



# THE ELKS CALL



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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH  
COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

CHARITY ☆ JUSTICE ☆ BROTHERLY LOVE ☆ FIDELITY

## WATERBURY LODGE FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021, 12PM-5PM

The House Committee and a fabulous team of volunteers are preparing for the Family Picnic at Quassy. We feel it's extremely important to host this event to boost morale at the Lodge. Tickets are on sale now in the Rathskellar: \$25 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and children 3 and under are FREE! The menu will include all of your favorites: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage Patties, BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Chili, Steak Sandwiches, Salads and Watermelon. All meat items will be served by volunteers, and all sides dishes and condiments will be in single serve containers to comply with current restrictions. Kids all-day ride bracelets are available for \$21.00 at the pavilion entrance where representatives from Quassy will handle payment. Let's put C\*v\*d behind us and bring the whole family out for a day filled with food, fun and friendship. Don't let the weather stop you either — we have the entire pavilion to ourselves for the afternoon; they've added additional tents in the field to properly space out the tables and to protect people from the sun or rain. Get your tickets TODAY!!!

Lynn Connolly  
House Committee Chairman



### ELKS CALL

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
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**Editor: Mike Gannon**

Web Site: [www.elks265.org](http://www.elks265.org)  
Webmaster: **Open**

Membership as of April 1, 2021 1,213

### LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Steve Knox	Exalted Ruler
Tony Cavallo	Est. Leading Knight
Susan Buzzeo	Est. Loyal Knight
Carlos Gotay	Est. Lecturing Knight
Ginny Leary	Secretary
Patrick Jennings	Treasurer
Brianna Tuohy	Tiler
Howard Osorio	Chaplain
Open	Esquire
Michael Couture	Inner Guard
Jerry DiPietro	Organist

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5-Year Trustee	Dave Simpson
4-Year Trustee	Eugene Lafauci
3-Year Trustee	Steve Kontout
2-Year Trustee	Lynn Connolly
1-Year Trustee	Bret Reis

### Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum

Matthew McCormack

### House Committee Chairman

Lynn Connolly

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

#### **ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL**

- Jerry DiPietro

#### **ST. RAPHAEL'S HOSPITAL**

- John O'Connor

#### **IN REHAB**

- Jefferson House-Newington  
**Robert Vitvitsky, Sr.**
- Cheshire

**Joe Koopstus**

#### **AT HOME**

**Dick White, PER, LM**

**Merlanda (Loni) Birkenberger**

**Tony Cavallo, Esteemed Leading Knight**

**Phone # (203) 768-6402**



## **IN MEMORIAM**



### **TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS**

**JOSEPH W. MEANEY LM**

Born, July 3, 1938

Initiated, August 26, 1969

Passed from our Midst, April 4, 2021

**PETER M. PETRARCA**

Born, May 20, 1942

Initiated, May 28, 1996

Passed from our Midst, April 15, 2021

*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:



The meet and greet on April 18<sup>th</sup> was a great afternoon. It was nice to see members who have not been at the lodge in over a year. Also held that day was a breakfast put on by the Elks Riders 265. Thank you to Michelle Minicucci PER and all the riders for a great job.

The Family Picnic will be happening this year. It will be held at Quassy on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The tickets are available in the Rathskellar. Rita and Kathy & Ryan Gannon will be preparing a wonderful dinner for Cinco de Mayo. On May 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a Mother's Day Brunch. The raw bar is back on Friday nights from 5pm-8pm.

My May Elk of the month is Chris Colwell. Last year Chris put a lot of time and energy into working with Charlie repairing and cleaning the lodge. Chris, thank you for all the hard work.

If anyone has any concerns or problems, please don't hesitate to call, email or text me. My cell is 203-518-3938 or [sknox2018@icloud.com](mailto:sknox2018@icloud.com).

Yours in Elkdom,

Steven Knox, Exalted Ruler



# SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Members of Lodge #265:

Congratulations to all our new Officers and Committee members, and I wish them a great new year!

Thank you to the Officers and Committees of the 2020-2021 year. It was a difficult year, but the Lodge survived with your help.

Waterbury Lodge has been selected to host the STATE PRESIDENTS NIGHT on Saturday, May 15, 2021. There will also be a Special Initiation Ritual performed that afternoon at 3PM followed by dinner at 4PM. Cost is \$15 for anyone interested in attending.



With more restrictions being lifted this month, we will hopefully see more regular events and familiar faces at the Lodge. There are already several planned which you will find in this month's newsletter.

Steak night on Thursday has grown considerably. You should definitely make a reservation for your group. Supporting these dinners and various lodge events keep the Lodge going.

Regular meetings are still held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and always open to all members. There are two meetings this month, May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>. We continue to practice social distancing at the meetings and masks are required. At this time, the Rathskeller is not open on Tuesdays.

As of this writing there are 200+ members who have not yet paid their dues. I would like to remind anyone who was dropped from the membership the past year, that you are able to reinstate your membership by May 31, 2021. Last year's and the current year's dues must be paid, but you will not incur any additional fees.

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your dues so promptly. Please keep sending them in and, if there are any extenuating circumstances, contact me to discuss what options are available. Please understand that member cards are not usually sent out until checks clear the Lodge bank account.

You have the option to pay dues by credit card at the register in the Rathskeller, online via our website [www.elks265.org](http://www.elks265.org) or you can mail your payments to:

Office of the Secretary PO Box 615, Waterbury, CT 06720.

If there are any members who would like to serve the Lodge as an Officer or on a Committee, please contact me [secywty265@gmail.com](mailto:secywty265@gmail.com) or Exalted Ruler, Steve Knox [sknox2018@icloud.com](mailto:sknox2018@icloud.com).

The best way to contact me is through email or call 203 755-1159 Option 4 and leave a message. I will respond as soon as possible.

Stay safe.

Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary

## 37th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday

June 10th-June 13th, 2021, Wildwood, New Jersey

Fellow Sportsmen, as this article is being published, we are six weeks from our 37th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday to Wildwood, NJ. Room charge is \$340 per person double occupancy and \$445 for a single room. Golf will be \$130 per golfer for Friday and Saturday. All transportation to Wildwood will be the responsibility of the 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.

**Payment if full is required by May 15, 2021. Please be sensitive to the dates shown.**

In 2019 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 roommate or pay yourself if there is no roommate. This is the only charge that will be settled individually with Adam at the Aztec Motel. Also there will be an additional \$35 charge to be paid for food and beverage enjoyed on Wednesday in fairness to those who don't come until Thursday. We need to know in advance if you expect to go Wednesday to advise Adam at the motel.

We've enjoyed a great run with this event, and I would like to keep it going as long as interest remains. It's a great deal and a memorable weekend. Please check the expected charges carefully as you make your deposits. Payments are to be made by check only and must include the completed form showing room assignments and golf partners. No cash should ever be left at the bar, and neither the committee nor the Lodge will be held accountable for cash payments should they go missing.

**Payment in full will be expected by Friday, May 15, 2021.**

The Wildwood Committee

### ***WEDNESDAY MORNING GOLF LEAGUE TO BEGIN PLAY ON MAY 5TH***



The Jerry Di Pietro Wednesday Morning Golf League will begin its 24th season with matches on May 5th at the East Mountain Golf Course. Matches begin at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday.

League dues this year will be \$120, which includes a mid-year cook-out and year-end awards dinner. All dues should be paid by the start of league play.

All regular players and substitutes from 2020 are asked to call chairman **Jerry DiPietro** at 203-755-9169 to notify him of your intentions for this season. New players are also welcome.

**Jerry Sakocius and Don Ensero** are the defending league champions.

Elks Lodge #265

# Annual Family Picnic

SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, 2021

12:00 to 5:00 pm

LAKE QUASSAPAUG



Adults: \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door

Children under 12: \$6.00

Children under 4: Free

All day ride bracelets available for \$21.00

Free parking with advance purchase of ticket.

*All members and their guests are welcome to attend!*



**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
IN THE RATHSKELLER**

## Rise & Shine It's Bloody Mary Time....

Effective May 9<sup>th</sup> the bar will open every Sunday from Noon-5:00 p.m. and we'll be offering a Bloody Mary Bar made with Tito's Vodka. Robin will provide the Shrimp & Bacon and you add the rest...Lemons, Limes, Celery, Cucumber Slices, Cherry's, Gerkin Pickles, Pepperoncinis, Pearl Onions and more!

\$6.00 for a single & \$8.00 for a double



## Dining at the Lodge

Dinner is being served Wednesday through Friday nights. The “Raw Bar” is back on Fridays as well as Karaoke on Wednesdays! Thursday is “Steak Night” from 5 to 8pm, and the Wednesday Early Bird dinner is from 4-7pm. Lunch will be served on Fridays only from 11am until 2pm. The menus are blast emailed each week for your convenience. Please stop down for a meal and a beverage and enjoy yourself in the company of your lodge brothers and sisters. You can always call to place a To Go order for pick up. Don't forget to wear your masks as they are required for admittance.



## LUNCH TIME!

She's BAAACCKKK! Rita will start serving lunch on Fridays from 11:00-2:00 beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The menu will vary from week to week, and it will be emailed with the dinner menus. Lunch will not be available on any other days right now.



We are looking for a few bartenders and servers. Experience is necessary to bartend, and we will train servers. Both must be available to work nights and weekends. Due to Covid restrictions, we will call you for an interview. We ask that you not call the bar looking for information or go there to complete an application. Please send your résumé and work history along with your contact information to: [waterburyelks265@gmail.com](mailto:waterburyelks265@gmail.com).

## CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

We have donated APPROXIMATELY 700 cell phones since we started this project!! PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS!

**Kathy Gannon, PER**



HAPPY   
MOTHER'S  
Day! 

Join us for Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday May 9th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Menu:

Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Rolls,  
Ham, Baked Chicken, Bow Ties & Shrimp, Potatoes, Salad,  
Coffee, and Juice

\$20.00 Per Person

Bloody Marys will be available and the full bar will be open at an  
additional cost.

Please make your reservations today as seating will be limited.

Current Covid protocols will be in effect.

Lynn 203-509-0893



## **CINCO DE MAYO AT THE LODGE**

Don't forget about our Cinco de Mayo celebration Wednesday, May 5th. We've always had a great turn out for this event and expect to have fun again this year. The menu is attached, and reservations are highly recommended. DJ Don, will be in the house playing music and hosting Karaoke.

### **Appetizers**

Empanadas  
Stuffed Poblanos  
Chicken Quesadillas

### **Entrees**

- ◆ Tacos in a Box: Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Olives, Salsa, Sour Cream & Guacamole
- ◆ Fantastic Fish Tacos
- ◆ Lime Chicken w/Salsa Verde & Sour Cream & Spanish Rice
- ◆ Carne Asada (Flank Steak) w/Pico De Gallo & Spanish Rice

### **Sides**

Corn Salsa  
Refried Beans

### **Dessert**

Flan  
Tres Leches Cake  
Mexican Brownies

## **SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

More than 23,000 students applied for a 2021 Most Valuable Student Scholarship this year. The national judging has been concluded and our Lodge has a student who is a Top 20 MVS Finalist! **Allan Riedel-Morillo** will receive a scholarship of at least \$20,000 from ENF and will interview for one of the top MVS awards of \$30,000, \$40,000 or \$50,000 in late April. Due to COVID restrictions, Allan will participate in the Leadership Weekend and his official interview virtually. This is quite an accomplishment for Allan and Waterbury Lodge is rooting for him!!! Thank you Lodge #265 for putting forth such a worthy student, and CONGRATULATIONS to Allan for this huge accomplishment.



Congratulations also goes out to **Olivia Tuohy** who has been awarded the Joseph Androwski Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Joe, a Past Exalted Ruler of our lodge, left his entire estate to the lodge to perpetuate this scholarship in his name. Olivia is a sophomore at Central CT State University majoring in criminology, and she is the president of the Waterbury Antlers Lodge #265. The members of Waterbury Lodge wish you all the best in the future!

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD  
Scholarship Chairman

## Ladies Night

Saturday June 12th 6:00 p.m.

While the men are away the ladies will eat, drink & shop. We are hosting a **Sip & Shop** event. A \$5.00 donation gets you admission and a ticket for the raffle. Put this event on your calendar today and invite your friends and neighbors. ! Please call me if you know of a business that would like to have a booth.

Lynn Connolly  
House Committee Chairperson  
203-509-0893



*WATERBURY EMBLEM CLUB # 552*

*INVITES YOU TO*



*POCKET BOOK BINGO*

*SAVE THE DATE*



*SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14, 2021*



*WATCH FOR MORE INFO*

# Newsletter

## SUBMISSIONS TO THE CALL

Please submit FINISHED articles, flyers, pictures, etc. by the 25th of each month. Your submissions should be completed using MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Publisher and should be thoroughly proofread. It takes several hours to complete the newsletter, and I have neither the time nor inclination to edit all the articles. Include whatever pictures or graphics you would like. I prefer that you not send me PDF or JPEG type files because I usually have to alter them in some way for optimal presentation. Do not send an email with your article in the body because it doesn't copy well from an email. Attach your document to an email and send it to: [mikeg0174@aol.com](mailto:mikeg0174@aol.com).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Call Editor

# May 2021

May 2021						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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			Karaoke & Early Bird Special	Steak Night	Raw Bar & Friday Night Dinner	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mothers Day Brunch		Lodge Meeting	Karaoke & Early Bird Special	Steak Night	Raw Bar & Friday Night Dinner	State President's Night
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bar is Open 12-5			Karaoke & Early Bird Special	Steak Night	Raw Bar & Friday Night Dinner	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Bar is Open 12-5		Lodge Meeting	Karaoke & Early Bird Special	Steak Night	No Dinner	
30	31					
Family Picnic at Quassy	Memorial Day					



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**ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER!**

