



# THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM  
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

TELEPHONE: (203) 755-1159

WWW.ELKS265.ORG

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters in Elksdom:

As Summer comes to an end, I hope everyone enjoys it.

The Golf Tournament was a great success. Thank you to all that participated. The Golf Tournament Committee did a great job. The next event we have is the Annual Clambake on September 17<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone there. September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the Oldtimer/PER Luncheon at 12 noon, lifetime members and PERs are invited. Please let me know as soon as possible who will attend.

Waterbury #265 Elk Riders had their annual ride for the Dominique Delessio Scholarship Fund. The Riders went on an escorted ride by the Waterbury Police to Bristol Elks Lodge #1010. Thank you to everyone that participated. Special thanks to John Wilkinson ER and his members that provided food and hospitality. It was a great day and the Riders were able to raise money for a great cause. Keep up the good work CT Elk Riders #265.

Flavio Basile PER has resigned as Lodge Secretary. Anyone interested in the position, please let me know as soon as possible. Our next lodge meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in the Secretary and the Trustee position, please come to the next meeting. A reminder that Lodge meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. Please plan on attending and let your voice be heard. As always we are looking for Volunteers for any events we have and any ideas for community service projects.

The Elk of the month will be Steve Knox. He stepped up to be House Committee Chair and has worked tirelessly with Stephanie Dilger and the rest of the House Committee to keep the Ratskellar going.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions.

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend.

Fraternally Yours,  
Susan Buzzeo, ER



### Lodge Hours:

THE RATHSKELLAR BAR IS NOW OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:  
SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. - TILL  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY 5:00 P.M. - TILL  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY 11:00 A.M - 10:00 P.M. EARLIEST  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11:00 A.M - 11:00 P.M. EARLIEST

### 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



### Members convalescing at home

George Van Dyke

Joseph Sciarretto

John Theriault

Raymond F Coughlin Jr.

**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.**

### Members convalescing

#### Cheshire

Gerald Sokocius

Joseph Koopstus (Koop)

Jimmy Urino

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

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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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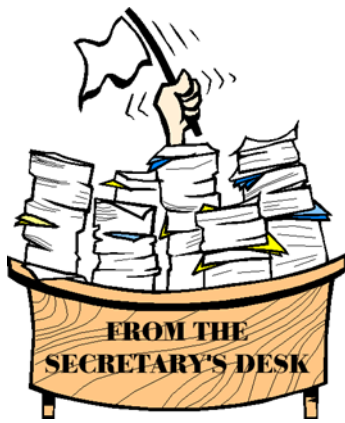
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| Americanism Programs        | Convention Societs            | Sauffleboard Tournament |
| Anniversary Night (Feb. 16) | Corned Beef and Cabbage Night | Softball Tournament     |
| Auto Industry Night         | Cheerleading Night            | Spaghetti Feed          |
| Barbecues                   | Cheerleading 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                  | Homecoming                    | Steak Barbecue          |
| Boat Trips                  | Ice Cream Social              | Steel Industry Night    |
| Rowless Night               | Jeans Eve                     | Stray Elks Roundup      |
| Bowling Tournament          | Sports                        | Summer Mixed Foursome   |
| Boys Club Night             | Square Dances                 | Bowling                 |
| Boy Scouts Night            | Sweetheart                    | Golf                    |
|                             | Teenage                       |                         |



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

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Monday Night Setback League starting in September.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/WaterburyElks265>  
[www.elks265.org](http://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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## September: Start of fall, halfway point of Lodge year

Labor Day, the “unofficial end of summer,” is observed on the first Monday in September. In addition to marking the beginning of fall activities and sports, the holiday pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. In honor of this national holiday, please accept my thanks for all you do for Elkdom. Your dedication truly exemplifies that “Elks Care — Elks Share.”

Our Lodge activities will once again move at a very fast pace. It is time to take a look at what the fall season means to us as Elks. September is the beginning of the District Deputy Lodge visits. These visits will provide a look into your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan for the visit with your Lodge board of directors by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist and all the other information needed by the DD. This will give you ample time to prepare your Lodge for a successful visit.

The end of this month will bring an end to the first half of this Lodge year. This is an excellent time to see how you stand with your goals for the year. Are you on track to meet those goals or are adjustments needed? By evaluating where you are now, you will be better prepared to make those decisions.

The reopening of schools in your communities presents us excellent opportunities to encourage our youth. Supporting local sports programs and any youth-related activities are great ways to show your Lodge support and community spirit! Look into and apply for the many Elks National Foundation program grants. These grants are available to financially assist in your community partnerships with our youth. Remember, “We Are THE Elks” and we take pride in helping the youth of today grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

It is also a time to seek out your school guidance counselors and provide them with the applications to apply for grants that can aid students with much needed financial support. Please follow the Elks website for deadlines to apply for these grants. Don’t wait; act quickly.

The Elks support Patriot Day on September 11 each year in memory and honor of all those who lost their lives during those horrific attacks, including the first responders and community members who sought to help the crash victims.

The Elks have developed a Patriotism Week Proclamation that I encourage all Lodges across our great country to embrace. The proclamation is located in the Fraternal Committee section of [elks.org](http://elks.org) in a pdf format: [elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/patriotismWeekProclamation.pdf](http://elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/patriotismWeekProclamation.pdf).

Please take the time to download this very important proclamation. Have your local government officials place it on their agenda to recognize our freedom and to honor our nation. 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.**

## Message from the House Committee

The month of August has come and gone, now where we are heading into the cooler months. We had the golf tournament in the beginning of August and what a great turnout for this event. I would like to thank John Kunkel and Ken Dupont and all the volunteers for all their hard work.

Next I want to say we are having a good turnout for lunch and dinner. Teri will be adding new items for dinner on Thursday and Friday nights so keep an eye on Facebook for those menus.

The annual Clambake is September 17th from 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. at the Cercemaggiore Club. Tickets are still on sale. Please get your tickets by September 2 so we can order the correct amount of food.

Also we will be having music bingo October 20 in the main bar from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Come down early, have dinner, stay and play a little bingo.

Guest chef night is still happening in October, more information to come!

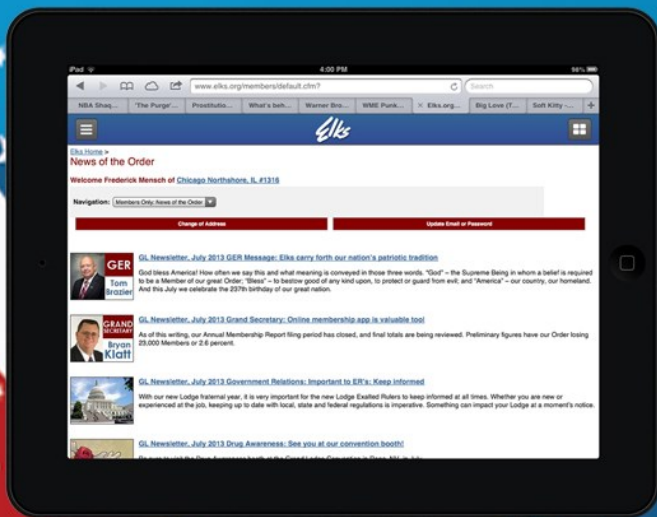
November 26th will be our annual steak night, more info to follow.

December 17 will be the annual Eggnog party, more info to follow.

Thank you

Steve Knox, PER House Committee Chairman

Now on all mobile platforms!



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## ONLINE

Get your password at  
[www.elks.org/register](http://www.elks.org/register)

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# The Waterbury Elks Riders #265

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual Dominique Dalessio Scholarship run that concluded on Sunday August 20. With the extra day for this event, we were able to raise \$1600 this year for the Scholarship!!! Way to go Waterbury Elk Riders #265!!!!

It was a great event and I would like to thank Debbie and Joe Dalessio for letting the Riders do this in honor of their daughter, and the work and help to make this happen!! Debbie's Death By Chocolate was a hit, both times!!!

We would also like to thank the Waterbury Motorcycle Police Unit for guiding us on our safe and beautiful ride!

Thank you:  
Sgt Ron Jackson  
Sgt Jason Prescott  
Ofc. Adam April  
Ofc. Lou Ferrer

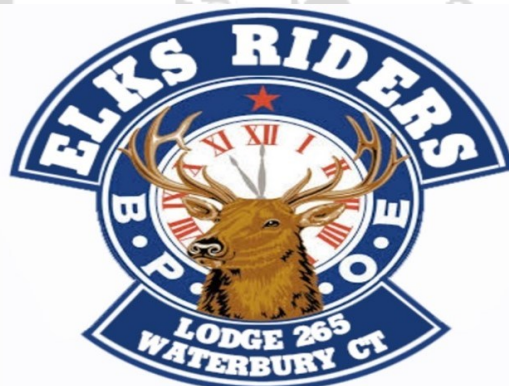
It was an honor to be escorted by you again this year!!

Thanks to all the Waterbury Riders that spent so much time, energy, money, raffle prizes, cooking, cleaning, and just making it a great day!!! We are a team that is making a difference! Also shout out to the House Committee for all your help with our functions. And a Big THANK YOU to the Bristol Lodge 1010 for the warm welcome and fun at your lodge.

Thank you to everybody who purchased the 65" Smart TV raffle prize tickets! It was won by our own Michael Salerno, who also needed a truck to take it home!!! Look out for another raffle coming up for the fall so we can do Wreaths Across America again!!!!

Yours in Elksdom, Stay safe Riding

Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci  
President Waterbury Elk Riders #265



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# BAR HOURS FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday and Tuesdays  
5:00 P.M. - Till

Wednesday and Thursday  
11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. earliest

Friday and Saturday  
11:00A.M. - 11:00 P.M.  
earliest

Sunday  
1:00 P.M. - Till

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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Clambake: Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>

Elks Soccer Shoot: September 24<sup>th</sup>

Oldtimer/PER Luncheon: September 30<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

Music Bingo: October 20<sup>th</sup>

Steak Night: November 26<sup>th</sup>

Annual Egnog Party: December 17<sup>th</sup>



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](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge)

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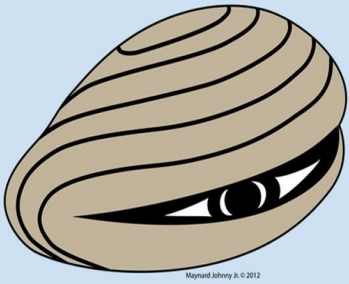
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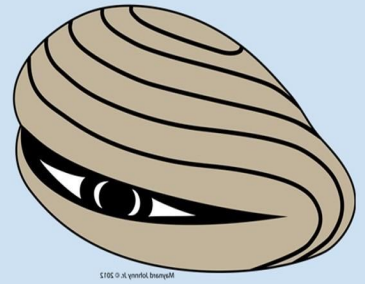
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## *Annual Clambake*

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH 2023**  
**CERCEMAGGIORE CLUB OAKVILLE CT**  
**550 SYLVAN LAKE RD, WATERTOWN, CT**

**\$40.00 PER PERSON DONATION**

**\$45 AT THE DOOR**

### **FOOD GALORE:**

**STEAK SANDWICHES,  
CHICKEN, RIBS, CLAMS,  
AND MUCH MUCH  
MORE!**

**BEER  
ON TAP  
SODA AND  
COFFEE  
ALL DAY**

**◇ 50/50 RAFFLE ◇ CORNHOLE ◇ HORSESHOES ◇**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BAR OR HOUSE COMMITTEE

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# ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

**SUNDAY  
SEPT 24TH**

**9AM-11AM  
REGISTRATION  
BEGINS 8:30AM**



The Elks Soccer shoot is for children ages 4 to 13 years old as of January 1st, 2023. Showcase your accuracy of your soccer skills as you attempt to score the most points and qualify for regionals.

**Classifications:**  
7 & Under (U-8) Minimum age 4  
8 & 9 (U-10)  
10 & 11 (U-12)  
12 & 13 (U-14)

**Reed School Soccer Field**

33 Griggs St  
Waterbury, CT 06705

Contact Rich Dilger (203)518-1036 with any questions

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# LET EM' FLY CORNHOLE LEAGUE



## Location:

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 – Brady Hall

283 W. Main Street

Waterbury, CT 06702

## When:

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm, starting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and ending on December 19<sup>th</sup> (8 Weeks)

The 8<sup>th</sup> week, there will be a double elimination bracket based on standings.

## Entry Fee:

\$60.00 per team (2 Players) – Bring your own bags

There will be a \$5.00 “Airmail” tournament every night.

Players can register with Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616

Please RSVP before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

This is a sanctioned league, and your statistics will be made available on-line.

Food will be available in the Rathskeller until 8pm while a cash bar will be available in the Brady Hall.

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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!

If you are interested, please fill out the following Vendor Registration Form.

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR  
VENDOR REGISTRATION**

**Saturday December 2, 2023**

Cost: \$30.00 per table

Cash or Check Payable to:

Waterbury Lodge of Elks #265 (Christmas Fair in memo)  
ATT: Linda Galvin  
283 West Main St.  
Waterbury, CT. 06702

***PAYABLE IN FULL AT TIME OF REGISTRATION***

Vendors must provide their own table equipment (table and 2 chairs will be provided)

(No Electric outlets, No running water available)

The event will run from 10AM-4PM Vendors can begin setup at 8:30AM. Breakdown at 4:00pm

Vendors are responsible for leaving the area in the same condition they found it.

We reserve the right to censor any booth.

**REGISTRATION: Vendor Forms Must Be Submitted by November 15, 2023!**

Business Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Website or Facebook\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Cell\_\_\_\_\_

Waterbury Lodge of Elks #265 will not be held responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged merchandise or any injury occurred during this event

Signature of Vendor:\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_