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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

Members of Hamden Lodge #2224,

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending the 2026 Elks National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. It was very informative and inspiring. To be with so many people who do so much good in their communities was incredible. I had so many conversations with people from all over our great country. Listening to them talk about the work they do for their communities was the truest form of what being an Elk is.

As I look around our Lodge, I see many things happening. Some are big and right in front of us. Some are small and you don't notice at all. All of them help us do the great things us as a Lodge and an organization do. I'm once again asking for people to get involved; be it big or small, a little or a lot. Take a look around, see what the people are doing, and ask. Could I help? My hope is that we can all find renewed energy and make our Lodge even better than it already is.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge.

Fraternally,
Scott McKechnie
Exalted Ruler

MESSAGE BOARD

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Hamden Elks is working with the West Haven VA in support of our Women Veterans and their children at a Baby Shower in October. Items from pacifiers blankets, bottles, toys, stuffed animals, and clothes accepted for newborn up to pre teen, gift cards, and monetary gifts will be accepted as well!
Unwrapped items will be accepted at Hamden Elks through the end of September!
Let's show our support to these amazing women! More info to follow in the coming weeks! Contact Kathy Kelsey with questions at kelsk76@gmail.com or 203-804-1820

NOTICE:

Looking for person(s) who have time to volunteer driving members to doctors appointments, Lodge Meetings, (NON EMERGENT), etc.
Email elkslodge2224@gmail.com if you are interested in offering your time...

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

CAR WASH ENF FUNDRAISER:
Jenn Caputo, Jess Kelsey, Mike Hardy, Monica Thomas-Hardy, Tom Lee, Melinda Saller, Cathy King, Fred Romano
WE RAISED $300 FOR ENF!
4TH OF JULY COOKOUT:
Peter Freiler, Andy Caporossi, Cathy Pleines
FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD
Thank you Bonnie Fracasso for donating her homemade meatballs to sell during July's Bourbon Night!
Michelle & Angel Cardona for their continued efforts to keep our bellies full on Friday nights!!

Clothing Drop Off Shed located in the Lodge Parking Lot
All donations are received by Saint Pauly's Textile

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!)

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Monthly
Lodge Meeting
Monday
August 24th
7:30pm
Lounge closed during
ALL meetings

$800+ PROGRESSIVE ROUND

6-8PM
$20 FOR 10 GAMES
ALL CASH PRIZES

AUGUST 11TH & 25TH

Cards start selling at 5:00pm!

HAMDEN ELKS CAR WASH

10AM-2PM

$10 DONATION PER CAR!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

ENF FUNDRAISER

IN THE LODGE PARKING LOT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
ANY TIME YOU CAN GIVE IS APPRECIATED!

KARAOKE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

7-11pm

ALL ARE WELCOME-- COME ON DOWN, BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

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FOR HALL RENTALS:
Contact
203-819-6302

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR MEMBERS WITH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS....
Drop in for your free birthday beverage.....
"ON THE HOUSE"

HAMDEN LODGE PINS ARE IN STOCK!!
PURCHASE YOURS NOW

SEE BARTENDER ON DUTY
only $5 each!!!

summer isn't over yet!

Our outdoor seating is calling your name! Grab a beverage and bring it outside to enjoy our beautiful flowers while the weather lets us!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

DROP OFF IN MEMBER LOUNGE

We accept donations YEAR ROUND to be received by the Keefe Center
Please bring down non-perishable food donations
so we can continue in doing our part to HELP OUR COMMUNITY!

LODGE EATS!!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT!!

AUGUST 5TH--- Ritzy Chicken $14
AUGUST 12TH--- Pork Ribs & Sides $15
AUGUST 19TH--- Sausage & Peppers w/ Penne $14
*****AUGUST 26TH----LOBSTER ROLL $TBD**
OR TWIN HOT DOG PLATTER $12

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!

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

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS!

AUGUST 7TH--- STEAK & CHEESE OR VEGGIE EGG ROLLS 4 FOR $7
AUGUST 14TH--- NO SPECIAL
AUGUST 21ST--- WING NIGHT!!!! 8 FOR $12
AUGUST 28TH--- SAUSAGE & PEPPER SUBS $10

ADD A SIDE OF FRIES, TOTS OR ONION RINGS FOR $3

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED
ORDERS START AT 6PM!!!