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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,

As summer winds down, I look around the Lodge and think of the many things that have happened; The improvements and the overall condition. The Bocce court area is a great place to gather. We have had many awesome events and fundraisers. From live music to bingo to car washes. And of course Wednesday dinners. All of it is due to our dedicated members.

There is still time to enjoy the weather and be outside, so please enjoy the patio and seating area by the courts. Our Lodge Committees have things planned for the Fall, so check your news letters and emails for updates.

I also remind everyone when at the Lodge to please keep conducting yourselves with respect and kindness, as I have witnessed. For when we do conduct ourselves accordingly, we have an inviting atmosphere and it encourages others to come down and get involved. We are a smaller Lodge, but we are mighty and that is due to our friendly environment.

Hope to see everyone at the Lodge!

Fraternally,
Scott McKechnie
Exalted Ruler

FROM L TO R: ER Scott McKechnie, Haley, Julia, Rylie & (Not Pictured) Brady

HAMDEN ELKS 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

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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

AUGUST CAR WASH: **ER SCOTT MCKECHNIE, JENN CAPUTO, JESS KELSEY, MONICA THOMAS-HARDY, MIKE HARDY, TOM LEE. WE RAISED ANOTHER $315 for ENF!**
***LOBSTER ROLL & HOT DOG PLATTER NIGHT*: KATHY KELSEY, ANDY CAPOROSSI, CATHY PLEINES, FRED ROMANO, CATHY KING, MELINDA LAVELLE SALLER, AND DANIELA PERUGINI (QU STUDENT)**
THANK YOU! RAY WETMORE FOR REPAINTING OUR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES SO OUR LOT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL!

Help collect parking fees at The 106th Durham Fair

September 24–27, 2026

Help our Lodge by volunteering for a shift or two! This is one of our major fund raisers. Sign up in the lounge or contact Peter Freiler—phfreiler@gmail.com 203.530.4266

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Monthly
Lodge Meeting
Mondays
September
14th & 28th
7:30pm
Lounge closed during
ALL meetings

KARAOKE 7-11pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

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

NEW MEMBER INITIATION!
MONDAY NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 28th
AT THE REGULAR LODGE MEETING
UPSTAIRS HALL

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
DOUBLE CASH BINGO!!!!
ALL CASH PRIZES ARE DOUBLED

$1,000 PROGRESSIVE ROUND

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
REGULAR BINGO

Cards start selling at 5:00pm!

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FOR HALL RENTALS:
Contact
203-819-6302

HAMDEN LODGE PINS
ARE IN STOCK!!
PURCHASE YOURS NOW
SEE BARTENDER ON DUTY
only $5 each!!!

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
6-9PM

LIVE MUSIC
NO CHARGE!

COME CHECK OUT
"IDALIS"
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS LOUNGE

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!

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Elks Care Elks Share

Here's an offer to consider:
REINSTATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP! BECOME A PART OF OUR LODGE FAMILY AGAIN!
For just $1 plus the pro-rated dues, you can re-new your membership (JUST $67!)

Our Lodge continues to conduct our charitable and patriotic programs in the community, as well as many social activities for our members' enjoyment...
Just sign the enclosed application and update your contact information, then return it to us.
Contact Andy Caporossi andycpdd@gmail.com or 203-836-4302
Or Jenn Caputo at jennycap101@gmail.com

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT THE LODGE!!!

LODGE EATS!!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT!!

SEPTEMBER 2ND --- "KFC" CHICKEN BOWLS $14

SEPTEMBER 9TH --- PASTA BAR (Building Fund Benefit) $15

SEPTEMBER 16TH--- 1/2WAY TO ST PATRICKS DAY $15

SEPTEMBER 23RD --- BEEF & VEGGIE STIR FRY $14

SEPTEMBER 30TH --- EGGPLANT PARM & ZITI $14

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!

FOODSERVICE STARTS AT 6PM

SEPTEMBER 4TH --- BLT CHEESEBURGERS $8/$11

SEPTEMBER 11TH --- CHILI & CHIPS $5/$8

SEPTEMBER 18TH --- BAKED POTATO BAR $10

SEPTEMBER 25TH --- WING NIGHT! $12/$15

***SECOND PRICE IS W/ SIDES!**

SAVE THE DATE

Veterans Breakfast
Saturday, October 17th

All are welcome!

more info to follow...

TRUNK-OR-TREAT!!!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
FROM 11-2 IN THE LODGE PARKING LOT!!

HAMDEN ELKS WILL BE AT THE BROOKSVALE FALL FESTIVAL!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
11-4 524 BROOKSVALE AVE, HAMDEN
COME CHECK OUT OUR HAMDEN ELKS BOOTH!

FEATURING OUR DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
MEMBERSHIP INFO
THANKS TO THE CEA CHILD SAFETY COMMITTEE, WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY $1,700 WORTH OF BIKE HELMETS TO HAMDEN'S CHILDREN!

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!)