



THE CALL

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All,

*** November 11th – Veterans Day** (This lodge meeting night will have a special Veterans Day Ritual. We ask all Veteran Elk members to attend our lodge meeting on November 11th at 6:30pm.)

**** UPDATE, November 22nd – Old Timers/PER Luncheon** (All Old Timers and PER's will be receiving an invitation in the mail for this event).

Wow, how quickly October has come and gone! We had a lot of great events that took place this past month. It started with our District Deputy audit on October 1st. A special thank you to all our officers and PER's who were in attendance. Our preparations, action items, and teamwork helped in our success with the Audit. Again, thank you, officers and PER's.

On October 4th, we had a full bus trip to Salem, MA. A special thank you to Linda Jacovino for putting on this successful lodge activity for us. I received a lot of positive feedback on how fun it was, and the nice sunny day we had too. Keep up the great work.

On October 11th, we had First Responders Day. We opened our doors to all our first responders and provided them with a free lunch, beverage, and a gift. A special thank you to Corey Shanahan and the team for putting on this now, annual event.

On October 18th, we had a bike safety rodeo. We partnered with PAL to give out helmets, bikes, bike locks, and safety training for our inner-city youth. A special thank you to PAL, Querino Maia, and all the officers and volunteers in attendance. Great job team, and thank you again.

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Lodge Hours:

THE RATHSKELLAR BAR IS NOW OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

SUNDAY 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

MONDAY 5:00 P.M.. - ?

TUESDAY 6:00 P.M.. - ?

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY FRIDAY 11:00 A.M. - ?

SATURDAY 12:00 P.M. - ?

? = BARTENDERS DISCRETION

Lodge Meetings:

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.

JULY & AUGUST—FOURTH TUESDAY ONLY

DECEMBER—SECOND TUESDAY ONLY

INITIATION MEETINGS START AT 6:00 P.M.

Lodge Officers 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler: Peter Wychulis

Leading Knight: Stephanie M. Dilger

Loyal Knight: Bryan McEntee

Lecturing Knight: JoAnna Cass McEntee

Esquire: Susan Buzzeo

Inner Guard: Corey Shanahan

Tiler: Querino Maia

Secretary: Michael McGaughan

Treasurer: Pat Jennings

Chaplin: Howard Osorio

Trustee 1 Year: Bret Reis

Trustee 2 Years: Steve Kontout

Trustee 3 Years: Allen Gillette

Trustee 4 Years: Donna Torre

Trustee 5 Years: Thomas LaGasse



Raymond Coughlin
Cheshire House



Please contact Stephanie
Dilger, Esteemed Leading
Knight with
information and updates.
203-592-2185



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

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.

Kathleen A Cassetta

Born September 16, 1958

Initiated February 28, 2023

Passed from our mist October 12, 2025

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Official Bulletin of Waterbury Lodge #265
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
PO Box 615, 283 W Main St.
Waterbury, CT 06702

Instituted—June 15, 1893
Chartered—June 21, 1893

Information must be submitted by the 25th of the prior
month.
Email— 265submissions@gmail.com
Thank you



Support our Foundation by
donating online. You could
give through the Lodge, but
the *only* difference when you
donate online is how quickly
your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at
enf.elks.org/MyLodge

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On October 19th, we had a lodge soup party provided by MtG catering. There were 7 different soups to choose from. A special thank you to Jonathon Gannon and team for the nice time with some comforting food. Thank you to all the members and officers in attendance.

On October 25th, we had our truck or treat. A special thank you to Kathy Gannon for putting on a wonderful youth activity event for our members and community. To all the officers and members who donated their time, candy, games, dressed in costumes, and showcased their designed car trunks, we thank you for your continued support. Great job Kathy and team.

On October 26th, we had designer bag bingo. A special thank you to the Emblem Club for putting on this special event to support GWIMS and our community. This well-attended event is an annual event and it is for a great cause. Thank you again Emblem Club, and to everyone who attended, supported, and volunteered for this successful event. Great job team.

On October 28, we had our District Deputy visit. Several dignitaries and officers were in attendance. A special thank you to MtG Catering, Lynn Connolly, our officers, and the house committee for making sure we had a successful event. This team collaboration is what makes us successful. Thank you again for the teamwork and positive communication throughout.

Finally, my Elk of the Month goes to Linda Jacovino. She put on two successful full bus trips as our lodge activities chairperson. Not only has she put together these two trips, but she supports, attends, and assists with our other lodge events. She is also a staple with her lodge meeting appearances and is part of the women's bowling league on Monday's. Her dedication to the lodge and its success made her an easy pick for Elk of the month. Please assist me in congratulating and thanking Linda for her time and efforts in supporting the success of our lodge. Thank you, Linda, and keep up the great work.

See below for a few events that are coming up in November, which will be featured in this Call.

November 1st – Hoop Shoot

November 8th – Antlers Veterans Breakfast

November 11th – Veterans Night (Lodge meeting night with a special Veterans ritual. We ask all Veteran Elk members to attend.)

November 22nd – Old Timers/ PER Luncheon

November 23rd – Blood Drive

November 15th – Murder Mystery

November 26th – Music by Cruise Control (Thanksgiving Eve)

November 29th – House Committee Steak Night

See below for upcoming events, activities, and updates:

Monday Night Setback Card League (This is postponed until further notice.)

Tuesday Night Cornhole (Starts at 7:15pm)

Wednesday Night Karaoke (Starts at 6pm-9pm)

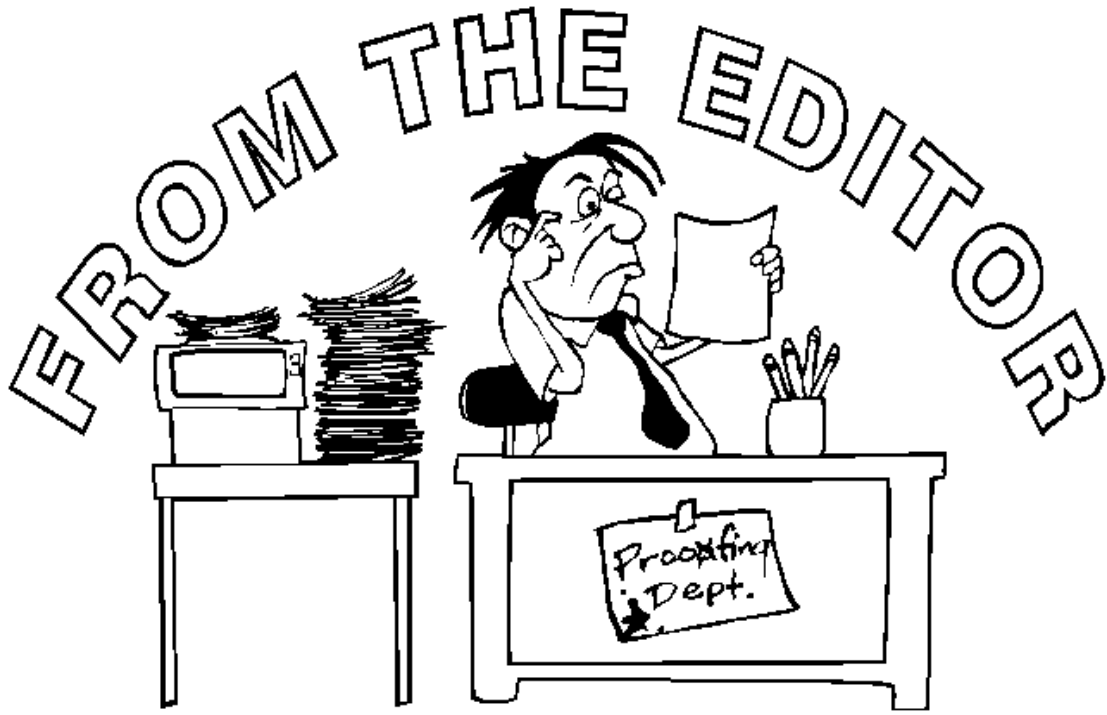
Thursday Night Cornhole (This is postponed until further notice.)

Saturday Night Trivia (1st Saturday of every month. Nothing until further notice.)

To all, please continue to be kind, friendly, cordial, and positive to everyone who crosses your path. These actions contribute to the success of our lodge and to the membership within it. As a reminder, Veterans Day is on November 11th. Remember to support and recognize our Veterans. We will be having a special ritual on that day and during our lodge meeting. Finally, please come down and enjoy our lodge, join us for our upcoming events, enjoy a great meal, or just come down and say hello. GOD BLESS.

Fraternally,
Peter Wychulis
Exalted Ruler





The deadline for Call submissions is the 25th of each month. This will allow for the timely production and distribution of the newsletter.

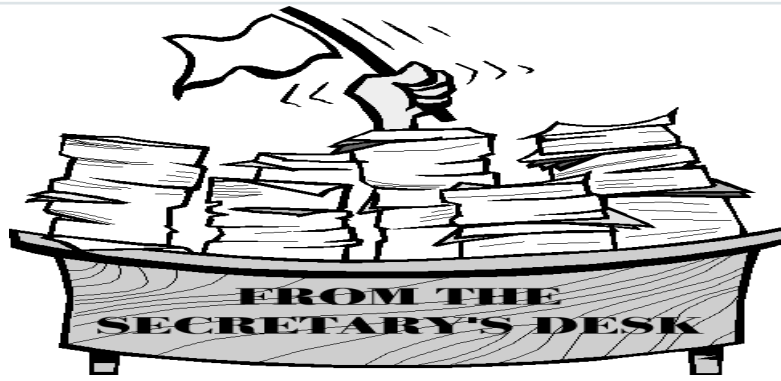
Please send your articles, postings and news to 265submissions@gmail.com. If you have any questions at all, you can contact me directly at mikeg0174@aol.com or call/text 203-217-6819.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

Fraternally yours,

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD





Members all,

Using the Elks.org website, a current paid up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online. Applications are also available at the Rathskeller.

Please note that any Delinquent member that needs to pay their Dues or a former member wishing to be Reinstated please contact the Secretary so that information can be verified.

Total active members – 1120. Applications currently being processed – 13. Delinquent Members: 87.

Please remember to inform the Lodge of any changes in your contact information to ensure you receive on a timely basis all information provided by the Lodge, such as the bulletin, charitable events, your dues and membership information.

Payment options are Check (preferred), cash, credit card (see the bartender) and a new **Enhanced Payment Processor**. <https://www.elks.org/payonline> and enter **Waterbury, CT No. 265**. A convenience fee will apply to your payment when using a credit card.

Please contact me by email at secywtby265@gmail.com or by phone 203-755-1159 opt#4 should you have any concerns.

Fraternally yours,

Michael McGaughan, Lodge Secretary

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.

The House Committee



Hello everyone, this past month we had our second annual First Responders Appreciation Day. We raised over \$800 for the Lombardi family and also presented them with a plaque. Thank you everyone that volunteered. Thank you emblem club for volunteering and donating desserts. Thank you Ed and the house committee. Lastly, to the lodge officers Stephanie and Q for volunteering at the bar thank you. It was a beautiful day and I cant wait until next year. Now moving on we have a few up coming events in November. We have a murder mystery on the 15th please come get your tickets behind the bar. Nov 20th, we will be hosting a blood drive and the Red Cross will be giving away a pair of PAC Man socks, Nov 26th we will have live music at the rathskeller, Nov 29th will be Steak night tickets on sale at the rathskeller. Remember every sunday the house committee will be hosting a football buffet 15 dollars a person and you can watch any football game. Also, if you have any ideas or concerns we welkome any member to join us on our meetings which take place the second Monday and 4th monday of every month. On that note if you haven't done so please follow our Facebook page (Waterbury BPOE 265 House Committee) for up to date events on whats going on in our lodge.

"Be the Difference"

Thank you everyone,

Corey Swenson-Shanahan

House Committee Chairman



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During the District Deputy visit on October 28th, six new members were initiated into our order. The DD's Audit Suite, CT Elks Association Officers, Waterbury Lodge #265 Officers and the new members are pictured above.

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Waterbury Elks # 265 Memorial Service

*Sunday, December 7th 2025
11:00am*

*The faults of our members
we write upon the sands;
Their virtues upon
the tablets of love and memory*

*Please join us for the annual memorial service,
where we honor all who have passed in the last year.
Lunch to follow after the service.*



In Memoriam

William H Jackson Jr
Born December 14, 1942
Initiated September 19, 2000
Passed from our midst April 30, 2023

Andrew J Battaglia Sr
Born August 14, 1943
Initiated June 22, 1999
Passed from our midst December 18, 2023

David R Magaldi
Born March 14, 1945
Initiated February 15, 2011
Passed from our midst September 17, 2024

Gerald L Berthiaume L'M
Born January 11, 1942
Initiated March 24, 1976
Passed from our midst October 17, 2024

Michelle N Minicucci PER
Born February 6, 1961
Initiated June 25, 2002
Passed from our midst November 13, 2024

Philip Maiorano Jr L'M
Born January 13, 1944
Initiated June 13, 1972
Passed from our midst December 7, 2024

Raymond C Shortt L'M
Born July 27, 1951
Initiated March 26, 1986
Passed from our midst December 13, 2024

Ciro A Scognamiglio Sr PER L'M
Born March 19, 1928
Initiated February 27, 1973
Passed from our midst February 6, 2025

Todd M Nugai
Born April 7, 1973
Initiated November 11, 1996
Passed from our midst February 14, 2025

Lee A Walter
Born March 14, 1951
Initiated January 29, 1988
Passed from our midst March 10, 2025

C Thomas Accousti L'M
Born January 17, 1939
Initiated June 18, 1982
Passed from our midst November 1, 2023

Peter E Rock L'M
Born February 2, 1941
Initiated September 25, 1973
Passed from our midst May 21, 2024

Morgan F Bowling L'M
Born June 22, 1944
Initiated May 29, 1973
Passed from our midst October 6, 2024

John G Watson Jr L'M, PER, REBGER
Born February 7, 1942
Initiated September 26, 1972
Passed from our midst November 4, 2024

Frederick C Barrane L'M
Born June 1, 1939
Initiated March 18, 1977
Passed from our midst November 24, 2024

Jaclyn L Reilly
Born April 4, 1947
Initiated September 27, 2005
Passed from our midst December 9, 2024

Thomas J Galvin L'M
Born September 16, 1948
Initiated May 29, 1973
Passed from our midst January 13, 2025

Jeremiah J Wallace L'M
Born May 20, 1939
Initiated February 26, 1974
Passed from our midst February 9, 2025

Armand Marchand L'M
Born December 25, 1929
Initiated February 26, 1974
Passed from our midst March 9, 2025

Anthony Petrunti L'M
Born December 14, 1944
Initiated January 20, 1984
Passed from our midst March 22, 2025



In Memoriam

William F. Berwin L'M
Born January 25, 1935
Initiated June 25, 1968
Passed from our midst March 24, 2025

Kenneth E. Grohs Jr
Born June 1, 1967
Initiated November 25, 2001
Passed from our midst May 5, 2025

William J. Smith L'M
Born August 15, 1942
Initiated May 29, 1973
Passed from our midst July 8, 2025

Kathleen A. Cassella
Born September 16, 1958
Initiated February 28, 2023
Passed from our midst October 12, 2025

Francis J. Sullivan L'M
Born February 12, 1943
Initiated March 19, 1982
Passed from our midst April 12, 2025

John P. Clifford L'M RLB GER PER
Born February 13, 1941
Initiated February 27, 1973
Passed from our midst May 24, 2025

Gerald F. Ryan L'M
Born June 1, 1948
Initiated November 29, 1972
Passed from our midst August 3, 2025

Edward R. Thibodeau
Born July 2, 1941
Initiated November 14, 1989
Passed from our midst October 24, 2025

11 O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.
This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.
Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour
falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elksdom swells and throbs.
It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the
mystic roll call of those who will come no more.
Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the
West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be
pealing forth the friendly message,
"To our absent members."





Waterbury Antler's Veterans Day Breakfast

When: Saturday November 8th, 2025

Time: 7am to 11am

Where: Elks Lodge 283 West Main St, Waterbury, CT 06702

- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Scramble eggs
- Fruit
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Homefries
- Coffee, Juice and Tea

All Veterans eat free

12 and older \$12.00

5 to 11 \$6.00

4 and younger Free

Event open to public. Pay at the door

Questions please contact us @ waterburyctantlers265@gmail.com

Richard Dilger 203-518-1036

Chef's Corner

The new menu available soon!!

We serve dinner Wednesday – Friday 5:00-8:00

Please note that dinner will not be served on **11/28**, the day after Thanksgiving.

Nightly specials:

Wednesday = Pasta Night

Thursday = Steak Night

Friday = Seafood Night

We'll be serving the night before Thanksgiving. Don't deal with the bar crowds,
book a table now!

Have you booked your Holiday parties???

We have dates available!

We're renting the Halls for Meetings, Bereavements, Graduation Parties, Stags,
Bridal & Baby Showers, Sweet 16's, Fundraisers....



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MTG Catering

Coming Soon!



New Dinner Menu



Philly Cheese Eggrolls \$8.95 meat and cheese stuffed eggrolls with red pepper basil mayo dip

Chicken Tenders \$8.95 Add Fries \$10.95

Kale and Arugula Salad \$8.95 baby kale and arugula tossed in our house champagne vinaigrette with dried apricots, toasted almonds and shaved parmesan.

Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Steak \$8.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

House Mixed Greens tomatoes, cucumber, red onion with shaved parmesan and our house champagne vinaigrette. Side salad \$2.95, Entrée \$7.95

Caesar Salad romaine lettuce tossed in our house made Caesar dressing with croutons and shaved parmesan Side salad \$4.95 Entrée \$9.95

Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Steak \$8.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

Entrees

Penne ala Vodka \$13.95 Add Chicken \$6.95 Add Steak \$8.95 Add Shrimp \$9.95

Build a Burger grilled to your liking with cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and French Fries \$12.95 Add fried onions, mushrooms or bacon \$1.50

Apple N' Honey Pork Chop \$18.95 14oz Porterhouse pork chop with apple n' honey dry rub, grilled and finished with apple chutney

Stuffed Filet of Sole \$21.95 sole fillets rolled with scallop and crabmeat stuffing baked in butter wine sauce

NY Strip \$ 18.95 8-10oz NY strip grilled to your liking finished with a gorgonzola compound butter. Add mushrooms or onions \$1.50

Chicken Piccata \$ 14.95 floured and pan seared chicken breasts in a lemon white wine caper sauce.

Chicken Tacos \$14.95 braised chicken breasts served with in a soft grilled tortilla with shredded lettuce, diced tomato and cilantro dressing.





A very successful "Trunk or Treat" event was held in the lodge parking lot on October 26th. The trunks were many and varied, several of which are pictured above. A hearty THANK YOU to all who participated!



EMBLEM NEWS



**WATERBURY EMBLEM CLUB #552
PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT
"TRUNK OR TREAT" EVENT.**



The Emblem Club, with MTG Catering, collected toiletries for the St. Vincent DePaul shelter. The Club also hosted their annual Designer Pocketbook Bingo event in Oct.



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This month's meetings will be held on:

November 11th & 25th 6:30pm



Jerry DiPietro Memorial Wednesday Morning Golf League

Congratulations to the team of Jimmy Grasso, Flavio Basile, and Steve Bowey substituting for the injured Flavio Basile half of the season.

	<u>WINS</u>
1 st Jimmy Grosso, Flavio Basile, Steve Bowey	35.5
2 nd Randy Poulter, Ned Cullinan	34.0
3 rd Maurice Hernandez, Bill Gannon	31.5
4 th Charlie Famiglietti, Irv Boyle	31.0
5 th Gene Gravel, Bruce Walsh	30.0
6 th Steve Johnson, Gary Keating	28.0
6 th Mike McGaughan, Pat Kelly	28.0
8 th Dave Shalnaitis, John Kunkel	27.0
9 th Carmine Famiglietti, Bob Jennings	23.5
10 th Bob Grosso, Pat Jennings	21.5
11 th Dave Cordeau, Jim Morotto	18.5
12 th Jerry Ranaudo, Charlie Simpson	15.5

Anyone interested in joining the league next year as a regular or substitute please contact Flavio at 203-233-9293, flaviobasile@icloud.com

Flavio Basile PER



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IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

We are now accepting applications for our annual scholarships. Please review the following information to determine if your student qualifies. Applications are available at the bar in the Rathskeller. All applications must be submitted on or before February 15, 2026. 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 will have completed at least one year at an accredited two or four-year college as of May 31, 2023. 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. 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 and Emergency Education Grants Programs are currently accepting applications. Please go to www.elks.org and hover on the Elks National Foundation tab. In the right column select "SCHOLARSHIPS". All the information you need is presented here.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

Mike Gannon, PER, PDD, Scholarship Chairman



GREGORY ALLEN IS BACK! COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!



Rocking through the

DECADES



**Saturday, Nov. 22nd
6:30pm – 9:30pm**



Performing Classic Hits from the 50's – 80's

Come enjoy a delicious dinner and dance the night away!

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Waterbury Elks Riders #265

As we bring another memorable riding season to a close, I'd like to share a few highlights and updates from the past month on behalf of the Waterbury Elks Riders.

October was a meaningful and active month for our group. We proudly hosted a successful Bike Night in conjunction with the Southington Elks Riders in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Thanks to the generosity of our members and guests, we will be making a charitable donation to support a mother currently fighting metastatic breast

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel the Dominique D'Alessio Ride. Though we were unable to ride in her honor, our commitment to her legacy continues. The Waterbury Elks Riders will be making a

With that, we officially mark the end of this year's riding season. While the bikes may be stored away for now, our dedication to community, charity, and brotherhood remains stronger than ever. Be on the lookout for more great events coming soon — we're already planning for an exciting year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,

Brian Dudeck





ELKS LODGE #265 WATERBURY
PRESENTS

Thanksgiving Eve

WEDNESDAY NOV 26TH

MUSIC - FOOD - DRINK



DINNER MENU AVAILABLE FROM
MTG CATERING 5-8 PM



MUSIC PROVIDED BY
'Cruise Control'
6-10 PM



THERE WILL ALSO BE A 50/50 DRAWING \$\$

283 West Main St Waterbury, CT
in the Rathskellar



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