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Exalted Ruler's Message

As we begin the full onset of summer with the celebration of our nation's formal documented founding, I wish you all, your family and your friends a very Happy and safe 4th of July.

July 4 is the day that was chosen by our founding fathers as our "Independence Day". That was the day that the Second Continental Congress approved but did not sign the Declaration of Independence, which was mostly written by Thomas Jefferson. History has had a lot to do with the sanctity of the July 4th holiday. However, the events that perhaps truly consummated July 4 as a mark in time were the untimely deaths of both former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, only hours apart from each other.

On July 2nd, I along with many officers and members of our lodge, will head to the Elks's National Convention being hosted in Houston, Texas this year. We will be there for five days electing new national leaders and awarding the Elk's National Foundation Scholarship. We will also be voting on various resolutions of the Order. I will report back to the lodge the at the July meeting which is on July 27th at 7:00 p.m.

My Elk of the Month for July 2016 is **Joe Bollenger**. He has been diligent in working on the cleaning of the lodge, setting up for banquets, and preparing our outside for our Youth Day event held on Saturday, June 25th. When you see him, please offer a word of Thanks.

As you visit our lodge during the month of July, be on the lookout for the "keyword" from June's bulletin. It is marked and hidden and there will be a prize given to the Elk who finds the item.

We are looking to increase the bulletin ads in our monthly bulletin. If you would like to advertise a business card size ad, please submit it to Lynn Bergeron the bulletin editor. For more information please contact Lynn Bergeron via her email address: LDbergeron21@gmail.com.

We are still recruiting for the Antler program. If you have children or grandchildren, who would like to be a member, there are applications in the lounge.

If you have an idea or suggestion, call me anytime 401-487-9927.

Let's make things happen together.

Fraternally Yours in Elkdom,

Annette L. McKay, PER 04-05 & 12-13

Exalted Ruler '16-17

**THE MEMBERS LOUNGE WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS
FROM JULY 3rd - AUGUST 28TH SEE LOUNGE HAPPENINGS FOR DETAILS**

Secretary's Corner

Welcome!!!

NEW MEMBER NEWS

Name
Scott Besson
Celia Cerrini

Occupation
Oil Heat Tech
School Age Co-ord.

Proposed By
Rose Besson
Rose Besson

Elks Mission

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that

Elks Care and Elks Share.

Charity - "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."
— Maya Angelou

Justice - "Justice is the firm and continuous desire to render to everyone that which is his due"

Brotherly Love - should be established every day of every month of every year.

The next Investigation will be held July 5, 2016, balloting will be July 27, 2016. Indoctrination will be July 25, 2016 and Initiation will be July 27, 2016.

Secretary's office hours are Sunday 9 am to 12 noon and every other Tuesday night (Lodge Meeting Weeks) 6-8 pm, or by appointment.

If you are currently receiving your newsletter via snail mail and would like to be added to our email list, please send your email address to me at secretary@elks2285.necoxmail.com ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, AFTER COMPLETED, MUST BE TURNED INTO THE SECRETARY WITH THE REQUIRED APPLICATION FEE. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM TO ANYONE ELSE. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE INITIATION PROCESS BEGINS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT ME AT SECRETARY@ELKS2285.NECOXMAIL.COM OR 401-397-3700.

Elks Care, Elks Share

Father's Day Breakfast:

Thanks to the cooks and serving staff for all their hard work! Joyce, Lori, Rose and Jerry!! Another event to bring FAMILIES together....



Keyword for August is

LUAU

*details to follow!

Youth Activity Day:



The day was a big success, here Elk Nelson with his granddaughter Deb with the Cat Country mascot. The kids also saw reptiles with Ray...State Police were on hand to show off the Canine Unit and much more! Thanks to all that helped organize and pull off this event....



Continue to support the lodge and we can continue to support the community!!

Sickness & Distress

Carol Lopes one of our Elk sisters could use some prayers, she has been ill for some time and we wish her well. We miss you at Karaoke!

Ernie Faiola is at Alpine Nursing Home Room 6 and loves visits from fellow Elks!! Phil asks us to remember what Brotherly Love is, remember one day it may be you that is lonely.

Sandy Mottram wife of Tom Mottram- trustee is in need of prayers for some health problems.

John Forte is at Coventry Health Rehab Center and is hoping to have some visitors also!

Philip and Sandy Malouin were in an accident recently and are both feeling the after affects but otherwise okay.

John Lamantia, we are glad to say is back with us and feeling better! Almost dancing.... Welcome back John.

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Lodge News:

BOD News:

The Board has been working hard to get our Fire Marshall inspection items taken care of. There was a laundry list of things to do and I'd like to thank John Lewis and Tom Mottram for their hard work! Also, you will notice the beer cooler taking up space in the lounge. Sorry for taking up space, but we are about to move in the new cooler/freezer and it will be there until the current one is moved and the new one installed. Once that is done, the new hot water dish washer will be installed and the new freezer delivered and that will complete the kitchen upgrade. Long road, but well worth it!

Emblem Club:

Next meeting will be September 7th at 7:30pm. Normal meet times are the first Wednesday of month at 7:30pm. Enjoy the summer. Did you know the Emblem collect the tabs from beer, soda and soup cans? They also collect "Box Top for Educations" and used eyeglasses! These items can be turned in to any Emblem member or leave at the club for a member!

In Emblem Friendship, Jen

PER Activities:

The Past Exalted Rulers Association is currently holding a Queen of Hearts raffle. The drawing takes place every Saturday evening at 7:00 pm in the Members Lounge. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each, and are available for purchase daily from the bartender on duty. The raffle continues until the queen of hearts is drawn. Nearing \$900.....

SAVE THE DATE! On **August 20th** the Past Exalted Rulers Association will be hosting a Chicken BBQ with all the fixings. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the dinner is at 7:00 PM and will be buffet style. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. We will be having a 50/50 raffle and a prize raffle that evening. Join us for a great evening of food and fun.

Elk Riders:

The weather is finally getting nice and allowing us to get out and ride more frequently. Since our steak fry's are on our summer hiatus, I want to take an opportunity to THANK all those who help set-up, breakdown, come and eat, buy raffles, attend and have a nice evening out. These events raise awareness of the lodge, riders, and more importantly raise money that is given back to many local charities. Without you, these events wouldn't be successful. Thanks again and look forward to seeing you at our first fall fry on September 17, 2016.

I also want to reach out to any motorcycle owners of the lodge to either speak to one of the Elk Riders about upcoming rides and events. We would love to have you along. An alternative to that would be to attend one of our monthly meetings to learn more about upcoming happenings. The next few meetings are July 11th and August 15th.

Bill President Elk Riders

Banquet:

Coventry West Greenwich Elks has a beautiful Banquet Room that has been enjoyed, and decorated for special occasions, by many. We specialize in all types of parties; graduation, baby showers, fund raisers, weddings. We have a staff of very dedicated and professional cooks and waitresses. We will do our very best to accommodate your every wish and will help you have a great party, no matter what type of budget you may have. We will work with you for an event that will be memorable.

Hall rental fee is \$300 (half price for Elk Members), \$75 for a bartender. We offer rentals of linens in many colors, have a great menu to choose from, starting from several buffets to a large variety of served, sit down meals. We offer appetizers of your choice and can provide you with open bar, cocktail hour, etc. Come join us at the Elks for your next event. You will be very satisfied.

Beverly Swanson, Banquet Manager, call 401-943-6507 to book your party.



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Lounge Happenings

Non-members must be sponsored and signed in by a Lodge member!

IMPORTANT NEWS:

**THE MEMBERS LOUNGE WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS
FROM JULY 3rd - AUGUST 28TH**

Normal hours for Sunday will resume September 4th @3pm

**Function Room is still available and activities may be planned
check newsletter and Facebook for updates.**

**July is "All American Summer Fun Month" drink specials will be
announced by email or on Facebook!**

"A Little Sauce of Happiness" our current Chef..Billie Jo is serving up food on Thursday and Friday nights. Come on down for a burger, fish or other tasty treat!!

Thursday- Dinner specials by "A Little Sauce of Happiness" 4-9pm check your emails for updates!

Friday- Dinner specials by "A Little Sauce of Happiness" 4:30-10:30pm and half priced apps from 10-10:30pm.....delivery also available!



EVERY! Friday Night Entertainment KARAOKE with DJ Ron 7pm-?????
Come check out Ron's Theme night karaoke....see Facebook page for details..

BIRTHDAY DRINK COUPON.....
ONE FREE DRINK DURING THE
MONTH OF YOUR BIRTH!! MUST BE
MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING!

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MEMBER# _____

We also now have KENO in the Members Lounge! Come on in and try your luck...You can't win if you don't play!

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Flag Day - 12 June

Elks Memorial Sunday

4 December

July Events / Meetings:

July 3 – 6 National Convention Houston TX

July 11 Elk Riders Meeting

July 13th Grant Committee Meeting 6:30pm

July 14th Veterans Committee Meeting 7pm

July 16th PER ~~Chicken BBQ~~ Cancelled until August 20th

July 18th PER Meeting 7pm

July 20th Networking at the Elks 7pm

July 23rd Oldies Dance Tickets still available!!

July 27th Lodge meeting 7pm

House Committee Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm

BOD Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm

August Events / Meetings:

August 5th Blood Drive at Coventry Senior Center 9am-4pm

August 15th Elk Riders meeting

August 20th PER Chicken BBQ NEW DATE!!

August 24th Lodge Meeting 7pm

House Committee Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm

BOD Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Looking Ahead:

"A DEADLY CHRISTMAS CAROL"

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4th, 2016 - 6PM

Join us for this hysterical spoof of the Dickens' classic where Scrooge meets his maker! Enjoy this Rhode Island tradition while dining on a delicious holiday dinner. The show is great for any size group from two on up!

Back by popular demand so book early!

Dinner and a Show.

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Sept 10th 9am Shotgun
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Committee.. SAVE
THE DATE

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September 17th
Elk Rider Steak Fry...

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