

THE CALL

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All,

We had a very busy June. It all started with the Elks state convention in Trumbull, CT. At the awards ceremony and on behalf of Waterbury Elks 265, our very own Jon Arthur (PER, PDD, and PSP) accepted a trophy and a certificate, winning the annual CT State Elks Golf Tournament held on May 14 at Southington CC. The winning team consisted of Jon Arthur, Maurice Hernandez (PER), Bobby Morrow, and Scott Cugliari. Congratulations, and thank you for bringing the trophy back to Waterbury.

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Lodge Hours:

THE RATHSKELLAR BAR IS NOW OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES: SUNDAY 12:30 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

<u>Lodge Meetings:</u>

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 P.M. JULY & AUGUST—FOURTH TUESDAY ONLY DECEMBER—SECOND TUESDAY ONLY INITIATION MEETINGS START AT 6:00 P.M.

Exalted Ruler: Peter Wychulis Leading Knight: Stephanie M. Dilger Loyal Knight: Bryan McEntee Lecturing Knight: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Esquire: Susan Buzzeo

Lodge Officers 2025-2026

Inner Guard: Corey Shanahan Tiler: Querino Maia Secretary: Micheal McGaughan Treasurer: Pat Jennings Chaplin: Howard Osorio Trustee 1 Year: Bret Reis Trustee 2 Years: Steve Kontout Trustee 3 Years: Michael Devino Trustee 4 Years: Donna Torre Trustee 5 Years: Thomas LaGase





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.



Please contact Stephanie Dilger, Esteemed Leading Knight with information and updates. 203-592-2185

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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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Additionally, Wanda Reiff (PER, PDD, NW District VP) was an installed officer, and we said farewell to our State President, Michael Johnson (PER, PDD, and now PSP). Congratulations as well!

Next, we celebrated Flag Day, coordinated by Bryan McEntee our Esteemed Loyal Knight, the annual Sportsman's Golf weekend in Wildwood, NJ, led by John Kunkel and Team, the Father's Day breakfast provided by the Antlers, Rich Dilger, and team, Americanism Awards Ceremony for Essay and Poster submissions provided by Linda Galvin and team, and finally Jukebox Bingo ran by Donna McCulloch. We had a very good turnout for all these events, and I thank everyone who volunteered their time to make the above events a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

Finally, my Elk of the Month goes to Corey Shanahan. He led a grill raffle that supported our state major projects and coordinated the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive. In addition, he volunteered his time as a house committee member while

continuing his obligation as our Inner Guard. On 6/23, he was nominated and accepted the position as our new House Committee Chairman. Corey, thank you for your time, your enthusiasm, and all the hard work that you do for the lodge. Congratulations!

See below for a few events that are coming up in July, which will be featured in this Call.

June 28th through July 3th - Elks National Convention in Kansas City, MO

July 4th – Our Nation's Birthday July 6th – Red Cross Blood Drive

August 1^{er} – Annual Elks Golf Tournament August 9^{er} – Trivia Night

September 14th – Annual Clam Bake

See below for upcoming and current activities:

- Monday Night Setback Card League (We are still looking for more teams, as we are still at 11 right now.)
 - Tuesday Night Cornhole (Starts at 7:15 pm)
 - Wednesday Night Karaoke (Starts at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm)
 - Wednesday Night Dart League (We are still looking for a 2nd team. Starts at 8:00 pm)
 - Thursday Night Cornhole (Starts at 6:30 pm)

With that said, please remember to continue to support and recognize our Veterans, our inner-city youth, and our unfortunate. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers. Please reach out to our chairpersons, lodge officers, or any members leading our events if you would like to volunteer or help. Finally, please come down and enjoy our lodge, join us for our upcoming events, enjoy a great meal, or just come down and say hello. GOD BLESS.

Fraternally, Peter Wychulis Exalted Ruler

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Members all,

Please welcome our new members. Anthony Fusco, Pamela Molee, Kathleen Gioielli, James Hill, Robyn Nickles and Nicholas Royer.

Total active members - 1111• Delinquent Members: 128 • Reinstatements Pending: 0 • Applications to be read: 0 • Candidates awaiting Investigation: 4 • Balloting: 0 • Candidates awaiting Initiation: 2. Members Dimiting from other lodges - 5.

Scheduling for the new applicants is as follows: Investigation – August 6 at 6:30 pm, Orientation – August 20 at 7:00, Initiation – September 26 at 6:00 pm.

Please remember to inform the Lodge of any changes in your contact information to ensure you receive on a timely basis all information provided by the Lodge, such as the bulletin, charitable events and your dues and membership information. Payment options are Check (preferred), cash, credit card (see the bartender)

and a new Enhanced Payment Processor. https://www.elks.org/payonline and enter Waterbury, CT No. 265. A convenience fee will apply to your payment when using a credit card.

Please contact me by email at secywtby265@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. Any-thing posted without prior permission will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

The House Committee

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Elks showed heart, made 2024-25 a special year

Happy Independence Day, the Fourth of July. We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. We, as proud Elks, want to uphold the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in order to honor our great nation.

This is the perfect time for me to reflect on this amazing year of travel to meet all of you. We could never in our wildest dreams have thought that we would have this great honor. We want to thank each and every one of you for your love, hospitality, and support in fulfilling our year as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady.

It was easy to stay enthused by visiting each unique state convention. But there truly was a common bond in all of our visits: Heart.

Everyone has to serve others to show what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are truly about. You are the reason we are 800,000 Members strong. You are the reason that we have more than 1,800 successful Lodges. You are the reason that we are the greatest charitable organization in the United States of America. We are strong, mighty, and blessed to be citizens in our great country, and I want to express my gratitude for your service to others.

We would like to thank our family. We truly missed them during our travels, but they were always gracious and encouraging when we missed special events. We are so thankful for having such a loving family.

God bless our family, the Elks, and God bless the United States of America. I believe that my motto, "Elkdom's Heart for America" will live on for many years to come. Remember we are 157 years young!

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



Hello everyone, my name is Corey, and I will be serving you as your new house committee chairman. I'm looking forward to what we can accomplish throughout the year. Please see our upcoming events. On July 6th, we are hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross with a BBQ to follow. Our annual golf tournament will be on August 1st, please see the bartender on duty to register. And lastly, the clam bake is on September 14th. We are looking for volunteers for the clam bake. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to any house committee member. Lastly, please follow our Facebook page (Waterbury BPOE 265 House Committee) for up-to-date events on what's going on in our lodge.

Thank you everyone,

Corey Swenson-Shanahan

House Committee Chairman

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SUNDAY MORNING BOWLING LEAGUE

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

283 West Main St, Waterbury, CT

We're starting a new bowling league. Looking to start in the fall of 2025.

Sunday:

11 AM Start

4 Person Mixed Team (Must be a member)

\$15 Per Bowler/ Per Week

End of season party and prizes

Starts September 7th thru May 3rd

The League is limited to 6 teams. First come, first served. If interested, please call or text Ed Carmosino 347-497-1296 or Rose Quintana 347-572-9096 with any questions.

MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE

At Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

-In-house dart league

-8 PM Start

-4 Teams

-Minimum 6 players Per Team. Maximum of 12

-No Traveling. All matches held at Waterbury Lodge

-1 Time \$20 fee per player. Will cover awards, prizes

and End of Year Party.

-Open to all Elks. Must be a Member.

12 Game Format

6 501 Singles (Straight In / Double Out)

3 Cricket Doubles

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League Starts Monday, September 8th, 2025. Interested? Call or text Ed Carmosino at 347-497-1296 with any Questions

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Chef's Corner & Nightly Dinner Specials

We have a regular menu that's available

Wednesday-Friday 5:00-8:00

In addition, we have nightly specials:

Wednesday is Pasta Night. Your choice of pasta, sauce, and protein

Thursday is Steak Night

Friday is Seafood Night

Look for monthly Saturday Night dinners with entertainment

July 19th Gregory Allen 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Rathskellar

Reservations are required for the lounge show

We're renting the Hall for Meetings, Bereavements, Graduation Parties, Stags, Bridal & Baby Showers, Sweet 16's, Fundraisers....

Email 265hallrental@gmail.com for menus and pricing

or call or text Lynn 203-509-0893



Do you like to bowl? We are looking for women 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.



Emblem members Linda Galvin and Lisa Guisto were on hand to serve the Survivors and Care Givers at the Relay for Life luncheon at Crosby High School. Although it was a rainy day, many still came to walk laps for loved ones. The event was a fun day catching up with many friends.

Waterbury Emblem and Elk Riders Host Luncheon

The Elk's Riders set up the Brady Hall,

prepared and served 32 students and their parents, and guests. Over 100 were in attendance.

CT State Drug Awareness Chair Mary Smith, PER Tom Smith, (Wallingford Lodge), ER Chad Layton (Bristol Lodge), Drug Awareness district chair, PER's Wanda Reef, Sue Buzzeo, Carlos Gotay, and ER Pete Wychulis all attended.

The students did a fantastic job, and many went on to place in the district and state.







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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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Waterbury Elks #265

Dart League



Location: Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 – In Rathskeller 283 W. Main Street Waterbury, CT 06702

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per team (4 4-player teams) – Bring your darts or borrow ours.

Every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. starting in late May or Early June. The league hasn't confirmed the start date yet. More to follow.

Players can register with Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616 or <u>peter.wychulis@espn.com</u>

This will be at a first come, first serve basis. This is a sanctioned league, and your statistics will be available online.



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July 6th - Blood Drive August 1st - Gold Tournament August 9th - Trivia Night October 4th - Salem Bus Trip October 26th - Design Bag Bingo



This months meetings will be held on:

July 22nd



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Blood Drive

Waterbury Elks Lodge #265 – Brady Hall

283 West Main St Waterbury CT, 06702

Date July 6th, 2025

8am – 1pm

All Donors Will Receive an Exclusive Pair of Red Cross Sunglasses While Supplies Last and the First 24 Donors Will Receive an Elks **Engraved Pint Glass**

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WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265 **73RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

When: FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2025 Where: WESTERN HILLS GOLF CLUB

\$145 INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART & BREAKFAST. WATER, SODA & BEER AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE. FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS BANQUET AT THE LODGE.

7:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

COCKTAIL HOUR TO FOLLOW AT WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 1:00 PM

OPEN BAR

BANQUET AT 2:00 PM

GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$500

SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$300

BRONZE \$200

FLAGS \$100

RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES!!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT WATERBURY ELKS LODGE

283 WEST MAIN ST

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!



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COST: \$145 INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, AND BREAKFAST AT THE GOLF COURSE. WATER, SODA & BEER AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE. FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS DINNER AT THE WATERBURY ELKS.

TIMES 7:00 AM BREAKFAST 8:00 AM SHOTGUN START 1:00PM COCKTAIL HOUR - OPEN BAR 2:00 PM DINNER

RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES!!

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No later than July 28, 2025

Please contact Ken Dupont with any questions – 203-592-1815

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Waterbury Elks #265 283 W Main St PRESENTS

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Sat. Aug 9th, 7-9 pm **In Rathskellar**

Free to play! **Teams of 4**

PRIZES TO TOP 3 TERMS!!!

Bring your Team, snacks /food and your BRAIN!

BY TYLER MOORE ENTERTRINMENT

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<u>Sat Oct 4th Rain or Shine!</u>

BUS LEAVES CHASE PKWY COMMUTER LOT AT 8 AM. **BUS LEAVES SALEM AT 5 PM**.

Please contact Linda J@ 203 528-7900 to reserve your seat! Payment will be due at **NO REFUNDS!** that time.

50/50 Raffle on the Bus!







October 26,2025

Hosted by Waterbury Emblem Club #552 Doors Open at 1 PM GAMES BEGIN AT 2 PM

\$35.00 Includes .: *10 EXCITING BINGO Games

*A Raffle Ticket for each non-perishable food item to be donated to GWIM Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry

* Chance to win Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors.

Bring your own snacks Cash Bar Table of 8 can be reserved

Door Prize Raffles

Waterbury Elks Lodge #265 283 W Main St. Waterbury, CT 06702

To purchase tickets Call:

Helen Donovan (203)910-4846 Margaret Simpson (203) 592-8121

Linda Galvin (203) 758-5158

Lisa Guisto (203) 509-3666

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