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## Giving To Our Community



The Annual William Soderman Ceremony was conducted at Bradley Point Park on the Fourth of July at 11 am. Once again, the weather was fantastic for the proceedings. As much a part of the Lodge's tradition as the Independence Day celebration, the Ceremony was once again conducted by PER Dave Beaton. Shown above L-R; Master of Ceremonies Dave Beaton PER, this year's honoree Thomas Sarro and Exalted Ruler Donna Rzasa.

Everyone should know the Elks motto: "Elks Care, Elks Share"

The Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of the Grand lodge and is a 501C-3 organization.

Their efforts are funded each year by requested donations from every active Elk member. Our lodge's goal is \$2,076 for the 2020-2021 lodge year. We currently are at \$715.

If we at least meet our Lodge goal of \$2,076 we are eligible for Grant participation and I am honored to report that we are on track to receive \$10,000 this

year. A nice return on our \$2,076 donation!!

ENF requests that each member consider \$5/Mth or \$15/Qtr regular donations. If that is not possible, any one time or random repeated donation is welcome. For those of you who have donated already, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. For those who have not yet donated, please consider a donation to this very worthy cause.

I am available to accept cash donations and send those to ENF on your behalf. I also can assist you in accessing the Elks website so you can make your do-

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### **BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL TOP OF PAGE 3**

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**OFFICERS 2020-2021**

Exalted Ruler	Donna Rzasa
Leading Knight	Richard Sharron PER
Loyal Knight	Debbie Collins
Lecturing Knight	George Clini
Secretary	Paul J. Rapanault
Treasurer	Stacie Hurley
Chaplain	George H. Monahan
Esquire	John Misthal
Tiler	Joe Palmucci
Inner Guard	Ray Sayers
5 Yr. Trustee	Mike Southworth PER
4 Yr. Trustee	David Beaton PER, Chair
3 Yr. Trustee	Gerald Walters PER
2 Yr. Trustee	Lou Ross PER
1 Yr. Trustee	Keith Sweeney PER
Lodge Permittee	Albert Andreoli
House Com Chair	Keith Sweeney PER

**EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

*Donna Rzasa*



I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health. **WE ARE OPEN** so please come on down and help support the lodge. I ask that you please maintain social distancing in the lodge and follow the postings so that we stay in compliance with the Governor's mandates.

We have continued to do little things to spruce up our lodge. We have pulled out the weeds from out front and planted a variety of perennials. Although Mother Nature hasn't given us much help with watering the plants, we have managed to get them watered with help of some members. The volunteers have been incredible and their help is greatly appreciated. It's a positive step in the right direction to see people stepping up and getting involved to make **their** lodge a better place. I urge all members to get involved in our lodge.

Our Soderman Memorial Ceremony, which was held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, was well attended as we honored Tom Sarro. Special thanks to Dave Beaton PER for chairing this committee, Lou Ross PER for reading the history of William Soderman, Gerry Walters PER, our Veterans Committee Chairman, for presentation of the Flag, Loyal Knight Deb Collins, her husband Tim along with Sherri and Albert Lepper for getting the chairs to and from Bradley Point and Tom Plouffe for donating the flag case. I would also like to acknowledge Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy from the city who was also very helpful by providing a golf cart to help transport elderly and handicapped attendees as well assisting with parking for the event.

ENF Chairman George Monahan has applied for the Spotlight and Freedom Grants. Both were granted.

Our newsletter will keep you up to date on all the upcoming events going on at our lodge. I would to like ask all brother and sister Elks to consider getting their newsletter via email. If interested please email Paul Rapanault at [whelks1537@sbcglobal.net](mailto:whelks1537@sbcglobal.net). Don't forget to check us out and like us on our Facebook

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**ELK of the MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2020    OCTOBER 2020



John Misthal



Paul Rapanault

**2020  
IN MEMORIAM**

Charles Sarzynski  
Andrea H. Moore  
Patrick H. Sisk  
Chief William S. Johnson, Jr.

Charity ★ Justice ★ Brotherly Love ★ Fidelity

page, West Haven Elks Lodge #1537.

The by-law committee has received one (1) by law proposal. This by-law will be read on the floor at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be voted on at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The proposal reads as follows:

**“There shall be no smoking of any sort allowed within the interior confines of the Elks Lodge. However, if in the future a smoking room is made, then smoking will be permissible in that designated smoking room only.”**

I have appointed Brother Ray Sayers as my Inner Guard. Thank you Ray for accepting the appointment and I look forward to having you in our suite.

The House Committee has no events planned for September or October at this time. That is subject to change as I am working with the house committee to get some events going.

There will be a baked ziti and meatball dinner followed by bar bingo on 9/4/2020. The dinner is available from 5pm – 6:30pm for dine in or take out at a \$10.00 donation. Bar Bingo starts promptly at 7pm. You can RSVP to Rosella by text to 203-982-0664 or by email at [dcrow72@aol.com](mailto:dcrow72@aol.com). There will be seating available in the back room, the Jolly Cork and outside in the courtyard. Due to Covid-19, this event is open to members only. Anyone

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nation via a credit card transaction.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me at the lodge or contact me via my cell phone (203)606-2263.

Fraternally, George H. Monahan, Lodge Chaplain, ENF Committee Chair. Elks Certified Fundraising Chair, Grants Coordinator

looking to volunteer please let Rosella, Stacie Hurley or myself know. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

When you are visiting the Jolly Cork there are bar pizzas available. Members should be ordering food when they are consuming alcoholic beverages. We had initiated 3 new members in July and have many more coming in. New members are always welcome and to see them willing to get involved and volunteer right from the start is quite refreshing.

October 27<sup>th</sup> we will have our visit from our District Deputy.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: November 1, 2020 for the “Canned Good For Hot Cocoa Food Drive”. This will run from 8:00am-2:00pm. Volunteers needed. Please contact me if interested.

I have chosen John Misthal for the September Elk of the Month. John is the Esquire for our great lodge. His lovely bride has also been a big help in cooking and serving up our dinners. Please extend John all the rights and privileges that go along with this honor.

I have chosen Paul Rapanault for October Elk of the Month. Paul is the secretary for our great lodge. Please extend Paul all the rights and privileges that go along with this honor.

I ask all members to please be mindful that the Elk of the Month parking space **is for the Elk of the Month**. Please be respectful to the member who has received that honor and do not park in the designated spot. There is a sign there to remind you in case you forget.

In closing I hope that you and your families all remain safe and in good health. Our lodge has many first responders and essential workers, may God keep you safe and well. We will continue to get through this together.

# BAKED ZITI AND MEATBALLS & BAR BINGO!

**September 4, 2020**  
**Dinner 5-6:30pm**  
**Bar Bingo 7 sharp**

The  
**JOLLY CORK**  
Room

Monday  
4-9 pm  
Tuesday - Wednesday  
CLOSED  
Thursday - Friday  
4-9 or Fri til 11 pm  
Saturday - Sunday  
12 noon - ?

'When my grandmother got arthritis , she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time , even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

Rebecca- age 8

**WHAT LOVE IS...**

**...TO 4-6 YEAR OLDS**

**2020-2021 Lodge Dues  
NOW DUE  
Please Remit**



On another beautiful West Haven Summer Day at Bradley Point Park, the West Haven Lodge of Elks No. 1537 held it's annual Soderman Memorial Ceremony on the Fourth of July. This year's honoree was Thomas Sarro. Shown above are past and present recipients. L-R; Herbie Hill, Gerry Walters PER, Art Paras, Tom Sarro and George Clini.

**Propositions for  
Membership**

**MICHAEL THOMAS SWEENEY**, prop by Al Andreoli  
**PAUL LATELLA**, prop by Justin Shepard  
**ANTHONY D'ADDIO**, prop by Justin Shepard  
**LORI JEAN DUBEL**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**BRIDGETTE HOSKIE**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**SHANNON FREEL**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**MICHELE PERO GREGORIO** by ER Donna Rzasa  
**ROBERTA GARLOCK**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**LEONARD PRIOR**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**STEPHANIE MORRIS**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**DEBRA LEE O'KEEFE**, prop by ER Donna Rzasa  
**TERESA HENNEY**, prop by PER Erin Sweeney



One of the "Kitchen Crews" responsible for some of those delicious and profitable dinners at the Lodge of late. L-R: Joan Misthal, ER Donna Rzasa, Sally Maher and Esquire John Misthal.

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