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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members all,

June has come and gone, we celebrated our Country's Flag, and we celebrated Father's Day. We started off June with the State convention in Trumbull, Waterbury was well represented, we received an award for our monthly newsletter, and our very own Wanda Reiff PER was nominated and elected as our new NW State Vice President, congratulations Wanda. I would also like to congratulate a frequent visitor to our Lodge and our new State President Michael Johnson from Southington Lodge #1669. The men had a great time on their Sportsman's weekend in Wildwood. We had a successful and educational Flag Day ceremony thanks to all that came and all who helped. Our Antlers honored Father's with their annual breakfast. The Elks Riders joined other Elks Riders from other Lodges at Derby Lodge #571 for a Patching in ceremony.

Coming up July we celebrate Our Nations birth. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Forth of July, and as always please remember our Veterans, we wouldn't have the freedom and luxuries we have without their effort and sacrifices. I will be at the Elks National Convention in Austin Texas at the beginning of the month. As I did at the State convention, I will represent Waterbury well. The Elks Riders will be having their Annual Domenic Delessio Scholarship Run on July 20th.

My Elk of the month is Peter Wychulis. Pete did an amazing job with our Flag Day ceremony. His communication with everyone involved was second to none. It was such an amazing event because of that communication even though he had a lot of traveling to do for work he didn't miss a step. Thank you Pete for an amazing job.

Respectfully and Fraternally

Carlos R Gotay

Lodge Hours:

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

SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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

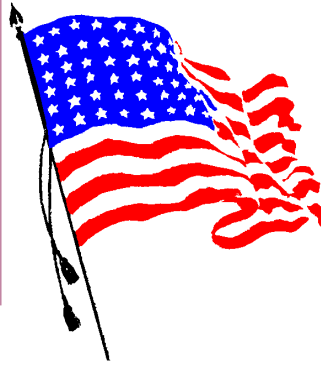
Trustee 1 Year: Eugene Lafauci PER

Trustee 2 Years: Bret Reis

Trustee 3 Years: Richard Dilger

Trustee 4 Years: Mike Devino

Trustee 5 Years: Donna Torre



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



IN MEMORIAM

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.

Clifton J Cotter LM
Born June 27 1926
Initiated October 27, 1964
Passed from our mist June 16, 2024

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Official Bulletin of Waterbury Lodge #265
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
PO Box 615, 283 W Main St.
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Instituted—June 15, 1893
Chartered—June 21, 1893

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Greetings,

Please welcome our new members since April: Robert Bosco, Lisa Cerverizzo, Brian Dudeck, Lori Dudeck, Gerald Gardino, Angelo Loi, Debra Lombardo, Kiley Lombardo, Matthew McCarthy-Calabrese, Jillian Porter, Pasquale Salvatore, and Rose Quintana.

New Candidates: Raymond Fasano, Jesse Hotham, Lisa Pellegrino, Jason Schaeffer, Johnathan Schaeffer, Ronnie Schaeffer, Adele Shiffer and Michele Tardif.

I would like to thank the officers and staff for all their current and continued support of Elks 265. I would like to thank all that have paid your dues and encourage everyone to please pay your dues and ask a friend to join this great Order. Again, thank you for all your support.

Did you know? Using the Elks.org website (<https://www.elks.org>), a current paid up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online. Signup is free.

Fraternally,
Michael McGaughan Lodge Secretary
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Phone: 203-755-1159 opt#4

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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Dedicated, passionate Elks made this year a success

We celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth on the fourth day of this month. It is a time to reflect on all the freedoms we have enjoyed because of the vision of a small group of men and women committed to a cause.

People in this country still enjoy those same freedoms 248 years later. The enthusiasm for the cause of liberty has never been stronger. As Elks our commitment to our nation has never been stronger. Happy birthday, America—the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Time flies when you are having fun. A year ago, Wanda and I began this incredible journey. This was an adventure we never envisioned but we are so glad to have experienced.

The accomplishments we witnessed throughout our travels were truly remarkable. It was great to see your communities recognize that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.” We are very proud of your dedication to our Order.

It was great to meet new friends as well as spend time with old friends. The Elks really are one big happy family. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join our family.

Wanda and I will continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year, and for many more, God willing. The past year has been an adventure we will treasure forever. I would like to close by saying thank you for everything. We look forward to seeing you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. It will be an exciting time.

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

Submitted by Randy P. Shook GER, Grand Lodge Newsletter.



Members All:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who have reached out in support and encouragement as I embark on my position as the newly elected VP for the NW District of Connecticut Elks Association Charities Inc.

I appreciate your confidence in my capabilities to fulfill the requirements for the position and with the support of the Association and membership I look forward to successful terms.

I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have gained as an active member of Waterbury Lodge #265, I am looking forward to continuing my journey in Elksdom, through the State Association.

It is important to me to continue with my enthusiasm and effectiveness in contributing to our organization. I am proud to be a member of Waterbury Lodge # 265 and wish to be a part of moving us forward in the future caring for our community's well-being and growth. Your support not only benefits me personally but also enhances my ability to contribute to the success of our lodge and association in the future.

I understand that you have numerous responsibilities and commitments, and I genuinely appreciate your time. I hope as you make plans to enjoy your summer you include visits to the lodge Come in enjoy social time with friends and family, Attend an upcoming event. Have lunch or dinner and invite friends to become members.

Your Lodge Officers and House Committee are working hard to bring new and exciting events to the lodge as well as keeping with traditions of the past which have proved to be successful and fun. They are open to any suggestions you may have. I am confident that, with your assistance and support, we can continue in the future making our lodge successful and contributing to our community, children and Veterans.

We look forward to seeing you at the lodge. Have a safe and Happy Summer !!!!

Fraternally,

Wanda I. Reiff, PDD,PER
Northwest Vice-President CT Elks Assn Charities, Inc



Board Of Directors

Greetings from the Board of Directors.

As we enter the summer months, we will be performing repairs and upgrades to our Lodge. We are looking for some assistance with several projects we have planned. First, we will be replacing the tile in the Brady Hall exit area, (Chair storage) and will need assistance with demolition of the damaged tile and installation of the new tile. We are also going to be cleaning out behind the stage and reorganizing it. We will be scheduling these after July 7th so please see any emails or posters that will be posted at the lodge.

July's meeting is on the 15th. In August there will be a meeting on the 19th only

Richard Dilger

Board of Directors Chairperson

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Happy 4th of July

The month of June is behind us and what a good month it was! We had our annual Flag Day ceremony which was a great success. Also we had Father's Day Breakfast which was great. I want to thank Renee and Tony for a great job for their lunch and dinner service, great job guys.

The month of July we have a few events going on. July 6 Guest Bartender Brittany will be back for one day only from 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. we will also have a small buffet for a light charge. Also, Friday July 12th from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. we will have music bingo.

Looking past July, August 2nd we will have our annual Golf Tournament at Western Hills Golf Course and on September 15th we will have our annual Clambake at Cercemaggiore Club in Oakville.

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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Happy Summer Time Everyone !!! The Waterbury Elks Riders #265 have had a busy winter and spring. Having Raffles, going on Charity Runs, helping the Veterans and Community. Now that summer is here, it is Riding Season!!!!!!

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Veterans BBQ on May 18, 2024 this year. It was such a beautiful experience to have 68 Veterans in the room and celebrate them for all they have done and giving us our freedom. Thank you to the volunteers, everyone who made donations and expressed gratitude to our Veterans and members. It was an Awesome Day.

Our next meeting will be July 18 at 6:30, so we can finish up getting ready for the 4th Annual Dominique Dalessio Scholarship Run on Saturday, July 20th, 2024 (with the rain date of July 27).

This is open to the public and Elk Members are encouraged to come and join us in this event that will go for a ride through the west part of CT and stopping in Kent for lunch, and then riding back to the Lodge for a wonderful dinner, music, dancing, raffles galore, and a fun time with old friends and new ones! You do not need a motorcycle to join us. We encourage anyone to come, in a jeep, antique car, convertible, or just hop in a car and come along for a wonderful day. The donation at dinner is \$10. Dinner will start at 5 p.m. at the Lodge.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our raffles in the past year. This helps us contribute to the lodge, Veterans, Children, and the Community. Look for a new raffles coming in the fall and the holidays!!!!

We have new shirts that are available at the lodge to help support the Waterbury Elk Riders #265. We have Black and Royal Blue. We have Hoodies for \$45, long sleeve shirts \$20, short sleeve shirts \$15 and tank tops \$15. Come see one of our officers to purchase at the lodge.

If you are in need of help, you can always ask your Waterbury Elks Riders #265, we are there to help.

Ride with angels on your back, be safe.

Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci

President Waterbury Elks Riders #265

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In May, The Elks Riders held their annual BBQ for Veterans. We had more than 60 veterans attend and it was an amazing event and experience. The Riders would like to thank all that attend as well as all the volunteers and those who made any type of donation.



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Dominique Dalessio

4th Annual Motorcycle Scholarship Ride



Saturday, July 20th, 2024
Rain Date July, 27th

\$20 Per Rider/ \$10 Per Passanger

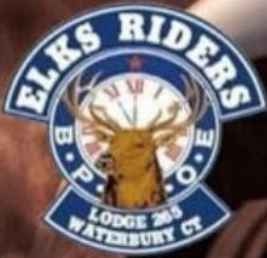
\$10 Donation for Dinner

REGISTRATION @ 9AM - 10:30

KICKSTAND UP 10:45

Ride
Music
Fun
Raffles

Bikes
Jeeps &
Cars
Welcome



283 West Main St Waterbury, CT

The Waterbury Elks Riders #265 will be doing the Dominique Dalessio 4th Annual Scholarship Run on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Sign up is 9-10:30. Kick stands up 10:45. Motorcycles, jeeps, antique cars, reg cars all invited to join in a nice ride through CT, stopping in Kent for lunch, then riding back to our Lodge for a nice dinner, music, raffle prizes, and a fun time. Riders are \$20, pass \$10. You can come to the Dinner at 5 pm for \$10 donation. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize or desserts please drop off that day!!! Always a good time at the Elks helping others. Hope to see you there!!!

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The Waterbury Elks Riders # 265 participated in the CRV Ride on June 16 for a Run for Nick Donahue. Pictured are Tony. " Mini Guinea" Cavallo, Margaret Simpson, Denise " Deedles" Johnson, Rene " Lucky Charm" Pennington, and Michelle " Lipsy" Minicucci. It was a great ride for a great cause.



The Waterbury Elk Riders had their Beach Raffle and Jack Law was the Lucky Winner. Everything to be used with his kids & grand kids for summer fun!!!! Thank you everyone who participated!!!

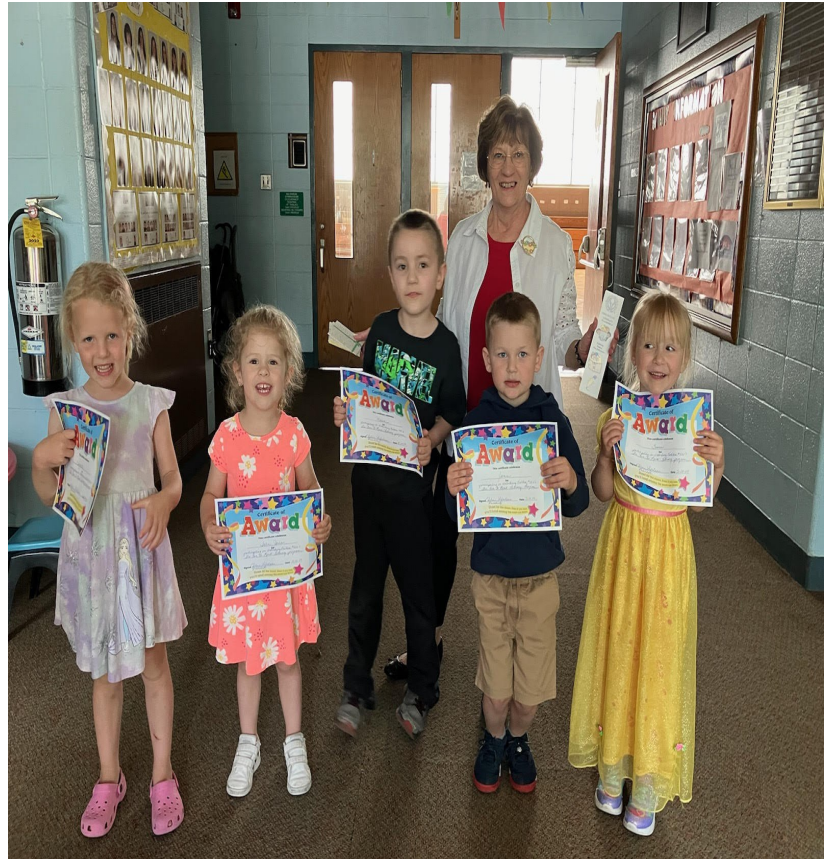


The Waterbury Emblem Club has been very busy, President Helena Lafontaine handed out award certificates and gift cards to students at Black Rock and Play to Learn schools who participated in "It's Fun To Read" program, promoting our literacy program (Right).

Our Scholarship recipient Jason Hanis and his parents attended the Emblem June banquet at San Marino Restaurant. Jason received \$1000, he graduated from Watertown High school and will be attending UCONN this year. Jason is the nephew of PP Cathy Corcoran (Top Left).

Waterbury Elk and Emblem members Helen Donovan and SPP Linda Galvin visited the Village at East Farms (a assisted living community) and handed out American Flags recently. They were helped by Jayna Galvin and resident Wendy Duran

Emblem members Cathy Corcoran, Danielle Cormier and Linda Galvin attend the Flag Day Ceremony presented by the Lodge. The Waterbury Antlers did a fantastic job presenting the flags. The ceremony was a reminder of what our flag stands for (Top Right).





July 6th - Guest Bartender Brittany

July 12th - Music Bingo

August 2nd - Annual Golf Tournament



Do you like to bowl? We are looking for Elk Members to join our Women's Duckpin Bowling League which meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting in September through March. If you are interested in joining our league, please contact Mary Rice at 203 756 2882. Limited openings available.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 2ND, 2024

WESTERN HILLS GOLF CLUB

\$145 INCLUDES GREEN FEES AND CART, BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT THE GOLF COURSE. WATER, SODA & BEER AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE.

FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS DINNER AT THE WATERBURY ELKS.

7:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

LUNCH IS SERVED IN THE PAVILLION FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL GOLFERS PROCEED TO ELKS

COCKTAIL HOUR 2:30 PM

OPEN BAR

DINNER AT 3:30 PM

GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$500

SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$300

BRONZE \$200

FLAGS \$100

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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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