



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All:

Happy February! I hope everyone is doing well. February brings a few events to the lodge. Officer nominations are on February 13th. All chair positions; ER, Est Leading Knight, Est Loyal Knight and Est Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 yr and 5 yr positions, are up for nominations. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 P.M.. If there are no more than one nomination per chair, we will move to Officer Elections on said night.

The House Committee will be hosting a Super Bowl Party on February 11th. PER Comedy night is February 17th. Elks Awards and Police Fire Awards will be held on February 25th at 3:00 P.M. Please consider attending all events.

Elk Officer of the Year is Richard Dilger for his long volunteer hours in getting the bowling alley functional and being there to help when needed. Elk of the Year is Mary Clifford for years of dedication to the lodge. Citizen of the Year is Officer Querino Maia for his tireless dedication to PAL and the children of the community.

The Lodge and the House Committee need your continued support. Please come down for lunch or dinner Wed thru Friday. Patronizing the Rathskellar and participating in events keeps our doors open. Scholarship Applications will be available in the Rathskellar. The Elk of the Month is Donna McCollough. She tirelessly volunteers for every event. Helps raise money and loves to decorate.

Have a Safe and Healthy February!

Fraternally yours

Susan Buzzeo ER



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: Susan Buzzeo

Leading Knight: Carlos Gotay

Loyal Knight: Jennifer Normand

Lecturing Knight: Peter Wychulis

Esquire: Bryan McEntee

Inner Guard: Stephanie Dilger

Tiler: Joanna McEntee

Secretary: Flavio Basile

Treasurer: Francis Orsini

Chaplin: Howard Osorio

Trustee 1 Year: Steve Kontout

Trustee 2 Years: Eugene Lafauci

Trustee 3 Years: Vacant

Trustee 4 Years: Richard Dilger

Trustee 5 Years: Mike Devino



Michelle Minicucci
Danielle Cormier
Brian Higgins
Milvia DiBrino

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 Carlos Gotay, Esteemed Leading
Knight with information and updates.
Phone # (203) 565-3708

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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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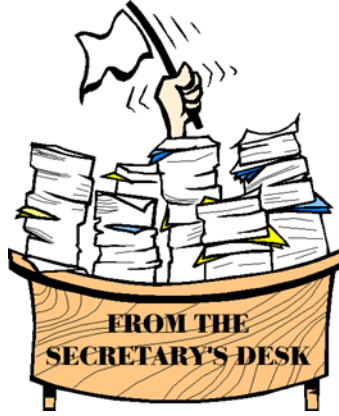
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Secretary Message

Dues Notice for the year 2024-2025 will be mailed out in the month of February 2024, Lodge Dues \$100, Grand Lodge assessments \$34 and CT assessment \$3, total for the year is \$137. Please note that if you are paying by Credit Card or PayPal you are responsible for the service fee and need to be added to your payment.

DUES: Dues are due and payable by April 1, 2023. If you do not have a 2023/2024 Dues Card you are delinquent and not entitled to Club and ?or Lodge Privileges, and cannot be signed in as a guest. If you have not paid your dues for this year, please consider sending them in.

Delinquents: 102

Reinstatements:

New Applications for Membership:

Candidates Awaiting Investigation: Robert Brenden, Patricia Rodgers, Edward Carmosino, Karen Simpson, Maria Grazia Cavallo, Debra Behr.

Candidates Awaiting Balloting: Robert Brenden, Patricia Rodgers, Karen Simpson, Maria Grazia Cavallo.

Candidates Awaiting Initiation: Allison Campbell, Kristine McDonnell, Robert Brenden, Patricia Rodgers, Lewis Rendall, Kenneth Tamborra, Yvan Tardif, Karen Simpson, Maria Grazia Cavallo.

Investigation: 2/7/2024 Balloting: 2/13/2024

Orientation: 2/21/2024 Initiation: 2/27/2024

Fraternally yours

Secretary: Flavio F Basile, PER
Email: secywtby265@gmail.com

Phone: 203-755-1159 opt#4
Office Hours: Saturdays 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Lodge Meeting Night: 5:30 – 7:00



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

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The House Committee



Previous Officers can assist the next generation

We did it. We finished.

The retiring Officers deserve the thanks of all the Members for the successful way in which they have handled their duties in the past year. The work that was accomplished is a tribute to their leadership and effort. It is our hope they will continue to assist the incoming Officers with the work in which our Order is engaged. The fact that each one was a member of the leadership team marks each of them as one of the Lodge's most valuable Members. The experience and knowledge each of you possess has been, and will always be, invaluable to your Lodge.

Congratulations to the new Officers of every Lodge throughout our great Order. The Members of your Lodge placed their confidence and trust in you and your abilities; you should be very proud. You should consider it an honor to be chosen to be a leader within your Lodge. As the new leader of your Lodge, it is extremely important to put together a dedicated group of people, to create a plan and set the necessary goals for each committee to achieve success. The committee members are the people who work to make your Lodge a success in your community.

Never be afraid to ask questions. Your best source of information is the former Officers whose knowledge and experience is at your disposal, just for the asking. They have been there, done that, and can give you excellent advice.

March is also a time when many Lodges participate in St. Patrick's Day celebrations such as parties or community parades. Please be safe during these celebrations.

Wanda and I want to wish everyone Happy Easter.

Finally, check your calendar for awards, citations, and contest deadlines.

Remember "Elks Care — Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

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

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

Members all,

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I would once again like to thank all who supported this year's Leading Knights Christmas Appeal. Below are the final names that I was not able to add last month list.

Micheal Gannon
Kathleen Gannon
Clement Shagensky
James E Jones Jr
Gregory Cookson
John C Frantzis
Joseph P Modenese
Paul P Lafontaine
Adam Pipitone
James Orsillo
Leonard Calo
Karl S Wence
Virginia Leary
Francis M Testa
Zack Simpson
Jaclyn Donahue
Carlos R Gotay
Howard Osorio

Once again thank you for your continued support

Fraternally,

Esteemed Leading Knight

Carlos R Gotay

February Call Article

Happy February! We started out the New Year and January with the New Year's Eve Party. I would like to thank Jen Normand and all the volunteers for a wonderful night.

We had Officer Q Maia as a guest bartender in January. Thank you everyone who came out and supported Officer Maia & PAL. Officer Maia did a great job; he raised over \$1000 for the Waterbury Pal program. I would like to thank Stephanie Dilger for helping Officer Maia behind the bar. I would like to thank Cory Shanahan for cooking. Thank you to the volunteers that helped make the day a success.

We also had Music Bingo in January. It was a great time. Thank you to Donna McCulloch for organizing it. We will have another bingo February 2nd and March 15th.

Super Bowl Sunday is February 11th. The bar will open at 1pm. The game kicks off at 6:30pm. The House Committee will be offering a complimentary buffet while supplies last. We will have a 50/50 raffle and will raffle off a cooler of cheer.

On February 17th we have PER Comedy Night. Moose Hill and Crew show starts at 7:00pm tickets are \$30.00. You can buy tickets in the bar. We will be offering dinner before the show. Guest Chef Anna DeRocco will be cooking for you culinary desire. Reservations are required for dinner. You can put in your reservations with the bartender. Dinner starts at 5pm and it is \$35.

March 2 is the AOH St Patrick's Day Parade kicking off at the Washington Park House at 12:00. The Elks will have a float in the parade anyone who want to come needs to be there by 11:15. I would like to thank Lynn Connolly for arranging this.

March 16th & 17th we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. More information to follow.

We are planning a Guest Chef Night on a Saturday in April. More information to follow.

Steve Knox PER
House Committee Chair



SAVE THE DATE

**The Waterbury Elks Lodge will celebrate.
Our 131st Installation of Officers for the 2024-2025 Elk
year.**

on

Saturday, March 23, 2024

1:00PM – Social Hour

2:00PM – Installation of Officers

3:00PM – Dinner

Please make plans to join us!

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Connecticut Elks Association in Conjunction with

The Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program

2023 - 2024

Essay Contest

THEME:
Be Kind
to Your Mind
Live Drug Free

for
6-7-8 grade students



All essays must have a Parental Consent form

Entry forms may be downloaded from:

<https://ctelks.org/projects/drugawareness/>

Entries for ALL essays must be returned to

Local Lodges by 6PM on Friday, February 9, 2024

Entries may be delivered to the Lodge or emailed to
elroytheelk2024@gmail.com

2023-24 DAP Essay Contest Revised

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2024 DAP Essay Contest Rules

Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

The theme for the 2023-2024 contest is: **"Be Kind to Your Mind - Live Drug Free"**

Rules

The contest is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. **Participants must write their essay themselves**, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

- **Length:** No longer than 250 words.
- **Paper size:** 8 1/2 x 11 inch.
- **Text:** Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the essay:

- Student's full name
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by the Hold Harmless agreement (parental consent waiver) **Due**

date: Please contact your [local Elks Lodge or Elks State Association](#) for more details.

Submit: Contestants may submit their work and consent waiver in person, by US Mail, or as an email attachment to elks1365DAPcontest@gmail.com.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6PM, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Winners: Your local Elks lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

Thank you to all who purchased Ghosts in support of the Drug Awareness, Americanism programs. Your support will allow us to reward the students who's essays or posters excelled.

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Connecticut Elks Association Drug Awareness Program

Read all about it on ctelks.org

<https://ctelks.org/projects/drugawareness/>

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Poster Contest



for
Grade 3, 4, & 5
Students

<p>THEME: Be Kind to Your Mind LIVE DRUG FREE</p>	<p>How to participate: https://ctelks.org/projects/drugawareness/ Download appropriate forms SUBMIT to: elroytheelk2024@gmail.com or DELIVER to Any ELKS Lodge</p>
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**Entries must be submitted
by 6PM, February 14, 2024**

DO NOT WRITE ON BACK OF YOUR ENTRY

2023-24 DAP Poster Contest Revised



2024 Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest rules

2024 Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest

The theme for the 2023-2024 contest is: **"Be Kind to Your Mind - Live Drug Free" Rules**

The contest is open to all 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students.

Poster paper: Ideally, posters should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. However, posters submitted on paper up to 11x24 inches in size will be accepted. Please contact your [local Elks Lodge](#) for additional information. Please be careful that writing does not bleed through the paper and affect your work. Please make sure that your name is at the bottom of each paper submitted.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster:

- Student's full name
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement (Parental Consent Waiver)

Copyrighted characters are prohibited. Entries containing copyrighted material will be disqualified. Please contact your local Elks Lodge for more details. Entrants may submit their work by email attachment to Elroy at elks1365DAPcontest@gmail.com. Please use digital submissions of original files. Avoid copies made with phone cameras.

Submit: Contestants may submit their work and consent waiver in person, by US Mail, or as an email attachment to elks1365DAPcontest@gmail.com.

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Winners: Each lodge will select a winner, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning posters will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning poster will be submitted for entry into the annual National Elks contest and for inclusion in the Elks DAP Coloring Book. Winning Posters may also be featured on

the www.elkskidszone.org website - online coloring book and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

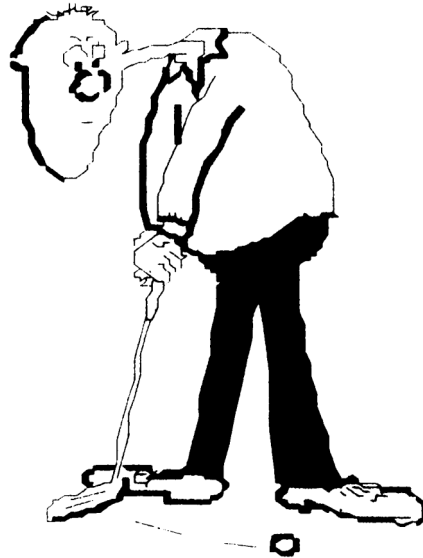
**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF ALL GOLFERS FOR THE BILL DERWIN
THURSDAY NIGHT ELKS GOLF LEAGUE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

AT 6:00 PM AT THE ELKS

ALL GOLFERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

DUES ARE \$120

PUTTS ARE \$20



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ANTLERS



SUN. APRIL 14TH

3:00 PM



TICKETS \$20.00

DEADLINE TO ORDER: WED. FEB. 28TH, 2024

**** This offer is NOT available at XL Center Box Office or on date of game ****

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**RICHARD DILGER
203-518-1036
OR
SEAN MOWAD
203-232-5372**

**TO ORDER TICKETS
MONEY TO BE LEFT AT
ELK LODGE BAR**

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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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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

CONNECTICUT
Elks
ASSOCIATION CHARITIES, INC.

TO BENEFIT MAJOR PROJECTS

REGISTRATION :

\$100/per team

Open to the first 50 teams
registered and paid

Priority given to Elks in good standing

DATE:

SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

1:00 PM

LOCATION:

WATERBURY ELKS #265

283 W MAIN STREET, WATERBURY

**CASH PRIZES
FOR THE
TOP 3 TEAMS**

**RAFFLES | FOOD & BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

No outside food or beverages, please

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CT ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITIES CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MAJOR PROJECTS

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\$100/per team

Open to the first 50 teams registered and paid.

Priority given to Elks in good standing.

Please make checks payable to:

CT Elks Association Charities

Mail check & registration form to:

Matt Frankel, 8 Morris Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM MEMBER #1

TEAM MEMBER #2

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

LODGE: _____

LODGE: _____

PHONE: _____

PHONE: _____

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CT ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITIES CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MAJOR PROJECTS

SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

1:00 PM

LOCATION:

WATERBURY ELKS #265

283 W MAIN STREET, WATERBURY

\$50.00 per board

Lodge or company logos will be displayed at each cornhole board and featured on the sponsor recognition board during the event

Please make checks payable to:
CT Elks Association Charities

Mail check & registration form to:
Matt Frankel, 8 Morris Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611

SPONSOR INFORMATION

LODGE OR BUSINESS NAME TO BE DISPLAYED:

CONTACT NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE EMAIL COMPANY LOGOS TO MCFRANKEL@ATT.NET

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BAR HOURS FOR

February

Monday

5:00 P.M. - Till

Tuesdays

6:00 P.M. - Till

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

11:00 A.M. - Till

Saturday

12:00P.M. - Till

Sunday

1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Please come down and support the bar.
Bartenders discretion if there is no one in the bar for 45 minutes to an hour the bartender will be closing.
We will be serving finger foods made by the bartenders in our pizza oven.

BAR SPECIALS:

ARNOLD PALMER CANS \$2.00

\$2 SHOTS:

LORD CALVERT WHISKEY

LITCHFIELD DISTILLERY VODKA

LITCHFIELD DISTILLERY GIN

THE FAMOUS GROUSE SCOTCH

GOLDSCHLAGER



Serving Snacks Everyday

Pretzel \$3.00

Mac and Cheese Bites \$5.95

Broccoli and Cheese Bites \$5.95

Chicken Tenders \$6.95

Chicken Wings \$8.95



Ask one of your awesome bartenders for an order!

Happy Hour

11:30am-3:00pm

\$2.00 a 14oz glass Bud Light Draft

IPA \$3.00 a 14oz glass

\$2.00 cans while supplies last!

Does not include Pabst Blue Ribbon, Fosters, long Drinks, Truly, White claws

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February 11th - Super Bowl Party
February 17th -PER Comedy Night
March 17th -St. Patrick's Day
April 21st - Designer Bag Bingo



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.

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE
FOR UPDATES, MENUS AND UPCOMING
ACTIVITIES

<https://www.facebook.com/WaterburyElks265>
www.elks265.org

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Get Ready to Play Designer Bag BINGO



April 21st, 2024 at 1pm
Games begins at 2pm
Hosted by Lissette Gotay



\$35.00 a ticket, includes:

- 10 Exciting games
- A raffle ticket with a bath towel donation for Women and Family Center
- Chance to win Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade



Bring your own snacks
Table of 8 can be reserved

Cash Bar

Door price raffle



50/50 Raffle

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



To purchase tickets, please contact:

- Linda Galvin 203-758-5158
- Lissette Gotay 203-695-6548
- Margaret Simpson 203-592-8121
- Lisa Guisto 203-509-3666
- Helen Donovan 203-910-4846



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Applied for Membership

Ready for Investigation:

Robert Brenden, Patricia Rodgers, Edward Carmosino, Karen Simpson, Maria Grazia Cavallo, Debra Behr.

Awaiting Balloting:

Robert Brenden, Patricia Rodgers, Karen Simpson, Maria Grazia Cavallo.

Awaiting Initiation:

Allison Campbell, Kristine McDonnell, Robert Brenden, Patricia Rodgers, Lewis Rendall, Kenneth Tamborra, Yvan Tardif, Karen Simpson, Maria Grazia Cavallo.

Investigation: 2/7/2024
Orientation: 2/21/2024

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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!



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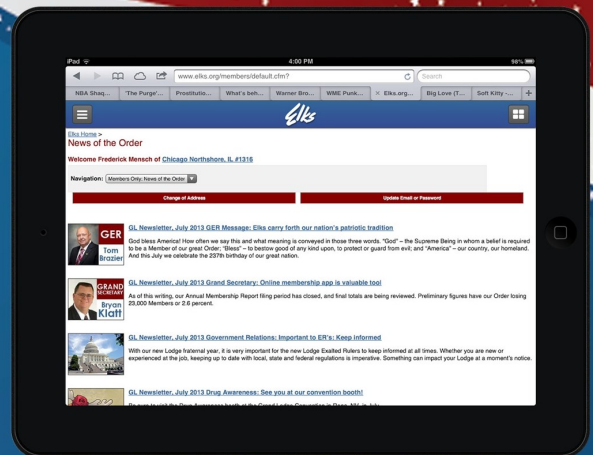
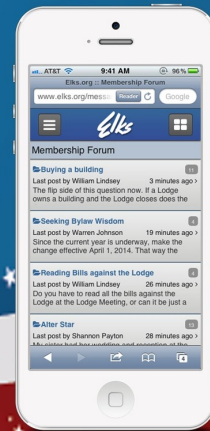
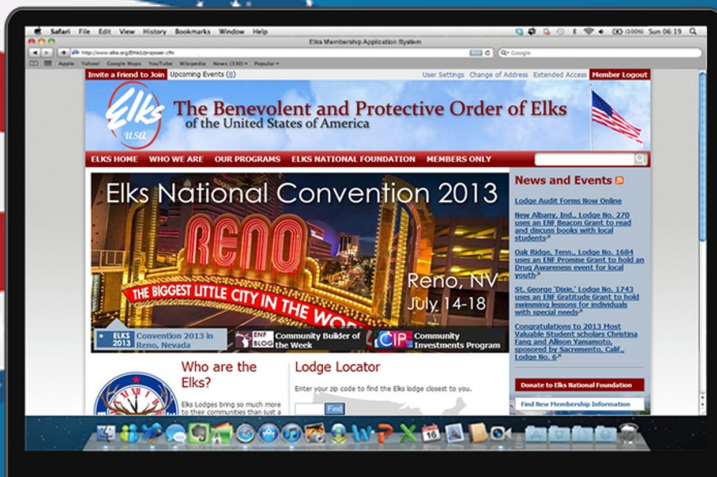


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The Waterbury Elks Riders #265



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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



**Elks
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Most Valuable Student

The 2024 application opened on August 1, 2023.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

The 2024 application deadline is November 13, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Pacific Time.

Awards:

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2024 competition.

- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

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Questions? Email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.

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