

THE ELKS CALL



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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH
COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

CHARITY



JUSTICE



BROTHERLY LOVE



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Eggnog Party

December 19, 12pm-5pm

Join us at the Lodge to celebrate the
Holiday Season.

There will be a complimentary buffet and eggnog while supplies last. There is no charge for members and their spouses. All other non-members will be charged a nominal fee of \$10.

The House Committee



ELKS CALL

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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
Brian McEntee	Esquire
Michael Couture	Inner Guard
Open	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

IN REHAB

- Jefferson House-Newington
Robert Vitvitsky, Sr.
- Cheshire
Joe Koopstus
- Riverglen-Southbury
John (Cappy) Ryan



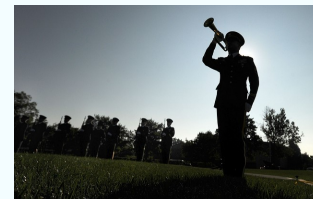
AT HOME

Dick White, PER, LM
George VanDyke
Bonnie Egan
Dell Brinn

**Please contact Tony Cavallo, Esteemed Leading Knight,
with information and updates.**

Phone # (203) 768-6402

IN MEMORIAM



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Richard D. Johnston LM

Born, January 2, 1942

Initiated, February 26, 1974

Passed from our Midst, October 29, 2021

John E. (Jack) Zappone Jr

Born, February 24, 1934

Initiated, February 24, 1970

Passed from our Midst, November 4, 2021

Michael F. Hayes

Born, November 3, 1939

Initiated, June 27, 1967

Passed from our Midst, November 23, 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:

Happy Holidays!!! I hope that you and your families have a joyous Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We had a great November with District Deputy Wanda Reif's home coming and the Antlers' Veterans Day Breakfast, both of which were well attended. Tony Cavallo ran a very successful turkey fundraiser, Linda Galvin sold the ghosts to raise funds for the drug awareness program and Jim Keeley ran the Hoop Shoot this year. Thankyou to everyone who made donations and assisted in any way with these programs.

The Emblem Club held their Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser at the lodge. Thank you to everyone who came out to support these fine ladies. Thank you, Emblem Club Members.

During the month of December we have several events planned. The Annual Memorial Service will take place on December 5th. The District Hoop Shoot is December 11th at Tarringford school. Our Annual Eggnog Party is scheduled for December 19th, and on December 14th we will vote on the proposed by-law changes at the regular lodge meeting. Breakfast with Santa will take place on December 12th in the Brady Hall.

We will be moving into a slower business period after the first of the year. Come down to the lodge on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night and have dinner and drinks with your friends and fellow members. Since it will be cold outside, why not come to the lodge where it's warm and support your Lodge.

My Elk of the Month for December is our Emblem Club. They are always there when we need them to help. Thank you, ladies.

Yours in Elkdom,
Steve Knox, Exalted Ruler

LIVING ALONE LUNCHEON

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 • 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Once again the Lodge is hosting a luncheon for all members who live alone.

Come down to enjoy the company of your fellow Elks.

There's a sign-up sheet in the Rathskellar.

Cocktails noon until 1:00 followed by lunch prepared by

Wally Makarewicz, PER and his Committee.



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Greetings Members of Lodge #265:

December is a very busy month for the Lodge and the members. You will find all events listed in the newsletter this month. There is only one regular meeting this month on Tuesday, December 14th. We will also be voting on the proposed by-law changes at that meeting.

The DD homecoming and Initiation ceremony was well attended, and we welcomed 23 new members!



The monthly newsletter is available by email only. Contact me with your email so you can receive the Call regularly.

Any members who would like to serve the Lodge as an Officer or on a Committee, please contact me secywty265@gmail.com or Exalted Ruler, Steve Knox, sknox2018@icloud.com or any Officer of the Lodge. Officer positions for Treasurer and Lodge Organist for the upcoming lodge year are still open. If anyone has the capability and desire to fill these positions, please contact one of the Officers.

You have the option to pay your dues by credit card at the register in the Rathskeller and through Pay Pal on the Waterbury Elks website www.elks265.org. Dues can always be paid by check, money order, or in cash at the bar. Mail dues to:

Waterbury Elks #265, Office of the Secretary, PO Box 615, Waterbury, CT 06720.

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.

Merry Christmas to you, your family, and friends.

Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary





IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

We are now accepting applications for our annual scholarships. Please review the following to determine if your student qualifies. Applications are available at the bar in the Rathskeller. All applications must be submitted on or before February 19, 2022. An awards banquet will be held in May to present the scholarship checks.

WALKER-DONAHUE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who are seniors in high school and whose parent is a paid up member of Waterbury Lodge No. 265. The only exception to the above rule is for children of a deceased member of this Lodge whose parent was in good standing at the time of his/her death.

Note: This scholarship is not for grandchildren of members.

JOSEPH ANDROWSKI SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who have completed at least one year at an accredited two or four-year college as of May 31, 2022. Eligible applicants must be paid-up members, or children or grandchildren of a paid-up Lodge 265 member. Children of a deceased member, whose parent was a paid-up member at the time of his or her death, are also eligible. Applications must be received at the lodge on or before December 20, 2020. Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, financial need, and overall school and civic involvement.

PAST EXALTED RULERS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students who have completed the first year of an accredited two or four year college. Eligible applicants must be members, children or grandchildren of a member in good standing of Waterbury Lodge No. 265. Children of a deceased member, whose parent was a paid-up member at the time of his or her death, are also eligible.

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program is currently accepting applications. Please go to www.elks.org and hover on the Elks National Foundation tab. In the right column select "SCHOLARSHIPS" then click on "LEGACY AWARDS. All the information you need is presented here. The deadline for applying is February 7, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Email: mikeg0174@aol.com Cell Phone: 203-217-6819

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Scholarship Chairman

Dining at the Lodge

Dinner is served Wednesday through Friday nights. We continue to host Karaoke on Wednesdays, and Thursday is Steak Night! All serving times are 5pm—8pm. 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. Don't forget, you can always call to place a To Go order for pick up. Our food and beverage service is critical to the success of the lodge. The profits are used to pay a substantial portion of the lodge overhead expenses. We look forward to your support!



Monthly Dinners ARE BACK!!!

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

& Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Start telling your Friends and getting your tables together.

PRIME RIB NIGHT!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Prime Rib Night! The event was a sellout with about 100 people in attendance. The rib was expertly prepared by Bill Tomasiewicz, and it was outstanding! Thanks to Rita, Dave Ingala, Vinnie DellaCroce, Chris Colwell, Ken Dupont, John Rocchi, Stephanie Dilger, Sue Buzzeo and all the volunteers who assisted with this major event.



You're Invited...

Pat Jennings is retiring as the Lodge Treasurer. We're throwing him a party to commemorate his 20 years of dedicated service!

January 22, 2022

\$20.00 Per Person

Doors Open at 5:30

Dinner Served at 6:30

Band Starts at 7:30

Look for more info in the January call.

VOTE FOR BY-LAWS CHANGES DECEMBER 14, 2021

The following changes to the By-Laws of Waterbury Lodge 265 were read at the August 24th, 2021 meeting and will be voted on at the regular meeting on December 14th, 2021. All members are urged to attend.

Article X Sec. 1: Remove reduced Initiation fee in April and October.

Sec. 2, B & C, Regular dues will be raised to \$100. Life member dues to \$30.

Article IV, Sec. 1: December meeting is second Tuesday of the month.

Article XV-A, Sec. 1: Recognize Elks Riders 265 as Auxiliary Organization.

Article X, Sec. 4: Reinstatement fee \$50 and full year's dues collected.

Remove \$1 fee June and January.

Article VI, Sec. 4: Remove Tiler stipend.

In addition to compensation for costs incurred for national convention, current Exalted Ruler will be reimbursed for any other Lodge associated expenses up to \$1,000.

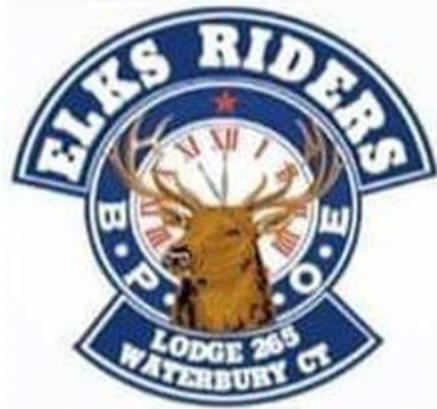
Article V, Sec. 6a: Remove wording of rental property at 235 West Main St.

HOUSE RULES, Sec 2(4) **All persons holding Lodge Identification card must sign the guest book.** Change text style to bold.

DO YOU LIKE TO BOWL?



We are looking for Elk Members to join our Women's Duckpin Bowling League which meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting in 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 are available.



Dear Waterbury Elks #265 Members:

As the holidays approach I hope everyone is well and healthy. We had a slow start this year with the Riders, but hope to get back into the groove for the New Year.

On December 18th we will be meeting at our Lodge at 9:30- and taking off at 10 a.m. to go to the Middletown State Veterans Cemetery to be part of the Wreaths Across America. The Elks Riders #265 have donated 5 wreaths for this Occasion, and can use as many volunteers as possible. You do not have to be an Elk Rider

to participate. They need the Volunteers! Lets all join together and get this done!!!! Any Elk Members or family member are invited to place the wreaths as a united group for our Veterans.

We also have shirts on sale for \$25. Support our Elks Riders #265! Makes great Christmas presents. See Flavio about this.

VETERANS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

NOON UNTIL 2 P.M.

There will be a **FREE** Luncheon to Thank our Veterans on Sunday January 23, 2022, starting at noon until 2 p.m. This is a **FREE** lunch if you are a Veteran and **\$8** for other guests. The meal will consist of soup and sandwich. This is to show appreciation to our men & women who have served for our freedom.

Please sign up on the board in the Rasthkellar if you would like to attend or you can call Michelle at 203-217-2145 and leave a message on how many people will be attending. This Event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, you just have to sign up for the lunch.

See you all around the lodge and at the Christmas Party. Any questions please contact me or anyone of the officers.

Yours in Elkdom

Michelle Minicucci (LIPSY)

President Waterbury Elk Riders #265

203-217-2145



Happy Holidays to you and your families. On November 7th, 2021 the Antlers hosted a Breakfast to honor our Veterans. It was a great success, and we raised over \$600 for The Veterans Home, Wounded Warriors and our Local Veterans! Thank you all for your support.

During this season I would like to give thanks:

To the Antlers members, thank you for making this program fun.

To the Antler Advisors, thank you for your hard work behind the scenes assisting the program to operate as well as it does.

To the Volunteers who help at the events, thank you for your support.

To the Members and Antler Families, thank you for all your support.

And finally to the Officers and Staff who keep the Lodge going, thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Richard Dilger

Antlers Advisor



CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

This program continues to thrive! We have donated approximately **750** cell phones since we started this project!! PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING FOR OUR TROOPS!

Kathy Gannon, PER





Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held **Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 10:00a.m.**

We welcome all children and grandchildren of **paid up** Elk members to attend this event, limited to ages 12 and under. We look forward to celebrating the season with you and yours. We ask that you **sign up in the Rathskeller** and leave the age and gender of each child you're bringing.

Sign up cutoff date DECEMBER 10th, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Any questions or concerns you can call

Danielle Violette, Youth Activity Chairperson, 203-982- 5534

Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles and information to support our newsletter. Your on-time submissions are much appreciated as it takes hours to put this document together. If you are not receiving the Elks Call, please inform Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary, of your email to get on the distribution list. If know of anyone who is not receiving this publication, help them establish an email account (they're free!). You can always pick up a hard copy at the lodge.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Call Editor



Join us December 31, 2021 to Ring in the New Year EARLY!

\$79.95 a Couple with Dinner served from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The Menu:

Stuffed Mushrooms or Shrimp Cocktail

Soup or House Salad

Entrée Choices: Bone In Pork Roast, Chicken Francaise
or Baked Stuffed Sole

Served with Vegetable, Baked or Mashed Potato, Coffee and Dessert

The Lodge will close promptly at 11:00 p.m.

Make your reservations today!

Lynn Connolly 203-509-0893

Rathskeller Bar Hours

Sunday—Tuesday Closed

Wednesday—Saturday 11:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.



December 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	1	2	3	4
				Dinner in the Rathskeller		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 District Hoop Shoot Elks Living Alone Luncheon
Annual Memo- rial Service				Dinner in the Rathskeller		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Breakfast with Santa		Lodge Meeting Vote on By-Laws		Dinner in the Rathskeller		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Eggnog Party					Christmas Eve	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
						Lodge Closed
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1
				Dinner in the Rathskeller		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
						Lodge Closed

BPOE Waterbury, CT Lodge #265

P.O. Box 615
Waterbury, CT 06720

DATED MATERIAL

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!

WWW.ELKS265.ORG



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DANIELLE CORMIER
ROBERTA DADDIO
DONNA FORTIN
MARGARET KAWECKI
TYLER LEOPIZZO
ROBERT LISTER
BRYAN McCANN
KARLA McCUSKER
STEPHEN McCUSKER
JAMES PARSELL
ROBERT RAMONAS
ANTHONY GULICK

CHRISTOPHER CARMODY
DEBORAH DALESSIO
JOSEPH DALESSIO
BRYAN FUHRMAN
BRIAN HIGGINS
MARY LOU LAVOIE
MATTHEW LUCIAN
JENNIFER NORMAND
KENNETH NOVI
KAREN PARSELL
ROMEO JOSEF

