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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH
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WATERBURY LODGE FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022, 12PM-5PM

The House Committee and a fabulous team of volunteers are preparing for the Family Picnic at Quassy. The menu will include all of your favorites: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage Patties, BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Chili, Steak Sandwiches, Salads and Watermelon. Kids all-day ride bracelets are available for \$21.00 at the pavilion entrance where representatives from Quassy will handle payment. Bring the whole family out for a day filled with food, fun and friendship. Don't let the weather stop you either — we have the entire pavilion to ourselves for the afternoon. Ticket are prices are as follows: \$30 for adults advance purchase, \$6 for children 12 and under, and children 3 and under are FREE!

Flavio Basile
House Committee Chairman



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LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

| | |
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| Tony Cavallo | Exalted Ruler |
| Susan Buzzeo | Est. Leading Knight |
| Carlos Gotay | Est. Loyal Knight |
| Jennifer Normand | Est. Lecturing Knight |
| Ginny Leary | Secretary |
| Scott Bowman | Treasurer |
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| Bryan McEntee | Esquire |
| Jose Duprey | Inner Guard |
| Open | Organist |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 5-Year Trustee | Richard Dilger |
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| 3-Year Trustee | Eugene Lafauci |
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| 1-Year Trustee | Lynn Connolly |

Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum

Matthew McCormack

House Committee Chairman

Flavio Basile

Telephone-All Departments (203) 755-1159

Regular Lodge Meetings-Second & Fourth

Tuesday of the month @ 7pm

July & August-fourth Tuesday only

December-second Tuesday only

Initiation meetings start at 6:30pm



SICK BOARD

IN REHAB

- Jefferson House-Newington
Robert Vitvitsky, Sr.
- Cheshire
Joe Koopstus



AT HOME

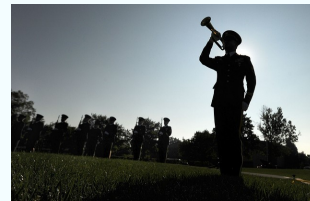
George VanDyke
Joe Sullivan
Mark Rubin

Bonnie Egan
John Kunkel
Joseph Sciaretto

**Please contact Susan Buzzeo, Esteemed Leading Knight,
with information and updates.**

Phone # (203) 709-0054

IN MEMORIAM



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Canio Guglielmo LM

Born: June 22, 1936

Initiated: November 29, 1972

Passed from our Midst: April 9, 2022

*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.

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Members All:

April showers bring May flowers! I hope everyone is enjoying the nice days! Our first month is complete with a couple of speed bumps; however, with my great group of officers, we got through it.

Look for some new and exciting events in this month's Call. May 1st is the Meet & Greet the Officers event at 1pm followed by Sunday dinner. May 5th we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo, and on Sunday May 8th there will be a Mothers Day brunch. Saturday May 21st is the Elk Riders Veterans' Barbeque. All veterans are free, and for all others wishing to attend we are requesting a \$10 donation. Please join us for this great cause

Sunday May 29th is the Family picnic at Quassy.

I would like to thank Dave, Lynn, Flavio, Brittany and everyone else who made the monthly dinner a great success. It was great to see so many in attendance. Looking forward to making May even better.

I want to thank Flavio, Paul and the volunteers who are working hard to put out dinners on Wednesday, Thursdays & Fridays. Please come down and support them. If you can volunteer in the kitchen, please let Flavio know we could use the help.

My Elks of the month are Charlotte Brady and Paul (No Socks) Maisto. They work endless on our memorial garden year in and year out. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do.

Yours in Elkdom,

Anthony Cavallo, Exalted Ruler



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PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS!

Kathy Gannon, PER



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Members of Lodge #265:

With warmer weather upon us, so are outdoor Lodge events! Make the most of your membership and attend as many as you can. You will find them all listed in this month's newsletter. Most of you have received your new card for the 2022-2023 year. Thank you for your prompt payments. If you have not sent in your dues yet, please do so ASAP and remember the extra \$5 for ENF. There is still a large deficit for the new roof. Donations to the building fund are also greatly appreciated.

The delinquent list will be posted soon and anyone on this list will not be allowed in the Rathskeller. I would like to remind those who were dropped for last year can reinstate by May 31st with no penalty. If you haven't received your dues envelope for this year let me know. If I don't receive address changes your envelope will not be delivered to you. You can pay your dues online through PayPal at the Waterbury Elks website www.elks265.org. Please remember to add the service charge. I am notified immediately when you pay online, and your member card will be mailed out promptly. Dues can also be paid by credit card at the Rathskeller.



There will be two meetings this month, Tuesday May 10th will be an Initiation meeting starting at 6:30 and Tuesday May 24th starting at 7PM.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for all Fallen Servicemen and Women. Please keep them and their families in your thought and prayers. We are the Land of the Free BECAUSE of the Brave.

You will find all the Lodge events and news in The Call which is available only by email. Contact me, secywtby265@gmail.com or Mike Gannon mikeg0174@aol.com with your email so you can receive the Call regularly.

Any members who would like to volunteer, please contact me or any Officer of the Lodge.

The position for Lodge Organist is still open. If anyone has the capability to fill this, please contact one of the Officers.

You have the option to pay your dues by credit card at the register in the Rathskeller and through PayPal on the Waterbury Elks website, www.elks265.org. Dues can always be paid by check, money order, or in cash at the bar. Mail dues to: Waterbury Elks #265, Office of the Secretary, PO Box 615, Waterbury, CT 06720.

The best way to contact me is through email, or call 203 755-1159 **Option 4** and leave a message. I will respond as soon as possible.

Stay well and stay safe!

Best regards,

Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary

NOTICE OF ELECTION MAY 10, 2022

Nominations were presented at the April 26th meeting for Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and 4-Year Trustee positions.

An election will be held at the May 10th meeting and all members are invited to vote.

CINCO DE MAYO AT THE LODGE

Don't forget about our Cinco de Mayo celebration Thursday, May 5th 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We've always had a great turn out for this event and don't expect this year to be any different. The menu:

Appetizers:

Chicken Tortilla Soup
Empanadas
Stuffed Jalapeño Poppers
Cheese Nachos
Chicken Quesadilla
Mexican Caviar w/Tostitos

Entrees:

Southwest Chicken Salad
Taco in a Box
Fish Tacos
Carne Asada (Flank Steak)
All served w/Rice & Beans



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Reservations are highly recommended. Call Lynn 203-509-0893.





Mother's Day Brunch

Join us Sunday May 8th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Menu:

Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Chicken Francaise, Penne Alla Vodka, Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Roast Beef, Salad, Fruit and a "Build Your Own" Baked Potato Bar. Coffee, Tea & Juice included

Cost: \$30.00 to include 1 complimentary Bloody Mary, House Wine or Mimosa with ticket purchase.

Make your reservations today!

See Lynn for kids ticket price 203-509-0893



Tuesday Night

Elk's Lodge #265

Waterbury, CT

283 West Main Street

Monthly Dinner

*Open
to the
Public*

May 17, 2022

7:00 pm SHARP

*Open
to the
Public*

Featuring:

Porchetta Roast

Family Style:

**Pasta Fagioli, Stuffed Mushrooms,
Penne Ala-Vodka, Italian Salad,
Roasted Potatoes & Peppers, Broccoli Rabe**

Wine Included

Donation: \$35.00 Per Person

• Advanced Reservation ONLY by Thursday, April 14th

*** NO WALK-INS ***

Call Dave Ingala 203-217-0194 Or

Lynn Connolly 203-509-0893

PS: OOPS! The "Respond By" date for the May dinner is May 12th and not April 14th as noted on the flyer.



Greeting to All Members of Lodge #265.

On April 23rd the Antlers held a Can and Bottle drive. It was an overwhelming success. Thank you to all of the members who donated. We collected over 11,000 cans and bottles. We are planning another drive later this year with details to follow. Please save you cans and bottles.



The Antlers will be putting on a Father's Day Breakfast on June 19th. Please join us and celebrate Father's Day. Details to following next months call.

If you are interested in helping or have any ideas, please let us know.

waterburyantlers265@gmail.com or 203-518-1036 leave a message.

Richard Dilger

Lead Antler Advisor

The Antlers Program is open to individuals ages 12 to 20. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6pm to 7pm at the Elks Lodge.



Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic 2022

Saturday, July 30; Saturday, August 20; and Sunday, August 28, 2022

Here we go again; it's time for another season of horse racing at the Saratoga racetrack in NY. The price is \$110 per person, and a deposit of \$25 dollars is due ASAP to guarantee your reservation.

This event includes bus transportation, breakfast at the Lodge, a picnic lunch at Saratoga Springs State Park, admission with grandstand seating at the racetrack, and adult beverages. The track allows you to enter with you own cooler is long as it fits under your seat, and you can stock up with beverages that we provide. REMEMBER NO GLASS BOTTLES INSIDE THE TRACK.

The bus will leave the Elk's parking lot at 7:30 am, and we should arrive at the Saratoga Springs Park no later than 10:30am. We'll enjoy a nice cookout, and then proceed to the racetrack to arrive between 12:00 and 12:30. We'll depart after the of the 8th race.

For bookings and information's Call Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293 or email fbasile30@comcast.net. Make **checks payable** to " **BPOE #265**" and you can mail it to me: Flavio Basile, 200 Yale St., Apt. 30-B, Waterbury, CT 06704. Also you can pay at the Rathskeller where a bartender will be happy to take your cash, check, or credit card.

Sincerely,

Flavio Basile, House Committee Chairman

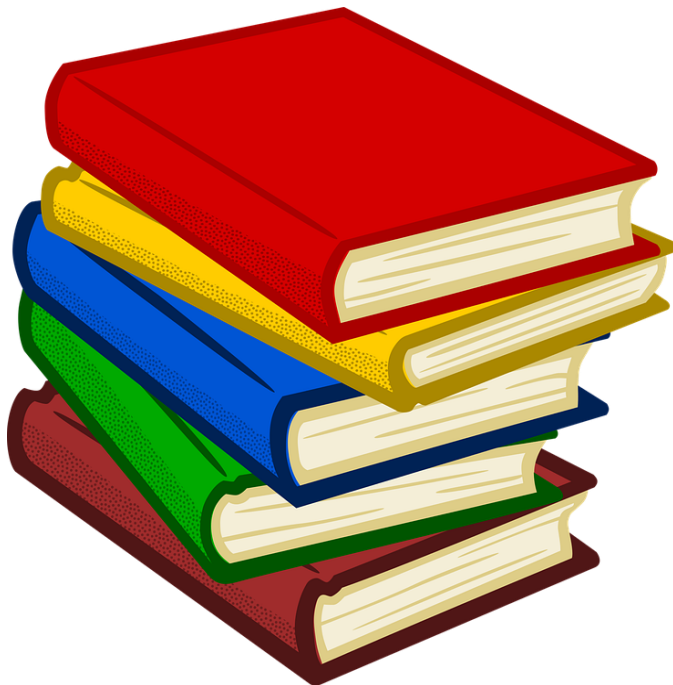
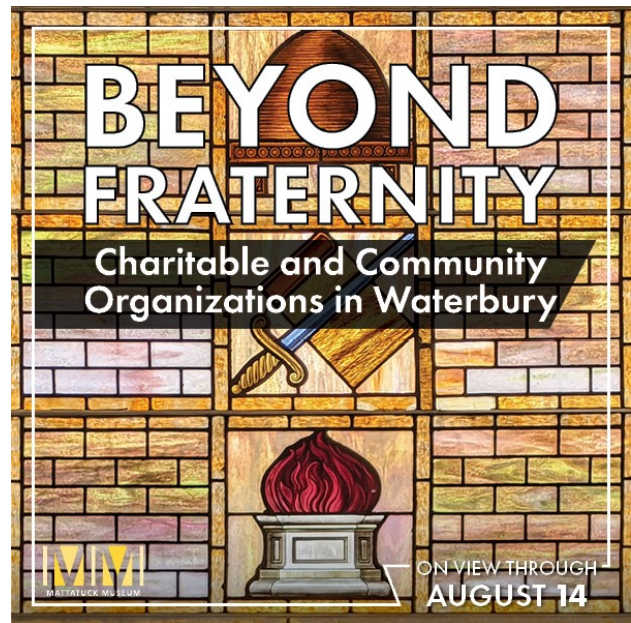
May 29, 2022 – August 14, 2022

Alongside *Mystery & Benevolence*, this exhibition explores the history of fraternal organizations in Waterbury through objects, photographs, and books drawn from the Museum's permanent collection and loaned by community members.

Lodge 265 is providing documents, pictures and artifacts to support this exhibition at the Mattatuck museum. If you have anything to contribute or know anyone who could possibly provide relative items, please contact me.

Kathy Gannon, PER

203-217-6818 reactkg@aol.com



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.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dining at the Lodge

Dinner is served Wednesday through Friday nights. We continue to host Karaoke on Wednesdays, and Thursday is Steak Night! Also “Jimmy Clams” is back serving clams on the half shell and shrimp cocktail. All serving times are 5pm—8pm. The menus are blast emailed each week for your convenience. Please stop down for a meal and a beverage and enjoy yourself in the company of your lodge brothers and sisters. Don’t forget, you can always call to place a To Go order for pick up. Our food and beverage service is critical to the success of the lodge. The profits are used to pay a substantial portion of the lodge overhead expenses. We look forward to your support.



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

Lynn Connolly, House Committee Chairperson



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.

THURSDAY
STEAK NIGHT
5PM-8PM

House Salad \$1.95

Soup of the Day Cup \$2.95 Bowl \$4.95

N.Y. Strip w/Baked Potato &
Vegetable \$15.95

Also available for Steak: Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Sautéed Onions,

Mushrooms or Peppers for an additional \$.75 each

Long Hots \$1.00

Reservations **STRONGLY suggested**

Call or text Lynn (203) 509-0893

37th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday

June 9th-June 12th, 2022, Wildwood, New Jersey

Fellow Sportsmen, as this article is being published, we are about weeks away from our 37th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday to Wildwood, NJ. The usual suspects will coordinate arrangements and include me, John Kunkel, and Kenny Dupont. All payments, including golf charges, unless otherwise noted, will go through John Kunkel or Kenny Dupont. We try to be understanding, but need clarity early on, so here are the rules:

There is a sign-up sheet to be completed. Complete the form in its entirety and submit it with your down payment. Please indicate your room partner and golf foursome.

This year's dates are the same as the New Jersey American Legion Convention in Wildwood. Our host and fellow Lodge member, Adamo Pepitone, can only commit to us the Attache Motel, which can accommodate 80 people. He will do his level best to scrounge up additional rooms if required, but all other motels are already fully booked; consequently, I can only guarantee 80 people.

In fairness to all, selections will be made in accordance with receipt of payment, which we will start taking immediately. Don't think about this until the last minute or you will not be included. Last year we had fewer guys sign up due to Covid; however, we are expecting a larger group this year, so please don't wait until the last minute to show your interest.

Room charges and golf fees have gone up. The room fees are \$380 for a double and \$440 for a single. The golf fee for the 2-day tournament is \$160 and should be paid when you make payment for your room. If you sign-up for golf and 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.

All transportation to Wildwood is the responsibility of participating members. Any member with a van, pick-up or extra space in his trunk is asked to step up and offer to take any overflow of clubs and luggage.

A \$100 deposit or payment in full is expected as soon as you receive this article. Again, I can only guarantee rooms for 80 people at the Attache Motel. The sooner I know the level of interest, the sooner I can advise Adamo to work on securing additional rooms.

In previous years, many of the guys elected to go down on Wednesday. If you wish to do this, there is an additional charge of \$85 for a single or double occupancy room. This charge is paid directly to the Attache Motel when you arrive and is not included in the charges payable to the Elks Lodge. Also, there will be a \$35 charge for beverages and food on Wednesday.

We've enjoyed a great run with this event and would like to keep it going as long as interest remains at current levels. It's a great deal and a memorable weekend. We have no desire to become personal accountants, so please keep track of your payments and balance due. We also have no inclination to chase anybody; you are in or you are out. Payments are to be made by check only. No cash should ever be left at the bar and neither the committee members nor the Lodge will be held accountable for cash payments should they go missing.

Payment in full will be expected by Friday, May 6, 2022.

The Wildwood Committee



In what might have been the closest Elks championship match in its 108 year run, Team Lund defeated Team Begnal by two pins in the rubber-match of the three game set. With many onlookers enjoying adult beverages and cheering both teams on, the championship came down to the very end. It was sweet revenge for a Lund team that lost the previous championship match-up between these two bitter rivals! Leading Team Lund was Jim Keeley with a 398 set and Brian Beaulieu with a 157 game. Team Begnal was led by the Captain himself, Joe Begnal, with a 360 set and Jay Van Stone with a 142 game.

On the road to the Championship match, Team Lund defeated Minervino 2 games to 1 with Scott Lund Jr. bowling a 164 and Joe Lombardo Jr. hitting 378 along the way. Mike Minervino had a team high 137 in a losing effort. Also in the semi-final match-up, it was Team Begnal beating Team Brown 2-0.

The Annual Bowling Banquet will be held at the Elks on 5/20/22. Festivities will begin at 6:00pm sharp.

Anyone interested in joining the league should contact Jim Keeley @ keeleys4@yahoo.com for more information.

Rathskeller Bar Hours

Sunday—Tuesday Closed

Wednesday—Friday 12:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

MAY 2022

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1 Sunday Dinner | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Cinco de Mayo- No Steak Night | 6 | 7 |
| Meet & Greet the Officers | | | | Dinner in the Rathskeller | | |
| 8 Mothers Day Brunch | 9 | 10 Lodge Meeting & Initiation | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | | | Dinner in the Rathskeller | | |
| 15 | 16 Setback league begins. | 17 Monthly Dinner | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | | | | Dinner in the Rathskeller | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Lodge Meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | | | | Dinner in the Rathskeller | | |
| 29 Family Picnic at Quassy | 30 | 31 | | | | |

BPOE Waterbury, CT Lodge #265

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BRIAN CAPODANNO
ANGEL LLANOS
CATHERINE NORDBY
LINDA POLLETTA
SUNDAY VESNESKI



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Some dates to add to your calendar:

Monthly Dinner Dates: May 17th, June 21st, September 20th

Sunday Family Dinner Schedule: May 1, 2022 and June 5, 2022