

Derby Lodge of Elks #571

THE LODGE OF THE VALLEY

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Home Lodge of the District Deputy, David Robinson, DDGER, HLM

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*****LODGE MEETING NIGHTS*****

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m.

B.O.D. Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 6:45 p.m.

Officers Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

PER Meetings: 3rd Tuesday, *directly after* Lodge Mtg

House Committee: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

Elk of the Year Paul Blackwell

Officer of the Year Dave Savage

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Exalted Ruler's Message



Dear Members,

Sometimes the amazing things we accomplish together can go unnoticed because we do them from the heart, without the need for recognition. But it's important that every member of our Elks family knows just how much good we're doing for our community because it matters, and so do you.

Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated members, since April our Lodge has: donated supplies to the Ansonia Animal Shelter, raised awareness to Donate Life, gave out \$1000 scholarships to two high school seniors, awarded Youth Patriotism Awards to five wonderful Derby students, donated stuffed animals to the Yale Children's Hospital Toy Closet, contributed \$250 to the Boys and Girls Club, supported Flags For Heroes in honor of our veterans, held a Fishing Rodeo for our valley's youth at no charge so they may experience the joys of fishing, and honored our mothers on Mother's Day with a free breakfast and a ceremony to recognize their accomplishments. That is in just two months! Think of what we will do in the future!

This month, the Derby Elks are working on donating and setting up a patio set for the PFC Nicholas Madaras Home for homeless women veterans in Bridgeport, holding a Flag Day Ceremony on the Derby Green on June 14 at 1pm to honor our flag and the values it represents, and hosting a Father's Day breakfast on June 15th from 8-11 am for the dads and father figures who've made a lasting impact in our lives and community. I hope that you will attend or ask me how you can help at one of these functions.

In order to spread good will throughout our community, we need to host functions and need volunteers to help and support those functions. If you've ever thought, "Someone else will do it", please consider this your invitation to be that "someone." Whether it's through volunteering, attending a function, or coming up with an idea that you can initiate at our lodge, none of what we do is possible without you. Please contact me as to how you can become involved. Getting involved not only strengthens our lodge, it builds friendships, creates lasting memories, and keeps the spirit of Elkdom alive and well. We can do so much with more hands and more hearts involved! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns

mjblackwell@snet.net

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Sincerely,

Maria Blackwell

Exalted Ruler

Derby Lodge Hours

Monday through Saturday: 4:00 – 10:00p.m.

Sunday: Noon – 6:00p.m.



NOTE FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY'S DESK

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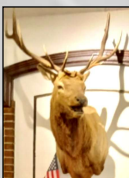
Members,

The CT State Elks Association is seeking to fill the position of State Treasurer. The individual should have a strong background in finance and be a team member. Please contact Sheila Parizo, Lodge Secretary for details and contact information.

As always, if you have any questions or needs, do not hesitate to contact me at 571Sec@gmail.com or 203-231-4971.

Fraternally yours,
Sheila M. Parizo, Lodge Secretary

****DUES MUST BE PAID SEPARATE FROM ANY
OTHER CLUBS/DINNERS/EVENTS** Thank you!!
Oh! Don't forget the fifty cents!**



Where's Moe??

Can you find Moe on the Message TV
slide show in the Antler Lodge?
Find him somewhere *in the slides*
and **win a free drink!**

Keep looking, Moe will pop up somewhere new each month!

Report your Moe sighting to Dave Cox or Jeaneen
Buchanan and win!

Jeaneen Buchanan can be reached at:
lodge571derby@gmail.com

Living or Dead, an Elk is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken Leon R. Zahaba, Jr., PGLC, PSP



It is our sad duty to inform you that Leon R. Zahaba, Jr., Past State President, Past Grand Lodge Committeeman, has passed away after a long illness.



Come into the Lodge to celebrate your

JUNE BIRTHDAY

and receive a complimentary beverage!

2 nd	John Boanno	13 th	Katherine Finnucan
3 rd	Dana Chapman		Mark Lanzieri
	Mychalio Humeniuk	15 th	Amalia Altimari
4 th	Robert Litzner		Alexander Gifford
5 th	Randy Chiarenzelli		Deborah Scianna
6 th	Robert Cammisa	16 th	Marc Garofalo
7 th	David French	20 th	Joanne Christensen
8 th	Arleen Getlein		Kenneth Marcucio
	Francis J Rosa	21 st	Stephen Marcucio
9 th	Michael D'Alessio	24 th	Joseph Palmucci
11 th	Martin Dadio	29 th	Ashley Blackwell
	Adam Peat		Melissa Blackwell
12 th	Heather Haney		Michael DeNigris
	Brian Marcucio		Anita Dugatto
	Scott Marcucio		Carol Vass
		30 th	Barbara Weisz



In our hearts & prayers

Keep our members always in your thoughts. If you are aware of someone who is ill, experiencing hardship, or who has suffered a loss, please let us know so that we can reach out to them.

Bill Higgins

Please contact anyone here at Derby Lodge if you are aware of someone who is experiencing sickness or distress.

Pat Mastrianni, (203) 213.6325

Adam Pacheco, (860) 593.6019



JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Derby Days w/ pulled pork sandwiches 2 – 4p	2 Line Dancing 7p	3 BOD meeting 630p Lodge Meeting 730p	4	5 House Com Meeting 7p	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day Ceremony -1p Comedy Show & Dinner – 5:30p
15 Father's Day Fathers Day Breakfast 8-11am	16	17 BOD meeting 630p Lodge Meeting 730p	18	19 Activity Committee mtg 6p Trivia Night! 7p	20	21
22	23	24 Elks Riders Dinner 5-7p Craft Night 6pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	Housekeeping Reminder: A friendly reminder...if you run an event, please make sure that your helpers clean up immediately after the event is over. Tables should be wiped down, garbage taken out, floors should be swept and cleaned (washed, if necessary), and the carpet should be vacuumed. If you use the kitchen, please make sure all dishes and pans are put away after washing them, and counters are wiped down. Thank you so much!				

Flag Day Ceremony

Hosted by the Derby Elks Lodge

Location: Derby Green | June 14th | 1300 (1pm)



Celebrate this timeless tradition with us!

Fathers Day Breakfast

Hosted by your Derby Elks Lodge #571

Sunday, June 15th | 830 – 1100 am | \$12 per person

Breakfast will be complimentary for all dads who are members of Lodge #571.

Buffet style, with special dishes made by Fran Robinson and Carol Stine

****This will be our last Sunday Breakfast until September****



Derby Elks Lodge

Proudly presents

Dinner & Comedy Show!

Saturday, June 14th

Doors open: 5p | Dinner: 5:30p | Showtime: 630p



Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and miscarriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor-sharp Irish wit!

Dinner:

Chicken Marsala | Buttered noodles | Salad
Vegetable | Dessert

\$25 per person – sign up at the bar

Upcoming Events

Derby Days Celebration!

**CITY OF
DERBY PRESENTS**

Every Day
Food Trucks, Kids Activities,
Transportation History,
Merchandise Vendors-
350th t-shirts/hoodies/
bells/ornaments/
commemorative coins

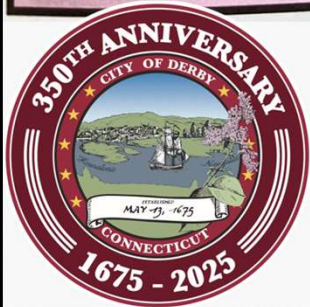
**350th
ANNIVERSARY
WEEKEND
CELEBRATION**
MAY 30, 31 AND JUNE 1
**DERBY GREEN
ELIZABETH ST**



Friday, May 30 5³⁰ pm to 10 pm
Concert at 8:30 pm
Jason Scheff - of Chicago
Tommy DeCarlo - of Boston

Saturday, May 31 12 pm to 10 pm
Concert at 8:30 pm
Fleetwood Heart - A tribute to Fleetwood
Mac and Heart

Sunday, June 1 12 pm to 8 pm
Concert at 7 pm
Forjourn - A tribute to Foreigner and
Journey



Come down to your Derby Elks Lodge #571

May 31st and June 1st from 2-4pm

We will be selling pulled pork sandwiches,
distributing Drug Awareness materials to kids,
selling 125th pins & ornaments, and holding tours of our lodge!



Learn to Line Dance!

Hosted by your Derby Elks Lodge #571 and Linda Bayusik
Monday June 2nd | 7pm

Come down to shake your hips and boots and try something new!

Derby Elks Lodge is Hosting



June 19th! at 7pm! hosted by Dave and Steph!
(Every third Thursday of the month!)

Free to play | Up to teams of 4 | Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd!

Elks Riders Dinner

Tuesday, June 24th | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Hot roast beef sandwich, macaroni salad, pickle, chips & dessert

\$12

Sign-up with bartender

Event supports Elk Riders Charities

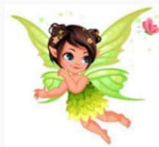
Thanks for your support!



CREATE A FAIRY GARDEN CRAFT PROJECT

WITH JEAN ROSLONOWSKI

Create a Fairy Garden using recycled jars, real
plants, and other items



JUNE 24TH - 6PM

\$10.00 per person

Derby Elks Lodge



**A FUN AND WHIMSICAL WAY TO CREATE A MAGICAL
SPACE AND CONNECT WITH NATURE!**



**SIGN UP AND PAY AT THE BAR
BY JUNE 17TH**

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Derby/Shelton fireworks with hotdogs/fries	4 CELEBRATING 4th of July INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 (Fireworks rain date)
6	7	8	9	10 House Com. Meeting 7p	11	12
13	14	15 BOD meeting 630p Lodge Meeting 730p	16	17 Activities committee mtg 6 Trivia Night! 7p	18	19 Gift Card Bonanza 7p
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Derby / Shelton Fireworks

Thursday, July 3rd (Rain date July 5th)

Derby Elks Lodge will be selling hot dogs, fries & waters

A musical concert will take place from 7 pm to 9pm in front of Derby City Hall

Fireworks start at 9pm

Thanks for your support!

~* Gift Card Bonanza *~

Saturday, July 19th

7:00 pm

10 games / \$20.00 to play all games

Additional cards - \$2.00 per set

Friends, family, neighbors welcome!

Feel free to bring your own snacks!

We would like to say- “Thanks!”

A huge thank you to Anita Dugatto for donating the funding needed to upholster the four officers’ chairs in our lodge room. Her generosity is deeply appreciated, and we are so grateful for all that she has done for our lodge throughout the years. We also thank Bill Cicale, one of our newer members, who did the upholstering. Bill did an awesome job repairing the springs and covering the chairs.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Fishing Rodeo raffle winners:

1st - Kate Sullivan | 2nd- Frank Marcucio III | 3rd- Carol Stine | 4th- Nancy DeJesus



Photo Gallery



Winners of Elks National Youth Week 2025: five outstanding students with the Derby Elks Patriotism Award and two scholarships



Donate Life Event



125th Gala Event!



Mother's Day Complimentary Breakfast with a ceremony honoring moms



Fishing Rodeo 2025!



Welcome New Members!

Elk of the Month!



~* Our Elk of the month *~

**Steph Sorak | David French
Dave Bayusik** (not pictured)

Thank you for embodying Elkdom,
being an instrumental part of our lodge
as well as being wonderful friends!

Let us help welcome our newest Lodge members!
From left to right
Frances Voight | Erika Maciog | Michelle Dziubina |
Vicky Jacobson | Mary Jane Zammiello | May Guarnier

Please continue to support our members and local businesses



Sheila M. Parizo
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coming up?
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Retirement Parties, etc.

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Al Minopoli: 203-906-6768
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