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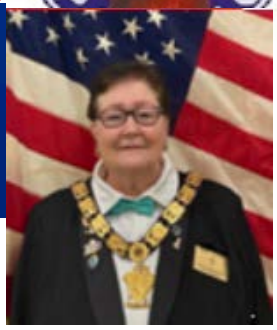
EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



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Tim Osgood
4 Year Trustee
Richard Hardy
3 Year Trustee
Lee Campo
2 Year Trustee
Michael Hardy
1 Year Trustee
Ray Wetmore

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

Hello, Members All,

It's so hard to believe that this is my last ER message and that my time as Exalted Ruler is coming to an end. I have worked with so many amazing people this year from my officers to each and every one of you, that have worked toward our charitable goals and served our community with dinners, donations & the materials needed to succeed.

On top of all of this you continue to bring us new members which completes all of our goals, and what are an amazing feeling that is!

We celebrated our Citizen of the Year, we raised money for our Veterans Children's Hospitals, ENF and Special Olympics. We also had our first Penguin Plunge participant and had a great time watching it all unfold. Our karaoke and bingo nights continue to thrive. Our Children's Holiday parties and events are always well attended.

To me, the most important thing happening at our lodge is the camaraderie, and the coming together to make everything work because it does take a village! We may be small, but we are mighty and thanks to all of you, We can and will continue to grow.

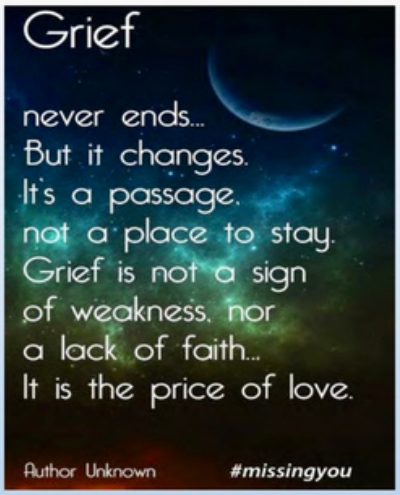
I know you will all continue to support next year's exalted ruler in the best way you know how. I for one will continue what to do what I strive to do every day and that is to support our charities and our communities.

For the last time, I will ask you to follow the motto of our Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt, to - BE THE DIFFERENCE!

Fraternally
Kathy Kelsey
Exalted Ruler

Message Board

Monthly Lodge Meeting
Monday
March 9th
and
March 23rd
7:30pm
Initiation
March 1st & 22nd
11am
Lounge closed during
ALL meetings



" 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

MARCH 4TH SOUP & SALAD BAR $14

MARCH 11TH CHICKEN PARM AND PASTA $15

STARTING AT 12PM BOTH DAYS!!

MARCH 17+18TH SAINT PATRICKS DAY $14
CORNED BEEF SANDWICH PLATTER

MARCH 25TH GOULASH W/ GREEN BEANS $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.

Clothing Drop Off Shed located in the Lodge Parking Lot

Please drop off your gently used or unwanted clothing and other items.

Spread the word to others!
(Last year we donated 9,779 pounds of clothing!)

SAVE THE DATE
FRIED DOUGH
GOOD FRIDAY!!!!!

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FOR HALL RENTALS:
Contact
203-645-7998

HAMDEN LODGE PINS ARE IN STOCK!!
PURCHASE YOURS NOW

SEE BARTENDER ON DUTY
only $5 each!!!

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RETURNING AND NEW TEAMS!!!!

Team captains,
Please reach out to let us know by APRIL 1st if you will be returning, with player information.
Andy Caporossi andycpdd@gmail.com or 203-836-4302

2026 ELKS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Debbie Burns, Tanya Hill,
Jenn Caputo, and Jess Kelsey
BOWL FOR CT SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

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TIP OF THE ANTLERS

***SUPERBOWL SUNDAY*: Thank you Terry Siciliano**
for generously donating all the decorations for the party.

***WATER HEATER REPAIR*: Bobby Bankowski Jr. for repairing our water heater last minute,**
and completing our yearly maintenance.

***WEDNESDAY DINNER FOR BUILDING FUND*: Thank you Lee & Lynn Campo, for donating the**
meal so all the proceeds can benefit the Building Fund for the Roof repair.
NEWSLETTERS: Thank you Sandy Lynch for ANOTHER year of folding and mailing out our monthly newsletter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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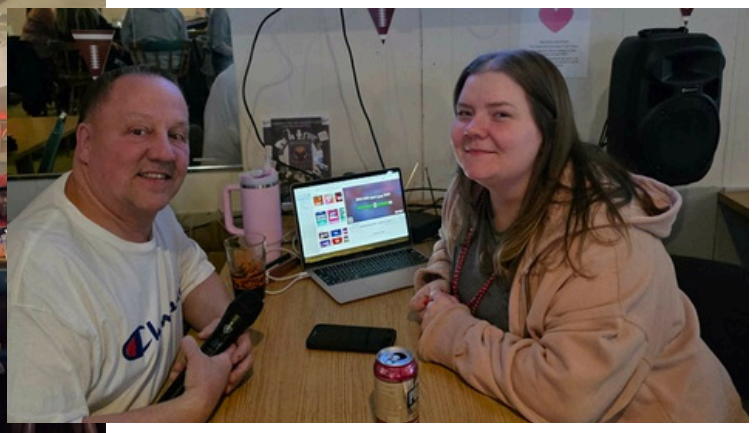
2026 COMEDY SHOW TIX FOR SALE

FEBRUARY DAYS

KARAOKE NIGHT

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