



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members all

Weve made it to March, we had a few things going on in February. Superbowl Sunday was a great time hope all that came had a great time and enjoyed the food. We had a wonderful Valentine's Day dinner. Our antlers had their Pasta dinner thanks to all who came to support our Antlers. Although it was this month it will have already happened at the time you're reading The State Presidents Dinner was a huge success.

Coming up for the rest of March, we of course have our St Patrick's day party. March 16th, we have member appreciation day at the lodge. We also have our Installation of officers on the 22nd , a big congratulations to the 2025 – 2026 officers. Peter Wychulis will make a great Exalted Ruler. Him and his suite of officers will do an excellent job in the upcoming year. March 23rd, we have Policeman/ Fireman of the year, where we'll be honoring our very own Bret Reis. March 30th will be our Elk/Elk officer/Citizen of the year.

My penultimate Elk of the month is Donna McCullough. Donna does an amazing job of getting some fun events like Music Bingo happening at the lodge. Thank you, Donna, for bringing a fun time to the lodge.

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

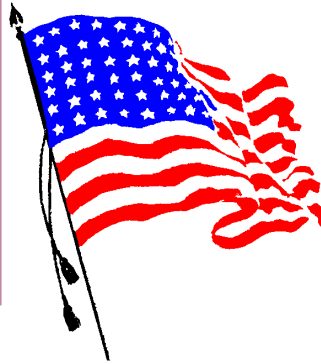
Trustee 1 Year: Eugene Lafauci PER

Trustee 2 Years: Bret Reis

Trustee 3 Years:

Trustee 4 Years: Mike Devino

Trustee 5 Years: Donna Torre



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.

Ciro A Scognamiglio Sr. PER LM

Born March 19, 1928

Initiated February 27, 1973

Passed from our mist February 6, 2025

Jeremiah J Wallace LM

Born May 20, 1939

Initiated February 26, 1974

Passed from our mist February 9, 2025

David R Magaldi

Born March 14, 1945

Initiated February 15, 2011

Passed from our mist September 17, 2024

Todd M Nugai

Born April 7, 1973

Initiated November 11, 1996

Passed from our mist February 14, 2025



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

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



Members all,

Please welcome those new members Initiated on February 25: Anthony Battaglia, Wandi Barrios, Michael Cammarata, Lisa Pellegrino and Margaret Osborn. Also those to be Initiated March 1: Jonathan Bardelli, Jaxson Carmosino, Nia Christopher, Ludmila de Paula, Debra and Bart Hogestyn, Patricia Kaylor, Linda Mailhot, Aaron Quintana and Willaim Wiley

Elks renewal notices for the 2025-2026 year have been 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 Revo Pay 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
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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Deadlines, programs, training wrap up Lodge year

The Elks Lodge year is coming to a close but now is not the time to sit back and relax. You still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and finish strong.

All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take the chance to review Elks programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest "A" – All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the application to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements next year to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America."

This is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I know your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.00 per Member goal. There are also many ENF awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Auditor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it's important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success.

Please take time to have a training program within the Lodge or district like the Elks Kollege of Knowledge that educates and trains new Officers to do their job. Mentoring new Officers can make a smooth, prepared transition.

New Exalted Rulers you must list your committee appointments and give the list to the Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please give this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory. This information then should be entered into CLMS2.

What would we do without our Secretaries who keep everything in order? Thank you for your service. I know it's a busy time for you as you are preparing the year-end reports.

Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This is also a time to evaluate what needs to be fixed. Any successful endeavor takes teamwork.

March is the time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. One thing we all know how to do well is to have fun and fellowship with our Members in Elkdom.

Thank you for your service. God bless you all, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

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

Happy March Happy Spring Happy St Patrick's Day !!!!

February has come and gone. We had a good month. We had our annual Super Bowl Party which was well attended.

Now March brings some events. March 1st, we have State President's Night. Also March 1st, the elks will have a float in the parade contact JoAnna McEntee for more info. March 15th is our membership drive, come down, pay your dues and get your membership card and we will have some snacks available. Then March 17th is our annual St Patrick's Day extravaganza. The bar will open at 10:00 A.M. The Waterbury Police Bagpipe and Drum Corp are going to be here around 11:30 A.M. We will be selling corn beef sandwiches for \$10 and corn beef dinners \$15. Cash only for food. Also March 21st will be another Jukebox Bingo.

Also other events coming up are Family Picnic May 25 12:00-5:00 at Quassy Amusement Park. Also the Annual Sportsman Weekend in Wildwood New Jersey will be May 29th – June 1st. Lastly, Mother's Day Brunch and Father's Day Breakfast are coming soon, dates to follow.

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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Bryan McEntee, Lodge Esquire aka "The World's Tallest Leprechaun" and Elroy (volunteer Bruce McEntee).

Photo Credit JoAnna Cass McEntee-Lodge Tiler and Waterbury St. Patrick's Day Parade 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

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



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.

DUES ARE \$120

PUTTS ARE \$20

Jerry DiPietro Memorial Wednesday Golf League

The golf league will begin play April 30, 2025, with a 20-week schedule ending in September with tee time at 8:00 am. Anyone interested in joining the league is welcome, please contact Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293, or email flaviobasile@icloud.com The league is having a Meeting Wednesday March 12, 2025 at 11:00 am at East Mountain golf course, if you are interested you are welcome to attend the meeting and more information will available for you.

Flavio Basile



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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

FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE RATHSKELLAR

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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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March 1st - State President's Night

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza

March 21st - Jukebox Bingo

March 23rd - Police and Fireman of the Year Celebration

May 25th - Family Picnic at Quassy Amusement Park



This months meetings will be held on:

February 11th and 25th

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MUSICAL JUKEBOX BINGO

**ELKS #265
WATERBURY**

Free!



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Friday, Mar 21st 7-9 PM

**Looking for a fun night out with friends & music?
Come early and enjoy a delicious meal served from 5-8**

Charcuterie Cheese Board \$10

**WIN PRIZES! Bring your guests !
To Reserve a table
Call/Text Donna @ (203)-586-9424**



Please join in the celebration

Police and Firefighters Recognition

Waterbury Elks # 265, 283 West Main St, Waterbury, CT

March 23rd, 2025

Doors open at 1:00pm

Prime Rib Dinner immediately follows

Tickets \$30.00

RSVP Lynnconnolly07@aol.com

or 203-509-0893

We look forward to celebrating

*Police Officer **Lieutenant Stephen Alden***

and

Bret Reis , Firefighter of the Year

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