



## Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

### EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

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*4 Year Trustee*

*Tim Osgood*

*3 Year Trustee*

*Rich Hardy*

*2 Year Trustee*

*Lee Campo*

*1 Year Trustee*

*Michael Hardy*

**Lounge Hours**

Monday- Closed

Tues-Friday 3:30-Close

Sat 2 - Close

Sun 12 - Close

Permittee- Mike Romano

### Members of Hamden Lodge #2224

First, I'd like to thank the members for having confidence in me. It is an honor and privilege to serve Hamden Lodge. Second, thank you to all the Officers and Trustees, for their confidence and help they have provided it truly takes all of them to make it work.

As we look ahead, we have a lot of exciting things happening. Those things happen because of a core group of people and the chair of the events. I am encouraging every one of you to get involved. Even a small amount of involvement can make big things happen.

If there is something you are interested in helping with, contact the chair of the activity or myself, and see what you can contribute. By getting fresh faces involved it ensures our Lodge's future I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge. Be it at dinners or activities like Bocce, Bingo ETC. Stop down and check out something different that is going on. Let's make this year a time of energy and getting involved.

Lastly, Thank you to PER Kathy Kelsey for all her continued guidance and insight in the past year and beyond.

**Fraternally,  
Scott McKechnie  
Exalted Ruler**

# MESSAGE BOARD



## DUES REMINDER

**MEMBERSHIP DUES WAS DUE ON APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**  
**Please stop down with cash, check, or credit card!**

**\$134 Regular Member Dues**

**\$80 Life Members**

**Email Secretary Jenn**

**jennycap101@gmail.com**

**NEW**

**MEMBER  
INITIATION**



**WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND  
THE INITIATION OF OUR NEW  
MEMBERS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**11:00AM**

**IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL  
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW**

*Lodge of Sorrows*

*Henry "Skip" Beling #711*

*Initiated 3-23-1970*

*Departed 4-3-2026*

**Clothing Drop Off Shed located in the  
Lodge Parking Lot**

**All donations are received by Saint Pauly's Textile**

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

**Spread the word to others!**

**(Last year we donated 9,779 pounds of clothing!)**



## Message Board

Monthly  
Lodge Meeting  
Monday  
May 11th  
7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

May 6<sup>th</sup> Sausage & Peppers with Egg Noodles \$14

May 13<sup>th</sup> Salisbury Steak & Mashed potato \$14

May 20<sup>th</sup> Halfway to Thanksgiving \$15

May 27<sup>th</sup> Chef Salad \$14

### Eat in or take out

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by 6:00pm the Monday before the meal. Call 203-248-2224 email: [elkslodge2224@gmail.com](mailto:elkslodge2224@gmail.com)

Call or stop in to sign up! All are welcome to our weekly meals. Call the Lodge or come on down and sign up!! All meals are served at 6:00PM and are served with salad and dessert!

Lounge closed during  
ALL meetings



**ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**  
**PLEASE NOTICE THE**  
**DESIGNATED SMOKING**  
**AREA AT THE TOP OF THE**  
**BACK STEPS**

**PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE ON THE**  
**STAIRS**  
**OR INSIDE THE BUILDING**

**USE THE ASH TRAYS**

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR LODGE -**  
**KEEP IT CLEAN!**

**AS THE WEATHER OUTSIDE  
GETS WARMER  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO  
TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF OUR  
OUTDOOR SEATING!!!**



# MESSAGE BOARD



FOR HALL RENTALS:  
Contact  
203-645-7998

HAMDEN LODGE PINS  
ARE IN STOCK!!  
PURCHASE YOURS NOW

SEE BARTENDER ON DUTY  
only \$5 each!!!



## BOCCE



Make sure you are on  
our e-mail list! See  
Jenn Caputo or Jess  
Kelsey to update your  
e-mail!

FIRST WEEK OF  
THE BOCCE SEASON!  
Mark your calendars  
for  
THURSDAY May 21<sup>st</sup>

TEAM CAPTAINS  
WILL BE  
NOTIFIED WITH MORE  
DETAILS  
BY EMAIL



## FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS!!! 6:00PM

MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - WING NIGHT \$10  
MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - SLIDERS \$10  
MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> - MEATBALL OR  
SAUSAGE & PEPPER SUBS \$10  
MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> - CHICKEN SKEWERS &  
EMPANADAS \$8  
REGULAR BAR MENU AVAILABLE

# TIP OF THE ANTLERS

**THANK YOU!**

**FRIED DOUGH FRIDAY:** Thank you to Chef Marco & his “staff”, Rich Hardy, Lee Campo & Kathy Kelsey!

**UPSTAIRS HALL CLEANING:** Thank you Ray Wetmore & his crew for continuously putting in their time to get the upstairs Bar & Kitchen back in shape to hold rentals!

**OFFICER INSTALLATION LUNCHEON:** Thank you Andy Caporossi, Cathy Pleines, Donna Nevins, and Kathy Kelsey for the delicious spread after the Ceremonies!

**BAR SNACKS:** Thank you Bob Johnson for continuing to keep the chip rack behind the bar full & Thank you Becky Wetmore for always keeping us full on Sundays!!

**ABSENT MEMBER & ENF BOARDS:** Thank you Peter Freiler for materials and organization to improve the appearance.

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY:** Thank you for the \$500 donation toward the repairs of the Bocce Courts!

**DUES A PALOOZA:** Andy Caporossi & Peter Freiler for taking dues payments and making membership cards.

## LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to graduating 2026 high school seniors who are children/grandchildren of HAMDEN LODGE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Applications available in the  
Member Lounge

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MAY 31**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Call Andy Caporossi  
203-836-4302**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**BINGO Night**

**TUESDAY NIGHTS**

ALL ARE WELCOME \$20 for 10 games!  
ALL CASH PRIZES

**6:00-8:00 PM**

**MAY 5TH AND 19TH**



**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH**  
**Paul Scungio**  
**6-8pm**

**LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS AT THE HAMDEN ELKS**

FREE OF CHARGE TO ATTEND!  
ALL WELCOME!

**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD**  
**JONATHAN'S MYTH**  
**6-9PM**

**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY AND POTLUCK**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**PARTY STARTS AT 5PM**



**HORSES RUN AT 6:57PM**



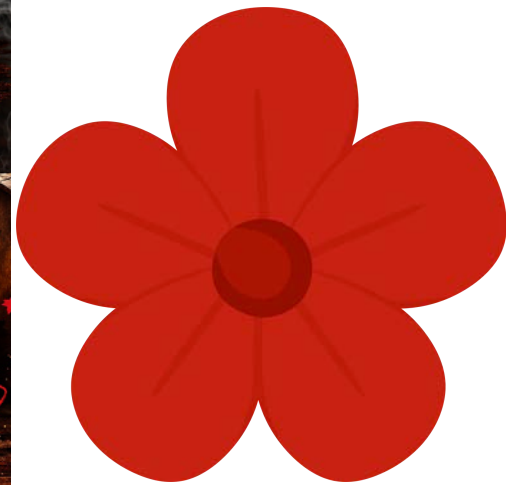
**WEAR YOUR BIGGEST HAT AND COME GUESS WHO WILL WIN.....**



**Bourbon NIGHT**  
**May 29th**

**\$4 POURS**      **\$6 DRINKS**

*Come Sip With Us!*



**KARAOKE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**7:00PM**

**EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH!!**

*Memorial Day Picnic*  
*Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Picnic Fare from 3-5pm*  
*\$10 per person*  
**HAMDEN ELK VETERANS**  
**EAT FOR FREE!**

# APRIL DAYS

