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JUSTICE



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ROOF FUND AT \$33,000!

“RAISE THE ROOF BONDS” ON SALE

We need your help to raise **\$100,000** to replace the roof and air conditioning unit on the Rathskellar building. Bonds are \$250 each (limit 10 per member) and bear simple interest of 5% annually. We are also accepting donations in any amount. You can deliver your check to the lodge or mail it to:

Waterbury Elks Lodge

Office of the Secretary

PO Box 615

Waterbury, CT 06720

Note in the memo section of your check **“Bond”** or **“Donation”**, or contact **Mike Gannon** mikeg0174@aol.com. To date 132 members have purchased bonds or donated, which means about 1,200 haven't yet contributed. Please make your bond purchase or donation as soon as possible so we can get this project started!

Thank you for your generosity!

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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LODGE OFFICERS 2019-2020

Flavio Basile	Exalted Ruler
Michelle Minicucci	Est. Leading Knight
Steve Knox	Est. Loyal Knight
Tony Cavallo	Est. Lecturing Knight
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5-Year Trustee	Steve Kontout
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3-Year Trustee	Bret Reis
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Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum

Matthew McCormack

House Committee Chairman

Chris Colwell

Telephone-All Departments (203) 755-1159

Regular Lodge Meetings-Second & Fourth

Tuesday of the month @ 7pm

July & August-fourth Tuesday only

December-second Tuesday only

Initiation meetings start at 6:30pm



SICK BOARD

IN REHAB

- Cheshire Regional
Willaim Scarpatti
- Jefferson House-Newington
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- Autumn Lake Conv. Home
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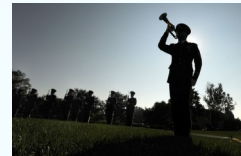
AT HOME

Dick White, PER, LM
Tommy Sanchez

Chip Chaivanik

Michelle Minicucci, Esteemed Leading Knight
Phone # (203) 217-2145

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORIAM TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Dr. Robert E. Beaudoin LM

Born, December 4, 1942

Initiated, November 29, 1972

Passed from our Midst, January 29, 2020

Anthony F. Dance

Born, September 21, 1946

Initiated, May 28, 1996

Passed from our Midst, February 1, 2020

Joseph Pettinicchi LM

Born, March 3, 1937

Initiated, December 10, 1976

Passed from our Midst, February 3, 2020

*The clock of their days has stopped, and across its
dial the motionless arms mark The Hour of Eleven,
the "Golden Hour of Recollection".*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All:

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for Lodge Year 2020-2021. You are a great group and I'm sure you will make us all proud to be members of Waterbury Lodge #265!



We had a great Super Bowl Sunday and once again the House Committee went above and beyond to make this event a great success. The hard work you put in and the delightful selection of food was much appreciated. Thank you, House Committee! David Ingala, showing his great appreciation of the Lodge, resurrected the monthly dinner, which was well attended by members and guests.

The "Raise the Roof" fundraiser has generated approximately \$33,000 so far, and I thank you for generosity. If you have not yet done so, please purchase a bond or make a direct donation as soon as possible. Either would be greatly appreciated.

On Saturday March 7, 2020 we will honor the Elk of the Year Christopher Colwell, Officer of the Year Michael Gannon, and Citizen of the year Steve Knox. Please support these well-deserving, hard-working individuals by attending their awards banquet.

We have a young lady who, day in and day out, creates culinary magic in our kitchen. She ensures that meals are prepared to customers' satisfaction, and she stepped up big time during our time of need by making sure the kitchen kept running smoothly. She showed what "Elks Care, Elks Share" is all about. Thank you, Rita Tomasiewicz, Elk of the Month for March 2020.

It is been an honor serving as Exalted Ruler of Waterbury Lodge #265 this past year. Thank you to all committee chairpersons and members who worked so hard to make this lodge year successful. Thank you, Lodge Officers, for your support and your hard work performing initiation, indoctrination, and other rituals throughout the year. I'm proud of your outstanding performance and for

standing by me all year. Also my sincere thanks go out to the following: John Carosella, and your team for the excellent job running the family picnic, clam bake, the Wildwood trip and the golf tournament; the house committee chaired by Chris Colwell for maintaining our everyday operations and keeping the catering function going with his right arm, Danielle Topazio; the Trustees with the challenge of maintaining the building with the constant problem solving that is required; Linda LaFauci for her dedication to the Veterans along with her many volunteers; Mike Madzek and his crew for the soccer shoot; Jim Keeley who chaired the hoop shoot; Linda Galvin for chairing the drug awareness program; Kathy Gannon and Danielle Violette for chairing the youth activities program; Waterbury Emblem Club #552 for your support throughout the year; the Antlers Club guided Steve Knox and Susan Buzzeo; Gerald DiPietro and John Kunkel co-chairing the annual Golf tournament; Jackie Reilly for the wonderful job she's doing with ENF; and last but not least Ginny Leary, our secretary, who is always looking for ways to save money for the lodge. Please thank her for her hard work and dedication watching out for the interests of the Lodge and its members.

It is difficult to recognize every individual who contributed in some way this year, so I apologize if I unintentionally omitted anyone.

Yours in Elksdom

Flavio Basile, Exalted Ruler



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Members of Lodge #265:

Happy Spring and congratulations to all Officers elected at the February 11th meeting. Let's give them all our support for the upcoming year.

Dues notices have been mailed. If you have not received yours yet, please contact me.

Thank you to all who have sent their payments in so promptly and those who have generously donated to the building fund. Please remember that your new card is not effective until April 1st, so don't throw away your current card.

Your dues can be sent to: Office of the Secretary, PO Box 615, Waterbury, CT 06720 or you can leave your payment at the Lodge in the Secretary's door or at the Rathskeller. It is always better to send a check or money order to ensure accurate recording of your dues.



We also welcomed 21 new Life Members last month. Congratulations on reaching such a milestone.

Meetings this month are March 10th and the 24th. Please try to attend at least one of them.

If you need to visit the office, the best way is to contact me through e-mail secywtbv265@gmail.com or call 203 755-1159 Option 4 and leave a message. I will respond as soon as possible.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Fraternally yours,

Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS



We have sent over **600** cell phones since we started this project!! PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS! Thank you for all the current donations.

Kathy Gannon, Junior PER

WALKER-DONAHUE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2019-2020 Walker-Donahue scholarships are now available. Pick up a copy at the bar, or contact Mike Gannon at mikeg0174@aol.com.

These scholarships are available to high school seniors whose parent is a paid-up member of Waterbury Elks Lodge #265. Children of deceased members are also eligible as long as the member was paid-up at the time of his or her passing. The judging and awarding of points is based on scholarship, financial need, leadership, and a written essay response. Applications are due at the lodge on or before March 31, 2020.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Scholarship Chairman



36th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday

June 11th-June 14th, 2020, Wildwood, New Jersey

Fellow Sportsmen, as this article is being published, we are six months from our 36th Annual Sportsmens' Holiday to Wildwood, NJ. The usual suspects will again coordinate arrangements and include me, John Kunkel, Bill Gannon, Dick Champagne and Tony Barzydlo. All payments, unless otherwise noted, will go through John Kunkel, Bill Gannon or me and include all charges associated with Golf.

Here are the rules of the road once again. I try to be understanding as best I can, but as I age, my sense of humor sometimes abandons me, so here goes.

1. If you think I'm psychic and know with whom you expect to room or who might be in your golf foursomes, forget that immediately please. As you make payments, please note who it is you expect to share your room and with whom you expect to be playing golf. Upon making your initial deposit, you will be handed a form to complete that will indicate who your room partner(s) will be and who is intended as your golf partners. I'm just trying to eliminate the notes on envelopes and paper scraps that are at times difficult to figure out. Again, only current members or those in process of becoming a member of Lodge #265 are invited to attend. Non-members who've attended previously are welcome to join us again.
2. In fairness to all, selections will be made in accordance with receipt of payment. We will start taking deposits or payment in full on January 1, 2020. Don't think about this until the last minute or you will not be included. Unlike last year, we are not in conflict with any other conventions being hosted in Wildwood. I expect we will not have a problem with rooms. The dates reflected are not in conflict with Father's Day so we have no problem there.
3. We had 98 attendees last year and 70 golfers. Foursomes are limited to a total of 72 golfers so don't procrastinate as you make your deposits. Snooze and you may lose! Also, once you sign-up for golf the charge to you remains; if you can't play as scheduled for ANY reason the golf fee will not be refunded as the Elks is charged for the number of golfers scheduled to play.
4. Room charges remain the same as last year; that is \$320 per person double occupancy and \$425 for a single room. We believe golf will remain the same at \$118 per golfer for Friday and Saturday, but that will become final once John Kunkel speaks with the Avalon Golf Club as the season opening approaches.
5. 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 by March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Payment if full is required by May 15, 2020. Please be sensitive to the dates shown. I will not be responsible for contacting anyone for payment.

Last year we had about 45 participants elect to go a day earlier. If you choose to go on Wednesday the room charge is \$50 that you can split with your room mate or pay yourself if there is no room mate. This is the only charge that will be settled individually with Adam at the Aztec Motel. Don't pay me. If you go on Wednesday, there will be an additional \$35 charge to be paid to me for food and beverage enjoyed on Wednesday in fairness to those who don't come until Thursday. I need to know in advance if you expect to go Wednesday to advise Adam at the motel(s).

We've enjoyed a great run with this event and I 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). I have no desire to become a personal accountant. I 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 and must include the completed form earlier mentioned showing room assignments and golf partners. No cash should ever be left at the bar and neither I nor the Lodge will be held accountable for cash payments should they go missing.

Payment in full will be expected by Friday, May 15, 2020.

John Carosella

March Event Calendar

Saturday	March 7	Elk of the Year Banquet
Tuesday	March 10	Lodge Meeting
Monday	March 16	Indoctrination
Tuesday	March 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Sunday	March 22	Testimonial for Linda Galvin, Emblem State President
Tuesday	March 24	Lodge Meeting—Initiation
Sunday	March 29	Emblem Pocketbook Bingo
Saturday	April 4	Installation of Officers
Sunday	April 19	CCMC Benefit Concert

EARLY BIRD DINNERS

Every Wednesday Rita puts out a great menu of “Home Style” entrees for just \$9.95! Get here early because dinner starts at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner is followed by Karaoke hosted by DJ Lord or Don playing all of your favorite tunes. Have dinner then join in the fun by singing your favorite songs for us.

**GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS,
GREAT FUN!**

Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship

Applications for the 2020-2021 PER scholarships are now available. Pick up a copy at the bar, or call Mike Gannon at 203-217-6819.

These scholarships are available to students who have completed at least one year of college as of May 31, 2020, and whose parent is a paid-up member of Waterbury Elks Lodge #265. Children of deceased members are also eligible as long as the member was paid-up at the time of his or her death. The judging and awarding of points is based on scholarship, financial need, leadership, and a written essay response.



WATERBURY LODGE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



As you know, we are asking the membership to finance our roof project. The lodge does not have the funds to pay for this major repair. The funds generated from dues, the bar, and food service are used to pay our monthly bills. Please support our lodge by coming down to enjoy a beverage and a meal. Support our fundraisers, and **PLEASE contribute what you can afford to the roof project.**

Waterbury Lodge is a shining example of what an Elks Lodge should be. We always receive high praise from our District Deputy during the annual audit. Our lodge is well run and managed due to the effort put forth by the officers and the many volunteers who generously contribute their time to make our lodge successful.

Yours in Elkdom,

The Officers of Waterbury Lodge #265

To date we have raised \$33,000 toward our goal of \$100,000 for the roof project. Please send in your bond purchases and donations as soon as possible so we will be in position to begin the project in the spring.

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Trustee Chairman

Nominations for Three-Year Trustee

There will be nominations for the position of 3-Year Trustee at the lodge meeting on March 24, 2020. Please note that this meeting will start at 6:30pm due to Initiation. Anyone wishing to run for this office should make certain that they have someone at the meeting to nominate them.

Thank you.

Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary

ROOF FUND HITS \$33,000!

THIS MONTH'S DONORS

Charles	Simpson	Harry	Platt
Michael	Scaviola	David	Shaknaitis
Karen /Wallis	Brooks	Harold	Smith
Michael	Fischer	Henry	Zembruski
Richard/Cynthia	White	Stephen	Brunetti
Ken	Dupont	Michael	Christiano
Thomas	McCarthy	William	Gannon
Pasquale	DiMaria	Daniel	Grecco
Pat	Jennings	Randee	Hickey
Stephen	Barone	Domingo	Irizarry
Thomas	Beaulieu	Mark	Lebel
Thomas	Flanigan	Rene	Martineau
Joseph	Gurga	Robert	Reggiani
Andrew	Lund	Walter	Remillard
Samuel	Leisring	James	Watson
Robert	Parziale	Charles	Wentworth
Michael	Tacinelli	Michael	Wilkinson
Rosalie	Veneziano	Stephen	Brown
William	Bates	Bart	Ensero
Vincent/Maria	Basile	John	Gilmore
Crystal	Caouette	James	Jones Jr
Ronald	Chepurna	William	McCarthy
Timothy	Clark	Dennis	Baumgarten
Alan	Coffey	Lynn	Brown
William	Fiftal	William	McQuinn
Jeffrey	Franson	Donald	Mecca
John	Frantzis	Laura	Blair
Scott	Griffith	Richard	White
J. Andre	Fournier	Gail	Kelly
Hugh/Teresa	Murphy	Patrick	Kelly
Samolis	Family	James	Mahar
Dino	Bartolucci	Eugene/Linda	Minicucci
Samolis	family	Maryellen	Proto
Erwin	Brustat	Gary	Cook
Eugene/Linda	LaFauci	William	Delpo
Joseph	Modenese	Francis	Ford
Laurence	Regan	Justin	Gibson
John	Santucci	Salvatore	Guerrera
Thomas	Wrenn	Ahsanullah	Olomi
Motorcycle Run		Francis	Oricchio
John	McKenna		

ANTLERS PROGRAM NEWS

Antlers monthly breakfast Sunday morning, March 15, 2020 from 9am-11:30am. The menu includes bacon, sausage, omelets, pancakes, French toast, hash browns, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$5.

We are recruiting new members 12 to 20 years of age. Please contact Steve (203) 518-3938 or Susan (203) 709-0054 if you are interested in joining.

For any questions concerning Antlers events, please feel free to contact Steve or Susan.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANTLERS!

Do you like to bowl? We are looking for ladies to join our Women's Duckpin Bowling League which meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from September through March. If you are interested in joining our league, please contact Mary Rice at 203 756 2882 or Betty Dillon at liz.dillon69@gmail.com. Limited openings available.



ELKS LODGE MEN'S DUCK PIN BOWLING STANDINGS AFTER FIVE WEEKS OF ROUND 2

<u>EAST</u>				<u>WEST</u>			
MINERVINO	22	6	.786	BEGNAL	21	14	.600
PAYNE	23	12	.657	LUND	16	12	.571
KINGPINS	17	11	.607	LYONS	19	16	.543
WINGERS	17.5	17.5	.500	BOYLE	16	19	.457
PETRO	17	18	.486	BROWN	15	20	.429
NOFILL	6.5	21.5	.286	CARDINALS	13	22	.371
				SHEA	7	21	.250

<u>HIGH SINGLE</u>			<u>HIGH THREE</u>	
WEEK 1	B. DEMPSEY	156	J. KOOPSTUS	400
WEEK 2	J. PAYNE	148	J. PAYNE	396
WEEK 3	J. PAYNE	181	J. PAYNE	391
WEEK 4	M. MINERVINO	169	B. BEAULIEU	393
WEEK 5	JIM KEELEY	167	JIM KEELEY	392

Any members interested in joining the Elks Men's Bowling League can contact Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293 or Ranie Chasse at 203-206-2319.

GOLF LEAGUE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Bill Derwin Thursday Night Elks Golf League at the lodge at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2020. All members wishing to golf this season should attend. Call Scott Lund with any questions at (203) 755-9207.

EMBLEM NEWS

On behalf of our members, we CONGRATULATE the new officers and Chairmen for the 2020 – 2021 Lodge year! Please know that we are available to help when needed.

Thank you for your support of our Mohegan Sun Bus Trip. It was fun and everybody appeared to have a great time.

Our club continues to help our community with donations made monthly to worthy organizations—we have helped many schools in the area with items of need and initiated programs for the children. We will continue to work hard this year in order to be able to help those in our community.

COMING UP:

Sunday, March 22nd – Testimonial for State President, Linda Galvin
Pocketbook Bingo—Sunday, March 29th
April 30 – May 2 - State Convention

PLEASE NOTE

**WE ARE COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES FOR THE NEEDY.
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP WITH THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE.
ANY AND ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.**

Yours in Emblem,
Michele Clifford, President
203-558-7199

BANQUET HALLS AVAILABLE

Weddings, Bereavements, Birthdays, Showers, Stags

You name the event, small or large, and we can handle it! The beautiful Brady Hall can accommodate your larger events, and the redecorated Donahue Room is perfect for showers, birthday parties, etc. Please call the lodge at (203) 755-1159 option 3 to book your dates today!

WEDNESDAY GOLF LEAGUE STARTS APRIL 22

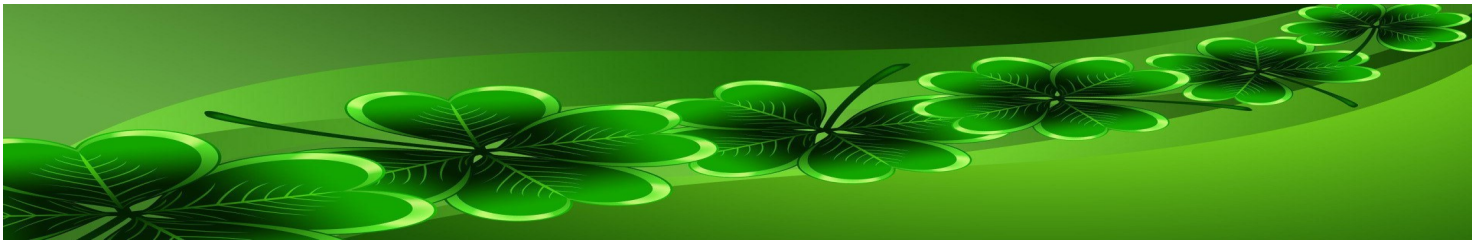
The Jerry Di Pietro Wednesday Morning Golf League will start its 23rd season on April 22 at the East Mountain Golf Course.

Practice rounds will be held on April 22 and 29 before league matches begin on May 6. Competition will continue through the end of August with league matches beginning at 8:30 a.m. each week.

League dues will remain at \$100, which includes a mid-year cookout and year-ending awards dinner. All dues should be paid by the beginning of league play.

All 2019 league members and substitutes are asked to call league chairman **Jerry Di Pietro** at 203-755-9169 this month to notify him of your intention for this season. New players are also welcome.

John Kunkel and **Bill Gannon** are the defending league champions.



St. Patrick's Day at the Elks!

Yes! It's that time of the year again. Please join in the festivities at the lodge on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 for the greatest St. Patrick's Day celebration. Tommy Denihan and his band will be here on the main stage in the Brady Hall all day and into the night. We are laying in a half ton of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and ham for your dining pleasure. There will be plenty of drink specials, and we're bringing in extra Irish Whiskey, Guinness, Smithwicks and some other surprises. The **Waterbury Police Pipes and Drums** will arrive at approximately 3pm.

THE MENU

	<u>Sandwich</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
Corned Beef	\$6.00	\$11.00
Ham	\$6.00	\$11.00

Dinners include cabbage, potatoes, and carrots.



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