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Sunday Noon – 7 PM

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Our 50th anniversary weekend celebration will kick-off Friday evening September 9th. Tickets are on sale at the bar for the Saturday night dinner dance and the bounce house and water slide are scheduled for Sunday. Come on down and join the party. Food and fun guaranteed.

Hurricane or tropical storm, whichever it was it blew through our state with ferocity. But it didn't stop our volunteer members lead by Mike Dondi from hosting the 4th annual Pig Roast. The food was great, the band was superb and we partied late into the evening. To all the hard workers involved, we thank you for your effort and time in another successful fundraising event.

The Camp Sunrise graduation party was hosted by our lodge in mid August and held at the pavilion. Mike Dondi with his loyal volunteers worked together again, planning, shopping, cooking and cleaning just for the kids. Thank you to the great Elk volunteers for their participation.

For those of you that have attended a lodge meeting late-

ly, you may have noticed the four new podiums (aka lecterns) at each officer's station. Jim Shaw custom built these fine units with his skill and craftsmanship. Jim even had the foresight to install wheels so they could easily be moved without scratching the floor. Great job Jim!

A new kitchen door was also installed by Jim with help from Joe Grillo. But wait! That's not all. The lounge is under complete renovation by...of course Jim Shaw and Joe Grillo & Company. The trustees proposed it and the members voted yes! Remodel the lounge! New floor covering, wood paneled walls with oak trim, a modern air conditioning unit and a new ceiling are some of the major improvements that we'll get to enjoy very soon. In order to protect and preserve our lodge's investment **smoking will no longer be allowed in the lounge.** However, smoking in the bar will still be permitted.

Read on for important news about House Committee Friday night dinners, Sunday breakfasts, trap shooting and more.

Elk of the Month

Mike Dondi

A lot of members worked hard in August but Mike Dondi stood out amongst all. Okay, maybe he stands out anyway, but his hard work, leadership, good nature and huge hands have made him Elk of the Month again. Congratulations Mike. Park your SUV in the space of honor. Sorry, no room for RV's.

Fraternally,
Stephen Del Rosso, PER
Exalted Ruler

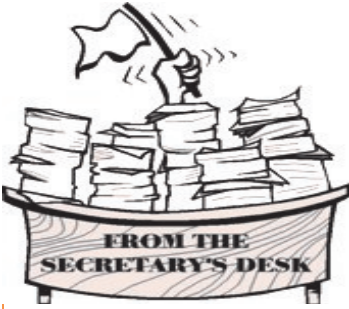
Stick Bust

The event has returned for the summer!

Shooters may use any handgun, of any caliber. Shooters are invited to bring one friend, put a smile on, and have a fun time with likeminded sportsman!

Don Orend, Chairman

From the Secretary's Desk



As the summer completes, the Lodge year really begins to kick into high gear. With that in mind, we will be sending out another notice to those members who have not yet paid their dues. We may even send the letter to their sponsors so they will know too. We are not trying to embarrass anyone, we just want to be sure we are reaching our members.

This brings up another point. Are you not happy? If not, why? What can we do to have you enjoy the Lodge more? Did you know of all the construction going on at the Lodge? Recently the trustees begin a major undertaking to remodel the Lounge. I understand from our House Committee Chairman, a change to the House Rules will be forthcoming, where upon completion of the renovation, the Lounge will be completely smoke free. This part of the plan is being considered as "phase one." We are not talking about phase two until phase one is complete, but I can give you hint... the club room is being redesigned!

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Secretary

50th Anniversary Corner Schedule of Events

Friday, September 9th.

Friday night dinner at 6PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, September 10th

Formal multicourse dinner catered by "Billy Grant's Bricco Trattoria"

Open to members and their guests only

Tickets sold in advance, \$50.00 per person, Business dress required (Suit Jacket)

Open bar from 6PM until 7PM

Dinner served at 7PM (Cash bar for the rest of the night) with chamber music provided by an area student musical group. After dinner, live band and dancing.

Sunday, September 11th.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ALL DAY

Breakfast served 8:30AM until 11AM. Tickets sold at the door for \$7.00

Cash bar open throughout the day, no coolers allowed

Flea market on the lower grounds, running concurrently with breakfast.

Family Day from Noon until 6PM

Picnic at the pavilion

Trap shooting at the range open to the public beginning at noon.

Observation of the 10th anniversary of September 11th, 2001 attacks on US, held at the Pavilion.

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Committee Co-Chairman



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Initiation September 28, 2011

Our next initiation will take place during our regularly scheduled meeting of September 28, 2011.

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 a shirt and tie, women would be comparable. Jeans will not be accepted.**

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
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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>
Alex Rodriguez	Doug Kehl	Glastonbury, CT	Marshall
John Sardo	Paul Jacques	Glastonbury, CT	VP Account Rep.
Kristopher Hills	Jordan May	Andover, CT	Chef

Sunday Breakfast



The committee is kicking and rearing to go! The following dates have already been selected to have our breakfast:

September 11, 2011
September 25, 2011
October 9, 2011
October 23, 2011

Prices remain the same!

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

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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
Michael Berch - recuperating at home

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
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Soccer Shoot

September 17, 2011



Soccer is one of the fastest growing youth activities in the country. The Elks Soccer Shoot Program is geared to coincide with this sport phenomenon. From toddlers to teens, in our large urban centers to our small suburban settings, soccer is becoming the sport of choice for our youth. This program is under the "umbrella" of the Grand Lodge Youth

Activities Committee. We want to capitalize on this sporting event to help keep our youth focused and away from undesirable activities.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee intends to bring every Elks State Association on board and increase participation on every level. The Elks Program includes a Local, District and State Shoot. We work with local Soccer Associations and Recreation Departments to increase Elk participation. Lodges try to plan shoots at the peak of the local soccer program. Picture taking day for the local Soccer Associations is a prime example. Exposure to the Elks Soccer Program is our prime objective.

The Elks Soccer Shoot program consists of two different contests that test different level skills at different ages. A "Five Goal Contest" consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches. The age groups that use these goals are divided into two categories, U-8 contains all ages seven years old and younger, and U-10 group contains ages eight and nine. The contest is open to boys and girls who shoot separately. The U-8 contestants kick from 15 feet from the face of the goal, while the U-10 contestants kick from 18 feet from the goal.

The Grid Goal Contest consists of a full-size goal sectioned off so points can be scored when the ball is kicked into certain sections. The age groups that use this goal are U-12, which contain the ages ten and eleven, and U-14, which contain ages twelve and thirteen. The contest is open to both boys and girls and they shoot separately.

ELKS SOCCER SHOOT, "IT'S A KICK."

Dennis G. Claffey, PDD
Committee Co-Chairman



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.

The Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

The need is paramount. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011, according to the Donate Life America Web site, www.donatelife.net. Only 28,663 organ transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer - 14,502 - organ donations had been made in that year.

We Elks Members can help close the gap! The effort of Lodges to promote the program through their Bulletins and Web site can gain them five points in their quests to be named an All American Lodge. More incentives will be announced in coming years as the program takes shape throughout Elksdom.

For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, click on the Donate Life icon to go to the *Donate Life*SM web-site, or by logging onto www.donatelife.net. This is a great way to show that "Elks Give from the Heart."

Dart Tournament

Saturday, Sept 24th



Glastonbury Lodge
Sign in: 12:30
Start time: 1:00

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House Committee News



September is a very busy month for the lodge. Labor Day weekend, the members bar will be able to close early depending on patrons at the bar.

Our 50th Anniversary weekend is set for Sept 9 - 11th. Friday the 9th and Sunday the 11th, the members bar will be closed for business. We would like all of our members, their families and friends to join us down at the pavilion to celebrate our anniversary. There will be plenty of activities along with music, food, and the pavilion bar open for business on both days.

September 24th we are having a "end of the summer BBQ"! Burgers, dogs, salads and more. \$5.00 per person with raffle, beer and drink specials. Parties kick off around 1:00 p.m. Also on the 24th we are hosting our last dart tournament for the year. Sign up at 12:30, start time at 1:00 p.m.

Sept 30th, we are off and running with our first Friday night dinner! Bolognese Lasagna hosted by Del and Don Cyr, come down and support them. We still are looking for volunteer chefs. Again please contact me, leave me a note at the lodge, contact a house committee person, or Sherry (our Thursday and Sunday bartender) who helps to coordinate the Friday night dinner schedules and flyers for the bar.

I would also like to inform the members that it has been decided that the lounge will now be a **SMOKE FREE** room. No one will be permitted to smoke in that room. Smoking is permitted in the members bar and of course outside on the deck. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In closing I would like to thank Mike Dondi and everyone who volunteered for making the annual pig roast a great success. If you missed it, you missed a great time!

Michael Perleoni, PER
Committee Chairman

End of Summer BBQ



Sept 24th 2011

1:00PM - 4:00PM

Burgers, Dogs, Salads and more.

\$5.00 - All you can eat!!!!

Bucket O' Beer

5 beers for \$10.00

Bud, Bud light, Michelob Ultra, Busch, or Bud light Lime.

Mix & Match your favorites in your Bucket!

Sangria \$ 1.00 a glass

Friday Night Dinners



They're back! Serving time is 6:00PM.

The following is the schedule thus far:

Sept 30th - Bolognese lasagna, with all the fixings \$10.00

October 7th - Ham dinner with all the fixings. \$10.00

I will let you know what the menu is for the rest of October, once I know!



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retary at the Lodge, or
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Upcoming Events

September

- 1 - Trap Shoot - 5:00PM
- 5 - Labor Day
- 7 - Final 50th Anniversary meeting
- 9 - 50th Anniversary Friday Night Dinner
- 10 - 50th Anniversary Saturday Night Dinner
- 11 - 50th Anniversary Breakfast
- 11 - 50th Anniversary Family Day
- 12 - Stick Bust! 6:00PM
- 14 - Lodge Meeting/Balloting - 7:00PM
- 15 - Range Committee Meeting - 6:30PM
- 17 - Soccer Shoot
- 18 - Trap Shoot
- 19 - Stick Bust! 6:00PM
- 24 - Dart Tournament
- 24 - End of Summer BBQ
- 25 - Sunday Breakfast - 8:30AM
- 26 - Stick Bust! 6:00PM
- 28 - Lodge Meeting/Initiation - 7:00PM

October

- 2nd - Trap Shooting
- 7th - Friday Night Dinner - 6:00PM
- 9th - Sunday Breakfast 8:30AM-11:00AM
- 9th - Trap Shooting
- 12th - Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
- 16th - Trap Shooting
- 20th - Range Committee Meeting 7:00PM
- 23rd - Trap Shooting
- 26th - Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
- 30th - Trap Shooting



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