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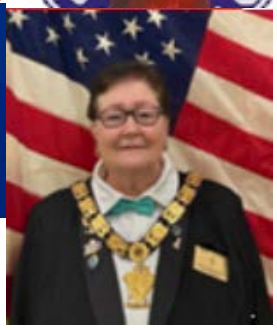
EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



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Lounge Hours
Monday– Closed
Tues-Friday 3:30-Close
Sat 2 - Close
Sun 12 - Close
Permittee- Mike Romano

Hello, Members All,

We have been very busy during the first month of the year! Bingo is still going strong twice a month, we also had live music with the sounds of David Bettencourt, hopefully the first of many shows & another very successful karaoke night!

We had a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner which was a fundraiser for our Building Fund and raised $500! This will go toward helping us to repair our smaller roof that has been leaking. We are still collecting items for the Veterans of the West Haven VA until the end of February-see the inside page for the specific items we are looking for. Thank you to all that have donated so far!

Friday night food offerings are still going great stop down, warm up and grab some delicious food and a cocktail!
Now looking forward to what's in February- we have a Grateful Dead Night coming with a live band "The Elwoods," and our Valentines Day Night Karaoke!
As always, thank you for supporting our Wednesday night dinners we couldn't do it without you, and as always, remember your friends and family are always welcome. Let's keep showing our guests what we do and why we're here in hopes that they too will want to become a proud member.
Thank you!

Fraternally
Kathy Kelsey
Exalted Ruler

Message Board

Lodge of Sorrows

George W. Bunnell LM
#906
Initiated 12/11/1972
Departed 12/08/2025

Thomas Mooney LM
#1051
Initiated 10/28/1974
Departed 01/10/2026

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Monthly Lodge Meeting
Monday
February 9th
and
February 23rd
7:30pm

Lounge closed during
ALL meetings

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

FEB. 4TH CHICKEN FLORENTINE $14

FEB. 11TH PENNE A LA VODKA W/ SAUSAGE $14

FEB. 18TH ASH WEDNESDAY
BAKED FISH W/ LEMON & BUTTER
W/ SHRIMP COCKTAIL $15

FEB. 25TH HAM STEAKS W/ MAC & CHEESE $14

Eat in or take out

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by 6:00pm the Monday before the meal. Call 203-248-2224 email: elkslodge2224@gmail.com

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!

NOTICE: Due to inclement weather, some meals may be postponed to Thursday or CANCELLED.

We will send an e-mail out if so.

MESSAGE BOARD

FOR HALL RENTALS:
Contact
203-645-7998

HAMDEN LODGE PINS ARE IN STOCK!!
PURCHASE YOURS NOW

SEE BARTENDER ON DUTY
only $5 each!!!

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!
(last year we donated 8,877 pounds of clothing!)

SAVE THE DATE:

COMEDY NIGHT!!

TIX SALES START FEB 1ST!!!

MESSAGE BOARD

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

Spaghetti Dinner, Building Fund Benefit: **Thank you to Kathy Kelsey, Cathy Pleines, Andy Caporossi, Donna Nevins, and Jenn Caputo for helping cook, serve, and collect payment**
We raised ~$500 for the Building Fund!

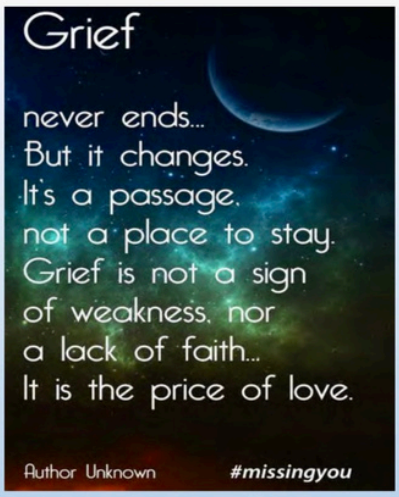
Upstairs Bar: **Thank you to Ray Wetmore for building us a last minute bar cart on wheels so we can continue serving our hall rentals during this time.**

Saturday Night Entertainment: **Thank you to Bob Johnson for introducing us to his talented nephew, Steve Bettencourt! We will hopefully have him back soon!**

IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

Through the end of February, we are still accepting donations to the men & women Veterans of the West Haven VA

KNIT HATS	TOOTHPASTE
GLOVES	TOOTHBRUSHES
SCARVES	DENTURE CREAMS
SOCKS-WHITE	DEODERANT
T SHIRTS	SEWING KITS
BELTS	PLAYING CARDS
TISSUES	NAIL CLIPPERS
SHAMPOO	COMBS & BRUSHES
SHAVING GEL RAZORS	BODY WASH-BOTTLED
LOTIONS	BOOKS/MAGAZINES(NEW)
PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS	JUICE BOXES
SUGAR FREE CANDY	CHEESE CRACKERS



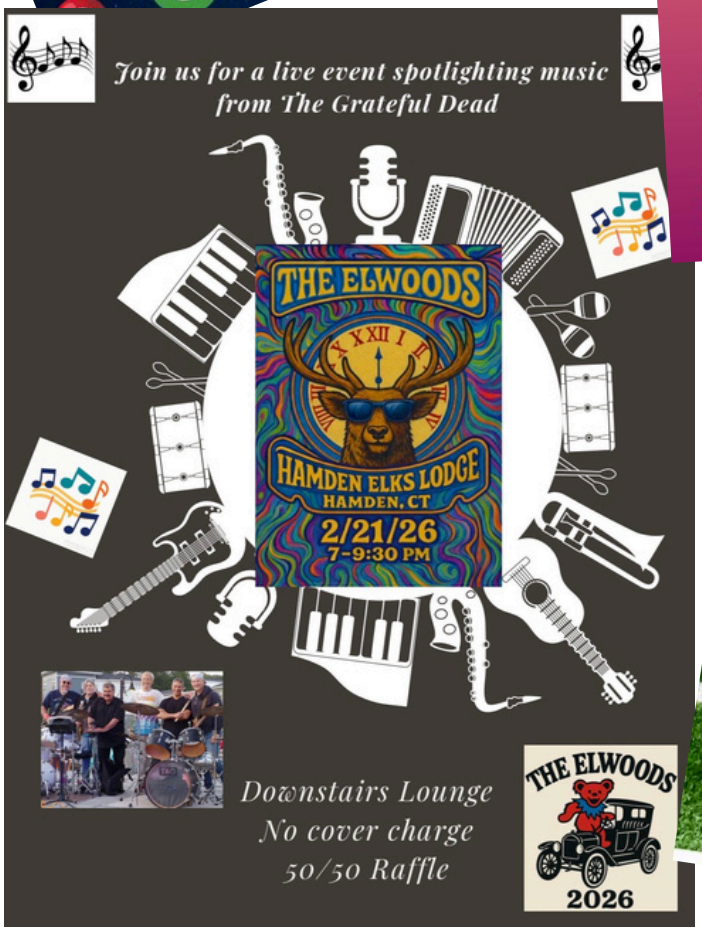
" A Journey Through Grief"

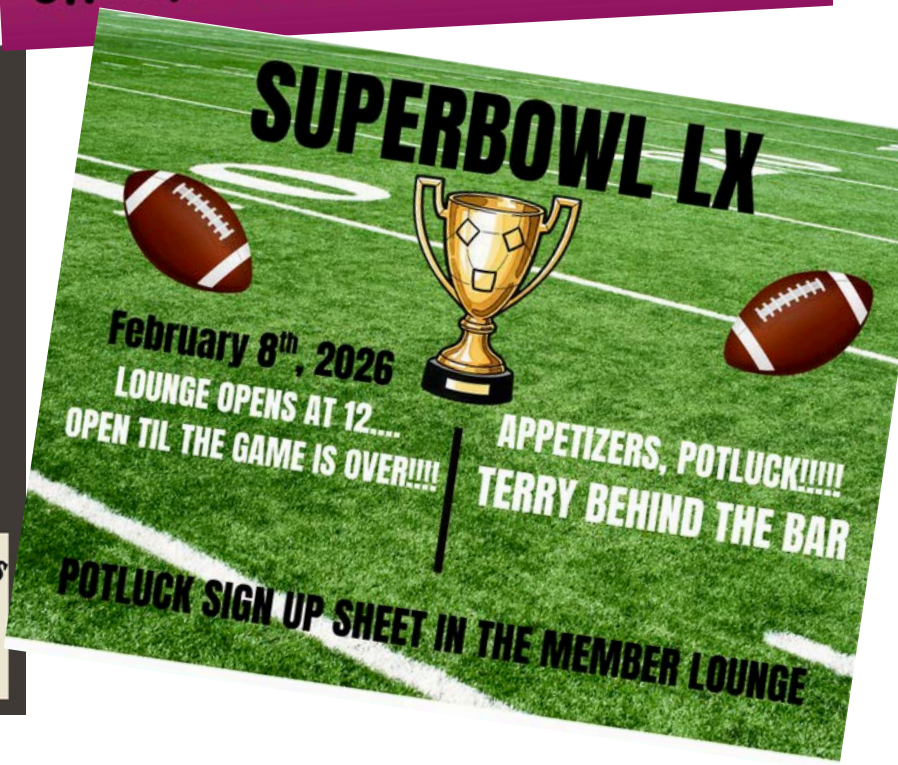
An 8 week program to help you manage your grief after the loss of a loved one.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMING SOON

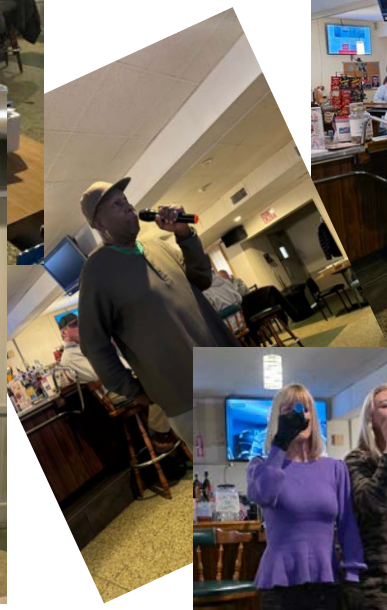




JANUARY DAYS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

WING NIGHT!!!!

SAT. NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

KARAOKE NIGHT!!!!