

The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Members All:

The days of December arrive with the start of the hustle and bustle of preparations for the upcoming holiday celebrations in the next few weeks.

At the Lodge, our preparations revolve around our efforts to help those in need.

Our ongoing food drive collection is facing a need greater than ever. Please drop off your non-perishables at the Lodge and we will distribute them to the food pantries in Hamden and North Haven.

Our Veterans Committee is asking for new hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear and toiletries to forward VA Veterans Services. Also, We are partnering with Toys for Tots this year. Please drop off unwrapped gifts before Dec 10.

We will accept monetary donations for any of these drives and will purchase appropriate items for you. Several of our members have already responded to our requests. I anticipate many more items will be dropped off in the next few weeks. Thank You all so much for your unselfish generosity as always.

These efforts to help our neighbors in need underline the difficult Circumstances that many in our community and surrounding towns face. If we can bring a smile on the face of a child, or enable an individual or family to have a decent meal, or help stay warm in the cold outdoors, then we have addressed the need. It also makes us reflect on our own circumstances and to count our many blessings with our families, homes, and friends.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and our entire Lodge family a truly Merry Christmas. Take a moment to stop by at the Lodge during this busy month, to join with us for a cup of cheer!

Fraternally

Andy Caporossi PDD
Exalted Ruler



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Lounge Hours

Wed & Thurs 4 to Close
Friday 3 to Close
Saturday 2 to Close
Permittee—
Mike Romano

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Happy Birthday!

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Most Meals \$13.00

December 6th Manicotti with Meatballs

December 13th Soup & Salad Bar

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

December 11th
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.

Saturday December 9th

Children's Christmas Party

1:30-3:30

Bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give

Let us know if you'll be attending

Please contact Jenn Caputo:

jennycap101@gmail.com

Christmas Karaoke

7-11 PM

Pot Luck

Bring a snack or dish to share



The Southern CT Niner Empire Faithful Chapter is proud to support our Veteran's by donating through the Hamden Elks Lodge 2224!

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Fried Dough: Marco Minnocci, Dave Delgrego, Jenn Caputo, Kathy Kelsey

Turkey Shoot: Phil and Sandy Wilson, Lee and Lynn Campo, Peter Frieler, Cathy Pleines, Jenn Caputo, Steve Ferraro, Sam Guy Jr.

Thanks to Mike, Jess and Fred Romano for installing new seat covers for our Hall chairs.

Thanks to Jolene Gilbert for decorating the Lodge Christmas Tree.

Veterans' Day Program and Dinner: Kathy Kelsey, Norm Kamienski, Cathy Pleines, Tim Osgood, Peter Freiler, Fred Romano, Mike Romano, Phil Wilson

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!

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



**Drop off your unwrapped gifts
before December 10th
in the Lounge.**

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Spanish Night: Thank you to Angel & Michelle Cardona and Bonnie Fracasso!



November Days



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