

THE ELKS CALL



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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH
COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

CHARITY ☆ JUSTICE ☆ BROTHERLY LOVE ☆ FIDELITY

LODGE ANNUAL RAFFLE

A huge thank you to all who participated in this year's raffle. You helped raise over \$5,000 for the Lodge. The winners were:

FIRST Prize: Richard Tirpak

SECOND Prize: Cynthia Neznayko

THIRD Prize: John Barbieri

FOURTH Prize: Dennis Kizis

FIFTH Prize: Maiorano Funeral Home
Congratulations to all our winners.

Carlos Gotay, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

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. Tickets are priced the same as last year: \$25 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and children 3 and under are FREE! 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. Look for more details in the May Call.

Flavio Basile
House Committee Chairman



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LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

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
Stephanie Dilger	Tiler
Howard Osorio	Chaplain
Bryan McEntee	Esquire
Jose Duprey	Inner Guard
Open	Organist

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5-Year Trustee	Richard Dilger
4-Year Trustee	Open
3-Year Trustee	Eugene Lafauci
2-Year Trustee	Steve Kontout
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

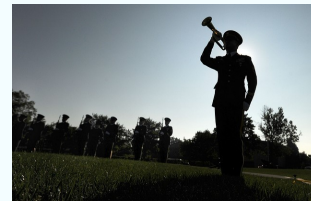
Dick White, PER, LM
George VanDyke

Bonnie Egan

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

Phone # (203) 709-0054

IN MEMORIAM



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Ralph Vegliante

Born, April 3, 1925

Initiated, November 8, 1994

Passed from our Midst, March 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:

Welcome Spring! April is upon us, and the flowers are blooming. I would like to thank everyone who put their trust in me to be the Exalted Ruler for the 2022-2023 lodge year. There are some great and wonderful things that will be happening.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Installation of Officers. Thank you to Rita and the kitchen staff for an excellent dinner. Thank you to Brittany for working the bar. It was a great night.

We are looking to open the Rathskellar 7 days a week with the help of volunteers. Flavio Basile, our new house committee chairman, will email a survey. Please complete and return it via email or to any bartender. I am looking for input to see how we, as Elk members, can improve our Lodge and have some fun.

There will be a "meet and greet" with the officers on April 30th. Please come out and meet your 2022-2023 Lodge officers. They will be here to discuss any ideas or suggestions that you may have. More information will follow in an email blast.

My Elk of the Month is Richard Dilger. Rich has done an extraordinary job with our Antler program. He always pops up whenever needed. Rich, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Yours In Elkdom,

Anthony Cavallo, Exalted Ruler



CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Since 2004 Cell Phones for Soldiers has...

Provided more than 400 million minutes of free talk time.

Recycled more than 20 million cell phones, reducing the impact on landfills.

Mailed approximately 2,500 calling cards each week.

PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS!

Kathy Gannon, PER



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Members of Lodge #265:

A new Fraternal year has begun and the annual Installation of Officers is Saturday April 2nd. May all Officers have a great year!

Congratulations to fourteen members who were voted new Life Members at the March 22nd meeting.

Thank you to all who have submitted the 2022-2023 year's dues so promptly. For those still sending them in, please remember the extra \$5 for ENF if you are able. It will help the Lodge become eligible for upcoming Grants for Youth and Veterans support programs. There is still a large deficit for the new roof. Donations to the building fund are also greatly appreciated.



There will be two regular meetings this month, April 12th and April 26th. Meetings start at 7PM.

You will find all the Lodge events and news in The Call which is available only by email. Contact me, secywby265@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.

Officer 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

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!



Tuesday Night

Elk's Lodge #265

Waterbury, CT

283 West Main Street

Monthly Dinner

**Open
to the
Public**

April 19, 2022

**Open
to the
Public**

7:00 pm SHARP

Featuring:

Braised Beef Short Ribs

Family Style:

Pasta Fagioli, Antipasto,

Pasta, Italian Salad,

Mushroom Risotto, Roasted Long Hots

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

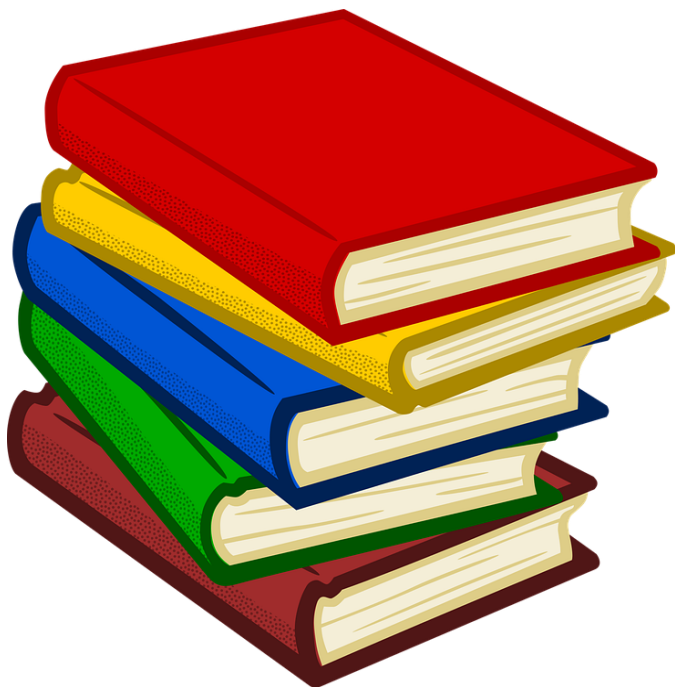
Dear Members:

As the fraternal year comes to a close, I'd like to thank the membership for your participation. It was all of you who helped make this year such a success. Whether you came to Steak Night, Karaoke, Music Bingo, a Monthly Dinner, a dance or the Clambake, your support was outstanding, and I thank you for helping to get people back down to the Lodge.

To My House Committee: Dave Ingala, Vinnie DellaCroce, Chris Colwell, Gene Minicucci, John (Hatman) Catanzaro, Stephanie Dilger our secretary, and Linda & Paul Violette, I appreciate all of you; each of you contributed in your own way, and I can't thank you enough for making sure we got it done. Being on the House Committee isn't glamorous. It's hard work as we work events from behind the scenes, arriving very early to prepare and staying late to wrap things up. It includes two meetings a month and it's a yearlong commitment. We have much to be proud of, and you're appreciated more than you know.

Fraternally yours,

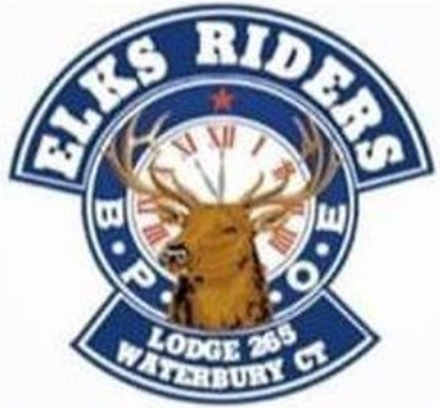
Lynn Connolly, House Committee Chairman 2021-2022



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



The Waterbury Elk Riders would like to congratulate the 3 new members who were patched in at the March 20th meeting. They are Phil Roy aka “Gargoyle”, Jim Morelli aka “Junkster” and Jennifer Normand aka “Diesel”. The Riders welcome you to a great group of Elks who love to ride and raise funds to support Veterans, children and the community.

To our Elk Members, family and friends, we would like to invite you to our BBQ for the Veterans on Sunday, May 21, 2022. This will be a free BBQ lunch for Veterans while a \$10 donation will be required for all others attending. All Veterans from our Community are welcome to attend. Please stop by and give back to

our Veterans. We will have the Quilts of Valor there to present quilts to some of our Veterans.

We will also host our 2nd Annual Dominique Dalessio Scholarship Ride on Saturday July 17, with all the Elk Riders from Connecticut and all others who would like to take the ride to Willimantic Lodge. We will return to our lodge for a dinner, raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle and music. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship. Please keep this date open and attend.

Elks Riders #265 is collecting blankets, toiletries, flashlights, gift cards of \$5 to McDonald’s, D&D, and Walgreens for the homeless in our community. Donations can be left in the bin in the Rathskeller.

A big SHOUT OUT to the Waterbury Emblem Club for all the dessert donations for the Lasagna Night. The event was very successful and without their help we could not have done it. We are here for you when needed.

Always remember, we are all VOLUNTEERS and are working to help our lodge stay focused on the Grand Lodge programs that support our Community, Veterans, and Children. Show up for a function. If anybody has ideas for events or would like to know what we are doing, come to a meeting.

Now that the weather is more conducive for riding, we have changed our meetings from the 3rd Sunday of the month to the 3rd Thursday of the month. We can enjoy Steak Night and have more time for riding during the nice weather on the weekends. Meetings start at 7 p.m. If any Elk members would like to join the Riders, you must be an Elk in good standing, and complete our application form.

Thank to the Waterbury Elks Lodge, Waterbury Antlers, and the Emblem Club for all of your help and support help in the past year!

Yours in Elkdom,

Michelle Minicucci, LIPSY

President, Waterbury Elk Riders #265

203-217-2145 minicuccim@gmail.com

Dining at the Lodge

Dinner is served Wednesday through Friday nights. We continue to host Karaoke on Wednesdays, and Thursday is Steak Night! 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.

To: House Committee
Attention: Lynn Connolly

The Elks Youth Bowling League ended another successful year with a "Covid" delayed end of the year awards and pizza party on March 26, 2022 in the Brady Hall.

The attendees of 45 included 22 of the 33 bowlers, parents and grandparents. Trophies were awarded to all bowlers with additional High Score Trophies given to the following:

Pee Wee Devision:

Josh Pina with a high score of 95 Olivia Lund with a high score of 72

Junior Devision:

Brandon Smith with a high score of 85 Made-line Lund with a high score of 71

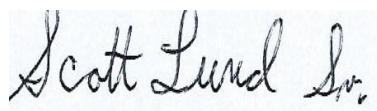
Senior Devision:

Jared Charette with a high score of 113 Nora Dionne with a high score of 92

Thank you to Exalted Ruler- Steven Knox, House Committee Chairperson-Lynn Connolly, Doris Doucette, Kelly Lund, Ty Phelan, Eric Grey, Andrea & Carlos Teixeira, Rayae Geci, Melissa & Scott Lund Jr., and Lynne Lund for all their hard work and support.

We are enclosing a check for \$534.06 for roof repairs in memory of Gerry DiPietro who gave his time and support for the Youth Bowling Program for years.

With Appreciation,



Scott Lund Sr.

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 two months 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, May1, 2022.

The Wildwood Committee

EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday, April 10th 11:00am

AGES 2 – 11

**We are planning to be outside. In the event of rain,
we will hold the egg hunt in the Lodge room.**

Bring your own basket.

Lunch will be served.

Sign up in the Rathskellar.

Questions or concerns please call Danielle Gannon 203-982-5534

or Kathy Gannon 203-217-6818

Youth Activities Committee

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.

April 2022

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