



TORRINGTON LODGE #372

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IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2009

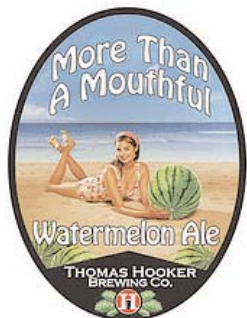
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SEPTEMBER 2009

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- 22 OLD TIMERS CLASS NIGHT
- 28 Family-Style Dinner in the Ballroom

BEER OF THE MONTH

Thomas Hooker
Watermelon Ale



To book the Ballroom or the Pond, call Anne Marie at 482-5608

Message from Exalted Ruler Tom Jerram

Dear Members and Friends,

It's hard to imagine that July has passed and we now enter August. I hope you and your families are enjoying summertime vacations and activities.

I want to congratulate and thank everyone for meeting the Ray and Judy Charbonneau Flat-Screen HD TV Challenge. Earlier this year I announced Ray and Judy pledged to buy a new Flat-Screen HD TV for the Lodge, but only if we raised the additional money to buy an additional TV. With the hard work and dedication of Jeff "Eggy" Eggleston, we met the goal and are now shopping for the TVs and working with Cablevision for upgrading our cable for HD quality. We should see the new TVs sometime in August.

On Aug. 13, we will return to the Elks Pond for our Thursday night dinners. We've had great weather and look forward to good meals, good friends and good weather! Thanks to Anne Marie and Eddie for their culinary delights, our volunteers for their time and Ken Bentley, Pond Chairman, for organizing all the volunteers. Don't miss the baked-stuffed lobster on Aug. 20!

There is still room for you to sign up for the Saratoga Safari on Aug. 15. The bus departs at 8 a.m. and you will arrive in Saratoga in time for the first race and leave after the last race. Your ticket includes a free continental breakfast on the bus and dinner at Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403. Call our Bar Manager Janet for details.

Finally, we kick off our annual Lodge Raffle to benefit our Building Fund. This one fundraiser is used to maintain our beautiful building and your participation is greatly appreciated. Tony Roscello, our Esteemed Leading Knight, is Chairman this year and he assures me there will be fabulous prizes. Look for us at the Goshen Fair and if you can, volunteer some time to help sell the tickets. As always there will be plenty of chairs to stop by for a rest and refreshment.

**Yours in Elkdom,
Tom Jerram, Exalted Ruler**



Clambake at Elks Pond

Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Great food available all day!

New England clam chowder and Texas chili served all day!

10 a.m.-Noon - Ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwiches, coffee, tea
\$3 Bloody Marys

Noon-2 p.m. - Grilled steak sandwiches, hamburgers, andouille sausage, corn on the cob, and assorted homemade salads

2 p.m. - All-you-can-eat clams

2-4 p.m. - Barbeque chicken and fixings

Horse racing, 9-5 games and Texas Hold 'em, horseshoe tournament
Draft beer available all day; cash bar and drink specials available

\$30 per person; Or \$20 with 10 worker's credits per person

See next month's journal for complete details!! Sign up and pay in the Main Bar

LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER

*Thomas C. Jerram - 489-4324

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT

*Anthony W. Roscello - 482-9886

ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT

*Bob Dileo - 489-3911

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

*Dan Petrosky - 601--935

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Owen J. Quinn, P.E.R. - 482-0483

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Robert B. Thomson, PER, PDD - 489-7164

ESQUIRE

*Peg Roscello - 482-9886

CHAPLAIN

*Rich Slevinsky - 489-0670

TILER

Bruce Whiteley, PER

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Scott Carlson

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Richard Good, PER
Mark Bushka
Bruce Strawinski, PER

House Committee

Chairman Dan Pullium, Mike Zordan, Frank McCann, Ken Bentley, Jeff "Eggy" Eggleston, Lance Eichner, Terry Crayne and officers noted with an asterisk above

Journal Editor/Webmaster

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Lodge Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., except July & August

Materials for Journal must be submitted by the second Tuesday each month and be approved by House Committee!

Editor's Note

All articles submitted for publication must have the approval of the House Committee, be emailed to Elks372journal@sbcglobal.net or placed in the Journal box in the bar with the following information: Name of event, date, time, cost per person, worker's credits allowed (if any), and the name and phone numbers of the chairmen.

Thursday Night Pasta

Prices include a complete meal including salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.

Note: Workers' credits cannot be used for lobster!

Aug. 6 - At the Lodge

Rigatoni bolognese \$9
Chicken piccata \$10
Roast top sirloin \$10

Aug. 13 - At the Pond

Teriyaki half chicken \$9
Steak with carmelized onions \$10
1.5-pound lobster \$20

Aug. 20 - At the Pond

Teriyaki half chicken \$9
Steak with carmelized onions \$10
Baked stuffed lobster with scallop and shrimp stuffing \$25

Aug. 27 - At the Pond

Barbeque chicken \$9
Steak with carmelized onions \$10
1.5-pound lobster \$20

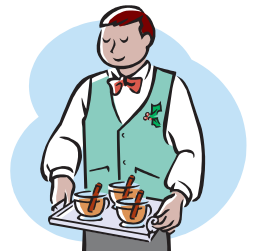
Sept. 3 - At the Pond

All-you-can-eat kabob night \$15
Chicken kabobs, beef kabobs, shrimp kabobs

Call 489-6562 by TUESDAY evening with reservations.

Interested in being a waiter or a kitchen volunteer?

Have a few hours a month to share at the Elks? Volunteers are being sought to be on waiter teams and in the kitchen. Time commitment is one or two times a month. *To volunteer, call a team captain or Paul Ferry at 482-5803 or Tom Jerram at 489-4324.*



Waiter Team Assignments

TEAM	CAPTAIN	PHONE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
A	PHILLIPS	693-4710	30	R	24
B	HIGGINS	482-6557	11	R	11, 26
C	FERRY	482-5803	R	29	9, 25
D	HOEHNE	480-0087	24	R	22
E	NEJAIME	482-3321	23	28	10, 21
H	CARLSON	489-1436	23	1	3, 19
J	SLEVINSKY	489-0670	10	1	15, 18, 28
K	S. FOSTER	496-9417	R	6	17

Captain's meeting - Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

Mandatory captain's training - Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

Visit our website at www.torringtonelks.com

Notice regarding Life Membership qualification

Each year we receive inquiries from members about the qualifications for Life Membership in our Lodge. The formal qualifications are stated in our Bylaws, as follows:

"Sec.2. A Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect to Life Membership any of its members in good standing, who shall have paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 40 years preceding his election, not less than the last ten of which must have been with this Lodge, and who has attained the age of not less than 65 years."

It is currently our practice in Torrington Lodge #372 to use the date of Sept. 1 each year to evaluate which members will be proposed for Life Membership. So if a member reaches either the age requirement or the years of membership requirement after the Sept. 1 cutoff date, he or she must wait until the following year to be proposed.

It is also our Lodge practice to anticipate successful election to Life Membership at dues time, so any member who will reach this milestone by Sept. 1 is billed at a lower annual dues rate. The cutoff date is Sept. 30 of each year, so members initiated as part of an Old Timers class in September will qualify for Life Membership during September in the 40th year following their initiation.

Scotch Bowling returns Sept. 12

Scotch bowling will take place Saturday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and be offered on the second Saturday of each month (except December,



June, July and August). Bowling talent not needed! Bring your spouse, girlfriend, boyfriend or simply a friend as your guest and enjoy a few hours of great bowling. Names are drawn so you never know who your partner will be!

Check the bulletin boards in the Main Bar for menus for Sunday Sandwich Shop!

Did you know? This year, the Elks National Foundaion will invest up to \$1.375 million in local communities.

Elks Military Veterans Saluting the U.S. Flag

Public Law No. 110-181 of the United States Code, Section 594 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, reads:

“All persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.”

This option which allows veterans to salute the flag with a military-style salute is voluntary.

Thomas J. Preato, Sr.

**Past Post Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Torrington Post 9086**



A Great Midweek Deal!



Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Fresh soup and great
sandwiches

Every Wednesday, Noon-
2 p.m., in the Main Bar
Only \$5.95!

Bowling mechanics needed

Paid position. Will train
*Call Jerry Belli at 489-0566
for more information*

Are your guests enjoying the Lodge?

Then encourage them to become a member!
Applications are available at the Main Bar.
Do your part to help grow our membership!

Happy Hour!

Now offering different drink specials each week!
Every Friday in the Main Bar, 4-7 p.m.



Back by popular demand!

Parrothead Night

(aka Jimmy Buffet Night)
in the Main Bar



Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m. - Midnight

Featuring Cajun Ray & the Steamers

Dress in your beachwear best!

Special "Margaritaville" menu, including Cheeseburgers in Paradise, Coconut Shrimp, Margarita Chicken Sandwiches, Fried Calamari and more!

Frozen margaritas, tequila shots and other drink specials available!

Reserve now! Only 8 seats left!

Saratoga Safari

Only \$48 per person.

*Buses depart at 8 a.m. from the Lodge,
return around 11 p.m.*

Saturday, Aug. 15

FREE continental breakfast on the bus
Arrive at the track before the first race;
depart track after the last race

FREE dinner at the
Mechanicsville, N.Y., Elks Lodge

Sign up and pay in the Main Bar

**Mohegan Sun
bus trip**

Friday, Oct. 9

\$37 per person, which
includes a food voucher
and a betting ticket

Leave the Lodge at
6 p.m.; leave

Mohegan at 2 a.m.

More details to follow!

*Sign up in the
Main Bar*

Stop by Wednesdays for clams!



Clams and PEI mussels
will be available on the
following Wednesdays:

Aug. 5 and 19,
Sept. 2, 16 and 30

Call to reserve or until gone!

Like to "Horse Around"?



Join us in the Lounge on
Saturday, Aug. 8 starting
at 7 p.m. and cheer on
your favorite "Philly"

"Feedbag" specials available, including
Triple Crown Burger, Funny Cide "Philly"
Steak Sandwich, Clydesdale Fries,
Kentucky Calamari, Preakness Poppers
and Pegasus Wings

Volunteers needed for Sunday Sandwich Shop

If you can do minimum prep and
cooking, we are looking for you!
Volunteers are being sought for
Sunday Sandwich Shop. Can
you assemble meatball grinders,
a buffalo chicken sandwich, Philly
cheese steak, grilled cheese or
tacos? If you are unsure of what
to make, we can help!

Call Peg Roscello at 482-9886
to learn more!

Lodge Safari

We are planning a Lodge Safari for a
Saturday in early November. Check
the Main Bar for more details!

Thanks to all who contributed!

We met the Flat-Screen HD TV challenge!

Thanks to the generous donations of our members, we met Ray and Judy Charbonneau's challenge to raise the funds to buy Flat-Screen HD TVs for the Main Bar. Look for the new TVs by Labor Day!



Special thanks to Eggy for running the weekly raffle.

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Sunnyside Night at the Elks!

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Roasted garlic, antipasto, cheese ravioli, a glass of house wine, dessert, coffee & tea
\$12 per person
Sign up in the Main Bar

Coming Sept. 28... Family-style Mondays

A five-course meal served family-style at your table - just like home!

Pasta fagioli, family-style mixed green salad, braicchiallo with aioli pasta, crown pork roast served family-style with glazed peaches and bread stuffing, mashed potatoes and roasted carrots. Includes dessert, coffee and tea.

* House wine served with dinner *
\$20 per person. Sign up in the Main Bar

Tip of the Antler

- ◆ Thanks to **Dwan & Co.** and **Brescome Barton** for donating items for the golf tournament raffle
- ◆ Thanks to **Bob Dileo** and **Meagan Clark** for their donation of 10 stanchions



It's almost Raffle time!

Watch for your tickets next month!
Don't forget - visit our booth at the Goshen Fair, Sept. 5-7

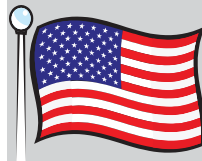
2009 Season Family Pond Beach Pass*

Beach Hours - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.,

*New this year - members and their guests can enjoy the Pond as part of your membership privileges. Parents must accompany children under 16. Carry this pass with you at all times! Without this pass you may be asked to leave the premises. PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Buy a Plank Campaign

We continue to seek your support of the new deck at Elks Pond. The Buy a Plank Campaign continues and to help encourage your donation, all donations will receive an \$8 voucher good toward a Pasta Night meal. Donation forms are available in the Main Bar. Forms are also available at www.torringtonelks.com.



Have a flag that needs to be retired?
Drop it off at the Lodge!

The annual flag retirement ceremony will be held Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Pond

Sign up for the Bowling League

Kick-off banquet set for Sept. 16

The next season of the Torrington Elks members Duckpin Bowling League is right around the corner.

Several teams have vacancies to fill, or if you have a group that wants to be together, we can accommodate entire new teams of five members.



For questions or more information, call Jerry Belli at 489-0566 or Tony Roscello at 482-9886