

# The **Elks** NEWS

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OUR 48TH YEAR

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

### Attention! Attention! ATTENTION!

For those few members that were not at the Lodge Meeting last week, let me digress right here for a moment. It turns out, I have learned from networking at State Meetings and visiting other lodges, that attendance at our meetings (Usually 25-40 members) is actually higher than a considerable number of other lodges. So, my apologies for harping and carping about attendance at meetings. On the other hand, 25-40 members can, and do, make many substantial decisions concerning the welfare of the Lodge that impact on every Hamden Elk. It would still behoove our 337 other members to attend and "keep an eye on things."

Now, back to the subject at hand. Meetings were held and votes taken and decisions made regarding The Elk and Officer of the Year for Hamden Lodge #2224. I attended them for the first time and found the selection process to be fair and equitable.

Robert "Bob" Bankowski, the man behind the scenes, was selected as Hamden's Elk of the Year. Bob's life at the Elks will be further detailed in our March Newsletter. I, personally, can report, however, to witnessing a number of projects Bob has helped the Lodge complete. Some of these were emergencies that needed immediate attention, which Bob rendered.



The Officer of the Year was also announced at that meeting. Andrew Caporossi, PDD, PER is my choice for this honor. Andy has been the Officer behind the scenes for many, many, many years. His quiet and unassuming guidance from the desk in front of the office door, has helped this Lodge grow and mature immeasurably. I have

personally witnessed his dedication and extraordinary effort most recently with a conflict which Andy was instrumental in conducting the research needed.

I feel honored to be The Exalted Ruler that actually names Andy Officer of the Year. This feeling is tempered by the knowledge imparted after my selection, that several PERs had attempted to make this decision but were advised by Andy that he felt he was only "doing his job," prefers to avoid the "limelight" and would feel awkward in accepting. He probably would have said the same thing to me, but I never gave him the chance.

My congratulations to these fine and outstanding Elks. Tickets are available for the celebration on March 13, 2010, in the Hall. I think that if all Elks that have been affected by the work these two have done for the Lodge came, we may exceed the Hall's capacity. Let's try it.

Fraternally,  
BERT MARTUS, *Exalted Ruler*

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## Lounge HOURS

### Monday–Thursday

4:00PM-11:00PM

**Friday** 4:00PM-Midnight

**Saturday** Noon-11:00PM

**Sunday** 12:00PM-8:00PM

Permittee – Harry Richetelle



Join us on Sunday, February 7th for a  
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\$15.00 Open Bar during the game. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

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## LODGE OFFICERS 2009-2010

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CARL AMENTO

*Esteemed Loyal Knight*

TIM MAYER

*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*

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GERRY WEBER, PER

*Tiler*

KEVIN MARTUS

*Esquire*

ROBERT MURPHY

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*4 Year Trustee*

CARL RENNIE, PER

*3 Year Trustee*

CARL W. GORMAN, PER

*2 Year Trustee*

ERIC WAGNER

*1 Year Trustee*

PHILIP WILSON, PSP, PDD

## Americanism Essay Winners BY KAREN FORSYTH

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Americanism Essay contest. This contest was open to 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Hamden or North Haven schools. The theme was *The American Dream: What is it?*

Winner in Division I (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades): Marie Shah who attends West Woods

School in Hamden and is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Winners in Division II (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades): 1st place, Harper Hansen; 2nd place, Raphael Song; 3rd place, Lily Fontes. All three Division II winners attend Hamden Middle School and are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The winners will receive their awards at the Hamden Elks #2224 Youth Banquet on May 4th, 2010, during National Youth Week.



## Spotlight ON New Members BY ROBIN FUSCO

**LUCY REITANO** is a brand new member brought in to our Lodge by Karen Forsyth, PER. While Karen was traveling she met Lucy's friend Carolyn Carrano. Karen invited Carolyn to our Lodge and Carolyn asked Lucy to come along. Lucy and Carolyn quickly realized they wanted to become members! Lucy resides in Hamden and has two sons, Andy Jr. and David whom she is very proud of. Lucy also has two Grandchildren that she loves to spend time with!



Lucy enjoys taking long walks, listening to music, traveling and stopping down to the Lodge on a dinner night! What Lucy likes most about our Lodge is the overall friendliness and that welcome feeling she gets every time she stops down. Lucy is impressed with all that our Lodge does for the community and looks forward to becoming actively involved as well. Welcome to our Lodge Lucy!

## Donations to Rocky Hill Veterans



Recently, Exalted Ruler Bert Martus (right) traveled to the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital to drop off donations from our Lodge. The donation of jackets and warm clothing, coffee making equipment and supplies, kitchen and serving items, walkers, other health care supplies, bingo game supplies and more were greatly appreciated.



*coming in March....*

**Easter Egg Hunt** LOOK FOR DETAILS IN OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER!

# Hamden Community Service Awards JANUARY 23, 2010



**O**ur Hamden Community Service Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, January 23, in our Main Hall. We honored Hamden Citizen of the Year William Earley, Jr., Outstanding Police Officer Sgt. Thomas Ragazzino, Firefighter Captain Ed Evers and Volunteer Firefighter Karl Olson.



Mayor Scott Jackson is greeted by event chair Carl Amento and Bert Martus, ER.



**CITIZEN of the Year, William Earley Jr.** has made a lifetime commitment to Scouting. He has been a member of Troop 610 for 44 of the 50 years of the troop's existence. Bill joined Boy Scout Troop 610 at age 11 in 1965, became Troop 610's first Eagle Scout on May 15, 1969 and has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 610 for over 36 years. Bill has received numerous Scouting awards for outstanding volunteer service. He has served as a Hamden High Girls Softball Booster Club Board

Member, Treasurer and Co-President during 2002-05. He has acted as Father Manager for various Hamden Youth Hockey Association teams during the years 1988 – 1997 and Assistant Coach for various Hamden Fathers Baseball Association. He has participated as a volunteer with the New Haven Road Race Water Station Committee for the past 20 years.

Bill resides in Hamden with his wife, Claudia. They have two children, Brian who was also a member of Troop 610 and daughter Jenna. He is currently the Assistant Vice President and Manager of the Mount Carmel branch of NewAlliance Bank in Hamden.

Degree in Fire Science Technology from the University of New Haven and an Associate of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Waterbury CT. State Technical College. He is also a certified Fire Officer, Instructor, Pump Operator, Aerial Operator and Hazmat Technician.

Ed is a 10 year member of the Connecticut Firefighters Pipe and Drum band and currently serves as the Pipe Sergeant. He spends much of his off duty time playing the bagpipes with the band, at many fire service events throughout Connecticut and New England. Ed, along with attendees at our event were pleasantly surprised when the Pipe and Drum band appeared to play in his honor.

Ed lives in Litchfield, CT and is active in his community, serving with several volunteer organizations, and commissions in town.



The Connecticut Firefighters Pipe and Drum band played to honor their member Firefighter of the Year Captain Ed Evers.



**POLICE OFFICER of the Year, Sgt. Thomas Ragazzino Jr.** has served in Hamden Police Department's Patrol, Community Police, Street Crime, and Identification Divisions since 1989. In 2000, he was assigned as a Detective to the Identification Division of the Investigative Services Division and in 2006 was assigned to command the Division upon his promotion as Sergeant. He was placed in command of the newly created Crime Scene

Unit in July of 2006 and was further assigned to command of the Special Victims Unit and School Resource Officers.

Thomas graduated from the University of New Haven in 1987 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He has attended numerous specialized courses in crime scene management. Sergeant Ragazzino is a certified arson investigator with the Department of Public Safety and a (POST) certified police instructor in Crime Scene Processing and Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis. He is the recipient of two Commendations, four Letters of Recognition and two Unit Citations during his service with the HPD.

Thomas and his wife, Jeanann reside in North Haven and have three children: Jaclyn, Michael and Nicholas.

**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER of the Year, Karl J. Olson**

joined the Mount Carmel Volunteer Fire Company #5 in 1975 and continues to enjoy membership in that organization as a Life Member. He is a Past President as well as a Past Captain; having served in that capacity for 14 years—the longest serving captain in this Company to date. He especially enjoys the Community service aspect of Volunteering including assisting at food drives and at Community events.

Karl is one of the three original Volunteer firefighters who, in 1993, went to then-Mayor Lillian Clayman with the idea of a Volunteer Firefighter organized Fourth of July Independence Day Fireworks Celebration, not only for the townspeople's enjoyment, but also as a means to raise money for an equipment fund for the Volunteer Firefighters. Karl has worked on that Committee since then, serving as Chairperson when those duties revolved between the three Volunteer Companies and again has served as chairman since 2006.



Over 170 were in attendance to support this year's honorees.

Karl has also volunteered with Hamden Fathers and Greater Hamden Baseball, The Boy Scouts of America, serving as Committee Chair of Troop 608, Merit Badge Counselor, and advancement Chair of Troop 604. He is a member of Mt. Carmel Congregational Church and enjoys garden railroading as a hobby.

Karl is a graduate of Graham Junior College with an Associate's degree in Applied Science. He retired from AT&T in June 2008 after 35 years in the Information Technology Department and currently is holding a part time position at Big Y in North Haven. He is married to Nancy Collett Olson and is the father of 2 sons: Christopher and Russell.



**FIREFIGHTER of the Year, Captain Ed Evers** is a 12 year veteran of the Hamden Fire Department and is currently assigned to Squad Co. 1. Ed got his start in the fire service in 1989 with the Litchfield, CT Volunteer Fire Department. He started as a career firefighter with the Hamden Fire Department in 1997 and has served as a Firefighter, EMT, Driver and Officer at Engine 4, Truck 1, Engine 2 and Squad 1.

Captain Evers holds a Bachelor of Science





## Chef of the Month CATHIE MARTUS, HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR

This month's Chef of the Month, **JOSEPHINE O'NEIL** is well known to all. She has served on House Committee for seven years. Josephine is a Past Elk of the Year and held many offices, most recently as Exalted Ruler 2008-2009. She manages to find time to handle the Lodge's publicity and Lodge bulletin. With her cheerful disposition, creative ideas and capable hands, she is an invaluable asset to our Lodge. Come join Jo on February 5<sup>th</sup> for her delicious Seafood Medley served over puff pastry and again on March 5<sup>th</sup> for her out-of-this-world Lobster Ravioli Alfredo.



## Bocce NEWS

BY EILEEN TOZZO

Hi everyone! Hope you are having a good winter. On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in the back room. Light fare will be served.

We look forward to seeing those who played and anyone interested in playing. Please try to attend or send at least one representative from your team. Any questions, please call (203) 288-0455.

Saturday, February 13th

### St. Valentines Massacre

If you liked the Italian Luau, you'll love this!  
DJ Brian Forsyth, PER will entertain you.  
\$15 per person, reservations only.

*Menu*

Tomato, Basil and Mozzarella Salad  
Italian Wedding Soup  
Roast Beef with Gravy  
Mussels with Red Sauce over Linguine  
Chicken Marsala.  
Mashed Potatoes Spring Beans  
Sweet Potatoes with Sausage  
Home-made Cheesecake  
Red Jello Shots available

*Elk of the Year*  
*Officer of the Year*  
*Dinner & Dance*

SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>  
Dinner at 7:00  
Program, Music, Dancing 8:30-11:30  
Honoring **BOB BANKOWSKI**  
Elk of the Year  
Honoring **ANDY CAPOROSSI PDD**  
Officer of the Year  
\$15.00 per person, cash bar



## SPEAKING OF Sports Trivia

BY TOM MOONEY

**Question:** Name the only Yankee to play with Mickey Mantle and Mickey Rivers?



## Kwiz Corner BY PETER FREILER

**Question:** Which romantic movie spawned the line, "Love means never having to say you're sorry?"

**Word Find:** Find the hidden words. Together they make a sentence.

SLENITEOVBNLSLETAKESOPEKDMOREXOWAQNSHEYMUSCLES  
NDTASTOWORSFROWNBYWTHANZHYRTOAGNBBSMILEXHYE

**Last Month's Question:** What does Auld Lang Syne mean? **Answer:** The song's Scots title may be translated into English literally as "old long since", or more idiomatically, "long long ago", "days gone by" or "old times". It is a Scottish poem written by Robert Burns in 1788 and set to the tune of a traditional folk song.

**Last Month's New Year's Riddle:** In what year did Christmas and New Year's fall in the same year? **Answer:** Every year on December 25 and January 1.

**Last Month's Mnemonics:** What do the phrases Kids Prefer Cheese Over Fried Green Spinach or King Phillip Comes Over For Good Spaghetti help you remember? **Answer:** Taxonomy order which is the practice and science of classification it helps you remember the parts of classification; Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species.

**Deadline** for all appearing in the March Elks News is February 15<sup>th</sup>. To contribute to the Elks News, email Josephine O'Neil at [joneilgraphics@yahoo.com](mailto:joneilgraphics@yahoo.com).

# FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE</b> 7:30 pm <b>TRUSTEE MEETING</b> <b>ELKS TRAINING COURSE</b>	2	3 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Baked Ham \$8</b> <i>a la George</i>	4	5 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Seafood Medley or Chicken Medley</b> over puff pastry \$8 <i>a la Josephine</i>	6
7 <b>SUPER BOWL EXTRAVAGANZA</b>	8 7:30 pm <b>LODGE MEETING PER MEETING</b> <i>Reservation Only</i>	9  DINNER SPECIAL 6:00 pm <b>B&amp;R Burgers \$6</b> <i>a la Brian &amp; Robin</i> <i>Reservation Only</i>	10 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Chicken Parmigiana \$8</b> <i>a la Harry</i>	11	12  DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Beef &amp; Peppers</b> over rice \$8 <i>a la Peter F</i> <b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	13 <b>VALENTINES DAY MASSACRE DINNER</b>
14  <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	15	16	17 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Southern Fried Chicken \$8</b> <i>a la Don and Andy</i>	18	19 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Baked Ziti</b> with sausage \$8 <i>a la Nancy</i>	20
21  7:30 pm <b>LODGE MEETING WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</b>	22  DINNER SPECIAL 6:00 pm <b>Philly Steak \$6</b> <i>a la Brian</i>	23 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Beef Stew \$8</b> <i>a la Carl</i>	24	25	26 DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Cornish Game Hen \$8</b> <i>a la Don &amp; Andy</i>	27 6:00 pm \$20 <b>NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY AWARDS NIGHT</b> <i>Lodge Event, upper hall</i>
28	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3</b> DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Stuffed Peppers \$8</b> <i>a la Kathy</i></p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MARCH 3</b> DINNER 6:00 pm <b>Lobster or Cheese Ravioli \$8</b> <i>a la Josephine</i></p>					

 **YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG**

A MONTHLY FEATURE ABOUT AND FOR THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES



**R**aising the Flag on Iwo Jima is a historic photograph taken on February 23, 1945, by Joe Rosenthal. It depicts five United States Marines and a U.S. Navy corpsman raising the flag of the United States atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. The photograph was extremely popular, being reprinted in thousands of publications. Later, it became the only photograph to win the Pulitzer Prize for Photography in the same year as its publication.

 **February BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to all our members celebrating birthdays this month. You will be served one complimentary drink when you exhibit your up-to-date membership card to the bartender anytime during the month.

1 Patricia Brassil Dionne	22 Raymond Chase LM
Helen Verrill	Clifford Saunders LM
4 Daniel Nichols	23 Robert Manfreda
5 Chester Remis	Grace McNulty
6 Richard Hunt	24 Walter Gancarz per LM
8 William Sarsfield	John Mutkoski
Burton Talmadge	25 Nicholas Bauer, Sr.
10 James O'Connell	Raymond Larolo
12 John Stempick, Jr.	William Schull cLM
Harvey White	27 Peter Milone Jr, LM
13 Margaret Fazekas	28 Tim Osgood
Tom Selmont	Richard Wnek
14 James Sandillo LM	29 Mark Osenko
18 William Barteit	<b>Please Note:</b> If your name is omitted from these lists, please notify Lodge Secretary Andy Caporossi at 248-2224 and we'll be sure to recognize you next month. You can email Andy at AndyCPDD@sbcglobal.net.
19 Charles Berlepsch LM	
20 Linda Comen	
William Farrell	
21 Casimir Lubowicki	

## Drug Awareness Poster & Essay Contest UPDATE

Lodge members are needed to help review and judge the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest entries on Monday February 15 at 6:00 p.m.. For information, call the Lodge at 203-248-2224 or call Brenda Davis at 203-288-6691.

You can **HELP YOUTH CONTINUUM'S "AT RISK" & HOMELESS YOUTH** while vacationing by accepting and saving your hotel-sized toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, etc.) to place in the black bin located in the Lounge. These little necessities are much appreciated by those who are less fortunate.

**Donations** for the CT Children's Medical Center are always welcome and can be placed in the collection jar located in the Lounge. Thanks for supporting our "Kids."



**HELP KEEP ME FILLED!**  
Donations of non-perishable food needed to help the less fortunate. Bins are located in the Lounge.  
**Elks Care Elks Share**

## Tip OF THE Antlers

To all who helped **CLEAN, PAINT AND REFURBISH OUR LODGE:** Brian Forsyth, Ed Gorman, Rich Hardt (*The Mad Mopper*), Cathie Martus, Tom Mooney, Tim Osgood, Carl Rennie and Dan Reutenauer.

Special thanks to Louise and Joe Battista who donated all ingredients and prepared a fabulous **HOMEMADE MANICOTTI DINNER.**

Our **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** was fun for all. Thanks to Stan Mendygral for entertaining us, Louise and Joe Battista, Robin Fusco, Cathie Martus and Kevin Martus who helped throughout the evening.

Thanks to Grace and Don McNulty, Robin Fusco, Nancy Torello and Cathie Martus for

donating most of the ingredients for **SOUP NIGHT.**

Thanks to committee members and others who helped make our **HAMDEN COMMUNITY AWARDS** night such a memorable event. **Carl Amento**, event chair; **Stuart Comen**, chef extraordinaire; **Linda Comen, Ellen Freiler, Peter Freiler, Peter Fusco, Cathie Martus** and **Nancy Torello** our prime rib dinner kitchen crew. Thanks to **Karen Forsyth, Carl Gorman, Ed Gorman, Mary Jane Gorman, Bert Martus, Tim Mayer, Stan Mendygral, Tom Mooney, Jim Morgan, Jane Park** and **Harry Richetelle.** Thanks to **Bill Gilotti** for taking photographs throughout the evening.

## PROPOSITIONS FOR Membership

The following will be balloted upon at the February 22nd session:

**Anthony Improta**, 850 Westwoods Rd., Hamden, *proposed by Bob Atens*

**John Gary Quinn**, 163 Hemlock Street, West Haven, *proposed by Eric Wagner*

**Daniel Reutenauer**, 28 Savoy Street, Hamden, *proposed by Josephine O'Neil*

**Susan A. Wagner**, 484 Oak Avenue #54, Cheshire, *proposed by Kathy Kelsey*

**Application for Reinstatement: #527 David McDermott**, 188 Westminster Street, Hamden

## MESSAGE FROM THE Secretary

**HAVE BEEN IN THE HINTERLANDS SEARCHING FOR SOME MISSING ELKS!**  
Please help me find them and bring them back to the "herd" before their membership expires on March 31st! If you know the whereabouts of any of the missing, please show them their way back home:

Donald Barker, Jr	Arthur McClure
Donald Basset, Jr.	Gerald McDonald
Michael Carbone	Jack Medoff
Alfred Civitello, Jr.	Ronald Murawski
Jason Considine	Daniel Nichols
Thomas Curran	Mark Osenko
Patrick Curran	Regan Petrie
Michael Fappiano	Matthew Richardson
Marc Fortini	Henry Ruggiero
Sean Gallagher	Tom Selmont
Daniel George	Billy Smith
Charles Hahn, LM	Richard Terry
Richard Hartman	Harvey White
Clark Hurlburt	William Wilson
Walter Krosky	Charles Wright III
Lauren Lidtke	

*Andy Caporossi, PDD, Secretary Secretary*

## Comfort BY ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT CARL AMENTO

We are sorry to report that Eric and Tom Wagner's mother Norma passed away. Our condolences to Bob and Kathy Kelsey with the passing of Bob's mother, and to George MacDiarmid in the loss of his son. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to these Lodge members and their families.

Lynn Weber and Tom Wagner are both recovering at home after recent illnesses. Joe Finoia is recovering at home after his recent surgery. Walt Gannon is at Masonic Home recovering from a recent injury. We wish them all a speedy return to good health.

Please visit, drop a note, or call our ailing or grieving Elks or their families. If you have any news on the health of any member of our Lodge family, please contact me at home at (203) 287-0250 or cell phone at (203) 444-1782.

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Lodge Meetings: February 8th & 22nd.



Upcoming EVENTS

ELKS TRAINING COURSE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1: Following the House Committee Meeting and 7:00 Trustee Meeting. All members are invited to attend this informative course.

SUPER BOWL EXTRAVAGANZA SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7: Bring your favorite pot luck dish or dessert to share while you cheer for your favorite team. \$15 open bar during game.

PER MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8: Following Lodge Meeting.

ST. VALENTINES DAY MASSACRE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13: In the Lounge. \$15 per person, see ad within this newsletter.

NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27: Honoring North Haven's Police, Firefighter, Volunteer Firefighter, and Citizen of the Year. 6:00 pm, cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner and presentation at 7:00. \$20 per person.

ELK AND OFFICER OF THE YEAR SATURDAY, MARCH 13: Honoring Elk of the Year Robert Bankowski and Officer of the Year Andrew Caporossi. Dinner at 7:00. Program, music and dancing 8:30- 11:30. \$15.00 per person, cash bar. Please purchase advance tickets in the Lounge.

CELEBRATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY TUESDAY, MARCH 16 AND WEDNESDAY MARCH 17: Corned beef sandwich platter special (sandwich, potato salad and cole slaw) served both days. All day from noon on, in the Lounge.

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HAMDEN ELKS TRAVELERS

HAMDEN ELK'S 2010 TRIPS OPEN TO ALL!!!

Lexington and Concord, Heart of the American Revolution. June 26 (Day Trip) Costumed Guide, Lunch at the Colonial Inn, Visit to Verrill Farm. \$79.00 pp. Full payment by May 15.

Lobsterbake at Quidnessett Country Club, Rhode Island Saturday, August 21, 2010. Motorcoach to Quidnessett Country Club for Lobster dinner overlooking Narragansett Bay, then to Foxwoods with Casino bonus. \$77 pp lobster, \$71 pp with petit filet mignon. Full payment by July 15.

Yankees at Baltimore. Sept. 17-19. 2 games, 1st class accommodations, transportation, 2 breakfasts, guided tour of Camden Yards, free time at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Cost \$481 pp twin or triple, \$661 pp single. \$150.00 deposit. Balance July 21.

Bar Harbor & Bangor Maine. Sept. 21-23. Tour Acadia National Park, Lobster and Seal Watching Cruise. 2 nights at Hollywood Slots Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 1 lobster lunch, 2 dinners and sight seeing. \$375 pp double. \$435 pp single. \$150 deposit by 6/29, in full 8/3.

Southern Ireland: Dublin, Killarney, Bunratty. Nov. 1-7, 2010. Motorcoach to JFK, 5 nights hotel accommodations, full Irish breakfast daily, 3 table d'hote dinners, Abbey Tavern dinner & show, Castle Medieval Banquet Dinner, visit St. Patrick's cathedral, scenic Dingle Peninsula, Malahide castle, Cliff of Moher, Blarney Woolen Mills and more! \$1399 pp per double. \$1599.00 single, \$120.00 pp air tax. \$750 deposit by 5/23, in full 6/23.

All trips leave from and return to the Hamden Elks Lodge 2224, 175 School Street, Hamden. Early reservations recommended. For reservations, information and conditions, call Karen Forsyth, (203) 281-1769. (203) 281-7220 ext. 4 or (203)-887-2967.