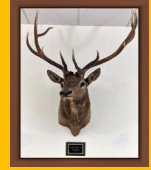




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Our Exalted Ruler's Message

There seems to be a divide between the "Range People" and the other members. I am deeply troubled by this. In speaking with ER's from all over the country, it seems to be a common problem. I'm not sure how to solve this, but I have a few thoughts:

The first thing to remember is We are ALL Elks! Whatever the reason for joining, we all became Elks. We have some things in common, but we all have our differences as well. Some enjoy quietly fishing, or hunting, or some diversion or activity. Come to think of it, every Elks Lodge has an additional attraction for members:

- Westbrook has a beach,
- Willimantic has Bingo.
- Some Lodges have RV parks, golf courses or bowling alleys.

I think we should embrace our unique attraction (only four Lodges in the country have shooting ranges with

trap).

In the past, people joined Glastonbury Lodge so they could enjoy the airstrip for RC model aircraft on the lower field. Others joined for the inexpensive drinks at the bar. Over the years we have had Set-Back Leagues, Horseshoe teams and Friday Night Dinners and many other activities that I read about in some of the old newsletters.

Instead of criticizing the range, we should celebrate that we have it and maybe someone could create a different activity that would also attract members:

- Bingo?
- Texas Hold 'em Tournaments?
- Pasta Dinners?
- Flower Arranging Classes?
- Yoga?

The possibilities are almost endless. All that is needed is some imagination and effort. So, let's not separate ourselves into "Range Folks"

and "Non-Range Folks".

Let's all cooperate in the true spirit of Elkdom and help the Community and the members and all pitch in to make this the best Lodge in the State.

WE ARE ALL ELKS.

Fraternally,
Don



"Elk of the Month"

Paul Fagan



Paul quietly helped out at every major event this year. (and a few minor ones too!) He's always there, cooking or doing whatever is needed, quietly working away. Fantastic Paul, Fantastic! Enjoy the parking spot for the month of September!



Charity, Justice Brotherly Love & Fidelity

From Our Secretary's Desk

Hello all and Happy September. I absolutely love this time of year. The crisp mornings, the hot afternoons, and the changing season. We are so fortunate to live in this area of the country and enjoy all the seasons and everything that they offer. I look forward to the hunting season starting up and will be heading north to Maine to join my sister in-law and husband to hunt our favorite spots. But first we need to welcome and enjoy the final weeks of summer. Many of you will be doing the same or perhaps starting to think about your journey south to escape the weather that will be on us soon. Either way I hope all of you had a very enjoyable summer. The kids are back at school so let's all take a little more time when we are on the roads and make sure we are safe and focused on the safety of those around us.

As I stated last month our lodge continues to grow, we currently have 1425 members with over 60 more in process. We are looking for large numbers of initiations next month as we drive towards 1500 members. I would like to share some facts about our membership numbers that were submitted to me by our former secretary Mark Curtin.

- There are 30 lodges in Connecticut, and we have the third highest membership.
- Our lodge has grown 58% since March 2020 when covid hit.
- We have the youngest median age members. Our average is 58 years old and the only lodge with an average age below 60
- Approximately 84% are male and 16% female
- Only 319 live in Glastonbury
- 1100 live in 92 towns and cities across Connecticut
- 58 members have an out of state address that covers 17 states
- 43 members are life members with over 30 years of support to our lodge.

These numbers make me proud to be part of Glastonbury Lodge 2202 and I hope you feel the same way. So, let's continue to grow and bring in our friends and family and help our lodge reach the top of the list in membership.

We should all remember that our goal is to help others and support our community and those around us. One way to do that is contributing to the Elks National Fund (ENF). Our ENF chairman and Leading Knight Ed Moore talked to me about the fund and what it does and the easiest way to participate. The fund makes money available to local lodges to put back into the community. We apply for grants and use the money to help

others. The easiest way to donate is through the Fidelity Club program. You can sign up to donate from the elks.org home page. Look at the lower right of the page and click on "Donate to Elks National Fund". Setting up a \$5 monthly donation will help our lodge achieve its goal to be able to help others by receiving grant money from the program. If you have questions please reach out to Ed Moore at: Cannoneerfour@hotmail.com

I am continually impressed with the dedication of our members and the work that all our volunteers do to make this lodge successful. So come out to a meeting and see what is going on and help plan our future. Think about joining a committee or volunteering to help at an event. What you get out of the lodge is in direct proportion to what you put into the lodge. Thank you all for the support over this great summer and I wish you all a great fall season.

Fraternally,
Chuck Fraser
Lodge Secretary.



Please Support your Lodge You Can Help

Whether it's cooking, cleaning, selling tickets, coming to a dinner, attending a charity event or sending in a donation

We Thank you for supporting the good we do for
Our Veterans, Our Youth and Our Community

**Range Gate Combo Changing
October 1st 2024**

Please see the bartender or contact Elksrange2202@yahoo.com for the new combination which will be available **AFTER** the first Lodge meeting in **September (9/10/24)**.

You must show a current paid membership card AND ID to receive the new code.

Anyone unauthorized, found to be at the range will be prosecuted.

NOTE: Range gate lock combinations are changed on April 1st & again October 1st every year! ©

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Range Committee News

Range Info ~ elksrange2202@yahoo.com

> Trap will start again on September 29th. Trap is open to the public. Eye and hearing protection are required in order to use the range and shoot trap.

> Stick Bust runs all Summer to the last Monday in September, from 5:30 to about 7pm. Join us for a fun handgun competition! Open to the public.

> Range Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm



Anyone unauthorized, found to be at the range will be prosecuted.

Scan the QR code for the



Range Rules

Come on up for a TrapTastic day!!

Trap Shoot!

Starting Sunday Sept 29, 2024 and Every Sunday till the Spring!

If you have your own shotgun, bring it! If you don't have your own, one will be available for you to borrow!

Open to the public and to all levels!

Eye and ear protection are recommended and available at no cost.

***Range will be closed during the Trap Shoot!**

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Stick Bust

Glastonbury Elks
98 Woodland ST
South Glastonbury, CT 096073



Every Monday through September starting at 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Cost is \$1.00 each stage - winner receives free entry to the next stage! Come check it out & shoot as much or as little as you'd like. Shooters at any level can participate. Great opportunity to practice the fundamentals of shooting and make new friends during this fun competition!

Welcome Elk Members, Family & Friends

Up to 5 shooters per round

Knock down your targets in the best time

Bring your own pistol of any style or caliber

Great Opportunity to learn more about your local Elks Lodge

Questions? Contact the Range Committee. Email: Elksrange2202@yahoo.com

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RANGE DAY AT THE ELKS LODGE #2202

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10:00AM - 11:30AM

Join us on the TeamReach app. Available on Android or Apple.



Group code: BBGELKS

We will post schedules, updates, reminders, photos and it's a great way to contact us for information.

Contact Mary at 860.659.7109 or Tracey at 860.424.7476 For Lodge members and their guests only.



This is your LAST CHANCE

TO GET YOUR MASSACHUSETTS NONRESIDENT CARRY PERMIT

The Mass Governor recently signed a law that outlaws permits for out of state residents. If you have not taken the permit class by the end of October AND submitted your application by then, you will not be able to get a nonresident permit EVER, unless the law is overturned.

Sun. Sept 22nd
10:30 am to 3 pm



Elk Lodge 2202
FUND RAISER

Sunday September 22, 2024 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm, the Range Committee will sponsor the Mass and Utah permit classes. You can get your Massachusetts or Mass and Utah concealed carry permits.

Program is presented by New England Firearms Academy of Woburn MA. Upon completion you will be given a completion certificate and all necessary paperwork to apply for your carry permits.

COST FOR MASS PERMIT CLASS IS \$150 PAID IN ADVANCE

Make check to Elk Lodge 2202 and place it in the Range Box in the lobby of Lodge with your name on it. The Utah permit is additional \$50 payable the day of the class. Half of all proceeds from these classes go to support our Lodge!

NOTE: The Mass Permit Class will cost \$175 on the day of the class.

ADDITIONAL INFO: To get your Mass permit you must appear in person in Chelsea, MA with this completion certificate AND you must renew it each year.

Questions?? Contact our Range Committee representative, Andrew Pulvermacher: ranetrainer2202@gmail.com. Phone: (860) 803-2998

Find us on ELKS.ORG at:

<https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=2202>

Find us on The CT Elks Association:

<https://ctelks.org/lodges/glastonbury-lodge-no-2202/>

House Happening's

**September 1st and 2nd
loaded Bloody Mary's
Bar opens at 2p on Labor Day.**



- September 6th music and dinner
- September 20th music and dinner

**Octoberfest (German Night)
October 5th at the pavilion
Apps at 4pm ~ Dinner at 5pm**

**Tickets for Octoberfest will be available
after Labor Day at the bar.**

**Sept 21st – Food Truck Fest Volunteer
Dinner – 5pm. "You know who you are."**



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[https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/
mvs.cfm](https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm)

Eligibility:

Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. Apply at the link above for more info. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.

High school graduates are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

"Tip of the Antlers" Food Truck Fest Success!



Thank you to all officers, members, attendees, and of course our numerous volunteers on Saturday and Sunday!!!! ... you made our food truck festival a success, despite the seemingly insurmountable odds of really crazy weather! *Awesome job!!!!*

- ◆ Many thanks to our house chairman Mike Dudzinski for putting everything together!!!
- ◆ Thanks to our ER Don for your hard work volunteering!
- ◆ Thanks to Ron Morrone and Frank Moreway for taking care of the grounds!
- ◆ Thanks to Ed Moore and Ken for doing some recruiting!
- ◆ Thanks to Susan Lehmke & crew for preparing breakfast!
- ◆ Thanks to Dave & Sharon Lewis for everything you do!
- ◆ Thanks to Paul Fagan for hooking us up with the bandstand!
- ◆ Thanks to all who helped with parking, and garbage!
- ◆ Thanks to Mike Dondi for getting all the ice ready!
- ◆ Thanks to all the bartenders, plus Alicia, Mary McManus and Tamara Botticello for volunteering!
- ◆ Thank you, Larry Bowden, Bob Scaglia, Scot Takus, and the Bassettes!
- ◆ Thank you also to anyone we did not mention you are not forgotten; you are either too humble or we just lost you in the large crowd lol!!!!

Chris Brown,
Lodge Permittee



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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.

<u>Candidates Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
David Bisi	Glastonbury	Dylan Bassette	Forman
Ryan Bisi	Glastonbury	Dylan Bassette	Engineer
Tamera Botticello	Manchester	Michael Dudzinski	Office Manager
Steven Brenza	S Glastonbury	John Weir	Landscape Forman (Reinstatement)
Shawn Duvall	East Hartford	Joshua Freeman	Lineman
Cary Gagnon	S Glastonbury	Michael Dudzinski	Self Employed
Scott Hankard	Middletown	Jory Pagliughi	VP of Sales
Quinton Hill	Middletown	Joshua Freeman	Fitness Trainer
Ryan Hines	Kensington	James F Jost	Electrician (Dimit from New Britain)
Fredrick Hull	East Hampton	David A Lewis	Union Laborer
William Montgomery	East Hartford	Elbert Gray	Production Manager
Scott Pelligrinelli	Glastonbury	Steven M Brenza Sr.	Landscape (Reinstatement)
Jessica Poulin	Portland	David P Poulin	Nanny
Lizette Sienna	Wethersfield	Steven V Bielenda	QA Consultant
John Stanton Jr.	Plainville	Sal Dimauro	Development Service Worker
Michael Welch	Glastonbury	Michael Dudzinski	Equipment Operator
Meredeth Zaches	Glastonbury	Alicia Fiducia	Clinical Admin
Robert Zaches	Glastonbury	Alicia Fiducia	Transportation Supervisor



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<https://www.elks.org/vets/>



Labor Day Weekend "Mary's" Sunday 9/1 & Monday 9/2



Tinkerbell & Willow want you to come to the Lodge because our humans, Paul and Alicia, are making their special loaded Bloody Mary's.



<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>



<https://www.elks.org/cip/>

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September Birthdays



Kim Murphy-Francis	01	Stephen Zeppieri	12	Scott Varni	25
Brian Rogers	01	Jose Andrade	13	Joseph Crucitti	26
Deborah Ferwerda	02	Robert Brautigam	13	Susan Hyatt	26
David Holmes	02	Lester McArthur Jr	13	Ed Moore Jr	26
Michael Savage	02	Kim Sadlon	13	Paul Pelletier	26
Amy Trudelle	02	Brian Ambrogio	14	Donald Hoerman	28
Eric Bieler	03	Dana Batty	14	Gary Mack	28
Jason Flourde	03	Thomas Clary	14	Charles Monzeglio Jr	28
Spencer Rheume	03	Glenn Cummings	14	Steve Ciccarello	29
Kevin Roy	03	Todd Hanlon	14	Paul Cichowski	29
Peter Ceulemans	04	Shaun Miller	14	Charles D'Amore	29
Stephen Costes	04	John Phelan	14	Edward Dessureault	29
Joao Decampos	04	Andrew Bednarz	15	Tanesha Dickau	29
Daine Di Napoli	04	Robert Rainha	15	William Gray	29
Michael Reed	04	Richard Duffy	17	Judy Thompson	29
John Uliano	04	Martin Either	17	Gary Berner	30
Lisa Baars	05	James Ganley	17	Kurt Bogner	30
Thomas McGuire	05	Peter Jackson	17	Alicia Fiducia	30
Jacob Budziszewski	06	William Cullen	18	Aaron Pinto	30
Anthony Delucia	06	Jared Giuliano	18	Justin Sitaro	30
Michael Musante	06	Shamel Schand	18		
Craig Adams	07	H Boice	19		
Gary Sheperd	07	Anton Hertle Jr	19		
Patricia Stevens	07	Edward Czaban Jr	20		
Steven Holland	08	John Gilnack	20		
Daniel Rita	08	Jasen Hughes	20		
Adam Burrier	09	Jayne Medina	20		
Steven Devanney	09	Herbert Strickland Jr	20		
James Giansanti Jr	09	Francis Boyer	21		
Steven Houle	09	Edwin Cruz	21		
Carm Mears	09	Joseph Demeo Jr	21		
Doreen Ryea	09	John Malone	21		
Vincent Draghi	10	Michael Coughlin	22		
Vivian Grayeb	10	Emil Dedovic	22		
Lena LoNero	10	Richard Fochi	22		
Jeanne Zirolli	10	Micki Freeman	22		
Brandon Maieli	11	Ronald La Fleche	22		
David Rutter Jr	11	Robyn Murphy	22		
Paul Whiteley	11	John Wilhelm	22		
Eric Dreyer	12	Vincent Madore Sr	23		
Michael Morley	12	Anthony Repoli	23		
Edwin Vazquez	12	Judith Russell	23		
		William Wolfe	23		
		Brad Cofiell	24		
		Jason Mathiau	24		
		Randy Phelps	24		
		Eric Schneider	24		
		Alexis Cantres	25		
		John Morway	25		
		Jeffrey Nadeau	25		
		William Shepherd	25		



September 2024



Lodge 2202



Glastonbury

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Stick Bust – 5:30p Labor Day	3	4 Range Committee - 6:30pm	5 House Committee - 4:00pm	6 Dinner & Live Music	7
8	9 Stick Bust – 5:30p	10 B.O.D. meeting - 6:00pm	11 Lodge meeting - 7pm	12	13	14
15	16 Stick Bust – 5:30p	17	18	19	20 Dinner & Live Music	21 Beauties & Bullets – 10am
22	23 Stick Bust – 5:30p	24	25 Lodge meeting - 7pm	26	27	28
29 Trap starts	30 Stick Bust – 5:30p					



Website or Facebook questions or issues?
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Charles Fraser ~ Lodge Secretary

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Send an email to upstart@glastonburyelks.org with subject "Committee interest" and add your name & lodge member number.

Committee members and volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Your email be forwarded to the right folks.
~The Editor



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Glastonbury, CT 2202

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September 2024 Meetings

Range Committee 09/04 @ 6:30 pm

House Committee 09/05 @ 4:00 pm

Lodge meeting 09/11 @ 7:00 pm

Lodge meeting 09/25 @ 7:00 pm

B.O.D. meeting 09/10 @ 6:00 pm

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