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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Elks,

We sit upon an interesting precipice. One hundred twenty six years of history of dedicated members. Almost six thousand strong, whom have added their time, their name, and their belief that Elkdom can make a difference.

Six thousand you say! Just to add a little history check your membership card and you will see we are somewhat under six thousand, but the #25 with your small efforts will continue to grow and prosper.

Okay! What can I do? Yep, that's right. You.

Elkdom is not rocket science. Everyone who has gone through indoctrination said they would support the National Foundation and the Elk-O-Gram. You will be receiving your dues shortly and your promise as a member was to support both of these causes. Simple...one check, just \$20.00, add your dues, one stamp...done. Now just show up to an event or two. You will have fun!

Our new Elk year is upon us. As every year unfolds, you know that you became Elks because you can bring something to the Lodge. You have a particular unique flair, education, or background that would provide #25 with an opportunity to grow into this new world. We face many challenges. We need your input. We need to grow with the experience, education, and your personal inflections to further expand our place, not only in New Haven, but in history. You have it all, just give up a little bit

(See ER's MESSAGE continued on p. 3)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— FEBRUARY —

- 4 Lodge Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 11 House Committee 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Lodge Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 21 *Elk of the Year Dinner* 2:00 p.m.

— MARCH —

- 4 Lodge Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 6 *Irish Night* 7:00 p.m.
- 11 House Committee 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 14 *Daylight Saving Time* 2:00 a.m.
- 14 *St. Patrick's Day Parade*
- 17 *St. Patrick's Day*
- 18 Lodge Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 20 *DESK Variety Show* 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Emblem Club 6:30 p.m.

ELK OF THE YEAR

The Past Elks' of the Year gathered for their annual meeting and have elected **Michael R. Cassesse** as Lodge 25's 2009 - 2010 *Elk of the Year*. The membership will be honoring Michael with a fresh ham dinner on Sunday, February 21st at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the bar for a donation of \$15.00 per person prior to Monday, February 15th or \$20.00 thereafter.



Growing up in New Haven, Mike fondly recalls playing baseball in the AMVET's little league where he thoroughly enjoyed striking out John "Cashman" Healey numerous times.

After high school, Mike joined the U.S. Navy Special Forces and served as a gunners mate on a river gunboat patrolling the Mekong River in Vietnam and Cambodia from March 1970 to May 1971 for which he received several Naval citations.

Mike became a member of our lodge in 1997. You can always count on him to lend a hand when needed, whether it be helping out in the kitchen during our breakfast events, helping D.E.S.K with their annual Ride to End Hunger, volunteering himself and his truck to carry food & equipment out to Branford for our annual outing, or putting on his red suit to help make the little ones smile at Christmas time, just to name a few.

Mike has been employed by the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier for the past 31 years. You can pick up your ticket(s) at the lodge. Stop by on a Sunday and you'll probably see Mike there hanging out with his friends.

IRISH NIGHT

The Past Irishmen of the Year have once again gathered "round the old blarney stone" and have selected **John "Cashman" Healey** as their 2009-2010 *Irishman of the Year*.



Lodge 25 will be honoring John on *Irish Night*, Saturday March 6th. The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a corned beef and cabbage dinner followed by those old familiar Irish tunes played by **Gerry Malone and The Lads**.

Tickets are available at the bar for a donation of \$15.00 per person before Sunday, February 28th or \$20.00 thereafter! Seating is limited, and this event is sure to be a sellout, so be sure to get your tickets early.

OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER Paul D. Salisbury, **PER**
LEADING KNIGHT Kevin J. Reynolds, **PER**
LOYAL KNIGHT Pauline Cacoipoli
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5 YEAR Frank Blazi, Sr. **PER**
4 YEAR Jerome Pacelli
3 YEAR Charles Lemons, **PER**
2 YEAR Richard Brennan
1 YEAR Nancy Gorban-Brennan, **PER**

HOUSE COMMITTEE

William G. Tinker, **PER**, Chairman
 Gerald Capiello Linda Heaney
 Carl Cheslock Paul Prunier
 Frank Furino Jennifer Sasso
 William Gallagher

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Charles J. Lemons, **PER**

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| (12) ROBERT F. QUARZ | (25) RAYMOND MATTHEWS |
| (13) DIANA M. RICHTER | (27) JOSEPH GIRODANO, JR. |
| (13) RICHARD TERRACE | (28) LOUIS M. NERO |

DON'T FORGET TO STOP DOWN THE LODGE FOR A FREE DRINK ON YOUR BIRTHDAY !



AROUND THE LODGE

As previously mentioned in our November and January newsletters, we are in need of one of our members to take over the position of secretary beginning April 1, 2010. Due to his various business ventures, Chuck will not be able to continue on as secretary of our lodge beyond March 31, 2010. If interested, or have any questions, leave a message for Chuck at the lodge and he will get back to you as soon as he possibly can.

We are looking for donations to help keep our ongoing project of providing newspapers for the long term care and hospice patients at the VA Medical Center in West Haven well funded. If interested in helping out, you can put your donation in the secretary's box at the lodge or send a check with VET NEWS written on the memo line. Every little bit helps, so please give whatever you can!

There will be a DESK Variety Show Fundraiser held at our lodge

on Saturday, March 20th. The doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the show starts at 8:00. Come for a cash bar, drink specials, singing, dancing, music, raffles, and fun, all to benefit DESK! Admission fee \$20.00 at the door. All guests must be 21 years of age!

Bonnie Mullin has been named our 2009-2010 Officer of the Year. A dinner is planned for April 17th. More information on this event will be in the March newsletter.

ELK-O-GRAM BOOSTER

For all those who do not receive a notice in the mail and would like to support the Elk-O-Gram from May 2010 - April 2011 by becoming a booster, fill out this coupon and send it along with \$10.00 to

Secretary, New Haven Elks Lodge No. 25
 524 State Street
 New Haven, CT 06511

NAME(S) TO APPEAR IN ELK-O-GRAM
 (i.e. John Doe, or John & Mary Doe, or In Memory Of John Doe)

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for the Lodge. Your small investment of time is a lifelong receptacle of gratitude. We mostly never see it, we just feel it.

Our new year again is upon us. New officers, changes, challenges as always, progression in the betterment of not only #25, but our entire community. Please be a part of the new Elk year and help your Lodge continue our rich history of making our destinies an easier row to hoe, and a more fruitful one for those we help.

Truth be told, we help ourselves so much more when we help others. It is your Lodge, #25. This means you! Our meetings are on the first and third Thursday of the month and are very educational.



*Fraternally,
Paul D. Salisbury, PER
Exalted Ruler*

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HOUSE COMMITTEE

At their August meeting, the House Committee decided to sponsor a monthly video game contest as a way of increasing interest and raise funds. Each month, one of the many games on the video machine is chosen and whoever scores highest on that game wins a case of beer. The high scores are reset at the beginning of each month and the person with the highest score at the close of business on the last day of the month is the winner. So far we have had five contests. **Three Peaks, Hot Hoops, Target 21, Poker** and **Wild Slide**. We have turned over \$540.00 to the treasurer from the four completed contests.

The **Poker** contest in December was our most successful and will be repeated by popular demand in February. So come on down, put a quarter in the machine and maybe you'll end the month with a case of beer. If you have a favorite game you would like to see as the game of



Everyone had a great time at our Holiday Dinner held in December. There were two U.S. Marines in attendance to collect the many toys that our members were able to place under the Christmas tree for **Toys for Tots**. Our Holiday Basket was won by Thomas Mahon and the wine and cheese basket was won by Eileen Tinker. All proceeds go towards our scholarship fund.

We have a state meeting at the Waterbury Elks Lodge on February 7th. Our next meeting is February 24th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will follow coffee and dessert.

*Submitted by,
Dianne Shute*

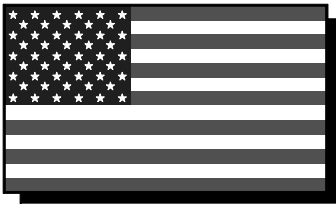
the month, just let any house committee member know and we will give it consideration.

*William Tinker, PER
House Committee Chairman*

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- In Memory Of Tom Hunihan* - *In Memory Of William F. Hunihan* - *In Memory Of Ed Jooss, Sr.*
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- In Memory Of Lorraine Mazurek Kurtin* (Bob & Joan Mazurek)
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- In Memory Of Terry Loukides* (Lou Loukides) - Philip Luedee - Stan & Elieen Lundgren
- Charlotte & Ray Matthews - *In Memory Of Carl McKenry* - John McLoughlin
- Marilyn & Jim McNulty, PER - Carl Miller - Edward Morrone - James Mullen - Bonnie Mullin
- Paul & Phyllis Murphy - Ron Newman, Sr. - Frank & Gloria Novicki - John W. Olson - Thomas M. O'Neill
- In Memory Of Our Fallen Service Members* (Robert Salisbury) - Alvin Panicali, Jr.
- In Memory Of Steve Patten* - *In Memory Of Carolyn (Sissie) Perry, Love Tammy*
- Dennis & Nancy Perry - Poky - John Prokop - Paul & Kelly Prunier - Marty & Diane Raffone - Tony Ressa
- Jack & Betsy Riccio - William J. Riley - Herb & Audrey Roessler - Anne Russell (1365)
- Susan & Paul Salisbury, ER - *In Memory Of Lisa Santacroce, We Love You*
- Anthony & Paula Santagata - Michael Sarno - Joseph Scafati - Art & Kate Scott - Jack & Barbara Shea
- In Memory Of Bob Sisson* - *In Memory Of Jack Shute, PER* - John Singleton
- In Memory Of Rose Springer* - Thomas S. Stankus - Eileen & William Tinker, PER - Bob & Rita Walker
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