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Friday 3 PM - 10 PM

Saturday Noon - 9 PM

Sunday Noon - 7 PM

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Our Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy New Year!! (Part 2)
I usually say "So far So Good?" when someone wishes me a happy new year. So, I will ask all of you; So far, so good? As for the Lodge, things are much better than they were a month or so ago. Thanks to Bill Purtill working diligently on the past due IRS forms and other financial matters, we are no longer on the CT Elks "naughty" list. The next steps will restore our tax status and get us pointed in the right direction again. So far, so good!

Attendance at the regular meetings continues to be low. I'm not sure why, as that's the place and time to talk about concerns, express ideas, and generally share the camaraderie of Elksdom. Only 4 regular members were at the January 27th meeting. So I have decided to share some of the items that came up:

The board of Directors approved up to \$50 to buy containers for the SOUPER SUPPER on Feb. 8th. We need more soups, so dig out your favorite soup recipe and bring it to the Lodge in your crockpot. The event runs from 2pm to 6pm with either eat-in or take-outs available.

The Past Exalted Ruler group will join the meeting for the annual "PER Night" on February 25th. Past Exalted Rulers will take over the Officer's "chairs" and conduct Initiation for new members. Roland Vegiard will be delivering the Leading Knight speech from memory, It's very impressive, and a good reason to attend that meeting!

The Food Donation box in the lounge was overflowing, so I loaded it all in the car and delivered 8 boxes of food to the Hebron Interfaith Human Services Food Pantry which serves 74 towns all across the state. Total weight was 346 pounds!

The Lodge bills were voted on and approved to be paid. If you attend the meetings, you would know where our money is spent. Communications were read, and among them were invitations to other Lodges and special events coming up. Curious yet? See me for details!

There were other things discussed, and the latest list of proposed members was read. I hope to see YOU at the next meeting.

Fraternally,
Don



MIKE REDDING

- For being a great help to the Lodge and especially the House Committee. Enjoy the parking space Mike! Thank you for all you've done!

FEBRUARY

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity



Our Secretary's Observations:

Greetings Fellow Elks and welcome to February,

I hope everyone made it through the storm ok. This winter has proven to be the coldest and snowiest since I moved back to Glastonbury. I know kids love this but its not for me. My wife and I just came back from a 12-day Caribbean cruise to escape the big storm. Unfortunately, we had to come back to the cold weather.

The Grand Lodge will be sending out our dues notices soon and you will see a little bit of good news. The dues this year will go down \$4 to \$155. This is a result of reduced insurance costs for our

lodge. It's not a huge reduction but savings is a savings. I will be working every day to process new cards as soon as I receive your renewal. Please remember there are several ways to pay your dues this year. You can mail a check with your renewal form, you can pay online and you can come to the lodge and pay the bartender with your credit card, check or cash. We are now up to 1,616 members and the lodge is counting on you.

We still have 86 delinquent members that have not paid dues for this year, and your membership will be dropped on March 31, 2026. If you are one of these 86 individuals and you no longer wish to be a member of our lodge, I would ask that you notify me please. I also ask that you do the right thing and pay your dues and ask to be dropped. The lodge has paid your share with the Grand Lodge and State Association a total of \$39 on your behalf as we are billed on the first

of the year. I understand if you no longer wish to be a member but please do the right thing and resign in the appropriate way. Your dues payments are what keep our lodge functioning and enable us to continue with our charitable giving and support of those that need us. Camp Sunrise, Glastonbury police, fire and EMS all received support from us this past year and we plan to continue next year. This is just a small list of those that we support.

Our committees are working hard planning for the new year and I'm very excited about what is coming.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions or concerns. I'm always available to help

Happy February to all and remember spring is eight weeks away.

Fraternally

*Chuck Fraser
Lodge Secretary*

wElcome to 14 new members during the 1/14/26 Lodge meeting.



THE GLASTONBURY ELKS PAVILION IS AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK FOR RENTALS!



-Need help with your companies' luncheon or dinner ideas?

-Got a Glastonbury Elks member in your ranks?

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chrisbrown_12@comcast.net

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First Sunday Of Every Month "Loaded Bloody Mary's" By Alicia

(and some guy named Paul)



February 1st



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.

Setback League

Every Thursday

6pm



February Dinners

2/5 -Chuck's ham and beans

2/12 -Charlie's famous meatloaf

2/19 -Homemade hamburger helper



2/26 - Dougies chicken parm



On the first Friday of every month.
Stay tuned and keep an eye out for
future email blasts.

House Committee

Volunteers are always needed.

Committee Meeting is 4pm on
February 10th



Recovering

Andrew Zlotnick
Knee Replacement

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

Joshua Aponte
Jonathan Bramanti
Nicholas DeBlois
Joseph Gustavsen
Reed Harmon
John Lembo Jr.
Austin Lesse
Christopher Maheux
Joseph Martin
Keith Nystrup
Douglas Pollak
Roberty Rolfe II
JordanWoods

Residence

Farmington
Glastonbury
Bolton
Colchester
South Glastonbury
Colchester
Portland
Glastonbury
Cromwell
Glastonbury
Old Lyme
East Hartford
Manchester

Proposer

Edwin Vazquez
Dylan Bassette
Elbert Gray
Josephine Gustavsen
Joseph Monfette
Matthew J. Moody
Michael Vannie
Stewart D. Sylvia
Chris Chorney
William B. Purtil
Drew Lethbridge
Jory Pagliughi
Elbert Gray



The Chaplain's Corner



February is the month of love. It reminds us that happiness can be found in the smallest moments.

I ask you to wrap your dreams in brotherly love and a cozy February hug.



Your Chaplain,
Sharon

Lodge 2202

Glastonbury

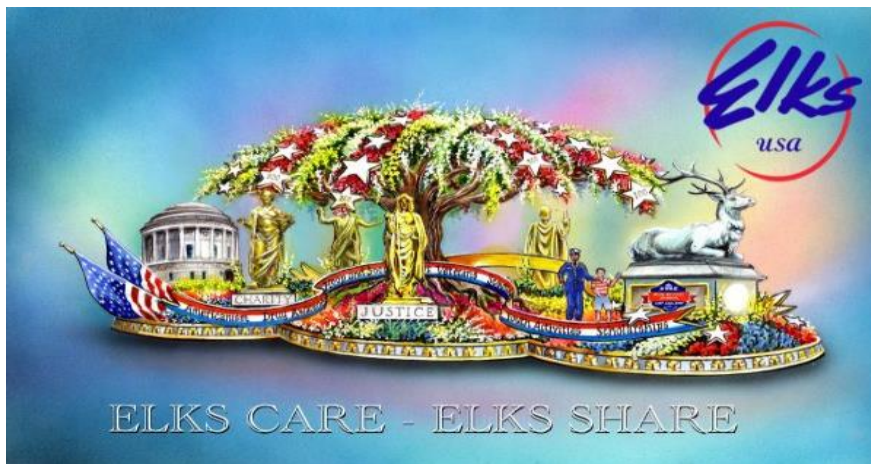
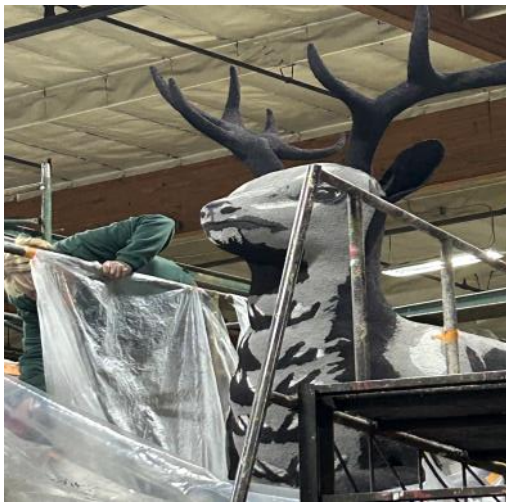
February 8th, 2-6 pm

Come enjoy a variety of delicious soups and Chili before the game!
\$10 for take home
\$10 for refillable bowl in the hall

*The Elks are honored to return to the
2026 Tournament of Roses Parade*

In Pasadena for the Rose Bowl Parade and I actually saw the Elks float being made.

*Photos and report:
S. Lemke*





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S. Lemke



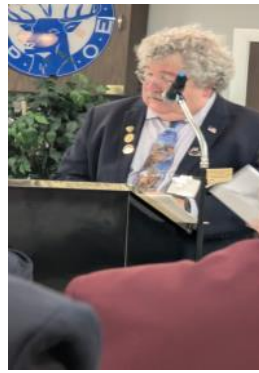
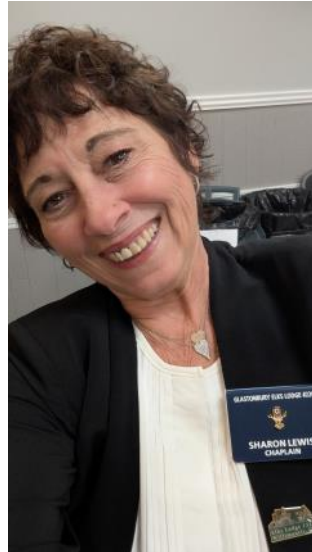
February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Loaded Bloody Marys</p>  <p>Trap~11a</p> 	2	3	<p>4 Range Committee</p> <p>6p</p>	<p>5 Setback League</p> <p>6p</p> 	<p>6 LIVE Music!</p> <p>5:30p</p> 	7
<p>8 Souper-bowl~2p</p>  <p>Trap~11a</p> 	9	<p>10 House Committee</p> <p>4p</p>	<p>11 BOD~6p</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Nominations ~7p</p>	<p>12 Setback League</p> <p>6p</p> 	13	<p>14 HAPPY Valentine's Day</p> 
<p>15 Trap~11a</p> 	<p>16 Blood Drive</p> <p>1pm to 6pm</p> 	17	18	<p>19 Setback League</p> <p>6p</p> 	20	21
<p>22 Trap~11a</p> 	23	<p>24 BOD~6p</p>	<p>25 Lodge Meeting (i) PER night ~7p</p>	<p>26 Setback League</p> <p>6p</p> 	27	<p>28 Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner</p> <p>6p</p> 

**The CEA mid-year convention
January 10th at Willimantic Elks Lodge #1311**



*Photos:
S. Lewis
E. Moore*



Lodge 1311 ER,
Gary White

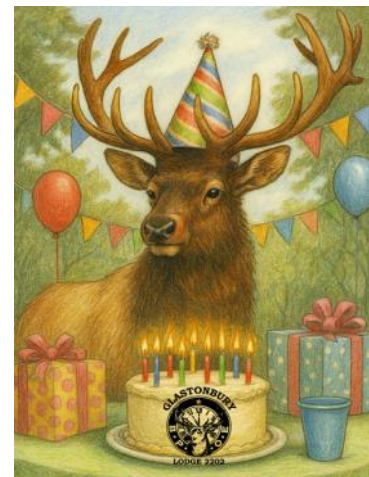
State President,
Phil Stender



Happy Birthday to Our Members!

February Birthdays

Donald Boehler	01	Guy Ciccia	12	Michael Conlon	21
Richard Hewey Jr.	01	Jonathan Constant	12	Anthony Pitrone III	21
Dalton Strom	01	Kyle Fisher	12	Rosalind Rotundo	21
Thomas Bassell	02	Henry Long Jr.	12	Angelo Tammaro	21
Joesph Bourassa	02	Rich Muenchow	12	Robert Young	21
Richard Erickson	02	Michael Raffalo	12	Mark Fierravanti	22
JonathanMonty-Carbonari	02	Benedict Valentine	12	Dina Jeffrey	22
Charles Pethigal	02	Brian Botthof	13	Dean Malinguaggio	22
Omar Vazquez-Berrios	02	Gregory Childs	13	Peter O'Connor	22
Iveaux Andersen	03	Brian Christie	13	Michael Rappaport	22
Larry Michaud	03	Julian Galeano	13	Laura Anderson	23
Bruce Motowidlak	03	David Garneau	13	Walter Cusson	23
Stephen Jones	04	Eugene Hickey	13	Paolo Fiducia	23
Jamal Byrd	05	Erwin Hyson Jr.	13	Rick LaTorre	23
Donald Gove	05	Adam Kosiorek	13	John Laraia	24
Alexander Lazardis	05	David Murray	13	James Prue	24
Steven Little	05	Robert Tremblay	13	Susan Tukey	24
Michael Luna	05	Norman Cavanagh	14	Mark Van Heuverzwyn	24
Kevin O'Toole	05	John Douglass	14	Jason Christopher	25
Sheryl Sylvester	05	Christopher Evans	14	Craig Ginman	25
Richard Balboni Jr	06	Gary Gaudet	14	Elizabeth Grillo	25
Jeremy Desmond	06	Leverett Weir	14	Alex Rodriguez	25
Douglas Galford	06	William Yeske Jr.	14	Monica Turning	25
Tony Garibay	06	Marco Balassone	15	Joseph Franza	26
Kyle Shorey	06	William Held	15	George Melendez	26
Jason Bevans	07	Joseph Jennings	15	Jordan Coleman	27
Patricia Harris	07	Michael Lombardo	15	Jeremy Gardner	27
Wayne Linares	07	Keith Regnier	15	Joseph Monfette	27
John McKaig	07	Christine Yaworsky	15	Sheryl Spaulding	27
Shane Toland	07	Jake Bradway	16	Alfred Case Jr.	28
Michael Beaulieu	08	Robert Hauserman	16	Christopher Gatzak	28
H Patrick Campbell	08	Julie Horton	16	Corey Mazun	28
Daniel Colwell	08	Mark Robitaille	16	Brian Renouf	29
George Davis	08	Paul Belanger	17	James Sponzo	29
Douglas Mills	08	Bryan Healy	17	James Stebbins	29
Gary Wassell	08	Cheryl Parlante	17	Adan Tarnacki	29
Scott Baron	09	Bonnie Rau	17		
Paul DeVanna	09	Matthew Desir	18		
Richard Sheehan	09	Carl Lavoie	18		
Herminio Vasquez	09	Paul Lechowicz	18		
Jose Cotto Jr.	10	Stephen Stanko	18		
Cary Didden	10	Randy Velez	18		
Robert Hill	10	Ryan Bowler	19		
Kenneth Lee	10	Steven Ciszewski	20		
David Simoes	10	Andrew Faust	20		
Michael Zola	10	Michael Gorman	20		
ThomasHerzog	11	Susan Gudaitis	20		
Robert Liberator	11	Michael Hartley	20		
Isabella Petrella	11	Wayne Legault	20		
Andrew Pulvermacher	11	William McDermott	20		
Virginia Saccullo	11	Anthony Cicero	21		



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Our new online store is now available!!



SCAN the QR here w/ Your phone

Or go to the website:

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

TSE processes the orders every 2 weeks, then it takes

1-2 weeks to order and embellish the items.

The brick & mortar store will always be open.

How to check your Lodge store order:

<https://link.com/>



Veteran's Committee

We're trying to establish a Veteran's committee at the lodge. If you have interest in supporting the committee please reach out to Belinda Frohock at (860) 978-9119

Upcoming Blood Drives

Mon - 2/16/26	1-6pm
Mon - 4/27/26	1-6pm
Mon - 6/22/26	1-6pm
Mon - 8/17/26	1-6pm

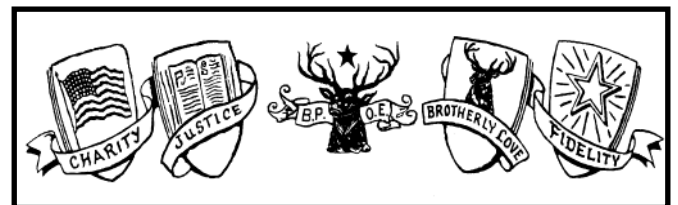
98 Woodland Street, South Glastonbury, Connecticut

Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner
Saturday February 28, 2026
Cocktail Hour 5:00PM (cash bar)
Dinner at 6:00PM

Tickets \$35
Available at the bar

MENU
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Rice Pilaf – Green Vegetable
Roll - Dessert

****Only 80 tickets being sold****



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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).*
- > Trap is open to the public. Begins on Sunday, September 28th. *Eye and hearing protection are required in order to use the range and shoot trap.*

- > 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



BEAUTIES & BULLETS IS HIBERNATING FOR THE WINTER

SEE YOU IN MARCH/APRIL WHEN IT WARMS UP!

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES
Team Reach App
Group Code: BBGELKS

QUESTIONS?
Call/Text
Mary 860.659.7109
Tracey 860.424.7476

Housekeeping!

PLEASE KEEP YOUR RANGE CLEAN AND SAFE!

- Put all rubbish in the barrels, dumpster at the Lodge parking lot OR bring it home with you.
- Sweep up your brass after shooting and place in the receptacle provided for recycling. Wait until a cease fire is called before collecting brass beyond the firing line.
- If the trash cans are full and you have the ability, please take the trash can to the dumpsters below and return them to the range - **this would be GREATLY appreciated!**

Thank you in advance - Range Committee

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!

Upcoming events-
sponsored by the Range Committee

NATIONAL SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Saturday, March 28 from 9-3pm
Antique Firearms show in the Hall.

Saturday and Sunday, July 18 & 19
NSSA at the range.



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/>

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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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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*



From the Lodge Newsletter in 1966

2202 CLUB

The 2202 Club meeting has been re-scheduled as the result of many requests to hold this meeting before the regular Lodge meeting. 2202 Club meetings will now begin at 8:00 P.M. sharp the fourth Wednesday of each month. The Lodge meeting will open immediately after the 2202 Club meeting and results of the 2202 Club meeting will be printed and available by the end of the Lodge meeting. More active participation by more Brothers in the 2202 Club would be of extreme help to the Lodge. Many times there has been barely enough participation to make this a worthwhile activity. Let's all put our shoulder behind this project and help our Lodge grow. Perhaps it would be helpful if we allocated the profit to a specific fund such as furnishing the kitchen of our new building. How about it? Your suggestions will be welcome. Come to the meeting and express them.



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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:

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February 2026 Meetings

House Committee 02/10 @ 4:00 pm

Range Committee 02/04 @ 6:00 pm

B.O.D. meeting 02/11 @ 6:00 pm

B.O.D. meeting 02/24 @ 6:00 pm

Lodge meeting 02/11 @ 7:00 pm
Nominations

Lodge meeting 02/25 @ 7:00 pm
with initiation (i) - PER night

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