

THE ELKS CALL



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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH
COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

CHARITY



JUSTICE



BROTHERLY LOVE



FIDELITY

Elk, Officer and Citizen of the Year

I am proud to announce the following:

Alphonse Kuncas, Elk of the Year

Flavio Basile, Officer of the Year

Linda LaFauci, Citizen of the Year

Please join us to celebrate these outstanding lodge members at an

Awards Banquet!

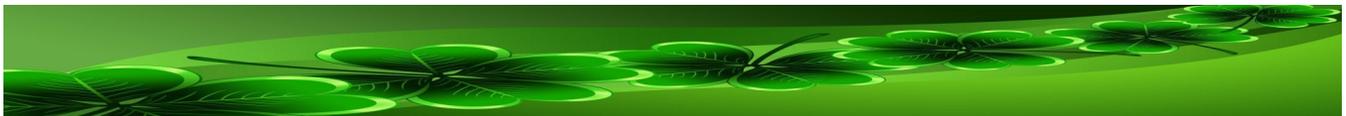
Saturday, March 9th, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Brady Hall

Music by Sound Reason

Dinner Choices are Prime Rib or Chicken Francaise

Semi-Formal Dress

Ticket Price \$35.00 Per Person



St. Patrick's Day at the Lodge!

Sunday March 17, 2019

We've already purchased hundreds of pounds of corned beef, and Tom Denihan and his Irish band are booked for the day. Join us for a day filled with fun, food and music! Join in the sing-alongs or dance to some of your old favorites.



Corned Beef or Ham—Sandwich-\$5.00, Dinner with Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage-\$10.

Drink Specials All Day!

Join us as we anticipate the arrival of the Waterbury Police Pipes Band. They always rock the house. Join us for lunch, stay for dinner and enjoy the entire day at the ELKS!

ELKS CALL

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Membership as of April 1, 2018: 1,343

LODGE OFFICERS 2018-2019

Kathleen Gannon	Exalted Ruler
Flavio Basile	Est. Leading Knight
Robert Wergin	Est. Loyal Knight
Brian Galek	Est. Lecturing Knight
Ginny Leary	Secretary
Patrick Jennings	Treasurer
Lisa Hychko-Guisto	Tiler
Jack Shea	Chaplain
Mickey Fell	Esquire
George Reis	Inner Guard
Jerry DiPietro	Organist

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5-Year Trustee	Tony Cavallo
4-Year Trustee	Bret Reis
3-Year Trustee	Al Kuncas
2-Year Trustee	Mike Gannon
1-Year Trustee	Dave Simpson

Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum

Matthew McCormack

House Committee Chairman

Ryan Gannon

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
- Cheshire House
Tony Berardi
- Jefferson House-Newington
Robert Vitvitsky, Sr.



HOSPITALIZED

AT HOME

Dick White PER, LM
Jay D'Angelo
Wilfred "Billy" Demers
Christopher Topazio
Arthur Zorn
Sam Plourde

George Sacchi
Michael Genovese
Wally Makarowicz
Ranie Chasse
Billy Ward
Donny Ensero

Flavio Basile – Esteemed Leading Knight
Phone # (203) 233-9293

IN MEMORIAM



MEMORIAM TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Marcel Lafontaine

Born, October 12, 1938

Initiated, March 19, 1987

Passed from our Midst, February 13, 2019

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 THEY REST IN PEACE.

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All:

Winter is going by and February was another exciting month full of activities. I wish to thank our **House Committee** and **volunteers** who executed a wonderful Super Bowl event. All lodge guests had a great time. Our February



Valentines dinner dance was a great success. We had 101 guests. The food was outstanding, the entertainment lively and we celebrated PER Michelle Minnicucci's birthday in style. Once again we will be hosting a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 2nd. I look forward to riding the float and hope to see you all there. We will be hosting the **Police Pipes and Drums of Waterbury** at the lodge on St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to stop down for your corned beef and a pint! We will be honoring our **Elk, Officer and Citizen of the Year** on March 9th. Please come and support these exceptional members who have worked so hard for our lodge and its members for so long. We are completing all Grand Lodge programs and reports for this fraternal year. With spring around the corner we are preparing for our upcoming fraternal year. All officers have been duly elected and are planning for next year. I wish our incoming officers the best of luck, and please know I will always be here for your support. It has been my great pleasure and honor to have been your leader this past year. I have dedicated myself to celebrating Elkdom and this great lodge, **125 years strong**, and am grateful to have played a part in moving forward into the future. I could not have performed all my duties without the entire officer suite, House Committee and Trustees who have worked diligently and remain committed to our continued success. Thank you for all you do.

Remember... *"The strength of the TEAM is each individual member. The strength of each member is the TEAM"*

Phil Jackson, NBA Championship Player and Coach

My Elk of the month is **Lynn Connolly**. Lynn is a dedicated Elk who wears many hats. She is behind the scenes of many events and day to day operations, and aids in the success of the lodge. She hosted a **Painting Party** on a quiet Sunday afternoon in February that generated funds for our state major project. We came away with some creative pieces and had a wonderful afternoon. ..Another *Elk caring and sharing*. My final message . . . **WE ARE ELKS!**

Sincerely,

Kathy Gannon, Exalted Ruler

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

To all Members and Friends:

Please consider this your formal invitation to attend the Installation of Lodge Officers, which will take place in the lodge room on March 30, 2019 at 6:30PM. There will be a cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30. Installation will be followed by a dinner-dance in the Brady Hall immediately following the ceremony. Dinner will be a choice of filet mignon or chicken marsala, and DJ Stevie G, who provided the music for our very successful Valentine's dance, will be in the house! Tickets are available at the bar for \$45 each, and we encourage you to purchase them early.

This event is open to the public, and non-members will be permitted to join us in the lodge room to observe the Installation Ritual.

If you have any questions, please contact Flavio Basile (203) 233-9293 or Kathy Gannon (203) 217-6818.

SECRETARY'S CORNER



Greetings All;

Spring is in the air! Soon the flowers will be blooming and hopefully longer and brighter days to enjoy.

Due to inclement weather, the February 12th meeting was cancelled, so nominations of officers and other business was postponed until February 26th. The new membership cards were mailed after that meeting. Just keep in mind the new BLUE card will not work to gain entrance to the Lodge until April 1st.



Once again anyone who has not received their dues notice please let me know, or leave a message with one of the officers. I have received several returns from the post office, some from those who relocate for the winter. Please contact the office when you plan to return, and they will be sent out to you.

Installation for Officers for the 2019-2020 lodge year will be held on March 30th. We hope you will be able to attend and give them all your support for everything they do to keep this Lodge functioning.

It is wonderful to walk in the door and see the Lodge bustling with so many people, either attending a party, having a meal, bowling, cards and so many other events. Your Officers, Committee Members and Volunteers make all this happen. The Lodge needs more members to get involved and learn how all this gets accomplished. Giving some of your time to attend meetings and helping out with events is all it takes. New ideas are always welcome!

Please note that I am usually in the office Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you need to see me outside of those hours, please contact me. The best way is through e-mail secywtbody265@gmail.com or call 203 755-1159 Option 4. I will reply to all messages as soon as possible.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Best regards,

Ginny Leary, Secretary

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



If you weren't there, it's hard to explain! That's why "a picture is worth a thousand words!" The pictures included here can only provide the visual aspect of Chef John's food service for the evening. The appetizers were incredible and bountiful. The warm smells filled the room, and the entrees of Surf & Turf and Chicken Marsala were prepared to perfection. Of course the finishing touch of a pastry tray for each table was fabulous. If you have not as yet attended one of John's formal banquets, you're missing a wonderful experience.

From all 101 in attendance, it was another great performance, John. Thank you and all the kitchen staff and servers for continuing to raise the bar!



THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S HOLIDAY

JUNE 6—9 IN WILDWOOD, NJ



Fellow Sportsmen, we are 3 months from our 35th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday to Wildwood, NJ. Arrangements will again be coordinated by me, John Kunkel, Dick Champagne and Tony Barzydlo. All payments, unless otherwise noted, will go through John Kunkel or me and include all charges associated with golf. I can only guarantee 67 people will have rooms, and I may be forced to make some difficult choices. I have every confidence that Adamo will break his neck to cover everybody who wants to go, BUT I can't guarantee anything beyond 67 attendees. So register early and get your payments in.

John Carosella

AOH SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

As we traditionally do, the Elks will once again this year participate in the Ancient Order of Hibernian's St. Patrick's Day Parade. It will be held on March 2, 2019 and commence from Washington Park on Sylvan Ave at 12 noon. Everyone wishing to ride the float should be there at 11:30. Festivities will follow at the AOH Club. For more information, please contact Lynn Connolly at (203) 509-0893.



WEDNESDAY GOLF LEAGUE TO START

The Jerry Di Pietro Wednesday Morning Golf League will launch its 22nd season on April 17 at the East Mountain Golf Course.

The league will begin with practice rounds on April 17 and 24 before league matches begin on May 1 and run through the end of August. League matches begin at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday.

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

All regular players and substitutes from 2018 are asked to call league chairman **Jerry Di Pietro** at 203-755-9169 this month to notify him of your intentions for this season. New players are also welcome.

Jerry Sakocius and **Bill Jacques** are the defending league champions.

Jerry Di Pietro



MARCH EMBLEM NEWS

Having just gotten over hosting our February State Meeting at the Waterbury Elks Lodge, we are looking forward to our March meeting where we will be working on various projects. Once again we will be putting together Easter baskets to make many needy recipients happy, and we'll be working on a Mother's Day Project.



We have started a new Literacy Program – putting books and beanie babies together to give to local Police and Fire departments. We hope they will be able to use these items when their work involves small children.

Also we will be preparing for our State Convention. This year it is being held at the Heritage Hotel in Southbury – and is very exciting for us because Linda Galvin will be installed as State President and Margaret Simpson as her Marshal!

Looks like we'll be working twice as hard this coming year – but we have a wonderful group of ladies always ready and available to help when needed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING OFFICERS OF WATERBURY LODGE # 265 FOR THE 2019 – 2020 ELK YEAR! We look forward to working with you.

Yours in Emblem,

Margaret

Cell Phones for Soldiers

We have sent over **500** cell phones since we started this project!! PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS! Thank you for all the current donations.



Winter YOGA at the Lodge

Are you looking to start something healthy in the New Year without stress or strain? We will be running an **8 week YOGA** class starting **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**. Class will run once a week from **7:00pm until 8:15pm**. The course will consist of basic level 1 Vinyasa yoga (gentle movement of the spine). Cost: \$10 per class, and classes will be limited to 15 students. All you need is comfortable clothes and a mat! Let's get healthy together! Sign-up sheet is in the Rathskellar. Any questions or concerns, give me a call.

Kathy Gannon, PT
Exalted Ruler
(203) 217-6818



Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic 2019



The Saratoga trips are scheduled for Saturday, July 27th, Saturday, August 10th, Saturday, August 17th, and SUNDAY AUGUST 25th. A deposit of \$25.00 per person is due by May 1st to secure a reservation.

The price is \$90.00 per person and that includes bus transportation, breakfast at the Lodge at 7:00am, picnic at Saratoga Springs Park, admission to grandstand seating at the racetrack, and beverages all day. The track allows you to enter with your own cooler as long as it fits under your seat. You can stock it with beverages that we provide. REMEMBER NO GLASS BOTTLES INSIDE THE RACE TRACK.

The bus will leave the Elk's parking lot at 7:30 a.m., and we should arrive at Saratoga Springs Park around 10:30 a.m. for the cookout. We will proceed to the racetrack between 12:00 and 12:30, and we will leave promptly after the 8th race.

You are welcome to make a reservation for dinner at Lodge so you can enjoy a great meal upon our return.

This year I have a helper, Kathy Kontout, and she will be handling all the bookings. She can be reached at 203-695-1469 or email kkontout@gmail.com. Please make **checks payable to "BPOE #265"**, which you can mail to me at 200 Yale St. 30-B, Waterbury, CT 06704. You can also leave your payments at the Rathskeller with a bartender. **Please do not leave cash.**

I WILL CONTINUE TO BE YOUR BARTENDER ON ALL THE BUS TRIPS!

I'm looking forward to another great year!.

FLAVIO BASILE, Leading Knight

CT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER BENEFIT

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

Waterbury Lodge Brady Hall 12:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

For many years now Tommy Sanchez and his band, The Cross Eyed Cats, have hosted a benefit for CCMC. With help from lodge members, various volunteer bands and friends, we have raised almost \$100,000 for this most worthy cause. Please plan to attend to join in the festivities of the day as we attempt to set a record for



donations this year. There is a \$10 cover charge and a limited menu will be presented for your enjoyment. Of course the bar will be open all day!

We're going to ask you to dig deep this year, so bring your cash and bring your friends. If you can't bring your friends, bring your friends' cash!

MARCH 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday	March 2	St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday	March 3	Antlers Breakfast
Monday	March 5	Indoctrination
Saturday	March 9	Elk of the Year Awards Banquet
Tuesday	March 12	Lodge Meeting-Initiation
Saturday	March 16	Crash 21 Acoustic Duo
Sunday	March 17	St. Patrick's Day!
Tuesday	March 19	Monthly Dinner
Sunday	March 24	Cross Eyed Cats CCMC Benefit
Tuesday	March 26	Lodge Meeting, Raffle Drawing
Saturday	March 30	Installation of Officers
Saturday	April 27	Antlers "Touch a Truck" Fundraiser

Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship

Applications for the 2019-2020 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, 2019, 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..

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

Best regards,
Mike Gannon, PER, PDD
Scholarship Chairman



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 handle 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!



Golf Meeting Scheduled

There will be a meeting of the Elk's Thursday afternoon golf league at the lodge at 6:00 p.m. on March 12, 2019. All members wishing to golf this season should attend. Call Scott Lund with any questions at (203) 755-9207.



ELKS LODGE MEN'S DUCK PIN BOWLING

STANDINGS AFTER FIVE WEEKS OF ROUND 2

EAST

LUND	20	8	.714
PETRO	14	7	.667
NOFILL	22	13	.629
BOYLE	10	11	.476
SHEA	13	15	.464
DEELEY	10	25	.286
MINERVINO	8	20	.286

WEST

KINGPINS	20	8	.714
BEGNAL	24	11	.686
CARDINALS	17	11	.607
WINGERS	14	14	.500
LYONS	12	16	.429
PAYNE	9	19	.321
BROWN	9	26	.257

HIGH SINGLE

WEEK 1	S. MECCA	161
WEEK 2	D. SIMPSON	148
WEEK 3	R. McFADDEN	172
WEEK 4	V.DELLA CROCE	138
	J. MEANEY	138
WEEK 5	S. MECCA	151

HIGH THREE

S. MECCA	417
J. MALENFANT	361
R. McFADDEN	428
J. PAYNE	369
S. MECCA	415

Any members interested in joining the Elks Men's Bowling League can contact:

Flavio Basile 203-233-9293
Ranie Chasse 203-206-2319

The Annual Lecturing Knight's Raffle

The Annual Lecturing Knight's Cash Raffle will be drawn at the Lodge on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 8:30 p.m. in the Rathskellar. Grinders will be served, so get your tickets purchased and stop down that night to see if you or someone you know is a winner. Prizes are \$3,000 First Place, \$2,000 Second Place, \$1,000 Third Place, \$500 for Fourth and Fifth Place. This is our major fundraiser to help pay lodge expenses, so please make sure that you purchase or sell your entire book. Sell or buy a few books if you can!



Thank you!

Brian Galek, Esteemed Lecturing Knight



FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit your Call articles to wtbyelks265@gmail.com by the 16th of the month in order for us to produce and distribute the newsletter in a timely manner. All submissions should be in MS Word, Excel or PowerPoint format attached to your email. Please proofread and spell check your articles. I will do the same, but many of you are not reviewing your work before submission. This will allow for quick copying and pasting into the MS Publisher document with minimal changes.

Once again we are requesting that you receive the Call via email. There will come a time when this will be the only option as we continue to cut expenses to keep our lodge in good financial shape.

We would appreciate any constructive comments you may have about our newsletter.

Best regards,

Mike Gannon, Call Editor



Men's Setback League

There will be a mandatory meeting of the men's setback league captains on March 1, 2019 at the lodge at 7:30 p.m. We are looking for players to join, especially some of our new members. If interested please contact me at (203) 765-6402.

MARCH MONTHLY DINNER

Tuesday, MARCH 19, 2019, 7:00PM

\$30 PER PERSON

YOU MUST HAVE

**A RESERVATION TO
ATTEND THIS DINNER**

Featuring Steak Pizziale

Pasta Fagioli

Soffritto

Pasta

Mini Stuffed Peppers

Potato & Vegetable

Salad, Bread & Butter

Wine on the Table

50/50 Raffle

**For reservations call John (203) 755-1159 Option 3,
or Lynn Connolly at (203) 509-0893**

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The following membership applications have been received and are being processed for membership:

Cindy Cole
Daniel Dreher
Adam Scott Lefkowitz
Cathy Savacos
Ronald Giannamore
Neil Jude Perrotti

Barbara Dowling
Erik Finkenzeller
Marcel Richard
Joanna Cass
Vincent Lagasse
Carissa Ciarlone

The following members have been initiated recently. Please join me in welcoming them to the lodge.

Chris Bosclair
Lourdes Flaherty

Michael Christiano
Brittany Petitti

Jack Dowling
Jarid Root

