



SILVER CITY ANTLERS

MERIDEN LODGE #35

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BIRTHPLACE OF ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)

www.meridenctelks35.com

July 2021

Rich Doolittle ♦ Antlers Editor

A message from Meriden Elks Lodge 35 Exalted Ruler, Bill McGovern

Well, welcome to summer and Happy Independence Day. Historically, our Lodge has its slowest time during the summer. Unfortunately, the pandemic and associated restrictions have made our lodge's income lower than it has been in the past. Missing events, decreased hours, and less members attending is putting us behind in income. While we have had some events (Irish Night, Polish Night and Officer initiation) these are less than we normally have had at this point. We recently had a well-attended Father's Day Breakfast. Thank you to Rich and Theresa Doolittle and Mark Cartelli for organizing this. We have the golf tournament and bus safari in the planning stages, so please keep an eye out for the informational postings. Thank you to the golf committee led by Leading Knight Wesley Huxley and Loyal Knight Shannon Dwyer and our Bus Safari leadership team of PERs Andrea Ruimerman and Michele Stocking for our upcoming events.

We know some members are still weary of attending in group settings, but we have distancing in place for those that feel they need it. We have continued the Friday Night Socials with great meals. Thank you to the group of people that faithfully attend. We would love to have more members and their families attending to enjoy in the fun. Try to make some time between your summer activities to stop down and say hello. The House Committee has been running Wednesday evening dinner specials and trivia night. Our HC Chair Paul Amenta is looking at movie nights over the summer.



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Come on down, The lodge is open!

Regular Lodge Meetings are the second & fourth Thursday of the month @ 7:30 pm EXCEPT July & August when they are the fourth thursday ONLY & November/December when they are the second & third thursdays of the month.



Current lodge hours

Wednesday 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Thursday 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

NOTICE

From the desk of The Secretary Andrea Ruimerman PDD

To all the members that received a 2nd membership dues bill in error from the Grand Lodge and have paid their dues, please disregard.

This is the first year of this billing system from the Grand Lodge and it seem to have generated 2nd dues notices to many people who have already paid and received their membership cards.

Please disregard the notice and we apologize for the notice. I know it can be very upsetting to have paid and then receive as if you had not paid. If you would like to verify your status for your own piece of mind, please drop me an email and I will confirm your membership status. My email address is mom2molly1203@gmail.com.

Also, if you have moved or updated your email address, please drop me an email so I can update your records.

Thank you and if I can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful summer!

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Elks Father's Day
Breakfast 2021

This would include food offerings. I would like to thank Rich Doolittle, our editor for the Antlers. We have received compliments on it's return for those that have not been around the Lodge. Hopefully this information is helpful for some.

The Meriden Elks still has been working in the community. We are coming to completion of our grants from last year filing the final reports and apply for the current year's grants. These are available to us because of your gracious gifts to the Elks National Foundation.

Take a moment and look at the report from our Veterans Committee chair Rich Doolittle on the Hanover Place Veterans Housing and the recent presentation to the Meriden Soup Kitchen on Broad Street. These, along with a donation to the Meriden Police Cadets, are just a sample of the good works done by our Lodge.

Like last year, the American Legion limited participation in the flag retirement event. This had been our Grand Lodge required Flag Day event. This year we again held a moving standalone event at the Lodge that was open to the public. Thank you to all that participated and attended the event, especially Scouts from Troop 1 and 37 that functioned as the color guard and performed the 13-fold ceremony of the American Flag. With additional events and committees needing staffing, please reach out to me at 2021erelks35@gmail.com if you are interested in a specific committee or interested in learning what committee does. Remember the famous quote... "Many hands make light work."



A little information from outside our Lodge. The State Elks Association held their convention in a scaled down fashion at the Westbrook Elks. The State's business was covered and the new officers were elected and installed. Congratulations to the new State President Michael Stewart from Putnam Lodge and his new suite of Officers. Also, many thanks for the guidance of outgoing State President James Sabio for his work during this unprecedented year.



Elks Flag Day

The Grand Lodge Convention is the first week in July and we will give a report for next month's edition of the Antlers, or in person at the Lodge.

Most of all have a safe and fun summer.

Bill McGovern PER
Exalted Ruler

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain

Count your age by friends, not years.



July Birthdays

1	Carlos Vega	10	Raymee Ferguson	26	Marie Heck
2	Gerald Asplund	11	Justin Coyle	29	Patrick Carter
2	Robert Green	11	Bill Moran	29	James Clark
2	Michael Snopek	14	Thomas Buick	29	Janice Sansouci
4	Daniel Michalak	18	Kevin Scapati	29	John Tomasiello
5	William Panciera	19	Michael Chymbor	30	Bailey Doolittle
7	Donnie Cariati	19	Brian Wilkinson	30	Louis Rebstock
7	Ryan Dunn	19	Richard Wysocki	31	Carol Carney
7	Mary Thomas	20	Patricia Koch	31	Matt Mucci
8	Emil Altobello Jr.	21	Patricia Ann Shara	31	John Syme
9	Don Betty	24	David Otfinoski		
10	Kathleen Perry	25	Michele Stocking		

A Few Words From Our Leading Knight

Hello brother and sister Elks,

I hope you have welcomed summer and that you plan to enjoy it to its fullest. I was recently asked to contribute to our Antlers and I replied "Sure, what can I offer?" I was presented many suggestions and I chose to share a just a few thoughts about how I actually came to be an Elk of the great Meriden, CT Lodge 35.

We each have many, and different reasons for joining this great Order of Elks, as do I. However, the simplest way I can describe my experience becoming an Elk is that I can look back and truly say that it was probably inevitable. I have many memories from childhood being at our lodge for events, and one that always comes to mind for me is an evening that our lodge had the honor of hosting The United States Navy Band. I remember that our hall was full, people were enjoying each other's company, the music, the food they had, and everything that being an Elk is about. The Navy Band was impressive in their dress whites and perfectly polished shoes and musical instruments. The thing that still resonates with me after all these years is how everyone in that room was there for one reason which was to support our lodge, each other, and by extension, the community programs we as Elks work to support. Fast forward many years, I was finally of age and eligible to be an Elk of Lodge 35. I joined, and found great joy in the

camaraderie of those I had known previously and those who I had just met. I looked forward to each event that I could attend and I was eager to meet new and exciting people. It wasn't long before I began to help out when I could and learn of all the community projects our Lodge is involved in. It became apparent to me that all of the initiatives we as Elks strive to accomplish in the community are based upon one thing, being together.

The time since we have all been able to come together as brother and sister Elks has been a trying time for everyone. Our Lodge has persisted and we are finally able to reconnect with each other and continue to work towards the goals within the Lodge and throughout the community.

The Lodge has several events planned for the coming months that will allow us to finally get together again and work for each other and the community. The dinner specials on Wednesdays, and our Friday Night Socials are sure to please. As the summer continues, you can look forward to the return of the Lodge 35 Family Picnic scheduled for Saturday August, 21, 2021. Our Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday October 9, 2021. Also, be sure to look out for more special events and dinners that are sure to pop up!

I look forward to seeing those Elks I've known and I hope to meet many more of you as we are able to get together again.

Fraternally,
Wesley C Huxley
Esteemed Leading Knight

Veterans

Reprinted from June

We Elks are American citizens who enjoy living life by the golden rule and contributing to the lives and well-being of those around us. We promise also that as long as there are Veterans, we as Elks, as citizens who would treat others, I dare say even BETTER than we would have them treat ourselves, shall not turn

our backs to them, but instead seek them out, especially those in need, and offer whatever we can to improve their lives in some small way, as they through their service have improved ours.

Having heard of such an opportunity, in the nearby construction of Hanover Place in Meriden, a nine unit development providing housing for homeless Veterans or those at risk of being homeless, we reached out to fellow Lodge 35 Elk, the Real Estate & Special Programs Director for the Meriden Housing Authority, Eddie Siebert, we set up a meeting to tour the facility. We learned other civic groups had already gotten involved as well furnishing the future residents with towels, toiletries, cleaning products, small appliances, etc, enough donations that it filled an entire community room, a community room that needed to be furnished for the residents to relax in and meet with visitors, VA workers, or just wait for their laundry to finish.

What first started out as an idea became a project the day we initially toured this property in October of 2020. ER Bill McGovern was on hand for this initial meeting and we discussed a rough idea of what we thought we could do for them, after that it was off to the lodge floor seeking funding for the project. This project got its initial start through the suggestion of merging the Spotlight and Beacon Grants to get \$5,500 from Grand Lodge by Justin Fedler, PER. I will add here that it is only by the CONTINUED generosity of our members who donate to ENF that make us eligible for these grants, so thank you all for that. After getting approval on the floor it was sent to Grand Lodge by our Grants Committee Chair, Jen Maheu, without whom this would never have gotten done.

November 10th, 2020, the day before Veterans Day, the building was dedicated. ER Bill McGovern was on hand at the ribbon cutting, along with Lodge 35 member and Meriden Mayor Kevin Scarpati who bid the soon to be Veteran residents "Welcome home", as well as member CT Rep Hilda Santiago who said this project "will be a safe haven" for Veterans

Now it was time to get down to business. The community room was FULL of donations facilitated by Lodge 35 member Maureen Flynn who did an amazing job working with another organisation she volunteers for, we can still be proud of the good deeds of our members even though they may not be done in the name of Elkdom, it is in the same spirit by which they are done. An absolutely amazing crew of members met on the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving to help empty that community room and distribute those aforementioned donations to each unit. Many thanks go out to Jim Nettleton, Eddie Seibert, Mark Cartelli, Justin Fedler, PER, Jen Maheu, and Steve Maheu, PER would have taken longer than a day without all your help, and lastly but surely not least, I thank my wife Theresa Doolittle without whom none of this would have been possible, in so many varied and wonderful ways, you have all my love and all my thanks.

After many trips to furniture stores, one was selected and the furniture ordered. The original plan was for everything to be delivered at once, have a crew meet up at the community room and get this project done, however Covid delays made short (or shall we say LONG) work of that idea. The furniture was ordered at the end of November 2020 and the final pieces not delivered until the last days of April 2021, 5 months it took with multiple trips to the project, and multiple trips to the many stores. As the Veteran residents trickle in, and stop by to poke their heads in, they are excited by the way the community room has turned out and cannot wait to use it.

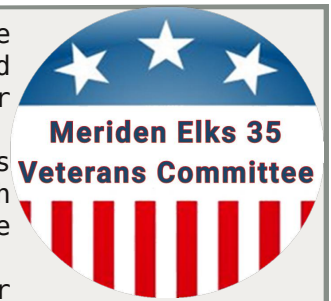
This project has involved MANY Elks, some directly and others indirectly, offering ideas, and advice. This is the kind of project we can ALL be proud of as Elks, as members of this community, and as Americans. While we may not have been out there with our Veterans, we will always be here for them.

Rich Doolittle Veterans Committee Chairman
elkscareaboutvets@gmail.com

Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Promising service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need.

We will give generously of our time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military members each day, to ensure that pledge is not an idle one.



ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!



2021-2022 B.P.O.E. Meriden Lodge 35 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Bill McGovern
 Esteemed Leading Knight.....Wesley Huxley
 Esteemed Loyal Knight.....Shannon Dwyer
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight.....Sarah Stack

 Secretary.....Andrea Ruimerman, PER
 Treasurer.....Justin Fedler, PER
 Esquire.....Pam DiPasquale
 Chaplain.....Doug Parker, PER
 Inner Guard.....Mark Cartelli
 Organist.....Karen Coale O'brien
 Tiler.....Theresa Doolittle

Board Of Trustees

1 YR Trustee.....Chairman.....Keith Stocking, PER
 2 YR Trustee.....Danny Carter, PER
 3 YR Trustee.....Rob Sadlowski, PER
 4 YR Trustee.....Steve Maheu, PER
 5 YR Trustee.....Jim Nettleton

House Committee

Chairman.....Paul Amenta
 CO-Chair.....Terrance Ellingson
 Secretary.....Joann Noonan



Bryan Courchesne, Pam DiPasquale, Terrance Ellingson, Carl Field, Marie Heck, Walter Kerr, Sean Quinn, Karen Vargas

2021-2022 B.P.O.E. Meriden Lodge 35 Committee Chairs

Americanism.....Open
 Audit Committee.....Open
 Birdsey Scholarship.....Open
 Drug Awareness.....Justin Fedler, PER
 ENF.....Michele Stocking, PER
 Flag Day.....Bill McGovern
 Golf Tournament.....Wesley Huxley, Shannon Dwyer
 Grants.....Jenn Maheu
 Hall Rental.....Paul Amenta
 Hoop Shoot.....Open
 Investigations.....Shannon Dwyer
 Irish Night.....Jim Nettleton
 Italian Night.....Paul Amenta, Jim Nettleton
 Lapsation.....Rob Sadlowski, PER
 Memorial / Orientation.....Doug Parker, PER
 Polish Night.....Wesley Huxley
 PER Comittee.....Doug Parker, PER
 Public Relations.....Jenn Maheu
 Public Service Night.....Open
 Scholarships.....Andrea Ruimerman, PER
 Soccer Shoot.....Open
 Special Olympics.....Open
 Sports Night.....Paul Amenta
 State Major Project.....Andrea Ruimerman, PER
 Veterans.....Rich Doolittle
 Youth Activities.....Open



**Installation of officers
 April 10th 2021**

July 2021

Dates To Remember

- 02 - Friday NO SOCIAL
- 07 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 08 - Thursday NO MEEETING
- 09 - Friday Night Social
- 14 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 16 - Friday Night Social
- 21 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 22 - Regular Lodge Meeting 730 PM
- 23 - Friday Night Social
- 28 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 30 - Friday Night Social

August 2021

Dates To Remember

- 04 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 06 - Friday Night Social
- 11 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 13 - Friday Night Social
- 18 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 20 - Friday Night Social
- 21 - Elks Family Picnic
- 25 - Wednesday Night Trivia
- 26 - Regular Lodge Meeting 730 PM
- 27 - Friday Night Social



Bar seating now available!
Wednesday-Thursday-Friday
5pm to 11pm



In Memoriam



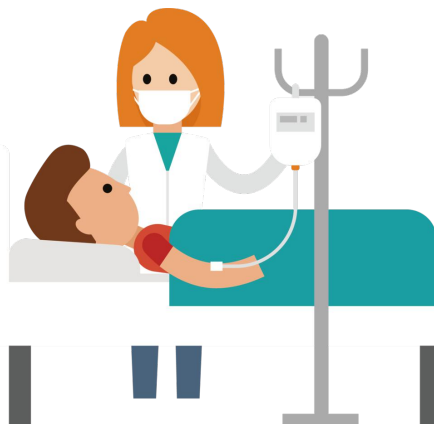
*The clock of their day
Has stopped
And across its' dial the
Motionless shadow marks the Hour of Eleven.
The faults of our
Members we write upon the sand, their
virtues upon the
Tablets of love and memory.*

To Our Absent Members

Advertise Your Business Here

Only \$120 per year, that's just \$10 per month.
To currently reach AT LEAST 500 sets of eyes!

Sickness & Distress



If you know of any member who may not be doing well, or has passed, please contact the Leading Knight via email at

LeadingKnightElks35
@Gmail.Com

Subject: Sickness & Distress

SUBMISSIONS TO THE ANTLERS



Please submit your:

Articles, flyers, pictures, etc. by the 15th of each month.

If for some reason you cannot meet this deadline, please reach out and we will work together to get it done.

Thank you for your suggestions, comments, ideas, and most of all your participation!

If you have pictures of ANY Elk related nature that you might like to see shared please contact us.

Do you have an idea for something you'd like to see in this newsletter?

Do you know of someone not receiving our publication?

ANY Elks ANY lodge. All are welcome!

Please email us with their information!

Elks35Antlers@gmail.com

A Statement From Our Meriden Elks Lodge #35 House Committee

The house committee would like to thank all of our members for their continued support. The house committee is currently working on planning a Saturday event that would feature a beer and wine tasting extravaganza!!! At this time we would like to let all our members know that the hall is available for rentals on the weekends.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Your house committee

July 1
Stratford
Short Beach Park (9:00 p.m.)
Rain Date: July 5

July 2
Meriden
Castle Craig
When the sun sets

Madison
Off of West Wharf Beach 9:30 p.m.
Rain Date: July 5

Shelton
Housatonic River Area 9:15 p.m.

Simsbury
Talcott Mountain Festival - Celebrate America
Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows (Following Concert).
Rain Date: July 3

Stafford Springs
Stafford Motor Speedway (End of Show)

July 3
Bristol/Southington
Lake Compounce
After the sun sets

Enfield Fireworks Extravaganza
Town Green 9:30 p.m.

Hartford
Hartford Yard Goats - Dunkin Donuts Park (End of game)

Lakeville
Lime Rock Park 9:15 p.m.

Middlebury 3D Fireworks & Special Blast at the Beach
Quassy Amusement Park 10:15 p.m.

New Britain
New Britain Stadium (End of Game)

July 4
New Britain
Willow Brook Park
Fireworks will start at approximately 9:15 p.m.
Rain date: July 5

New Haven
Top of East Rock
Show will begin at 9:15 and is expected to last 25 minutes
Rain date: July 5

Waterbury
Waterbury Mall
2 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the Waterbury Food Truck and Fireworks Extravaganza.
Families can enjoy face painting, henna and music from a live DJ.
To end the night, grab a chair or blankets to watch the fireworks show.

Hartford
Hartford Yard Goats
Right after the game

Cheshire
Kurtz Farm in Cheshire
This year with no specific details, the farm is expecting to resume the decades long tradition.

Haddam Search for Fireworks Sunset Cruise
RiverQuest & Adventure - Eagle Landing State Park 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Local Fireworks
Verify Before You Head Out!

Golf Committee

MERIDEN ELKS LODGE #35 GOLF

T O U R N A M E N T

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**SOUTHINGTON COUNTRY CLUB
150 SAVAGE ST PLANTSVILLE, CT**

**12PM SHOTGUN START
REGISTRATION AT 10AM**

Lunch 10:00 - 11:45

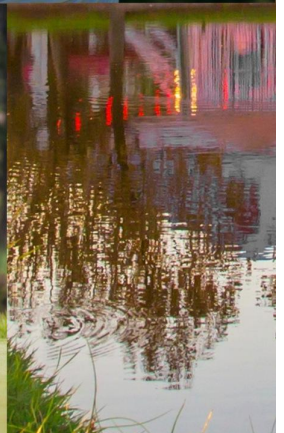
**Contests and Games on Course
Awards Dinner Catered by Aqua Turf
at Southington Country Club
Following Play**



\$125 PER PERSON

**INCLUDES GOLF, CART,
LUNCH, BEER, DINNER**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT ELK CHARITIES
AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**



REGISTRATION IS LIMITED

SIGN UP TODAY!

EMAIL FOR INFO: ELKS35GOLF@GMAIL.COM

Meriden Elks Lodge #35 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Southington Country Club



PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM

The tournament is open to Elks members and non-members, men and women.

Registration opens at 10:00 am
Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Beer and Dinner

Lunch served 10:00 – 11:45
Grilled Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Chips, Water, Soda and Beer

12:00 pm Shotgun Start
Scramble Format with Contests and Games on Course
Beverages Available on Course During Play from the Beer Cart

Awards Dinner Catered by Aqua Turf at Southington Country Club Following Play
Beer, Soda and Cash Bar - Contest Prizes and Team Awards - Raffle Following Awards

\$125 Per Person
Registration is Limited – Sign up Today!

Meriden Elks Lodge #35 Annual Golf Tournament – Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Southington Country Club

*****PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM - REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT*****

1. Name _____	3. Name _____
Email _____	Email _____
Phone # _____	Phone # _____
2. Name _____	4. Name _____
Email _____	Email _____
Phone # _____	Phone # _____

\$125 per player x _____ Players Total \$ _____ Enclosed
Cash and Check Accepted - Make Checks Payable To: **MERIDEN ELKS LODGE #35**
Registration form with payment can be dropped off at the Lodge or mailed to:
Meriden Elks Golf Committee P.O. Box 634 Meriden, CT 06450