



# 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 Elkdom:

June is coming to an end, July is right around the corner. July 4<sup>th</sup> is a reminder to those who have died to keep our freedom and those that are currently serving and defending our country.

The National Convention is in Minneapolis, Minnesota this year and I will be proudly representing our Lodge.

We have new caterers, Teri and Randy. They served last Wednesday and Thursday from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. The food was delicious. Fridays will be coming soon. Please consider coming to the Lodge to have lunch or dinner.

I would like to thank Jim Burns for donating a new AED, Linda Galvin for the beautiful flower centerpieces that we will use for parties and Stephanie Dilger for the great job on the Clambake poster and the Golf Tournament poster.

The Elk of the Month will be Ryan Ibarra for his tireless effort putting our Call together. Thank you Ryan for stepping up, putting it together and sending out email blasts when needed.

In conclusion, please keep sponsoring the Lodge by coming down. It is greatly appreciated. Also, a reminder that the Lodge meeting for July will only be on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to seeing members on that date.

Have a fun and safe July!

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: Steve Knox

Trustee 4 Years: Richard Dilger

Trustee 5 Years: Mike Devino



**Members convalescing at home**

George Van Dyke  
Joseph Sciarretto  
Eric “Keith” Lot  
John Theriault

**Members convalescing**

**Cheshire**

Gerald Sokocius  
Joseph Koopstus (Koop)  
Jimmy Urino

**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.**

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

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

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

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

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

Charles M Harris  
Born July 22, 1936  
Initiated Nov. 30, 1977

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

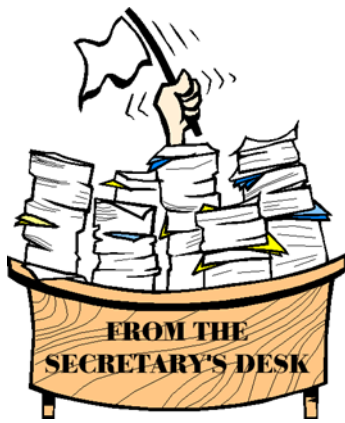
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Official Bulletin of Waterbury Lodge #265  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
PO Box 615, 283 W Main St.  
Waterbury, CT 06702

**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





Members All

Let's begin by welcoming Randy and Teri for taking over the catering at the BPOE #265.

This month our delinquent members list is at 164. STATUTES ANNOTATED Section 14.160 (c) The notice shall confirm to the delinquent Member that during the period of delinquency the Member is not entitled to the privileges of membership and that in the event of being dropped for nonpayment of dues, the Member can be reinstated only in the manner provided by the Laws of the Order.

Please update your mailing address, email, and phone especially those that move out of state and then return to CT to better communicate with you.

A reminder when paying through PayPal the member is responsible for the service charge. Your membership dues are \$131 dollars plus PayPal service fee this also applies to Lifetime memberships.

I can be reached by email at [secywby265@gmail.com](mailto:secywby265@gmail.com) or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4. Please leave a name and phone number on the voice mail so I'll be able to return your call. The voicemail does not have caller ID. Office hours are Wednesday 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Saturday 12:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M

Thank you.

Fraternally yours  
Flavio Basile, PER  
Lodge Secretary

Americanism Programs	Convention Sociats	Sauffleboard Tournament
Anniversary Night (Feb. 16)	Corned Beef and Cabbage Night	Softball Tournament
Auto Industry Night	Cheerleading Night	Spaghetti Feed
Barbecues	Christmas Party	Sport Shooting Night
Baseball Night	ELK Visitation	Sports (Various)
Baseball Trip	Dances (Various)	Art
Billiards Tournament	Charity	State 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

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES, MENUS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES  
<https://www.facebook.com/WaterburyElks265>

**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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## Continue Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm

It is hard to believe that July is here already. A year ago, Helen and I embarked on an incredible journey in representing all of you as your Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. I can honestly say that this was something that we never envisioned, but we're so very glad to have been given this tremendous opportunity.

The commitment and care that we witnessed in each Lodge in each state throughout our travels was truly remarkable. Each of you has been a source of inspiration to your Lodge and your community through your involvement with the programs of our great Order. We saw you warmly and heartily "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm." Every state promoted our program. We developed a renewed sense of pride in each and every state. We saw Members working together; smiles on the children; the fruits and rewards of hard work of our youth as they received a scholarship; a proud thank you from our veterans; and an utmost sense of patriotism and loyalty to our nation's flag. We cannot express our gratitude for your fine work and continued growth to your Lodge and to our Order.

It was enlightening to meet new Members and friends as well as renew time with old friends. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join you in becoming a Member of this great Order. It was fantastic to spend time at state conventions, youth camps, Major Project events, veterans' ceremonies, flag celebrations, and much, much more. The Elks we met reminded us that we indeed have a huge family out there.

Helen and I promise to continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year and for many more. We will continue in "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" as we know that you will too. We absolutely look forward to serving this organization and the people who we love and enjoy: You, the Elks!

We look forward to this convention in Minneapolis. It will be a fun and exciting time. Together we can, we do, and we will continue to make a difference in our Lodges and in our communities.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops, past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

Submitted by Bruce A. Hidley, GER, Grand Lodge Newsletter July 2023.

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**CLOSED FOR**

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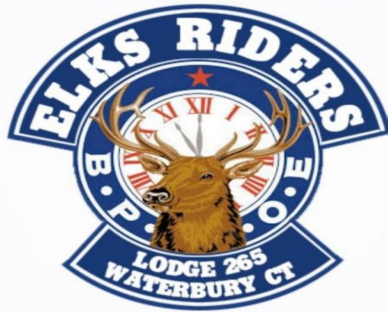


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# Dominique Dalessio Memorial Fund



**Wtby Elks Riders #265**

**Benefit Motorcycle Scholarship Run**

**Sunday July 16, 2023**

**Registration at 8:00 AM Ride departs at 10:00 AM**

**Waterbury Elks Lodge 265`**

**283 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT**

**\$20 per rider / \$10.00 per passenger**

**Ride includes dinner at lodge at 6:00 P.M. after ride.**

**Dinner available for non-riders \$10.00**

**Going to BRIDGEPORT LODGE # 36 AND DERBY ELKS LODGE # 571!!!**

ALL MOTORCYCLES, JEEPS, CARS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON A FUN FILLED DAY VISITING other lodges. Anybody who would like to make a donation for a raffle prize, can bring down that morning. We will have music, food, fun all for a good cause.

We are looking for Volunteers that day to help with setting up, serving the food, clean up, checking raffle tickets, and just helping out. Also looking for Dessert donations! Please contact one of the Riders Officers or just stop by and jump right in. Go on the web site and let us know if you will be attending on Facebook [Waterbury Elks Riders #265](#). Also, If it rains, we will not be riding, but will still have the benefit at 4 P.M. If you don't want to join the ride, **Everyone** is welcome to join for dinner and fun at 4 P.M.!!!! \$10 Donation!!

Thank you in Elkdom

Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci, 203-217-2145 President

Flavio "Big Bad Wolf" Basile 203-233-9293 Vice President

Wanda "PICA" Rreiff 203-808-1398

Denise "Deedles" Johnson 860-707-6838 Financial Secretary

Tony "Mini Guinea" Cavallo 203-768-6402 Secretary

Jim "Junkster" Morelli 860-558-3598 Road Captain

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**WATERBURY ELKS RIDERS #265**

**65" SMART TV RAFFLE**

**\$10 DONATION**

**TICKET TO BE PULLED ON SUNDAY, July 16, 2023**



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Greetings to all,

The Antlers had a great start to our year. We would like to thank all of you for supporting the Antler Program. With out all of your support we would not be able to be able to have a successful program. On June 18th we had our most successful Father's Day Breakfast to date. Thank you to all those that attended. We served over 80 people this year.

What's next for the Antlers? Well, we will be sponsoring a showing of all 8 Harry Potter movies on July 22nd and July 23rd . On July 22nd starting at 9:00 A.M. we will be watching the first of 4 movies. It should be over around 7:00 P.M. On July 23rd starting at 9:00 A.M. we will be watching the last of 4 movies. It should be over around 7:00 P.M.. Come for one movie or all of them. This is free to anyone that would like to attend, but we are accepting non-perishable food items or cash to support our local food banks in Waterbury.

Richard Dilger  
Lead Antler Advisor







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# BAR HOURS FOR JULY

Monday and Tuesdays bar opens at 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.

## Happy Hour

**11:30 A.M.-3:00 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)**



# *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!*

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# ***Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic 2023***

**Saturday August 19, 2023**

Due to the lack of interest this year there will be only one trip to Saratoga. For bus and ticket expenses, the Lodge needs to front \$5,000 by mid-May in order to make a successful commitment .

This year the price is \$120 a person; that includes bus transportation, breakfast at the Lodge at 7:00 A.M., picnic at Saratoga Springs Park, admission and grandstand seating at the Racetrack, and beverages on the bus and at the picnic. The race track allows you to enter with your own cooler as long as it fits under your seat and you can stock up with beverages that we provide.

REMEMBER, NO GLASS BOTTLES INSIDE THE RACE TRACK.

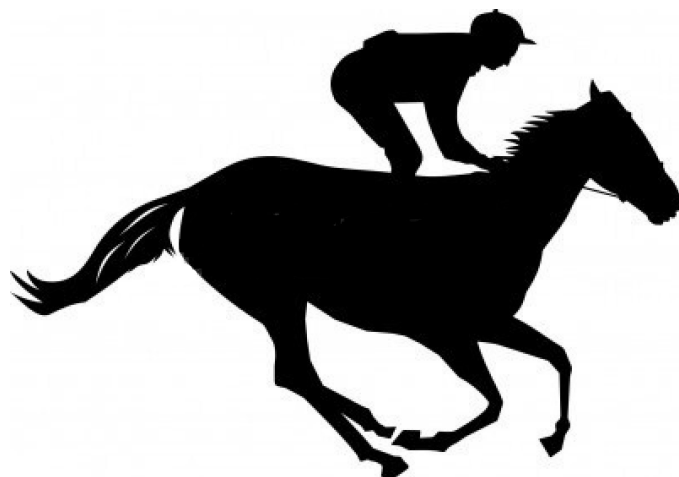
The bus will leave the Elk's parking lot at 7:30 A.M. and we should arrive at the Saratoga Springs Park no later than 10:30 A.M. so we can enjoy the cookout. Then, we will proceed to the racetrack between 12:00 P.M. and 12:30 P.M., and will leave at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> race.

This is an event for members and guests to enjoy and not meant for the Lodge to lose money. If you book your seat, do not expect a refund at the last minute. There is a long waiting list. Please notify me a minimum 2 weeks in advance.

For bookings and information call Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293 or email [flavyb5369@comcast.net](mailto:flavyb5369@comcast.net). For payments, make **checks payable** to "BPOE #265." You can mail it to me, Flavio Basile, at 200 Yale St. 30-B, Waterbury, CT 06704 or leave it at the Rathskeller with a bartender. Please do not leave cash.

*Sincerely,*

Flavio Basile



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Harry Potter Movie Marathon: July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Waterbury Elks Lodge #265 71st Annual Golf  
Tournament: Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>

Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic 2023: Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>



## SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023

VENDORS NEEDED!

More info to come!

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**THE WATERBURY ANTLERS PRESENT**

# Harry Potter

AND THE MOVIE MARATHON

**Saturday July 22nd and Sunday July 23rd**

Join the Waterbury Antlers for two magical days of Harry Potter!

8 movies, 2 days, 1 epic adventure.

Saturday: first movie starts at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday: first movie starts at 9:00 A.M.

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# **WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265**

**71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**SOUTHINGTON COUNTRY CLUB**

**\$145 INCLUDES GREEN FEES AND CART, BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT THE GOLF COURSE. WATER, SODA & BEER AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE.**

**FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS DINNER AT THE WATERBURY ELKS.**

**8:00 AM BREAKFAST**

**9:00 AM SHOTGUN START**

**LUNCH IS SERVED IN THE PAVILLION FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL GOLFERS PROCEED TO ELKS**

**COCKTAIL HOUR 4 PM**

**OPEN BAR**

**DINNER AT 5 PM**

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$500**

**SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$300**

**BRONZE \$200**

**FLAGS \$100**

**RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES!!**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RATHSKELLAR**





### **New Applicants**

Pamela Dorn proposed by Tammy Barred  
Levi Dallas proposed by Anthony Cavallo  
Avery Turner proposed by Richard Dilger  
Elizabeth Langlais proposed by Patricia Mayniham  
Olivia Tuohy proposed by Briana Tuohy  
Robert Stokes proposed by Andrew Scott Lund  
JoAnn McEntee proposed by Bryan McEntee  
Rocco Orso proposed by Jim Grosso  
Karl Shehu proposed by Domingo Irizarry

**Current Number of Members: 1,177**

### CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Since 2004 Cell Phones for Soldiers has...

Provided more than 400 million minutes of free talk time.

Recycled more than 20 million cell phones, reducing the impact on landfills.

Mailed approximately 2,500 calling cards each week.

**PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS!**



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