



# THE ELKS CALL

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**ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM  
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

**TELEPHONE: (203) 755-1159**

**WWW.ELKS265.ORG**

## **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Members all,

Hope all are enjoying their summer. Please remember to come down and join us at the lodge to cool down. I represented our Lodge at the National Convention this year in Austin TX. I will tell you it was hot, but I survived and was able to make it back home. There were some Statute changes and they'll be posted here in the call and in the Rathskellar.

We have our Annual Golf Tournament coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year it is coming back to Waterbury as it will be held at Western Hills Golf Course. If you don't play, please volunteer and help. There is also a By-law change for our lodge, so I ask all who can come to the next lodge meeting Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Details on the by-law change can be found here in the call and in the Rathskellar.

My Elk of the month for Renne Pennington. A great big thank you goes out to her and her outstanding volunteer work in the kitchen. Keeping the kitchen going is not an easy task but gave her time and I personally thank her for it. I also must thank all the volunteers that came out to help Renee in the kitchen and waitressing, thank you all for your help.

I would also like to announce our new Caterer starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. Renee Pennington, The right Thyme and Place. Their full schedule will be posted soon but they will be there Tues – Friday.

Fraternally & respectfully

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



## By-Laws and Rules of the Order

Members all,

A By-law change has been brought to the Lodge floor and will be voted upon by you the membership on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. The By-law change will change our meeting night for the following Fraternal year. Whether you are for or against this change I ask that you come to the meeting to cast your vote. The proposal is as follows:

“Waterbury Lodge #265 Leading Knight Jennifer Normand, hereby request of the membership and propose for consideration a general revision/amendment to our lodge By-laws with regards to our meeting night. The meetings currently take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. I would request consideration to change the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, effective the 2025 – 2026 Fraternal year. After approval from the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge.”

Fraternally

Carlos R Gotay

Exalted Ruler

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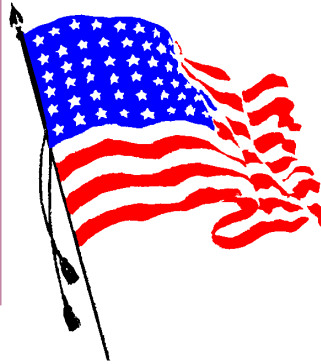
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Milvia Dibrino



**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.**

**Stephen T McCarthy LM**  
**Born September 14, 1959**  
**Initiated November 12, 1980**  
**Passed from our mist June 3, 2024**

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

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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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your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at  
[enf.elks.org/MyLodge](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge)



Greetings,

We still have 140 members that have not paid for the year 2024-2025.

It is not too late to renew your membership. A reminder when using PayPal, REVO Pay or paying at the Rathskeller there is a credit card service charge. Your membership dues are \$137 and for Lifetime members it is \$67.

I can be reached by email at [secywtbody265@gmail.com](mailto:secywtbody265@gmail.com) or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4. Please leave a name and phone number on the voice mail so I'll be able to return your call.

Thank you.

Fraternally yours  
Michael McGaughan  
Lodge Secretary

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### 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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## Community projects show Elkdom's Heart for America

What an unbelievable opportunity to serve our great Order! I need to first thank my wonderful wife, Julia. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are so grateful to have been chosen to take this amazing journey. We have been so blessed by the support of our family, friends, and our Elks family. We are so thankful for everything you do.

My theme this year is "Elkdom's Heart for America." It means recognizing all the honorable and charitable things Elks strive for and want to accomplish in their quest to make their communities and America a better place. I chose this theme because it exemplifies what our founding Members learned when they came to the aid of a fellow Elk's widow 156 years ago. It was that spirit that changed the local social club into the amazing organization it is today by demonstrating charity and brotherly love.

As we travel the country, Julia and I will be promoting our Elks programs administered by our Grand Lodge Committees to make our Lodges stronger and improve our image throughout our great Order. We will be promoting local community service projects. Here's an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs. These programs can build stronger communities while stimulating a response that motivates worthy members of the public to seek Elks membership. In this way, our community service builds the foundation for our future.

Successful Lodges create and develop local projects that can become signature accomplishments in the eyes of their community. In turn, members of the community will see these projects mature over time and want to become involved.

If we work together toward our charitable pursuits and remain faithful to our programs, I'm confident we will see an increase in membership. It will not be just temporary gains, but a new time of growth where participation becomes commonplace.

A great source of funding community projects is the Elks National Foundation, known as the "Great Heart of Elkdom." For 2024-25, the ENF allotted \$16.3 million to the CIP to help build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where we live and work. The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible.

The goal established for 2024-25 is \$5.00 per Member. Here's an idea for this week: Visit [elks.org](http://elks.org), go to the Fraternal Committee page, and print off a copy of the "Patriotism Week Proclamation." Have your mayor sign it to proclaim September 9-15, 2024, as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.

Remember "Elks Care – Elks Share" by showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." God bless you all, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

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



# BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution, Voting Results

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2024 Austin, TX		Ballots Cast		2485
Number	Description	YES	NO	% Messages
2024-01	To remove the word indoctrination, which has negative connotations linked to forced acceptance of certain values or beliefs and amend it to the term orientation, which is a familiarization with the organization's principles and beliefs.	2164	291	88% PASS
2024-02	1) To move the control of the assets from the Grand Exalted Ruler's appointed Defunct Lodge Trustees to that of the State Sponsor(s). 2) Lodges and State Associations are both 501(c)(8)s. This change will allow funds to be given to State Associations without placing a restriction on their use if so deemed by the State Sponsor(s).	2203	249	90% PASS
2024-03	To remove the word indoctrination, which has a negative connotation linked to forced acceptance of certain values of beliefs and amend it to the term orientation, which is a familiarization with the organization's principles and beliefs.	2183	275	89% PASS
2024-04	To allow the ability to download and print a current membership application directly from Elks.org.	2239	220	91% PASS
2024-05	To make participation in the physical loss and crime coverage policy procured by Grand Lodge optional for the local Lodges.	970	1470	40% FAIL
2024-06	To allow a Lodge to satisfy the bond requirement for the Lodge Secretary through an outside insurance company.	1072	1384	44% FAIL
2024-07	To allow a Lodge to satisfy the bond requirement for the Lodge Treasurer through an outside insurance company.	1079	1379	44% FAIL
2024-08	To REMOVE the requirement for the Lodge Treasurer to attend all District Deputy Clinics.	1577	869	64% PASS
2024-09	To give the Local Lodges the opportunity to add or not add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.	1892	567	77% PASS
2024-10	To clarify and make uniform the standard of proof at trials before the Grand Forum resulting from any appeal of an Executive Order.	2265	186	92% PASS
2024-11	To clarify and make uniform the standard of proof at trials before the Grand Forum resulting from any appeal of an Executive Order.	2247	203	92% PASS
2024-12	The purpose of this resolution is to clarify and make consistent the process for nominations following the requirement that two meetings be held.	2222	233	91% PASS
2024-13	To make the year-round entry of the charitable service statistics a formal duty of the Secretary.	2139	316	87% PASS
2024-14	Add Section 13.025 - To formalize a standing Government Relations Committee.	2019	437	82% PASS
2024-15	Amendment to Section 13.020 - To formalize a standing Government Relations Committee.	2017	432	82% PASS
2024-16	Amendment to Section 13.021 - To formalize the Soccer Shoot Program within the Laws of the Order.	2153	298	88% PASS
2024-17	Amendment to Section 18.020 - To formalize the Soccer Shoot Program within the Laws of the Order.	2141	306	87% PASS
2024-18	To clarify the role of the Exalted Ruler as an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees and a voting member of the Board of Directors of an incorporated lodge.	2243	211	91% PASS
2024-19	To provide a right of due process, hearing, and appeal to a member who is subject to expulsion from membership for an undisclosed felony conviction.	1962	273	88% PASS
2024-20	To clarify the appellate jurisdiction and review process of the Grand Forum over appeals of an Order entered under the revised GLS 9.090.	1986	233	89% PASS
2024-21	To make a record of the preliminary hearing	2124	89	96% PASS



Greetings my fellow Elks.

The Antlers are selling tickets for a UCONN football game on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are only \$20 per person and are in section 131. To order tickets please sign up and leave your money behind the bar. Please see the flyer for this event.

If you know any children ages 12 to 20 the Antlers is a great opportunity for Community Service and Friendship. Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 6pm to 7pm. Anyone interested please come to a meeting.

The Antler Advisors



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Greetings to all. The annual soccer shoot is back! Our lodge's Soccer Shoot will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, Rain date is August 25<sup>th</sup>. The age groups are U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14. Registration starts at 9am and the Soccer shoot starts at 10 am to 12pm. All youth participants will have a chance to advance to regionals being held on September 28<sup>th</sup> in New Britain, CT. We are looking for Volunteers to help with registration and scoring. We will be having a meeting at the lodge on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Anyone interested in Volunteering please come down to the meeting. Any questions please contact me at 203-518-1036.

Rich Dilger



## Happy August

I first want to start off by saying thank you to Renee and Tony for taking care of food service the last 2 months. Great job seeing a lot of people coming back and eating at the lodge. Thank you very much.

Upcoming events: August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Annual Golf Tournament at Western Hill Golf Course, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Great Gatsby Party. September 15<sup>th</sup> - Clambake and September 21<sup>st</sup> Halfway to St Patrick's Day honoring The Clifford's.

We still have Karaoke every Wednesday night. Come down Wednesday thru Friday and have dinner and drinks. Also Jimmy the Clam Guy is back.

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

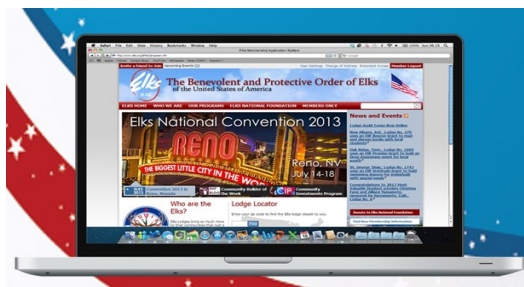
Steve Knox PER  
House Committee Chair



### BOOK NOOK

We have designated a place for you to exchange gently used books. You can find the books under the TV closest to the kitchen in the Rathskeller. This is the designated "BOOK NOOK". Please feel free to leave and take books; however, don't expect them to sit too long. If they don't move we will help them find a home as not to create clutter in the bar area.

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September 28<sup>th</sup> - UCONN Football Game



This month, there will only be one meeting and it will be held on:

**August 27th at 6:30 P.M.**

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# **WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265**

## **72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**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 PAVILION 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**

**RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES!!**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT WATERBURY ELKS LODGE**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

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*Elks # 265 presents*  
GREAT GATSBY  
**PARTY**

*Saturday August 17th  
from 6-10pm  
Brady Room*

**HOT & COLD APPETIZERS  
CASH BAR \$15 PP**

**PROCEEDS TO GO TO VETERANS  
RAFFLES AND COSTUME PRIZES**

**RSVP DONNA 203-586-9424**

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# ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

**COMPETITION DATE:** August 24th(rain date 25th)

**TIME:** Registration @ 9am shoot 10am to 12pm

**LOCATION:** Reed School Soccer Field

33 Griggs St. Waterbury, CT 06704

**SPONSORED BY:**

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# ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

11AM-5PM

CERCEMAGGIORE CLUB OAKVILLE

\$40 PER PERSON

\$45 AT THE DOOR

DONATION



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# WATERBURY ANTLERS LODGE #265 DAY WITH UCONN FOOTBALL



## UCONN HUSKIES VS. BUFFALO BULLS

Saturday, Sept 28th | Kickoff 12:00pm  
Rentschler Field



For further information, please contact:

Sean Mowad  
(203) - 232 - 5372

OR

Richard Dilger  
203-518-1036

TICKET LOCATION	PRICE
Section 131	\$20



To order tickets:  
Money to be left at Elk Lodge Bar

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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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