



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,

I was honored to represent our Lodge at the 161st Elks National Convention in Chicago, and I am excited to share some updates and highlights. During the convention, Delegates elected Timothy F. Jaeger of Napa CA Lodge NO832 as the new Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. GER Jaeger introduced his theme for the year "ReadyElks-Lets Go!". GER Jaeger encourages all Lodges to keep spreading the word about the incredible things we continue to do. His official visit to our State will take place on September 27th. Some key national highlights

Strong charitable giving. The order reported \$544,678,484. National charitable giving during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Elks National Foundation (ENF) for the 2026-2027 year the ENF is allocating 49.6 million to support local communities, state programs, Veteran's needs, and youth scholarships.

Community Investment Program (CIP) to celebrate America's 250th birthday. Spotlight grants have increased from \$2000 to \$2500, allowing lodges to qualify for up to \$11,500 total CIP grants.

Legislative updates Delegates successfully passed four resolutions during the business process, including clarifying Drug Awareness commission appointments, grand forum jurisdiction, and allowing lodge managing body appeals and pardon hearings to be held during special Lodge meetings.

Memorial Centennial. Celebrations and updates continue honoring the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago. The ENF has provided a special gift of \$10 million grant to support the Memorial Trust.

As we get into October, let's all get involved visit our Lodge for events. I look forward to seeing you all at the lodge!

Fraternally,
Scott McKechnie
Exalted Ruler



*W'ELK'OME NEW
MEMBERS
Chris Civitelli
Erica Todd-Trotta
Ann Mendillo*

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TIP OF THE ANTLERS



BAR SNACKS- THANK YOU TO BOB JOHNSON &

TOM PAULSON FOR ALWAYS MAKING SURE OUR SNACKS ARE STOCKED!!!

THANK YOU TO BECKY WETMORE FOR CLEANING OUR ENTRANCE HALLWAY! IT LOOKS GREAT!!!

CORNER BEEF DINNER: KATHY KELSEY, ANDY CAPOROSSI,

JENN CAPUTO & DONNA NEVINS

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE NOR'EASTER-SHORTENED DURHAM FAIR COLLECTION DETAIL THIS YEAR: KATHY KELSEY, DENISE KRAUSE, DAN

KRAUSE, CARL PETTINELLA, JOHN ZALESKI, ERIC SANCHEZ, BOB NICOLAS, STUART COMEN, GREG SIMS, KIM SIMS, JENNIFER CAPUTO, NORM STOKER, MONICA HARDY, RICH HARDY, RAY WETMORE, JESSICA KELSEY, MIKE HARDY, CRAIG NEAL. WE HOPE TO BE BACK NEXT YEAR, WITH BETTER WEATHER.



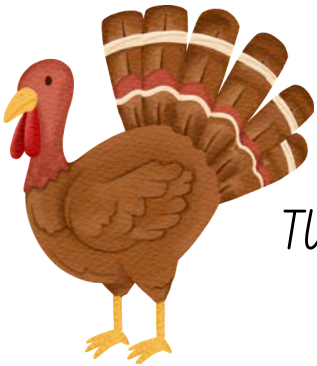
DOUBLE RAINBOW AT
STRICKLAND LOT
FRIDAY NIGHT!!!!



*****MEMBER INITIATION*****

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH at 7:30pm

**Please join our Lodge Officers and W"ELK"OME
our new members with a visit from CT Elks
State District Deputies!**



SAVE THE DATE:

TURKEY SHOOT 2026!!!!!!

NOVEMBER 21ST



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

***COSTUME PARTY**

***POTLUCK**

***FUN!!!!!!**

SATURDAY, 10/31

5:00PM

NOTICE:

Looking for person(s) who have
time to volunteer driving
members to doctors
appointments, Lodge Meetings,
(NON EMERGENT), etc.

Email

elkslodge2224@gmail.com if
you are interested in offering
your time...

*****Please take note of our
new EMPLOYEE parking
spaces!!**

**These are for BARTENDERS
ON DUTY!**

**Do not park in these spaces
if you are not an employee
currently BARTENDING!!!**



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Monthly Lodge Meetings

Mondays

October

12th & 26th

7:30pm

Lounge closed during
ALL meetings

COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW
POOL TABLE!!!!

Located in the GAME ROOM -
Come shoot a game or 2!!!



KARAOKE

7-11pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

ALL ARE WELCOME--
COME ON DOWN,
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!



6-8PM

\$20 FOR 10 GAMES
ALL CASH PRIZES

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 6 & 20
ALL CASH PRIZES

Cards start selling at
5:00pm!
\$1,000 + PROGRESSIVE
ROUND



END OF SUMMER PICNIC

****FOOD ALL DAY**

****FOOTBALL ON TV!**

****GAMES INSIDE & OUT**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!!!



Sunday, October 4th
2:00PM

**PERFORMANCE BY THE
FAMOUS
"JOHNNY THE MUSIC MAN"**



FOR HALL RENTALS:

Contact

203-819-6302

***DUE TO INCREASED
COSTS OF GOODS;
THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS HAVE RAISED
PRICES AT THE BAR***



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

TO OUR MEMBERS WITH
OCTOBER 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!!!



LIVE MUSIC

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17TH FROM 6-9PM**

"JONATHAN'S MYTH"

**You loved them the last
time...Come see them
again!**

**Free of charge to attend
Downstairs Lounge**

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!**



Here's an offer to consider:

**REINSTATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP! BECOME A PART OF
OUR LODGE FAMILY AGAIN!**

For just \$1 plus the pro-rated dues, you can re-new
your membership (JUST \$67!)

Our Lodge continues to conduct our charitable and
patriotic programs in the community, as well as many
social activities for our members' enjoyment...

Just sign the enclosed application and update your
contact information, then return it to us.

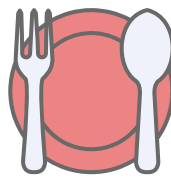
Contact Andy Caporossi andycpdd@gmail.com or
203-836-4302

Or Jenn Caputo at jennycap101@gmail.com

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT THE LODGE!!!

LODGE EATS!!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS



**EAT IN OR
TAKE OUT!!**

OCTOBER 7TH - Pasta w/ Sausage & Broccoli \$14

OCTOBER 14TH - Chicken Paprikash (Sour Cream Sauce) \$14

OCTOBER 21ST - Penne A La Vodka w/ Chicken Cutlet \$14

OCTOBER 28TH - Stuffed Pork Chops w/ Sides \$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!



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

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS!

FOODSERVICE STARTS AT 6PM

OCTOBER 2ND - OFF

OCTOBER 9TH - MAC & CHEESE W/ HAM \$8

**OCTOBER 16TH - GRILLED CHEESE & CHOICE OF SOUP
TOMATO OR CHICKEN VEGGIE \$5 SOUP ONLY / \$8 BOTH**

OCTOBER 23RD - WING NIGHT \$12/\$15

OCTOBER 30TH - REGULAR MENU ONLY

***** SECOND PRICE IS W/ SIDES!**





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VETERANS BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE

Contact Kathy Keisey 203-804-1820

\$10 PER PERSON FOR BREAKFAST
HAMDEN ELK VETERANS EAT FOR FREE!

9AM-12

WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME
THE BLIND VETERANS
OF THE WEST HAVEN VA AGAIN!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT!!!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
FROM 11-2 IN THE LODGE PARKING LOT!!
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



WE ARE ACCEPTING CANDY DONATIONS! BOX
LOCATED IN THE LOUNGE

PLEASE LET JESS KELSEY KNOW IF YOU WILL BE DECORATING YOUR
TRUNK!!!

jessicakelsey990@live.com OR 203-535-3377



HAMDEN ELKS CAR WASH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH FROM 10-2
IN THE LODGE PARKING LOT!!!!
Only \$10 per car to support your Lodge!!!



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!)