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Our Exalted Ruler's Message



Now that it's warm, a reminder to those people enjoying the range, please drive responsibly through the members parking lot.

Thanks to the members who showed up for Lodge cleanup on April 13th, we managed to get a lot of our outdoor spring maintenance accomplished.

Thanks also to Mark Budziszewski for bringing the Boy Scouts, who did their annual cleanup of the pavilion on April 6th.

The Setback league banquet was a huge success, thanks to Mike, Sue, and Doug, and the volunteers who cooked (and provided Thursday night dinners all season).

On Memorial Day we are planning to participate in the Glastonbury parade as usual. There will be a cookout following for everyone.

Please get in touch with the Activities Committee concerning what is planned, or if you'd like to volunteer.

The Veteran's Committee had their organization meeting last month. Their first goal is trying to boost awareness of Remember Everyone Deployed by wearing red on Friday. The Elks have always supported military and veterans, and we are looking to increase support at our lodge. They would like to find out how many members are also veterans; if you served, and don't mind, please send an email with your name, member number, what years you served, and branch of service to:

elks2202veterans@gmail.com
see the information from

the Committee in this issue, and please get in touch with them if interested in helping out.



Charlie Wilson

Charlie is always there when something needs to be done; repairing picnic tables, painting the hall or lounge, and when the property needs work. Thank you Charlie.

Fraternally,
Ed Moore
ER



Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity



Secretary's Observations

Greetings to all members of Glastonbury Elks Lodge,

What a wonderful time of year to live in New England and enjoy the spring weather. Last week I took my two granddaughters, Haley and Natalie, to the lodge to go hiking. We went down to the pavilion first so that they could dance and do gymnastics on the stage. This is a favorite for them. We then hiked around the pond looking for fish and frogs and we were rewarded with seeing a rainbow trout in the stream by the wooden bridge. Next, we went into the lodge for popcorn and Shirley temples for the girls. They love coming here and seeing all the people that they have come to know from visiting with me. They were very excited to see their good friend Dudz in the lounge. This is just another example of how lucky we are to have this lodge and these

great grounds to explore and enjoy, and I hope you are all taking full advantage.

April saw our new Elk year kick off and the processing of dues was a daily event for the secretary's office. We still have about 250 members that need to submit their dues for the new Elk year. If you are reading this and have not sent in your renewal, please do so as soon as possible. The lodge is required to submit \$35 on behalf of each member in April and this is part of your dues. However, if you have not renewed then your lodge has submitted this money on your behalf. With the current list of delinquents that means that the Lodge has spent over \$10,000 that has not been collected. Please do the right thing and renew your membership now.

The new activities committee and the house committee have great things planned for our summer and I hope you are planning to attend and enjoy all we have to offer. From Friday night music and dinner to Sunday lunches we are working hard to make the lodge a destination for all our members.

Congratulations to *Hilda Rodriguez* for Elk of the year and *Bill Purtill* for Officer of the year. They are both great members of our lodge, and we are very fortunate to have them. I work closely with both, and the dedication and work ethic they display is unmatched.

Our membership continues to grow with a record breaking 22 new members initiated last month and we still have 25 more applications in process. We are the second largest lodge in Connecticut, and we are proud of who we are and what we offer to our members, and I hope you feel the same sense of pride as a member of the Glastonbury Elks. Happy May to all.

Fraternally,
Chuck Fraser
Lodge Secretary



Chaplain's Corner

*May the month of May, be a month of
sunshine, happiness and endless blessings
The Earth laughs in flowers
Where flowers bloom, so does hope*



New addition to the lounge. A set of Elk antlers, loaned by Evan Piasecki, was mounted by Paul Fagan and Ron Morrone. Set beautifully with our Lodge Charter.



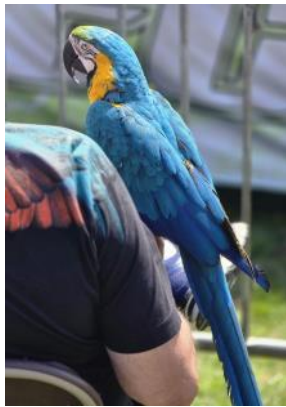
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity

Food Truck Festival 2026 HUGE SUCCESS!

The 2026 Glastonbury Food Truck Festival (CT) on April 25-26, 2026, at 98 Woodland St, South Glastonbury (Elks Lodge 2202), featured over 20+ food trucks, live music, professional wrestling, and eating contests.



Keith



"Dudz"



Tamera, Paul & Chris



Paul



A BIG THANK-YOU who volunteered handling parking and clean up. *Great job by Paul Belanger, coordinating parking.*

Grilled Cheese Eating Contest:

Just look at one of our own bartenders & contestant *Paul Fiducia* go! He really knows how to serve our lodge!



Never Criticize A Volunteer

LOADED BLOODY MARY SUNDAYS!

— 1st Sunday of Every Month —

MAY 3RD



LIMITED SUPPLY. WHEN THEY'RE GONE, THEY'RE GONE!

**GLASTONBURY
B.P.O.E.**

House Committee

Committee Meeting is 4pm on
May 12th.



Hours of Operation

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

Permittee: Chris Brown
<http://glastonburyelks.org>



Considering getting involved ? Do It! (Please)

Send an email to the
Activities Committee at

elksactivities2202@gmail.com

Include your name & lodge member number.

Life Members

Congratulations to
Richard Farley
and
Albert Clacagni



Absent Member


Mark Stephen Bozzuto, 68, of
Plainville, passed away in the
comfort of his home on Wednes-
day, April 1, 2026.



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Comedy Night at ELKS!

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 ★ SHOWTIME 7 PM ★ TICKETS ONLY \$20!



HOWIE MASON
MOHEGAN SUN

ANDY KERN
COMEDY CENTRAL


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IN LODGE HALL



Lodge 2202
Glastonbury



CINCO DE MAYO
Tuesday, May 5th

BUILD YOUR OWN NACHOS
\$12 A PLATE
STARTS AT 5PM



GLASTONBURY
Lodge 2202



Mother's Day
♥ **BRUNCH**
SUNDAY, **MAY 10TH**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a delicious
SAUSAGE & PANCAKE Brunch

Drinks Available:
MOMosas & Bloody Marys

\$12 per plate

★ **RAFFLE PRIZES!** ★
ALL MOTHERS RECEIVE
ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET

We are currently accepting
RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS!

Please contact us at:
✉ elksactivities2202@gmail.com

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE -
★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ★
Monday, May 25

Lodge 2202



Walk with us in the parade
or ride on the Lodge trailer.
All members, families, and friends welcome.

Meeting time and location to follow.
Sign up to help represent Glastonbury Lodge 2202.





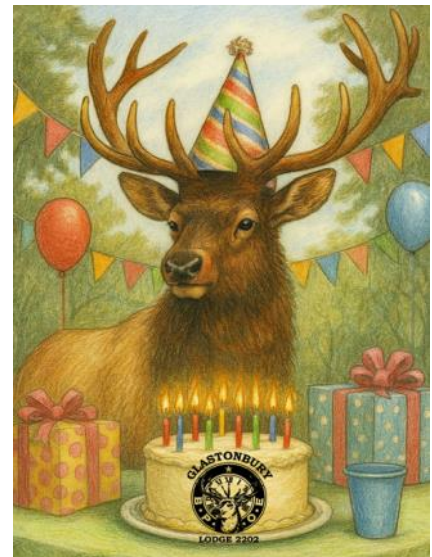
Calendar for May 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 R.E.D. Friday	2
3 Loaded Bloody Marys 	4 Stick Bust - 5:30p 	5  Build your own Nachos - 5p	6 Range Committee - 6p	7	8 R.E.D. Friday	9
10  Sausage & Pan- cake Brunch 10a to Noon	11 Stick Bust - 5:30p 	12 House Committee - 4p	13 BOD - 6p Lodge Meeting - 7p	14 Veterans Committee - 6p	15 R.E.D. Friday	16 Beauties & Bullets-10a 
17	18 Stick Bust - 5:30p 	19	20	21	22 R.E.D. Friday	23
24	25 Memorial Day  Stick Bust - 5:30p	26 BOD - 6p Activities Committee - 6p	27 Lodge Meeting - 7p (i)	28	29 R.E.D. Friday	30
31		Range Side Notes 	Sun May 3rd Permit Class See page 10	Sat May 16th NRA T/C class See page 10	Trap- 11a On May 3rd & May 10th See page 11	

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

May Birthdays

Quinton Hill	01	Benedict Valentine II	12	Donald Butler	24
Jerilynn Howley	01	Michael Beaudoin	13	David Cesana	24
Donald Janelle	01	Steven Dante	13	John Slavis	24
David Lewis – Editor	01	Donald Sciaratto	13	Richard Botticello Jr.	25
Thomas Lintner	01	Michael Dzagan	14	Caroline Connors	25
Tracey McAllister	01	Joshua Fritz	14	David Giuliano	25
Jonathan Russell	01	Heather Hess	14	Roger Lacasse	25
Alex Sawka	01	Edward Caputo	15	Syedmohib Tawheed	25
Franco Balassone	02	Murielle Mazun	15	Laurel Giuliano	26
Taylor Massey	03	Edward Ramcke	15	William Cutter	27
Michael Montanile	03	Jose Rivera	15	Brian Steffman	27
Henry Myers III	03	Shelli Scott	15	Paul Cesana	29
Daniel Tinter	03	Chris Chorney	16	Theodore Hilchuk	29
Donald Chalmers	04	Timothy Fournier	16	Eric Knapp	29
Steven Belleville	05	Shannon Godbout	16	Mark Kulig	29
Matthew Currey	05	Eric Hendricks	16	Krzysztof Ocheduszko	29
Jason Dibella	05	Stephen Johnson	16	Erik Plenzio	29
Thomas Dulude	05	Ryan Messier	16	Bertrand Turcotte	29
Kyle Greer	05	Tyrell Sampson	16	Jameson Carobert	30
Corin Lilly	05	David Chaput	17	Donald Edward Jr.	30
Wilfredo Ortiz	05	John DaSilva	17	Maureen Bissonnette	31
William Zimmer	05	Scott Guinazu	17	Chris Fagnoni	31
Sean Anderson	06	John Pereira	17	Michael Girard	31
Sal Dimauro	06	Lynn Reid	17	Latasha Johnson	31
John Gawlak	06	David Stebbins	17	Matthew McManus	31
Stephen Anderson	07	Anthony Valenti	17	Andrew Morrill	31
Rocco Fierravanti	07	Catherine Delucia	18	David Obedzinski	31
Anthony Kearns	07	Justin Dutton	18	Jessica Poulin	31
Dustin Kerr	07	Richard Romeo	18	Gary Thibodeau	31
Daniel Lavoie	07	Jennifer Dowd	19	John Tomczak	31
Scott Livingston	07	Mary-Jane House	19		
Michael Roberts	07	Clifton Stalph	19		
Tomasso Ettore	08	Scott Keegan	20		
Ryan Gordon	08	Aidan Malone	20		
Stanislaw Kurys	08	Robert Nazzaro	20		
Richard Rotundo	08	Michael Pettine	20		
John Gandini	09	Gina Harrington	21		
Thomas Lagassie Jr.	09	Shane Lowry	21		
Rafael Lora Jr.	09	Patrick Moynihan	21		
Adam Pianta	09	Joel Zis	21		
Andrew Reynolds	09	Gregory Cataford	22		
George Lefebvre	10	Katherine Jones	22		
William Hill	11	Christopher Lenero	22		
Kevin Watras	11	Samuel Descoteaux	23		
Brian Markowitz	12	Allen Roth	23		
David Pearson	12	Daniel Stanley	23		

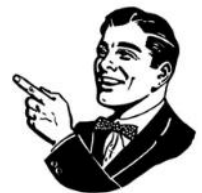


Elks Care ... Elks Share

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.

<u>Candidates Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Miroslaw Barcikowski	Middletown	Self Employed	Joshua Freeman
Dawn Ann Bloom	East Hampton	Bartender	Helena Gatto-Supino
James Carson	West Hartford	Retired	Christopher Smith
Christopher Damiani	Portland	Manager	John Draghi
Ronald Dumaine	Hebron	Retired	Alan Dumaine
Mary Given	Enfield Fleet	Service Clerk	Ruth Flores
Randall Harris	Wethersfield	Retired	Edwin Cruz
Maranda House	S Glastonbury	Clerk	Mary Jane House
Christopher Jurewicz	Rocky Hill	Finance	Christian Staggers
Katie Lyons	S Glastonbury	RN	Jory Paglugh
Richard Lyons	Wethersfield	Bartender	Edwin Cruz
Jean McAllister	East Hartford	Realtor	Chuck Fraser
Tracy McCall	S Glastonbury	Carpenter	Donald Cyr
Hiram Otero	Manchester	Police Officer	Joshua Freeman
Adam Scanlon	Cromwell	N/A	Joshua Freeman



Elk of the Year

Hilda Rodriguez



Officer of the Year

Bill Purtill



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★ LODGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ★

— LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE —

✉ Email: elks2202veterans@gmail.com

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 PM

Location: The Hall

— LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE —

✉ Email: elksactivities2202@gmail.com

Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM

Location: The Hall

Proudly Serving Our Community



Do you use Facebook?

Here are some good *ELKS* groups to join.

Connecticut Elks Local Lodge News and Events
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/210135596344109>

Connecticut Elks Facebook Group.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/129380927766244>

Find us on ELKS.ORG at:

<https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=2202>

Find us on The CT Elks Association:

<https://ctelks.org/lodges/glastonbury-lodge-no-2202/>



Upcoming Blood Drives

Mon - 6/22/26 1-6pm

Mon - 8/17/26 1-6pm

98 Woodland Street, South
 Glastonbury, Connecticut

CALLING ALL VETERANS!

Lodge 2202
Glastonbury

THE LODGE'S VETERANS COMMITTEE
 WOULD LIKE TO PROUDLY RECOGNIZE ALL CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY.

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR SERVICE DETAILS:

- BRANCH OF SERVICE
- DATES OF SERVICE
- RANK

PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO:
elks2202veterans@gmail.com

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED
Your service deserves recognition.

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Range Committee News

For Range Info ~ 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).*

> **Stick Bust** begins on Monday, May 4th
At 5:30pm

> Range Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30p
Anyone unauthorized, found to be at the range, will be prosecuted.



STICK BUST

GLASTONBURY ELKS
98 WOODLAND ST
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EVERY MONDAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER
STARTING AT 5:30PM TO 7:00PM

COST \$1.00 EACH STAGE

WINNER
RECEIVES FREE ENTRY TO THE NEXT STAGE!

Come check it out & shoot as much or as little as you'd like. Shooters at any level can participate. Great opportunity to practice the fundamentals of shooting and make new friends during this **FUN COMPETITION!**

WELCOME ELK MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS!

UP TO 5 SHOOTERS PER ROUND

KNOCK DOWN YOUR TARGETS IN THE BEST TIME

BRING YOUR OWN PISTOL OF ANY STYLE OR CALIBER

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL ELKS LODGE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE RANGE COMMITTEE EMAIL: ELKSRRANGE2202@YAHOO.COM

Lodge 2202 Property Clean-up Day

Thanks to all the following volunteers that came out with rakes & leaf blowers to clean up the lodge property on April 13th.

- Mark Budziszewski, Mike Sclafani,
- Chris Mersheimer, Kathleen Stevens,
- Charlie Wilson, Rob Claffey,
- Chuck Fraser, Kenny Lee,
- Caden Lee, Rich Miskell,
- Eileen Donaghey, Don Chalmers,
- Paul McConnell, Mark Curtin,
- Dave and Sharon Lewis,
- Brian Caton, Ron Morrone,
- Jory Pagliughi, Ed Moore & Steve (cutting saplings @ the range)

Now we are ready for our Spring/Summer events!!!



GLASTONBURY

ELKS LODGE

2202

Sunday LUNCHES are BACK!

12-4PM

There will be a meal to purchase.

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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

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.

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



Lodge 2202 Email Contacts

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Lodge Secretary ~
secretary@glastonburyelks.org

Lodge Treasurer ~
treasurer@glastonburyelks.org

Rental Inquiries~
rentals@glastonburyelks.org

Range Inquiries ~ elksrange2202@yahoo.com

GLASTONBURY ELKS LODGE
★ No. 2202 ★

TRAP SHOOTING RETURNS!

★ LIMITED-TIME SPRING SESSIONS! ★

SUNDAY * MAY 3 * 11 AM
SUNDAY * MAY 10 * 11 AM

BACK ON THE RANGE. BACK TO THE BASICS.
YOU ALL KNOW THE DRILL.



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



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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UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Sharon M. Lewis

Ordained Minister
 East Hampton, CT
 860-657-5550
 smlewis56@comcast.net



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

Charles Fraser ~ Lodge Secretary



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Inflatable Bounce
 Houses, Waterslides,
 Popcorn, Cotton
 Candy, Snow Cone
 Machines

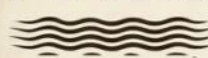
DJ Entertainment,
 Lighting, Speakers,
 Tables & Chairs

**REMINDER: SLOW DOWN
 ON ELKS PROPERTY
 ESPECIALLY ON THE
 DIRT ROAD
 TO THE RANGE**

**HIGH SPEED
 CREATES**



**WASHBOARD &
 POTHOLED ROADS**



SLOW



PLEASE DRIVE
 RESPONSIBLY



FOR THE SAFETY
 OF EVERYONE
 & OUR ROADS

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<https://stylishgrm.com/>



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 volunteered lately?



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

May 2026 Lodge Hall Meetings

House Committee 05/12 @ 4:00 pm
 Activity Committee 05/26 @ 6:00 pm

Range Committee 05/06 @ 6:00 pm

B.O.D. meeting 05/13 @ 6:00 pm
 B.O.D. meeting 05/26 @ 6:00 pm

Lodge meeting 05/13 @ 7:00 pm
 Lodge meeting 05/27 @ 7:00 pm
 with initiation (i)

Veterans Committee 05/14 @ 6:00 pm

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



Are YOU one of our friends on Facebook?
 NO? Why not?
 Check our info on lodge events; get updates to events being held at your lodge, and much, much more.
 So visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/Elkslodge2202>
 Select "Like" & "follow" options



welcome to our 22 new members on April 22nd.





Initiation photo by Tom "The Tiler" Prindle

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



Article submissions to the
 Glastonbury Citizen and ELKS Magazine
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 Cynthia Graham ~ 860-338-1483.


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Please have all material for this publication in the hands of the publisher no later than the 24th of the preceding month. Please email to:

upstart@glastonburyelks.org . Thanks, Dave Lewis : Editor & Cyber-assistant