



# SILVER CITY ANTLERS

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MERIDEN LODGE #35

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings All,

We are rolling into our last month of the year and it is a busy one. Before I go into that I would like to make mention of the events of January and February.

Our Lodge Appreciation Night was a wonderful event honoring two good members with citations and gifts from state legislators and fellow lodges. I would like to thank all the past Elk of the Years that helped to put this event on. And all those who helped them make this evening. Congratulations again to Paul Nakos and Dougie Parker.

We also had our Super Bowl and Daytona 500 party. For those of you who didn't come down, you missed two great events. All we ask on these events is for people to bring a dish and have fun, and that we did! I like to thank all the people who did bring food. Lord knows there was plenty of it!

We also had our Valentine's Dinner followed by karaoke for the second year in a row. Although the attendance was not quite as good as last year, I believe the night was every bit as good.

Now for the March Events. We have some good ones to choose from.

First is Polish Night. If you have never been to Polish Night, I highly recommend it. Plus you get to honor Shannon Dwyer, Polish Elk of the Year.

Then there is Irish Night. Come down to have the best Corned Beef around or chicken for those of you who don't know what you're missing. This year's honoree is Kelly Hennessy. So come down to see the Irish Dancers, the Bag Pipers, and the Shillelagh Historical Irish Tenors. You will love them!

Last is PER/Old Timer's Night. On March 25<sup>th</sup> we will have the night when the PER's take over the lodge officers positions and run the meeting with an initiation. It's fun to watch to see if they still got it. As usual, there is a dinner before the meeting, so call the lodge and let us know if you want to come.

As usual, don't forget the Friday Night Socials.

Fraternally Yours,

Keith Stocking, PER  
Exalted Ruler

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**2009-2010 Meriden Elks  
Lodge #35**

**Elected Officers**

*Exalted Ruler-Keith Stocking*  
*Leading Knight- Tracy Church*  
*Loyal Knight- Michele Stocking*  
*Lecturing Knight- Doug Parker*  
*Secretary- Lori Canney*  
*Treasurer- Robert Rebstock PER*  
*Tiler- Karen Parker*

**Appointed Officers**

*Esquire- Tim Budwitz*  
*Chaplain- Patricia Nakos*  
*Inner Guard- Donald Eckman*

**Board of Trustees**

*Chairman- Ken Post*  
*Trustee: Gary Stocking Jr. PER*  
*Trustee: Susan Curtis PER*  
*Trustee: Chris Baril PER*  
*Trustee: Rob Sadlowski PER*

**2009-2010 Meriden Elks  
Lodge #35**

**House Committee**

*Chairman- Paul Nakos*  
*Secretary- Shannon Dwyer*  
**Members:**

*Dave Edgington, Greg Nakos, Scott Seeger, Paul FitzGerald, Tom Ross, Jeremy Crowe, Bud Gibbs, JR Williams, Jim Botsacos, Kathi Botsacos*

**Committee Chairpersons**

*Americanism: Doug Parker*  
*Drug Awareness: Keith Stocking*  
*ENF: Carol Carney*  
*Flag Day: Doc Roccapriore*  
*Hoop Shoot: Chris Bourdon*  
*Investigations: Michele Stocking*  
*Lapsation: Tracy Church*  
*Memorial Service: Paul Nakos*  
*Orientation: Chris Baril PER*  
*Scholarship: Carol Carney*  
*Soccer Shoot: Chris Bourdon*  
*Veterans: Paul Nakos*  
*Youth Activities: Vacant*

**March Birthdays!!!**

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
1	Paul Cerreta		John T Leary		Patricia Nakos
	Joel M Cooney		Salvatore Privitera	25	Robert Anastasio
	Albert Dedominicis	12	John Burbidge		Virginia Benson
	Daniel L Marcantonio	15	Laurence Ranno		Clarence A Simmons Jr
	James Rinaldi		Alan T Trudel	26	William D Murdy
2	Wayne Crawford	16	Nick Egan	27	Ernest W Banning
	Frank Roccapriore	17	Patricia D Haffner		Timothy L Gondon
5	Louis J Bedard	18	Cynthia M Egan	28	Kathleen M Botsacos
	Britt J Hall		Robert A Waller		Michael Dwyer
	Dwain P Thibodeau Sr.	19	Daniel J Carter		Richard T Hines
7	Paul D Carney		Nolan Lombardo		William McGovern
	Robert L Gallagher	20	Robert L Rebstock		Todd A Wollenberg
	Steven Salka	21	Paul D Hennessy	29	David M Bowen
9	Richard M Bennett	22	Henry Holava		James R Fazzino
	James Nadile Jr.	23	John Frasco	30	Susan Rebstock
11	Paul E Gradwell		Paul Mingrino		Stanley Twarog
	Bryan Kline	24	Peter J Gostyla		



## My Twelfth Secretary's Report

Dear Brother and Sister Elks:

Good news. The dues have finally been mailed. After finally figuring out what needed to be done, they have been printed and mailed. Regular members are \$96 and life members are \$36. You have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to pay them. You are welcome to drop them at the Lodge if that is more convenient.

Once I have received and processed your dues I will mail them directly to your home.

Also, please put your current email address on the dues statement when you return it. We are going to try to email the Antlers in the future to save on the cost of postage.

Again, my set regular evening hours at the Lodge to handle any secretarial matters are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month and the third Wednesday. If you have any problems, questions or concerns please contact me during that time frame. You may also contact me via email at [seclodge35@gmail.com](mailto:seclodge35@gmail.com).

As always if you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally Yours,

Lori Canney

## *Elks Trivia & History*

### **MARCH AT MERIDEN LODGE #35**

**\*\*March 31<sup>st</sup> 1910, Richmond homestead 120 East Main St. purchased for the lodge home for \$13,000.00**

**\*\*March 1964 Flag Day Committee donates a new American Flag to the Veteran's Memorial Hospital**

**\*\*March 1971 a motion was passed to rent our hall to the G. Fox & Co. for training employees who will be working at the new Meriden Square.**

**\*\*March 1983 The mortgage for the Colony St property was burned.**

**Submitted with Brotherly love, Est. Lecturing Knight Dougie Parker**

### Editor's Note: Silver City Antlers

Thank you all for your contributions and patience. Please feel free to send your submissions as well as suggestions to [35bpoe@att.net](mailto:35bpoe@att.net). All submissions MUST be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send your email address to [seclodge35@gmail.com](mailto:seclodge35@gmail.com) to receive your Silver City Antlers by email. Visit us on the web at [www.CTElks.org/Meriden.htm](http://www.CTElks.org/Meriden.htm).

# Upcoming Events, News, Committee Updates

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Meriden Lodge #35 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Please sign up your children, grandchildren, or little ones below or email me at [icanney@ci.meriden.ct.us](mailto:icanney@ci.meriden.ct.us)

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Member: \_\_\_\_\_

After the Easter Egg Hunt the children will be having hot chocolate and hot dogs and receive their prizes downstairs.

Lori Canney  
Easter Egg Committee Chairperson

THANK YOU, FROM YOUR OUT GOING EST. LECTURING KNIGHT!

*Where did the year go! I guess it is true, time flies when you're having fun.*

*First I want to thank Heather Cole, without her hard work your Antlers would not have been the same. Thank you Exalted Ruler Keith Stocking for choosing me Officer of the Year, what a great award, I will always remember that night. Thank you Michele Stocking for all the reminders and help with the Antlers. Thank you Patty Nakos with organizing my podium if you do it again I will hurt you! Thank you Tiler Karen Parker without you I could not have done all the cooking and mailing THANK YOU AGAIN!*

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: **Who was the chairman for our 100th year anniversary committee?**

## 2010 Daffodil Festival

This year's Daffodil Festival will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a big undertaking and requires a lot of participation from all our brother and sister ELK'S. I am looking forward to working with all that have been there in the past and those who may be there first time; this is a great time for all the new members over the past couple of years to help out your lodge immensely. Get involved and help our lodge succeed in this function. There will be a sign up sheet at the lodge the first week of March so mark your calendars and hope to see you there.

Sincerely  
Daffodil Chairmen  
Chris Baril PER

### Answer to the March Question of the Month...

Joseph Paoli PER, State vice president NW

**Elks Logo Clothing Now Available**  
**Denim, Twill, Long and Short Sleeve**  
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**Mark the Date...April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Installation of Officers, Meriden Elks #35**  
**More Details to Follow!**

Meriden Elks #35

**IRISH NIGHT**

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Irish Elk o' the Year:

**Kelly O'Hennessy**

5:30 Hors D'oeuvres & Cocktails

6:30 Meriden's Best Corned Beef!

DJ and Dancing to follow!!

**Bagpipes, Irish Dancers and our own  
"Shillelagh Historical Irish Tenors"!!**



Raffle Prizes



*See a Committee Member or Bartender for Tickets*

**\$20 Per Person**

## MERIDEN LODGE #35 POLISH NIGHT



Thursday, March 4, 2010

Honoring

***Shannon Dwyer(ski)***

*The Polish Elk Of the Year*



5:30 pm – Cocktails & Entertainment  
Polish Music & Songs

6:30 pm – Famous Warsaw Hors d'oeuvre's table

7:30 pm – Served Full course Polish diner

8:30 pm - Door Prizes and Raffles

Tickets available through committee members or bartenders

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## News Flash/Reminders

### Lodge Events....

March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Lodge Meetings  
March 4<sup>th</sup> - Polish Night  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - Irish Night  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt

### Friday Night Social Menus

Friday March 5th - *Lemon Caper Pork Tenderloin, Capellini, Veggies, Salad, Bread.*  
Friday March 12th - *No Social - Irish Night*  
Friday March 19th - *Eggplant Parm with Pasta, Salad, Bread*  
Friday March 26th - *Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Crab Cakes, Veggie, Potato, Salad, Bread*  
Friday April 2nd - *No Social - Good Friday*  
Friday April 9th - *No Social - Installation of Officers*

Our Friday night socials get busier each week. We try to cook enough food to serve everyone. To help our cooks out and to make sure you are guaranteed a dinner, please call the lodge at 203-235-0398, and ask to be put on the reservation list for the Friday Night Social. Please try to call by Wednesday, Thursday, at the latest!



## Sickness & Distress

### Memoriam

#### At Home

Arlene Gudelski  
Edward Asplund  
Paul Cirillo

#### Hartford Hospital

Teddy Gudelski

#### Baptist Home

Marty Gaffey