



THE ELKS CALL

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**ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members all,

Another month has come and gone. We had one of the biggest events of the year, our Annual Golf Tournament. Brought back to Waterbury this year, at the Western Hills Golf course. It was a hot one, but it was a great day, and dinner was great as well. Our new Caterer is up and running if you haven't had her food, I highly recommend you come down Tuesday to Friday to give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

Coming up in September we have a few events happening. Our Annual Clam Bake will be September 15th if you haven't gotten your tickets, I advise you to do so. We also have a halfway to St. Patrick's party in Honor of our very own Jack and Mary Clifford. Our Antlers program is also selling UCONN football tickets for the September 28th game. Not to forget our bowling start up this month, if interested in joining a team come down Thursday or Friday for the men's league and Monday for the women's league.

Finally, my Elk of the Month is Ken Dupont for his tireless effort in making the Golf Tournament a huge success and bringing it back to Waterbury. Great job Ken and to all those involved in helping you put it together.

Fraternally and 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



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.

Jack M Guerrero LM
Born December 20, 1952
Initiated June 18, 1982
Passed from our mist
July 20, 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
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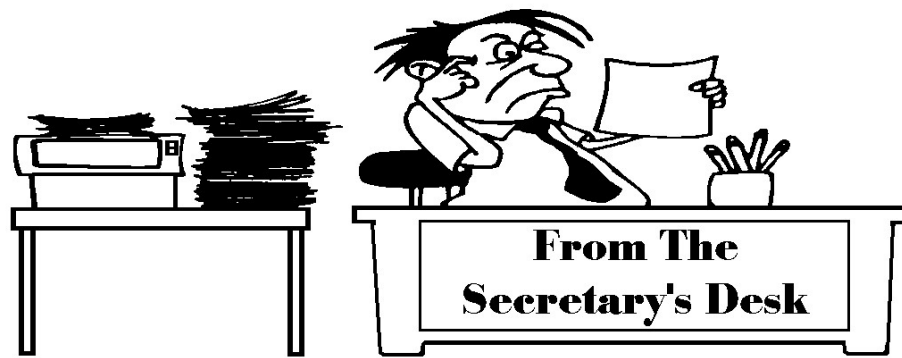
Instituted—June 15, 1893
Chartered—June 21, 1893

Information must be submitted by the 25th of the prior
month.
Email— 265submissions@gmail.com
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enf.elks.org/MyLodge



Greetings,

We have 5 new applicants waiting for Investigation: Mitchell Abromovich, Steven Capobianco, James Frenis, Damien Gray Lisa Pelligrino and Querino Maia.

Candidates ready for Orientation: Aaron Caviasa, Kimberly Fitzgerald, Alfred LaFlamme and Andreas Vasiliou.

Candidates ready for Initiation: Raymond Fasano, Jesse Hotham, Jason Schaeffer, Jonathan Schaeffer, Ronnie Schaffer Jr, Adele Schiffer and Michelle Tardif.

Current Delinquent members are 130. 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.

Please consider donating to ENF, CCMC and Building/Maintenance programs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please contact me by email at secywby265@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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September reminders: GER class, notices, awards

With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our Members things to do and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a week and plan activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Lodge for prospective Members as well as for contacting delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 9-15. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month.

Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers. Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your area membership chair. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant. Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks' Members. Check online for eligibility requirements. It's also time to start planning your local Hoop Shoot contest. If your Lodge participates in this program, thank you. If it has been awhile since your Lodge has participated, now is a good time to start. If you need help, contact your district Hoop Shoot director for assistance.

Finally, this is the time to submit your Lodge website for judging to receive the Grand Lodge 5-Star Award. State Association websites can also be submitted for judging as well. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community.

Remember "Elks Care – Elks Share" by showing "Elkdom's Heart for America."

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

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

Happy Fall, Happy September, Happy Labor Day

Now we welcome the cooler temperatures and nicer days.

August has come and gone. We had quite a month. I would like to welcome Renee Pennington as Waterbury Elks Lodge new caterer. The last few months Tony Cavallo and her have done a great job cooking. So if you have not been down for lunch or dinner please come down and support Renee.

August 2 was our annual Golf Tournament at Western Hills. We had a great turn out. I wanna thank Ken DuPont, Stephanie Dilger, John Kunkel for all their hard work. Wanna thank all the volunteers on the golf course the day of the event. Also want to thank Emblem Club for serving dinner after the tournament. Also want to thank Renee and Tony for the great food. Also Robin for bartending.

The month of September has many events. September 15 is our annual Clambake in Oakville at the Cercemaggiore Club in Oakville. We are still looking for volunteers for the day of the event. You can text me at 203-518-3938 or call me if you want to help. There will be a meeting Thursday September 5 at 6:30 anyone that wants to help can attend. Then September 21 is our Halfway to St. Patrick's Day in honor of Jack and Mary Clifford. October 6 is our first responders cook out with guest bartender Q Maia from the Waterbury Police department. Working will lodge officer Stephanie Dilger.

Then October 19 guest chef night John K, John C, Gary K, Pat J, Dave C.

On that note, I hope everyone has a wonderful month and hope to see everyone at the upcoming events.

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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Elks National Foundation Scholarships

- Most Valuable Student
- Legacy Awards

The Elks National Foundation offers a variety of scholarships for members and non-members. The Most Valuable Student scholarship program is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens and will be attending an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university. More information and applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS.

The Legacy Awards scholarships are available to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of paid-up Elks members and will be attending an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university. Visit enf.elks.org/leg for full eligibility details.

The Emergency Education Grants aid undergraduate students who are children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. These grants of up to \$5,000 are renewable annually. To request an application contact the ENF scholarship office at 773-755-4732 or by email at scholarship@elks.org. For more information go to enf.elks.org/EEG.

Information will follow in the October Call regarding the Lodge 265 in-house scholarships. You can contact me via email at mikegannon8541@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Mike Gannon, PDD, PER

The **Waterbury Elks Riders #265** would like to thank all the Veterans and members that attended our BBQ in May. The Riders have been busy lately and had our **4th Annual Dominique Dalessio** Scholarship Run on July 20. Thank you all who attended, donated, volunteered and helped us out again this year. We were able to donate a check for **\$2000** for the Scholarship this year. Also the Riders made a **\$500** donation to the Waterbury Police Motorcycle Unit for all their help with our rides and guiding us on our journeys for the past 4 years.

In order for us to make donations and help the veterans, children, and the community, we do a lot of fundraising. The next fundraiser will be our **Octoberfest Barrel Raffle**, a surprise package of fun for an Autumn fun time!!. Tickets will be sold at **\$10** each and the drawing will be on **October 19th at 8pm**

Speaking of Saturday, October 19th, The Riders will be having a **Lasagna Dinner** from 4 to 8 p.m. This will include a salad, rolls, multiple kinds of Lasagna (Made all by our Rider Members) meat lasagna, veggie lasagna, turkey lasagna, and you pick the one you want. Also there will be desserts. Ringer will be making a delicious Chocolate Lasagna !!!!!!! and other desserts will be there. This will all be for a \$15 donation.

Waterbury Riders #265 have been donating to the Middletown VA Cemetery For **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** for the past 4 years. We would like to invite our members or anyone who has a husband, wife, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, brother, sister that is buried at the Cemetery, to stop down Saturday October 19th in the Rathskellar and give us their name and we will find out where they are in the cemetery and place it on their grave, and take a picture for you.

The donation for a Customized Wreath is \$17 each. Please stop down on 10/19 or you could fill out a card left behind the bar at the Rathskellar with the information, your name, name of your loved one, and payment. We will be going to **Volunteer** to place these wreaths on Saturday December 14 at noon. If anyone would like to join the Riders, we meet in the parking lot and go up in groups. More info on that later on. But anyone can **VOLUNTEER!!!!** Please keep an eye out for the flyers on the bulletin board in the Rathskellar.

Thank you all for all your help with the Waterbury Elk Riders #265.

Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci

President Waterbury Elks Riders #265

minicuccim@gmail.com

203-217-2145



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LASAGNA NIGHT --- OCTOBER 26, 2024

4 P.M UNTIL 8 P.M.

PRESENTED BY THE WATERBURY ELK RIDERS #265

\$15 PP

DINNER INCLUDES SALAD, LASAGNA, BREAD AND DESSERTS

DIFFERENT KINDS OF LASAGNAS, MEAT, MEATLESS, TURKEY, VEGETABLE AND MORE!!!! ALSO CHOCOLATE LASAGNA!!!!

THIS FUNDRAISER IS TO HELP THE RIDERS #265 WITH HELPING RAISE MONEY FOR ALL THAT WE DO FOR THE VETERANS, CHILDREN, AND THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL BE PULLING THE OCTOBERFEST RAFFLE PRIZE AT 8 P.M.!!!!!!!

ALSO THAT DAY, WE WILL HAVE A TABLE AVAILABLE FOR ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A WREATH FOR THE CT MEMORIAL VETERANS CEMETERY IN MIDDLETOWN FOR YOUR LOVED ONE, AND WE WILL PLACE THE WREATH AT THEIR GRAVESITE. THE PURCHASE OF A WREATH IS \$17 PER WREATH. THIS WILL BE DONE ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2024 AT NOON..



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**WATERBURY BPO ELKS RIDERS #265 IS GOING TO BE AT
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA IN MIDDLETOWN VETERANS CEMETERY ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 AT NOON**



**DONATIONS FOR WREATHS ARE \$17
IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF**

NAME _____

DOB: _____

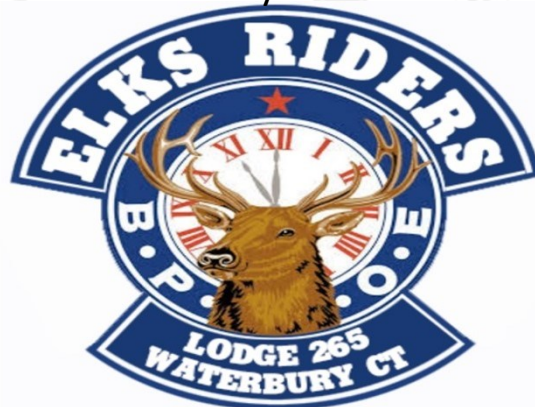
Branch of Service _____

Cash/check _____

Please fill out and leave behind bar with check or cash to put in envelope. Please drop off by October 26 at the lodge so we may order all the wreaths. Thank you for your time and donations!!!

Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci

Pres Waterbury Elks Riders #265



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The Waterbury Elks Riders # 265 presented a check for \$2000 to Debbie & Joe Dalessio from our annual Bike Run for the 4th Annual Dominique Dalessio Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who participated, donated, volunteered!!! Job well done again!!!! Until next year!!!! Thank you again!!!!



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If you come to the Waterbury Elks Lodge #265, on the back wall, there is a poem that was written by Elise Bellerive, a VFW Auxillary for over 20+ years, that came to the BBQ for Veterans & honored by the Waterbury Elks Riders for their service. It was an emotional day for her, as she was never shown appreciation for her service, and the Riders #265 did just that to all who came. Please stop by and read this beautiful poem!!! Always here for our Veterans.



The Emblem Club recently donated over \$500 to purchase Educational/Development toys to the Easterseals Academy. The Easterseals were able to purchase Roller skates/helmets, cars, slides etc.

Academy Director Mrs. Ellison, Emblem members Cathy Corcoran, Linda Galvin, Helen Donovan and parent Sharika Wade were on hand for the presentation.

TEEING IT UP AT WESTERN HILLS



PHOTOS BY STEVEN VALENTI, REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN
Peter Wychulis of Wolcott tees off Friday during the Waterbury Elks Lodge's 72nd annual golf tournament at Western Hills Golf Course in Waterbury.



From left, Guerino Maia, Richard Dilger and Mike Devino, all of Waterbury, watch a friend's tee shot Friday during the tournament.

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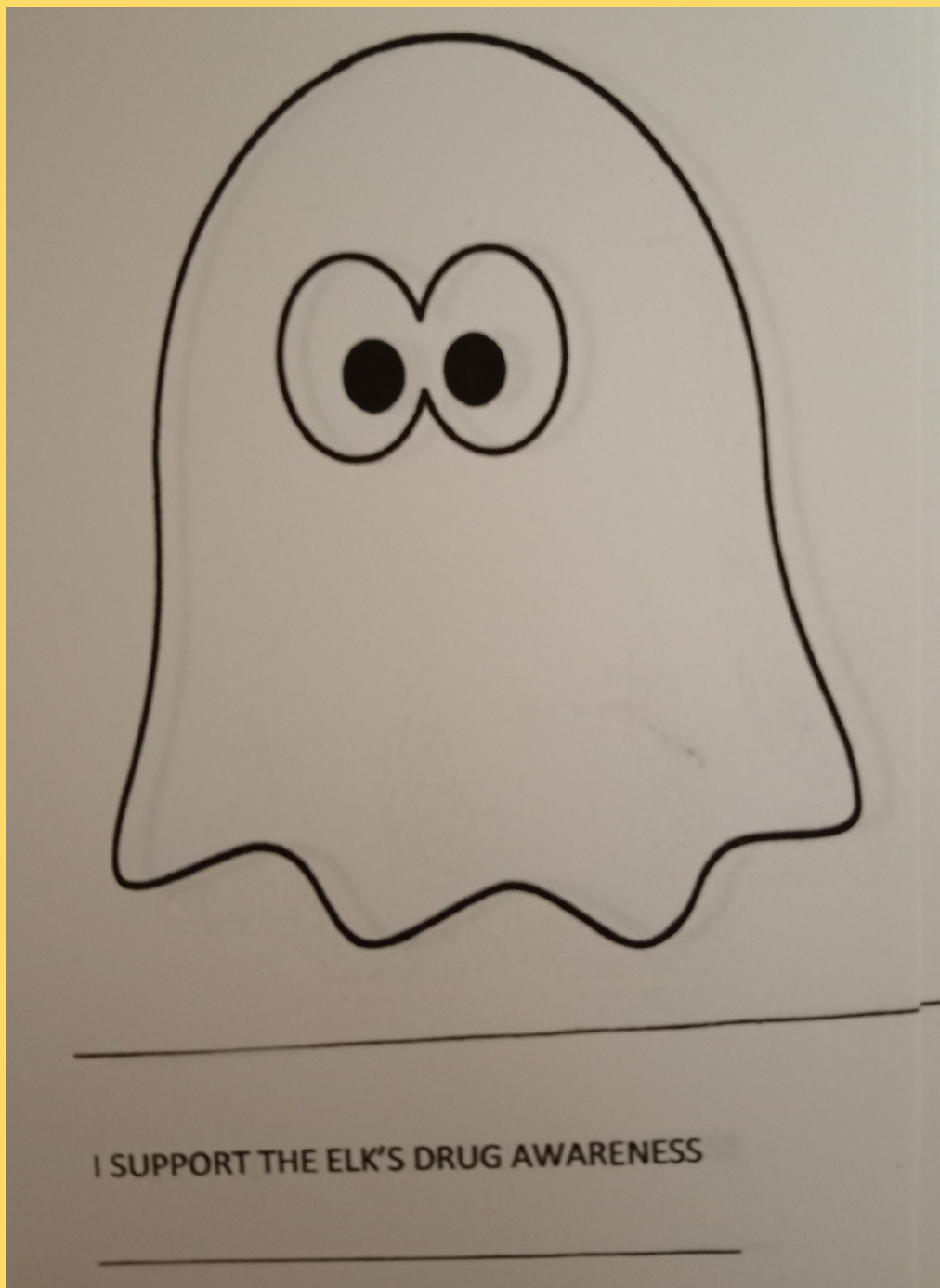
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Each year the Drug Awareness Program reaches out to our members to help support our activities. Your purchase of a Ghost @\$5 or 3 Ghost for \$10 helps subsidize our student Award banquet.

The students who represent our lodge are honored at Americanism/Drug Awareness luncheon along with their parents.



September 15th - Clambake

September 21st - Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

September 21st - One Clean Day of Fun (Volunteers
Needed!)

September 28th - UCONN Football Game with the
Antlers

October 6th - First Responder Cook Out

February 1, 2024 - 17th Annual Ten Pin Bowling
Tournament



This months meetings will be held on:

September 10th at 6:30 P.M.

September 24th at 7:00 P.M.

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WATERBURY ELKS #265

ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

11AM-5PM

CERCEMAGGIORE CLUB OAKVILLE

\$40 PER PERSON

\$45 AT THE DOOR

DONATION



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ONE CLEAN DAY OF FUN

Free Event

Food & Drink Provided

Saturday, September 21st | 1pm – 5pm

48 TODD RD/FRISBIE FAIRGROUNDS

- Live music. Four Peace Band – Rosehill Revival
We encourage local youth to display their talents.
- Faith & Fire Forge exhibition
- Metal Detecting for the kids
- Rock Climbing Wall, Gaga pits, Impaired Glasses course, Bounce houses, games, crafts, and more...
- Magician, Face painting, Disney characters, and more...
- Exhibitions of dance and karate
- Life Star Helicopter landing (weather and emergency permitting)
- Local Businesses, informational, and educational tables
- Much more.....

For more information, contact:

Jack Hamel: 203-560-3320 or Joe Dunn: 203-560-1665





JOIN US FOR A HALF WAY TO

Saint Patrick's Day Party

Honoring 'Jack & Mary Clifford'

Sat. Sept 21st 1- 5 pm
Elks # 265 , Waterbury
In Brady Hall

Buffet Style Dinner \$15 pp
Purchase tickets at Bar
in advance !

50/50 Raffle - Music
All are Welcome !

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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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GUEST CHEFS

THE BOYS ARE BACK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH

**SOUP, SALAD, PASTA, BREAD & BUTTER
STUFF CHICKEN BREAST, POTATO,
VEGGIE, AND DESSERT ALL FOR \$25.00**

Doors open at 5:00PM

Serving at 6:00PM

CALL LYNN FOR RESERVATIONS

203-509-0893



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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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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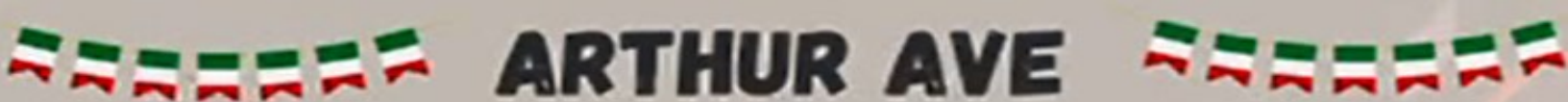
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

SPONSORED BY WATERBURY

ELKS #265

**FAMOUS ARTHUR AVE BREADS, PASTA, PASTRIES,
GREAT RESTAURANTS AND MUCH MORE**

Bus leaves Chase Parkway commuter lot 9:00 am

Leaves Arthur Ave 4:00 pm

Food and drink allowed on bus

Price includes drivers tip - \$45 pp



**50/50
RAFFLE**



**FOR MORE INFO AND TO RSVP CONTACT LINDA JACOVINO
(203)-528-7900 PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 1ST**

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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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