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THE UPSTART

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Mon.–Thurs. 4 PM – 8 PM

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Saturday Noon – 9 PM

Sunday Noon – 7 PM

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Exalted Ruler's Message

June was a very busy month at the lodge. With the assistance of the boy scouts we held our annual Flag Day ceremony and I must say it was one of the best I've seen. Our Flag Day Committee Chairman and Lodge Esquire Joe Waggoner opened the ceremony by singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and later "God Bless America" was sung by our Chaplain Ken MacMurtry. Bob DiBella shared his patriotic words again as our guest speaker and captured the attention of us all. Thank you to the officers and others that took the time to attend this important and "very American" event.

Mike Dondi and his helpers held the annual Camp Sunrise Fishing Derby again down at the pavilion. Rumor has it that the kids were seen catching giggles and laughs while they landed "Happy Fish". Burgers, dogs and snacks energized the young fisherman as they partied on. The derby was a "Keeper" for all. Thank you Mike and your crew, for vol-

unteering and running this wonderful event.

The last day of May was our Memorial Day Parade cook-out. The rain cancelled the parade but we still served hamburgers and hot dogs for guests. Thank you to those Elks that helped out in the kitchen and the hall.

Members of the range committee held one of their NSSA matches in June and made over \$1000 for the Lodge. I hope they shot straight and their guests enjoyed their visit to our lodge. We look forward to the next event.

The Trustees rented a loader so Mike Dondi could build up the berm with fresh fill and level the grade of the shooting range. Thanks Mike, for donating your time to play in the dirt. Don't forget to wash your hands before dinner.

Summer is here and that means we'll only have one lodge meeting per month. So when you plan your va-

cation remember to carve out the 4th Wednesday in July and August to spend an evening with your fellow Elks.

Elk of the Month

Gerry McDonald, Lodge Trustee has shared his investment experience by advising the lodge on money management and has taken on the duty of Chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration. He's also our Public Relations Chairman and has proven to be a valuable member of our lodge. So during the Month of July we salute Gerry McDonald as Elk of the Month. Gerry please park your car with the sunroof insect screen in the space of honor.

Fraternally,
Stephen Del Rosso, PER
Exalted Ruler

From the Secretary's Desk



Over the coming weeks, those members who haven't paid their dues by now will be receiving a third notice, and more than likely a follow-up call by our Lapsation Chairman to discuss the options you have in paying your dues.

In these economic conditions, some of you may need assistance in paying this years dues. Please feel free to write directly to the Secretary requesting assistance. I will make sure the Relief Committee hears about your request. Additionally, this is completely confident and no one will need know.

If you have no plans on renewing please contact me ASAP. Remember, the Lodge has already paid the Grand Lodge and State Association fess for you. This costs the Lodge thousands of dollars that could be used for any of the many charitable activities we support!

NOTE: Lodge meetings for July and August are on the 4th Wednesday only at 7pm.

As always, should you move or change your email address please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Finally, our last initiation on June 22nd, consisted of 14 candidates, and I had the pleasure of bringing one to Middletown the night before. Congratulations to those new members! That is a big class to come into our Lodge and we will be having another one in the early fall for our Annual Visit from the District Deputy. Consider attending and supporting our Exalted Ruler.

Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
Secretary

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Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
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50th Anniversary Corner

The date is written in 'stone.' Save the weekend of September 9th, 10th and 11th.

The festivities will kick off with a dinner on Friday Night, followed by events through out the whole weekend. The committee is still working to put together our 50th Anniversary booklet, as well as possible a commemorative 'item' to symbolize the event.

We can still use assistance on many of the activities and the committee is always welcoming ideas, but please bring them to the committee meeting.

Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
Committee Co-Chairman

Boost Public Relations with Social Media Monitoring

by Richard F. Gathen
Committee Member

Social media monitoring is an important public relations tool. You have different target audiences to reach, communicate with and engage. Social media monitoring provides a way to discover and connect with these people – whether it's the media, Lodge Members, suppliers or those interested in becoming Members.

Social media monitoring lets you identify people who are within your Lodge target audience to get a sense of who they are as well as their interests both personal and professional. This gives you more insight and intelligence to make your public relations efforts more effective.

Social media monitoring presents many challenges. There are billions of conversations happening at all times – in multiple languages, with massive amounts of unstructured and dispersed data. The key to successful social media monitoring begins with listening and identifying who to interact with, and how, what and when to contribute. With the proper objectives, strategies and monitoring tools, the rewards are great.

Sick & 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
Subject: Sick & Visiting

Buddy Leach – recuperating at home

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

Propositions for Membership

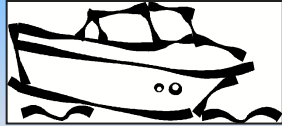
The Secretary's Office has received an application on the following individuals, read their names on the floor of our Lodge, and have forwarded them to the Investigation Committee for further processing. In accordance with Grand Lodge Statutes, any member knowing why any of these candidates should not 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>
Steven R Maticke	Gene Cahill	Enfield, CT	
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House Committee News



We will be hosting a dart tournament on July 16th, anyone wanting to play come to the lodge, sign in is at 12:30 p.m.

Also on July 16th, we are having a BBQ on the deck, serving up chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers and all the fixings! The Fun begins at 1:00 p.m.!

Our Sunday bartender has agreed to cook, with that being said, there will be food available at the bar on Sundays for a minimal fee.

Holiday Bar Hours have been posted at the members bar. Depending on patrons, they will be able to close up to 2 hours early.

We will be celebrating July with strawberry drink specials. Come on in and try one!

I would like to end with a reminder that September we will begin the Friday Night Dinners again. If any one is willing to host one, please let me know.

Michael Perleoni, per
House committee Chairman



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Range Committee News

The Range Committee held another meeting last night (3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM) to discuss future events and improvements to the range. Many new ideas were suggested and will be looked at and discussed and our next meeting.



The committee extends an invitation to all interested members to attend these meetings.

Please note the range hours have been changed to 10:00AM till 7:30 PM and are posted.

Members are allowed to bring one guest to the rifle range and only for one time before that person has to join the lodge before any further use of the range (except for trap which is open to the public on Thursday nights or the Stick bust on Monday nights).

Please remember when using the range work with the other shooters, if you see some one you do not know request proof of membership and SAFETY and more safety.

The Range Committee wish all its member a happy and safe shooting summer.

Eugene Tucceri
Range Chairman

Dart Tournament



July 16, 2011
12:30PM

All skill levels
are welcomed!

Soccer Shoot

September 10, 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.

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Dennis G. Claffey, DDGER
Committee Co-Chairman

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Quote of the Month



"Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfils the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things."

Sir Winston Churchill

Exalted Ruler's Message – 25 Years Ago!

All – This stuff can't be made up! Believe it or not, a review of our June *Upstart* for 1986 had the following message. How times change, but the message doesn't... makes you kind of say hmm!

Anonymous Contributor

Brothers,

The highlight of the past month was the Handicapped Children's Fishing Derby chaired by Bob LaChance and Bob Kimball. The Children were a little older than usual and they ate a lot more than usual, but the two Bobs and their committee pulled it off without a hitch.

With the help of the Murray boys and the many Brothers who showed up, the Pavilion grounds and the grass around the area were mowed and cleaned up. A good job by all.

On behalf of my fellow Officers, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to all members, old and new, to join us in the Lodge activities. We need your suggestions and ideas for improvements. Most of all, we urge you to get involved by working with your Brothers on committees or by offering your services around the Lodge. If you have never volunteered, this is the year to get involved. There is no better way to meet your Brothers and develop lasting friendships.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Lodge.

Al Woynar, E.R.



Trap Shooting!

Summer shooting now started!

If you have your own shot gun, bring it!

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 all levels...from first time to expert!

First and third Thursday of the month. Weather permitting



Stick Bust



Monday Nights!

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



Next Initiation

Our next initiation is not scheduled for several months when the district deputy makes his annual visit to the Lodge; however, this does not preclude members from sponsoring family members or friends.

Some things to remember when you sponsor a candidate, the "application" fee is \$25, either in cash or check (payable to the Lodge). The application must be completed in its entirety, and signed.

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, DDGER
Secretary

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Upcoming Events

July

4th - Happy Independence Day
6th - 50th Anniversary Meeting 6:00pm
20th - 50th Anniversary Meeting 6:00pm
21st - Range Meeting 7:30pm
27th - Lodge Meeting 7pm

July

3rd - 50th Anniversary Meeting 6:00pm
17th - 50th Anniversary Meeting 6:00pm
18th - Range Meeting 7:30pm
24th - Lodge Meeting 7pm
27th - Annual Pig Roast



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