

# The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks



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## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

### Members all:

April ushers in the start of a new Lodge year. I thank you all for placing your confidence in me to serve again as Exalted Ruler. I am fortunate to have a dedicated team of officers and committee Persons who step up and provide their talent, time and energy for the good of the Lodge. There are a lot of pieces to the puzzle to put together to make all that we do happen. Thanks again to all of you for your dedication.



Our Trustees have the difficult task to oversee our finances and the maintenance of our Lodge building and property. Rising costs of utilities, insurance and property taxes eat away at our income and leave little after expenses are paid to put towards capital projects.

We have two major expenses to contend with. Repair of our roof and paving of our parking lot is a top priority of the Trustees. For the time being, we hope to get by with some re-sealing for the roof and leveling out pot holes and some asphalt patching. This will be only a temporary fix.

To address these needs, I urge our members to consider a donation to our Building Fund. Many of you have already been generous with your contributions, but support of this from a greater number of members is necessary and would be greatly appreciated.

This brings me to the matter of member participation. Our Lodge can only prosper with the support of its membership. Plan to attend our social functions and activities. Let us know what you and your friends would like to see us schedule. Remember, family and guests are always welcome to attend any event. Your support helps us pay our bills and allows us to plan for future capital projects.

Thanks for your continued support. I am looking forward to a successful new Lodge year with your help! As always, feel free to reach out to me with your questions, concerns and advice [.andycpdd@gmail.com](mailto:andycpdd@gmail.com)  
203-836-4302

Fraternally  
Andy Caporossi PDD/ER

### New Members Left to Right:

Rebecca Wetmore, Eric Sanchez,  
Mark Albert, Paul Mancini



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### Lodge Officers 2023-2024

*Exalted Ruler*  
Andrew Caporossi PDD  
*Esteemed Leading Knight*  
Michael Romano  
*Esteemed Loyal Knight*  
Philip Wilson PDD, PSP  
*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*  
Kathleen Kelsey  
*Secretary*  
Jennifer Caputo  
*Treasurer*  
William Miller  
*Inner Guard*  
Jessica Kelsey  
*Chaplain*  
Fred Romano  
*Tiler*  
Vacant  
*Esquire*  
Peter Freiler PDD, PSP  
*5 Year Trustee*  
Lee Campo  
*4 Year Trustee*  
Ray Bullard  
*3 Year Trustee*  
Bob Bretko, PER  
*2 Year Trustee*  
Tim Osgood  
*1 Year Trustee*  
Robert Bankowski

### 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](http://www.ctelks.org) - Hall Rentals: 203-645-7998

## MESSAGE BOARD

### Happy Birthday!

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Meals \$13.00

April 5th Baked Chicken Breast

April 12th Harry's "Famous" Meatloaf

April 19th Pasta Bar

April 26th Country Style Ribs

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 April 28th  
7-9 PM

Beginners welcome  
Lessons at 7  
Bring a friend

Have some fun!



### Regular Lodge Meetings

Monday April 10th  
Monday April 24th  
7:30 PM

**\*PLEASE\***

NOTE DATE CHANGES BELOW



Saturday  
April 22nd

w/ DJ Melanie  
7-11 PM

Great Fun-  
Guests Welcome

Saturday Night Social  
April 22nd  
Wings

By  
"Chef Bobby-Nic"  
5 pm until Sold Out

6 for \$8.00  
12 for \$15.00

Reservations  
Recommended

### GOOD FRIED DAY!!

Fried Dough Pizza  
Friday April 7th  
5:30 until Sold Out  
\$6.00 Each

In memory of "Chef"  
Eric Wagner

Reservations  
Recommended  
This sells out FAST!



Another season is just  
around the corner!!

Please let us know if your  
team is returning.

Let us know if you would like to play  
or have a new team that would like  
to play.

We are hoping to start  
mid-to-late May  
Contact Andy  
andycdd@gmail.com  
or at 203-836-4302

### Horseshoes Anyone???

We have had some  
Inquires about starting a  
horseshoe league.  
If you have an interest  
please let us know.  
We are considering building a  
horseshoe pit if there is enough  
interest.

Contact Andy: [andycpdd@gmail.com](mailto:andycpdd@gmail.com)



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### **TIP of the ANTLERS:**

St. Patrick's Day: Kathy Kelsey, Jess Kelsey, Marco Minnocci, Bob Nick, Cathy Pleines, Tammy Shea, Eric Sanchez, Dave Delgrego, Jenn Caputo; special thanks to our "Lucky Charm" who fixed the meat slicer just in time!!

#### Installation Lunch:

Peter Freiler, Don McNulty, Cathy Pleines, Cheryl Eberg, Mandy Hashemi & Dave Delgrego

Thanks to Jolene Gilbert for help with the "Membership Phone Squad"

## SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY MAY 27TH**  
**NORTH HAVEN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  
**PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**  
**PICNIC AT LODGE TO FOLLOW**

**FRIDAY JUNE 9TH**  
**ANNUAL FLAG DAY PROGRAM**  
**6 PM**  
**NORTH HAVEN GREEN**

**Dues for Lodge Year 2023-2024 are now due.**  
**Card door locks will be changed.**

**Regular Members \$125**  
**Life Members \$71**

**Cash, checks or credit card accepted**  
**Contact Secretary Jenn**  
**jennycap101@gmail.com**



**Saint  
Patrick's  
Day**



### **Installation of Officers**

**Elk of the Year**  
**Bill Miller (Left)**

**Officer of the Year**  
**Raymond  
Bullard (Right)**

