

# The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Members All:

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season, now coming to an end, and had an opportunity to relax and enjoy the celebrations with family and friends.

At the Lodge, the season of giving was well exemplified. Our toy drive was greatly successful. \$1,900.00 worth of toys were collected and distributed to children and families in Hamden.

Our Veterans Appeal was equally successful as \$2,100.00 worth of coats, clothing, toiletries, books and other items were delivered to the VA

Community serving needy and homeless veterans.

As a result of the generosity of our members and Lodge friends, we Exceeded our expectations. The effort was greatly appreciated, proving again that Elks Care-Elks Share.

Also, on the subject of giving, please consider a donation to our Major Projects fund. All monies collected are forwarded to the CT Elks to support the Connecticut Childrens Hospital and CT Special Olympics. Since 1953, Elk members in our state have donated over \$5 million to the Childrens Hospital.

The facility serves the special needs of children from all 169 towns and cities in Connecticut. The CT Elks each year also sponsor the Volleyball Tournament and Soccer Skills Event attended by hundreds of special athletes who train year-round to compete in these events.

Lets meet our Lodge goal of \$5 per capita and do our part in supporting these worthy organizations. A fund-raising event will be held soon to

Support the Major Projects program. Watch for details.

Thanks for all your support!

Remember, A Team Effort Guarantees Our Success

Fraternally

Andy Caporossi PDD  
Exalted Ruler



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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  
January Birthdays: Drop in  
for your free birthday  
beverage "on the house."

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Most Meals \$13.00

Jan 3rd Halfway to  
4th of July  
( Picnic Fare)

Jan 10 Country Ribs

Jan 17 Deli Style BLT w/  
fries & Chicken Soup

Jan 24 Ham w/ Scalloped  
Potatoes

Jan 31 Chicken Parm w/  
Penne

Eat-in or Take-Out  
Due to the increasing costs of food,  
it is important  
for us to plan as accurately as

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share



**Feeding the  
Community**

### Regular Lodge Meeting

January 8th  
&  
January 22nd  
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.

### Grief

never ends...  
But it changes.  
It's a passage.  
not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign  
of weakness, nor  
a lack of faith...  
It is the price of love.

Author Unknown

#missingyou

### "A Journey Through Grief"

An 8 week program to help  
you manage your grief after  
the loss of a loved one.

Contact Lodge member Bob  
Johnson at  
203-641-4278  
or [johnbobson@aol.com](mailto:johnbobson@aol.com)

### *To our Absent Members*

**#1776 Joseph Riccitelli**

**Initiated 06/24/1991  
Departed 11/25/2023**

**#2192 Donald McNulty  
PER LM**

**Initiated 06/11/1991  
Departed 12/01/2023**

*An Elk is  
Never Forgotten*

## MESSAGE BOARD

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY—Jess Kelsey, Tanya Hill, Tammy Shea, Lorraine Romano and Fred Romano aka Santa Clause

CHRISTMAS KARAOKE- Thanks to all who brought goodies, snacks, and “real food” to make the event a great success and lots of fun!

Thanks to some of our Wednesday night dinner ladies who generously donated cakes to serve for everyone to enjoy for dessert.

Thanks to many members, Cornhole league players and 49ers Club Friends who generously made our Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive such a success!

Thanks to Kathy Kelsey, Jessica Kelsey, and Cheryl Eberg for co-ordinating the Veterans Appeal Drive

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



**Toy Drive Donation to  
Keefe Community Center**



# December Days

