

The Antlergram



MARCH 2010

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*The faults of our members
we write upon the sand;
their virtues upon the tab-
lets of love and memory.*

Message from your Exalted Ruler . . .

Our time upon the stage of action is but brief . . . What a wonderful, exciting year this has been for myself and the lodge. We have accomplished so much. And now—the Last Letter!

I need to thank a few committees who worked effortlessly to bring us to the tumult and successfully took us over it: John Sousa and the House Committee who defined the word "accountability" as no dictionary ever could, saving the lodge thousands of dollars; to Rob Fortune and the Investigating Committee who took that committee to another level; to John Soenhlein and the Veteran's Committee who did such a wonderful job in coordinating our veterans with special programs and activities; to Linda Nolf and the ENF Committee for initiating events that took us to our goal and then some; to Madeline DeVellis and the Bingo Committee for devoting so much time and effort that we have been able to make it through the winter still making a sizable profit; to John Mayo, Joanne Kelly, Helen Laureti, Todd Koscinski and Ralph Hoover and their respective house teams for all their sweat and tears (and sometimes blood!) to get the members' dinners served and last but not least, our ladies of the Emblem Club for all their hard work and fundraising efforts that brought so much pride to our lodge. And a most sincere gratitude to ALL OF YOU who supported me and your lodge.

Our Emergency Personnel Night on January 25 was most enjoyable. A wonderful dinner was served and we had close to 80 guests. I thank those members who came to show their appreciation. We donated a check for \$500 to each unit to show our appreciation. Our first selectman, Noel Bishop, honored us by taking pictures to submit to the local newspaper with an article of how much the Westbrook Elks has done for the community this year. Watch your mailboxes!!

On the subject of newspapers, the Harbor News, who put our Flag Day on the front page of the paper in June, reran us in the December 31 "year in revue" issue, and once again we were one of the five photos making the front page!

Our Flag Day Ceremony that we "took on the road" began our 1784 "firsts" for the year. It was such a great success we decided to indulge ourselves in more "firsts." Next came the Flea Market that not only was such a success for us, but for all the vendors who bought slots. They were thrilled with the location and the success of their "investment." We also started the ENF beach buck-a-book drive at the beginning of the season which raised a lot of money for the foundation. It is on-going so you can still visit our "store." The first ENF Country Hoedown was also a great success. Even if you don't like country music, you would have really enjoyed this night and the terrific band. The Family Picnic was a whole lot of fun for kids and adults, even if it was held on a day that the temperature was close to three digits! Our "first" Food Drive was very successful at a time it was desperately needed. The New Year's Eve dinner was unbelievably successful—with food expense only, the lodge made out very well! The Comedy Sunday show and dinner was also well-attended and enjoyed by all. Our last "first," Irish Sunday has not happened as we go to press, but the reservation list looks very promising!

Not really "firsts," but "honorable mentions": Our annual raffle, giving away a total of \$15,000, was a big hit, netting the lodge as much money as the car raffles used to yield. We were honored to host our Grand Exalted Ruler this year, especially since it was our 60th anniversary. Wherever Ross and I go in our "lodge travels" members are still raving about the wonderful night they had in Westbrook, always adding the dinner was exceptional. I would like to think our GER, the Honorable James Nichelson, is saying the same!!! The Emblem Club's Wine Tasting was a most profitable event for the ladies and the lodge is very proud of their numerous endeavors to raise money. We ran the Radio City Music Hall trip again with great results. That show always has me sitting thunderstruck!

We're ending the year scoring with THREE BIG WINS: One of our lodge Soccer Shoot winners came in *THIRD* in the District playoffs; one of our hoop shoot finalists came in *SECOND* in the District playoffs; and one of our scholarship

winners is going to *NATIONALS!!!* Does it get any better than this?

It was a stellar year, even with humps and bumps, hurdles and obstacles, which I believe made it even more adventurous. I hope you enjoyed the Fun Box this year. As far as I know only one mistake was made (thanks to the member who admitted he reads it!).

In closing, again I thank you all for a most enjoyable and exciting year. We could not have achieved all this without all your support. You all have left footprints on my heart. Hugs and Kisses—

Until we meet again . . . Sandy



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HOUSE COMMITTEE

John Sousa, *chairman*

Marianne Blackman	JoAnne Kegel	André Marcaurele
Dave Denvir	Jim Knudsen PER	Bill Mozzer
Ralph Hoover	Todd Koscinski	Ross Parker
Joan Hubbard	Bob Mancini	Ben Thompson

The House Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Additional meetings called as needed All members are invited to attend

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Officer of the Year: *Sandy Hirth*
Elk of the Year: *Mike Pierpont*
Irishwoman of the Year: *JoAnne Kelly*

HOURS OF OPERATION

LODGE

Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M.
Friday & Saturday: 11:00 A.M.-1:00 A.M.

OFFICE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:30-5:00
Thursdays: 10:30-6:30

Permittee: John Mancini, PER
General Manager & Exec. Chef: David Ciastko
Bookkeeper: Natalie Evans

1784 CORPORATION 2009-10 OFFICERS

André Marcaurele, *President*
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Darlene Graves, *Secretary*
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The 1784 Corporation meets at 6:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month at the 1784 Corporation building (winter months, meets in main lodge) All members are invited to attend

Wise Words

A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a human being perfected without trials.



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Lodge of Sorrows

The clock of their days has stopped, the journey through eternity commenced. We wish them an enjoyable and safe voyage and shall recall their virtues when the dial of night strikes the hour of eleven

E Lawrence Howell Raymond E. Dobratz

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Dues notices have gone out in the mail. This year's dues are
\$120.00 #1784 Lodge dues
\$ 11.00 Grand Lodge administration fee
\$ 3.00 Grand Lodge insurance fee
\$ 1.90 Ct. State Elks Association per capita dues
\$135.90 Due and payable on or before March 31, 2010

The dues for life members are
\$ 60.00 #1784 Lodge dues
\$ 11.00 Grand Lodge administration fee
\$ 3.00 Grand Lodge insurance fee
\$ 1.90 Ct. State Elks Association per capita dues
\$ 75.90 Due and payable on or before March 31, 2010

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications have been read on the floor, will be investigated on March 3 and will be balloted upon at the lodge meeting on March 9, inducted March 22 and initiated March 23, 2010.

David A. Coan, Westbrook, yacht rigger, *proposed by William R. Angelini*
David R. Dunlap, Old Saybrook, sales, *proposed by Shawn Farbotka*
Robert Finkeldey, Essex, business owner, *proposed by Thomas L. Sweeney*
Alfred C. Mauri, Old Saybrook, (none listed), *proposed by James V. McGuire*
Robert McMillen, Clinton, electrician, *proposed by James Knudsen, PER*
Brian Milano, Moodus, contractor, *proposed by James Knudsen, PER*
Arline Misenti, Clinton, retired, *proposed by Suzanne B. Tibbals*
Dorothy A. Moore, Madison, (none listed), *proposed by Darlene Graves*
Dorothy A. Palmer, Hebron, (none listed), *proposed by Darlene Graves*
Jon Peters, Westbrook, contractor, *proposed by James Knudsen, PER*
Kenneth Rupley, North Haven, automotive technician, *proposed by William Angelini*
Robert C. Wooton, East Haven, systems, *proposed by Bob Mansfield*

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Having met the requirements of Grand Lodge Statute No. 4.260, the following requests for life membership in our lodge. These candidates will be balloted on March 9, 2010. If elected, dues will begin with the April 1, 2010 lodge year.

Wayne H. Hurlbut #2636, Tremonton, Utah
William J. Hutchins, Jr. #2914, Block Island, RI
Mark F. Williams #3390, Killingworth


2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

REMINDER: *If you need your 2010-2011 membership card mailed to you, PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES IN NOW to allow time for your card to be processed and mailed back to you.* We have over 1500 cards to issue. Too often we don't receive your dues in time to return your membership card and key card to you by April 1; therefore, you aren't able to gain access to the lodge.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD! If you don't, we will ask for a \$5.00 donation for the National Foundation. This is also to protect you should you visit other lodges as they may charge you more—or may require you buy the bar a round of drinks!

PER GRAND LODGE STATUTES: *Only members who are not delinquent in the payment of dues are entitled to the privileges of membership in the Order. A member who is delinquent in the payment of dues is not entitled to use the club facilities nor visit any other lodge nor be a guest of any other member. Don't lose your privileges in your lodge!!*

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Setback	2 <i>Pasta Night</i> 6:30	3 BINGO (TEAM 2) <u>Bistro</u> INVESTIGATION	4 Members' Social Nite 7:00 STEAK LIMIT 74 PEOPLE	5 Serving TEAM 4 Happy Hour 4:30-6 Lounge Entertainment RICK & BILL DINNER BY THE SEA	6 [catered event Main Hall eve] VETERANS' LUNCHEON & BINGO
7 [catered event Main Hall aft]	8 Antlergram DEADLINE Setback	9 LODGE MEETING 7:30 Balloting on Candidates	10 BINGO (TEAM 3) <u>Bistro</u>	11 Members' Social Nite 7:00 IRISH NIGHT \$12 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE No Door Prize Tonight	12 Serving TEAM 5 Happy Hour 4:30-6 Lounge Entertainment WSQ DINNER BY THE SEA	13
14 [catered event Main Hall aft]	15 Emblem Club 7:00 BLOOD DRIVE Setback	16 <i>Pasta Night</i> 6:30 Trustee Meeting 6:00	17 BINGO (TEAM 4) <u>Bistro</u> 1784 CORP. 6:00	18 Members' Social Nite 7:00 STUFFED SHRIMP LIMIT 74 PEOPLE	19 Serving TEAM 1 Happy Hour 4:30-6 Lounge Entertainment PETER BONSIGLIO DINNER BY THE SEA	20 HAM SHOOT
21	22 <u>INDOCTRINATION</u> Setback	23 LODGE MEETING 7:30 INITIATION	24 BINGO (TEAM 1) <u>Bistro</u>	25 Members' Social Nite 7:00 PRIME RIB	26 Serving TEAM 2 Happy Hour 4:30-6 Lounge Entertainment 4 BARREL BILLY DINNER BY THE SEA	27 [catered event Main Hall aft]
28 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 1:00	29 Setback	30 <i>Pasta Night</i> 6:30	31 BINGO (TEAM 2) <u>Bistro</u>	NOTE MAR. 4 & MAR. 18 MEMBERS' NITE LIMITED TO 1st 74 PEOPLE	LUNCHEES SERVED MONDAY-FRIDAY 11:30-2:30 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11:30-5:00 PUB MENU FRI. & SAT. 5:00-9:00 NOTE CHANGE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY LUNCH SERVED UNTIL 2:30 ONLY	
YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND THURSDAY MEMBERS' SOCIAL NIGHT GUESTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE PER MEMBER, INCLUDING SPOUSES RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. TABLES ARE ON A FIRST-COME—FIRST-SERVE BASIS						

Per Grand Lodge Statute, during the ceremony of the installation of officers, the Members' Lounge will close at 12:45 P.M. and reopen after the ceremony at approximately 2:30 P.M. We invite all members to join us for the ceremony.

EASTER HAM SHOOT 2010
MARCH 20 9:00-4:00—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 Breakfast & Lunch served 8-4 • Bloody Marys at 11:00
 Single-shot, full-choke house guns are available.
 To even the field, after winning 3 times using your own gun, you may be asked to share it with someone else.
 Minor children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Gun and personal safety will be strictly enforced.—John Soehnlein, chairman



SHOTS \$3

EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY APRIL 3
10:00 TO 12:00
 Refreshments
 Bring the Kids and Grandkids for a fun event!



MEMBERS' SOCIAL NIGHT

7:00 P.M. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Mar. 4 Host: Ross Parker & Dave Denvir	\$10.00
Mar. 11 Host: Irish Night Committee	\$12.00
Mar. 18 Host: Helen & PER Remo Laureti	\$ 8.00
Mar. 25 Host: Sandy Hlrth, ER & John Mancini, PER	\$12.00

IF YOU CANNOT HOST ON YOUR DESIGNATED NIGHT, PLEASE SWITCH WITH ANOTHER OFFICER OR PER

IRISH NIGHT
 March 11—7:00 \$12
 Honoring the Irishman of the Year
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 Corned Beef & Cabbage
 Dinner
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15	23	37	46	71
7	18	FREE SPACE	49	66
11	24	44	60	70
9	21	32	54	63



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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

March 2, 16 & 30—6:30 P.M.

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Thanks

The Emblem Club members wish to thank the Elks for their support with the wine tasting, especially the many stars that were purchased, bringing in \$470. The evening was a huge success in that we were able to give the Make-A-Wish children \$6,000. Many thanks!
Pat Fairbank, chairman

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, MARCH 15, FROM 12:30-6:00,

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DONORS NEEDED

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VETERANS' OUTING MARCH 6

Open to Veterans ONLY

11:00-12:00: Keynote Speakers from
Groton Base SUBVETS
U.S. Navy Sub Operations Public Affairs

12:00- 1:00: Lunch

1:00- 2:30: Bingo (Play for merchandise and cash prizes)

Admittance \$5.00*

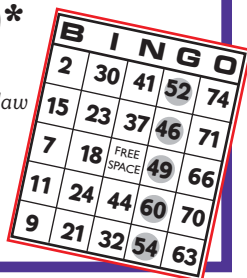
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**plus a \$2 admittance fee for bingo per state law*

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Sign up early—space is limited

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from the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee One-forty-two and Counting

by Roland A. Seal, committee vice chairman

February 16 was the 142nd anniversary of our Order, having been founded in 1868! Of recent years our growth has stopped, and many lodges are struggling to keep afloat, especially in light of the diminished economy. Despite this membership loss, we are doing more with much less for our charitable efforts. We cannot lose sight of these goals. Many people depend on us!

The preamble of our first constitution lays out our purpose, stating that the founding members had organized “an Order to promote, protect and enhance the welfare and happiness of each other.” Little mention was made of our charitable purposes in that constitution, which consisted of a mere 15 articles and 21 rules and regulations. In that regard, we have come a long way! But within months of organizing—on June 8, 1868—our newly formed Order held its first benefit, advertised as a “colossal music festival” held at the Academy of Music.

The event was probably open to the public, which was acceptable back then in the absence of a tax code. Unlike today, we must constantly protect our not-for-profit status, “guard well, the outer door” and protect our right to privacy!

Let us not lose sight of our purpose as a charitable organization! Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nichelson put it best in his acceptance speech in Portland, where he said, “I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, Elks everywhere are daily making a huge difference in the lives of others. I will be extolling that good work, as Elks are fleet of foot to relieve the unfortunate. I also know we can always do more. It is my fondest wish that, as I serve you this year, I can encourage and embolden you to put smiles on children’s faces, to befriend a veteran, to discourage drug use, or to expand a state or local service project. Thus, I will also be saying to you—Elks, get out there and make a difference!”

Let us join our Grand Exalted Ruler and be that difference.



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SUPPORT, THANK OUR TROOPS

by James A. Coggins, committee chairman

I recently walked out of a convenience store as a young Marine was leaving. I stopped and thanked him for his service to our country. At first he was a little taken aback that a total stranger would be thanking him, but he immediately said. “Thank you, sir, for your kind remarks.” He asked me if I was a veteran and I told him yes, from a long time ago and I regretted that I could not serve now. He replied that I should not worry, that I had served my time and it was now his and his generation’s time to serve.

Meeting this young man and seeing his attitude renewed my faith in this great country and the dedicated youth serving and protecting the people. We are in good hands, and I only wish our national media would give them the respect they deserve.

It’s hard for us to realize that we are at war. We just enjoyed the holidays. We enjoy our safety and freedom and many times fail to think that all of these freedoms and fun times come only because of the sacrifices of our men and women of our armed forces and the veterans who come before them. Please take the time to thank them for their service to our great nation. Find them and offer your assistance. Invite them to lunch or dinner.

Be a mentor, be a friend, and be an Elk. We owe all we have to these patriots. Pray every day for their safety and safe return home to their families. Pray that God will continue to bless our troops and our great nation.



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Saturday—March 6

Annual Irish Night
Thursday—March 11

Blood Drive
Monday—March 15

Easter Ham Shoot
Saturday, March 20

Installation of Officers
Sunday—March 28

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday—April 3

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IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH—MARCH

- 0432- Bishop St. Patrick carried off to Ireland as a slave
- 1558- Smoking tobacco introduced in Europe
- 1562- Kissing in public banned—punishable by death in Naples
- 1634- First tavern in Boston opens
- 1639- Cambridge College renamed Harvard
- 1668- First horserace in America takes place
- 1715- First official St Patricks Day recognized
- 1790- First U.S. census authorized
- 1851- Congress authorizes smallest US coin (3¢ piece)
- 1868- The stapler is patented in England
- 1869- Cincinnati Red Stockings become 1st pro baseball team
- 1872- Yellowstone becomes world's first national park
- 1874- Purdue University admits first student
- 1899- Aspirin is patented by Felix Hoffmann
- 1923- Time magazine debuts
- 1927- Babe Ruth becomes highest paid player (\$70,000/yr)
- 1928- Amos & Andy debuts on radio (NBC, New York)
- 1930- Clarence Birdseye develops quick freezing food method
- 1937- First blood bank is established (Chicago)

HOW INTELLIGENT ARE YOU??

LAST MONTH'S ANSWER

Q: Why does the U.S. interstate highway system require that 1 mile in every 5 must be straight?

A: So the sections can be used as airstrips in a time of war or other emergencies

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