

# The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE



Dear Members,

As we move into September, I want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous success we had in August and look forward to the exciting events we have planned for the coming month.

August was a fantastic month for our Lodge! We had several successful events that brought our members together for fun and fellowship. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organize and run these events—your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.

September promises to be just as exciting! Our Activities Committee has been working hard to plan a variety of events that I'm sure you will enjoy. Be sure to follow our Facebook page or see our message boards in the Lounge to keep up! These events are a great way to spend time with friends and family while supporting our Lodge.

I am thrilled to report that our membership continues to grow! Welcoming new members and seeing our community expand is truly inspiring. However, we must continue this momentum. I encourage all of you to reach out to friends and family who might be interested in joining our Lodge. Let's continue to build a vibrant, welcoming community together.

Finally, I want to address a critical need in our Lodge—the kitchen. Our kitchen is the heart of many of our events, and we are looking for volunteers to help with meal preparation and service. Additionally, we are working on upgrading our menu, and we would love to hear any ideas or suggestions you may have. If you're interested in helping out or have menu ideas, please get in touch with Jessica Kelsey.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our Lodge. Let's make September another fantastic month!

Fraternally yours,  
Michael Romano  
Exalted Ruler

Information for the next newsletter  
should be submitted by June 20th  
Email Jess or Jenn!  
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### Lounge Hours

Tues-Friday 4-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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

**ALL DINNERS AT 6PM**

Sept. 4th Stuffed Shells  
w/ meatballs \$13

Sept. 11th Pork Roast \$13"

Sept. 18th 1/2 Way To  
St. Patrick's Day \$15

Sept. 25th End of Summer  
Picnic \$10

**"For Veteran's Support  
Fund"**

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.**

Email:  
ElksLodge2224@gmail.com

or leave a message  
203-248-2224

**Deadline is Tuesday  
before meal by 6 PM**

**THANK YOU FOR  
UNDERSTANDING!**

**Elks Care - Elks Share**



**Feeding the  
Community**

### Regular Lodge Meetings

**MONDAY**

September 9th  
&  
September 23rd  
7:30 PM



**HAMDEN ELKS 2224  
PINS ARE  
BACK IN STOCK!!!**

**Bocce Season is almost over!**  
Come down to cheer on your favorite team.  
Have a beverage and enjoy  
the outdoor patio!  
Thursday Nights 6:15

**BACK  
BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Get our new Lodge pins!  
Available to our Members  
and Visitors for just \$5 each!  
Purchase in the Lounge with  
the Bartender!

### Activities Committee

*The Activities Committee is excited about all the upcoming events  
at the Lodge, including:*

Elks Soccer Shoot      9/7

Karaoke & Wings      9/14

Bar Bingo      9/17

Fried Dough      9/27

Community Tag Sale/Craft Fair      10/5

**Keep an eye out for more upcoming activities!**

*Reach out to your committee members for more information!*

*Monica Thomas-Hardy, Whitney Batson, Jess Kelsey, Tanya Hill*



**Bourbon Night**  
**Friday September 27th**  
**\$4 pours and \$6 drinks**  
**of ALL 30 of our stock!**

**Happy  
Birthday!**

**To our members with  
September Birthdays:**

**Drop in for your  
birthday beverage  
"on the house."**



## MESSAGE BOARD



**Newest Members:** Keri Ann Rosini, Mel Pronga, Neil Vellecca, Susan Vellecca, Daniel Krause, Denise Krause



*Help collect parking fees at*

*The 104th Durham Fair*

**September 26 – 29, 2024**

Help our Lodge by volunteering for a shift or two! This is one of our major fund raisers. Sign up in the lounge or contact Peter Freiler—[phfreiler@gmail.com](mailto:phfreiler@gmail.com).

## Saturday September 14th

**Bob Nic's Famous  
Wings**

**5:00 until Sold Out**

**6 for \$8**

**12 for \$15**

**Choice of Sauces**



**DJ Dennis is in search of our**

**NEXT STAR**

**7-11 PM**

**No Entry Fee**

**Come on down to  
cheer or sing!**

## 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)**



**Clothing Drop off Shed  
now located in Lodge Parking Lot**

**Please drop off your gently used  
unwanted clothing, and other items**

**Spread the word to others!**

## Message Board

Hamden  
Elks  
2224



Soccer



Shoot

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 2 PM

**MILFORD YMCA**  
(631 Orange Ave, Milford)

Bring your Children, Grandchildren, Neighbors  
and Friends

**Boys and Girls Ages 4-15** (as of 1/1/24)  
(Born between years 2008 to 2019)

Stop by anytime during 8:30am – 2pm  
Takes approx. 5-10 minutes per child. Parents will be notified  
during the following week if they placed in the top 3 spots.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place winners will continue to advance to District,  
State & then finally New England (in Vermont this  
year) with all travel, food & lodging expenses paid.  
Questions? Contact Tanya Hill at (203) 915-1668  
Internal Use

### Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> Fried Dough Night



**\$6.00 Each**

**\$9 w/ice cream, whipped cream &  
chocolate sauce!!**



**BEER  
BUCKETS**

**Domestic Can's  
6 for \$15.00**



**Come down for some  
fun and prizes.  
Tuesday 9/17  
6:00 PM START**



Due to the increasing cost of postage and printing, we  
would like to start sending the Newsletter,  
primarily through email going forward.

Please send your information to our email at  
[elkslodge2224@gmail.com](mailto:elkslodge2224@gmail.com)

- First and Last name
- Member Number
- E-mail Address

We want you to get your Newsletter and  
Lodge Updates as soon as possible, virtually



# **Elk Days of August**

## **LOBSTER ROLL NIGHT**



## **KARAOKE NIGHT**



## **TIP OF THE ANTLERS**

Donna Nevins for her generous donation of expenses and preparing the delicious goulash meal with all proceeds supporting our Lodge Building Fund

Cathy Pleines and Fred Romano for assistance in the kitchen preparing and serving for successful Lobster Roll Dinner.

Tom Smith PDD & Mary Smith PER from Wallingford Lodge for another of their homemade ice cream and cookie treats for all to enjoy at the Lobster Roll Dinner.