

The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks



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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Members All:

One of the most pleasant duties I have as Exalted Ruler is to select the Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year. This year I am very pleased to announce our two worthy members for this recognition.

Our Elk of the Year is Bill Miller. As Treasurer, he spends many hours behind the scenes tending to our financial records. With additional reports now required by the Grand Lodge, the office of Treasurer has become more complex with more responsibilities. I have always said, the office he holds is the most important and demanding in the Lodge. In addition to his duties as Treasurer, Bill has been very generous with many donations made, without fanfare.

Our Officer of the Year is Ray Bullard. Ray serves as our Tiler and is Trustee-elect. Ray is responsible for donating the popcorn machine that everyone enjoys in the members lounge. He also has donated all the oil, corn and other components needed. Ray also donated the hot dog cart used during bocce season. Ray has purchased and paid for the dogs, fries and condiments used every week resulting in more profitability from our sales.

Please join me in honoring these two outstanding members on Sunday March 26 at 12:30pm.

We will be conducting our annual Installation of Officers also at that time. A luncheon will follow.

Our Lodge year is coming to an end and the new year begins April 1. Please remember to pay your dues promptly. Dues notices will be sent out soon. Thanks for your loyalty and continued support of our growing Lodge.

Remember guests are always welcome to our activities and events.

See you soon!

Fraternally
Andy Caporossi
PDD
Exalted Ruler

New Members Left to Right: Richard Hardy, Monica Thomas-Hardy, Lisa Verneris, Everett Smith, Angel Cardona, Cheryl Eberg & Robert Gilbert.



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Lodge Officers 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler

Andrew Caporossi PDD
Esteemed Leading Knight

Fred Romano

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Philip Wilson PDD, PSP
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Kathleen Kelsey

Secretary

Jennifer Caputo

Treasurer

William Miller

Inner Guard

Vacant

Chaplain

Jessica Kelsey

Tiler

Ray Bullard

Esquire

Mike Romano

5 Year Trustee

Vacant

4 Year Trustee

Robert Bretko, PER

3 Year Trustee

Tim Osgood

2 Year Trustee

Robert Bankowski

1 Year Trustee

Lee Campo

Lounge Hours

Wed & Thurs 4 to Close

Friday 3 to Close

Saturday 2 to Close

Permittee—

Mike Romano

Visit Hamden's Lodge pages at www.ctelks.org - Hall Rentals: 203-645-7998

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Happy Birthday!

To our members with **March Birthdays**: Drop in for your free birthday beverage "on the house."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Meals \$13.00

March 1st Chicken Cordon Bleu

March 8th Manicotti w/ Meatballs

March 15th No Dinner Prepping for St. Patricks (See Text Box Right)

March 29th Fish Fry

Eat-in or Take-Out
Due to the increasing costs of food, it is important for us to plan as accurately as possible to avoid over-buying and waste, we request reservations now **REQUIRED**.
Deadline is Tuesday 6pm before meal. Leave message 203-248-2224
Thanks for your understanding

COUNTRY LINE DANCING With COSMO

Friday March 24th
7-9 PM

Beginners welcome
Lessons at 7
Bring a friend



Have some fun!

Regular Lodge Meetings

Monday March 13th

Monday March 27th

St. Patrick's Day

Friday March 17th

Lounge opens at Noon

Corned Beef Sandwich Platter
w/ Potato Salad, Slaw, Pickle
\$12 Served all day!

Reservations Recommended
203-248-2224
Eat in or to-go!

Dues-A-Palooza

Saturday

March 25, 2023

2-5 PM

Come down to pay your dues.

Have a drink & hotdog on US
While you wait for your card

Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 1st

12 to 2 pm

Easter Bunny Pictures, Hunt
and Lunch

** Candy Donations
welcome
In the Lounge**

To our
Absent Members

#1713

William Pruchnicki

Initiated: 06/12/1989

Departed: 12/24/2021

#2337

Lorraine Velardi

Initiated: 06/23/2014

Departed: 01/27/2023

*An Elk is Never
Forgotten*



Saturday

April 1st

w/ DJ Melanie

7-11 PM

Great Fun-

Guests Welcome

Saturday Night Social

April 1st

Wings

5 til Sold Out

6 for \$8.00

12 for \$15.00

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TIP of the ANTLERS: Friday Dinner at Grace & St. Johns Church-Andy Caporossi, Jenn Caputo, Kathy Kelsey, Jess Kelsey, Peter Freiler, Eric Sanchez, Karl Wildman, Joy Wildman, Alexa Wildman & Cheryl Eberg
Also pictured: Allison Batson & Jennifer Campbell from the Church.

ENF Charity Check Presentations



North Haven Community Services



Grace & St. John's Church



We Are The Village



Karaoke



Save the Date

Good Friday

April 7th

Fried Dough

5:30 til sold out

Watch for more details!