



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Summer is upon us! Thank you to all for supporting last month's events. The Luncheon for the underprivileged was a great success and really shows what elks are all about. We showed that truly "ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE". I hope all enjoyed the Cinco de Mayo celebrations. As well as the Mother's Day brunch. Thank you to the Elk Riders for always remembering and supporting our Veterans. Their Annual Veterans BBQ was a great success. Our Family Picnic was back! Thank you to all who were able to help, it would not have been possible without you. We had over 200 people in attendance. To all who came, thank you for coming. I hope you had a great time. I know I did.

Coming up in June we have our Flag Day Ceremony on the 15th. Where we will be Presenting a Flag to both the Waterbury Police's Honor Guard and the Waterbury Firefighters Honor Guard. Our Antlers will be hosting Father's Day breakfast on the 16th. The 40th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday was a little early this year. I was not able to go this year unfortunately, as I represented the Lodge at the State Convention, but I know they will have a great time. At the end of the month, I will be heading down to Austin Texas to represent the Lodge at the Elks National Convention. I will make sure to represent you all well.

For Elk of the month, it was a difficult choice so many of you are doing great things for the Lodge, so it wasn't easy to pick just one Elk. I have chosen Stephanie Dilger, for without her having stepped up to help me with the ordering and the prepping of the food, the family picnic would've been a disaster. I would like to thank Paul Lagasse who donated new hanging lights and new spotlights for the patio. As well as Charlotte Brady for donating new chairs for the patio.

Thank you both so much.

Respectfully and fraternally

Carlos R Gotay

Exalted Ruler

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



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.

Hugh St Ledger LM
Born February 10, 1938
Initiated November 23, 1976
Passed from our mist April 23, 2024

Jay D'Angelo
Born October 18, 1968
Initiated May 27, 1997
Passed from our mist May 19, 2024

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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



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Greetings all,

All membership cards have been mailed out to members that have paid as of May 24, 2024. Grand Lodge has mailed out a second renewal notice to those who have not paid. We still have 195 delinquent members. Your support is needed.

We have many members with outdated phone numbers and addresses, please try to have your information updated, especially if you moved in the past few years.

A reminder when you use your credit card to pay for dues the member is responsible for the service charge. Your membership dues are \$137 and for Lifetime are \$67.

I can be reached by email at secywby265@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

The lodge sponsored a homeless Luncheon on May 4, 2024. We served about 100 people and about 30 volunteers who served, set and cleaned up. It was in conjunction with the Lady of Love Foundation. We had quite a few volunteers. I would like to thank all the members that donated pasta, sauce, clothing and food. Thank you to the Antlers that volunteered and to Makendra Mowad who donated money she collected and toiletries for those in need.

Fraternally yours

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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Elks continue to honor longtime Flag Day connection

June 14 is Flag Day—a mandatory service for the Elks. In 1907, the Elks became the first fraternal body to adopt by Resolution that June 14 be designated as Flag Day in our Order. President Woodrow Wilson established a national Flag Day in 1916 by presidential proclamation. In 1949, President Harry Truman, himself an Elk, signed an act of Congress designating June 14 each year as Flag Day.

The American flag symbolizes the “land of the free and home of the brave” for all Americans. As we pay tribute by proudly displaying our American flag, let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of patriotism and freedom.

On Sunday, June 16, we observe Father’s Day. We recognize fathers and grandfathers for their contributions to fatherhood. The first Father’s Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972 that President Richard Nixon made the third Sunday in June a nationwide holiday to honor fathers in the United States. We as Elks do not have a special ceremony to celebrate our dads; however, I would suggest you hold some type of event at the Lodge to make them aware their wisdom and love was and is much appreciated. Happy Father’s Day.

With a short time to go, Wanda and I are beginning to end the adventure of a lifetime. It has been a great honor for us to serve as your First Lady and Grand Exalted Ruler. We have met so many great Elks and their families. We renewed old connections and made new ones. It has been great to see the many charitable works accomplished across the country. We are extremely proud. Thank you.

As we traveled from state to state you have made us very proud by letting the communities know who we are: “We Are THE Elks.” We look forward to seeing you in Austin, TX.

Finally, remember the deadline for GER Award forms, for bringing in three new or reinstated Members, is June 12.

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

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



Board Of Directors

Greetings from the Board of Directors.

Due to changes to the Grand Lodge Statues 16.020 the Board of Directors now oversees the Lodge. The Board of Directors will now control the property, funds, and investments of the Lodge, but subject to the approval of the Members. The Board of Trustees has been dissolved and is now part of the Board of Directors. This is the biggest change. The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 7:15pm. The meetings are open to all Members in good standing. The Board includes the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Secretary, and the 5 Lodge Trustees. The Board votes in a Chairperson and Secretary. This years Chairperson is 3-Year Trustee Richard Dilger and the Secretary is Micheal McGaughan the Lodge Secretary. June's meetings are on the 3rd and 17th. In July there will be a meeting on the 15th only.

Yours in Elkdom,

Richard Dilger

Board of Directors Chairperson

Happy June Happy Summer

So the warm months are among us now. In the month of May we had our monthly Flea Market and our annual Cinco de Mayo Party which where a great hit. Thank you to Jen and all that made the party a great success. Then we had our annual Mother's Day Brunch thank you to all the volunteers for making it such a great success. Then last we held our annual Family Picnic at Quassy thank to all who came out to support this great event. I want to thank Stephanie and Carlos for all there hard work during the week and to all the volunteers over the weekend and the day of the event.

Now into the month of June. First we have the Elks state convention May 31 and June 1 and 2. Also same week we have our annual Wildwood trip. Also we have the Antlers Fathers Day Breakfast June 16. We have our annual Flag Day Ceremony June 15.

Also save these dates annual Golf Tournament August 2 Western Hills Golf Course. And our annual Clambake September 15 at the Cercemaggiore Club Oakville CT.

Also if anyone wants to volunteer at a function and or has a truck to help move items please don't hesitate to call or text me at 203-518-3938.

Steve Knox PER
House Committee Chair

From the Guest Chefs

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our dinner Saturday night. It was great to see so many of you that we haven't seen in a while, and hope that everyone had a good time. We would also like to take a moment to thank Jared, Jack and Jazmine for helping us with the dishes after dinner. We would also like to thank our servers, Allysha, Donna, Michelle, and Kelly for a great job getting the meals out to you. The bartenders, Scott, Rebecca and Laura for keeping your drinks full. A special thank you goes out to Lynn for all the work she did setting up the layout for the room and getting us the help, and for supplying Vinnie to move the tables around.

As all of you know, when we plan an event whether it be a steak night, clambake or even lunch for a Grand Exalted Ruler, we always put our best foot forward. With that being said we wanted this to be our best so you would remember our Final Entrée !

Again thank you all !

John, John, Pat, Gary, Dave, and Charlie

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Greetings my fellow Elks.

The Antlers are on the move again. On May 18th the Antlers took a Hike at Peterson Park in Wolcott.



On June 15th the Antlers will be assisting in the Lodges Flag Day ceremony. They will lower and raise the flag and present the history of the flags. Please join us as we celebrate Flag Day.

The Antlers will be hosting Father's Day Breakfast on June 16th 8am to 11am. Please join us as we celebrate all the fathers. Please see our flyer for more information.

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

The Antler Advisors



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The Waterbury Lodge hosted a Americanism /Drug Awareness luncheon for 23 students and their parents, families and teachers.

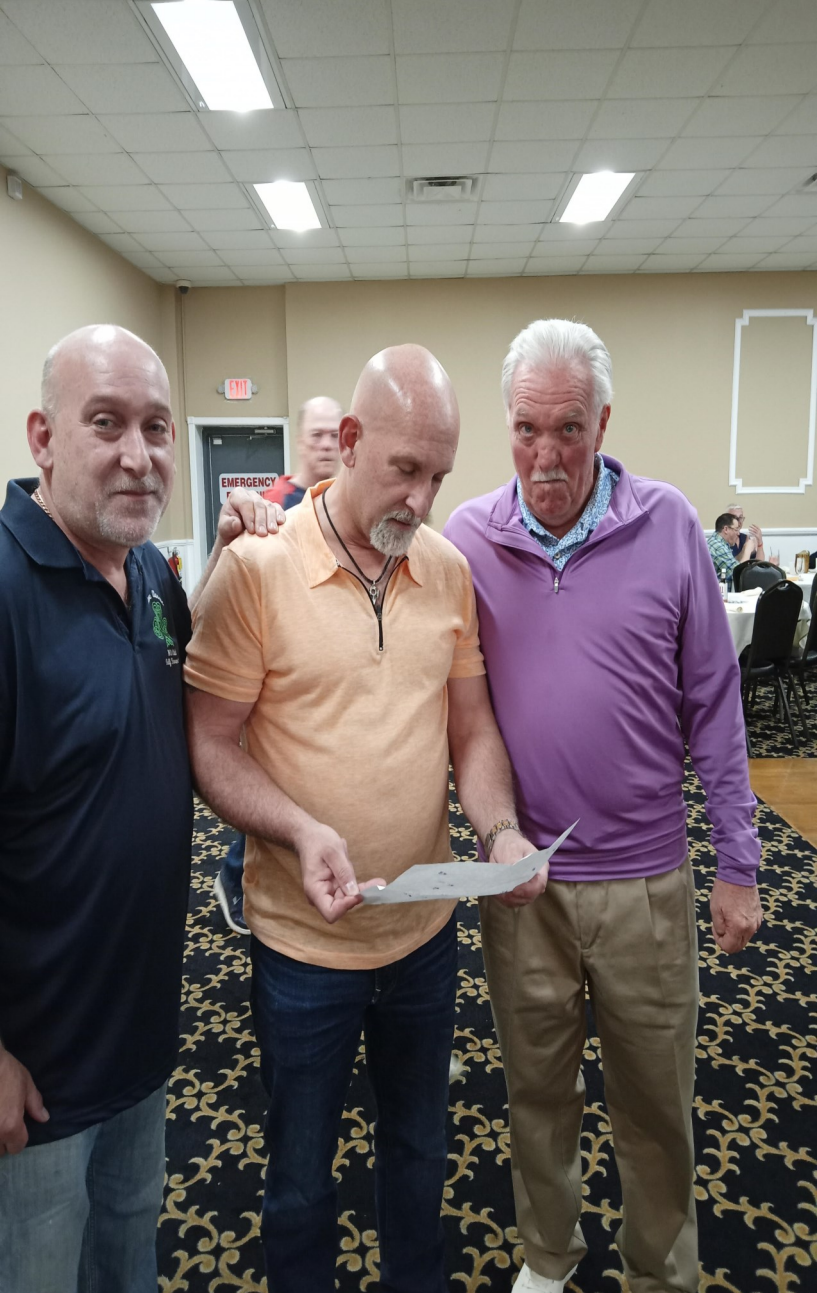
The student's essays or posters represented our lodge. Many won the district competition and 4 were chosen to represent the state of Connecticut. Certificates, medals, and gift cards were awarded to the students.

PER Susan Buzzeo presented certificates along with 1st State VP Mike Johnson, District Drug Awareness Chairman Chad Layton, District Americanism Chairman Denise Johnson, Emblem Past President Margaret Simpson and Lodge Chairman Linda Galvin.

Thank you to PER Michelle Minicucci, PER Tony Cavallo, Rene Cavallo, and the riders for preparing a great luncheon.

ER Carlos Gotay , Stephanie Dilger Lecturing Knight, Emblem members Helen Donovan and Cathy Corcoran were also in attendance.





The Lodge Bowling League enjoyed a steak dinner recently in the Brady Room. The picture on the left is of Joe Keeley, chairman Jim Keeley and Scott Lund discussing the agenda.

Thanks to F&F catering for preparing the menu, Lynn Connelly for beverage service and Margaret Simpson, Lynne Gregory, Lisa Guisto and Linda Galvin for setting up and serving.

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 Cornhole Tournament



Date: Sunday June 9th, 2024. Registration starts at 12pm, Tournament starts at 1pm. Tournament will be capped with the first 35 teams registered.

Location: Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 – Brady Hall
283 W. Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per team – Bring your own bags. (50/50 Payout)

Games: Airmail Tournament, \$5.00 per player. (50/50 Payout)
50/50 Raffle, \$5.00 per ticket.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds go directly to the Waterbury Elks Lodge 265. Players can register with Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616 or at peter.wychulis@espn.com

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

FLAG DAY CEREMONY



SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 11AM

LUNCH TO FOLLOW CEREMONIES

Our flag is our pride and we shall always protect its dignity

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Join Us For

FATHER'S

Day

BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Waterbury Antlers

SUN JUNE 16TH

8AM - 11AM

12 and older: \$12 | 5 to 11: \$6 | 4 and under: free

Pancakes, French Toast,
Scramble eggs, Fruit,
Bacon, Sausage, Homefries,
Coffee, Juice and Tea

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WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265

72ND 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 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

RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES!!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT WATERBURY ELKS LODGE

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ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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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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June 9th - Waterbury Elks Cornhole
Tournament

June 15th - Flag Day

June 16th - Fathers Day Breakfast Hosted by
The Antlers

June 30th - National Convention

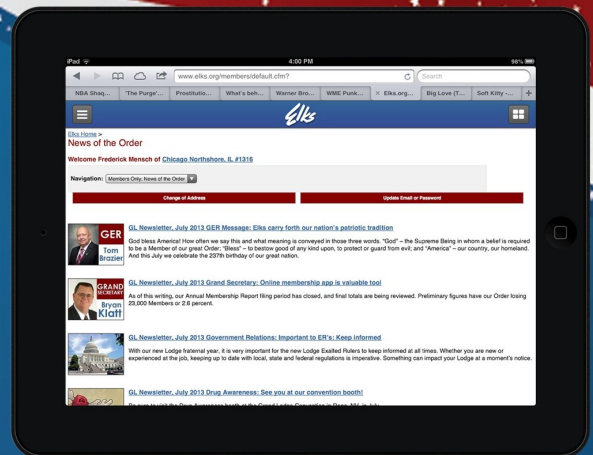
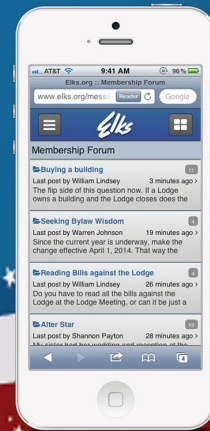
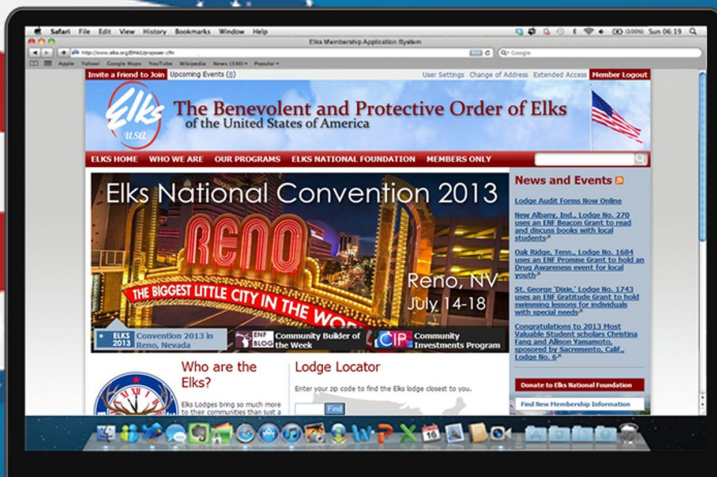
August 2nd - Annual Golf Tournament



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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