



TORRINGTON LODGE #372

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2010

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- 9 House, Lodge
- 9 Nomination of Officers
- 13 Valentine's Dance in the Ballroom
- 13 Valentine's Dance in the Main Bar
- 13 Scotch Bowling
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- 27 Installation of Officers
- 28 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

BEER OF THE MONTH
Chang Beer



Message from Exalted Ruler Tom Jerram

Dear Members and Friends,

Ah, February. Already! Time sure passes quickly when you are involved at the Elks. I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Just think, Spring is just seven weeks away.

I want to thank John Pelchat and his Scholarship Committee team for their hard work this year judging all of the scholarship applications.

Congratulations to Philip Lubick from Harwinton. He was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship that will be forwarded to a college of his choice.

February is a very special month in Elkdom. We recognize our Elk of the Year, Paul Denza, on Saturday, Feb. 20 with a dinner in his honor. I hope you can join us for this wonderful celebration of Paul's contribution to our Lodge for the past 30 years!

Other great events in February include our Super Bowl Party in the Main Bar on Feb. 7, Sunnyside Night on Feb. 10, the Valentine's Dance featuring the Governor's Second Company Foot Guard Band on Feb. 13, and Comedy Night on Feb. 26.

On March 31, we are concluding our Pond Plank Campaign to help offset the purchase of the new deck at the Elks Pond. We will publish a list of all who have contributed next month. If you do not see

your name, please contact our Lodge so we can correct our records. Thank you to all who have contributed to the campaign. And, thanks to all who helped with the installation of the new deck at the Pond. It certainly is a wonderful addition to our beautiful facility.

Finally, if you have children or grandchildren in the Torrington Schools, keep an eye out for the Elks Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest application forms.

This year's theme is "I've Got Better Things to Do than Drugs." All essays and posters must be returned to schools or our Lodge by Feb. 14 and will be judged on Sunday, Feb. 21. The top four winners in each category will be forwarded to our District for further judging.

Next month will be my last Journal to all our friends at Torrington #372. It has been, and continues to be, an honor to be your Exalted Ruler. Thank you.



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

Elk of the Year Dinner Dance Honoring Paul Denza Saturday, Feb. 20

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvre at 5:30 p.m.,
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Music by MC Entertainment and DJ Joe McCann

Filet mignon, chicken picatta or salmon with potatoes and vegetable

Only \$25 per person or \$9 with 8 worker's credits. Sign up in the Main Bar



Annual Installation of Officers Dinner Dance Saturday, March 27

Cocktail hour from 5-6 p.m., Installation at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.
Menu: Prime rib, salmon with tomato basil vinaigrette or vegetarian lasagna

\$80 per couple or \$40 with 20 worker credits. Sign up in the Main Bar

To book the Ballroom or the Pond, call Anne Marie at 485-3738 or the kitchen at 482-5608

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 - 601-0935

SECRETARY

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

TREASURER

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

ESQUIRE

*Peg Roscello - 482-9886

CHAPLAIN

*Rich Slevinsky - 489-0670

TILER

Bruce Whiteley, PER

INNER GUARD

Scott Carlson

TRUSTEES

Robert A. Lincoln, PER

Lawrence M. Connors, PER

Richard Good, PER

Mark Bushka

Bruce Strawinski, PER

House Committee

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

Journal Editor/Webmaster

Cindy Szabo & Dan Pullium
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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 of salad, rolls, dessert,
coffee and tea. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m.*

Feb. 4

Rigatoni bolognese	\$9
Shepherd's pie	\$11
Shrimp scampi	\$12

Feb. 11

Spaghetti and meatballs	\$9
BBQ half chicken	\$11
BBQ ribs	\$12

Feb. 18

Fettuccini alfredo	\$9
Stuffed sole	\$11
Prime rib	\$12

Feb. 25

Macaroni and cheese	\$9
Chicken parmesean	\$11
Roast pork loin	\$12

March 4

Stuffed shells	\$9
Chicken piccata	\$11
Steak with caramelized onions	\$12

March 11

Linguini with clam sauce	\$9
Salmon with tomato basil vinaigrette	\$11
Roast top	\$12

Call 489-6562 by TUESDAY evening with reservations

Volunteers needed!

Have a few hours a month to share at the Elks?
Volunteers are being sought for waiter's teams.
Time commitment is one or two times a month.

*To volunteer, call a waiter's team captain
or Paul Ferry at 482-5803*

Waiter Team Assignments

TEAM	CAPTAIN	PHONE	FEB	MAR
A	PHILLIPS	693-4710	11	4, 25
B	HIGGINS	482-6557	20	10, 27
C	FERRY	482-5803	19	13, 21
D	HOEHNE	480-0087	13, 27	19
E	NEJAIME	482-3321	25	11
H	CARLSON	489-1436	6, 18	20
J	SLEVINSKY	489-0670	10	5, 18
K	S. FOSTER	496-9417	4, 26	9

Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

All teams note changes to schedule!



Ice Skating Party at Elks Pond

Sunday, Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Weather permitting

Come enjoy the Pond, a bonfire and hot beverages.
Bring your own skates!

New Member Applications

The following is a list of those proposed for membership.
Balloting is Feb. 23; Indoctrination is March 3; and Class Night
will be March 9. Sign up for Class Night in the Main Bar.

Robert Fulton (New Hartford), Proposed by Roger L. Fulton

Dale Hovey (Weatogue), Proposed by Mark Campbell

Thomas Legeyt (New Hartford), Proposed by Tony Roscello

Eric Mahar (Torrington), Proposed by R.J. Poniatoski

Robert Manchester (Torrington), Proposed by Anne Marie
Filippini

John Nietch (Torrington), Proposed by David Nietch

Jonathan Nevin (Torrington), Proposed by Anne Marie Filippini

Bernadine Rodriques (Torrington), Proposed by Sue Roscello

Judith Sawyer (Torrington), Proposed by Kate O. Vandendorre

Bruce Stout (Pleasant Valley), Proposed by Richard Slevinsky

Michael Witte (New Hartford), Proposed by Emile M. DeMichiel

Judges needed for essay contest

Judges are needed for the upcoming Drug Awareness
essay contest on Sunday, Feb. 21. Interested? Call Cindy
Jerram at 489-4324 or Cindy Szabo at 489-1455
or email elks372journal@sbcglobal.net

Team forming for the Relay For Life

Come join the Elks Care-Elks Share
team for the upcoming Northwest
Hills Relay For Life to benefit the
American Cancer Society. The event
will take place June 26-27 at
Northwest Regional #7 High School



Call Tony Roscello at 309-7220 for details or visit
www.torringtonelks.com for a link to the team's site!

50th Birthday Bash

Turning 50? Been 50? Want to be 50?
Then the Torrington Elks is the place
to be on Saturday Feb. 27!

\$20 per person (no worker's credits)

Cocktail hour: 5-6 p.m.

Carving station sandwich bar: 6-8 p.m.

Dancing: 8-11 p.m. with **DJ Joe McCann**

Open to Elk members and their guests, please
sign up, with payment, at the Main Bar

Chairman: PER Bill Pond

Fifth Annual Game Dinner Saturday, March 20



*You heard it was good last year.
It'll be better this year!*

Sign up in the Main Bar
*See next month's journal for menus
and more details*

*Chairmen: Andy Greene - 283-0414
& Randy Vincent - 379-0376*

Hoop shoot results

Congratulations to those who competed in the
Northwest District Hoop Shoot held Jan. 17.

Shannon Reardon took third place in the ages
8-9 girls group

Lauren Jamieson took second place in the ages
10-11 girls group

Caroline Teti took first place in the ages
12-13 girls group

Reid Torturu took fourth place in the ages
8-9 boys group

Jason Vinisko took first place in the ages
10-11 boys group

Patrick Kilmartin took second place in the ages
12-13 boys group

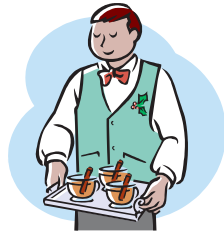
The first-place finishers, Caroline Teti and Jason
Vinisko, will compete in the State Finals in New
Britain on Saturday, Feb. 13 at New Britain High
School. Good luck!

Save the Date!

Workers Party

Saturday, March 6

RSVP to your Waiter Captain



9-5 Tournament



Sunday, March 7
at the Torrington Elks

Registration limited
Prizes will be based on the
number of players

\$20 entry per person, payable on event day

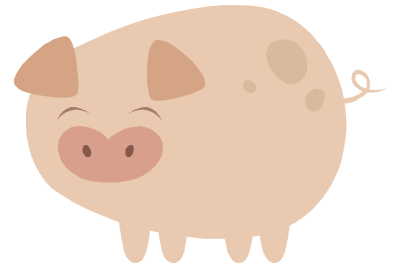
A pizza buffet will be provided to all players
(50 cents per set goes toward food)

Call Paul Ferry at 480-2184 to register
See flyers in the Main Bar for more details

Ham Shoot at the Pond

Sundays,
March 7, 14 and 21
9 a.m to Noon

House guns available



How to play at the Main Bar:

Donate \$2 and print your name in a slice of the pie. A filled pie target will be flipped and mounted on the Ham Shoot target board. A lucky ham shoot recipient will fire one shot at the target. If your pie slice is hit, you win!. Buy multiple slices for increased chances to win!

Proceeds of the Ham Shoot to benefit
the Children's Fishing Derby at the Pond

Chairmen: Dick & Marc Oakley
For more information, call Marc Oakley at 693-9102

Nomination and Election of Lodge Officers

Nomination of Officers for the 2010-2011 Lodge year, will take place during the Lodge meeting on **Tuesday, Feb. 9.**

Positions open for nominations are: Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee (5 years), and Alternate Delegate to Grand Lodge Convention.

Any member may nominate any other member, provided that they are both in good standing. No second is required.

The election shall be held at the second Lodge meeting of the month, set for **Tuesday, Feb. 23.** Nominations cannot be made at this meeting unless no one was nominated for that office at the first meeting, or if a candidate previously nominated for a particular office has declined or withdrawn.

Elections are held under the order of new business.

Elections are conducted by written ballot.

The Exalted Ruler may admit and excuse members during balloting.

Election is by simple majority.

Ties are broken by successive ballots of the Lodge.

*These are YOUR Officers for the coming year!
Participate in this important Lodge function by voting!!*

It's your last chance...

to do your part by buying one or more planks for the Buy-A-Plank campaign.

For several months we have had the opportunity to contribute toward the cost of replacing the formerly defective deck at the Pond. The deck was replaced by countless hours of volunteer work, and has been enjoyed by hundreds of our members and their guests. It's a great example of what can be accomplished when we work together.

Unfortunately, our drive to raise the funds to pay for the project has not been as successful. To date about 200 members have contributed a total of 291 planks, for a little over \$7,000. Our goal was to sell 800 planks to defray the whole cost, a reasonable goal for a Lodge of more than 2,000 members.

We plan to keep the campaign open until March 31, the end of this Elks fiscal year. Donations of \$25 or more will continue to earn vouchers for \$8 toward a pasta night meal until the end of March. If you haven't done your share to maintain our property, please do it now. Your help is badly needed.

**Scotch Bowling Results
Jan. 9, 2010**

<i>High 3 Games</i>	<i>Pam Grohs & Lenny Hammer</i>	<i>299</i>
<i>2nd High 3 Games</i>	<i>Sally Foran & John Bailey</i>	<i>297</i>
<i>3rd High 3 Games</i>	<i>Judy Hammer & Kevin Truglia</i>	<i>296</i>
<i>High Single</i>	<i>Tami Olsen & Ken Bentley</i>	<i>106</i>
<i>High Without a Mark</i>	<i>Jean Pillarella & Tom Grohs</i>	<i>93</i>
<i>Low Low 3 Games</i>	<i>Jackie Nemcik & Jerry Belli</i>	<i>270</i>
<i>Low 3 Games</i>	<i>Kristy Michaud & Fred Sidelinger</i>	<i>267</i>

Scotch Bowling on Feb. 13

Scotch bowling will take place Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and is offered on the second Saturday of each month (except December, June, July and August).

*Torrington Elks Lodge #372 and Torrington Parks &
Recreation Department present*

**Breakfast with the
Easter Bunny**



**Sunday, March 28
8-11:30 a.m.**

Menu: Scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage,
home fries, juice, milk, coffee and tea
Breakfast held in the Elks Ballroom

\$6 per plate for adults & children 12 & older.
\$3.50 per plate for children 11 and under

*Reservations and prepay required.
Sign up in the Main Bar*



Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Lunch from
Noon to 2 p.m. in the Main Bar. Only \$5.95!

Lodge #372 in the Lounge

Saturdays - 8 p.m. - Midnight

February

6: DJ Taco
13: Valentine's Dance
with Sapphire
20: Gregory Allen
27: Cold Sweat



March

6: Bob Mel
13: Arizona Maid Band

Coming soon - Guinness on tap!

Black and tans will also be available

Irish Week Drink Specials

March 10 - 20

Sam Adams Irish Red \$3.50
Guinness Draft Pint \$3.50
Harp Lager \$3.00
Killians Irish Red \$2.25
Smithwicks Irish Ale \$2.75



Red Hook \$3.00
Baileys \$4.75
Jameson's \$3.50
Irish Coffee \$3.50

Arizona Maid

Saturday, March 13

Special menu available including chicken wings, fries, calamari, nachos and onion rings



Clams! Oysters! Mussels!

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

Feb. 3 and 17

March 3 and 17

Call to reserve or until gone!

Smoke-free Saturdays in the Main Bar

Saturday, Feb. 20
Saturday, March 20
Saturday, April 17

Smoking will not be allowed in the Main Bar on these Saturdays!

Valentine's Dance & Martini Night



Saturday,
Feb. 13
Music by
Sapphire

Bus trip to Boston for the St. Patrick's Day Parade



Sunday, March 14

Only \$39 per person!
Leave at 7:45 a.m.,
Estimated return at 11 p.m.

Includes a Boston Elks supper stop

Sign up in the Main Bar
No refunds unless your seat can be resold. No worker's credits.

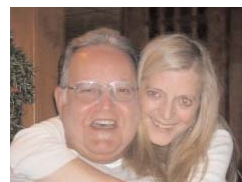
Enter to win the Wheelbarrow Drawing!

The Wheelbarrow is back! Buy your tickets in the Main Bar to win a wheelbarrow full of fun gifts!



Proceeds to benefit the Pond Plank Fund

Christmas Party in the Main Bar



Lenny Day's Famous Corn Beef

In honor of Lenny Day
Sunday, March 14



Food served 1 - 6 p.m.

Corn Beef or Reuben sandwich with fries, slaw & pickle - \$6 each

Thanks to Santa for making our party a great time!



Valentine's Dance

Saturday, Feb. 13



Entertainment by the
**Governor's Second
Company Foot Guard
Band**

\$35 per couple. No worker's credits
Cocktail hour at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m.
Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu

*Sign up in the Main Bar. Proceeds to benefit the
American Cancer Society's Relay For Life*



Comedy Night

Friday, Feb. 26

Only \$50 per couple (or 25 worker's credits)
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m. - Comedy at 9 p.m.

Menu: N.Y. strip steak with caramelized onions,
chicken parmesan or pasta primavera

Performances by **Gary Ewing**, who recently
performed at the Borgata in Atlantic City, and
Eric McMahon, who recently appeared on
Comedy Central and NBC's Friday Night Videos
Chairmen: Rich Slevinsky, Scott Carlson and Carl Foster

Thanks to all who helped!

Because of the generosity shown during the raffle at
the Main Bar Christmas Party, \$484 was raised to
help a family in need. Thanks to all who opened
their hearts and helped!

In Memoriam

*The places that have known him shall know him
no more, but his virtues are written upon the tablets
of love and memory. May he rest in peace.*

#5601 KERMELIS, Stanley

DOB - 8-26-1941...INI - 10-25-1983...DOD - 12-2-2009

#2527 STAINO, Daniel

DOB - 1-2-1922...INI - 5-23-1965...DOD - 1-6-2010

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Sunnyside Night at the Elks!

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Cheese ravioli or Meat lasagna

Wednesday, March 10

Wild mushroom ravioli with sherry cream sauce
or Manicotti

Wednesday, April 11

Spinach & cheese ravioli
or Sausage & meat lasagna



Each meal served with roasted garlic,
antipasto, a glass of house wine,
dessert, coffee & tea

*\$14 per person; Sign up in the Main Bar
Sign up early - only 180 seats available!!!*

Tip of the Antlers



- ◆ Thanks to the **Setup Crew** for cleaning the Ballroom
- ◆ Thanks to **George and Melissa Norton** and **Eggy and Melissa Eggleston** for making pastrami reubens for Sunday Sandwich Shop
- ◆ Thanks to **Jack Dougherty** at Gates Cleaners for drycleaning waiters vests and blouses.
- ◆ Thanks to **Scoville** for repairing the sink in the Main Bar
- ◆ Thanks to **Jonathan Nevin, Larry Connors** and **Joanne Cardello** for helping prepare for Sunnyside Night
- ◆ Thanks to **Eggy, Jim Weingart, Paul Reardon** and **Rick Rougeau** for working the window for Horse Racing Night and thanks to **Nancy Petrosky** and **John Winegar** for their help in the kitchen

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