



THE ELKS CALL

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**ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Members all,

Another year has come and gone. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We had plenty of events this past month. Starting with our Annual Memorial service, and followed by Living Alone Luncheon, thank you to all who helped keep this event going, Wally would be proud. We also had breakfast with Santa. We also had a special Memorial service for PER Michelle Minicucci. Our Annual Egg Nog party was great, thank you to the House Committee and all others who helped. I can't forget the wonderful Gatsby themed new years eve party that was very well done.

We have a few events coming up this month, including a Game Dinner on Friday the 10th. As well as the Mid-year Convention for the CT Elks State Association on the 11th. Nominations for Officers will be the first Lodge meeting of February on 2/11/25.

This month's Elk of the Month is not a single Elk but a family. The Gannon Family which includes 3 of our very own PERs. Thank you for making Breakfast with Santa a huge success and always willing to help when needed.

Respectfully & Fraternally

Carlos R Gotay

Lodge Hours:

THE RATHSKELLAR BAR IS NOW OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

SUNDAY 12:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. (BEGINNING 10/13)
MONDAY 5:00 P.M. - TILL
TUESDAY 6:00 P.M. - TILL
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY FRIDAY 11:00 A.M. - TILL
SATURDAY 12:00 P.M. - TILL

Lodge Meetings:

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
JULY & AUGUST—FOURTH TUESDAY ONLY
DECEMBER—SECOND TUESDAY ONLY
INITIATION MEETINGS START AT 6:30 P.M.

Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler: Carlos Gotay

Leading Knight: Jennifer Normand

Loyal Knight: Peter Wychulis

Lecturing Knight: Stephanie Dilger

Esquire: Bryan McEntee

Inner Guard: Ryan Ibarra

Tiler: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Secretary: Micheal McGaughan

Treasurer: Pat Jennings

Chaplin: Howard Osorio

Trustee 1 Year: Eugene Lafauci PER

Trustee 2 Years: Bret Reis

Trustee 3 Years:

Trustee 4 Years: Mike Devino

Trustee 5 Years: Donna Torre



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

The clock of his days has stopped, and across its dial
the motionless arms mark The Hour of Eleven, the
“Golden Hour of Recollection.”
MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

Philip Maiorano Jr LM

Born January 13, 1944

Initiated June 13, 1972

Passed from our mist December 7, 2024

Jaclyn L Reilly

Born April 4, 1947

Initiated September 27, 2005

Passed from our mist December 9, 2024

Raymond C Shortt LM

Born July 27, 1951

Initiated March 26, 1986

Passed from our mist December 13, 2024



Please contact Jennifer
Normand, Esteemed
Leading Knight with
information and updates.
203-510-5217

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Official Bulletin of Waterbury Lodge #265
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
PO Box 615, 283 W Main St.
Waterbury, CT 06702

Instituted—June 15, 1893
Chartered—June 21, 1893

Information must be submitted by the 25th of the prior
month.
Email— 265submissions@gmail.com
Thank you



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donating online. You could
give through the Lodge, but
the *only* difference when you
donate online is how quickly
your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at
enf.elks.org/MyLodge

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Happy New Year all,

Elks renewal notices for the 2025-2026 year will be mailed to members February 5, 2025. If you have changed your address, please let me know as soon as possible.

Per The Laws of the Order, Section 4.231 to insure adequate funding of the Master Liability Insurance Program there will be a \$1.00 increase to the total amount due. Life members dues will be \$68.00 and Regular members dues will be \$138.00.

Payment options are: Check (preferred), cash, credit card, PayPal and a new **Enhanced Payment Processor**.

- New Payment Processor: Starting in 2025, Lodges will be automatically migrated from RevoPay to a new, improved credit card processor for a seamless transition.
- Auto-Renew Feature: The new system accommodates an auto-renew option, automatically adjusting for yearly dues changes.

Please note that all credit card payments will be assessed a processing fee.

Please contact me by email at secywtbody265@gmail.com or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4 should you have any concerns.

Fraternally yours
Michael McGaughan
Lodge Secretary

BULLETIN BOARDS

Nothing should be posted on the boards in the Rathskeller, vestibule, hallways, or restrooms without first obtaining permission from the House Committee. If a house committee member is not available, please leave your posting with the bartender. Upon approval, it will be hung on the various bulletin boards. Anything posted without prior permission will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

The House Committee

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New year begins, but Elks year ends soon

Happy 2025 to all our Elks family! Julia and I want to wish you and your families a healthy and happy new year.

January is the beginning of the last quarter of the Lodge year. Be sure to have your membership retention and arrears program ready to work on having a +1 membership gain for 2025! Have your committee reach out to delinquent Members. This personal contact could very well bring these Members back into our folds.

While we have so many Members who are active and going beyond the call of duty, we unfortunately have those who are delinquent in membership. We need to look over the lapsation list. Our delinquent Members had a reason for joining and they are worth keeping as active Members. Find out what you can do to improve this. Think of the missed opportunities that these delinquent Members could have had in making a legacy of service.

As we begin 2025, Lodges need to be focusing on several aspects: Our Members and membership, our Lodges and improvements, and our recognition to those who have given beyond the typical role of service.

There is no better way to recognize these people who have gone beyond the call of duty in their service to Elkdom than to award them with “Elk of the Year,” “Officer of the Year,” and “Citizen of the Year.” The awards form can be accessed in CLMS2Web. They need to be submitted prior to March 31 so that the certificates can be printed and sent back to the Lodges for Officer installations. As an Exalted Ruler, you have an opportunity to recognize those Members who are doing everything without even being asked.

Speaking of legacy, the Legacy Award scholarship is available until February 3, 2025. It provides \$4,000 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Elks Members. Use the membership of Elkdom to pay it forward to help your children and grandchildren.

The end of year will be here before you know it. With the FRS system, your Lodge just needs to ensure all entries are current. The nice thing about the FRS system is your Lodge no longer needs to have the annual audit completed. However, you still must submit your 990 and 990T for each corporation in your Lodge. Have them completed by a qualified individual (e.g., CPA) and filed with the IRS and uploaded on Elks.org.

Elkdom’s Heart for America means looking for ways to recognize the value of our Members, membership, and the value of looking forward to the future. Keep up the good work you are doing in your Lodge and community. I want you to know how much I appreciate all that you are doing for Elkdom. God bless you and God bless America.

Submitted by Douglas A. Schiefer GER, Grand Lodge Newsletter.



Happy New Year Happy January

December was a great month! We had our annual Egg Nog Party which was a great time. Also New Years Eve was a nice night.

Now January holds a few great events. First off, January 10th is our Game Dinner 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M., tickets are still available in the bar. Next on January 11th, is the Elks Mid Year Convention held at our lodge. And lastly, January 18th is our annual PER Comedy Night.

Looking past January, February 9th will be our Super Bowl Party with a complimentary buffet. And don't forget March 17th is St Patrick's Day!

If anyone has any questions or concerns you can always call or text me 203-518-3938.

Steve Knox PER
House Committee Chair



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Connecticut Elks Association and B.P.O.E Drug Awareness Commission

2024 - 2025 School Year

Essay Contest

THEME:

THROW AWAY DRUGS
NOT YOUR FUTURE

for
6-7-8 grade students



Entry forms may be downloaded from:

<https://ctelks.org/projects/drugawareness/>

Entries for ALL essays must be returned to
your local Elks Lodge by 6PM, February 14, 2025

or emailed to : elroy.t.elk.2025@gmail.com

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Connecticut Elks Association and B.P.O.E Drug Awareness Commission Poster Contest



**for
Grade 3, 4, & 5
Students**

THEME:

**THROW AWAY DRUGS -
NOT YOUR FUTURE**

How to participate:

Download appropriate forms

<https://ctelks.org/projects/drugawareness>

SUBMIT to:

elroy.t.elk.2025@gmail.com

**or DELIVER to
Your local Elks Lodge**

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IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

We are now accepting applications for our annual scholarships. Please review the following information to determine if your student qualifies. Applications are available at the bar in the Rathskeller. All applications must be submitted on or before March 14, 2025. An awards banquet will be held in May to present the awards.

WALKER-DONAHUE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who are seniors in high school and whose parent is a paid up member of Waterbury Lodge No. 265. The only exception to the above rule is for children of a deceased member of this Lodge whose parent was in good standing at the time of his/her death. Note: This scholarship is not for grandchildren of members.

JOSEPH ANDROWSKI SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who will have completed at least one year at an accredited two- or four-year college as of May 31, 2025. Eligible applicants must be children or grandchildren of a paid-up Lodge 265 member. Children of a deceased member, whose parent was a paid-up member at the time of his or her death, are also eligible. Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, financial need, and overall school and civic involvement.

PAST EXALTED RULERS' SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who have completed the first year of an accredited two- or four-year college. Eligible applicants must be children or grandchildren of a member in good standing of Waterbury Lodge No. 265. Children of a deceased member, whose parent was a paid-up member at the time of his or her death, are also eligible.

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Scholarship and Emergency Education Grants programs are currently accepting applications. Please go to www.elks.org and hover on the Elks National Foundation tab. In the right column select "SCHOLARSHIPS". All the information you need is presented here.

If you have questions about any scholarships, please contact me.

Email: mikeg0174@aol.com Cell Phone: 203-217-6819

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Scholarship Chairman





The Waterbury Emblem Club recently donated over 100 books to the Easterseals Children Center Pre K - Kindergarten program. Pictured here is Helena Lafontaine Emblem, President/Literacy Chairman, Ms. John and Easterseals Coordinator and Past Supreme President Mary Clifford.

KARAOKE NIGHT AT WATERBURY ELKS #265



COME DOWN FOR DINNER
AND SING A FEW SONGS!

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6PM-9PM

IN THE RATHSKELLAR

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FOOTBALL


SUNDAYS-

Starting Oct 20th

Come join us at the

ELKS #265 283 W MAIN ST. WATERBURY, CT

Doors open at 12:30 pm
Games start at 1 pm

- 
- **Buffet from 1-6 pm**
 - **Taco Bar**
 - **\$15 pp CASH only**

SEVERAL TVs FOR VIEWING PLUS
OUR NEW 75" SCREEN TV

Amazon Prime TV!

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January 10th, 2025 - Game Dinner

January 11th, 2025 - Mid-Year Convention

January 18th, 2025 - PER Comedy Night

February 1, 2025 - 17th Annual Ten Pin Bowling
Tournament



This months meetings will be held on:

January 14th and 28th

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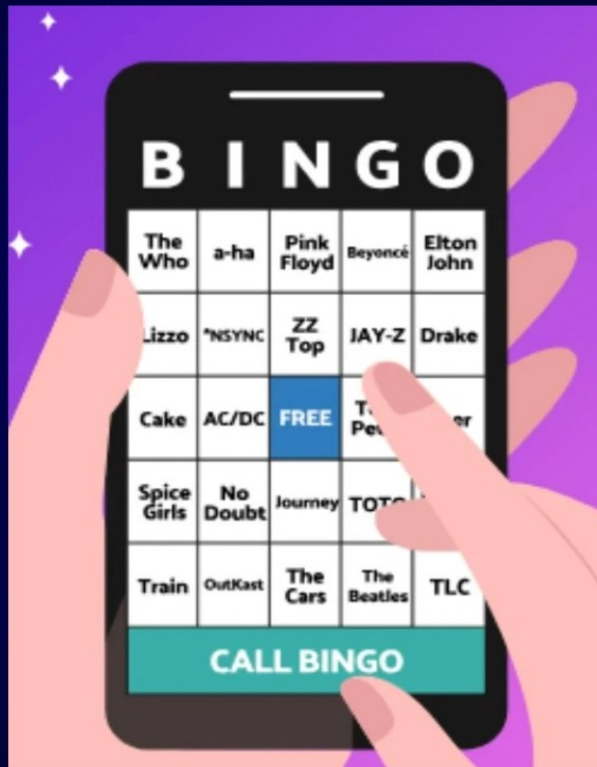
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MUSICAL JUKEBOX BINGO

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**FRIDAY
JAN 17**

7-9 PM

**283 W Main St
Waterbury, Ct**

**Looking for a fun night out with friends & music?
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NIGHT OF LAUGHTER COMEDY SHOW

**CORY
ALBERT**

**DAVE
SHEEHAN**

**MOOSE
HILL**

**Saturday
JAN**

18 | \$25

DOORS 6PM / SHOW 7PM

Elks Lodge 283 W Main St Waterbury CT

For tickets: (203)755-1159

<https://www.elks265.org/>

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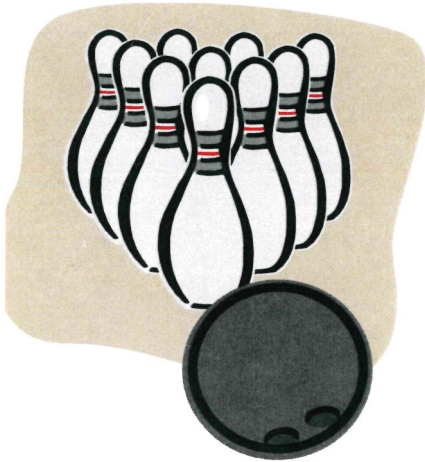
Connecticut Elks Association Charities, Inc.

17th Annual State Ten Pin Bowling Tournament

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama

2143 Berlin Tpke, Newington CT



Registration 10:00 AM until 10:45 AM
Bowling will begin promptly at 11:00 AM

One Session-- 40 Teams

4 Person Teams: The team can be men, women or both. You may have mixed Lodges bowl as a team. No handicaps. **Members must be in good standing in order to bowl.**

Registration form(s) with your payment reserves your lane.

Awards and Banquet will be held at the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Lodge
Shunpike Village Shopping Center, 825 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, CT

Benefits:
State Major Projects



Connecticut



Cost: \$30.00 per bowler in advance

All monies are due when registration form(s) are sent.

\$ 10.00 Lunch for non-bowlers/guests

Please make checks payable to:

CONNECTICUT ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITIES, INC.

Send to: Louise Maynard, PER, Bowling Chairman
236 Wauregan Road
Danielson, CT 06239

Mobile - 860-377-8658

E-mail - louiselee06239@gmail.com

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