

The *Elks* NEWS

Hamden Lodge #2224 B.P.O. Elks



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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As we embark on the vibrant summer season, I want to take a moment to celebrate the essence of our community spirit and the importance of active involvement in our club. First and foremost, I extend my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to our organization. Your participation and engagement make our club the thriving community it is today.

This month, we have an array of exciting events lined up, starting with another Public Craft/Tag Sale, Karaoke Night, Paint & Sip Night, and Hamden Pre-Fireworks Party with brown bag dinner to take to the show. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and this newsletter for updates on these events. Your presence makes these gatherings truly special. Moreover, I encourage you to make the most of our outdoor patio. Whether it's a leisurely afternoon drink or an evening social, our patio provides the perfect setting to relax in the warm weather, as well as our Bocce courts that are available for use on non-league nights.

June 14th we will be performing our time-honored Flag Day Ritual & Celebration at the Hamden Veterans Memorial at 6pm. It's a time-honored tradition that embodies the values of unity and patriotism. I invite you all to join us as we pay homage to our flag and the principles it represents.

Remember, your involvement is the lifeblood of our club. Let's continue to come together & support one another as we continue to make your Lodge great. I encourage you all to attend our bi-monthly meetings, every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30. It's where we update on news, share new ideas and learn how to keep our Order moving forward, but we can't do that without you! This is your Lodge, so come to our meetings and learn how we're more than just a lounge.

Thank you for being an integral part of your Lodge, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Warm regards,

Mike Romano
Exalted Ruler

Information for the next newsletter
should be submitted by June 20th
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Lounge Hours

Tues-Friday 4-Close
Saturday 2 to Close
Permittee—
Mike Romano

Visit Hamden's Lodge pages at www.ctelks.org - Hall Rentals: 203-645-7998

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

ALL DINNERS AT 6PM

June 5th Chicken Cutlet/
Potato/Veg/Sadad \$13

June 12th Ravioli v/ Meatballs
\$13

June 19th Chef Salad w/Sides
\$13

June 26th
"Burgers for Building Fund"
Proceeds to Benefit
Building Fund

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

Regular Lodge Meetings

Monday June 10th
Monday June 24th
7:30 PM



HAMDEN ELKS 2224
PINS ARE
BACK IN STOCK!!!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Get our new Lodge pins!
Available to our Members
and Visitors for just \$5 each!
Purchase in the Lounge with
the Bartender!

PARKING LOT TAG & VENDOR SALE

Saturday, June 8th
8am-2pm
Contact Monica at
MLTPJY21@YAHOO.COM
For information on



*To our
Absent Member*

*#2471
Raymond Bullard*

*Initiated 10/14/2019
Departed 06/01/2024*

*An Elk is Never
Forgotten*

Elks Care - Elks Share



Feeding the
Community



SATURDAY JUNE 8th
7:00-11:00 PM
DJ DENNIS is BACK!!!

Kathy's pulled pork
Sandwiches sold 5 pm
until sold out \$8.00

Members and Guests,
friends and family
welcome, as always!

Happy
Birthday!

To our members with
June Birthdays:

Drop in for your free
birthday beverage
"on the house."

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Flag Day Ceremony
Friday June 14th @ 6:00 PM



Bourbon Night Friday June 21st

"A Journey Through Grief"

An 8 week program to help you manage your grief after the loss of a loved one.

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

**Contact
 Lodge
 member**

Bob Johnson at
 203-641-4278 or johnbobson@aol.com



Caleb Kroom of Boy Scout Troop 610 being presented a certificate and American flag in honor of his progression to Eagle Scout.

Bocce Season is Back!!! Come down to cheer on your favorite team.

Have a beverage and enjoy the outdoor patio!

Fill-in players always needed. Games start at 6:15

**Clothing Drop off Shed
 now located in Lodge
 Parking Lot**

**Please drop off your
 gently used unwanted
 Clothing, and other items**

**Spread the word to
 others**



Due to the increasing cost of postage and printing, we would like to start sending the Newsletter, primarily through email going forward.

Please send your information to our email at
elkslodge2224@gmail.com

- First and Last name
- Member Number
- E-mail Address

We want you to get your Newsletter and Lodge Updates as soon as possible, virtually

Message Board



New Members left to right

Michael Kmietek, Greg Little, Shannon Badamo, Denise Benson, Justin Donarum, Allen Blakey, Paul Bankowski

Pictured Right:

Elks of the Year
Lee & Lynn Campo

Officer of the Year
Mike Romano



TIP of the ANTLERS:

Memorial Day Picnic: Peter Freiler, Cathy Pleines, Jess Kelsey, Tammy Shea, Joy Wildman, Andy Caporossi

Thanks to Rich Hardy and Carl Pettinella for repairs and maintenance on the bocce courts.

Pre-Fireworks Party:

Friday June 28th at 5:00pm,

brown bag dinner

Turkey or Ham sandwiches

with choice of bag of chips and

bottled water

\$8

Contact: Jess or Tanya at:

**jesscakelsey990@live.com or
ttlhill80@gmail.com**

To make reservations or see your bartender.

Reservations HIGHLY recommended.

WE MISS YOU AT THE LODGE

***New members, old members,
and friends alike,
we want to see you!!***

Lots of fun things coming up.

You don't want to miss out!!!!



BEER BUCKETS

**Domestic Can's
6 for \$15.00**