



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members all,

January has come and gone. We started the month off with bringing back the Game Dinner, it's been many years since the last one and this one was well received as we sold out. Following the Game dinner we hosted the CT Elks Association Charities' mid-year Convention. Thank you to Wanda Reiff SVPNW, PDD, PER for making sure everything went well for the Convention. A big thank you to the PERs for holding their annual PER comedy night which raises money for the lodge's PER Scholarship.

Coming up in February our Antlers will be having a Pasta Dinner on the 8th come down and support our Antlers. Feb 9th is Super-bowl Sunday. Come and join us at the Lodge. We'll have all the TVs on with the game with a free Buffet starting at 3pm. Valentine's Day Dinner on the 14th sign up in the Rathskellar. Feb 16th there will be a Celebration of Life for our late PER Michelle Minicucci from 12pm-4pm. Our State President Michael Johnson has chosen Waterbury Lodge to host his State President's Night from 4pm-10pm.

Everyone should be receiving letters about a Lodge meeting time change for the purposes of voting on new and amended Lodge by-laws the start time of the meeting will be 6pm Tuesday Feb 11th. Please be on the lookout for this letter as it includes the by-law changes proposed. Also, you should soon receive letters from Grand Lodge with your Membership renewals for the 2025-2026 Elk year. Also happening at the Feb 11th Lodge meeting we will also be having nominations for next year's Lodge Officers.

Once again, this month I could not pick just one Elk of the month. After such an astounding event I have to say that the Elks of the Month are all who helped put together the Game Dinner and make sure it was a success. Famously known as "the Boys" they worked tirelessly prepping and cooking and everything was marvelous. Thank you, John Kunkel, John Carosella, Pat Jennings, Carmine Famiglietti, Charlie Simpson, Jim Corcoran PER, Keith Fortier, Gary Keating, Dave Cordeau, Rich Lanza, as well as Lynn behind the bar and Vinnie and Allysha following her orders. Thank you all for your hard work and pulling off an amazing event.

Respectfully and Fraternally

Exalted Ruler

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

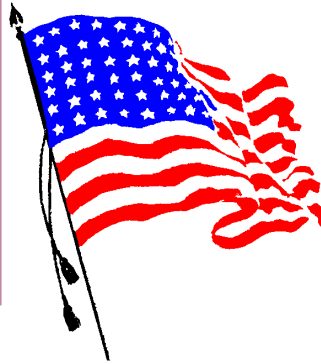
Trustee 1 Year: Eugene Lafauci PER

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.

Thomas J Galvin LM
Born September 16, 1948
Initiated May 29, 1973
Passed from our mist January 13, 2025

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



Support our Foundation by
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



Members all,

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

In order to reduce mailing costs we will be having a Membership card pay and pick up day on March 15 from 12:00 to 4:00 in the Rathskeller sponsored by the House Committee. All other cards that have been paid for will be mailed out March 18.

Membership cards will be mailed out at the end of each week after payment has been received. Cards may be picked up at the Rathskeller upon request.

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

- New Payment Processor: Starting in February 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 secywtby265@gmail.com or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4 should you have any concerns.

Fraternally yours
Michael McGaughan

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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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Lodge #265
283 W. Main St
Waterbury, CT 06762

January 29, 2025

Members all,

The Waterbury Elks Lodge #265 By-law committee has submitted revisions listed on the following pages. Also Loyal Knight Peter Wychulis has also submitted a By-law revision listed below. These revisions will be voted on at the meeting scheduled on February 11, 2025, at **6:00 pm**. These revisions were read at the Lodge meeting held on January 14, 2025, and on January 28, 2025.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 2. The regular hour of meeting shall be 7:00PM; but at any time, however, the regular meeting may be held at an hour to be determined by vote of the Lodge to that effect at the previous meeting, provided that written notice of such change of meeting hour shall be given to all the Members.

Proposed change: Loyal Knight Peter Wychulis recommends changing the regular time of the meeting from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm and adding that on Initiation nights the meeting starts at 6:00 pm.

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

Fraternally,

Michael McGaughan

Michael McGaughan
Lodge 265 Secretary

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Waterbury 265 By-Law Committee

The By-law Committee reviewed and recommends the following revisions to the Waterbury 265 By-Laws to be approved by the members of the lodge:

ARTICLE II-A: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Governing Body of the Home, Club or other facility as designated in Article IX can grant Associate Memberships to Members in good standing in other Lodges solely for the use of the Lodge's social facilities upon such terms as it may prescribe.

[[Lodge Accepts Associate Memberships]]

Associate membership fee \$25 per year.

ARTICLE III: LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1. Paragraph 2. Currently reads: The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 40 years preceding application, and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.

By-law committee recommends removing the age restriction of 65 years.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 4. Paragraph 7. Currently reads: For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$8,000.00 per annum, payable quarterly.

By-law committee recommends add in at the end of the sentence: after review and approval from the BOD and Membership.

Section 5. Paragraph 1 currently reads: He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$100,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$6,000.00 per annum, payable quarterly.

By-law committee recommends add in at the end of the sentence: after review and approval from the BOD and Membership.

ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES



Section 2, sub section (d). currently reads: Omitted. Lodge does not accept Associate Memberships.

If ARTICLE II-A: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP passes Fee will be \$25 per year.

XV-A: AUXILIARIES AND ADJUNCT ORGANIZATIONS

The Lodge hereby recognizes Waterbury Antler's 265 as an Auxiliary of the Lodge provided its (their) aims and purposes remain consistent with those of the Lodge and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HOUSE COMMITTEE RULES

Section 2.

Addition to the rules

16. The use of any and all Marijuana products is prohibited on the Elks property.



Positive energy helps new Officers get settled

Happy birthday to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks! On February 16, we celebrate 157 years of our great organization. On a personal note, my birthday is February 14. I wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day, especially my beautiful and amazing wife, Julia.

This month is extremely important for Elkdom. First, new Officer elections should be held at your last monthly meeting. Second, you need to make sure those who are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year will be supported.

The new Officers must be encouraged by others. Everyone should be dedicated to making the Lodge an active and effective Lodge internally and externally in the community.

It would be a good time for the current Exalted Ruler to recognize any Member who sponsored or reinstated three Members by awarding them with the Grand Exalted Ruler pin. Please check out the activities program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee on other awards that Exalted Rulers can submit. It's time to recognize and encourage those who have shown a great deal of effort and dedication to what we do as Elks.

February is an important month for Past Exalted Rulers to perform the ritual during their Lodges' Past Exalted Rulers Night. PERs deserve to be thanked for all they have done and for what they continue to do for your Lodge.

The Contest 'A' - All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due soon, so it's a good time to get prepared to show the efforts you have made during the last year. It takes teamwork to achieve this very prestigious award. Honestly, most Lodges would qualify but don't fill out the form properly. It is important to score your efforts on the form provided. It's a great way for your Lodge to keep track of what you need to be doing. If you need assistance, contact your local area Fraternal Committee member. There are three winners named in each of the six membership divisions. Why not take the time to plan now and submit your form before the deadline. Be sure to include supporting documentation.

You deserve to be recognized. Continue to demonstrate "Elks Care—Elks Share" and show "Elkdom's Heart For America." God bless our great Order and our troops, and God bless America.

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

Happy February !!!!

January has come and gone, now we look forward to February. We're one month closer to Spring!

The month of February brings our annual Super Bowl Sunday Party February 9th. Antlers Pasta dinner on February 8th from 5:00 P.M. to 8: P.M. And lastly February 14th Valentine's Day Dinner which starts at 6:00 P.M.

Month of March we have State Presidents Night March 1st which will start at 4:30 P.M. March 15th we will be our membership drive in the main bar from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Come pay your dues and get your membership card and while you're there, grab a bite to eat. March 17th is our annual St Patrick's Day celebration. March 22nd is the installation of officers, and March 29th is the installation of Antlers officers.

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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Dear Members,

The Waterbury Lodge of Elks annual raffle is underway with the drawing to be held on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at the Lodge at 3:00 P.M.

Your Lodge needs your support! The income from this raffle remains with the Lodge, for building maintenance and repairs.

1st Prize - \$3,000.00

2nd Prize - \$2,000.00

3rd Prize - \$1,000.00

4th Prize - \$500.00

5th Prize - \$500.00

Books of tickets are available in the Rathskeller. Please make all checks payable to: Annual Raffle, BPOE Lodge #265. All tickets, sold and unsold, must be returned for accounting purposes.

Please make sure to fill out your ticket completely, with your name, address and telephone number on each ticket as required by state law.

On behalf of all our Lodge officers, I thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting the best Elks Lodge in the state, Waterbury Lodge #265! With your continued support, we will make it even better.

Fraternally yours,

Stephanie Dilger

Stephanie Dilger, Esteemed Lecturing Knight/Raffle Chairman

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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

Entries must be returned by 6PM, February 14, 2025

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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





Hello everyone hope everything's great in this new year!

I will be bringing back the Set Back league In April, it's going to be a two and two format either seven or 11 games. Will decide at a meeting anyone Wishing to put a team together can call me at 203-768-6402 time is very limited right now so if you can get back to me as soon as possible, I'd appreciate it.

I would also like to take the time to thank everyone that helped with a very successful Thanksgiving dinner and hand Out of turkeys, I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you that helped put this together with your help. It was the most successful Thanksgiving dinner In my 39 years just think about it all those little \$10 ticket you bought fed 408 people and we handed out 600 turkeys to the less fortunate again from the bottom of my heart. I thank you, thank you, thank you.

Yours in Elkdom Anthony Cavallo JR PER.

Lodge Announcements

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF ALL GOLFERS FOR THE
BILL DERWIN LEAGUE THURSDAY NIGHT ELKS GOLF
LEAGUE ON MONDAY,
MARCH 10, 2025 AT 6:00 PM AT THE ELKS
ALL GOLFERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

The Jerry Dipietro memorial Wednesday morning golf league will begin playing from April 30 to September 24 with tee time at 8:00 am. Anyone interested in joining the league as a regular or a sub please contact me at 203-233-9293 and please leave a message or email flaviobasile@icloud.com for more info.

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Lodge Announcements

41st Annual Sportsmen's Holiday

May 29th – June 1st 2025 Wildwood, New Jersey

Fellow Sportsmen, as this article is being published, we are four months from our 41st Annual Sportsmen's' Holiday to Wildwood, NJ. The usual suspects will again coordinate arrangements and include myself and John Kunkel. All payments, unless otherwise noted, will go through John Kunkel and include all charges associated with Golf.

Here are the rules of the road once **again**. We try to be understanding but need clarity early on.

1. As in the past, there will be a sign-up sheet to be filled out noting your room partner and who is in your golf foursome. Complete the form in its entirety and submit with your down payment.
2. This piece is critical. Our host and fellow Lodge member, Adamo Pepitone, can only commit the Attache Motel for our trip. The Attache can accommodate 88 people. He will do his level best to scrounge up additional rooms if required, but all other motels are already fully booked. The point here is I can only guarantee 88 people will have rooms and I may be forced to make some difficult choices.

In fairness to all, selections will be made in accordance with receipt of payment. We will start taking deposits or payment in full immediately. Don't think about this until the last minute or you will not be included. We have every confidence Adamo will break his neck to cover everybody who wants to go BUT we can't guarantee anything beyond 88 attendees.

3. The fee for a double occupancy room will be \$425. A single room charge will be \$475. Golf will be \$210 for the 2 day tournament and should be paid when you make payment for your room. Please remember, if you sign-up for golf and you decide not to play for any reason, the golf fee is not refundable. We are charged by Avalon for the number of golfers we submit and the charge remains whether or not you play.
4. All transportation to Wildwood will be the responsibility of participating members. Any member with a van, pick-up or extra space in their trunk is asked to step up and offer to take any overflow of clubs or luggage.

A \$100 deposit or payment in full will be expected as soon as you receive this article. Again, remember, I can only guarantee rooms for 88 people at the Attache. Sooner I know the level of interest, the sooner I can advise Adamo to work on securing additional rooms.

5. In previous years, the majority of guys elected to go on Wednesday to extend their stay. If you want to do this, there is an additional room charge of \$75. If you have a roommate you would split the charge with that person; if not the cost for the room remains \$75. This charge is paid directly to the Attache when you arrive on Wednesday, 5/28 and is not to be included in the charges payable to the Elks Lodge for rooms and golf. In fairness to those coming on Thursday, there will be a \$45 charge for Wednesday attendees for beverages and food .

We've enjoyed a great run with this event and we would like to keep it going as long as interest remains at current levels.

It's a great deal and a memorable weekend. Please check the expected charges carefully as you make your deposit(s). We have no desire to become personal accountants. We also have no inclination to chase anybody; you are in or you are out. No personal invitations will be issued. Payments are to be made by check only. No cash should ever be left at the bar and neither the committee members or the Lodge will be held accountable for cash payments should they go missing. Prices will remain the same as last year.

Payment in full will be expected by Friday, May 2, 2025.

Wildwood Committee

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

February 8th, 2025 - Antlers Pasta Dinner

February 9th, 2025 - Super Bowl Party

February 14th, 2025 - Valentines Day Dinner



This months meetings will be held on:

February 11th and 25th

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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

**Special
Olympics**



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**SAFE
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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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ANTLER'S

pasta dinner

WHERE + WHEN

Elks Lodge - 283 W Main St

Waterbury, CT

February 8, 2025

5-8 pm

FOOD

COST

Pasta

Meatballs

Rolls

Soft Drinks

Adult 13+ - \$10

Children Under 12 - \$6

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JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Feb 9th @ Elks #265 Waterbury

Chiefs vs **Eagles**



***Free buffet starting at 3 pm
Game starts at 6:30**

LARGE 75" TV PLUS OTHERS



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Valentine's Day Dinner

\$35 pp

Friday, Feb 14th

Cocktail hour from 6-7 pm

- Charcuterie Board appetizer
- 1 Complimentary glass of wine

Sit-Down Dinner with your choice of :

A.) Roast Beef w/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes & side salad.

-OR-

B.) Grilled Chicken & Fettuccini Alfredo

RESERVE YOUR TABLE BY FEB 7TH

Call Laura @ 203 755-1159

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