

# NEW HAVEN ELKS LODGE No. 25

## FEBRUARY 2024

# ELK-O-GRAM



### EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Members All,

It is hard to believe that the 2023-2024 Elks year is coming to an end. What an amazing year it has been. Our growth in membership is huge; our contributions just keep getting better and better and it is all because of our members.

On February 1st, we will be holding nominations for our Lodge Officers for the 2024-2025 year. Nominations for Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer and 5yr Trustee will be accepted. Voting will be held at our February 15th meeting. Please try to attend these meetings as your input is important.

With the New Elk Year approaching we are asking our members to get involved in the committees at our Lodge. There is a lot of information about these committees available to our members on Elks.org. We need participation on our Fraternal Committee which promotes Americanism, Flag Day Ceremony, Elks Memorial Day which is held the 1st Sunday in December, ENF, and Veterans Services Programs.

Our activities committee is charged with promoting civic, social and community activities, Youth activities and the Drug Awareness Program. Members are needed for the Grant Writing Committee. Our house committee manages the social activities of the Lodge and is also charged with the daily operation of the Lodge in accordance with approved House Rules.

On February 18th we will be celebrating our Elk of The Year and Officer of

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

- |    |                         |                |
|----|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1  | House Comm. Meeting     | 5:30 PM        |
| 1  | Regular Lodge Meeting   | 6:30 PM        |
| 2  | MixTape Bingo           | 7:00 & 8:00 PM |
| 11 | Super Bowl Sunday       |                |
| 14 | Ash Wednesday           |                |
| 14 | Valentine's Day         |                |
| 15 | Trustees' Meeting       | 5:30 PM        |
| 15 | Regular Lodge Meeting   | 6:30 PM        |
| 18 | Daytona 500 Party       | 2:00 PM        |
| 19 | Presidents' Day         |                |
| 20 | Trivia Night-Quiz Quest | 6:00 PM        |
| 23 | MixTape Bingo           | 7:00 & 8:00 PM |

#### MARCH

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|----|-----------------------|---------|
| 7  | House Comm. Meeting   | 5:30 PM |
| 7  | Regular Lodge Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| 10 | Daylight Saving Time  | 2:00 AM |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day     |         |
| 21 | Turstees' Meeting     | 5:30 PM |
| 21 | Regular Lodge Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| 24 | Palm Sunday           |         |
| 29 | Good Friday           |         |
| 31 | Easter                |         |

### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Most of our members should have received their dues renewal notices for 2024-2025. You may have noticed some differences. Our lodge participated for the first time in a program for the Grand Lodge to send the notices out rather than the lodge secretary. This will prove to be very helpful, however this year the line items for the Elk-O-Gram booster and the "In Memory" of tributes were missing. Anyone interested in continuing with or becoming a new booster or submitting an "In Memory" tribute please submit your information and \$10.00 payment either through the mail or to the secretary's inbox at the Lodge.

Thank-you all for your patience and understanding as we utilize this new process. A gentle reminder that your dues payments are due before April 1, 2024. Thank-you to all the early birds who have paid so far. An update will be given when the new cards are ready to be sent out.

Our February fundraising will once again focus on ENF (Elks National Foundation). Purchase a heart to decorate our lounge for Valentines Day but this time around we also have a clipboard to write down your name and donation amount so you can be recognized for your donation. It will begin at a \$5 donation, but any amount is welcome and appreciated. Donors of \$10 or more will receive a letter of recognition from the Grand Lodge. We have done fundraisers before but lodges all over the state will be doing their own ENF hearts so it is a great opportunity to show the rest of the state how generous Lodge #25 members are. When we meet our lodge goal of just under \$5 per member we qualify for an additional grant and after that we can qualify for bonuses. This is important because our grant projects will be a big part of the Lodge's charitable events in the upcoming Elk year. If we have participation of 15% of membership or more, increase our donations 10% over last year and add Fidelity Club (recurring monthly payment) members, we will qualify for bonuses. I already know New Haven Lodge #25 has the most heart, let's prove it!

Fraternally,  
Jennifer DeGenaro, Secretary

**OFFICERS 2023-2024**

- Exalted Ruler* - Patricia Macolino
- Leading Knight* - \_\_\_\_\_
- Loyal Knight* - Jacqueline Tatro
- Lecturing Knight* - Susan Carey
- Secretary* - Jennifer DeGenaro
- Treasurer* - Paul Prunier
- Esquire* - Robert Brancato
- Inner Guard* - Vincent Costanzo
- Tiler* - Joseph Garibaldi
- Chaplin* - Janet Vergason, PER

**TRUSTEES**

- Chairman* - Joseph Bujalski, PER
- 1 Yr* - Russell Weyel
- 2 Yr* - Joseph Alfano
- 3 Yr* - Joseph Bujalski, PER
- 4 Yr* - Louis Nero
- 5 Yr* - Kenneth Harrington

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Keith Macdowall, Chairman

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**FEBRUARY FUN AT THE NEW HAVEN ELKS**

Let's beat the winter blues together! February may be a short month but we aren't short on fun events this month.

**MIXTAPE BINGO**

We're back with not one but two Mixtape Bingo nights this month. Mark your calendars:

**February 2, 7 pm and 8 pm:** Songs about places and favorite bar sing-along songs (makeup from last month).

**February 23, 7 pm and 8 pm:** Dive into the theme of love with romantic tunes.

Bingo cards are \$5.00 and it's always a lot of fun!



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**



Gear up for an entire day of Super Bowl festivities! Enjoy the game on our big screens and indulge in 5 domestic cans for just \$12. We will have food and raffles. It's an all-day celebration, and we invite you to join in the fun!



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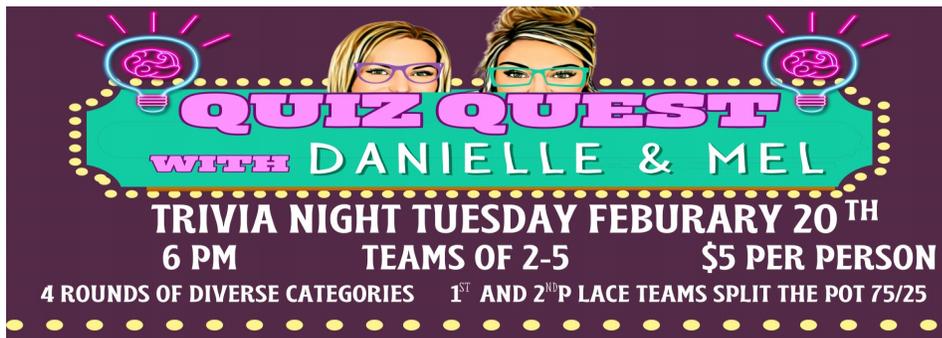
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - DAYTONA 500 PARTY AT 2 PM**

Rev your engines for our Daytona 500 Party! Join us at 2 pm for an afternoon of racing excitement. We'll provide hot dogs and fixings, and if you'd like, bring a dish to share. Prizes and raffles will add to the thrill of the race. Don't miss out on this high-speed event!

We're looking forward to a fantastic February with all of you at The New Haven Elks. See you at the lodge, and let's make this month one to remember!



**TRIVIA NIGHT - QUIZ QUEST WITH DANIELLE AND MEL: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM**



Challenge your knowledge with Quiz Quest, hosted by Danielle and Mel. For just \$5, put your wits to the test across diverse categories. With 75% of the pot going to the first-place winner and 25% to the second-place finisher, the stakes are high. Get ready for a night of brainy fun!



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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

(01) Frederick A. Tyrol	(08) John DAuria	(14) William Longobardi	(25) Thomas Haggerty
(02) Carla Stitz	(08) Dominic Gamberdella	(15) Lisa Taylor	(25) Raymond Matthews
(03) Dominic Acquarulo	(08) Efthymios Kyriakis	(16) Bernard Garibaldi	(25) Lisa Torello
(03) Stephen Barraco	(09) Donald Clark	(17) Leigh Ann Landisio	(25) Janet H. Vergason <sup>PER</sup>
(03) David Carras	(09) Donna Mrazik	(18) Michael S. Carasone	(26) Cynthia Pfeifer
(04) Sally Attianese	(10) William Crisci	(19) Alan Antonelli	(27) Joseph Giordano Jr.
(04) Carolyn Bissell	(10) Anthony Perfetto	(19) Gen Kaminskas	(27) Jim Ingarra
(04) Sharon Pask	(11) Joseph Dacey	(19) Pasquale Marino	(27) Kara Paolillo
(04) Dennis M. Perry	(12) Nicholas D'Amato	(19) Ralph Peccerillo	(28) Ralph Amendola
(04) Deborah Signore	(12) Victor Figueroa	(19) Toni Trischitti	(28) Joseph P. Bujalski <sup>PER</sup>
(04) Mark Vorio	(12) Robert F. Quarz	(20) Erik Scaranuzzo	(28) Mark Butterworth
(05) Coleman William Walsh	(12) Michael L. Sarno	(21) Ivana Lewis	(28) Louis M. Nero
(06) Frank Contento	(13) Kenneth Ldefonso	(22) Wayne T. Mrazik	(28) Sal Squeglia
(06) Anthony Mastromarino	(13) Christopher Longley	(23) Andrew Consiglio	
(06) Mary Spring	(14) Cheryl Clark	(23) Michael Guercia	
(07) Edward J. Fusco	(14) Scott Langley	(25) Victor Binkoski	



### BOOSTERS

Andy & Marge Abbagnaro - Michael Accurso - Dominic Acquarulo - Victor Binkowski - Mark & Lauren Bojarski - James Bonito - Joseph Borrelli  
 John & Valerie Boyle - Joe Bujalski, PER - Luann (Frank) Buono - Robert Burns - Alicia Burr - Greg Burr - Susan Carey - Leonard Chapelle - Carl Cheslock  
 John Chiari - Nicholas Clemente - James "Poky" Conlon - Nicholas (Gil) Coppola - Robert Coughlin - Michelle DePalma - Philip Diani - Ronald Dippold  
 Stephen Eddy - Bruce Fazekas - Reiner Fenske - Timothy Formanski - Debra French - Scott Garbati - Gary Gilligan - Kevin Grant - Kara Hanson - Linda Heaney  
 Michael Hines - Mary Hippman - Sally Hopkins - Donald Hunihan - Stacie Hurley - Jim Ingarra - David Konopacke - Robert Lazaroff - Stephen Lazaroff  
 Jo Ann & Charles Lemons, PER - Peter Leonardi - Little Cliff & Eiley Lynch - Michael Mahon - Pat Marino - Ray Matthews - Richard & Gina Mauri  
 John McDonough - John McLean - John & Kathy Jo McLoughlin - Bone Mecuriano - Chris Mikita - Edward Morrone - Shawn Mulligan - James Murray  
 Lou Nero - Ron Newman Sr - Luigi Nuzzolillo - Thomas O'Neill - James Oca, Jr. - Elaine Perkin - Dennis & Nancy Perry - Jennifer Petrillo - Art Pires  
 Rodney Rau - Tony Ressa - Angela Riccio - Eric Scaranuzzo - Michael Seaver Jr. - James Seminovich - Jack & Barbara Shea - John Singleton - Mary Spring  
 Thomas S. Stankus - Austin Stephan - Lisa Taylor - William Tinker, PER - Frank Tirone - Thomas Tuscano - Joseph Vermiglio - Robert & Rita Walker  
 Jeff Weyel - Russ Weyel - Terrie Weyel - Kenneth Zercie

### IN MEMORY OF

*Thomasina Alfano* by Joe Alfano - *Vincent Anastasio Sr.* by Vincent Anastasio - *Ann & Gordon Andrews* by Patrick Andrews - *Grover Bales* by Kara Paolillo  
*John Bowery & Pat Kelly* by Robert Bowery - *John Bowery* by Kathleen Bowery - *Florence Brancato* by Robert Brancato  
*John & Daphne Broderick* by Chris Broderick - *Mark Candido* by Dave Candido - *Michael Cheslock Jr., PDD* by Charles Cheslock Sr.  
*Rocco D'Addio Jr.* by Mia D'Angelo - *John E. Dunn II* by John Dunn III - *Bill & Marie Forslund* by Ernie & Pat Macolino, ER  
*Vanna Francia* by Marco Francia - *Salvatore "Gary" Garibaldi* by Joseph Garibaldi, Sr. - *Officer Mark Gery, Hamden PD* by Kristen Amodio  
*Larry Griego* by Anthony & Judy Greigo - *WWII Vet Kenny "Sausage" Harmon* by Paul Salisbury, PER - *Edmund Holdwright* by David Holdwright  
*David Howe Sr.* by David Howe - *William F. Hunihan & Thomas E. Hunihan* by Donald Hunihan - *Freddy Jackson* by Frank Guarino  
*Clayton Maarten Janer* by Marci Janer - *Matty Jacques* by Bob Mazurek Jr. - *Marion Johnson* by Robert Johnson  
*Edward Jooss & Edward Clifford* by Mark Joos - *Augustine Kim* by Drew Mazurek - *William Kottage Sr. & Jr.* by James Kottage  
*Vincent & Marie Landisio* by Vincent Landisio & Rose Mergner - *Bob LeBrun* by John Healey - *Vita & Dexter Leonardi* by James Yeske  
*Ciro Longobardi* by Del'Oro - *Ciro S. Longobardi Sr.* by Patty Longobardi - *John Lupi* by John D'Auria - *Robert Malone* by William Coale, Jr  
*Pamela Martone* by Adam Fox - *Robert Mazurek Sr.* by Drew Mazurek - *James McNabola, PER & Thomas White, PER* by William & Romola Riley  
*James McNulty, Sr., PER* by Joseph Lane - *Louis & Anthony Mikutis Jr.,* by Anthony Mikutis - *William Miller* by Michael Miller  
*Mr. & Mrs. Ed Fitzgerald & Stanley Morcus* by Lois Fitzgerald - *Bradley S. Mullin* by Bonnie Mullin, PDD - *Nick Murano Jr.* by David Vumback  
*NoHF Badge #49* by Paul Januszewski - *Robert R. Nowicki* by Paula Nowicki - *Alvin J. Panicali Jr.* by Paul & Kelly Prunier  
*Ralph, Frances & Teresa Peccerillo* by Ralph Peccerillo III - *Deandra Pecoraro* by Domenic Pecoraro - *Denise Puzycki* by Ted Puzycki  
*Denise Reynolds* by Kevin J. Reynolds, PER - Joseph *G. & Marion D. Reynolds* by Kevin J. Reynolds, PER - *Mary P. Reynolds* by George E. Reynolds, PER  
*Jim "Shiek" Rieger* by Doreen Zuccarelli - *Jim "Shiek" Rieger* by Michael Zuccarelli - *Loving Aunt Rose* by Paula & Tony Santagata Sr.  
*Wayne Rowley* by Laurie Rowley - *Ben & Carmella Rusate* by Denise Reynolds, PER - *Fred & Kathleen Saunders* by Sean Saunders  
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*Peggy Tryol* by Frederick Tyrol - *Bobby Villano* by Felix Nazario - *Robert Villano* by Edward Fusco - *Bobby Villano* by Annette Potaz  
*E. Richard Wilson* by Richard Wilson - *Mathias Wirtz* by Matthew Lyon - *Matthias A. Wirtz* by Anthony Desimone - *Matt Wirtz* by Jeffery Haag  
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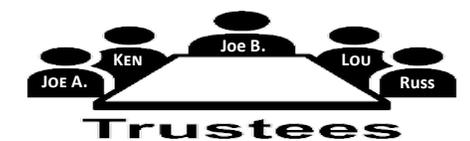
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Greetings fellow Elks! We hope this newsletter finds you well. Here are some trustee updates on the recent activities of the New Haven Elks Lodge No. 25.

We have been working with the town of North Haven to investigate expansion plans and also improvements to the basement entrance. We are committed to providing our members with the best possible experience and facilities, and we believe that these improvements will help us achieve that goal.

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the Year. Congratulations to Kara Hansen as our Elk of the Year and once again Jen DeGenaro as Officer Of the Year! You both are invaluable to our Lodge and we are so fortunate that you belong to Lodge 25! Thank you both for all you do!

In closing I am asking all members and their guests to please dispose properly of their cigarettes, etc. when outside of the Lodge building. There are trash and cigarette receptacles outside for your convenience. Please use them! Thank you in advance.

Joe Bujalski  
Trustee Chairmen

Fraternally,  
Patricia Macolino  
Exalted Ruler

