



Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

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Raymond Wetmore
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,

As Elks, we are bound by Bylaws and Rules that govern how we operate. In the month of July, I encourage every one of you to reacquaint yourselves with them.

Learn about our bylaws and live by them in your everyday life, not just when you are in the Lodge. The words should mean something to everyone. In doing so we can practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly love, and Fidelity. It has been great these past few months seeing most practice this and truly showing what Elks stand for.

A Lodge needs all the members to make it work. Everyone can bring something to the table and make it be Great. I am encouraged and inspired by all the people who work together.

So please, make an effort to brush up on Bylaws and see what we use as our guidance in our efforts. Enjoy your Summer and as always, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge for events.

**Fraternally,
Scott McKechnie
Exalted Ruler**

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS!

**Patricia Kennedy
Judith Frodel
Roseanne Troy**

MESSAGE BOARD

LODGE OF SORROWS



#897 Harry Hurley, LM

Initiated: 09/25/1972

Departed: 05/15/2026

"To Our Absent Members"

**Make sure you are
on our e-mail list!**

See

**Jenn Caputo or
Jess Kelsey to
update your
e-mail!**

TIP OF THE ANTLERS



THANK YOU!!!!

Bob Johnson for always bringing down fun games to play at the bar on the weekends!!

Tom Paulson for donating snacks to sell at the bar!

Tommy Lee for putting together Sunday Bocce Tournament!

**Bonnie Young for bringing Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts to assist during the
Elks Flag Day Ceremony**

Dave Seeger for repairing the outside faucet

**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!)**

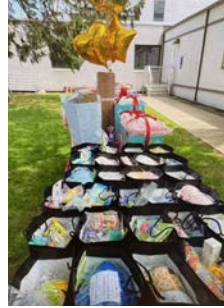


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VETERANS COMMITTEE

Monthly
Lodge Meeting
Monday
July 27th

Lounge closed during
ALL meetings



Hamden Elks is working with the West Haven VA in support of our Women Veterans and their children at a Baby Shower in October. Items from pacifiers blankets, bottles, toys, stuffed animals, and clothes accepted for newborn up to pre teen, gift cards, and monetary gifts will be accepted as well!

Unwrapped items will be accepted at Hamden Elks through the end of September!

Let's show our support to these amazing women! More info to follow in the coming weeks! Contact Kathy Kelsey with questions at kelsk76@gmail.com or 203-804-1820

**ELKS FLAG DAY
CEREMONY
JUNE 13TH, 2026**



4th of July

**THE LODGE WILL BE OPEN
REGULAR HOURS ON**

THE 4TH OF JULY

**Come on down for our
picnic from 4-6pm!**

\$10pp!

**Sign-Up Sheet located in the
Lounge
or call to sign up!**

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FOR HALL RENTALS:
Contact
203-819-6302

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

*TO OUR MEMBERS WITH
JULY BIRTHDAYS....*

*Drop in for your free birthday
beverage....
"ON THE HOUSE"*

**HAMDEN LODGE PINS
ARE IN STOCK!!
PURCHASE YOURS NOW**

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

CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM- MAJOR PROJECTS

Hamden Elks used our allotted \$1700 from the CT ELKS to purchase 10-Year Smoke Detectors & CO2 Detectors to be given away by the FD in our community!

Lodge Members Jess Kelsey, Fred Romano, and Kathy Kelsey, PER met up with Fire Marshall Brian Dolan and Fire Inspector Gilson from Hamden Fire Department



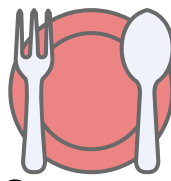
FOOD BANK DONATIONS

DROP OFF IN MEMBER LOUNGE

**We accept donations YEAR ROUND
to be received by the
Keefe Center
Please bring down
non-perishable food
donations
so we can continue in doing our
part to HELP OUR COMMUNITY!**

LODGE EATS!!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS



**EAT IN OR
TAKE OUT!!**

JULY 1ST - BBQ FLAVOR CHICKEN \$14

JULY 8TH - PASTA BAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$15

JULY 15TH - SWEDISH MEATBALLS \$14

JULY 22ND - CHICKEN FLORENTINE \$14

JULY 29TH - BLT SALAD W/ TUNA \$15

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!



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by 6:00pm the Monday before the meal. Call 203-248-2224 or email elkslodge2224@gmail.com

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS!

ALL SERVED AT 6PM

July 3rd - NO SPECIAL

July 10th - Meatball Subs \$10/\$12 w/ side

July 17th - Steak & Cheese Sliders \$8/\$10 w/ side

July 24th - WING NIGHT \$12/\$15 w/side

July 31st - BLT or Toasted Ham & Cheese \$5/\$8 w/ side





UPCOMING EVENTS



Thank you
Katrina and Mark!!!

