



## Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

### EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

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#### **Lodge Officers 2026- 2027**

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*4 Year Trustee*  
Tim Osgood  
*3 Year Trustee*  
Rich Hardy  
*2 Year Trustee*  
Lee Campo  
*1 Year Trustee*  
Michael Hardy  
**Lounge Hours**  
Monday– Closed  
Tues-Friday 3:30-Close  
Sat 2 - Close  
Sun 12 - Close  
Permittee- Mike Romano

#### **Members of Hamden Lodge #2224,**

June is here and a lot of exciting events are happening. The State Convention, the Activities Committee has live music planned, Wednesday night dinners are always great. The Upstairs Hall and Bocce courts looks great, and many other improvements have been made. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in.

This month, I am once again encouraging you all to get involved, even if only for a little amount of time. The more people we have involved, the stronger we are as a Lodge. This will help us thrive and keep going for many years to come!

I look forward to seeing everyone at events.

**Fraternally,  
Scott McKechnie  
Exalted Ruler**



**Orlando Mercado  
Cynthia Roy-Mercado  
Christopher Esposito**

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Lodge of Sorrows

#857 Nicholas F. Bauer Sr, LM

Initiated: 01/24/1972

Departed: 05/12/2026

*To Our Absent Member*

Make sure you are on our e-mail list!

See

Jenn Caputo or Jess Kelsey to

update your e-mail!

SAVE THE DATE: 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY  
PICNIC 4-6PM

THANK YOU!

## TIP OF THE ANTLERS

THANK YOU! Lee Campo, Rich Hardy, Peter Freiler, Tim Osgood, Sally + Matt Gill, Fred Romano, Dan Capella, Anthony + Cheryl Castellano, Ray Wetmore and ER Scott McKechnie for getting together and putting in the effort to revamp our Bocce Courts for the new season!

**YOUR WORK DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED!**



Clothing Drop Off Shed located in the Lodge Parking Lot

All donations are received by Saint Pauly's Textile

Please drop off your gently used or unwanted clothing and other items.

Spread the word to others!

(Last year we donated 9,779 pounds of clothing!)

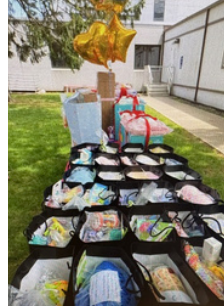


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## VETERANS COMMITTEE

Monthly  
Lodge Meeting  
Monday  
June 8th  
and  
June 22nd

Lounge closed during  
ALL meetings



Hamden Elks is working with the West Haven VA in support of our Women Veterans and their children at a Baby Shower in October. Items from pacifiers, blankets, bottles, toys, stuffed animals, and clothes accepted for newborn up to pre teen, gift cards, and monetary gifts will be accepted as well!

Unwrapped items will be accepted at Hamden Elks through the end of September!

Let's show our support to these amazing women! More info to follow in the coming weeks! Contact Kathy Kelsey with questions at [kelsk76@gmail.com](mailto:kelsk76@gmail.com) or 203-804-1820



**ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**  
**PLEASE NOTICE THE**  
**DESIGNATED SMOKING**  
**AREA AT THE TOP OF THE**  
**BACK STEPS**

**PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE ON THE  
STAIRS  
OR INSIDE THE BUILDING**

**USE THE ASH TRAYS**

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR LODGE -  
KEEP IT CLEAN!**

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**DROP OFF IN MEMBER LOUNGE**

**We accept donations YEAR ROUND  
to be received by the  
Keefe Center  
Please bring down  
non-perishable food  
donations**

**so we can continue in doing our  
part to HELP OUR COMMUNITY!**

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**FOR HALL RENTALS:**  
Contact  
203-819-6302

**AS THE WEATHER OUTSIDE  
GETS WARMER  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO  
TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF OUR  
OUTDOOR SEATING!!!**

**HAMDEN LODGE PINS  
ARE IN STOCK!!  
PURCHASE YOURS NOW**

**SEE BARTENDER ON DUTY  
only \$5 each!!!**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

*TO OUR MEMBERS WITH  
JUNE BIRTHDAYS...*

*Drop in for your free birthday beverage....  
"ON THE HOUSE"*

## **NEW MEMBER**

## **INITIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:30PM**

**YOU ARE INVITED:**

**PLEASE JOIN US WHILE WE  
W"ELK"OME OUR NEW  
LODGE MEMBERS!**

**PLEASE ARRIVE IN THE  
UPSTAIRS HALL BY 7:30PM!  
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**



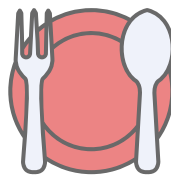
**Flag Day AND  
Flag Retirement Ceremony**

**3:00pm Saturday, June 13th**

**We will perform our  
Elks Flag Day Ritual  
Followed by Flag Retirement**

**REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW  
IN MEMBER LOUNGE**

# LODGE EATS!!!!



**EAT IN OR  
TAKE OUT!!**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>- MEAT STUFFED SHELLS \$14**

**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>- PULLED PORK W/ MAC & CHEESE \$14**

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>- GRILLED CHICKEN \$14**

**JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>- TACO SALAD \$14**

**Call or stop in to sign up! All are welcome to our weekly meals. Call the Lodge or come on down and sign up!! All meals are served at 6:00PM and are served with salad and dessert!**



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by 6:00pm the Monday before the meal. Call 203-248-2224 or email [elkslodge2224@gmail.com](mailto:elkslodge2224@gmail.com)



## FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS!

**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>- BLT OR TOASTED HAM & CHEESE \$6 w/ sides \$10**

**JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>- Charcuterie Cups \$8 w/sides \$10**

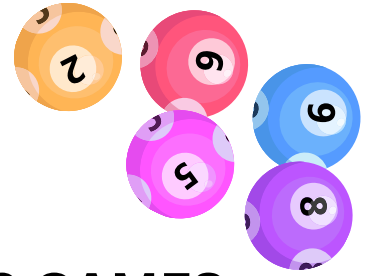
**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>- WING NIGHT! 8 for \$10, add sides \$12**

**JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>- Footlong Hotdogs with Topping Station \$5 w/ sides \$8**

**\*\*\*REGULAR BAR MENU ALWAYS AVAILABLE  
KITCHEN OPENS AT 6PM**



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**TUESDAY NIGHTS  
IN JUNE**

**9TH AND  
23RD**

**\$20 FOR 10 GAMES**

**ALL CASH PRIZES**

**\$600+ PROGRESSIVE ROUND!!!!**



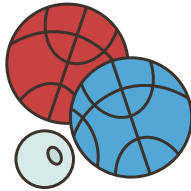
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**JUNE 13TH**

**7-11PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

# BOCCE



**Substitute Players Needed**

**With 16 teams this year, it is likely we will need a few substitute players from week to week.**

**If you want to play and are interested come down any Thursday night. We may have a spot for you.**

**Contact Andy 203-836-4302**

**KATRINA & MARK ACOUSTIC**

**Live Music!**

**Rock, Pop, and R&B Favorites**

The Beatles, Eagles, Tom Petty, Journey  
Fleetwood Mac, Marshall Tucker, John Mellancamp  
Sheryl Crow, Bryan Adams, CCR, Bon Jovi  
...and many more!

**Saturday, June 27**  
**6:00 - 9:00 pm**  
Hamden Elk's Lodge  
175 School Street, Hamden, CT

# MAY DAYS

