

THE ELKS CALL



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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH
COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

CHARITY ☆ JUSTICE ☆ BROTHERLY LOVE ☆ FIDELITY

ROOF FUND AT \$20,000!

“RAISE THE ROOF BONDS” ON SALE

We need your help to raise \$100,000 to replace the roof and air conditioning unit on the Rathskeller 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

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

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Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum

Matthew McCormack

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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
Tony Dance
- Jefferson House-Newington
Robert Vitvitsky, Sr.
- Gaylord Hospital
Tony Berardi



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Billy Demers
Jay D'Angelo
Tommy Sanchez

Dick White, PER, LM
Chip Chavanik

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

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORIAM TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Robert W. Huckins LM

Born, February 7, 1931 Initiated, May 27, 1969
Passed from our Midst, December 23, 2019

Richard Mezzio

Born, November 19, 1942 Initiated, January 17, 1995
Passed from our Midst, December 18, 2019

John J. Grady Jr LM

Born, April 25, 1936 Initiated, November 29, 1972
Passed from our Midst, January 13, 2020

Laura A. Samolis

Born, October 5, 1971
Initiated, September 27, 2005
Passed from our Midst, January 17, 2020

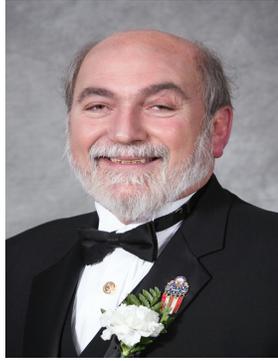
*The clock of their days has stopped, and across its
dial the motionless arms mark The Hour of Eleven,
the "Golden Hour of Recollection".*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All:

Last month we brought back weekend dinners. Chef Mike Steinfeld has provided us with a variety of dinner specials, and he has received a wonderful response from our members. We will work toward providing additional dinners with entertainment on selected Saturdays. David Ingala is resurrecting the Monthly Dinners beginning Tuesday February 18. Thank you Dave!



Michelle Minicucci did a superb job with the Jazz Breakfast, which was very well attended. We are planning for more such events in the future. The Lodge Officers, House Committee and Antlers Members who volunteered worked very well together and did a tremendous job. I'm proud of all their hard work.

The "Raise the Roof" campaign is up and running with approximately \$20,000 raised so far. Thank you for your generosity purchasing bonds and making donations. Please purchase bonds that pay 5% interest or make a direct donation so we can get the project started in March. This project must be done, and we cannot do it without the help of our members.

On Saturday May 7, 2020 we will honor the Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year. While a number of members have volunteered many hours working on activities for members to enjoy, I chose Christopher Colwell as the Elk of the Year. He was always present giving a hand where needed on all activities. Michael Gannon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is my Officer of the Year. He has orchestrated the "Raise the Roof" project obtaining the bids and developing the bond program. He spends hours every

month editing our newsletter, which is saving the lodge approximately \$400 a month by printing it in-house. Steve Knox is the Citizen of the Year. This is a guy you see working in the kitchen to support the Antlers fundraisers and various lodge events. Just stay out of his way, and he gets the job done! Congratulations to all! Please come out to support them at the banquet.

Elk of the Month goes to this young member who stopped a flood that originated in Donahue Hall men's restroom. Water was gushing out of a urinal because the valve was stuck. The water rushed out of the front door of the building and was flooding the bar below. He was quick to grab his tools and close the valve, and he assisted with the clean-up, Tommy Abramovich, thank you for your quick action!

Yours in Elkdom,

Flavio Basile, Exalted Ruler

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 Jord 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!

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Members of Lodge #265,

As previously mentioned, dues notices for the 2020-2021 lodge year will be mailed by the end of this month. If your dues notice should be sent to a different address, please provide me with that information.

You will notice a small increase of \$2 which is due to an increase the Grand Lodge per capita dues. Waterbury Lodge does not receive any part of this increase. You will also see an option for building repairs in addition to the regular ENF and state major project CCMC donations. The building repair donations will be used for the roof replacement project scheduled for the spring. Thank you to all who have generously donated so far. The total received as of this writing is approximately \$20,000. The Lodge needs \$50,000 to start the project and \$100,000 in total.

Dues can be paid online at www.elks265.org. I am notified immediately when you pay online, and your membership card will be mailed promptly. You can always mail your payment to: Office of the Secretary, PO Box 615, Waterbury, CT 06720, or leave it at the Lodge in the Secretary's door, or at the bar in the Rathskeller. It is always best to pay by check or money order to ensure accurate recording of your dues.

We have received a few inquiries regarding life membership. Waterbury Lodge requirements for life membership are 65 years of age and 40 years of membership. There is also an option to buy into life membership. Dues for life members are reduced. It is not a free membership. All this information can be found in the Waterbury Lodge by-laws manual, or you are welcome to attend a lodge meeting to have your questions addressed. Meetings this month are the 11th (nomination of officers) and the 25th (election of officers).

I am in the office a couple times a week. If you need to see me, the best way is to contact me through e-mail secywtby265@gmail.com or call 203 755-1159 Option 4 and leave a message. I will respond as soon as possible.

Happy Valentines 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

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 Sportsmen's 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

February Event Calendar

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| Saturday | February 1 | Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun |
| Saturday | February 8 | Dart Tournament |
| Sunday | February 9 | Dart Tournament |
| Tuesday | February 11 | Lodge Meeting—Officer Nominations |
| Friday | February 14 | Valentine's Dinner in the Bar |
| Saturday | February 15 | Dinner in the Bar |
| Tuesday | February 18 | Monthly Dinner |
| Tuesday | February 25 | Lodge Meeting—Election of Officers |

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



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 \$20,000 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

LEADING KNIGHT CHRISTMAS APPEAL DONORS

THOMAS VCERRASTRO

JERRY DALMASO, PER

ROBERT REGGIANI

LOUIS TAMBURINI

MARK GIGLIO

GREGORY COOKSON

JOHN ANCHINI

CHRISTOPHER DUFFY

SUSAN WERTELNIK

MICHAEL DUFFY

DOUG ANTON

ROBERT FAZO

Thank you for your generous donations!

Michelle Minicucci, PER, Leading Knight

ROOF FUND HITS \$20,000! THIS MONTH'S DONORS

Kathy and Mike Gannon

Michael Scaviola

Pierce Conlan

Ed Dulepski

Vincent Lagasse

James Orsillo

James Quinn

Charles Harris

William Derwin

Pasquale Difrancesco

George Reis

Joseph Levay

Richard Antico

Michael Duffy

Clifton Cotter

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Alan Sconziano

Don Emanuel

Mark Slavin

George Verrastro

Brian & Jackie Reilly

Robert Steck Jr.

Waterbury Antlers Club

Carl Behrmann

John Theriault

Ciro/Mary Jane Scognamiglio



THE MONTHLY DINNER IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce that the monthly dinner is returning for your dining pleasure on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7 p.m.

The dinner features Pork Osso Bucco, which will be served with soup, salad, pasta and sofrito. Wine is included. All this for a \$30 donation!

Reservations are required. Please contact Dave Ingala at (203) 217-0194, Chris Colwell at (203) 560-3067, or call the lodge to book your seats.

ANTLERS PROGRAM NEWS

Antlers monthly breakfast Sunday morning, February 9, 2020 from 8-11. 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, contact Steve at 203-518-3938 or Susan at 203-709-0054

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.



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!



Join the Mattatuck Museum on Thursday, February 6, 2020, as they celebrate their 7th Annual Febtoberfest at the Elks Lodge. Sample local beers, spirits, and American wines and food samples from local businesses. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$10 in advance for designated driver tickets, and can be purchased online at mattmuseum.org/febtoberfest or by calling (203) 753-0381 x123.

Waterbury Lodge #265 is a proud sponsor of this event!

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

We continue to work hard this year to help those in our community.

Coming Up This Year

February 1st - Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun
February 16th - State Meeting - Naugatuck
March 22nd - Testimonial for State President, Linda Galvin
April 30 - May 2 - State Convention

SAVE THE DATE

POCKETBOOK BINGO
SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH

Yours in Emblem,
Michele Clifford, President

Notice from the Secretary

Life Membership

The following members have satisfied the requirements for Life Membership for the upcoming year and will be balloted upon at the regular session of the Lodge on February 11, 2020

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| 5773 | James | Anthony | Jr |
| 5888 | Irving | Boyle | Jr |
| 5762 | Christopher | Carrozzo | |
| 5292 | Clifton | Cotter | Jr |
| 5906 | Thomas | Czarkosky | |
| 6284 | Michael | Debonis | |
| 5576 | Gary | Di Vito | |
| 5600 | Thomas | Eibensteiner | |
| 5750 | John | Harris | |
| 5790 | Robert | Hurlbut | |
| 5855 | Matthew | Larkin | |
| 7143 | Joseph | Lorusso | Jr |
| 5878 | John | Pavan | |
| 4336 | Robert | Palmer | |
| 7963 | Marc | Ruben | |
| 5907 | Alan | Sconziano | |
| 5912 | Francis | Sullivan | |
| 5731 | Frank | Testa | |
| 5772 | Theodore | Townsend | |
| 5842 | Thomas | Upson | |
| 5768 | Edward | Winslow | |



