

The Elks NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Members All,

I am pleased to report the Lodge has received two grants from the Elks National Foundation. \$2000.00 will be awarded to North Haven Community Services to support their food pantry. \$6000.00 will be awarded To Grace and St. Johns Church to support their twice weekly community dinners. Upwards of over 100 people are served every Friday night and Sunday afternoon by this vital program. Both programs report the need is growing as a result of economic conditions.

Our Lodge members are proud that we are able to support these two local programs that address the needs of individuals and families in our community.

On another topic, I have another happy announcement.

The Elk of the Year award for 2023-24 will be presented to Lee and Lynn Campo. This "team" for many years have been loyal and active members of the Lodge. Their generosity over this time has been greatly appreciated.

The Officer of the Year is Mike Romano. Mike continues to serve the Lodge on many levels. He continues to invest a great amount of time and effort as Bar Manager and Hall Rental Agent that generates a needed and considerable amount of income to help keep the Lodge going. These outstanding Elks will be recognized at the Installation of Officers ceremony on Sunday April 7. Congratulations to Lee, Lynn and Mike!

As we enter the final month of our Lodge year, please note there are many activities planned. Plan on joining us for one or more of these events. See you all soon!

Fraternally,
Andy Caporossi PDD
Exalted Ruler

Dues Payment Notice

You will soon be receiving your dues statement for the Lodge Year 2024-25 beginning April 1st.

Please note the dues for Regular Members will be \$131

The dues for Life Member will be \$77

The Increases are due to the sharp rise in liability insurance premiums for the Grand Lodge Insurance coverage.



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Lodge Officers 2022-2023
Exalted Ruler

Andrew Caporossi PDD
Esteemed Leading Knight

Michael Romano

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Philip Wilson PDD, PSP
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Kathleen Kelsey

Secretary

Jennifer Caputo

Treasurer

William Miller

Inner Guard

Jessica Kelsey

Chaplain

Fred Romano

Tiler

Vacant

Esquire

Peter Freiler PDD PSP

5 Year Trustee

Lee Campo

4 Year Trustee

Raymond Bullard

3 Year Trustee

Bob Bretko PER

2 Year Trustee

Timothy Osgood

1 Year Trustee

Robert Bankowski

Lounge Hours

Tues-Friday 4-Close

Saturday 2 to Close

Permittee—

Mike Romano

MESSAGE BOARD

Happy Birthday!

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

March 6th
Stuffed Pork Chop \$13

March 13th
Soup & Salad Bar \$13

March 20th
Chicken Cordon Bleu
\$13

March 27th
Stuffed Filet of Sole \$15

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 before
meal by 6 PM
Leave message
203-248-2224

Newest Members:

Katherine Welch, Laura Rhodes, Frank
Mentone, Crystal Batson-Jones, Jocelyn
Claudio, Dan Criscola, Paul Huddelston,
Mike Amendola, Aiden Smlth,
Martin Tondalo & Joseph Tondalo

Regular Lodge Meetings

Monday March 11th

Monday March 25th
7:30 PM

Dues-A-Palooza

Saturday
March 23, 2023

2-5 PM
Come down to pay your dues.

Have a drink & hotdog on US
While you wait for your card

Kids Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday March 23rd
12 to 2 pm
Easter Bunny Pictures,
Hunt and Lunch

Candy Donations Welcome
In the Lounge
Please-individually wrapped to
fit in plastic eggs!

To our Absent Members

#2172 Joseph Mattei
Initiated: 9/11/2006
Departed: 2/18/2024

#2178 Freeman : "Frank"
Pulsifer
Initiated: 5/17/1971
Departed: 2/16/2024

*An Elk is Never
Forgotten*

Friday March 29th Good Friday



**Fried Dough
\$6.00**

5 PM until Sold Out



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TIP of the ANTLERS: Super Bowl Party: Thanks to Kathy Kelsey for organizing the event. Thanks to members who brought food, snacks and treats to share.

Karaoke: DJ Melanie for great entertainment, Kathy Kelsey for the tasty pulled pork sandwiches. Great turnout-Thanks to our Milford Elk friends for their support!

Chili Cookoff! Congratulations to Bobby Nick-- voted #1 Best Chili!!
\$125 raised for CT Childrens Hospital; Thanks to Tammy Shea, Jenn Caputo, Monica Thomas-Hardy for organizing/serving

Thanks to Donna Nevins for donating expenses and cooking
Chicken Pot Pie dinner

BOURBON NIGHT
March 22nd
With Bourbon Expert
Mike Romano Behind
the Bar!



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.

Thank you for your generosity.



35 Smoke and C-O detectors were presented to the
Hamden Fire Dept. to distribute to residences.
Accepting the devices are Chief Naples, Fire Marshall
Dolan and crew of Co. 4



Elks Care - Elks Share

Hamden Elks St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join us for 3 days of our corned beef sandwich platters, complete with house made potato salad, coleslaw and a pickle!

Only \$12.00

March 15, 16, & 17, Opening at noon every day!

\$4.00 Irish Whiskey Specials each day!!



Clothing Drop off Shed now located in Lodge Parking Lot

Please drop off your gently used clothing, and other items

Spread the word to others



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

February Days



Chili
Cook-Off

Winner

Bob
Nicolas



Fundraiser Pasta Buffet

