



THE CALL

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**ELKS – STRENGTHENING
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COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

TELEPHONE: (203) 755-1159

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All,

We had a lot to be thankful for in May. We hosted our Annual Elks Bowling Banquet, the Mother's Day Brunch, the Elk Riders Veterans Day BBQ, and our Family Picnic. We had a good turnout for all events. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the above events successful. We couldn't have done it without you.

With that said, I would like to say congratulations to this year's 2024/ 2025 Men's Elk Duckpin Bowling League Champions, Team Lund. The team consisted of Dan Grecco, Jimmy "2 Chips" Keeley, Joe Keeley, Scotty Lund Sr, Scott Lund Jr., Joe Lombardo Jr, Joe Lombardo Sr. I would also like to thank Team Payne (Team Captain Joe Payne) for being the runner-up. Nice job, guys, and congratulations. (Cont on page 3).



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

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

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.

John P Clifford LM PDD GER PER

Born February 13, 1941

Initiated February 27, 1973

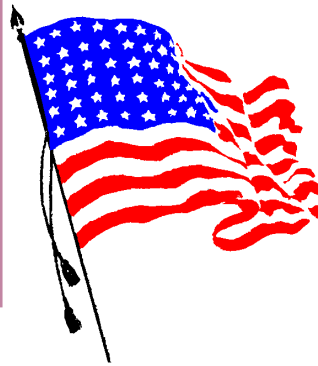
Passed from our mist May 24, 2025

Armand Marchand LM

Born December 25, 1929

Initiated February 26, 1974

Passed from our mist March 9, 2025



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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donating online. You could
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Exalted Ruler's Message

Finally, my Elk of the Month is Lynn Connelly. She has taken over the Hall Rentals for us. With that comes calls in the mornings, afternoons, and nights. In addition to taking calls, she shows and meets with the customers and explains all our lodge options. Also, she makes sure all the tables and chairs are set up correctly, including managing teams to assist in pulling these tables and chairs from upstairs, downstairs, and from the shed. This is a thankless job, and that is why I am acknowledging her for her volunteerism. Did I tell you she volunteers as a bartender and a food server when we are short on volunteers? Yes, she wears several hats and is at our lodge almost every day. Kudos, Lynn. Keep up the great work, and thank you.

A few events are coming up in June, which will be featured in this Call, but see below for a quick view.

14th – Flag Day
14th – Possible Boston trip for an MLB game
15th – Antlers Father's Day Brunch
20th – Jukebox Bingo

See below for upcoming and current activities:

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

With that said, 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. Remember to please come down and enjoy our lodge, join us for our upcoming events, enjoy a great meal, or just come down and say hello. See everyone soon, stay positive, and GOD BLESS.

Fraternally,
Peter Wychulis
Exalted Ruler

Mark your calendars!!!

We're welcoming Jimmy the Clam Guy back June 6th

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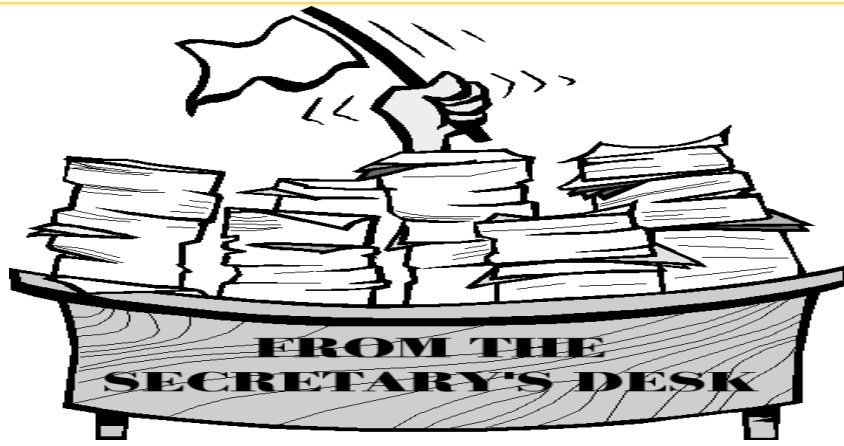
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Members all,

Please welcome our new members. Jonathan Fusco, Allen Gillette, Thomas Grosso, Nicole Hernandez, Steve Noreika, Michael Orsini, Dean Pietrorazio, Maryann Plourde, Kathleen Ramos, Jamie Sarracco, Michael Savino, Jessica Svedrovic, Robert Wall and Kelly Zimmerman.

• Delinquent Members: 170 • Reinstatements Pending: 0 • Applications to be read: 0 • Candidates awaiting Investigation: 11 • Balloting: 3 • Candidates awaiting Initiation: 1.

Scheduling for the new applicants is as follows: Investigation - June 4 at 6:30 pm, Orientation - June 18 at 7:00, Initiation - June 24 at 6:00 pm, and Investigation July 2 at 6:30 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.

Please contact me by email at secywtby265@gmail.com or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4, should you have any concerns.

Fraternally yours,

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

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Big June weekend celebrates the US flag, fathers

It's Grand Lodge Convention time! We will be getting together from June 29 to July 2 in Kansas City, Missouri. I hope to see you at the convention.

Please take advantage of all the wonderful seminars, meetings, and ceremonies. Visit the exhibit halls and booths and spend time with other states' gatherings and events to meet Elks from across America. States come together to discuss and swap their best ideas. Elks Care — Elks Share is our motto.

Flag Day on Saturday, June 14, is an important mandatory service for Elks. It's a great way to involve local Scout groups and JROTC teams to participate in your ceremony. Invite veterans to attend and participate during the ceremony. Pass out flag pins. Our flag is precious to us as Elks, and we need to display it with reverence and dignity.

Our fathers are also precious to us. Father's Day is on Sunday, June 15. My father and my grandfathers were Elks, and they started the legacy for me and my son and sons-in-law. I am proud to say that I got my dedication to service from what I saw my father and grandfathers do. Thank the dads in your life.

It's been an amazing honor and privilege to serve you and our great Order as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025. Thank you all.

God bless you, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

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



Happy June, Happy Summer!!!!

So May has come and gone. So we had a few good events. We had Mother's Day Brunch, great job by MTG Catering LLC. Then we had our annual Family Picnic, which was a great success. I want to thank the Guys for all their prep work before the event. Also want to thank the House Committee for their help. Lastly, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out.

June will bring the State Convention, May 30 through June 1. We also have the annual Wildwood Trip, May 29 through June 1. Next, our Annual Flag ceremony will be on June 14. We have the annual Antlers Father's Day Breakfast on June 15. Lastly, Juke Box Bingo will be on June 20.

August 8 will be our annual Golf Tournament. August 9 will be our first Trivia Night. And the Annual Clambake will be on September 21.

Thank you
Steve Knox PER
House Committee Chairman



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Support YOUR Elks Lodge

Let us start by saying we appreciate all of our members and that we would like to see our membership continue to grow so that future generations of Elks can continue to enjoy our Lodge and all it has to offer.

Elks Lodge 265 has around 1100 members. However, we don't get to see everyone. Come on down to the Lodge. See what is new and coming up. When I joined, I was told, "Don't be just a member". So we're saying to everyone, "Don't be just a member". Come to the Lodge and get involved. Help support YOUR Lodge. Bring your ideas. If every member came down to the Lodge just once a month, our Lodge would flourish.

We have a new Chef. Our Jukebox is going. We have a new dartboard. There's Karaoke, Jukebox Bingo, Dart Leagues, Bowling, Corn Hole, and so much more. We have a couple of new bartenders who would love to meet you.

Also, feel free to come to a Lodge meeting. There are only 2 a month, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at 6:30 PM. 6:00 PM on initiation nights. Let's show some support to our new members. Stay up to date with what's happening at YOUR Lodge. And meet your newly elected Officers.

In short, come down to the Lodge. We have a lot of new ideas in the works and would love to see more of you.

Also, check out our website, Elks265.org, if you don't already, and read The Call to see what's coming up.

Fraternally yours,
Your House Committee



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....

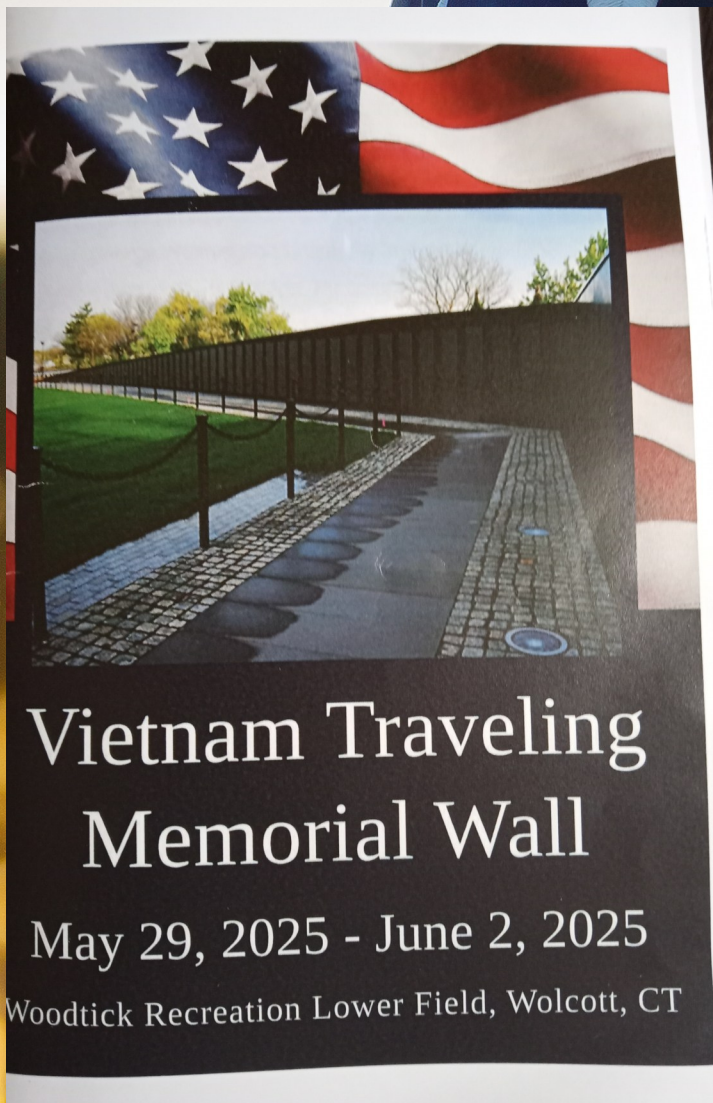
Email 265hallrental@gmail.com for menus and pricing

or call or text Lynn 203-509-0893

Mark your calendars!!!

**We're welcoming Jimmy the Clam Guy back June 6th
5:00-8:00 p.m.**





The Wolcott Vietnam Traveling Wall committee members, Linda Galvin, Helen Donovan, and Crystal Caouette, Waterbury Lodge members, have been busy. The committee, under the direction of Brett Muccino, Chairperson, and Stacy Perrone-Petta, Veterans Advocacy Commission, has been meeting for months to bring the wall to Wolcott. Above, they are assembling posters of those who lost their lives. We gather at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall not just to remember, but to honor and thank the Vietnam Veterans among us, and to honor those who are no longer with us.

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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 peter.wychulis@espn.com

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





June 14th - Flag Day

June 14th - Elks Baseball Bus Trip

June 15th - Antlers Father's Day Breakfast

June 20th - Jukebox Bingo

July 6th - Blood Drive

August 9th - Trivia Night

October 4th - Salem Bus Trip

October 26th - Design Bag Bingo



This months meetings will be held on:

June 10th and 24th

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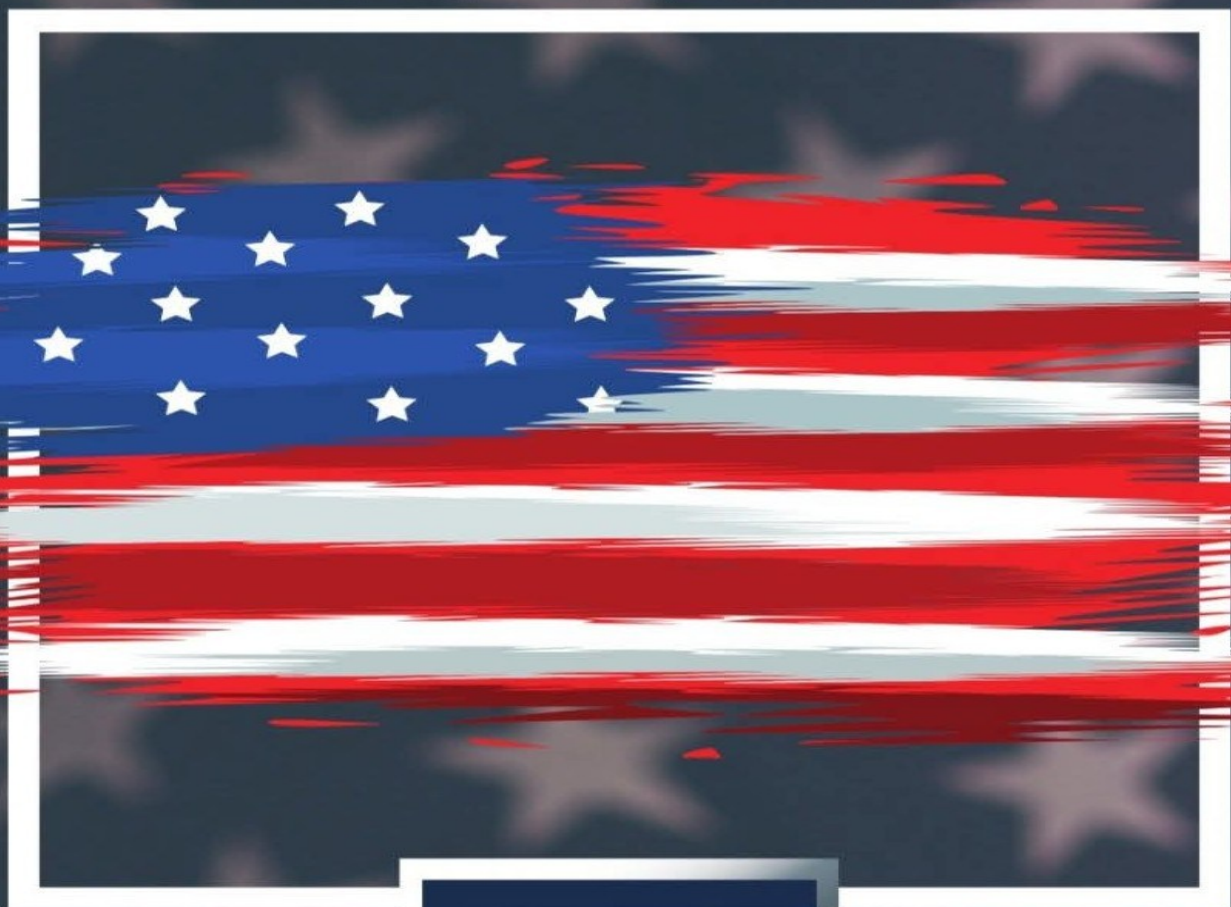
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FLAG DAY CEREMONY



SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 10AM

LUNCH TO FOLLOW CEREMONIES

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WATERBURY ELKS PRESENTS

BASEBALL BUS TRIP!



VS



SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

AT FENWAY PARK

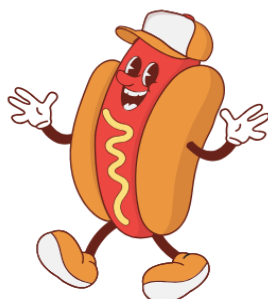
**DEPART WATERBURY ELKS
1:30PM, GAME STARTS AT 7**

\$190 PER PERSON

**BUS & DRIVER'S TIP AND \$50 FOOD / MERCH
VOUCHER INCLUDED**

DEADLINE AND \$50 DEPOSIT DUE: MONDAY, MAY 12TH

**TIME PERMITTING: A VISIT TO BOSTON
LODGE #10!**



**CONTACT JOANNA CASS MCENTEE
203-525-3785
JOANNAMC928@GMAIL.COM**

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Waterbury 265 Antlers Father's Day Breakfast

When: Sunday, June 15, 2025

Time: 8am to 11pm

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



- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Scramble eggs
- Fruit
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Homefries
- Coffee, Juice and Tea

12 and older \$12.00

5 to 11 \$6.00

4 and younger Free

Event open to public. Pay at the door

Questions please contact us @ waterburyctantlers265@gmail.com

Richard Dilger 203-518-1036





MUSICAL JUKEBOX BINGO

**ELKS #265
WATERBURY**

Free!



Friday, June 20th 7-9 PM

Looking for a fun night out with friends & music?

Come early and have dinner, served from 5-8

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

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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 #265
283 W Main St
PRESENTS



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

Free to play!
Teams of 4

PRIZES TO TOP 3 TEAMS!!!

Bring your Team,
snacks /food
and your BRAIN!

BY TYLER MOORE ENTERTAINMENT

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BUS TRIP TO



SALEM, MA

Sponsored by Elks # 265 Waterbury



**Price is \$75 pp
(includes driver tip)**



Sat Oct 4th Rain or Shine!

**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
that time. NO REFUNDS !**

50/50 Raffle on the Bus!

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SAVE THE DATE

Designer BAG

OCTOBER 26, 2025



October 26, 2025

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

\$35.00 Includes:

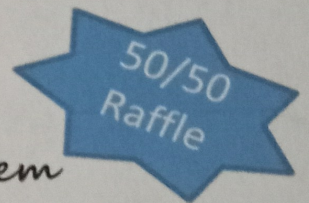
*10 EXCITING BINGO Games

*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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