



THE ELKS CALL

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ELKS – STRENGTHENING ELKDOM
THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All

June brings warmer weather and a few events. State Convention is at the Trumbull Marriot June 2nd and 3rd. We have Flag Day Ceremony June 17th, starting promptly at 11am. Please consider coming to the lodge and show honor to our flag's history. June 18th there will be the Annual Antler Father's Day breakfast from 9am-12pm. The Antlers really do a good job putting it together. Please show your support. Wildwood is June 6-9.

I've been asked to post the winners of the Annual Raffle drawn on March 25, 2023. The following is the list of winners:

- 1st Place Allison Townsend
- 2nd Place Matthew Lucian
- 3rd Place Gary Cook
- 4th Place Mauralee Connolly
- 5th Place Cory Thompson

I would like to apologize for the cancelling of the Family Picnic. We had only 50 tickets sold and needed at least 200 more, so the decision was made by the House Committee to cancel. I hope every member will support the Clambake in September.

I would like to thank the hard work of Dave Ingala, Flavio Basile, Kathy Gannon and the rest of the staff for cooking serving at the Annual Bowler's Banquet Saturday May 20th. The bowlers couldn't say enough on how great the food and the service was. There was great participation at the Waterbury Elks Riders Annual Veteran's Luncheon. There was a lot of support. Some Vets were given Quilts of Valor and every Vet received a Thank You coin.

Members your continued support of the lodge is always appreciated and needed. If you have any ideas to make the lodge better please see myself, any of the officers, Jim Corcoran and the House Committee members. I will have a suggestion box in the Rathskellar in a week. Please voice your opinions and suggestions. I need fundraiser ideas, volunteers for the kitchen and lodge events.

In order to make everyone's experience in the Rathskellar and at any events, I would appreciate positive vibes. This means leaving your differences at the door and remembering we are a volunteer organization, and we need to help our community and support each other.

Finally, the Elk of the Month for June is Michelle Minicucci. Michelle has tirelessly volunteered for events. She worked hard at putting together the Veteran's Luncheon with the rest of the Elk Riders. She made the lunch for the Drug Awareness and Americanism Winners. She always has the lodge's best interest at heart and is always there ready to volunteer and help when needed. Also, as ENF chair she was able to get to 2 grants, The first was for the Veterans so they have snacks, toiletries, and many other needed items. The second was for Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries. She was able to stock their pantry with much needed items to help the homeless and less fortunate. Great Job Michelle!

In conclusion, lets continue to have a good year and remember we are all brothers and sisters in Elkdom.

Fraternally Yours,
Susan Buzzeo
Exalted Ruler

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:

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.

Richard J White Sr PER
August 24, 1935
Initiated
Passed from our Midst May 9,
2023

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

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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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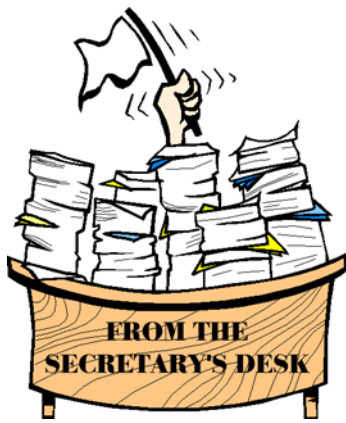
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Members All

All membership cards have been mailed out to members that sent the payment. Grand Lodge mailed out a second renewal notice dated May 3, 2023, to those that were late with the dues.

We have many members with outdated phone numbers and addresses, please try to have your information updated especially if you moved in the past few years.

Just a reminder when you are using PayPal, there is a service charge to membership dues and the member is responsible for the service charge. Your membership dues are \$131 dollars plus PayPal service fee this also applies to Life-time memberships.

All newly elected Lifetime members have received the renewal notice with the correct membership fees by now and submitted the payment and cards have been mailed.

I can be reached by email at 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. When leaving a message on the voice mail please leave a name and phone number voice mail does not have ID caller.

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	Lodge Association Night
Bingo	Hard Hat	State Presidents Night
Blood Bank	Homecoming	Steak Barbecue
Boat Trips	Ice Cream Social	Steel Industry Night
Rowless Night	Ice Cream Social	Stray Elks Roundup
Bowling Tournament	Ice Cream Social	Summer Mixed Foursome
Boys Club Night	Ice Cream Social	Bowling
Boy Scouts Night	Ice Cream Social	Golf



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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Honoring our Flag, remembering our fathers

The Esteemed Leading Knight's charge to our new Members opens with: "The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed." New Members listening to this charge may gain an understanding of what the Flag means to us as Elks.

Across our great country, Flag Day is observed on the 14th day of June each year to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American Flag. The Second Continental Congress adopted this date in 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as national Flag Day.

In our great Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge adopted a mandatory observance of Flag Day in all of our Lodges.

Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the red, white, and blue in front of homes and businesses. Flag Day events are held by Lodges all across our great country with ceremonies, parades, essay contests, and, most importantly, our Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The American Flag is the emblem of the "land that I love." Our Flag symbolizes the land of the free and home of the brave for all Americans.

June also has another special day for all of us as we honor and celebrate Father's Day. This year the holiday falls on Sunday, June 18. No matter how far away you may be, take the time to reach out and say happy Father's Day. This is not only a special day for your father but it is also special for your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your brother, and your special uncle. Happy Father's Day.

June is the beginning of our summer months. Children are home from school, graduation ceremonies are held, and families begin summer vacations. Celebrating our Flag and participating in June activities in our homes and at our Lodges truly show "Elks Care — Elks Share." I encourage each of you to continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" by bringing joy, happiness, love and lots of sunshine to one another.

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

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

Elks DAP DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

On Sunday May 21, 2023 the Waterbury Elks #265 hosted a luncheon for 34 students and their families.

These students represented Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and The Catholic Academy Schools of Waterbury, and Wakelee, Alcott and Frisbee Schools of Wolcott.



The students either drew posters or wrote essays for the Drug Awareness theme "One Pill Can Kill!," or essays for the Americanism theme "What is Your American Dream." Our students did extremely well and some will be representing Connecticut in the finals.

The luncheon was donated and prepared by the Waterbury Elks Riders Michelle Minicucci and ER Sue Buzzeo.

Honoring the students were ER Susan Buzzeo, PER Anthony Cavallo Jr, Mike Johnson ER, Northwest VP, PDD, Lisa Calo, and Linda Galvin Program Chairman.

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The Waterbury Elks Riders #265 had their annual Veterans BBQ at the lodge on 5/20/23 and honored 30 Veterans from our Community. Besides having a great time, five Veterans received Quilts that were made from Quilts of Valor. Also 25 Veterans were given commemorative coins "Thank You For Your Service". The Riders would like to thank everyone who came to enjoy this day, and the Volunteers that helped decorate the room, help prepare the food, set up, and break down the room. Please check out the video of our honored Veterans receiving the Quilts at Waterbury Elks Riders #265 on Facebook.



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Waterbury BPO Elk Riders #265 June 2023

Hello June !!!!! Well the Waterbury Elks Riders #265 had a great beginning, starting with our first fund raiser, the Veterans BBQ held on May 20, 2023 in the Brady Hall. I would like to thank all who participated in this event and made 37 Veterans day by a wonderful luncheon. We had 6 cakes that represented the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines , Coast Guard and the new US Space Force. A great big Shout out to Nancy Olsen, from **Quilts of Valor** and her husband George who presented 5 home made quilts, which were beautiful, and made with love and hard work, to five of our Veterans. Our own **Howie Orsario**, was given a beautiful quilt that had a Motorcycle on it with an eagle on top of it, all in red, white and blue. Pictures can be seen of this great day on the Waterbury Elks Riders # 265 Facebook page. All the Riders members worked so hard to make this day special for our Veterans in getting special cakes, preparing the meal, presenting some of the Veterans with special **“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE”** Coins and Service pins. We are looking forward to doing this again next year, and hope many more veterans join us....

We are preparing for our 3rd Annual Dominique Dalessio Scholarship Run on Sunday, July 16 and we are leaving our lodge by 10 a.m., and going to the Bridgeport Lodge and then to Derby Lodge, and coming back to our Lodge for Lasagna Dinner, music, raffles, and a whole lot of fun. Please pray that the weather is great for riding. We would also like to invite any Jeeps, antique cars, regular cars, and anyone who would like a day away and visit these two lodges to join us. It is \$20 for bikes, \$10 passengers, and if you don't want to go on the ride, you want to join us for dinner it is a \$10 donation. Also looking for **volunteers**, for that day, we need help setting up, prepping food, serving, cleaning up, raffle prizes.

Our next meeting will be on Wed June 21 at 7 p.m. Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting can, as we welcome any suggestions. If you want to become a member, remember you do not need to ride a motorcycle, just enjoy traveling, visiting other lodges, and providing for our veterans, children and community.

Thank you all for your support of the Elk Riders# 265

Yours in Elkdom

Yours in the wind, and Elkdom,

Michelle “LIPSY” Minicucci, PER

President WTBY BPO Elks Riders #265

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Dominique Dalessio Memorial Fund



Wtby Elks Riders #265 Dominique Dalessio Benefit Motorcycle Scholarship Run

Sunday July 16, 2023

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

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283 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT

\$20 per rider / \$10.00 per passenger

**Ride includes dinner at lodge at 6:00 PM Dinner
available for non-riders \$10.00**

Going to Bridgeport Lodge #36 then to

Derby Lodge #571

Contact: Michelle "Lipsy" Minicucci

203-217-2145

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BAR HOURS FOR JUNE

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. Nancy makes specialty drinks on Fridays, you will love them. Bartenders discretion if there is no one in the bar for 45 minutes to an hour the bartender will be closing.

We have a new bartender on Sundays and Tuesdays, come check out Bridgett behind the bar.

We will be serving finger foods made by the bartenders in our pizza oven.

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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State Convention June 2nd - June 4th

Sportsman Holiday: Thursday June 8th - Sunday June 11th

Flag Day: Saturday June 17th

Fathers Day Breakfast: Sunday June 18th

Harry Potter Movie Marathon: July 22nd and 23rd

39th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday

June 8th - June 11th, 2023, Wildwood, New Jersey

Fellow Sportsmen, as this article is being published, we are four months from our 39th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday to Wildwood, NJ. The usual suspects will again coordinate arrangements and include me and John Kunkel. All payments will go through John Kunkel and include all charges associated with Golf.

Here are the rules of the road. We try to be understanding but need clarity early on.

1. There will be a sign-up sheet to be filled out noting your room partner and who is in your golf foursome. Complete the form in its entirety and submit it with your down payment.
2. This year's dates are the same as the New Jersey American Legion Convention in Wildwood. Our host and fellow Lodge member, Adamo Pepitone, can only commit the Attache Motel for our trip. It can accommodate 88 people. He will do his best to scrounge up additional rooms if required, but all other motels are already fully booked. I can only guarantee 88 people will have rooms, and I may be forced to make some difficult choices. Selections will be made in accordance with receipt of payment. We will start taking deposits or payment in full immediately. Don't think about this until the last minute, or you will not be included. We have every confidence Adamo will break his neck to cover everybody who wants to go, BUT we can't guarantee anything beyond 88 attendees. Last year we had 86 guys sign up, so please don't wait until the last minute.
3. Room charges and golf fees have gone up. The fee for a double occupancy room will be \$425, and a single room will be \$475. Golf will be \$210 for the 2-day tournament and should be paid when you make payment for your room. Please remember, if you sign-up for golf and you decide not to play for any reason, the golf fee is not refundable. We are charged by Avalon for the number of golfers we sign-up.
4. All transportation to Wildwood will be the responsibility of participating members. Any member with a van, pick-up or extra space in their trunk is asked to step up and offer to take any overflow of clubs or luggage. A \$100 deposit or payment in full will be expected as soon as you receive this article. Remember, I can only guarantee rooms for 88 people. The sooner I know the level of interest, the sooner I can advise Adamo to work on securing additional rooms.
5. In previous years, most of the guys elected to go on Wednesday to extend their stay. There is an additional room charge of \$95. If you have a roommate, you will split the charge with that person. This charge is paid directly to the Attache when you arrive on Wednesday, June 7th and is not to be included in the charges payable to the Elks Lodge for rooms and golf. There will be a \$45 charge for Wednesday attendees for beverages and food.

We've enjoyed a great run with this event and we would like to keep it going as long as interest remains at current levels. It's a great deal and a memorable weekend. Please check the expected charges carefully as you make your deposit(s). We have no desire to become personal accountants. We also have no inclination to chase anybody; you are in, or you are out. No personal invitations will be issued. Payments are to be made by check only. No cash should ever be left at the bar and neither the committee members nor the Lodge will be held accountable for cash payments should they go missing.

Payment in full is expected by Friday, May 5th, 2023.

Wildwood Committee

Waterbury Elks Lodge 265

FLAG DAY CEREMONY



SATURDAY JUNE 17TH 11AM

LUNCH TO FOLLOW CEREMONIES

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

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Join Us For

FATHER'S

Day

BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Waterbury Antlers

SUN JUNE 18TH

9AM - 12PM

12 and older: \$12 | 5 to 11: \$6 | 4 and under: free

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

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Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic 2023

Saturday, July 22nd, Saturday, August 19th, and Sunday, August 27th, 2023.

Here we go again, it's time to make your reservation for another season to chase the ponies around the track. The Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic scheduled, Saturday, July 22th, Saturday, August 19th, and Sunday, August 27th, 2023. A deposit of \$25 per person is necessary to guarantee a reservation due ASAP.

Saratoga still has no price set hoping to keep the same price as last year per person and 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, 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.

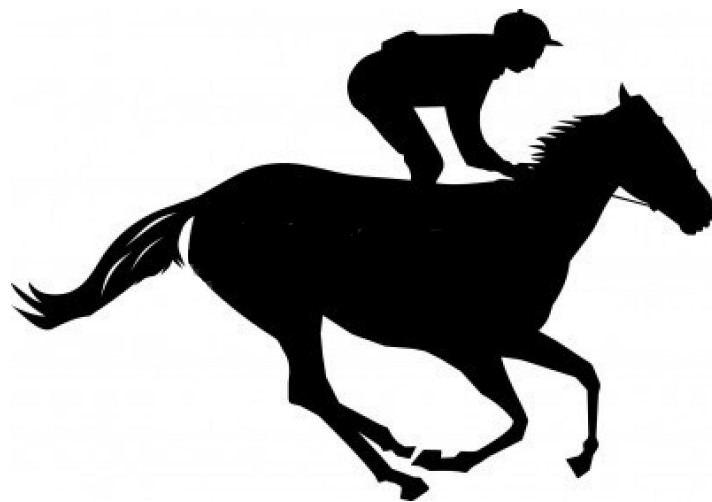
The bus will leave Elk's parking lot at 7:30 A.M., and we should arrive at the Saratoga Springs Park no later than 10:30 A.M. so we can enjoy the cookout. Then proceed to the racetrack between 12:00 P.M. and 12:30 P.M.; we will leave at the end of the 8th race.

This is an event for members and guest to enjoy and not meant for the Lodge to lose money. If you book your seat, you cannot expect a refund. Usually I have people on the waiting list if you let me know at least a week or more ahead of time.

For bookings and information call Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293 or email flavyb5369@comcast.net. For payments make **check 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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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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Initiated on May 23rd 2023

Lilly Francisco
Matt Foley
Steve Stefan
Corey Shanahan
Patricia Carrin
Terry Cilday
Bridget Mitchell

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

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