

## THE CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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#### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

#### Members All,

\*\*\*We currently have a 3-year trustee position open. Nominations for this position will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in our Lodge Room. If you are interested, please come to the meeting. Thank you.

Now, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and taking advantage of their vacation time. We start August with our 73<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament on the 1<sup>st</sup> at Western Hills Golf Club. A special thank you to Ken DuPont, John Kunkel, Ralph Monti, Lynn Connolly, Corey Shanahan, and Ed Carmosino for their coordination and flag selling for this year's tournament.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful turnout for our dinner and a singer, Gregory Allen. Thank you to Lynn Connolly for organizing this and to the House committee for their donation and support. More events like this are to follow.

Onto one of our biggest events, the annual Clam Bake on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cercemaggiore Community Club. If you haven't already done so, please buy your tickets as soon as possible. This helps us, so we can get an approximate head count. Please share this date with your friends and family. In saying that, this year, "The Guys" (John Carosella, John Kunkel, Dave Cordeau, Gary Keating, Pat Jennings, and Charlie Simpson) are back! Through their guidance, Corey Shanahan and Ed Carmosino will be putting the house committee team together to assist with the preparations and coordination for this year's event. Thank you, "The Guys" and their wives, for their continued support with this year's Clam Bake. Much appreciated.

Finally, my Elk of the Month goes to Donna Torre. She is our new Board of Directors Chairperson. She is currently our 4-year trustee, our emergency and safety leader, and she participates and assists with all our Elk events. She is an asset to our lodge, and I am proud to have her on our team. Please assist me in congratulating and thanking Donna on this achievement. Thank you again, Donna, and congratulations.

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#### **Lodge Hours:**

THE RATHSKELLAR BAR IS NOW OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:
SUNDAY 12:30 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 6:30 P.M. JULY & AUGUST—FOURTH TUESDAY ONLY DECEMBER—SECOND TUESDAY ONLY INITIATION MEETINGS START AT 6:00 P.M.

#### **Lodge Officers 2025-2026**

Exalted Ruler: Peter Wychulis

Leading Knight: Stephanie M. Dilger

Loyal Knight: Bryan McEntee

Lecturing Knight: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Esquire: Susan Buzzeo

Inner Guard: Corey Shanahan

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Tiler: Querino Maia

Secretary: Micheal McGaughan

Treasurer: Pat Jennings Chaplin: Howard Osorio Trustee 1 Year: Bret Reis

Trustee 2 Years: Steve Kontout

Trustee 3 Years:

Trustee 4 Years: Donna Torre

Trustee 5 Years: Thomas LaGase





#### 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.

> William J Smith LM **Born August 15, 1942** Initiated May 29, 1973 Passed from our mist July 8, 2025

Please contact Stephanie Dilger, Esteemed Leading Knight with information and updates. 203-592-2185

#### **ELKS CALL**

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



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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See below for a few events that are coming up in August, which will be featured in this Call.

August 1st – Annual Elks Golf Tournament August 9<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night August 10th – Coastal and Northwest DD Clinic September 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual Clam Bake

See below for upcoming and current activities: Monday Night Setback Card League (We are still looking for more teams, as we are still at 11.) Tuesday Night Cornhole (Starts at 7:15 pm) Wednesday Night Karaoke (Starts at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm) Wednesday Night Dart League (We are still looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Starts at 8:00 pm) Thursday Night Cornhole (Starts at 6:30 pm)

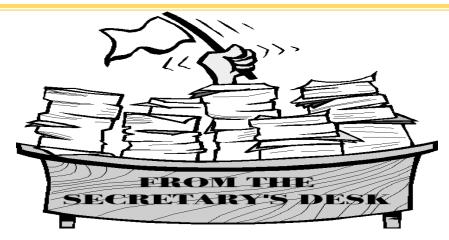
As always, please remember to continue to support and recognize our Veterans, our inner-city youth, and our unfortunate. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers. Please reach out to our chairpersons, lodge officers, or any members leading our events if you would like to volunteer or help. Finally, please come down and enjoy our lodge, join us for our upcoming events, enjoy a great meal, or just come down and say hello. GOD BLESS.

> Fraternally, Peter Wychulis **Exalted Ruler**









Members all,

Please note that any Delinquent member that needs to pay their Dues or a former member wishing to be Reinstated that person needs to contact the Secretary so that information can be verified.

Using the Elks website, a current paid up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online.

Total active members - 1116 • Delinquent Members: 113 • Applications to be read: 0 • Candidates awaiting Investigation: 10 • Balloting: 0 • Orientation: 1 • Candidates awaiting Initiation: 2.

Scheduling for the new applicants is as follows: Investigation – August 6 at 6:30 pm, Orientation – August 20 at 7:00, Investigation – September 3 at 6:30 pm, Orientation September 17 at 7:00 pm and Initiation – September 26 at 6:00 pm.

Please remember to inform the Lodge of any changes in your contact information to ensure you receive on a timely basis all information provided by the Lodge, such as the bulletin, charitable events, your dues and membership information.

Payment options are Check (preferred), cash, credit card (see the bartender) and a new **Enhanced Payment Processor.** <a href="https://www.elks.org/payonline">https://www.elks.org/payonline</a> and enter Waterbury, CT **No. 265.** A convenience fee will apply to your payment when using a credit card.

Please contact me by email at <a href="mailto:secywtby265@gmail.com">secywtby265@gmail.com</a> or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4 should you have any concerns.

#### **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











#### Elks showed heart, made 2024–25 a special year

Happy Independence Day, the Fourth of July. We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. We, as proud Elks, want to uphold the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in order to honor our great nation.

This is the perfect time for me to reflect on this amazing year of travel to meet all of you. We could never in our wildest dreams have thought that we would have this great honor. We want to thank each and every one of you for your love, hospitality, and support in fulfilling our year as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady.

It was easy to stay enthused by visiting each unique state convention. But there truly was a common bond in all of our visits: Heart.

Everyone has to serve others to show what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are truly about. You are the reason we are 800,000 Members strong. You are the reason that we have more than 1,800 successful Lodges. You are the reason that we are the greatest charitable organization in the United States of America. We are strong, mighty, and blessed to be citizens in our great country, and I want to express my gratitude for your service to others.

We would like to thank our family. We truly missed them during our travels, but they were always gracious and encouraging when we missed special events. We are so thankful for having such a loving family.

God bless our family, the Elks, and God bless the United States of America. I believe that my motto, "Elkdom's Heart for America" will live on for many years to come. Remember we are 157 years young!

Submitted by Douglas A. Schiefer PGER, Grand Lodge Newsletter.









#### **House Committee**

Hello everyone, this past month we hosted a successful blood drive. We were able to donate enough blood to save up to 48 lives! Our upcoming events are posted in the Rathskeller. Clam bake tickets are on sale, and if you're interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet posted. We are having a trivia night on August 9th, which is a free event. We also have a Hawaiian Luau on August 10th. The House Committee is also seeking donations such as school supplies, clothing, household products, etc., for a community outreach on August 30th at Library Park. We are starting up a Sunday Bowling league in the fall. Lastly, starting August 17th, we will be serving food presented by the house committee every Sunday. On that note, if you haven't done so, please follow our Facebook page (Waterbury BPOE 265 House Committee) for up-to-date events on what's going on in our lodge.

"Be the difference"

Thank you everyone, Corey Swenson-Shanahan House Committee Chairman



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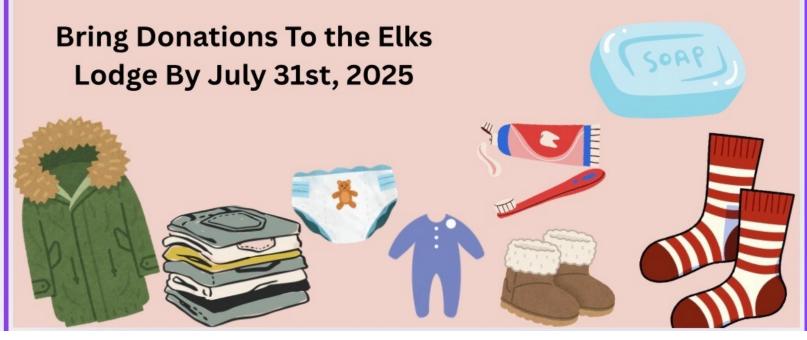






- · BABY GEAR
- NEW UNDERGARMENTS
  - · BLANKETS
    - · COATS
  - TOILETRIES
- MONATARY DONATIONS

# \*Anything Helps\*







Last month, the Elk Riders prepared a luncheon for 32 Drug/Americanism essay/ poster winners and their parents. The students received Amazon gift cards and certificates from Waterbury Lodge 265 and the Waterbury Emblem Club 552. Over 100 were in attendance, including ER Peter Wychulis, PER's Carlos Gotay, Susan Buzzeo, and Wanda Reiff. Leading knight Stephanie Dilger, State Drug Awareness Chair Mary Smith and district chair Chad Layton, PER Mike and Denise Johnson.

Photos: (L) Genevieve Mowad, (R) Tyrrell Middle School and Giuliana Benjamin of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School.





#### SUNDAY MORNING BOWLING LEAGUE

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

283 West Main St, Waterbury, CT

We're starting a new bowling league. Looking to start in the fall of 2025.

Sunday:

11 AM Start

4 Person Mixed Team (Must be a member)

\$15 Per Bowler/ Per Week

End of season party and prizes

Starts September 7th thru May 3rd

The League is limited to 6 teams. First come, first served. If interested, please call or text Ed Carmosino 347-497-1296 or Rose Quintana 347-572-9096 with any questions.

#### **MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE**

At Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

-In-house dart league

-8 PM Start

-4 Teams

-Minimum 6 players Per Team. Maximum of 12

-No Traveling. All matches held at Waterbury Lodge

-1 Time \$20 fee per player. Will cover awards, prizes

and End of Year Party.

-Open to all Elks. Must be a Member.

12 Game Format

6 501 Singles (Straight In / Double Out)

3 Cricket Doubles

3 501 Doubles (Double In / Double Out)

League Starts Monday, September 8th, 2025. Interested? Call or text Ed Carmosino at 347-497-1296 with any Questions









#### Chef's Corner & Nightly Dinner Specials

Check out our new Simmer menu, it's available Wednesday – Friday 5:00-8:00 In addition, we have nightly specials:

Wednesday is Pasta Night. Your choice of pasta, sauce and protein

Thursday is Steak Night

Friday is Seafood Night

After Labor Day we'll be starting dinner on Saturday night's

We're renting the Hall for Meetings, Bereavements, Graduation Parties, Stags, Bridal & Baby Showers, Sweet 16's, Fundraisers....

Email <u>265hallrental@gmail.com</u> for menus and pricing or call or text Lynn 203-509-0893

Please be aware, the kitchen will be closed on August 1st due to the Annual Golf **Tournament.** 

Do you like to bowl? We are looking for women 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.

#### Summer Dinner Menu

#### **Appetizers**

- <u>Caprese Salad</u> Sliced tomatoes, fresh mozzarella & basil atop mixed greens drizzled with olive oil & balsamic reduction \$8.95
  - <u>Philly Cheese Eggrolls</u> Meat & cheese stuffed served with red pepper basil mayo for dipping \$8.95
- <u>Truffle Fries</u> Straight cut fries tossed with White Truffle Oil, seasoned and topped with shaved parmesan cheese \$6.95
- <u>Chicken Tenders</u> Hand cut and breaded served with your choice of sauce: Buffalo, mild Buffalo, Seet Heat, BBQ, Honey Mustard, Citrus Soy Glaze or Plain \$8.95 Add Fries \$10.95\_ **Salads:**

## <u>House Mixed Greens</u> - Tomatoes, cucumber, red onion with shaved Parmesan cheese and our house made champagne vinaigrette

Side salad \$2.95 Entrée \$7.95

<u>Caesar Salad</u>- Romaine lettuce tossed in our house made Caesar dressing with parmesan cheese and croutons

Side Salad \$4.95 Entrée \$9.95 Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

#### **Entrees:**

<u>Penne Ala Vodka</u> – Tossed in a creamy Rose' sauce topped with shaved Parmesan cheese \$12.95

Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

<u>Build-A-Burger</u> – Grilled to a temperature of your liking served with cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion & FF \$12.95Sweet Potato FF \$13.95

Add sautéed mushrooms, onions or bacon for \$1.50 each

- <u>Sesame Tuna</u> Ahi Tuna filet encrusted with black & white sesame seeds pan seared and served rare with an Asian citrus soy glaze \$19.95
- **Porterhouse Pork Chop** Grilled and topped with sauteed garlic, shallots, bell peppers, white beans & longhots in a white wine butter basil \$18.95
- <u>Chicken Tacos</u> Chiptole braised served with shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, Cilantro lime sour cream in soft tortillas & FF \$14.95
- Lemon Chicken Pan seared chicken breast cooked in white wine lemon butter sauce \$14.95







#### The Kitchen Witch & the Polack are BACK!!!

### 1 night only Friday, August 8th 5:00-8:00

#### **Starters**

Pasta Fagioli - Cup \$2.99 or Bowl \$3.99

House Salad \$1.95

<u>Caprese Salad</u> – Sliced tomatoes, fresh mozzarella & basil atop mixed greens drizzled with olive oil & balsamic reduction \$8.95

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Billy's Baked Chicken - Legs & Thighs baked in Billy's secret spices served w/ mashed and Whiskey Carrots \$12.95

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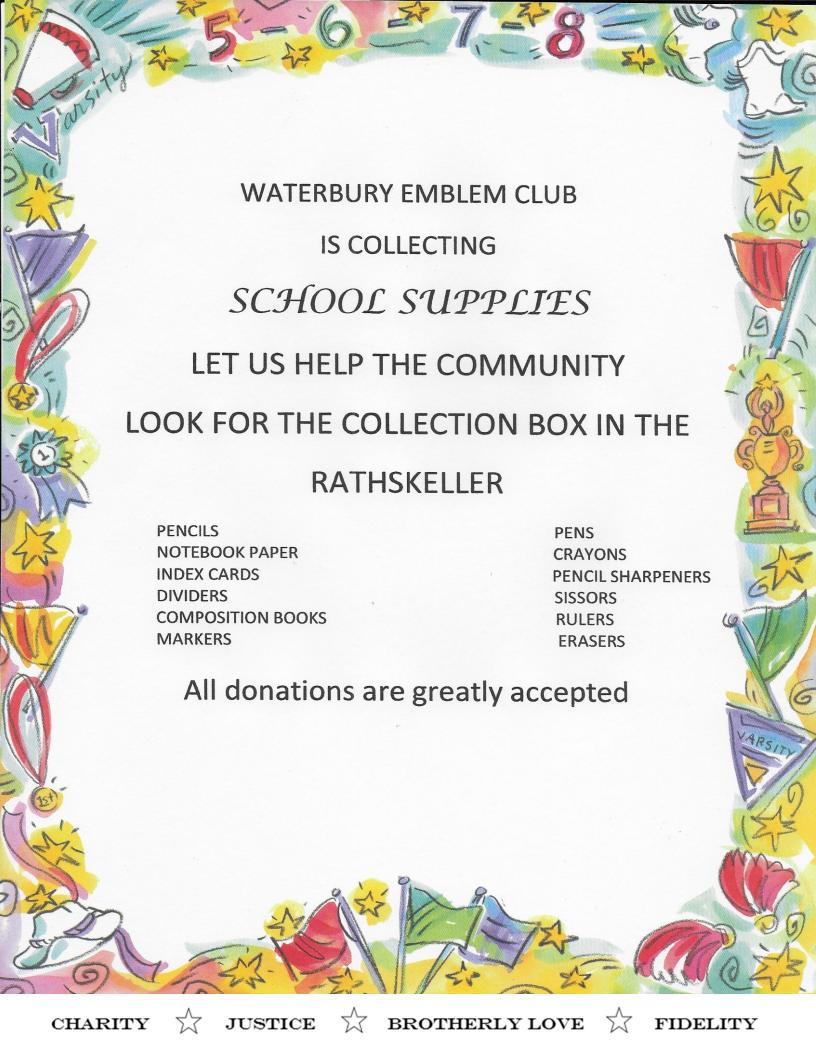
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Rita's FAMOUS Meatloaf - Beef and Pork seasoned and baked until perfect w/ mashed and Whiskey Carrots \$14.95

Dessert TBA

Reservations are strongly suggested 203-509-0893





# KARAOKE NIGHT AT WATERBURY ELKS #265

COME DOWN FOR DINNER AND SING A FEW SONGS!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM-9PM IN THE RATHSKELLAR



## Waterbury Elks #265 Dart League



Location: Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 – In Rathskeller

> 283 W. Main Street Waterbury, CT 06702

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per team (4 4-player teams) – Bring your darts or borrow ours.

Every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. starting in late May or Early June. The league hasn't confirmed the start date yet. More to follow.

Players can register with Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616 or peter.wychulis@espn.com

This will be at a first come, first serve basis. This is a sanctioned league, and your statistics will be available online.









August 1st - Gold Tournament August 5th - The Kitchen Witch & the Polack are BACK!!! August 9th - Trivia Night August 10th - Luau September 5th - Jukebox Bingo September 14th - Clam Bake October 4th - Salem Bus Trip October 26th - Design Bag Bingo



This months meetings will be held on:

#### August 26th









### **WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265** 73RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2025

Where: WESTERN HILLS GOLF CLUB

\$145 INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART & BREAKFAST. WATER, SODA & BEER AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE. FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS BANQUET AT THE LODGE.

7:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST 8:00 AM SHOTGUN START **COCKTAIL HOUR TO FOLLOW AT WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 1:00 PM OPEN BAR BANQUET AT 2:00 PM** 

> **GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$500** SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$300 **BRONZE \$200 FLAGS \$100 RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES!!**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 283 WEST MAIN ST **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!** 







Waterbury Elks #265 283 W Main St **PRESENTS** 



BY TYLER MOORE ENTERTAINMENT

Sat. Aug 9th, 7-9 pm In Rathskellar

Free to play! Teams of 4-6

## GREAT PRIZES!

Bring your Team, snacks /food and your BRAIN!

Reserve your table now! text Donna at 203 586-9424



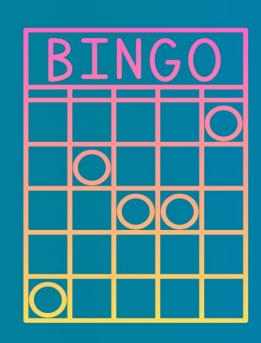




# MUSICAL JUKEBOX BING

Elks #265 283 W Main St Waterbury









# Friday, Sept 5th 7-9 PM

Looking for a fun night out with friends & music? Come early and have dinner, served from 5-8

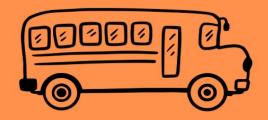
> **Bring your guests!** WIN PRIZES! To Reserve a table Call/Text Donna @ (203)-586-9424











# SALEM, MA

Sponsored by Elks # 265 Waterbury



Price is \$75 pp (includes driver tip)



## Sat Oct 4th Rain or Shine!

BUS LEAVES CHASE PKWY COMMUTER LOT AT 8 AM . **BUS LEAVES SALEM AT 5 PM**.

Please contact Linda J @ 203 528-7900 to reserve your seat! Payment will be due at **NO REFUNDS!** that time.

50/50 Raffle on the Bus!





