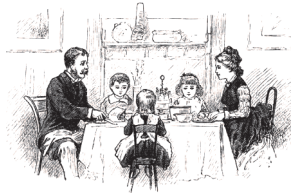
#### *Drink Specials This Month:*

Stoli strawberry .25 off  
 Dewars .25 off  
 Naughty Nurse on tap .25 off

*Michael Perleoni, PER*  
**Committee Chairman**

### Friday Night Dinners

*All Dinners \$10.00*



Feb. 3rd - no dinner  
 Feb. 10th - Lasagna  
 Feb. 17 - Steak Dinner  
 Feb. 24 - Turkey Dinner

*Michael Perleoni, PER*  
**Committee Chairman**



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## Children's Christmas Party

On December 11th, the Lodge held its annual Children's Christmas Party for the kids of "Camp Sunrise" and their families. There was close to 200 children and family in attendance.

It couldn't have been pulled off without the many volunteers who purchased gifts, those behind the scenes making sure the gifts were ready, , and the "visible" volunteers who made the meal and served, and of course, Santa himself!

Each year this event touches those of us as members of the Elks as we know these are the 'events' which truly symbolizes what being an Elk is!

Stephen Del Rosso, PER  
Exalted Ruler



## GL Newsletter, January 2012 GER Message: Much accomplished with strength in numbers

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler  
Hon. David R. Carr

No organization, no matter how large or small, can survive without members. This is why membership has often been referred to as the "Lifeblood of our Order."

The Order of Elks experienced tremendous membership gains during its first 110 years, resulting in Lodges being chartered in towns and cities nationwide. This gain was the result of "word of mouth" as there was little news media in those early days. Our membership grew until March 1980, when we had 1,649,267 Members. Ever since that date, however, membership has steadily declined. With fewer Members and rising costs, many Lodges have faced serious financial difficulties. Some Lodges have ceased to exist or have had to merge with other Lodges.

In a majority of Lodges, the average member age is in the low to upper 60s. These Members once enjoyed the camaraderie at the Lodge and participating in Elks golf and bowling leagues. Today, many of these Members who were once very active seldom leave their homes except to go to the doctor or drug store. They no longer pay golf or bowling league fees because they are no longer able to play golf or bowl. Why should they pay Lodge dues when they can no longer frequent the Lodge? And many of our newer and younger Members have work and family commitments that prohibit their frequenting their Lodge.

The Lodge bulletin is the primary link between Member and Lodge. Unfortunately, too many bulletins are focused on the Member who can frequent the Lodge. Since we all know that "A photo speaks a thousand words", I urge every bulletin editor to ensure that there is a photo of a child holding up a dictionary or Elks Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot trophy he or she just received, or a photo of a veteran, victim of disaster, or person with a disability who is being assisted by the Elks Lodge. By doing so, you will help to make those Members who are unable to frequent the Lodge proud to be Elks.

As I have said on many occasions, "Elkdom is in the Hearts and Souls of our Members." Reach out to those Members who cannot frequent the Lodge and share with them the good works that your Lodge is doing.

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## Upcoming Events

### February

- 3 - Friday Night Dinner
- 5 - Trap Shoot
- 8 - Regular Meeting
- 10 - Friday Night Dinner - Lasagna
- 12 - Trap Shoot
- 12 - Sunday Breakfast
- 16 - Range Committee Meeting
- 17 - Friday Night Dinner - Steak
- 19 - Trap Shoot
- 22 - Regular Meeting
- 24 - Friday Night Dinner - Turkey
- 26 - Trap Shoot
- 26 - Sunday Breakfast

### March

- 2 - Friday Night Dinner
- 4 - Trap Shoot
- 9 - Friday Night Dinner
- 11 - Sunday Breakfast
- 11 - Trap Shoot
- 14 - Meeting Night
- 15 - Range Committee Meeting
- 16 - Friday Night Dinner
- 18 - Trap Shoot
- 25 - Sunday Breakfast
- 25 - Trap Shoot
- 23 - Friday Night Dinner
- 28 - Meeting Night
- 30 - Friday Night Dinner
- 31 - Installation of Officers



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