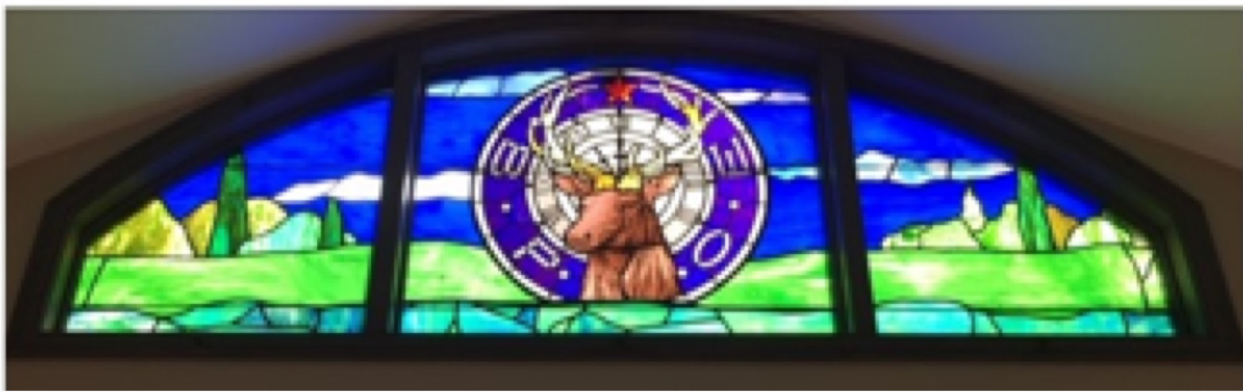


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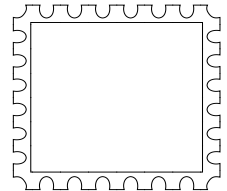


JULY 2022

Home Lodge of
Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee Chairman
William J. Chinn Jr. PDD, PSP
and
Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
Richard M. Palanzo PDD, PGLCC, PSP



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2022-2023

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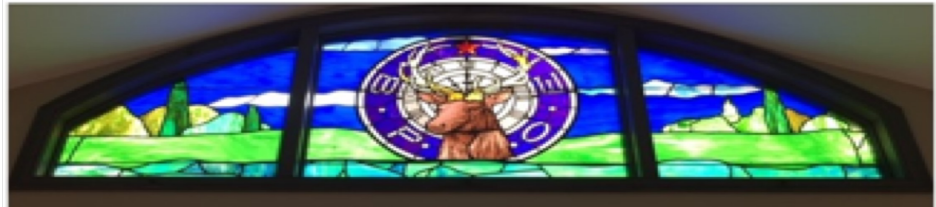
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members all,

The season for enjoying our lodge and its deck is upon us and it's a great place to chill out for a drink and some food with family and friends. As the new ER, I'm still amazed at the compliments we get from first time guests who rave about the grand view and its charming effect. You can't beat it after a long day on the job.

Some recent activities included participation in this year's Danbury Memorial Day parade where our officers and members proudly represented our lodge, even though the warm weather made it a test of endurance. Our annual Flag Day Service was a sight to observe and was well attended. This was also a test of our team work, as members stepped up at the last minute due to an illness (yours truly). And what can you say about the Country Music Night....it was a terrific hit. Needless to say, there will be many more events like this so keep a lookout for future announcements. And, let's not forget Thursday Karaoke Night, which has become so popular, we're expanding its schedule to now every Thursday.

Anyone who owns a home knows breakdowns and maintenance are constant issues. Our lodge is the same and has had its share of recent problems pop up. However, our Trustees and House Committee have done an impressive job of analyzing and taking steps as needed to keep the lodge doors open for members. Also, special thanks goes out to our members that reacted quickly to a recent emergency,

Members are reminded that 2022-23 dues are now overdue and should be cleared up right away. Besides our lodges' Fraternal characteristics, our lodge is also a business and needs to clear outstanding dues so bills can be paid. During every lodge meeting, our Secretary summarizes the lodges monthly revenues and expenses, while the Treasurer presents year-to-date Balance Sheet and P&L figures. You would be amazed at how much it takes to keep the lodge afloat.

Finally, Membership is growing and we're constantly initiating new members, but there's always room for new blood. So, follow up with that business associate or that neighbor (to who you have hopefully explained what BPOE stands for). Bring them down to the lodge for a drink and show them our facility. It never fails to impress! After all, it's your lodge, so be proud of it. By the way, we would also love to see you.

Faternally,

Alex Karsanidi,
Exalted Ruler

Elks Sickness and Distress

- *Theresa wife of Member Michael Cummings , PER*

If you know of a member ailing or recovering from an ailment or in distress, please

Contact: Exalted Ruler Alex Karsanidi email: Elks120ER@gmail.com or call

203.791.0919 and leave a message

Passing of a Member

"The Elks Wake and Grave side Ritual service is a privilege of all members. If you would like this Ritual service for your deceased Elk family member, please notify your Funeral Director or contact Exalted Ruler Alex Karsanidi to make arrangements.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all who participated in donating to the Elks National Foundation, our Lodge was recognized at the State convention with a Certificate of Appreciation for reaching the GER's goal of donating \$4.80 per member. By having reached this goal it allowed us the ability to donate just over \$10,000.00 to worthy causes here in the Danbury area. We are off to a great start this year. If you haven't donated, please consider a donation so we can reach this year's goal and continue our support via ENF Grants in the Danbury Area.

Membership Status: Our membership is now at 242 members. As of the writing of this message we have received payment from 191 of them leaving 51 unpaid. Membership growth and retention continues to be one of our primary objectives.

By-Laws Changes: At the time of this printing the By-Law General Revisions and Amendments have been dispensed to all members. The vote to ratify will/or has been held at the Lodge Meeting of June 28. Special thanks to the committee that worked in updating the By-Laws and House rules.

Reinstatement Process: With no recommended changes there remains a special reinstatement period available to members who have been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues. From September 1 through October 31 of this year, the reinstatement fee is dropped to \$1.00. The reinstating member must also pay the balance of the current year dues. So, for less than \$75.00 in total a dropped member can be reinstated to membership in good standing. If you are aware of anyone in this situation please inform them of this option.

Secretary Contact Information: Cell Phone 203 240-48007

or via e-mail at secretary@danburyelks.org . The Secretary's Office is also open from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Regular

Meeting nights.

Fraternally

Jack Knapp, PDD

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you

07	02	John	Logan
07	02	John	D Morrell
07	03	Gene	M Passarella
07	05	Stephen	E Barna
07	10	William	P Crawford
07	10	Richard	Licarie
07	12	Michael	Melahn
07	13	Shirley	Wilken
07	14	Leonard	J Esposito
07	15	Richard	P Kovacs
07	15	John	A Mac Dougall
07	16	Richard	P Hastings
07	17	Thomas	L Bartram
07	18	Mark	J Sullivan
07	19	Timothy	B O'Leary
07	20	Robert	Wohlrab
07	25	Paul	Grenier
07	28	Rocco	G Perna
07	29	David	A Potter
07	30	Beth	Cross
07	30	Paul	Olson
07	31	Russell	S Neumann

**If you have not already done so,
PLEASE submit your
2022-2023 Dues at your earliest
convenience
At the Lodge, online or by mail**



CONGRATULATIONS

State President

Jim Money, PDD

**And your suite of Officers
on your installation at the
State Convention on June 4th**



Be an informed member

See Elks.org Members ONLY section

To look up Statutes (Rules of the Order):

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/judiciary/manuals.cfm>
click on Annotated Statutes

To see Danbury 120 By-laws:

<https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=120>

Lodge Committee Chairpersons 2021-2022

<i>Americanism</i>	<i>Lisa Knapp, PER</i>
<i>Drug Awareness</i>	<i>Holly Sekiguchi</i>
<i>Elks Hoop Shoot</i>	<i>Vinny Santise</i>
<i>Elks National Foundation (ENF)</i>	<i>Eric Svege, PER</i>
<i>Government Relations</i>	<i>Jack Knapp, PDD</i>
<i>House Committee</i>	<i>Yvan Sekiguchi</i>
<i>Investigating Committee</i>	<i>Jack Knapp, PDD</i>
<i>Judiciary Committee</i>	<i>Tom Saadi</i>
<i>Lodge Activities</i>	<i>Holly Sekiguchi</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>TBA— See Exalted Ruler</i>
<i>Public Relations</i>	<i>TBA— See Exalted Ruler</i>
<i>Ritualistic</i>	<i>Suzanne Novaco, PER</i>
<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>TBA— See Exalted Ruler</i>
<i>Soccer Shoot</i>	<i>Vinny Santise</i>
<i>Special Olympics</i>	<i>TBA— See Exalted Ruler</i>
<i>State Major Projects (CCMC)</i>	<i>TBA— See Exalted Ruler</i>
<i>Veterans</i>	<i>Carl Allen</i>

TRAINING IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ABOVE COMMITTEES

Committees that are marked

“TBA—See Exalted Ruler”

are open and need to be filled. If any Member is interested in any of these committees, Please contact Exalted Ruler Alex Karsanidi at the Lodge or at ElksER120@Gmail.com



Come on Down for Dinner!
Support Chef Matthew and the Lodge on
select Thursday or Friday nights
WATCH FOR WEEKLY EMAILS for Dinner menu
The food is truly fantastic !!

**Would you like the Esteemed Honor of
being a Lodge Officer?**

Position of Esteemed Leading Knight , Esquire and
Tiler are open for the 2022-2023 Fraternal year.

If interested contact

Exalted Ruler Alex Karsanidi

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FOR A NO OBLIGATION MARKET ANALYSIS!**

KENNY RHODES, 203-856-3335

CT REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON # RES.0817950, EXP REALTY



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BE AN ENF DONOR

Make a monthly pledge of \$10.00
or more and receive a sticker for
your membership Card. Make
your pledge online at:

<https://www.elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm>

ENF Supports 3 Scholarship programs, several Youth programs, Adopt a Vet program, as well as Awards Six grants, available to Qualifying Lodge. Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spotlight Grant, Promise Grant, Impact Grant, and Freedom Grant.

Volunteer Bartenders Wanted

Bartend one day a week or one day a month, it all helps to keep our Members lounge open for our Members to enjoy and socialize with each other.

If Interested contact Yvan Sekaguchi at 203-791-0919
Training will be provided

Community Flea Market at the Lodge



Saturday July 23rd 9am to 3pm

**Purchase a 10 x10 space and bring your own table,
tent and items to sell**

**Tables are \$25
Craft Vendors also Welcome!**

Don't have time?

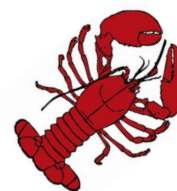
You can also donate items to the Lodge, to be sold by the lodge .

Proceeds will go to Wreaths Across America Fund

A Food Truck will be on site for lunch!

Contact Holly Sekiguchi at Elk120hs@gmail.com

Annual Lobsterfest



Coming August 27th!

Look for more
information in
emails and in the
August Bulletin



Best Year Ever

When the 2021-22 fiscal year opened on April 1, it wasn't a normal year. The country was still in the throes of the pandemic, and the Elks National Foundation started the year with caution.

The ENF maintained flexibility for grants, which allowed Lodges to continue responding to the most pressing needs in their communities. The Elks took those grants and ran with them just like they did in FY2021. They supported food pantries, shelters, health care clinics, schools, veterans' organizations and so much more. When neighbors needed Elks more than ever, they were there. Elks showed that no matter what, they *always* care.

Elks have always found meaning in building stronger communities. But during the pandemic, the ENF helped them be there for their neighbors in unprecedented ways.

And in 2021-22, the Elks gave back to the ENF in an unprecedented way.

Elks donated a staggering \$7,770,038.70 to the ENF—the first time the ENF reached more than \$7 million in gifts. That's also \$1 *million* more than Elks gave in the previous record-setting year of 2019-20.

The incredible outpouring of support resulted in per-member giving of more more than \$10 for the first time ever. The National President set the 2021-22 per-member-giving goal at \$4.80, and the Elks more than doubled it, achieving \$10.657 per member. That beats the previous record, also set in 2019-20, by \$1.971.

For the second time since the ENF started keeping track in FY1993, all 48 state associations achieved the per-member-giving goal. It was an unprecedented year in many ways, and one in which Elks gave like never before.

Recently, we received a note from a donor from Michigan, scrawled on the back of our thank-you letter for a gift he had given:

"I gave because I was informed that the ENF gave a sizeable amount of money to our community during a time of the pandemic when it was truly needed. So, I will continue to give for this reason."

It is an honor for us to support Elks communities in good times and bad. It's an honor to have supporters like the Elks. And, it's an honor to continue building stronger communities alongside the Order.

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit elks.org/enf. Review the 2022-23 grants and appropriations at enf.elks.org/appropriations.

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3		5	6	7 Karaoke	8	9
Grand Lodge Convention Atlanta, GA—July 3 –6 2022						
10	11	12 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	13	14 Karaoke	15	16
17	18	19 Officer's meeting 6:30pm	20 Board of Directors 7:30pm	21 Karaoke	22	23 Community Flee Market 9am to 3pm
24 31	25	26	27	28 Karaoke	29	30

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Karaoke	5	6
7	8	9 Lodge Meeting	10	11 Karaoke	12	13
14	15	16 Officer and BOD meetings	17	18 Karaoke	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Karaoke	26	27 Lobsterfest
28	29	30	31			

The Officers of Danbury Lodge did a great job performing Flag Day Ceremony.



Thank you to Bill Chinn PDD, PSP, GLCC and Rick Palanzo, PDD, PSP, SDGER for being a part of the ceremony

On June 4th the Lodge received a bit of scrubbing . Bar stools were re-covered. An area Youth group was on hand to help out. Thank you to all that were able to help.



Danbury Elks Memorial Day parade Marchers and Wreath presenters



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Everyone had a whoopin good time at Country Night at the Lodge, Pardner

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To Our Members.....We need your HELP!

**Many hands make light work. Get involved, Take the opportunity to get to know your fellow members
Keep old friends and make new friends.**

Our Lodge is run primarily by volunteers and we don't have enough to cover all essential services.

Please consider signing up for one of the many available volunteer opportunities.

Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Exalted Ruler Alex Karsinidi at alexsr@karsanidi.com to help with a Program Committee
or

Lodge Activities Holly Sekiguchi at Elk120hs@gmail.com to help at Lodge events
**Or call 203-791-0919 and leave a message with your name, call back number and
that you would like to help. Elks care, Elks Share**

THANK YOU to our members for their generous donations

To help Defray 2022 RE Taxes

2022 Building Fund

Keith Bauer	23-Mar	Anonomous	23-Mar	William Chinn	Mar-23	Michael Petruski	Mar-23
Greg Caggainello	23-Mar	Roger Green	23-Mar	Wayne Fogel	Mar-23	Karl Olson	Mar-23
Scott Caggeinello	23-Mar	Antonia Nabholz	23-Mar	Thomas Sweeney	Mar-23	John Goggliettino	Mar-23
Glenn Hemmerle	23-Mar	P. Ryan	23-Mar	Thomas Gorman	Mar-23	Greg Caggainello	Mar-23
George Huse	23-Mar	Jeffery Turner	23-May	Suzanne Novaco	Mar-23	Glenn Hemmerle	Mar-23
Karyn Palanzo	23-Mar	John Miller	23-May	Scott Caggeinello	Mar-23	George Huse	Mar-23
David Janasek	23-Mar			Rudolf Confortini	Mar-23	D Sturges	Mar-23
				Anonomous	Mar-23	Antonia C Nabholz	Mar-23
				Paul Palanzo	Mar-23	A Bodner	Mar-23
				P Ryan	Mar-23	Jeffery Turnter	May-23

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Robert J Kaufman	22-Jul	Scott Caggeinello	23-Mar	William Buttery	23-Mar	Brian Dobson	23-May
Martin Cohn	23-Jan	Greg Caggainello	23-Mar	William E Miller	23-Mar	Guy Holick	23-May
Carl Lecher	23-Jan	Ed Kielkucki	23-Mar	Alex Karsanidi	23-Apr	Leslie Ann Jaber	23-May
Martin Cohn	23-Jan	Wes Turner	23-Mar	George Haber	23-Apr	Edward Lasky	23-May
Keith Bauer	23-Mar	Karl A Olson	23-Mar	Jennifer R Tanner	23-Apr	Tim J O'Rourke	23-May
Albert A Lourenco	23-Mar	Michael Kelly	23-Mar	John Hancock	23-Apr	Larry W Seim	23-May
Antonia C Nabholz	23-Mar	Michael R Shecora	23-Mar	John Stewart	23-Apr	David F Smith	23-May
Diana Samuelson Buttery	23-Mar	Paul A Palanzo	23-Mar	Thomas J Sweeney	23-Apr	Shirley Wilken	23-May
E Joan Weldon	23-Mar	Richard M Palanzo	23-Mar	Thomas Saadi	23-Apr	Stephen E Barna	23-May
Eric Svege	23-Mar	Richard Stavac	23-Mar	William J Chinn	23-Apr	John Miller	23-Jun
Karyn Palanzo	23-Mar	Roger A Green	23-Mar	Wayne Floegel	23-Apr	Tom Davies	24-Apr
Ethan T Mable	23-Mar	Rocco Perna	23-Mar	John Gogliettino	23-May	Kenneth Dosch	26-May
George Huse	23-Mar	Kent Rohrer	23-Mar	Linda Ann Peterson	23-May		
Glenn E Hemmerle	23-Mar	Suzanne L Novaco	23-Mar	Carl Allen	23-May		

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