

THE ELKS CALL



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**ELKS—STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH
COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

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WATERBURY LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

The tournament committee is well underway planning this year's tournament at the Southington Country Club. The player fee is \$135, which includes greens fee, cart, breakfast, lunch, beer and water at the course followed by dinner and an awards banquet at the lodge. There will be raffles and door prizes also!



We are seeking additional tee and green sponsors. Sponsorship flags are \$75 each, and corporate sponsorships are available starting at \$500. If you wish to purchase a sponsorship, please contact John Kunkel 860-877-1912 or Joe Sullivan 203-525-6064.

We are about 9 weeks away from the tournament. Please purchase your foursome early because this event always sells out. We want to accommodate everyone who wishes to participate. Please note that reservations can't be secured without payment in full.

John Kunkel, Tournament Coordinator

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LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

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Carlos Gotay	Est. Loyal Knight
Jennifer Normand	Est. Lecturing Knight
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Scott Bowman	Treasurer
Stephanie Dilger	Tiler
Howard Osorio	Chaplain
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Jose Duprey	Inner Guard
Open	Organist

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Flavio Basile

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

HOSPITALIZED

- St. Mary's

Russ Griswold

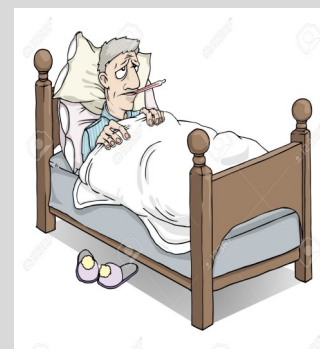
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- Jefferson House-Newington

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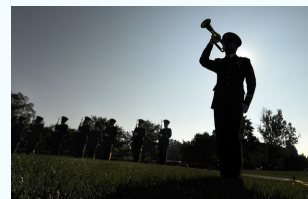
Joe Sciaretto

Eric (Keith) Lott

**Please contact Susan Buzzeo, Esteemed Leading Knight,
with information and updates.**

Phone # (203) 709-0054

IN MEMORIAM



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Gary Huckins

Born, November 27, 1954

Initiated, January 25, 2005

Passed from our Midst, May 17, 2022

*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 HE REST IN PEACE.



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All:

June has arrived and, hopefully, along with nice summer weather. We have come a long way since April. I am very proud of everyone stepping up and volunteering and doing what we need to get done.

A special shout out to the Elk Riders and all the volunteers who helped with the Veterans BBQ. It was a great day to honor some wonderful people. Thank you to the Quilts of Valor group for donating quilts for our veterans.

I would like to thank the Emblem Club, the Elks Riders, the House Committee and all the volunteers for putting together the Americanism & Drug Awareness Luncheon. I'd like to personally thank Susan Buzzeo for the awesome food that was prepared.

Thank you everyone for attending our Family Picnic and to all the volunteers who made it happen. A special thanks to John Carosella and his crew for stepping up year in and year out to make this a successful event.

Please be on the lookout for some new and exciting activities coming to the lodge. The events will be posted on Facebook, in the Call, and in an email blasts.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me since becoming ER, especially our newest members for stepping up and volunteering. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My selection for Elk of the Month was a very difficult decision, but a decision I am very proud of. My Elks of the Month are Flavio Basile, Paul Massimo, and Anna DeRocco. Anna has been volunteering on Friday nights to prepare dinners and, if you haven't had her food, I suggest you go visit her in Middlebury at La Strega. You won't be disappointed. Thank you for all your hard work.



Fraternally,

Anthony Cavallo, Exalted Ruler

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Kathy Gannon, PER



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Members of Lodge #265:

May you all have a safe and happy summer! Many family events, such as graduations, weddings and vacations will take place this season. Enjoy them with your families and friends. Invite them to the Lodge for dinner or one of the summer picnics, and introduce them to the Elks and what we do. Thank you to all who have paid their dues. There are over 170 members who have not paid yet, so please do so and remember the extra \$5 for ENF. There is still a large deficit for the new roof, so donations to the building fund are also greatly appreciated. Additional donations for ENF and the roof can be sent at any time.



Several members have contacted me indicating they never received their annual dues notices, and often it is because they have a new address. If I don't have your current address, please contact me by phone or email so we have the right information. This applies to email addresses and phone numbers. When we have all the correct contact information, it helps all the Officers who might need it.

You can pay your dues online through PayPal at the Waterbury Elks website www.elks265.org. Please remember to add the service charge. I am notified immediately when you pay online, and your member card will be mailed out promptly. Dues can also be paid by credit card at the Rathskellar. Mail dues to: Waterbury Elks #265, Office of the Secretary, PO Box 615, Waterbury, CT 06720.

There will be two meetings this month, Tuesday June 14th will be an Initiation meeting starting at 6:30pm and Tuesday June 28th the meeting starts at 7pm.

Saturday June 18th is the Flag Day ceremony. It is truly a beautiful and enlightening ceremony. You will be glad you attended!

You will find all the Lodge events and news in The Call, which is available by email or you can pick up a copy in the Rathskellar. Contact me, secywtby265@gmail.com or Mike Gannon mikeg0174@aol.com with your email so you can receive The Call regularly.

Any members who would like to volunteer, please contact me or any Officer of the Lodge. The position for Lodge Organist is still open. If anyone has the capability to fill this, please contact one of the Officers.

Stay well and stay safe!
Best regards,

Ginny Leary, Lodge Secretary





Members All:

I would like to remind all of you of our great history and tradition. The Elks are a distinctly American fraternal order and **Flag Day** is one of our most important traditions, dating back to the 1908 National Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Grand Lodge voted on instituting Flag Day as a mandatory national ritual for all Lodges. This prompted President Woodrow Wilson, an Elk himself, to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day, and in 1916 he issued a proclamation that officially established June 14th as a national holiday.

The week of June 14th is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation "urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America."

On June 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate Flag Day at our Lodge. After the flag ceremony in front of the Lodge, we will adjourn to the lodge room to perform the Flag Day ritual. At this ceremony, we will present a flag that was flown over our nation's capital to the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department to recognize their contributions to the Wolcott community. Please join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Carlos R Gotay, Esteemed Loyal Knight

Music Bingo with Aaron Demarest

June 3, 2022
7pm-9pm



Come have dinner in the Rathskellar and
stay to play Music Bingo. There will be prizes
and a ton of fun.

To reserve your table contact Lynn (203) 509-0893

There will be no dinner served, Karaoke or Raw Bar during the week of the Sportsman's Holiday, June 8th-10th. We'll be back the following week.

Thank you to Kathy, Ryan and Jonathan Gannon for stepping up for Mother's Day Brunch and Cinco De Mayo, both very successful events. We appreciate your time and dedication to the Lodge running exciting and fun events.

Family Picnic 2022

Another successful family picnic was held on May 29, 2022 at Quassy. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event. Thanks to a great team of volunteers who have been making this event very successful for many years now. The culinary team includes John Carosella, Gary Keating, Wally Makarewicz, John Kunkel, and Lynn Connelly. The grill volunteers at Quassy were Pat Jennings, Jim Corcoran, Ed Mone, Paul Violette, and John Rocchi. Volunteers who transported food and equipment to and from the event, and others who served and assisted with cleanup at the end of the day were Margaret Simpson, Chris Topazio, Michelle Minicucci, Ken Dupont, Tony Cavallo, Sue Fortier, Danielle Topazio, Keith Fortier, Paul Massimo, Linda Violette, Caitlyn Violette, Mike Gravel, Jennifer Normand, and Stephanie Dilger. Let's not forget the beer guys, Vinnie Della Croce and Dave Simpson. Thanks to Mike Fischer who monitored the entrance for us. If I forgot someone, I apologize. Thank you all for a job well done! BPOE 265 is extremely fortunate to have a group of volunteers like you.

Flavio Basile, PER, House Committee Chairman



QUILTS OF HONOR AT THE VETERANS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE ELKS RIDERS HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUN-



Elks Men's Bowling League



Team Lund of the men's bowling league captured the championship this year defeating Team Begnal in a very close match. Congratulations to both teams, and we're looking forward to another great season in 2022-2023!



Greeting to all Members of Lodge #265:

On June 19, 2022 The Antlers will host a Father's Day Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m! Please join us as we celebrate Father's Day. Please see the flyer. For more information All proceeds will go to help local community and charities.

On May 14, 2022 the Antlers went on a 4-mile hike at Hubbard Park. Our members blazed a path from the base to the top. Although the hike was fun, there were some difficult parts involved. They all overcame it and had lunch atop the mountain before proceeding to hike back down.

If you are interested in helping or have any ideas, please let us know.

waterburyantlers265@gmail.com or 203-518-1036 leave a message.

Richard Dilger, Lead Antler Advisor



The Antlers Program is open to individuals ages 12 to 20. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6pm to 7pm at the Elks Lodge.



Jerry Barth Saratoga Classic 2022

Saturday, July 30; Saturday, August 20; and Sunday, August 28, 2022

Here we go again; it's time for another season of horse racing at the Saratoga racetrack in NY. The price is \$110 per person, and a deposit of \$25 dollars is due ASAP to guarantee your reservation.

This event includes bus transportation, breakfast at the Lodge, a picnic lunch at Saratoga Springs State Park, admission with grandstand seating at the race-track, and adult beverages. The track allows you to enter with you own cooler is long as it fits under your seat, and you can stock up with beverages that we provide. REMEMBER NO GLASS BOTTLES INSIDE THE TRACK.

The bus will leave the Elk's parking lot at 7:30 am, and we should arrive at the Saratoga Springs Park no later than 10:30am. We'll enjoy a nice cookout, and then proceed to the racetrack to arrive between 12:00 and 12:30. We'll depart after the of the 8th race.

For bookings and information's Call Flavio Basile at 203-233-9293 or email fbasile30@comcast.net. Make **checks payable** to " **BPOE #265**" and you can mail it to me: Flavio Basile, 200 Yale St., Apt. 30-B, Waterbury, CT 06704. Also you can pay at the Rathskeller where a bartender will be happy to take your cash, check, or credit card.

Sincerely,

Flavio Basile, House Committee Chairman

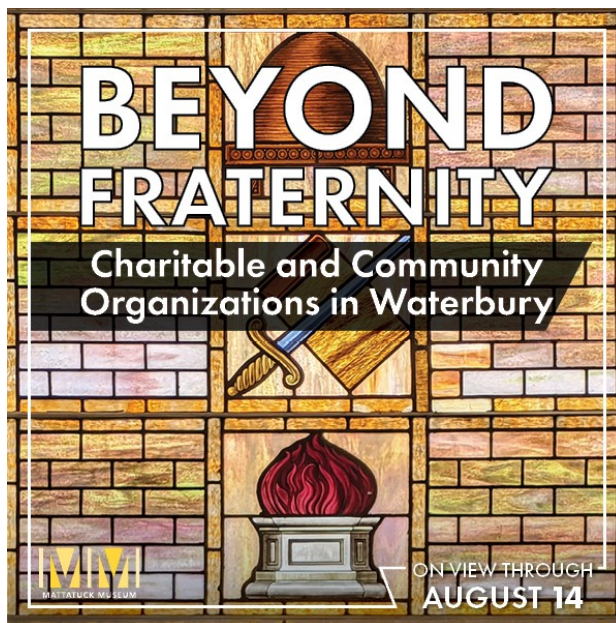
May 29, 2022 – August 14, 2022

Alongside Mystery & Benevolence, this exhibition explores the history of fraternal organizations in Waterbury through objects, photographs, and books drawn from the Mattatuck Museum's permanent collection and loaned by community members.

Lodge 265 is providing documents, pictures and artifacts to support this exhibition. There will be a reception at the museum on June 5th (\$5 admission) followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Lodge. Please join us!

Kathy Gannon, PER

203-217-6818 reactkg@aol.com



BOOK NOOK

We have designated a place for you to exchange gently used books. You can find the books under the TV closest to the kitchen in the Rathskeller. This is the designated "BOOK NOOK". Please feel free to leave and take books; however, don't expect them to sit too long. If they don't move we will help them find a home as not to create clutter in the bar area.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



Dining at the Lodge

Dinner is served Wednesday through Friday nights. We continue to host Karaoke on Wednesdays, and Thursday is Steak Night! Also “Jimmy Clams” is back serving clams on the half shell and shrimp cocktail. All serving times are 5pm—8pm. We try to email the menus 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.



BULLETIN BOARDS

Nothing should be posted on the boards in the Rathskeller, vestibule, hallways or restrooms without first obtaining permission from the House Committee. If a house committee member is not available, please leave your posting with the bartender . Upon approval, it will be hung on the various bulletin boards. Anything posted without prior permission will be removed.

Thank you for your cooperation

Lynn Connolly, House Committee Chairperson

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. Limited openings available.

THURSDAY
STEAK NIGHT
5PM-8PM

House Salad \$1.95

Soup of the Day Cup \$2.95 Bowl \$4.95

N.Y. Strip w/Baked Potato &
Vegetable \$15.95

Also available for Steak: Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Sautéed Onions,

Mushrooms or Peppers for an additional \$.75 each

Long Hots \$1.00

Reservations STRONGLY suggested

Call or text Lynn (203) 509-0893

37th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday

June 9th-June 12th, 2022, Wildwood, New Jersey

Fellow Sportsmen, as this article is being published, we are less than 2 weeks from our 37th Annual Sportsmen's Holiday trip to Wildwood, NJ. The usual suspects will coordinate arrangements and include me, John Kunkel, and Kenny Dupont. All payments, including golf charges, unless otherwise noted, will go through John Kunkel or Kenny Dupont. We try to be understanding, but need clarity early on, so here are the rules:

There is a sign-up sheet to be completed. Complete the form in its entirety and submit it with your down payment. Please indicate your room partner and golf foursome.

This year's dates are the same as the New Jersey American Legion Convention in Wildwood. Our host and fellow Lodge member, Adamo Pepitone, can only commit to us the Attache Motel, which can accommodate 80 people. He will do his level best to scrounge up additional rooms if required, but all other motels are already fully booked; consequently, I can only guarantee 80 people.

In fairness to all, selections will be made in accordance with receipt of payment, which we will start taking immediately. Don't think about this until the last minute or you will not be included. Last year we had fewer guys sign up due to Covid; however, we are expecting a larger group this year, so please don't wait until the last minute to show your interest.

Room charges and golf fees have gone up. The room fees are \$380 for a double and \$440 for a single. The golf fee for the 2-day tournament is \$160 and should be paid when you make payment for your room. If you sign-up for golf and decide not to play for any reason, **the golf fee is not refundable**. We are charged by Avalon for the number of golfers we submit, and the charge remains whether or not you play.

All transportation to Wildwood is the responsibility of participating members. Any member with a van, pick-up or extra space in his trunk is asked to step up and offer to take any overflow of clubs and luggage.

A \$100 deposit or payment in full is expected as soon as you receive this article. Again, I can only guarantee rooms for 80 people at the Attache Motel. The sooner I know the level of interest, the sooner I can advise Adamo to work on securing additional rooms.

In previous years, many of the guys elected to go down on Wednesday. If you wish to do this, there is an additional charge of \$85 for a single or double occupancy room. This charge is paid directly to the Attache Motel when you arrive and is not included in the charges payable to the Elks Lodge. Also, there will be a \$35 charge for beverages and food on Wednesday.

We've enjoyed a great run with this event and would like to keep it going as long as interest remains at current levels. It's a great deal and a memorable weekend. We have no desire to become personal accountants, so please keep track of your payments and balance due. We also have no inclination to chase anybody; you are in or you are out. Payments are to be made by check only. No cash should ever be left at the bar and neither the committee members nor the Lodge will be held accountable for cash payments should they go missing.

Payment in full will be expected by Friday, May 6, 2022.

The Wildwood Committee

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Waterbury Lodge No. 265

283 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT 06720

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH 9AM – 1PM

RANGE PORTION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER

\$125.00 PER PERSON CASH ONLY



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NIKKI SANCHEZ



Rathskeller Bar Hours

Sunday	12:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Monday	4:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday—Friday	12:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

JUNE 2022

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					Sportsmen's Holiday—Wildwood, NJ—>	
				Dinner in the Rathskeller		
12 Return from Wildwood	13	14	15	16	17	18
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				Dinner in the Rathskeller		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Scholarship Banquet				
				Dinner in the Rathskeller		
26	27	28	29	30		
		Lodge Meeting				