



THE ELKS CALL

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**ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

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EXALTED RULER’S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters in Elkdom,

I hope this call finds you in good health.

The Clambake on September 17th was a great success. It was so great to see all of you. I wanted to thank the House Committee and all the volunteers who helped make everything run smoothly. Your tireless planning and preparing was greatly appreciated. Look forward to the next Clambake.

As always, the lodge needs our Members to come down for lunch and dinners Wednesday – Friday and to participate in any events we have planned. The Lodge and the House Committee need your continued support to keep the lodge running.

We have some upcoming events that I would love to see you all participate in. October 20th there is a Music Bingo in the Ratskellar from 7pm to 9pm. Dinner is being served. It is a free event. October 28th there will be a Halloween Party open to the members’ children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. It will be from 11am to 2pm. Also I have invited the children that participate in the programs at Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries. There will be a lunch, arts and crafts, and a Halloween costume contest. We will be serving a meal on Veterans Day November 11th starting at 5pm. It will be free to all Veteran Members and Veterans in our community. A minimal price of \$10 will be charged for those that are not Veterans. Please come and support those that served to keep our country safe and have risked their lives doing so. We have leagues starting in the lodge. Setback is being started by Michael Devino and the signup sheet is in the Ratskellar. Peter Wychulis is starting a cornhole league and has extended registration. Cornhole League starts on October 24th.

I wanted to thank Richard Dilger and Ken from the Milford lodge for the endless hours spent on fixing the DuckPin lanes. Also thanks to Steve Kountout for making the necessary parts. The three of you did an excellent job. Also welcome back to the bowlers. It is great to see every one of you.

October’s Elk of the Month is Richard Dilger, which is well deserved. He has put in countless hours of his own personal time to fix the bowling lanes to make sure they were ready for the leagues. I personally thank you and all the months and hours you worked tirelessly to get the lanes up and running.

In conclusion, as I've said before. We need your continued support of the lodge and thank you everyone for continuing to be members.

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: Richard Brown

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



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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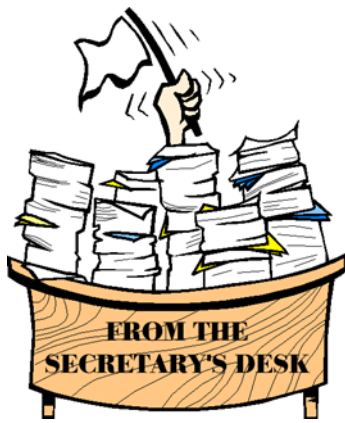
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Chartered—June 21, 1893

Information must be submitted by the 25th of the prior
month.
Email— 265submissions@gmail.com
Thank you



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Americanism Programs	Convention Societs	Sauffleboard Tournament
Anniversary Night (Feb. 16)	Corned Beef and Cabbage Night	Softball Tournament
Auto Industry Night	Cheese Night	Spaghetti Feed
Barbecues	Cheese Festival	Sport Shooting Night
Baseball Night	ELK Visitation	Sports (Various)
Baseball Trip	Dances (Various)	Art
Billiards Tournament	Charity	Elk Association Night
Bingo	Hard Hat	State Presidents Night
Blood Bank	Home	Steak Barbecue
Boat Trips	Men's Eve	Steel Industry Night
Rowless Night	Sports	Stray Elks Roundup
Bowling Tournament	Square Dances	Summer Mixed Foursome
Boys Club Night	Sweetheart	Bowling
Boy Scouts Night	Teenage	Golf



EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:00 P.M.
COME ON DOWN AND JOIN YOUR
FELLOW ELKS FOR A FUN TIME
LIGHT MENU IS SERVED

Monday Night Setback League starting in September.

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

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

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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ENF grants allow Lodges to boost their benevolence

October is the birth month of the greatest program of our Order: The Elks National Foundation (ENF), known as the “Great Heart of Elkdom.”

Established in 1928, the Foundation helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where Elks live and work. The best source for the most current information about the ENF is the Foundation’s website at elks.org/enf. Spend some time there. You’ll be amazed by what the Foundation is doing.

I especially want to call your attention to the Foundation’s Community Investments Program. The Foundation has allocated nearly \$16 million for Lodge community service grants. This grant program allows your Lodge to complete more for your communities.

I urge all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. The Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight, Impact, and Freedom Grants could be very helpful to your community. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. Find that need in your community and get it done with one of these grants. This will ensure people in your community know that “We Are THE Elks.” Other programs that ENF funds include: Scholarships, youth activities, veterans service and remembrance, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does.

I challenge every Member of Elkdom to support the ENF. Be sure to tell new Members about all the incredible things the ENF makes possible on a local, state, and national level. The charitable, educational, and benevolent causes supported by the ENF are the most important financial contributions made by our Order and deserve the continued support of every Member.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated from October 23-31. There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation, have your Members distribute red ribbons to schools, and encourage Members and friends to wear red ribbons.

The struggle to educate our youth about drugs and assist them in making informed decisions must be advanced at the community level. Our national, state, and Local Lodge Drug Awareness Programs encourage volunteers to listen, educate, and mentor, thereby letting our communities know that “We Are THE Elks.”

Finally, the Auditing and Accounting Committee should review Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. October has the fall holidays of Columbus Day and Halloween. Trick or Treat. Please be safe.

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.

Happy October and Happy Fall to everyone.

We had a wonderful September. Dinners are going great, and we are seeing more people coming down the lodge.

Our annual Clambake was a great success we sold over 300 tickets. Thank you to everyone who attended. The day was beautiful, and the food was amazing. Stephanie and I would like to thank the volunteers who prepped during the week and helped the day of the event. A very special thank you to the following people John Kunkel, John Carosella, Gary Keating, Dave Cordeau, Bret Reiss, Chris Colwell, Charlie Simpson, Flavio Basile, Jim Corcoran, John Rocchi, Eugene Lafauci, Ryan Gannon, Tom, Rich Brown, Pat Jennings, Paul Violette, Bret Reis, George Reis and Brittany Reis. Thank you to the Emblem Club and House Committee for all your hard work before, during & after. Thank you Keith Fortier for washing the dishes when we returned to the lodge. Thank you, Don Emanuel, for playing the music. To the guys for working the door, thank you.

A reminder to all member that if you need to borrow coolers, chairs, or tables you need to contact the Trustee Chairman or the House Committee Chairs and sign out the items in the book in the main bar.

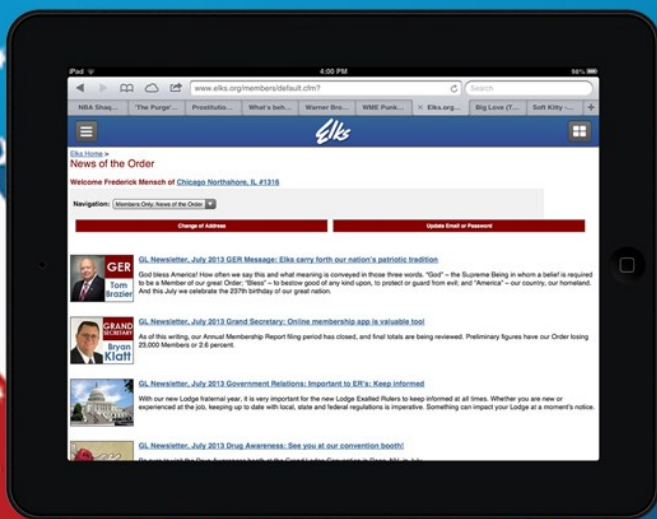
As a reminder, all guests must be signed in by a member in good standing. When the member leaves the guests must also leave. Good and services must be purchased by Lodge Members The member who they come in with, needs to go up to the bar and purchase the drinks.

The bulletin boards throughout the lodge are for Lodge sponsored activities and Community activities. Anything posted on the boards need to be approved by myself or Stephanie.

Upcoming events are Music Bingo October 20th, Steak Night November 26th, and Egg Nog Party December 17th.

Steve Knox, PER
House Committee Chair

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www.elks.org/register

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ELK'S AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

“WHAT THE BILL OF RIGHTS MEANS TO ME”

New features introduced with last year's contest are:

- 1) Four separate divisions for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.
- 2) Awards for Each Grade Level — \$1,000 for 1st; \$500 for 2nd; \$250 for 3rd.

I am pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee has selected the theme, “What the Bill of Rights Means to Me” for the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. The contest starts with the Local Lodges, progresses through District and State levels, and ends with the naming of our National Winners at the Grand Lodge Session in Austin, Texas in July 2024. This contest gives students in four separate grade levels, grades 5-8, the opportunity to thoughtfully, evaluate and express their views on the selected annual theme.

Nationally, first-place, second-place and third-place authors in each division will receive monetary awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 respectfully. Many Lodges, Districts and State Associations also provide various forms of recognition to their respective winners, and the Fraternal Committee appreciates and encourages their extraordinary efforts in support of the contest.

Contest materials including the “annual contest theme” are published on-line on May 1. Lodges are encouraged to communicate with school officials in a timely fashion to facilitate annual curriculum planning. Contest materials and a fillable Certificate of Participation for Lodge completion are located at:
<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>.

This contest is vitally important to Elks as it promotes Americanism in our local communities. It encourages 10-13 year old students to thoughtfully consider American values and appreciate the blessings and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is committed to assisting you in promoting Americanism. Please let us know what we can do to be more helpful!

William J. Lindsey, Chairman

Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

For application or further info contact Linda Galvin 203-7585158



BAR HOURS FOR OCTOBER

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

11:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

\$2.00 a 14oz glass

Bud Light Draft

Lasting Brass Clock Tower IPA

\$3.00 a 14oz glass

Guinness Draft

**\$2.00 cans while supplies last
(PBR not included)**

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Music Bingo: October 20th

Steak Night: November 26th

Annual Eggnog Party: December 17th



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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On September 16th, Crossroads of Wolcott hosted "One Clean Day of Fun". Showing children and adults you can have a good time without alcohol or drugs!

Rich, Victoria and Stephanie Dilger manned a Elk's booth where you wore Fatal Goggles and walked a obstacle course. Letting you know what it's like to be either alcohol or drug impaired.

Sue Buzeo ER, Linda Galvin and Maggie Simpson, Helen Donovan and Tom Galvin manned a table handing out Drug Awareness Coloring books, crayons (donated by the Waterbury Emblem Club) Book marks, Say no to Drugs bracelets and of course candy.

Also helping at the event we're The Waterbury Antlers, Sean Mowed, and Carlos and Lizette Gotay.



Musical
**JUKEBOX
BINGO**

Elks #265

Friday, Oct 20th
7-9 pm

Rathskeller room

FREE!

"Prizes"





NOVEMBER 19, 2023 AT 1 PM
GAMES BEGIN AT 2 PM
Hosted by Waterbury Emblem Club #552



\$35.00 Includes:

- *10 EXCITING BINGO Games
- *A Raffle Ticket/ with each new bath towel donation for St. Vincent DePaul / CHD / Safe Haven
- *Chance to win Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors.

Bring your own snacks
Table of 8 can be reserved

Cash Bar

Door Prize
Raffles

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

To purchase tickets Call:

Helen Donovan
(203) 910-4846
Linda Galvin
(203) 758-5158

Margaret Simpson
(203) 592-8121
Lisa Guisto
(203) 509-3666

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Waterbury Elks Lodge #265 Setback League

We are bringing back the
Monday Night Setback League
in September!

If you're interested sign up in the Rathskellar.
Questions call the Lodge (203) 755-1159



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023

VENDORS NEEDED!

More info to come!

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