

# The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Members All:

**"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."**

This pledge is as true today as it was back in 1918 during World War I. Did you know, our Order built a 700-bed hospital in Boston to serve wounded veterans and donated it to the federal government? This helped to create a precursor for today's VA Medical Centers.

Can you imagine the dedication, motivation and amounts of funding from our Order needed to accomplish such a project at that time? Our motivation, as Elks today, is to continue our support for those who served our nation and preserved our freedoms and our way of life. We also remember to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

On Saturday Nov 11, we will observe Veterans Day with a pasta dinner benefit with the proceeds going to our Lodge Veterans Fund.

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will also be conducted. Please plan to support this event. We are also looking to collect socks, gloves, hats, underwear that will be distributed to needy veterans at the VA. You can drop off these items anytime at the Lodge before or on the 11th. If you cannot attend the dinner, please consider a monetary contribution to support this drive.

In a few weeks we will pause to enjoy Thanksgiving.

As you gather with family and friends take a moment to acknowledge our many blessings as Americans today more than ever.

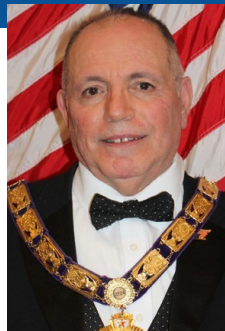
God Bless our Order and God Bless the USA

Fraternally  
Andy Caporossi PDD  
Exalted Ruler

**During October and November, we are conducting a  
Re-Instatement Drive.**

**If you know of anyone who dropped their membership, either recently, or long ago, they can be re-instated to full membership for just \$1 plus the pro-rated dues through the end of the Lodge year.**

**For about \$60.00 membership can be reinstated.  
Contact Secretary Jenn for more details. [jennycap101@gmail.com](mailto:jennycap101@gmail.com)  
or call the Lodge 203-248-2224 and leave message.**



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### **Lounge Hours**

Wed & Thurs 4 to Close

Friday 3 to 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

### Happy Birthday!

To our members with November Birthdays: Drop in for your free birthday beverage "on the house."

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Most Meals \$13.00

Nov. 1 Stuffed Pork Chop  
\$14.00

Nov. 8 Chicken  
Florentine

Nov. 15 Soup &  
Salad Bar

Nov. 22 NO DINNER

Nov. 29 Shepards Pie

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.** Deadline is Tuesday 6pm before meal. Leave message 203-248-2224  
Thanks for your understanding

Elks Care - Elks Share



### Regular Lodge Meeting

Monday November 13th  
& November 27th  
7:30 PM



## HELP OUR VETERANS

We Are Collecting socks, underwear, hats, personal hygiene items, non perishable food items, gently used books.

All will be delivered to the VA to assist homeless Veterans and those in need.



Friday November 24th  
5 PM Until Sold Out!  
\$6.00 each

Reservations Strongly Suggested

## Turkey Shoot

Saturday November 18

Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner  
6:30 PM

Includes; Salad & Dessert  
\$10.00 per person

Shoot starts following dinner.

## MESSAGE BOARD

### Tip of the Antlers

**"Sunday Dinner with Dino":** Carl and Adrienne Pettinella, John Carlo DeStefanis, Pete Torello, Sister Linda, Cathy Pleines, Jenn Caputo, Eric Sanchez, Norm Kamienski, Don McNulty, Peter Freiler.

150 members and guests enjoyed a great meal and the Entertainment by Jack Lynn.

**Friday Night Special:** Thanks to Bonnie Fracasso and Michelle Cardona for all the pasta and eggplant dishes enjoyed by all.

Thanks to 14 members of Boy Scout Troop 610 who assisted in a Saturday clean up project around the Lodge Property. Great Job!!

**Halloween on October 28th:** Thanks to all who made donations to the kid's afternoon party and the adult party in the evening. All the candy and potluck helped everything go great!

To Eric Sanchez, Angelo Chisholm, Tanya & Jane Hill, Jess Kelsey

Thanks for Everything! And to Dennis Downing of Derby Lodge for his continued support and help with our Karaoke Nights!!

Our attendance at Wednesday Night Dinners is growing.

Now, more than ever it is important for us to have your reservation no later than the night before by 6 pm.

Please call 203-248-2224 and leave your message

Please help us plan accurately with your early reservations!

### Veterans Day Benefit

**SAT NOV 11 in Members Lounge  
Flag Retirement Program 3pm**

**Pasta Dinner \$10 per person  
Served 3:30-7pm**

**Proceeds will benefit Lodge  
Veterans Fund**

**Lodge Members who are  
Veterans are invited as our guests  
Members and guests welcome**



ER Andy Caporossi  
New Members:  
Ed Seward &  
Melanie DeJesus  
Leading Knight  
Mike Romano  
and District  
Deputy Tom  
Smith

### District Deputy Night



Terry Siciliano receiving  
Membership recruiter  
of the Year Award.  
Pictured with ER Andy  
Caporossi & State  
Membership  
Chairman Julie Goode.



# Kids Halloween



# Dinner With Dino





# October Days

## Adult Halloween and Karaoke

