



THE ELKS CALL

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THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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PAST EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All,

This is my last call at the ER. I want to thank everyone for all the love and support that I was shown. It was a great meeting with so many members. I've enjoyed our conversations, advice and laughter. Please continue to support the lodge, I will still be around as I am on a few committees. I look forward to the coming fraternal year as I continue to support the lodge and the incoming officers.

Congratulations to the incoming officers. I know you will do an outstanding job. I can leave the lodge in your confident hands.

The Annual Lodge Easter Hunt was a success. The kids had the hunt and then got to smash pinatas. They had a great time. Thank you to all the members that donated candy and money, Special thanks to the following volunteers: Renee Pennington and Tony Cavallo for stuffing the eggs, bags of candy and the pinatas. Linda Galvin played the Easter Bunny. Corey and Tiffany Shanahan for the cookies, juice, croissants and their time. Jennifer Normand donated arts and crafts and the special items for my granddaughter that has a nut allergy. My daughter Brittany volunteered to help set up. Helen Donovan and Abby DiCarlo for volunteering. The event was completely funded by members. And thank you to Michelle Murphy for all your help.

The lodge will be having a luncheon for the homeless on May 8th from 1 pm to 3 pm. It is in conjunction with the Lady of Love Foundation. This foundation was founded by Sharon Porter 10 years ago. Her dedication to the homeless is commendable. There will be a box in the Rathskeller to collect pasta and sauce for this event. Please consider donating.

My final Elk of the Month is Donna Torres. She has put in countless hours volunteering for events, whether it was set up or just collecting money at the door. Thank you for your dedication to the lodge.

In conclusion, I will be looking for ideas and volunteers to help with events for State Major Projects, as I will be chairman. Thank you so much for all those that volunteered and support the Lodge Thank you Wanda Rieff for all your help, support and advice this year,

Fraternally yours,

Susan Buzzeo PER



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: Carlos Gotay

Leading Knight: Jennifer Normand

Loyal Knight: Peter Wychulis

Lecturing Knight: Stephanie Dilger

Esquire: Bryan McEntee

Inner Guard: Ryan Ibarra

Tiler: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Secretary: Micheal McGaughan

Treasurer: Pat Jennings

Chaplin: Howard Osorio

Trustee 1 Year: Eugene Lafauci

Trustee 2 Years: Bret Reis

Trustee 3 Years: Richard Dilger

Trustee 4 Years: Mike Devino

Trustee 5 Years: Vacant

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2024-2025 EXALTED RULER

Members All,

Spring is here, and it brings us a new lodge year. I would like to thank the retiring Exalted Ruler Susan Buzzeo, for her leadership and direction in this past year of unprecedented challenges. This year the Lodge is fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated suite of officers. We are very happy to welcome back Pat Jennings who made the decision to rejoin the suite as Treasurer once again. Also, Bret Reis who has come back in as a trustee once again. We are still in search of a 5-year trustee, if interested please let me or the secretary know.

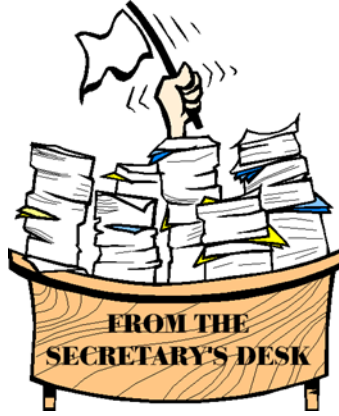
April is looking good with plenty of reasons to come down to the Lodge. My First Lady is doing a pocketbook bingo with the assistance of the Emblem club. We have another Jukebox Bingo, which if you haven't come down for one yet, I suggest you do, it is a lot of fun. This month we'll be having two guest chef nights. As always make sure to come down for Wednesday karaoke night, you don't want to hear me singing so I stay away from the mic but the others singing are pretty good.

Finally, I feel highly honored to have been elected as this year's Exalted Ruler. I am excited to see how this year's officers and members will help to improve and modernize the Lodge. I cannot wait to see what this year will bring us. Let us remember our past and let us move forward together as one Lodge and shine brighter for our community.

Fraternally,

Carlos R Gotay

Exalted Ruler



From the Office of the Secretary

The new 2024 – 2025 Membership Cards have been mailed out. Please remember to sign your new membership card.

As of April 1, 2024, if you have not paid your dues – you are considered delinquent. If you did not receive a Dues Renewal notice in the mail from the Grand Lodge, please contact Secretary Mike McGaughan at secywby265@gmail.com or call 203-755-1159 option 4 to leave a message.

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 or <https://revopay.com>, [RevoPay, An OSG Company](https://revopay.com). 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.

Fraternally,
Mike McGaughan



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

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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May calendar has events for moms, military, youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.”

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mother’s Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother’s Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother’s Day.

This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.

Finally, remember GER Award for DDs deadline is on the 15th. The Annual Report and Annual Charity Report are due May 1.

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

Happy April Happy Spring

First off I want to start off by congratulating the Exalted Ruler and his suite of Officers. It will be an honor to work with all of you.

Next I want to welcome back the returning House Committee members and all who are joining the committee this year. Also I want to give a huge welcome to Kevin Cocchiola who will be working together with me this year. Kevin and I are trying to improve the bar and food operation. We ended the year on a positive note.

Kevin, myself and the house committee are going to bring different events to the Rathskellar.

For the month of April we will be holding a guest chef with Rene menu will be beef tenderloin more info to follow. Then on April 27 John Kunkel and his crew will be holding a guest chef night featuring Prime Rib or Baked Stuffed Shrimp cost for this will be \$30. So please come out and support this great event on Saturday Night.

The month of May we will have Cinco De Mayo on May 5 more info to come. May 12 Mothers Day Brunch. Also May 26th is the Family Picnic. More information to come.

Also just a reminder to come down on your birthday and receive a free drink of your choice for your birthday on the House.

Also I just want to put out there any member of the lodge can come to a House Committee meeting. Our meetings are the Monday before the lodge meeting at 6:30. Also if you have any questions or concerns you can always call or text me at 203-518-3938.

Steve Knox PER
House Committee Chair





ELK'S AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

“WHAT THE BILL OF RIGHTS MEANS TO ME”

The topic for the 2023-24 year in Americanism was “What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”.

Our Lodge had entries from the local and surrounding school systems.

The contest was open to Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8th, and the following essays went to the district level.

Grade 5	Peyton Calo	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School
	Carter Rusez	Wakelee Elementary School
	Aaliyah Allen	Catholic Academy
	Alex Lawson	Alcott Elementary School
Grade 6	Xiomara DelValle	Catholic Academy
	Kayden Schofield	Catholic Academy
	Ethan Alonzo	Catholic Academy
Grade 7	Reegan DiCarlo	Locke Middle School
	Patrick Nicholson	Mayfield Middle School
	Aliyah Rodriguez	Catholic Academy
	Emmerson Taillon	Catholic Academy
Grade 8	Carly May Kerrigan	Catholic Academy
	Nadia Sackey	Catholic Academy

Thanks to Helen Donovan, Danielle Cromier, Margaret Simpson and Cathy Corcoran who judged the Essays. Thanks to Denise Johnson, our District Chairperson for all your help!

Thanks also to the teachers and parents who let their children enter.

Sincerely,

Linda Galvin
Americanism Chairperson



Elks DAP DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM



The topic for the 2023-2024 Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest was “Be Kind to your Mind”

Essays were only entered by the 7th grade students. The following were sent to the District level.

Grade 7	Joseph Nicholson	Middle River Middle School
	Rae’Ann Riddick	Catholic Academy
	Isabel Sidito	Catholic Academy

Posters:

Grade 4	Peyton Nicholson	Victory Village
	Nadia Gjolle	Frisbie Elementary School
	Mason Martino	Alcott Elementary School

Grade 5	Gabby Longo	Waklee Elementary School
	Avery Garrigus	Alcott Elementary School
	Peyton Calo	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
	Arianna Albini	Alcott Elementary School

Thank you to the students who took the time to write essays or draw posters.
Thanks to the judges, and my District Chairman Chad Layton for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda Galvin
Drug Awareness Chairman

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Top Left: The Waterbury Emblem Club recently filled Easter Baskets to help a community program.



Top Right: The Waterbury Lodge of Elks #265 recently recognized the following:

From L to R. Citizen of the Year Police Officer Querino Maia, Firefighter of the Year Steven Noreika (accepting his award is Assistant Fire Chief Javier Lopez), Elk of the Year Mary Clifford, Exalted Ruler Susan Buzzee, Elk Officer of the Year Rich Dilger, and Police Officer of the Year Frank W. Lee. The recipients are all well known for their selfless acts to the community.

Right: The Easter Bunny at the Lodge.



2024 B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge #265

Annual Raffle Winners



On Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. we selected the following winning tickets:

#0113, Dom Basile - 1st Place \$3,000.00

#0888, John Buturla – 2nd Place \$2,000.00

#3900, Pat Helsley – 3rd Place 1,000.00

#8296, Bart Ensero – 4th Place \$500.00

#1373, Cliff Cotter – 5th Place \$500.00

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's raffle.

Please direct any questions to Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616 or at peter.wychulis@espn.com. Thank you.

To:

From: Wildwood Committee

Subject: 40th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday-May30, 2024-June 2, 2024

We are approximately 4 months from our 40th excursion to Wildwood, N.J. and the Attache Motel. Here is the basic information you will need to sign up for participation.

We are happy to report the price structure will not change from last year. The cost for a double-occupied room will remain at \$425. A single room again will be \$475. If you elect to go on Wednesday, May 29th, the room charge for the extra day will be \$95 to be split according to your choice of occupancy. This will be paid directly to the Attache upon **your** arrival. The food and beverage charge for the additional day is \$45 to be included in your check to Elks Lodge #265 together with the charges for your room and golf.

Golf fees remain at \$105 per day or \$210 for the 2-day golf tournament. Once you sign up for golf, there will be no refunds for any reason even if you elect not to play as scheduled. The Elks is charged for the days and players we commit to the Avalon Country Club. Charges for golf have not changed since last year.

Last **year** we had 83 guys sign up for the trip. It has been a great run and we hope your continued interest remains. A lot of time, effort and planning go into this event every year and is apparently worthwhile for participants and our Lodge. As before, a mandatory sign-up sheet will be available spelling out your room occupancy choices, roommates, golf days and partner selections. As in the past deposit due by March 17th. Final payments are due by Friday May 10th back to the Lodge or directly to John Kunkel. Please take the time to complete the sign-up sheet for the sake of clarity and accounting. It is time consuming following up on errors and omissions; we are not mind readers. All questions should be directed to John Kunkel. The **bar** staff is not involved in planning, pricing, golf, or room assignments.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to a wonderful trip.



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JOIN THE NW EXPRESS ON OUR ADVENTURE WE ARE ON THE ROAD WITH
OUR PASSPORTS THERE WILL BE FOUR (4) BUS TRIPS



VISITING EACH LODGE IN EACH DISTRICT

SIGN UP IS REQUIRED AND IT IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

THE FOLLOWING DATES AVAILABLE

4-7-2024 Coastal District
4-27-2024 Central District
5-11-2024 NW District
5-26-2024 East District

8:00 AM THE BUS WILL DEPART FROM WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 265

45 SEATS AVAILABLE SIGN UP & JOIN US

RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY CALLING OR TEXTING

WANDA REIFF, PDD,PER 203-808-1398

SIGN UP SHEET ALSO IN THE RATHSKELLAR AT WATERBURY LODGE 265

\$ 10.00 DONATION

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 Lodge 265 Cornhole Tournament



Date: Sunday June 9th, 2024. Registration starts at 12pm, Tournament starts at 1pm. Tournament will be capped with the first 35 teams registered.

Location: Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 – Brady Hall
283 W. Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per team – Bring your own bags. (50/50 Payout)

Games: Airmail Tournament, \$5.00 per player. (50/50 Payout)
50/50 Raffle, \$5.00 per ticket.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds go directly to the Waterbury Elks Lodge 265. Players can register with Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616 or at peter.wychulis@espn.com

BAR HOURS FOR

April

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.

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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April 7th - Flea Market

April 13th - Antlers Bottle and Can Drive

April 13th - Guest Chef

April 19th - Jukebox Bingo

April 21st - Designer Bag Bingo

April 27th - Guest Chef "The Boys"

May 12th - Mothers Day Brunch

May 18th - Riders Veterans BBQ

May 26th - Family Picnic



Waterbury Elks Lodge # 265

Pop - Up

FLEA MARKET

Vendors Wanted!!!

Indoor - Rain or Shine

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH 7AM - 3PM

Contact Jen (203)-510-5217

**Waterbury Elks #265
283 West Main St
Waterbury, CT**



Waterbury 265 Antlers

Can and Bottle Drive

When: Saturday April 13, 2024

Time: 9am to 12pm

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

Drop off starts at 9am



Questions please contact us @ waterburycantlers265@gmail.com

Richard Dilger 203-518-1036

GUEST CHEF

APRIL 13TH
5PM

MENU

Salad

Bread & Butter

Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable

Lava Cake w/ Ice Cream

\$20



Musical Jukebox Bingo

Elks #265, Waterbury

Fri. April 19th 7-9 pm.

Rathskeller Room

FREE * PRIZES * FUN

Bring guests!

**Digital - you will need your Smart
phone or tablet to play!**

**To Reserve a table
Call Donna (203)586-9424**



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Get Ready to Play Designer Bag BINGO

April 21st, 2024 at 1pm
Games begins at 2pm

Hosted by the First Lady, Lisette Gotay with court.

\$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
Lisette Gotay 203-695-6548
Margaret Simpson 203-592-8121
Lisa Guisto 203-509-3666
Helen Donovan 203-910-4846

Guest Chef

Featuring the Boys

John Kunkel, John Carosella, Pat Jennings,
Gary Keating, Dave Cordeau & Charlie Simpson

Saturday April 27th

**Serving 5pm-8pm in the
Rathskellar**

**Prime Rib or Baked Stuff Shrimp
Salad, Pasta, Potato, Vegetable &
Bread**

\$30 Per Person

Appetizers Available

**Reservations required call or text Lynn
with your selections.**

(203) 509-0893

Mothers Day

BRUNCH

Let every Mother feel Special

12th Sunday, May

WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 265

BRUNCH BUFFET

\$15 PER PERSON

11 AM - 2 PM



Family Picnic

Save the date!

May 26th

More Information to come.

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Happy
**Mother's
Day**

MENU

**BUFFET STYLE
BRUNCH**

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

Sausage

Pancakes

Home Fries

Quiche

Salads

Sandwiches

Roasted Chicken

Pastries & Desserts



For Reservations Contact Jen

(203)-510-5217

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New Applications for Membership:
Sheri Amoroso, Alexandra
Amoroso proposed by Dolores Veneziano,
Marlene Ferrao proposed by Bret Reis,
David Wilson, Susan Hale proposed by Steven Slater,
Peggy Pascucci proposed by Richard Dilger,
Steven C McKenna proposed by Beatrice Tavares.

Candidates Awaiting Investigation:

Candidates Awaiting Balloting:

Candidates Awaiting Initiation:

Investigation: 3/6/2024 Balloting: 2/12/2024
Orientation: 3/20/2024 Initiation: 3/26/2024

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or our website to:

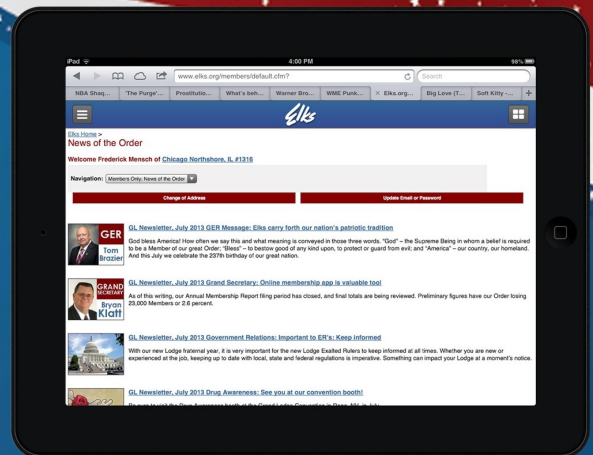
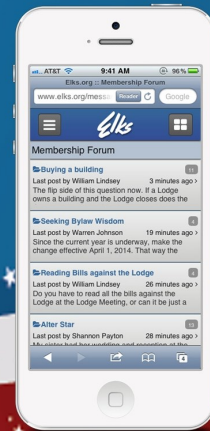
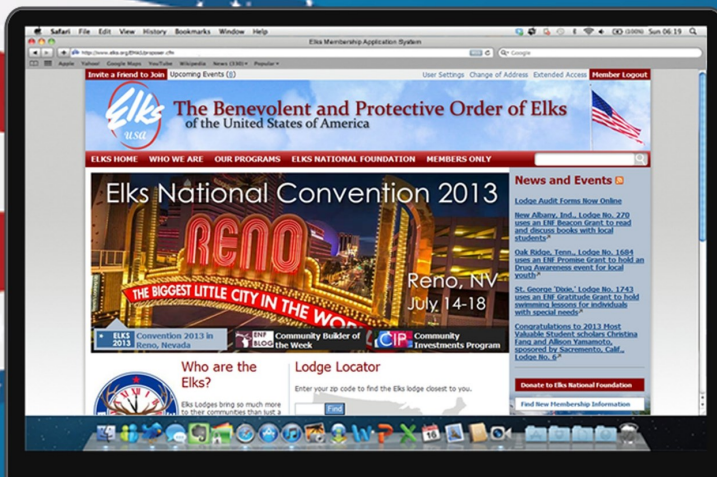
265submissions@gmail.com

Submissions for the Elks call must be
submitted by the 25th of each month.

Thank you,
Ryan Ibarra



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