

### THE CALL

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#### ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH

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#### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

#### Members All,

\*\*\*First, I would like to congratulate Allen Gillette, who was nominated and sworn in on August 26<sup>th</sup> as our new 3-year trustee. Congratulations Allen and thank you.

Now, if you haven't already done so, please contribute to one of our biggest events, the annual Clam Bake on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cercemaggiore Community Club. If you haven't already done so, please buy your tickets as soon as possible. This helps us with an approximate head count. Again, please share this date with your friends and family.

For a recap, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, we had our 73<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament at Western Hills Golf Club. A special thank you to Ken DuPont, John Kunkel, Ralph Monti, Lynn Connolly, Corey Shanahan, Ed Carmosino, and M+G Catering for their contributions to this year's tournament. Thank you again, team.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, we had Trivia Night. Thank you to the house committee for putting together a successful and fun night. Thank you to all the members, friends, and families who participated as well. Since this was a success, the house committee will be holding this event on the first Saturday of every month. Again, nice job House Committee and thank you again.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we held an Elks District Deputy Clinic for the Coastal and Northwest districts. Thank you to Corey Shanahan, Ed Carmosino, and Steve Knox for cooking breakfast sandwiches for this event. A special thank you to Wanda Reiff for her guidance and to all the Elk Officers in attendance, who contributed to this successful event. Following this event was our Luau. This was put together by State Major Projects Chairperson Donna McCulloch and her team. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered for this charitable event. Thank you again, Donna and team.

#### **Lodge Hours:**

THE RATHSKELLAR BAR IS NOW OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

SUNDAY 12:00 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 6:30 P.M. JULY & AUGUST—FOURTH TUESDAY ONLY DECEMBER—SECOND TUESDAY ONLY INITIATION MEETINGS START AT 6:00 P.M.

#### **Lodge Officers 2025-2026**

Exalted Ruler: Peter Wychulis

Leading Knight: Stephanie M. Dilger

Loyal Knight: Bryan McEntee

Lecturing Knight: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Esquire: Susan Buzzeo

Inner Guard: Corey Shanahan

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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:

Trustee 4 Years: Donna Torre

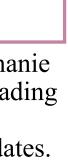
Trustee 5 Years: Thomas LaGase





#### 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

#### **ELKS CALL**

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



Support our Foundation by donating online. You could give through the Lodge, but the only difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at enf.elks.org/MyLodge











On August 30th, we participated in The Blessing at Library Park. We had our own Elks table where we gave out school supplies and drinks. This charitable donation and volunteerism was led by Sue Buzzeo. A special thank you to Corey Shanahan, Stephanie Dilger, and Susan and Ara Liquindoli, who were also in attendance and assisted on this great day. Thank you to all.

Finally, my Elk of the Month goes to two people, Rita and Billie Tomasiewicz. Rita cooked her specialty meatloaf, and Billie cooked his specialty Baked Chicken. They cooked for over 120 people and brought back several members who we have missed. This was a huge success, not only for our lodge but for our members. This family atmosphere that Rita and Billie brought back was a blessing in disguise, and we should all be grateful for the fantastic dinner they put together. A special thank you to Lynn Connelly for assisting with the tables, serving, and planning the reservations for this event. Please assist me in congratulating and thanking Rita and Billie for their tireless efforts and putting together a wonderful meal and being our Elks of the month. Thank you again, Rita and Billie.

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

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Jukebox Bingo September 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual Clam Bake

See below for upcoming and current activities: Monday Night Setback Card League (We are still looking for more teams, we are back to 9.) Tuesday Night Cornhole (Starts at 7:15pm) Wednesday Night Karaoke (Starts at 6pm-9pm) Thursday Night Cornhole (Starts at 6:30pm) Saturday Night Trivia (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month)

As always, 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, especially with our Clam Bake right around the corner. 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











#### Hello All,

I thank you all for all the submissions you have given over the last two years, and I am sad to say, this will be my last call as editor.

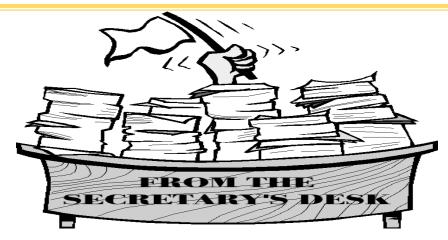
If anyone is interested in taking over the call, please reach out to ER Pete Wychulis.

Thank you,

Ryan Ibarra







Members all,

Please note that any Delinquent member who needs to pay their Dues or a former member wishing to be Reinstated, please contact the Secretary so that information can be verified. Using the Elks.org website, a current paid-up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online.

Total active members – 1115. Applications currently being processed – 13. Delinquent Members: 98.

Scheduling for the new applicants is as follows: Investigation – September 3 at 6:30 pm, Orientation September 17 at 7:00 pm, and Initiation – September 26 at 6:00 pm.

Please remember to inform the Lodge of any changes in your contact information to ensure you receive in a timely basis all information provided by the Lodge, such as the bulletin, charitable events, your dues, and membership information.

Payment options are Check (preferred), cash, credit card (see the bartender), and a new **Enhanced Payment Processor.** <a href="https://www.elks.org/payonline">https://www.elks.org/payonline</a> 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 <a href="mailto:secywtby265@gmail.com">secywtby265@gmail.com</a> 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







#### LISA MORISSETTE, PER **CEAC State Secretary**



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July 2, 2025

Members All:

Grand Exalted Ruler, Bryan Klatt will make his official visit to Connecticut on Sunday, September 21st 2025

The Elks of Connecticut will be hosting a cocktail reception and dinner in his honor at Westbrook Lodge No. 1784 beginning at 4:45 PM.

Enclosed please find a form to be used to make your reservation for this special evening. As we expect this event to be sold out, reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, and is limited.

Payment must accompany your reservation. Please make your check payable (IN ADVANCE) to:

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Connecticut Elks Association Charities Inc.\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

You may also pay online through the ctelks.org website

All reservations must be mailed to the attention of State Secretary Lisa Morissette. All payments must be received no later than Monday, September 8th.

> Please mail to: Lisa Morissette, PER **CEAC State Secretary** PO Box 251 Pomfret, CT 06258-0251

The Lodges of Connecticut have always been known for their thoughtfulness in presenting an appropriate gift to the Grand Exalted Ruler to remind him of his visit to our State. Enclosed please find a personal data sheet for Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan and his wife Susan. Continuing with this tradition, please note the gift suggestions on the attached form.

The Connecticut Elks Association Charities Inc. looks forward to hosting this memorable evening with our Grand Exalted Ruler.

Fraternally,

Lisa Morissette, PER **CEAC State Secretary** 











#### New events can help bolster membership

Be The Difference by taking the opportunity to offer events that give your Members a place to gather and share in fellowship. You can offer dinners or plan activities that your Members can support and maybe get others to join in.

These events can promote your Lodge to prospective Members as well as help reconnect with your delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 8-14. 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.

To all the 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 you can Be The Difference.

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 I nformation 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 Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing Area committee person for assistance. 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.

At this time you can submit your Lodge website for judging to receive a Grand Lodge Award. Details are available from the Grand Lodge Area 5 Fraternal Committee Member.

This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community.

In closing, Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

Submitted by Bryan R. Klatt GER, Grand Lodge Newsletter.









Hello everyone, first I want to say thank you all for being members of the Waterbury Elks Lodge 265. Without you, there wouldn't be Waterbury Lodge 265. You are the greatest asset to this lodge, and do not forget that. We have some upcoming events in September. We will start off with September 5th, we have Jukebox bingo, which is a free event, then we have the clam bake on September 14th. We are looking for volunteers for the clam bake. See the sign-up sheet at the Rathskeller or contact any house committee member or lodge officer. We have another night with entertainment from Greg Allen on September 20th, and to finish September off with half way to St. Patty's Day. Beginning September 21st, beer will be increasing by \$0.25. September 7th, we will be opening a noon and will be serving food presented by the House Committee. Lastly, if you have any ideas on events, recommendations, or concerns, please reach out to any house committee member or feel free to come to our meetings on the second Monday and the last Monday of each month.

Be the difference,

Corey Swenson-Shanahan House Committee Chairman











The Waterbury Elks Riders #265 are excited to share that we have a couple of great charity events coming up this October, and we hope to see many of you there!

Friday, October 17 | 6 PM – 9 PM

We'll be teaming up with the Southington Elks Riders #771 to host our First Annual Bike Night. This special evening will raise funds to support the fight against breast cancer. Bring your bikes, your friends, and your support—it's sure to be a night filled with fun, camaraderie, and purpose.

Saturday, October 25

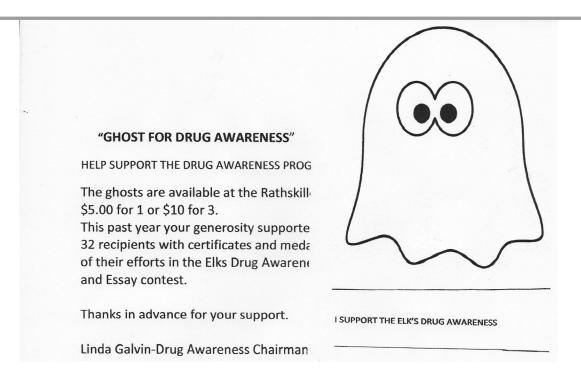
Join us for our Fifth Annual Dominique Dalessio Scholarship Ride. This meaningful ride honors Dominique's memory while helping provide scholarships for local students. More details will follow soon, so be sure to keep an eye out!

Both events are a great opportunity to come together as a community, support important causes, and enjoy the brotherhood and sisterhood that make our Riders so special.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to riding with you this fall!

Fraternally,

Brian Dudeck, President Susan Buzzeo, Vice President Waterbury Elks Riders #265















## **Waterbury 265 Antlers**

## **Can and Bottle Drive**

When: Saturday September 6, 2025

Time: 9am to 12pm

Where: Elks Lodge 283 West Main St, Waterbury, CT 06702

#### Drop off starts at 9am



Questions please contact us @ waterburyctantlers265@gmail.com

Richard Dilger 203-518-1036









The Waterbury Emblem Club would like to thank the Elk's members and the Antlers for their generous donations.

60 bookbags were filled and donated to GWIM, FD Credit Union, and some kids in need. We helped Joanna McEntee (teacher)of Wilby High School, who needed pencils and notebooks too!

Other school supplies were donated to a community event.





Help us help the homeless!

**ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE** 

ANY ITEMS ARE WELCOME

Tooth paste

Tooth brushes

Soap

**Body Wash** 

Shampoo

Conditioner

**Shaving Cream** 

Razors

**Body/Hand Lotion** 

Deodorant

Travel Size Preferred

But everything is gratefully accepted



CHARITY







#### 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

3 501 Doubles (Double In / Double Out)

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









#### **Chef's Corner & Nightly Dinner Specials**

Check out our new Simmer menu, it'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

After Labor Day we'll be starting dinner on Saturday night's

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

Email <u>265hallrental@gmail.com</u> 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.



#### Summer Dinner Menu

#### **Appetizers**

- <u>Caprese Salad</u> Sliced tomatoes, fresh mozzarella & basil atop mixed greens drizzled with olive oil & balsamic reduction \$8.95
  - **Philly Cheese Eggrolls** Meat & cheese stuffed served with red pepper basil mayo for dipping \$8.95
  - <u>Truffle Fries</u> Straight cut fries tossed with White Truffle Oil, seasoned and topped with shaved parmesan cheese \$6.95
- <u>Chicken Tenders</u> Hand cut and breaded served with your choice of sauce: Buffalo, mild Buffalo, Seet Heat, BBQ, Honey Mustard, Citrus Soy Glaze or Plain \$8.95 Add Fries \$10.95\_ **Salads:**

## <u>House Mixed Greens</u> - Tomatoes, cucumber, red onion with shaved Parmesan cheese and our house made champagne vinaigrette

Side salad \$2.95 Entrée \$7.95

<u>Caesar Salad</u>- Romaine lettuce tossed in our house made Caesar dressing with parmesan cheese and croutons

Side Salad \$4.95 Entrée \$9.95 Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

#### **Entrees:**

<u>Penne Ala Vodka</u> – Tossed in a creamy Rose' sauce topped with shaved Parmesan cheese \$12.95

Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

<u>Build-A-Burger</u> – Grilled to a temperature of your liking served with cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion & FF \$12.95Sweet Potato FF \$13.95

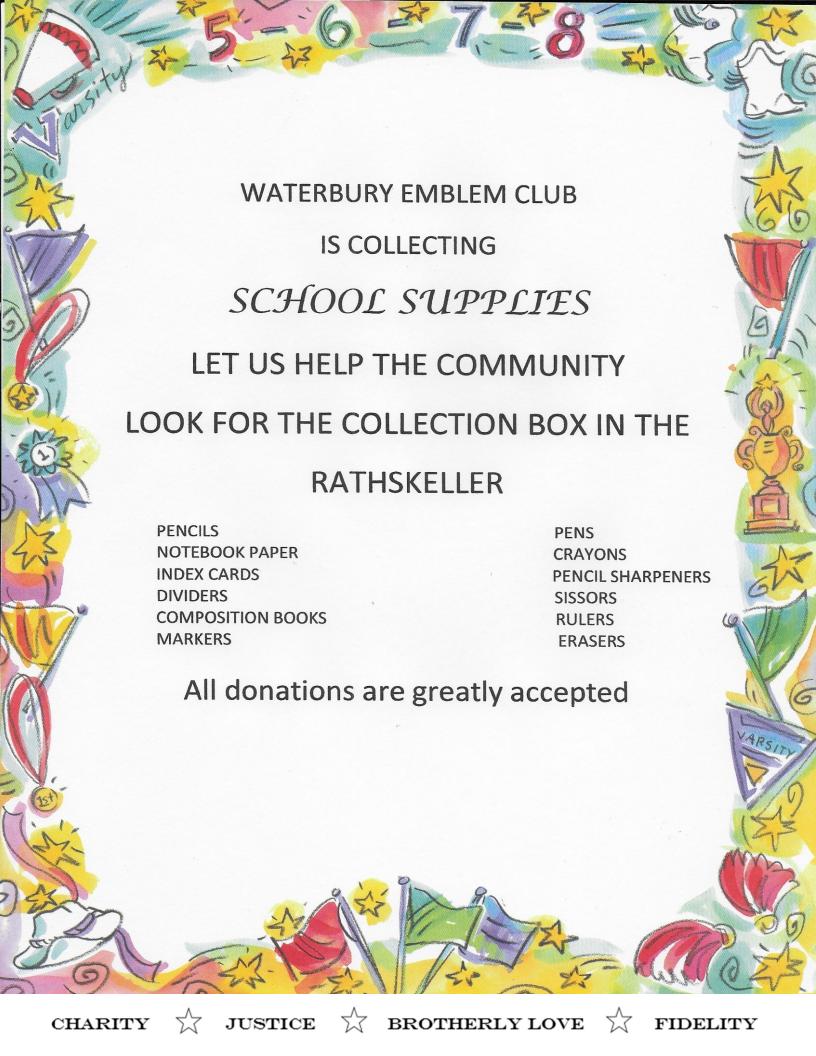
Add sautéed mushrooms, onions or bacon for \$1.50 each

- <u>Sesame Tuna</u> Ahi Tuna filet encrusted with black & white sesame seeds pan seared and served rare with an Asian citrus soy glaze \$19.95
- **Porterhouse Pork Chop** Grilled and topped with sauteed garlic, shallots, bell peppers, white beans & longhots in a white wine butter basil \$18.95
- <u>Chicken Tacos</u> Chiptole braised served with shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, Cilantro lime sour cream in soft tortillas & FF \$14.95
- Lemon Chicken Pan seared chicken breast cooked in white wine lemon butter sauce \$14.95









# KARAOKE NIGHT AT WATERBURY ELKS #265

COME DOWN FOR DINNER AND SING A FEW SONGS!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM-9PM IN THE RATHSKELLAR





September 5th - Jukebox Bingo September 14th - Clam Bake September 20th - Rocking Through the Ages September 21st - GER Dinner September 28th - Halfway to St. Patty's Day October 4th - Salem Bus Trip October 11th - First Responders Day October 26th - Design Bag Bingo



This months meetings will be held on:

#### August 26th







# MUSICAL JUKEBOX BING

Elks #265 283 W Main St Waterbury









## Friday, Sept 5th 7-9 PM

Looking for a fun night out with friends & music? Come early and have dinner, served from 5-8

> **Bring your guests!** WIN PRIZES! To Reserve a table Call/Text Donna @ (203)-586-9424











### Please join us to celebrate

# Half Way to St. Patricks's Day



# Sunday, Sept 28th



### FROM 1-5 PM IN THE RATHSKELLAR



### Corned Beef Dinners \$15 pp

Elks Lodge # 283 W Main St Waterbury

**50/50** Drawing! 22222











