



# THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM  
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

TELEPHONE: (203) 755-1159

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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters in Elksdom:

Happy March! Spring is around the corner. This is my last call as Exalted Ruler. It was a hard but rewarding year. I have enjoyed meeting members and the conversations we have had. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped out throughout the year. Most of all, thank you to all the members for your continued membership and support. I hope you will continue to support the Lodge in the coming fiscal year.

March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am will be the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Member's children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Installation of Officers will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please come to the Lodge and support the incoming Officers. Congratulations to all the incoming Officers.

My Elk of the Month will be Peter Wychulis. When needed, he always helps. He greets everyone that comes into the Lodge and has brought more business in by starting a Cornhole League. I appreciate everything that he has done. Keep up the good work Pete!

I will still be around as I am on a few committees. I look forward to meeting more of you and continuing the great conversations.

Fraternally Yours,  
Susan Buzzeo Exalted Ruler



### 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



**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.**

Charles G Lacombe LM

Born July 10, 1937

Initiated June 28, 1966

Passed from our mist March 28, 2023

Matthew John Larkin LM

Born June 10, 1947

Initiated June 19, 1981

Passed from our mist May 22, 2023

Leonard P Kafchinski

Born January 14, 1964

Initiated June 12, 2016

Passed from our mist October 13, 2022

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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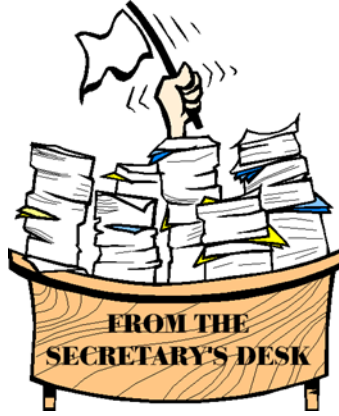
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Congratulations to the new officers elected.

Dues Notice for the year 2024-2025 have been mailed out, 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 needs to be added to your payment.

Membership cards will be mailed out this month and we are planning a membership day on March 30, to either pay on that day or pick up your membership card.

Delinquents: 84

Reinstatements: 5

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.

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Orientation: 3/20/2024 Initiation: 3/26/2024

Fraternally yours

Secretary: Flavio F Basile, PER  
Email: [secywtby265@gmail.com](mailto:secywtby265@gmail.com)



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)

#### BULLETIN BOARDS

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## Teamwork relies on communication, cooperation

Officers, you are now part of the team. Strengthen it by building relationships with one another. This is an opportunity to make new friends and learn from experience during your service to your Lodge.

The Exalted Ruler cannot do everything alone; you should be proactive by seeking opportunities to contribute to the advancement and success of your Lodge. Those opportunities will allow you to develop your own leadership and management skills. Approach all your activities with a positive frame of mind. Goodwill towards others will be extremely invaluable in the coming years when you may be relying on them to help. The diverse skills demonstrated by you and your fellow Officers will enable your Lodge to succeed and prosper.

As you lead and support Lodge activities, please remember that your actions create a perception of who we are. As Officers, we must be exemplars of Brotherly Love.

Embrace these concepts when working alongside other Officers and Members, and you will advance the interests of your Lodge within your community. Use the resources provided by Grand Lodge, your state association, and your district.

April begins with change. New Officers must get to work at once. It is time to plan and pass a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. This budget must keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Get all the Officers, Board of Directors, and committee members together to review your Lodge budget. Discuss any ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Plan your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your State Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Brainstorm with your Members and listen to suggestions.

Membership is the life blood of our Order. Work with your appointed Membership Retention Chair as a team. All Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with that person, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again. The Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for non-payment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her right to re-affiliate within 60 days. Make +1 in membership a priority during your term.

Finally, appoint statutory committees. Budget to be posted by second meeting of the month.

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.**



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

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**1:00PM – Social Hour**

**2:00PM – Installation of Officers**

**3:00PM – Dinner**

**Please make plans to join us!**

**Elks Care – Elks Share**

**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**



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.

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# Jerry DiPietro Memorial Wednesday Morning Golf League

Anyone interested in joining the golf league needs to inform Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293 or [flavyb5369@comcast.net](mailto:flavyb5369@comcast.net).

We golf at East Mountain on Wednesday morning tee time 8:00 am. The league runs from May 1st, 2024 to September 25, 2024.

You are welcome to join as a regular upon availability, or as a subs.  
Need to reply by April 1st, 2024.

Thank You  
Flavio Basile



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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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# 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.

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Please make checks payable to:

CT Elks Association Charities

Mail check & registration form to:

Matt Frankel, 8 Morris Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM MEMBER #1**

**TEAM MEMBER #2**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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## SPONSOR INFORMATION

**LODGE OR BUSINESS NAME TO BE DISPLAYED:**

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CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE EMAIL COMPANY LOGOS TO [MCFRANKEL@ATT.NET](mailto:MCFRANKEL@ATT.NET)

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# BAR HOURS FOR

## March

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.



JOIN US FOR  
**ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY WEEKEND**  
MAR | **16** | 10 AM TILL  
CLOSE  
**\$8 CORNED BEEF  
SANDWICH W/  
CHIPS**  
WATERBURY ELKS #265  
283 W MAIN ST  
WATERBURY, CT 06702

# ELKS

*Celebrate New Leaders*

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

March 23rd, 2024

Community • Friendship • Charity

elks.org



## *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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March 15<sup>th</sup> – Jukebox Bingo

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt

March 17<sup>th</sup> -St. Patrick's Day

March 23rd –Officer Installation

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 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](http://www.elks265.org)

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**Musical**

**JUKEBOX BINGO**

**Elks #265, Waterbury**

**Fri. Mar. 15th 7-9 pm.**

**Rathskeller Room**

**FREE \* PRIZES**

**Bring guests!**

**\*Reserve your table!**

**call or text**

**Donna (203)586-9424**



JOIN US FOR AN

# Easter Egg Hunt



MARCH 16TH, 2024  
9 AM  
283 W MAIN ST  
WATERBURY, CT



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WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265

16 MARCH, 2024

**SAINT  
PATRICK'S  
WEEKEND**

**BEER TOWER SPECIAL!!!**

**\$8 CORNED BEEF SANDWICH**

Doors Open At 10AM

283 W Main St Waterbury, CT 06702

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# St. Patrick's DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 17 AT WATERBURY ELKS #265

DOORS OPEN AT: 10:00 AM

*Please join us to make the St. Patrick's Day more vibrant & joyful!*

*Featuring*

POLICE PIPES & DRUMS OF WATERBURY

AT 11:30 AM



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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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### CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Since 2004 Cell Phones for Soldiers has...

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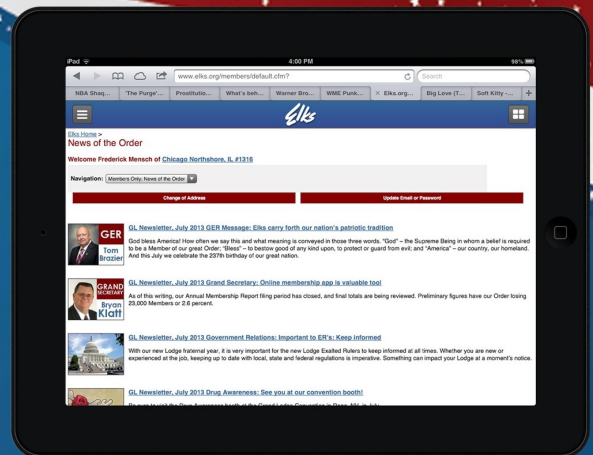
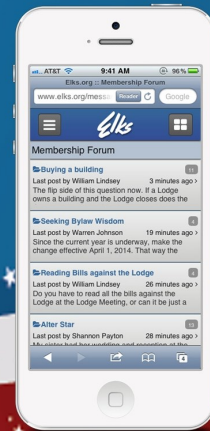
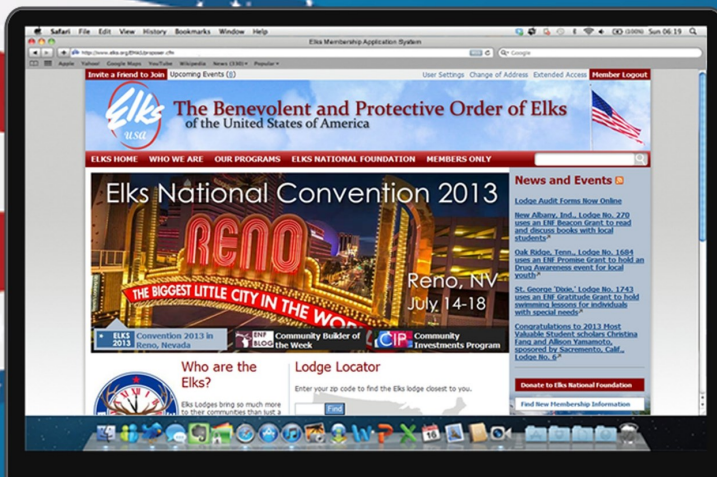


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