



# "THE UPstart"

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## Hours of Operation

Mon.-Thur. 3 PM - 8 PM  
Friday 3 PM - 10 PM  
Saturday Noon - 9 PM  
Sunday Noon - 7 PM

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[glastonburyelks.org](http://glastonburyelks.org)

## Our Exalted Ruler's Message



Welcome to the new Elk year. The slate of officers thank you for your support, and look forward to the upcoming year. One of our goals is to involve more members in our activities. We are adding committees for Activities, Grant Writing, and Veterans Service.

Thanks to the Committee chairs and members who are staying on for the new year. We encourage all members, especially new ones, to attend our events, meet some interesting people, and be part of giving back to our community. Much of this requires minimal time commitment, and no long term obligation. When you sponsor a new member, please be at the Initiation for them, introduce them around, and make them feel a part of the Lodge. We are looking to help new members get the most out of being an Elk.

The new Activities Committee, is having an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 6pm. This committee will keep track of our Elks events, as well as events for our members. I would like to commend Leading Knight Dylan Bassette and Inner Guard Tyler Bermani for stepping up and leading this committee. They already have plans for in the works for events this summer.

One of the services they also hope to provide is to field questions about what might be involved in helping out at an event, or volunteering in general. They can be reached at [elksactivities2202@gmail.com](mailto:elksactivities2202@gmail.com).

The next volunteer opportunity will be the House Committee Food Truck Festival April 25-26. The largest need is for people to park cars, and there is a

website for registering to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AAAA2AA2FC70-63175833-2026#>

I would like to remind everyone that as Elks, we owe respect to all Elks, employees, and guests that we may come in contact with.

*Ed Moore, ER*

## Dawn Norton



Dawn has been involved with the Lodge for some time now, volunteering at many events; starting the Souper Bowl event; arranging Trunk or Treat; working with the Audit and Budget committees, including the budget for our upcoming fiscal year.

# Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity



## Our Secretary's Observations:

Hello Glastonbury Elks Lodge Well, here we are in another new year at the Elks Lodge. As you know our year starts on April 1st each year. This means that your yellow card is no longer active and will not open the door. You must have the new green card for the Elks year of 2026-2027. Have you paid your dues? If you do not have a new card, you will not be able to access the lodge or any of the activities planned for this spring. There are several ways for you to submit your dues payment of \$155.00. You can mail me a check at:

PO Box 308

South Glastonbury CT 06073

You could pay at the bar any weekday after 3:00 or on the

weekend after 12:00  
You can pay online at:

[Elks.org/payonline](https://Elks.org/payonline)

If you choose this method, please be sure to click on make a quick pay and enter your membership number with the leading zero's. The lodge is counting on all of you to pay your dues this year to help us keep up our charitable work in the community and maintain our lodge and activities that we all enjoy. In April we will be submitting \$35 to the Grand Lodge for every member of our lodge. This is part of your due's payment, and we will pay even if you have not submitted your renewal. Please do your part and pay your dues in a timely manner so that the Lodge does not have to carry your portion of the payment.

Each year we must drop the members that have not paid their dues by March 31, and this year we had to say goodbye to 78 members. However, it's not too

late to reinstate. You can pay last year's dues within 60 days along with this year's dues and be reinstated. After 60 days a dropped member will have to go through the reinstatement process and complete an application to come back. If you know a delinquent member have them reach out to me as soon as possible to reinstate. The lodge is counting on all of you to continue our work.

I hope everyone has a great spring and plan to make the Glastonbury Elks part of your spring and summer. The officers and committee members are working hard for you and we would love to see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Chuck Fraser  
Lodge Secretary

Elks Care - Elks Share

## Chaplain's Corner

What if April Fool's Day is Actually April 2nd, and we've been foiled to believe it April 1st? Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"



Your Chaplain,  
Sharon



# Officer Installation 03/15/25



Don Hoerman (5 year trustee), Tom Prindle (Tiler), Tyler Bermani (Inner Guard) Sharon Lewis (Chaplain), William Purtill (Treasurer), Charles Fraser (Secretary), Ken Kiley (Lecturing Knight), Mark Curtin (Loyal Knight), Dylan Bassette (Leading Knight) and Ed Moore (Exalted Ruler). Ken, sorry the flag blocked your face.. Dave (Editor)



Ed Moore accepting the ER Jewels from Roland Vegiard (Lodge ER 1989-1990)



# Never Criticize A Volunteer

April 3rd - Good Friday  
Fish and Chips Dinner  
"made to order"  
\$18.00  
5pm



## House Committee

Committee Meeting is 4pm on  
April 7th



Thinking about joining a Lodge committee?

Send an email to [upstart@glastonburyelks.org](mailto:upstart@glastonburyelks.org) with subject "Committee interest" and add your name & lodge member number.

Committee members and volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Your email be forwarded to the right folks.  
~The Editor

w&L Kome to our new members on  
March, 25, 2026.



**GLASTONBURY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 11AM-8PM

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH 11AM-7PM

ADULT BEVERAGES

FREE ADMISSION

BOUNCE HOUSE MANIA FOR THE KIDS, BANDS, VENDOR VILLAGE, 20+ OF NEW ENGLANDS TOP FOOD TRUCKS.

**9TH ANNUAL**

THE GLASTONBURY ELKS, 98 WOODLAND ST, SOUTH GLASTONBURY, CT.

Scan the QR code to signup to volunteer at the 9th Annual Food Truck Festival.



**Elks Do!**



**RANGE CLOSED ALL DAY**  
DUE TO  
**FOOD TRUCK FEST!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th  
& SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

BBQ TACOS BURGERS

BBQ SHACK TACO TOWN

**THE SHOOTING RANGE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY BOTH DAYS**

more info:  
**ENJOY THE FESTIVAL!**  
featuring:  
Live Music • Delicious Food • Local Vendors • Fun & Games.

"We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to see you there!"



# Calendar for April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  Range Committee - 6p	2	3 Open at Noon on Good Friday <b>Fish &amp; Chips Dinner- 5p</b>	4 "Normal Hours"
5 <b>EASTER</b> Lodge Closed Trap - 11a 	6 Pavilion Clean up Day - 9a 	7 House Committee - 4p <b>Stop the Bleed</b> - 6p-8p	8 BOD - 6p Lodge Meeting - 7p	9	10	11
12 Loaded Bloody Marys Trap - 11a 	13 	14	15	16	17	18  <b>Beauties &amp; Bullets -10a</b> Range Closed Until 11:30a
19 Trap - 11a 	20	21 BOD - 6p	22 Lodge Meeting (i) - 7p	23	24	25 Food Truck Fest - 11a to 8p  Range Closed
26 Food Truck Fest - 11a to 7p  Range Closed	27  <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>1p to 6p</b>	28	29	30		

# Elks Care ... Elks Share

## PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary's Office has received applications from the following individual (s), and have read their names on the floor of our Lodge. 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.

### Candidates Name

Matthew Reed  
Val Bellucci  
Michael Kopp  
David Swearingen  
Bethany Yombrick  
Sherilynn Then  
James Grefory Jr.  
Fred Kask  
Timothy Lee  
Scott Andrews  
Jason Gemmell

### Residence

Higganum  
Glastonbury  
East Hartford  
Colchester  
Manchester  
North Haven  
Colchester  
Portland  
S Glastonbury  
Vernon  
Bristol

### Proposer

Transfer from Westbrook  
Donna Walstedt  
Jeff Giroux  
Brian Caton  
Alicia Fiducia  
Charlie Kopcinski  
Brian Caton  
Mike Dudzinski  
Thomas Bare  
Brad Gagnon  
Jeff Giroux



**Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
from 6-8pm  
(in the hall).

**STOP!**  
**THE BLEED**

**Max Capacity:**  
20 participants!


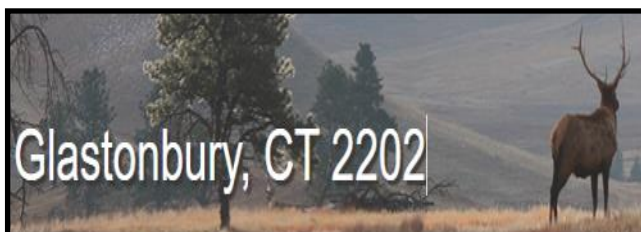
Learn how to **STOP THE BLEED** and gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding & act quickly to effectively to control the bleeding. You will learn techniques to save a life before someone bleeds out.

The courses will be conducted by:  
Robert Brautigam MD & Ronald Gross MD

**This will be a very popular event so sign up as soon as possible so you don't miss out.**

Class is **FREE** but Everyone must register and be confirmed.

RSVPs to [elksrange2202@yahoo.com](mailto:elksrange2202@yahoo.com)

SPECIAL COURSE PRESENTED BY THE ELK LODGE 2202 RANGE COMMITTEE

**NRA Range Safety Officer  
Training & Certification Class**



**COURSE GOAL:**  
To develop NRA Certified Range Safety Officers with knowledge, skills, & attitudes essential to organizing, conducting, & supervising safe shooting activities & range operations

**WHEN:** Saturday May 16, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Elk Lodge 2202 Banquet Hall  
**COST:** \$100 for Elk Members and friends - advance registration req'd

To register, send email to:  
[RangeTrainer2202@gmail.com](mailto:RangeTrainer2202@gmail.com)

He will send you sign-up and payment options.

Designed to prepare experienced shooters for basic duties of a Range Safety Officer (RSO). RSO's ensure that users of a range follow range regulations in order to reduce the potential for personal injury and property damage. The RSO is the range's official on the firing line to ensure safety & to help shooters.

Becoming a Range Safety Officer is a huge responsibility, similar to becoming a NRA Certified Instructor, with much harder testing and the maintaining of a certification card with the NRA. This is an intensive 8 to 9 hour RSO Certification class which will provide NRA certification to allow you to run private and commercial ranges.

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## Upcoming Blood Drives

Mon - 4/27/26 1-6pm

Mon - 6/22/26 1-6pm

Mon - 8/17/26 1-6pm

98 Woodland Street, South  
Glastonbury, Connecticut

## Lodge 2202 Property Cleanup Day

Monday, April 6 - 9am

Pick up brush, opening of pavilion.

Anyone with free time.

Bring rakes, glove and blowers

(if you have them).



## Range Gate Combo Changing April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

Please see the [bartender](#) or contact [Elksrange2202@yahoo.com](mailto:Elksrange2202@yahoo.com) for the new combination which will be available **AFTER** the Lodge meeting on **3/11/26**.

**\*You must show membership card paid to 4/1/2027 AND ID to receive the new code.\***

Anyone unauthorized, found to be at the range, will be prosecuted.

NOTE: Range gate lock combinations are changed on April 1<sup>st</sup> & again October 1<sup>st</sup> every year!

Thank you to our 2025-2026 Lodge officers.  
Thank you to Don Hoerman (PER) for  
serving as ER for the past 2 Elk years.



## CT Pistol Permit Safety Class

Sunday May 3, 2026 \* 9:30a until 6:30p



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We provide firearms, ammo, books, & targets.  
Semiautomatics, revolvers & large calibers!  
\$125 for Elks Club members, family and friends

Price includes **FREE** remedial shooting  
practice prior to class for newer shooters!

**To register**, write your name, email, phone and home address on an envelope along with a non-refundable \$50 deposit in the "Range Box" in the lobby, or **online**:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=916793>

## Elk Lodge 2202 Range Committee

98 Woodland St. S. Glastonbury, CT

Questions? Email [RangeTrainer2202@gmail.com](mailto:RangeTrainer2202@gmail.com)



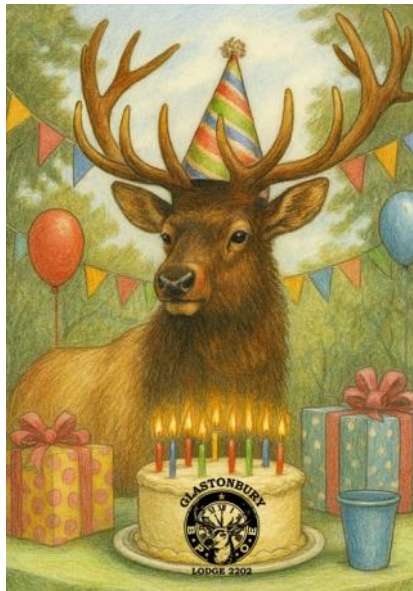
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# Happy Birthday to Our Members!

## April Birthdays

Mark Curtin, <i>Loyal Night</i>	01	Michael Buerk	12	Derek Forte	18
Matthew Danaher	01	Ron Marek	12	Raymond Hayden	18
Robin Baran	02	Carol Newman	12	Amy Noyes	18
John Clarke	02	Christopher Rau	12	Bilal Bhura	19
William McVeigh	02	Christopher Reulbach	12	Stephen Jordan	19
Thor Norgaard	02	Michael Baribault	13	Joshua Ostrowski	19
Jason Pugliese	02	Stephen Pentsak	13	James Zocco	19
Jeffrey Dickinson	03	Roger Riley	13	Christopher Krul	20
Brian Parker	03	John Sommers	13	John Midura	20
William Weidmann	03	Lorraine Warren	13	Robert Nicholson	20
Chris Witham	03	Edward Andreozzi	14	Edward Spinella	20
Paul Fagan	04			Frederick DiNardi	22
Martin O'Donnell	04			Thomas Hatcher	22
Thomas daCunha	05			Angela Ruff	22
William Kelly	05			Thomas McGraw	23
Daniel Vallier	05			Joao Pereira	23
Michael Jon Berch	06			Salvatore Formica	24
Timothy Hasson	06			Sebastian Lopez	24
Christopher Nguyen	06			Wesley Olesen	24
William Silvestri	06			Jennifer Franklin	25
Edmund Thurz	06			Jodi Motycka	25
Andrew Timreck	06			Steven Murtha	25
Gregory Castanza	07			Joseph Dagon	26
Daniel Hanna	07			Susan Egan	26
Tina James	07			Craig Popielarczyk	26
Alexander Karr	07			David Hilliard	27
Walter Bono	08			Michael Hirth	27
Lea Greco	08			Joseph Kozalka	27
Thomas Kunkel	08	Tyler Brett	14	Anson Smigel	27
Evan Piasecki	08	Nancy Corriveau	14	Gregory Stiles	27
Bernd Thielke	08	Thomas Harkins	14	Henry Wasik	27
Gabrielle Franza	09	Michael Magowan	14	Bradley Wheaton	27
Andre Bourassa	10	Michael Nicoletti	14	Ryan Bisi	28
Joshua Burns	10	Delwin Ragin	14	Joshua Frink	28
Paul Colla	10	Cynthia Gallant	15	Nicholas Rice	28
Roger Fierravanti	10	Joseph Gibilisco	15	Charles Wilson	28
Michael Flanagan	10	Lukasz Malinowski	15	Ryon Jagoda	29
Andrew Lessard	10	Thoma Condon	16	Michelle Montanile	29
Ronald Pepin	10	Robert Hulk	16	Alyssa Pagliughi	29
Tamera Botticello	11	Jonathan Nadeau	16	Ricardo Salmon	29
Adrian Derhak	11	Nicholas Stinson	16	Kevin Jupe	30
Daniel Fazzino	11	Daniel Hare	17	Laura Muenchow	30
Mary Fazzino	11	Paul Johnson	17	Jeff Pell	30
Brendan Lawlor	11	Charles Albert	18	Michael Treglia	30
Amy LeLasher	11	Alexander Banhon	18		
Peter Marcue	11	Dana Centini	18		



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## Range Committee News

For Range Info ~ [elksrange2202@yahoo.com](mailto:elksrange2202@yahoo.com)

> Reminder: 2202 members can bring a guest to the range twice after which the guest must become a member of 2202 to continue to come to the range. (this does not apply to immediate family members).

> **Trap** is open to the public. Trap ends on Sunday, April 26th.

> **Stick Bust** begins on Monday, May 4th.

> Range Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30p

**Anyone unauthorized, found to be at the range, will be prosecuted.**

Scan the QR code for the Range Rules



## Trap Shoot!

Every Sunday @ 11am until the Spring.

If you have your own shot gun , bring it.

If you don't have your own, one will be available to borrow.

Open to the public and to all levels.

Ear & eye protection are **MANDATORY** and available at no cost.



*The Range will be closed during Trap Shoot!*

## Beauties & Bullets is back!

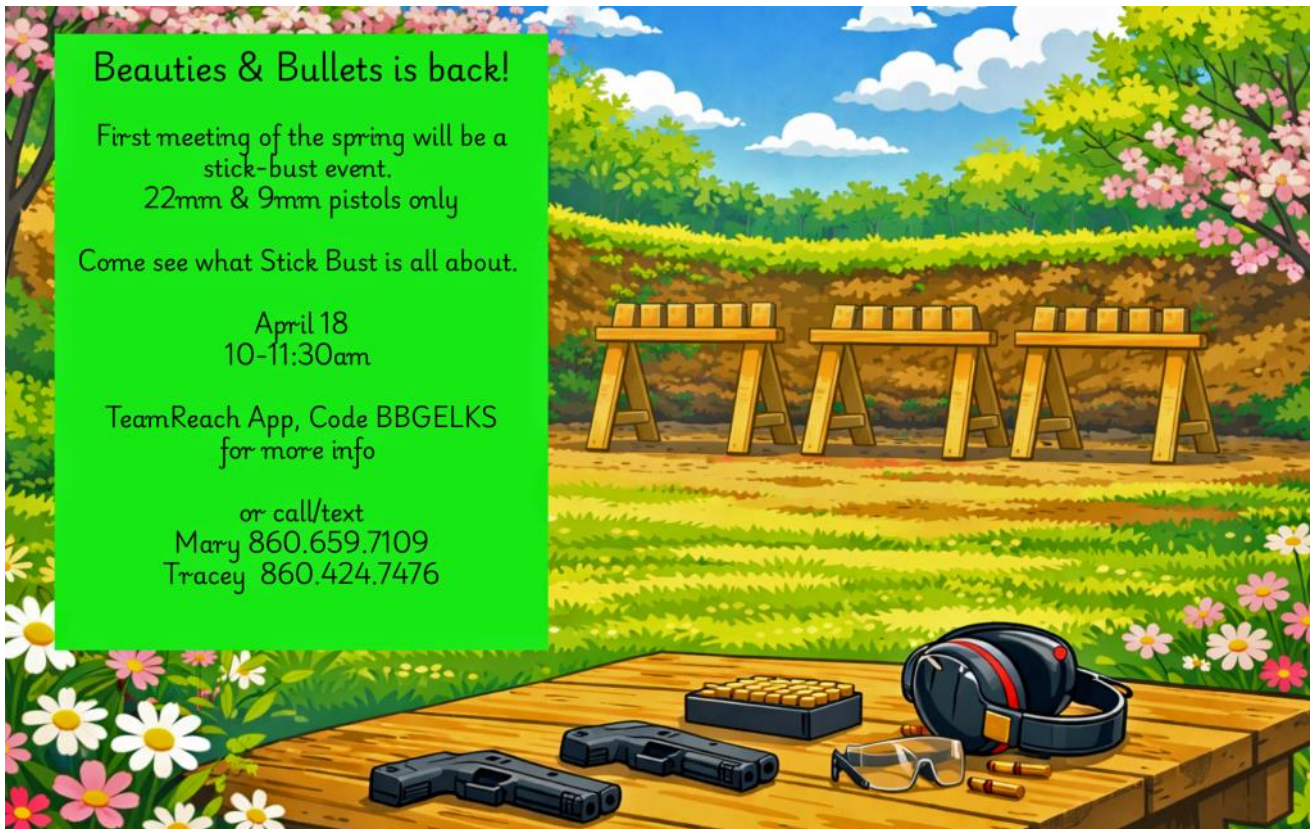
First meeting of the spring will be a stick-bust event.  
22mm & 9mm pistols only

Come see what Stick Bust is all about.

April 18  
10-11:30am

TeamReach App, Code BBGELKS  
for more info

or call/text  
Mary 860.659.7109  
Tracey 860.424.7476





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## UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH MINISTRIES

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 860 -657-5550  
 smlewis56@comcast.net



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### Sick & Distressed

If you know of any member who may not be doing well, please contact the Lodge at (860) 633-2651 or by email: [secretary@glastonburyelks.org](mailto:secretary@glastonburyelks.org)

Charles Fraser ~ Lodge Secretary



*The Lodge Patio is now open for great views and sitting around the fire pit.*





Through the Voluntary Service program, Elks provide ongoing, monthly support to thousands of veterans in more than 350 VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, transitional centers, rehabilitation clinics and other veterans facilities across the country.

<https://www.elks.org/vets/>

## JOIN THE CLUB

Scan the QR code to join the Fidelity Club with a monthly donation to the Elks National Foundation through your credit card or bank account. It is an easy and secure way to support your Foundation!

Learn more at [enf.elks.org/FC](http://enf.elks.org/FC)



Elks National Foundation, Inc.

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities



Welcome to the resource center for the Elks National Drug Awareness Program - the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are very proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this most noble cause.

The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

<https://www.elks.org/dap/>



The newest program in Elkdom is an old one! Yes, it is the Junior Elks Program called "the Antlers." It is a chance for young people in our communities to get involved with the Elks in the many service-related projects our Lodges sponsor.

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/antlers.cfm?>

<https://www.elks.org/cip/>



<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>



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Or go to the website:

<https://shopglastonburyelks.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

## April 2026 Meetings

House Committee 04/07 @ 4:00 pm

Range Committee 04/01 @ 6:00 pm

B.O.D. meeting 04/08 @ 6:00 pm  
B.O.D. meeting 04/21 @ 6:00 pm


Lodge meeting 04/08 @ 7:00 pm  
Lodge meeting 04/22 @ 7:00 pm  
with initiation (i)

### LODGE 2202 RENTAL INFORMATION

Our Spacious Hall - Our Grounds and Pavilion

Interested in renting our Hall or Pavilion?

Please contact Chris (860) 682-5819 - or send an email to [rentals@glastonburyelks.org](mailto:rentals@glastonburyelks.org)



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**Glastonbury Lodge No. 2202**  
A Fraternal Organization  
PO Box 308  
South Glastonbury, CT 06073



**2ND SUNDAY THIS MONTH**  
**"LOADED BLOODY MARY'S " BY ALICIA**  
(and some guy named Paul)




**APRIL 12TH**



**LODGE 2202**

LIMITED AMOUNT OF THESE BLOODY MARY'S ARE AVAILABLE, SO ONCE THEY ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE. OF COURSE YOU CAN STILL GET ONE OF OUR REGULARS. ONES.



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[upstart@glastonburyelks.org](mailto:upstart@glastonburyelks.org) . Thanks, Dave Lewis : Editor & Cyber-assistant