



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

April showers have come and gone and have brought forth May flowers. Let's go over some of those showers. We had 2 completely sold-out guest chef nights, thank you all for supporting the lodge. My first lady had a successful pocketbook bingo with the help from the wonderful Ladies of The Emblem Club #552. Who took time out of their schedules to help raise funds for the Lodge. We had another great Jukebox Bingo. A big thank you to all who supported our Antlers #265 for both their Wolfpack ticket sales and their can and bottle drive.

On May 4th we will be hosting a luncheon, in unison with Lady of Love, which will benefit the underprivileged citizens of Waterbury. If you are interested in helping or donating, please contact our Junior PER Susan Buzzeo. Cinco de Mayo is upon us; the House committee is putting together a fun filled day for us. Come down and support their efforts. The NW district has joined together in setting up bus trips to visit all the CT lodges, and, on the 5th they will be making their rounds in the East district of the state. For more information, please contact Waterbury 265's own Wanda Reiff, State Association Sgt at Arms, PDD, PER.

The bowlers had another great season and will be holding their banquet on Friday the 17th. Our Lodge's Elk Riders will be having their Annual Veterans BBQ on the 18th. Please come down and SUPPORT OUR VETERANS. Congratulations to the DAP and Americanism contest winners that will be moving on to the district competition. Thank you, Linda Galvin, for your continued effort in these programs. The Lodge will be hosting a luncheon for the winners. Thank you, Elk Riders, for showing your support for our community's youth and volunteering to be in the kitchen for this event.

Our 45th Annual Family Picnic will be on Sunday the 26th. Please see the flyer for more info. Come down to Quassy and bring the family. Tickets are available in the Rathskeller. On the 27th our nation celebrates and honors our military personnel who died while serving our great nation and protecting our freedom without which we wouldn't have the great organization that we are a part of.

Finally, my first Elk of the month is our Junior PER Susan Buzzeo. Her year as ER was completed and yet she couldn't stay away and volunteered for multiple committees and has continued her constant presence in the lodge. She's also in charge of the Luncheon for the underprivileged citizens. Susan, thank you for all your efforts.

Fraternally,

Carlos R Gotay ER

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: Carlos Gotay

Leading Knight: Jennifer Normand

Loyal Knight: Peter Wychulis

Lecturing Knight: Stephanie Dilger

Esquire: Bryan McEntee

Inner Guard: Ryan Ibarra

Tiler: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Secretary: Micheal McGaughan

Treasurer: Pat Jennings

Chaplin: Howard Osorio

Trustee 1 Year: Eugene Lafauci

Trustee 2 Years: Bret Reis

Trustee 3 Years: Richard Dilger

Trustee 4 Years: Mike Devino

Trustee 5 Years: Vacant



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.

John J D'Amico

Born July 11, 1931

Initiated March 28, 1967

Passed from our mist March 24, 2024

James O'Donnell

Born February 10, 1970

Initiated November 16, 1997

Passed from our mist March 24, 2024

Frederick W Blasius, Sr LM

Born March 15, 1934

Initiated November 23, 1965

Passed from our mist April 17, 2024

Please contact Jennifer Normand, Esteemed
Leading Knight with information and updates.

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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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<u>Membership Stats</u>	
Candidates:	12
Pending Transfers:	0
Delinquents:	254
Active Members:	1149

Dear Elks,

We have a significant number of members who still have not paid their Dues for the 2024-2025 year. Please contact the Lodge Secretary at 203-755-1159 option 4 or email secywtby265@gmail.com. Please remember that there are service charges when paying by credit card.

Fraternally,

Michael McGaughan

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



May calendar has events for moms, military, youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.”

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mother’s Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother’s Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother’s Day.

This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.

Finally, remember GER Award for DDs deadline is on the 15th. The Annual Report and Annual Charity Report are due May 1.

Submitted by Randy P. Shook GER, Grand Lodge Newsletter.

Happy May and Happy Spring

First, I want to start off by saying welcome aboard to all the new Officers for the Fraternal 2024-2025 year. Also, I want to welcome all new and returning House Committee members, and welcome aboard Kevin Cocchiola as my co-chair for this year. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or suggestions our meetings are the Tuesday before the lodge meeting. Or if you see us around just stop and we are always willing to answer questions.

I would like to say great job to Renee and her crew for the April 13th guest chef night. It was a sold-out room, and the food was amazing. We will be holding more of these dinners throughout the year. Also, I want to say great job to John Kunkel and crew on the prime rib and bake stuffed shrimp night on April 27, another sold-out dinner. Great job to Jen Normand on her 1st indoor flea market which had a great turn out and thank you to Donna McCullen for another great music bingo night and First Lady Liz Gotay and Linda Galvin and all Emblem ladies for another great pocketbook bingo.

The month of May brings many events. May 5th is our 2nd indoor Flea Market which is from 7:00-3:00 pm, also on May 5th is our Cinco De Mayo Party in the Rathskeller which begins at 12:00 pm and food starts at 1:00 pm, this is open to the public. Then on May 12th the House Committee is doing their annual Mother's Day Brunch 11:00-2:00 pm, and our Annual Family Picnic at Quassy Amusement Park on May 26th from 12:00-5:00 pm tickets are on sale now in the bar.

Just a reminder you can always reach me at 203-518-3938

Steve Knox PER
House Committee Chair



Greetings my fellow Elks,

The Antlers would like to thank all the Lodge members who donated their Cans and Bottles to help our program. If you missed it don't worry, we will have another one in the Fall. We would also like to thank the New Elk Officers for assisting with the Antlers Installation of officers on March 30, 2024. We would also like to thank the members that purchased tickets for the Hartford Wolf pack hockey game on April 14th.

As the Antler program begins another year of its program, we wanted to let you know of the upcoming activities for our program. On May 18th the Antlers will be going on a hike at Peterson Park in Wolcott starting at 10 am for anyone that is interested in joining us. On June 16th the Antlers will be hosting Father's Day Breakfast. All proceeds will go to help our local community.

Antler Program is open to all Children ages 12 to 20. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 6pm to 7pm.

Lead Antler Advisor

Richard Dilger



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First Lady Lissette Gotay, along with Linda Galvin, Margaret Simpson, Helen Donovan, Danielle Cromier, Lisa Guisto, Cathy Corcoran and Lynne Gregory hosted a "Designer Pocket-book Bingo". All proceeds going to the Lodge. There was also a towel collection for The Women's and Families Center. It was a fun afternoon!

Top Left: Volunteers Abby Dicarlo (Terryville High School) and Linda Violette received the towels from our participants.

Top Right: Volunteers Abby Dicarlo (Terryville High School) and Linda Violette received the towels from our participants.

Right: Our First Lady and her Bingo table share a photo.





Top: The Waterbury Emblem Club recently donated over 50 boxes of cereal to the seventh grade Faith Formation group at St Anthony Church in Prospect. Their annual drive supports local shelters.

19th ANNUAL DUCK Raffle
 June 2, 2024 - Maple Street

19th ANNUAL NAUGATUCK CHAMBER DUCK RACE RAFFLE
 June 2, 2024 - 2 p.m. - Whittemore Bridge
 Maple Street, Naugatuck, CT

\$5

Duck Day Festival Sunday, June 2, 2024
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Maple Street, Naugatuck

For Duck Day Festival Details Visit duckday.com.

Ticket holders need not be present to win.

- 1st Prize - \$5,000
- 2nd Prize - \$1,000
- 3rd Prize - \$500
- 4th Prize - \$200 Amazon Gift Card Donated by Zackin Zimyewski Sullivan CPAs LLC
- 5th Prize - 6 Month Membership Redeemable at The Club Health & Fitness
- 6th Prize - Garage Door Opener & Installation from Rhino Garage Doors
- 7th Prize - Weber Q Gas Grill Donated by Ed's Hardware
- 8th Prize - 12 Month Family Membership Redeemable at the Naugatuck YMCA
- 9th Prize - Dinner & Dessert for Family of 4 Redeemable at Friendly's Naugatuck
- 10th Prize - \$100 Gift Card Redeemable at 66 Church Restaurant
- 11th Prize - 6 Months of Flowers or Plants from Terri's Flower Shop
- 12th Prize - Gift Basket & 3 Months of Tutoring Redeemable at Mathnasium Naugatuck Valley
- 13th Prize - Handy Home Bucket of Tools Donated by H.J. Bushka & Sons Lumber & Millwork
- 14th Prize - Phillips Sonicare Toothbrush Donated by Jack Zazzaro, D.M.D.
- 15th Prize - Paint Basket Donated by Bushka Lumber & Millwork Co. LLC
- 16th Prize - Decorative Heart Shaped Mirror Donated by Naugatuck Glass LLC
- 17th Prize - 1 Month Gold Wash Pass Redeemable at Allroads Car Wash
- 18th Prize - \$50 Gift Card Redeemable at Ploski's Finest Liquids
- 19th Prize - Star Wars Merchandise Basket
- 20th Prize - \$25 Gift Card Redeemable at DeRocco's Wiches Bagels and Brew

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 Naugatuck Chamber

Left: The Waterbury Emblem Club will be selling tickets for the Naugatuck Chamber Duck Race. The tickets are \$5 each, and the proceeds will help us help the community! See any member for your chance to win one of 20 gifts!

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a beach scene. In the foreground, there are two large palm trees with green fronds and brown trunks. The middle ground features a small brown house with a yellow sun rising behind it, and a blue and white wave. The background is a clear blue sky. The text 'Summer BEACH RAFFLE' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'Summer' in a large, white, bubbly font with an orange outline, and 'BEACH RAFFLE' in a smaller, brown, blocky font.

Summer BEACH RAFFLE

WATERBURY ELKS RIDERS

Drawing May 19th

\$10 PER TICKET



The Waterbury Elks #265 Riders are having a raffle. Get ready for summer with a bunch of great prizes. More pictures to come soon. Tickets are \$10 each. The raffle is set up in the Rathskeller. Drawing is May 19th. If anyone would like tickets see a Riders Member also tickets at bar in Rathskellar!!

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Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 Cornhole Tournament



Date: Sunday June 9th, 2024. Registration starts at 12pm, Tournament starts at 1pm. Tournament will be capped with the first 35 teams registered.

Location: Waterbury Elks Lodge 265 – Brady Hall
283 W. Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per team – Bring your own bags. (50/50 Payout)

Games: Airmail Tournament, \$5.00 per player. (50/50 Payout)
50/50 Raffle, \$5.00 per ticket.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds go directly to the Waterbury Elks Lodge 265. Players can register with Pete Wychulis at 860-302-3616 or at peter.wychulis@espn.com

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

FLAG DAY CEREMONY



SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 11AM

LUNCH TO FOLLOW CEREMONIES

Our flag is our pride and we shall always protect its dignity

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WATERBURY ELKS LODGE #265

72ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY AUGUST 2ND, 2024

WESTERN HILLS GOLF 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.

7:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

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

COCKTAIL HOUR 2:30 PM

OPEN BAR

DINNER AT 3:30 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!!!!

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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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JOIN THE NW EXPRESS ON OUR ADVENTURE WE ARE ON THE ROAD WITH
OUR PASSPORTS THERE WILL BE FOUR (4) BUS TRIPS



VISITING EACH LODGE IN EACH DISTRICT

SIGN UP IS REQUIRED AND IT IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

THE FOLLOWING DATES AVAILABLE

~~4-7-2024 Coastal District~~

~~4-27-2024 Central District~~

5-11-2024 NW District

5-26-2024 East District

8:00 AM THE BUS WILL DEPART FROM WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 265

45 SEATS AVAILABLE SIGN UP & JOIN US

RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY CALLING OR TEXTING

WANDA REIFF, PDD,PER 203-808-1398

SIGN UP SHEET ALSO IN THE RATHSKELLAR AT WATERBURY LODGE 265

\$ 10.00 DONATION

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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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May 4th - Underprivileged Citizen Luncheon

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

May 12th - Mothers Day Brunch

May 18th - Riders Veterans BBQ

May 26th - Family Picnic

June 12th - Flag Day

WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 265

CINCO DE MAYO

MUSIC - FOOD - PARTY
MAY 5, 2024 | STARTS AT 1PM

HELD BY YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE

283 W MAIN ST WATERBURY, CT

SPECIAL MENU & DRINKS FOR THE DAY

MENU TO BE POSTED SOON ON SOCIAL MEDIA & AT THE LODGE.

Mothers Day BRUNCH

Let every Mother feel Special

12th Sunday, May

WATERBURY ELKS LODGE 265
BRUNCH BUFFET
\$15 PER PERSON
11 AM - 2 PM

United States of America

Veterans BBQ

Saturday, May 18th 2024

All Veterans are invited to join us for a free bbq

All non Veterans \$10 donation

Noon till 3pm

Waterbury Elks Lodge #265
283 West Main St

Waterbury Elks #265

45th Annual Family Picnic

Quassy Amusement
May 26th 2024

Adults \$35
\$40 At the door
Kids (4-12) \$10
Kids 3 & under Free

Come with your friends and family, and enjoy the day with fellow members.

NOON - 5PM

NEWLY RENOVATED!

Food Games Raffles & More

Sponsored by your House Committee

Advance tickets must be purchased by May 23rd

Sunday May 12th 11-2



•H A P P Y.
*Mother's
Day*

MENU

BUFFET STYLE
BRUNCH

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

Sausage

Pancakes

Home Fries

Quiche

Salads

Sandwiches

Roasted Chicken

Pastries & Desserts



For Reservations Contact Jen

(203)-510-5217

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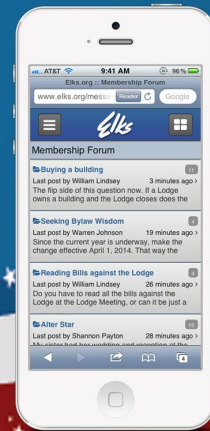
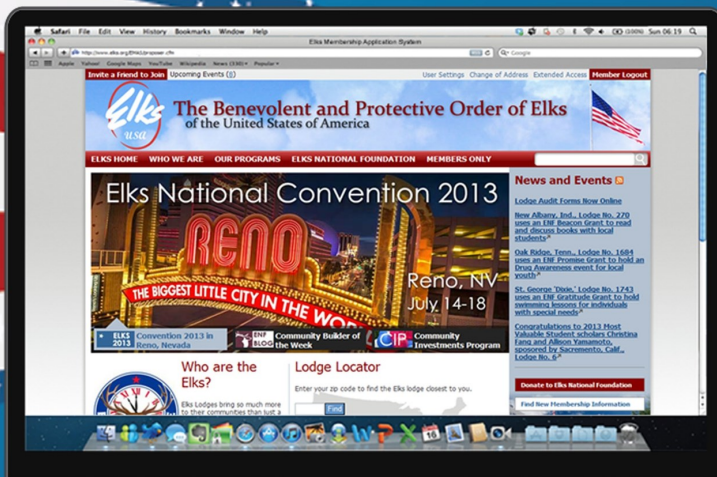


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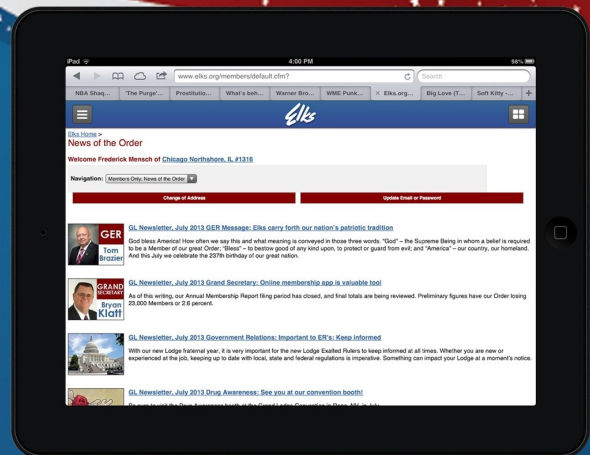


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