



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All:

As October comes to end I would like to thank everyone who has patronized the lodge. The lodge can't continue to run without members participating in events and coming down for lunch and dinner. November is here and with it brings the holidays and Veteran's Day. Please consider doing something to help our Veterans. The Antlers will be having breakfast on November 11th. It is free to all Vets. On another note, the company that used to plow our lots will not be doing it this year. If anyone knows of someone that won't charge a lot of money, please let me or one the Trustees know. We have had one bid and it is not something we can afford.

Turkey sales have begun, please consider buying as many as you can. It helps give Thanksgiving to those that would normally go hungry on that day. Volunteers are needed to prepare, set up and serve on Thanksgiving Day. It will be held in the Brady Hall. Let's give to our community.

My Elk of the month for November is Steve Kountout. He has donated his time and made parts so that the bowlers can continue to play.

November 18-19th is the Special Olympics Volleyball Tournament at Hamden Hall Beckerman Athletic Center. Further details are on The CT Elks page. Ct Elks are looking for volunteers. It's a fun day and the kids need your support.

In conclusion, please volunteer, give to events and patronize our lodge. Without your continued support, we won't be able to continue doing our community activities and help the Veterans.

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

★ **THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE** ★



All Veterans can come to the Waterbury Elks Lodge and get one free lunch or dinner up to \$15 value during the month of November. The kitchen is opened Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 1pm-8pm We will be closed Thanksgiving Day.



VETERANS!

WE HONOR YOU AND ALL THAT YOU DO
FOR OUR COUNTRY

HAPPY

Thanksgiving

The Lodge will be
closed
Thanksgiving Day!



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Elks remain committed to serving veterans in need

November brings to mind a couple of very special days. On November 11, Veterans Day, we honor our veterans, past and present. There are so many ways to say thank you to our nation's veterans. Hosting dinners in our Local Lodges, sending care packages, and participating in events at Veterans Administration hospitals are just a few ways.

The Elks are committed to their mission "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises to render aid to our nation's veterans and military members with a special focus on those in need. The ENVSC empowers local communities by giving them the resources to directly serve veterans, military members, and their families.

The ENVSC supports a vast network of Voluntary Service Representatives, providing local outreach support to our veterans in need all over the country. This network is only successful because of the hard work performed by individual Lodge Members.

In 1946, the Commission formalized a commitment that was evident since the earliest days of Elkdom to serving veterans. Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered. In VA Clinics, veterans' homes, USOs, homeless shelters, and elsewhere, thousands of Elks volunteers generously give their time, energy, and resources to serve veterans and military members each year. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, who are reminding our communities, "We Are THE Elks."

November 23 is Thanksgiving, a day for us to thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on each of us, our family, our friends, our Order, and our great country. It is also a day we ask for the blessings of God to guide us and show us ways to help those who are less fortunate so we may make their life better, proving "Elks Care — Elks Share." Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember: "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 November and Happy Thanksgiving All!

October was a good month. We started with our District Deputy Visit which was a great night and dinner was great thank Teri for the great meal.

We had Music Bingo on October 20th. The night was a great success a lot of people turned out for a great night of fun. We are looking into doing it on a regular basis after the 1st of the year.

November is Veterans Appreciation Month. To honor our Veterans, we invited all Veterans to our lodge and have a free lunch or dinner up to \$15. This is our way of saying thank you for your service.

Waterbury 265 Antlers holding their Annual Veterans Day Breakfast which will be on November 11th. Please come down and support our Antlers & the Veterans.

Please support our Annual Turkey Drive by purchasing a paper turkey from the

bartender. The proceeds help serve Thanksgiving dinner to the less fortunate.

We have our Annual Steak Night the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26th at 5:30 in Brady Hall. Get your tickets early we have a limited number for sale and price will be \$20. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please Stephanie or me. I would like to thank my co-chair Stephanie for doing the flyers and getting the tickets made.

Our Annual Egg Nog Party is scheduled for December 17th 12pm-5pm. It will be free to members of our Lodge. All guests will be charged \$10.

Just a reminder if you are going to park at the lodge during the day to go to a downtown business, please leave a note the night before with what kind of car you're driving or if the bar is open go inside and let the bartender.

Steve Knox—House Committee Chair

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



**Elks
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Most Valuable Student

The 2024 application opened on August 1, 2023.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

The 2024 application deadline is November 13, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Pacific Time.

Awards:

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2024 competition.

- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

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Questions? Email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.

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Legacy Awards

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Eligibility requirements are outlined below.

The 2024 application closes on **February 5, 2024 at 11:59 a.m. PST.**

Who is Eligible?

1. For the 2024 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2021, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2024. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only. **The 2024 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 5, 2024, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time.**
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2024 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.
7. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)
8. If you are selected as a 2024 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information about serving with the Elks.

The 2024 Legacy Awards Contest Opened September 1.

Questions? Email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.

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Emergency Educational Grants

Emergency Educational Grants provide undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000. The grant is for educational assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education.

Grant amounts are based on the information submitted in the application and can range up to \$5,000. As long as a student meets all other eligibility requirements listed below, a student can apply for up to four Emergency Educational Grants in total during their undergraduate education.

The applicant cannot accept more than one ENF scholarship/grant in any one academic year.

Eligibility:

The Elk parent or stepparent:

- Must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of his or her death

or

- Must have been a member in good standing for at least one year before he or she became totally disabled and must continue to be an Elk in good standing when application for assistance is made.
- All circumstances surrounding the death or disability of the Elk parent or stepparent are subject to the review of the Elks National Foundation. The outcome of the review may affect grant approval.

The applicant must:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Attend an accredited U.S. college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours) undergraduate student.
- Be unmarried and under the age of 24 during the academic year in which they are applying.

**Note that if a student is awarded an EEG, the funds are disbursed directly to the school in the student's name and can only be used for items the school considers cost of attendance. This normally includes tuition, fees, books, and on-campus room and board. Learn more about the ENF's scholarship guidelines at:

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/EEFGrants.cfm>

Applications:

- Available upon request starting **May 1, 2023**. To request an EEG application for you or someone you know, please email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.
- **All applications must be received by the ENF Scholarship Office by December 1, 2023.** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Questions? Email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.

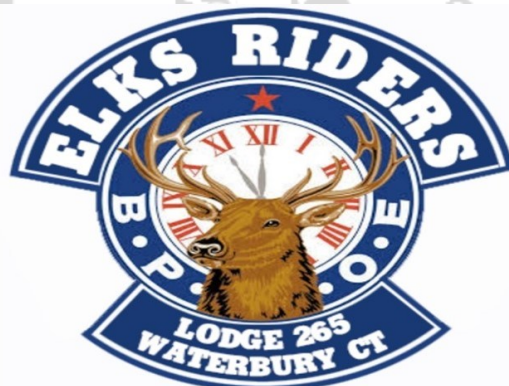
The Waterbury Elks Riders #265

Waterbury Elk Riders will be selling raffle tickets for a Holiday Grill filled with Goodies on Sunday November 19 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and the money raised is to help the Waterbury Elk Lodge and the Waterbury Riders for the holiday season. Please get your tickets from the bartender or a Rider Associate.

The Riders will also be raffling off a 5-foot stocking worth \$500 --- Everything will be a surprise and individually wrapped!!!! This is also being raffled off on December 17 at 5 p.m. at the Eggnog Party. Please support your lodge!!!!!!!!!!

The Elks Riders meeting will be Sunday November 12 at 11 a.m. All members please come to the meeting as we discussed that we will be needing volunteers and help with upcoming events. The Waterbury Elks Riders #265 and the Naugatuck Lodge #967 will be having Brian Belcenski Benefit on Saturday November 25 at the Naugatuck Lodge. Brian "CAZ" is a Founding member of the Waterbury Elks Riders #265 and has been ill for the past couple of years and needs help. He is also a member of the Naugatuck Elks being the PER x's 3. He has taken many positions in the Naugatuck Elks and has helped the Waterbury Elks Lodge when needed. He is a Rider, Husband, DJ, Friend, wonderful person, who now needs our help & support. We are looking for donations for this event, desserts, raffle prizes, clean up people, set up people. help cooking. We all need to step up and help, like we always do. Counting on everybody's support in both lodges for this event, plus other lodges are invited and other Riders throughout CT!!!!!!!!!!

Any questions or problems Please contact Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci, 203-217-2145 or Rich "Big Rich" Tabaka 203-525-3609.



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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



Greetings my fellow Elk Members.

Boy time sure seems to fly this year. It's hard to believe that it is fall already. The Antlers will be hosting a Veteran's Day Breakfast on Saturday November 11th from 7am to 11am. All Veterans eat free, and all proceeds from the breakfast will go to assist other Veterans programs in our area. Please see the flyer for details.

I know many have asked about a can and bottle drive and we will be having one November 4th . We will also be scheduling another one in April 2024.

Richard Dilger

Lead Antler Advisor



Every Thursday this November (2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th), the kitchen will have pasta specials for \$15.00.

Salad and bread are included.



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BAR HOURS FOR NOVEMBER

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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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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Antler's Veterans Day Breakfast: November 11th

Designer Bag Bingo: November 19th

Steak Night: November 26th

Wally Makarewicz Memorial Living Alone Luncheon: December 9th

Annual Egnog Party: December 17th

New Years Eve Party: December 31st



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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Waterbury Antler's Veterans Day Breakfast

When: Saturday November 11, 2024

Time: 7am to 11am

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

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

All Veterans eat free

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 @ waterburyantlers265@gmail.com

Richard Dilger 203-518-1036

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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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STEAK

Night

\$20 Per Person

Sunday, November 26th 5:30pm



**Come and join us for Steak Dinner
with baked potato, vegetable, family style salad and
wine on the table.**

**Tickets are available in the Rathskellar. You
must have a ticket to attend.**

Absolutely NO WALK-INS.

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Waterbury Elks 265
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO OUR MEMBERS
EGGNOG
PARTY

DECEMBER 17
12PM - 5PM

There will be a complimentary buffet
and eggnog (while supplies last). There
is no charge for members.



All non-members will be charged
a nominal fee of \$10.

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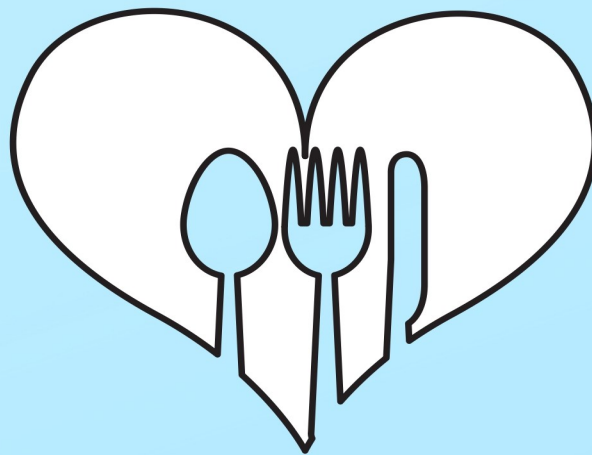
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The Wally Makarewicz Memorial Living Alone Luncheon

**Saturday, December 9th
12pm**



**Sign up sheet in the
Rathskellar.**

The background of the poster is a dark, festive scene. At the top, several large, shiny gold balloons are clustered together, with their strings hanging down. Below the balloons, a large, clear glass filled with a golden liquid, likely champagne, is the central focus. The glass is set against a dark background with subtle light effects. In the bottom corners, there are stylized, colorful fireworks or starburst patterns in shades of pink, yellow, and white. The overall atmosphere is celebratory and elegant.

NEW YEARS EVE

Charity Raffle

31 December | 2023

**MUSIC | DINNER | CHARITY RAFFLE TO
BENEFIT ELKS STATE MAJOR PROJECTS**

**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
CONTACT JEN NORMAND (203)-510-5217**

283 W Main St
Waterbury, CT 06702

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IN MEMORIAM

Philip W Rhoads LM

Born February 7, 1932

Initiated May 19, 1977

Passed from our midst June 2, 2023

William P McQuinn

Born May 2, 1936

Initiated November 22, 2015

Passed from our midst November 16, 2022

David Anderson LM

Born June 14, 1950

Initiated November 20, 1977

Passed from our midst December 3, 2022

Wally Makarewicz

Born September 23, 1947

Initiated June 23, 1992

Passed from our midst January 1, 2023

Mark Carroll

Born January 29, 1959

Initiated January 28, 2020

Passed from our midst January 30, 2023



William Eastwood
Born June 8, 1953
Initiated June 28, 2016
Passed from our midst February 10, 2023

Joseph W Kelly LM
Born July 26, 1939
Initiated November 13, 1974
Passed from our midst February 24, 2023

Lecey Gregory LM
Born April 4, 1937
Initiated December 7, 1968
Passed from our midst March 5, 2023

Norman K Schmidt
Born November 11, 1936
Initiated December 10, 1976
Passed from our midst March 14, 2023

Timothy J Dee
Born March 24, 1947
Initiated January 24, 2006
Passed from our midst March 17, 2023

Alphonse N Dibiase LM
Born December 6, 1925
Initiated September 10, 1963
Passed from our midst March 28, 2023

Donna Nappi
Born February 5, 1950
Initiated March 8, 2016
Passed from our midst April 14, 2023

Victor S Juskevicius
Born October 18, 1950
Initiated September 20, 2007
Passed from our midst April 14, 2023

Tammy McFadden
Born September 26, 1957
Initiated September 13, 2016
Passed from our midst April 20, 2023

John J Carroll
Born July 7, 1953
Initiated March 23, 1993
Passed from our midst April 29, 2003

Richard J White Sr
Born August 24, 1935
Initiated February 24, 1975
Passed from our midst May 9, 2023

Joseph (Joe) Lorusso jr
Born January 21, 1947
Initiated October 20, 1981
Passed from our midst June 3, 2023

William P Santaserio
Born May 26, 1931
Initiated Sept 26, 1972
Passed from our midst June 5, 2023

John E “Buddy” DiTillo
Born November 6, 1941
Initiated December 9, 2014
Passed from our midst June 7, 2023

Charles M Harris
Born July 22, 1936
Initiated Nov. 30, 1977
Passed from our midst June 9, 2023

Eric Keith Lott

Born October 20, 1958

Initiated June 24, 2008

Passed from our midst July 8, 2023

Kevin Sullivan

Born January 20, 1958

Initiated March 24, 1998

Passed from our midst August 19, 2023

Gerald A Sakocius

Born April 27, 1943

Initiated December 9, 2014

Passed from our midst September 12, 2023

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.**

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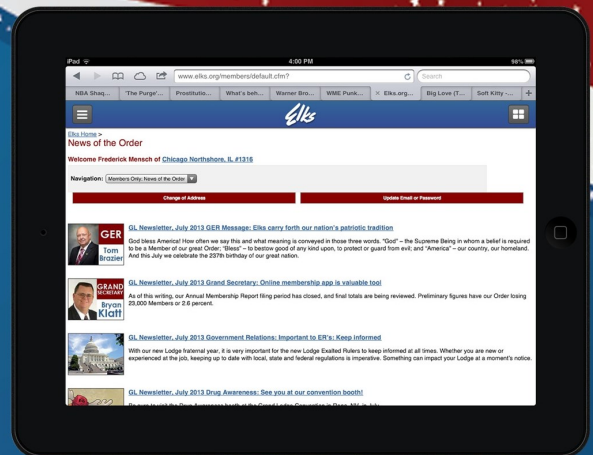
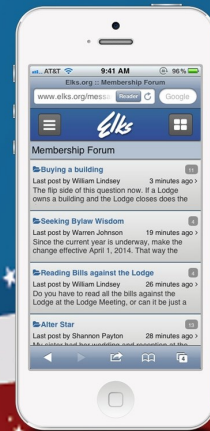
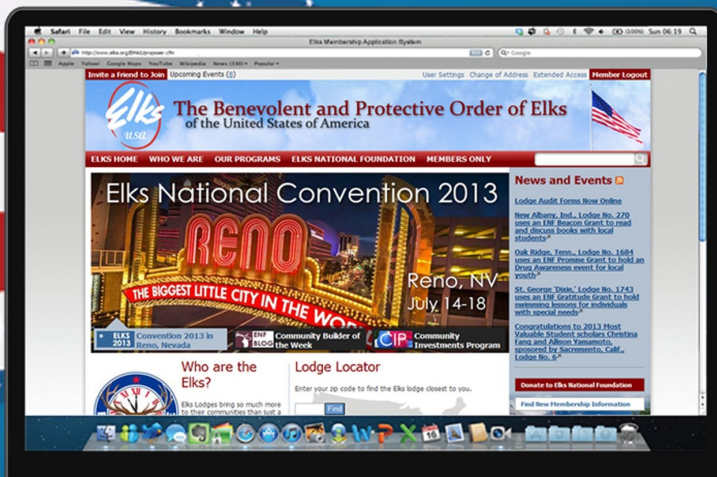


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