

# The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Members All,

In early July I attended the Elks Grand Lodge Convention held this year in Minneapolis. I have attended several of these sessions over the years, and each time I return with a renewed sense of pride that I am a member of this great fraternity.



The four day event showcases the many charitable and patriotic Programs Elks Lodges conduct in their local communities across the country. I continually talk about the importance of our Elks National Foundation grants we receive. Can you imagine the impact these grants are making all across the country in the communities where Elks Lodges are located? Millions of dollars, returned back every year to the local communities where the youth, veterans and those in need are served.

As a by-product of these programs, people across the country are recognizing the Elks for all the good we are doing in our local towns and cities, and as a result are seeking membership in our Order. Last year again, Elks membership has grown. Our Connecticut delegation was proud to have been recognized that our state placed 4th nationally in membership growth.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Randy Shook of Tennessee. His motto is : "We are- THE ELKS" Make it known to neighbors, friends, and co-workers of our great charitable programs, and the good times we have in conducting these events and programs. Be a sponsor, recruit a new member for our Lodge and spread the word with enthusiasm, because, after all, "We Are--THE ELKS!!!"

Fraternally

Andy Caporossi PDD/ER

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share



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### Lounge Hours

Wed & Thurs 4 to Close  
Friday 3 to Close  
Saturday 2 to Close  
Permittee—  
Mike Romano

## MESSAGE BOARD

### Happy Birthday!

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Meals \$13.00

Aug. 2nd Chef's Salad  
\$12.00

Aug. 9th BBQ Style  
Chicken

Aug. 16th Philly Cheese  
Steak

Aug. 23rd Vegetable  
Lasagna

Aug 30th Lobster roll/  
Fries/Slaw (\$TBD)

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

### Regular Lodge Meeting

Monday August 28th  
7:30 PM



## HELP OUR VETERANS

We Are Collecting socks, underwear, hats, personal hygiene items, non perishable food items, gently used books.

All will be delivered to the VA to assist homeless Veterans and those in need.

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday September 9th 5 PM  
Prime Rib Dinner by Chef Tom Lee  
Includes Salad, Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob  
& Special Dessert  
\$25.00 per person  
Advance Ticket Sale Only



Robert Manfreda Sr.  
Scholarship  
Recipient  
Lily Talon



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### Tip of the Antlers

Fried Dough Pizza— Great night, over 100 pizzas served!! Thanks to Marco Minnucci, Tom Lee, Lee Campo, Jenn Caputo & Donna Nevins

Repairs and Mainenance— DJ Rogers, Dave Delgrego, Rich Hardy, Dave Seeger, Bob Nick & Bob Bankowski

Christmas in July— Tanya Hill, Jessica Kelsey, Donna Nevins, Tammy Shea, Jessica Hill, Kathy Kelsey,

Saturday Clean up— Mike Romano, Bob Gilbert, Ray Bullard, Peter Freiler, Tim Osgood, Dave Delgrego, Rich Hardy, Tony Dinicola & Bob Bankowski

Upstairs Kitchen Deep Clean— Mike and Jesenia Romano, Rich Hardy, Fred & Lorraine Romano & Andy Caporossi

Wednesday Dinner Crew— Cheryl Eberg, Kathy Kelsey, Jenn Caputo, Tammy Shea, Christine Finch

Our attendance at Wednesday Night Dinners is growing.

Now, more than ever it is important for us to have your reservation no later than the night before by 6 pm.

Please call 203-248-2224 and leave your message

## Lodge Cleanup!



**X-mas  
in July**



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