

# THE ELKS CALL



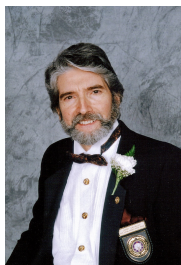
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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



**Well ...** March is the month of leprechauns and rainbows. It's been a long winter; but spring is just around the corner starting with our St. Patrick's Day Celebration, and with the Luck of the Irish, don't forget to buy your tickets to our **Annual Raffle** to support your Lodge and win some great vacation trips. Drawing will be on March 22 at the Elk and Officer of the Year Awards Banquet, so be sure to attend.

On Jan. 26, the Lodge honored 26 new Eagle Scouts at our Lodge's 31<sup>st</sup> Eagle Scouts Awards luncheon to which about 200 attended. A special thanks goes out to the event Chairman **Mike Sheer** and to **Patrick Basile P.D.D., P.E.R.** for representing the Lodge on my behalf. It just so happened the Connecticut Elks Association Mid-Year Convention was on the same day. In addition our Chairman had a work schedule conflict and our intended M.C. had a death in the family; but **Pat Basile** came through in the clinch and did an excellent job. The ceremony was videotaped and shown on public access TV. (Pat you looked good). Thanks for a job well done. I would also like to recognize and thank **Virginia Dalmaso** for her efforts and members of the Emblem Club #552 for coordinating and serving the 200 people that attended the luncheon.

On Feb 12, balloting was held for the two contested Lodge Offices. My congratulations and best wishes go out to all the newly elected and appointed officers for the up coming year of 2008/2009.

I would like to take a moment to recognize **Jack Clifford P.D.D. P.E.R.** for his years of dedication and service as our Lodge Secretary, a position that can be very demanding and involved in the recording and processing of our Lodge records, reports and business.

Also at our Feb 12 Lodge meeting, I presented the District Deputy, Grand Exalted Ruler's report on our Lodge. The report is the result of our Lodge audit conducted in December. It indicated that our Lodge was running well, and that we had Grand Lodge programs and committees in place and meeting Grand Lodge commitments, as well as some of our own local charitable commitments. Among the high points, we were congratulated on our Elks National Foundation achievements, achieving a gain in membership and for impressively performing the Initiation Ritual from memory. The Lodge was congratulated for creating a solid foundation upon which a successful Lodge operates. As members you should be proud of this satisfactory report, for if it were not for the hard work, dedication and support of the members, the report would not have been this good. **You the members make it happen.** The Lodge Officers and I as Exalted Ruler congratulate you and thank you for all your support.

On Feb. 17, our Lodge took part in the Special Olympic Penguin Plunge at Lake Quassy. Many thanks to Chairman **Wally Makarewicz and the House Committee** for providing free egg sandwiches, coffee and hot cocoa at the event. Again, a very special thanks goes out to all those brave soles that took the plunge to raise money for the Special Olympic on behalf of the Lodge.

Congratulation to the well deserving **Elk of the Year, Lynn Connolly** and **Officer of the Year, Joe Wilson**. Be sure to congratulate them and attend the Elk and Officer of the Year Awards On March 22

On March 25 we shall have our fifth initiation of the Lodge year. Another 11 new members are being initiated into our Lodge. Lets all make them feel welcome and get them involved. Remember **Membership is the Life-Blood of Elkdome**

At this time I would like to congratulate our Lodge Elks National Foundation Chairperson **Claudia Wilson** on receiving the E.N.F. Leadership Award from Grand Lodge for all her hard work and dedication in attaining the Grand Exalted Rules Per Capita goal of \$4.25 per member. I know that this goal will be well surpassed by the end of this Lodge year. **Claudia** has also received from Grand Lodge E.N.F. a citation for an excellent performance for the E.N.F. Wheelbarrow Raffle held in December.

I would also like to recognize **Gene Minicucci** for receiving an E.N.F. grand Lodge Award for all his efforts in reaching a milestone for E.N.F. Motorcycle Run contributions. Remember the **Elks National Foundation is the Heart of Elkdome**. It funds many of our Orders National Commitments such as Youth Activities, Scholarships, Veterans programs and much more.

As my year draws to a close I just want to say how proud I am of this Lodge. It was an honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler and thanks go out to the many members that supported me. **Please see special message inside the call**

**And now** I am pleased to announce my last Elk of the Month. Congratulations go out to **Earl Evon** for all of his handwork as Americanism Chairman. From the Children's Essay Contest, the Police and Fireman's Awards Banquet, making a difference in your involvement in the Golf Tournament, Turkey Drive and the Eagle Scouts Awards and many other functions.. Again thanks for all your handwork and dedication. It's members like you that make this Lodge successful.

*In the Perpetual Spirit of Elkdome*  
Jerry Dalmaso Exalted Ruler

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

**ELKS CALL**

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
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**Instituted - June 15, 1893**  
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**LODGE OFFICERS 2007-2008**

Jerry Dalmaso.....Exalted Ruler  
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Michael Gannon.....Est. Lecturing Knight  
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J. Alfred Synnett PER, Chairman  
John Carosella, Jr., Vice Chairman  
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Rathskellar (203) 755-1159  
**Regular Meetings:** Second Tuesday of the month

**THANK YOU!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member who served with me on the House Committee for the past ten years, and for electing me Chairman. Your dedication, work, time and efforts that made this Committee so successful were, and are deeply appreciated!

Again, thank You,  
**J. Alfred (Fred) Synnett PER**

*Elk of the Month*  
**EARL EVON**  
*Congratulations*

**ANNUAL RAFFLE**

**Pack your bags and get ready to travel!**



As the drawing date approaches, the excitement is building about the prospect of winning one of the outstanding trips or the \$500 Stop & Shop gift certificate. **Get your annual raffle tickets in as soon as possible.**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their raffle tickets.

The receipts have greatly slowed at this point, and I encourage those of you who have not purchased or sold your tickets to do so and return them as soon as possible. The drawing is on March 22, 2008 at the Elk/Officer of the Year awards dinner.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize—8-day, 7-night Caribbean cruise for 2, airfare included.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize—5-day, 4-night trip for 2 to Disney World, airfare included
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize—4-day, 3-night trip for 2 to Las Vegas, airfare included
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize--\$500 gift certificate redeemable at Stop & Shop

Remember, the profit from this raffle will be used for the renovations in the Rathskellar which will be starting soon. We need your help to make this raffle a great success.

Mike Gannon  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

**You can't win if you don't play!**



<p>Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone Number _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">No. 00281</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00      <b>B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge No. 265</b>      \$5.00 283 West Main Street    Waterbury, Connecticut</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TO BENEFIT ELKS LODGE MAJOR REPAIRS IN THE RATHSKELLER</b> 4 Prizes to be Awarded</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Caribbean Cruise for Two</b>—8 days, 7 nights aboard the ROYAL CARIBBEAN SHIP MARINER OF THE SEAS sailing to the Caribbean. The package includes roundtrip airfare from Hartford to Florida, roundtrip airport/pier transfers, inside cabin accommodations for 2, all port charges, taxes, fuel surcharges, food, and entertainment.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trip for two to Orlando, FL</b> Includes 5 days, 4 nights at the POP CENTURY HOTEL in Disney World, roundtrip airfare from Hartford, airport/hotel transfers, 4 nights hotel accommodations at the POP CENTURY HOTEL in Disney World, all taxes, plus a 4-day Disney Hopper Pass to all the Disney Parks.</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Trip for Two to Las Vegas, Nevada</b>—Includes 4 day, 3 night mid-week package to the LUXOR HOTEL, roundtrip airfare from Hartford, roundtrip airport/hotel transfers, 3 nights hotel accommodations including all taxes.</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate</b>—redeemable at Stop &amp; Shop</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DRAWING — Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 9:00 P.M.</b> At Waterbury Lodge of Elks No. 265 - 283 West Main Street - Waterbury, Connecticut</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>EXCLUDES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES    TRIPS VALID FOR 1 YEAR FROM RAFFLE DATE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00      <b>WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT</b>      \$5.00</p>
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**\*\*\* NEW DEADLINE \*\*\***

*The deadline for the Elks Call  
is now the 16th of each month!*

Please leave all hard copy information for inclusion in the Call at the manager's office or electronically by e-mail at: [elks265@yahoo.com](mailto:elks265@yahoo.com) with the words ELKS CALL included in the SUBJECT LINE (or it will be filtered into the TRASH)

Thank you!  
**Ron Fraser: Editor**

**Summer Set-Back League** starting in May.

For more information, please call Chrissy at 860-307-3222



## St Patrick's Day Parade!

Mark the date on your calendar. Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Flag Raising starts at 12:00 p.m. You can meet the truck in front of Washington Park at 11:30 a.m. (the parade is scheduled to start between 12:30 p.m. & 12:45 p.m.) EVERYONE is welcome, adults & children. Come enjoy the fun & celebrate the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** with the Lodge.

## Youth Activities Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> at Chase Park on Highland Avenue near the mountain.

The hunt will begin at 11:00

a.m. and all Children of paid-up Elk's members are invited to participate in this event. Bring your children & your grandchildren **ages: 1 year old through 12 years old**. Please be on time as the hunt will start promptly at 11:00 a. m. and also **bring a plastic bag to hold your treats**.

Please leave the R.S.V.P. in the Easter basket in the Rathskellar or call Lynn Connolly at 203-509-0893 and say how many kids you will be bringing. There is no need to leave a detailed message & you will not get a call back. Thank you for all your help & we hope to see you there.

**Lynn Connolly Youth Activities Director**



Easter Egg Hunt: Member name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of kids \_\_\_\_\_



## EXALTED RULER'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

As my year as Exalted Ruler draws to an end, I realize that I'm on my last few pages of one of the many legal pads I used to compose my many and sometime lengthy messages. [Well timing is everything and I can hear the cheers from our Call editor **Ron Fraser**] It has been said that this Lodge is a Big Nut to run and that is true. This year as in all years we've had our challenges, problems, laughter, tears, celebrations and many successes But if it were not for the member's dedication and support we would not have been as successful as we are. **The members make it happen!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of this Lodge for giving me the honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler. I would like to thank all the Loge Officers that served with me this year. I have sat in every chair from Esquire to Exalted Ruler so I can truly appreciate all their efforts and support. A special thanks to all the committee chairpersons and committee members for all their hard work and dedication that ensured we met Grand Lodge commitments and our own Lodge's local charitable commitments and needs. A very special thanks to the hardworking dedicated House Committee and its sub-committees. It's because of much of their efforts we can pay the bills and keep the lights on. Thanks go out to the Past Exalted Rulers that supported me this past year. I am proud of this Lodge and its members. It's been said that I have been a high maintenance E.R. at times, always expecting a lot from the Officers and Committees; but I'm sure we all agree our extra effort was worth it. Our Lodge is strong and successful. My congratulations go out to **Wally Makarewicz**, Exalted Ruler Elect. I wish him and his Officers the best in the coming year. I'm sure he and the officers will commit all their efforts and dedication to build on our Lodge's success.

In closing, always be proud to be a member of Waterbury Lodge #265 and of the **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**. Always remember and practice the principles that our Order stands for, **Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity** and your life will be enriched. **Remember Elkdom is perpetual and we are just the caretakers.**

## Recognition and Thanks

I would like to take a moment to recognize a long time hardworking, dedicated member who has served our Lodge as Exalted Ruler, Lodge Treasure for 5 years and the past ten years as our very successful House Committee Chairman. That member is **Fred Synnett P.E.R.**

When **Fred** took over our House committee, which runs the business end of our Lodge, the House Committee was experiencing a revenue flow problem. In Fred's first year as House Committee Chairman he turned that around to a positive revenue flow and never looked back, making his House Committee I believe, the most successful in the Lodge's history.

**Fred** was always a progressive thinker. He brought our Lodge into the 21<sup>st</sup> century well before the 21<sup>st</sup> century, when as Treasurer, he started to computerize the Lodge banking systems and reports, and then all the business of the House Committee. From our point of sale registers to all our P and L reports, inventory control, scheduling and much much more. and at any given moment we can access reports to review how our Lodge revenue flow is performing.

For the past ten years **Fred** has been here almost everyday and night and also when any emergency arose, sometimes well into the night. So as **Fred** ends his ten year run as House Committee Chairman, be sure to stop and shake his hand and thank him for all his efforts and dedication that helped to ensure Lodge bills would get paid and the lights kept on at your Lodge.

**In the Perpetual Spirit of Elkdom**  
**Jerry Dalmaso**





## American Red Cross

# BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 18

1:30 pm till 6:30 pm

All available Elks that can donate are needed.  
Volunteers are needed for this day also.  
Sandwiches will be available!



## The 31st Annual Eagle Scout Luncheon

On Saturday, Jan26, forty-nine Eagle Scouts were honored with certificates and citations from Governor Rell, Mayor Jarjura, the Military Order of World Wars, and Waterbury Elks #265. The ceremony took place in the lodge room following a delicious meal prepared by chef **Joe Cugliari** and his staff, and served in the Brady Hall by the ladies of the Emblem Club.

I wish thank to **Pat Basile PDD, PER** for standing in for me as Master of Ceremonies and for representing Exalted Ruler **Jerry Dalmaso**. Thanks also to **Jack Shea, Earl Evon, Jerry DiPietro, Joe Cugliari, Emblem Club 552, Jack Clifford, Fred Synnett, Phyllis Coviello, Waterbury Police Explorers Post 4141, Hall Walling, and Charles Doback** for making this event such a great success.



Michael Shea

Chairman, Elks Eagle Scout Luncheon

## Walker-Donahue 2008 Scholarship

Applications for the Walker-Donahue 2008 Scholarship will be available March 24th in the Lodge Secretary's office. Two \$2000.00 awards will be presented to two high school seniors. The recipients must be children of a paid-up Elk member of Lodge #265. Children of a deceased member are also eligible as long as the member was paid up at the time of their death.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, financial need, leadership, and on an essay. The awards will be presented at a banquet to be held in May.

If you have any questions, please call the Lodge Secretary at the Lodge or Chairman **John O'Connor** at 203-758-9875

## HELP US HONOUR

ELK OF THE YEAR

*Lynn Connolly*



Saturday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Dancing \$25.00 per person

**GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY**

Tickets available in the Rathskeller

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

*Joe Wilson*



Co Chairpersons:

**Maurice Hernandez and Michelle Minicucci**

## 25th Annual Sportsman's Holiday



*June 12,13, 14, 15 at Wildwood, N.J.*

**Joe Bocci, PER** was the first to pay on 12/22/07. His wife **Kathy** slipped me the \$100 deposit and asked if I could extend the trip for one more day. I am quite disappointed with the lack of the initial \$100 deposit due by March 1st. Judging from past experience, I estimate 70 members and guests will be on the trip. As of 2/18/08 only 15 have made the deposit. **A deposit of \$4,000 to the Motel is due early April and I have committed to 38 rooms at the Aztec and 10 at the American Safari.** These motels have a 99% occupancy rate from June 1st to Labor Day. The owner has called me from Florida to inquire about how it looks for June 12,13,14 and 15.

If you are planning to go, the \$100 deposit is due NOW, and the payment in FULL by **June 1st.**

**Let's go with the money guys!!!!**

*Make your check payable to Waterbury Elk's #265.*

Mail your check to:

**Jerry Barth,**

**45 Frances Ann Drive, Oakville, Ct 06779**

Any questions, call (860) 274-8763



**If you pay by cash, you must hand it to me personally!**

**DO NOT LEAVE ANY CASH AT THE BAR!**

## Upcoming Events:

Mar 8	St. Patrick's Day Parade
Mar 15	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 17	St Patrick's Day Festivities
Mar 22	Elk / Officer of the Year
Mar 22	Raffle Drawing
April 6	Installation of Officers
June 7-8	Relay for Life
June 12-15	25th Sportsmen's Holiday
July 6	Saratoga Trip
Aug 2	Saratoga Trip

## Installation of Officers 2008 - 2009 Sunday, April 6, 2008

Cocktail Hour: Noon with appetizers and open bar  
Installation in the Lodge Room at 1:00 p.m.

Dinner at 2:00 p.m.  
Carving Station, Pasta Station and Seafood Station

Tickets \$25.00/ children under 8 **FREE**.  
Tickets available in the Rathskellar.

We ask all members and family members to come and show your support for all our new and existing Officers.



*March 17 St. Patrick's Day*

*We will open at 10:00*

*Corned Beef and Cabbage will  
be served starting at 12:00*

*Tommy Denihan starts playing at  
1:00 until closing*

*Come and join your friends  
and enjoy the festivities.*

## PENGUIN PLUNGE

Here is a video of the Penguin Plunge edited by **Sarah Spencer**. It is very well done, and shows all of our member participants (including **Sarah**) **Freezin for a Reason** on Sunday, February 17, 2008 You can see the video by clicking on the link below:



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AG\\_vdtbsAts](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AG_vdtbsAts)

I am sure that we can expect more great videos from Sarah in the future!  
**Great Job Sarah!**

## OUR TROOPS

Please remember to pray for the safe return of our troops who are serving in harms way around the globe, especially our own **Randy Abramovich**, who is currently serving in Iraq.



## Emblem Club News



February was a busy month for us in Emblem.  
We had our Fashion Show and Tea with a wonderful turn out. I would like to thank Mary Clifford and Grace Coccichiola for all their hard work, also to everyone else that helped make it such a success. It was a wonderful day.

### Important Dates to remember:

March 9, State Meeting  
March 12, Monthly Meeting 7pm  
Please join us for the meeting, attendance raffle, door prizes, coffee and desserts. Hope to see you there.

### Yours in Emblem

**Cathy Matozzo Corcoran**

### Ladies ...

Get your hats ready for the **KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY** at the Lodge on May 8, 2008.

Complete details in next months Call.

Food and Fun, hat contests and Mint Julips.

Co Chairpersons: **Linda Galvin & Wally Makarewicz**



## Entertainment In The Rathskeller



Mar 1	The Blasters
Mar 8	Jeff Desiderio
Mar 15	Double Play
Mar 22	Pieces of Time
Mar 29	The Rockin Heartbeats
April 5	Sapphire
April 12	TBA
April 18	Pieces of Time
April 26	The Rockin Heartbeats



## HOOP SHOOT

**Zack Goldberg**, representing Waterbury Elks Lodge No. 265, captured first place in the boys' 12-13 age group of the Connecticut Elks Association Hoop Shoot competition recently in New Britain by converting 21 of 25 free throws.

A student at Harry S. Fisher School in Terryville and a member of the Waterbury PAL program, **Goldberg** had previously won first place in local and District competition. He now advances to the New England Regionals to be held in South Portland, Maine, with a chance to compete in the Nationals to be held at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

The son of **Phil Goldberg**, he is the first representative of our Lodge to capture a first-place trophy in the state competition.



## SARATOGA RACE TRACK



Saturday, July 26; Saturday, August 2; Saturday, August 9;  
Saturday, August 16; Sunday, August 24

As of 2/18/08 the 5 trips are **TOTALLY SOLD OUT!** However, too many have committed to go but have not made the required \$35 per ticket deposit or \$70 total payment due by March 1st.

If you are not paid by 3/10/08 you will be **scratched like a horse at Saratoga** and replaced by someone on the waiting list. I have to replace the \$3266 paid for tickets on 11/24/07 and send a deposit to the bus company.



**ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING ON THE BUS!**



Jerry Barth PER,  
Chairman.

*Don't delay .... act today*  
Your Deadline is 3/10/08

Mail checks payable to **Waterbury Elk's #265** to:  
Jerry Barth,  
45 Frances Ann Drive, Oakville, Ct. 06779



### WEDNESDAY MORNING GOLF LEAGUE TO LAUNCH 11TH SEASON

The Wednesday Morning Golf League will kick off its 11th season with practice rounds on Wednesday, April 16, April 23 and April 30 before beginning its matches on May 7 at the East Mountain Golf Course.

The league will again feature weekly matches with a mid-year cookout and a year-ending tournament and awards dinner.

All golfers who participated in the league last year, whether as a regular or substitute, are asked to call chairman **Jerry Di Pietro** at (203) 755-9169 and let him know of your intentions for the upcoming season. League dues will remain at \$90 per member and are due by April 1.

New golfers are asked to make an extra effort to play in the practice rounds so that an accurate handicap can be established.

### THURSDAY NIGHT GOLF LEAGUE MEETING

March 11, 6:00 P.M.

**BRING YOUR DUES - \$90.00**



Any questions call:

**Scott Lund:** 755-9207  
**Bill Derwin:** 558-4220  
**Dave Newell:** 525-8143

### FIESTA FOR RELAY

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo and help support the  
**Waterbury Elks Relay for Life Team.**

Saturday, May 3rd in the Brady Hall.

\$20.00 per person includes food and fiesta from 7 P.M. till 12 A.M.  
D.J. entertainment

Cash bar with drink specials / Silent Auction ~ 50/50 Raffle  
All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

Tickets available in the Rathskellar

For more information about Relay

Contact: **Melissa Burns** at (203) 518-2367



Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers-  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles

For golden happy hours-  
Shamrocks at your doorway

For luck and laughter too,

And a host of friends that never ends  
Each day your whole life through!



*Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side  
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying  
'tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide.*

*But come you back when summer's in the meadow  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow  
'tis I'll be there in sunshine or in shadow  
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.*

*And if you come, when all the flowers are dying  
And I am dead, as dead I well may be  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying  
And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me.*

*And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me  
And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be  
If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me  
I simply sleep in peace until you come to me.*



# Free for the takin' Irish Recipes

## Boxty

1/2 pound mashed potatoes  
 1/2 pound grated raw potatoes  
 1/2 pound flour  
 1 tbs baking powder  
 2 eggs  
 1/4 milk cup  
 salt

### Directions:

Mix all the ingredients, adding grated raw potatoes at the last moment. Drop the result with a spoon in a saucepan. Cook until turning golden brown, turning once (about 5 minutes per side). Fill with meat or vegetables.



## Colcannon

7-8 potatoes  
 1 cabbage  
 1 cup milk  
 A lot of butter  
 salt  
 pepper

### Directions:

Wash (without peeling) the potatoes and boil them in salt water. Chop the cabbage and boil it till tender. Peel the potatoes and mash them, adding milk. Add cabbage. Serve on a hot plate and pour melted butter on top.



## Irish Tea Cake

4 2/3 c all-purpose flour  
 2 1/2 c dried currants  
 2 1/2 t baking powder  
 1 1/2 c softened, butter  
 2 1/2 c sugar  
 3 T lemon juice  
 1 1/2 t vanilla  
 4 eggs  
 1/4 c milk  
 Glaze:  
 1 c sifted, confectioner' s sugar  
 1 T lemon juice, mixed with 2 t water

### Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease two loaf pans. Place the 2/3 c of flour in a bowl and mix in currants; set aside. Sift together remaining flour and baking powder. Beat together butter, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla; beat in eggs one at a time. Add sifted ingredients alternately with milk in 3 or 4 additions. Mix only to just combine. Fold in currants along with the coating flour. Spoon batter in prepared pans and smooth tops. Bake for 1 hour and 20 - 25 minutes or until loaves are lightly browned, springy to the touch and begin to pull away from sides of pan. Cool for 15 minutes and carefully turn out loaves from pans by loosening cakes around the edges with a spatula. Cool for one hour. Prepare glaze by whisking ingredients together until smooth. Place wax paper under cakes and drizzle glaze over the tops of each cake. Before glaze hardens, smooth glaze over cake tops with spatula and allow to



May the Irish hills caress you,  
 May her lakes and rivers bless you,  
 May the luck of the Irish enfold you,  
 May the blessings of God enfold you.



"May those who love us, love us  
 and those that don't love us, may  
 God turn their hearts:and if he  
 doesn't turn their hearts, may he  
 turn their ankles so we'll know them  
 by their limping."

# Free for the takin' Irish Recipes

## Irish Stew

2 pounds boned lamb  
8 onions  
2 pounds potatoes  
1 pint-1 pint 1/2 water  
thyme  
parsley  
salt  
pepper  
(optional):  
5 carrots  
1 pound cabbage

### Directions:

Cut the meat into chunks.  
Peel and slice the vegetables.  
Layer potatoes on the bottom of the pot, add onions and (if used) carrots and cabbage, herbs and meat.  
Add salt and pepper.  
Continue layering the ingredients until the pot is full.  
Pour water and cover with an aluminum foil (if cooked in oven).  
Put the pot in the oven (230F) or boil slowly for two hours.

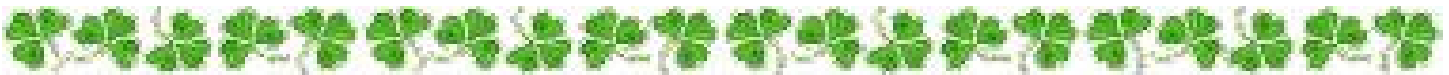


## Irish Soda Bread

3 1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
8-10 fluid ounces sour milk, or buttermilk

### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 450 F. Sift the dry ingredients together several times in a big bowl. Make a well in the center. Pour about three-quarters of the buttermilk or sour milk and begin to stir.  
Add more liquid sparingly if you need it- dough should be raggy, soft and dryish. Blend ingredients. Then knead dough, only for around half a minute. Shape the bread into a circular flat piece and put on a baking sheet (lightly dusted with flour).  
With a sharp knife cut a cross across the top. Place in oven. For the first 10 minutes at 450 F, then decrease to 400 F.



## Brown Irish Soda Bread

2 cups brown flour  
2 cups white flour  
1 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 cup milk

### Directions:

Mix dry ingredients together. Add milk to form a loose dough.  
Place dough on floured board and knead until smooth.  
Form into a round about 2 inches high and make a large X with a knife on top of it.  
Bake on greased baking sheet at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.



## Irish Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter.  
1 1/2 cups superfine sugar.  
1 egg.  
1 teaspoon vanilla.  
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour.  
1 teaspoon baking soda.  
1 teaspoon baking powder.  
1 1/4 cups McCann's Quick Cooking Irish Oatmeal.

### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.  
In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugar.  
Add the egg and vanilla.  
Stir in the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and oatmeal.  
Drop spoonfuls of the dough onto the prepared sheet, leaving space between. Bake 7 to 8 minutes, or until cookies are golden brown.  
Remove from baking sheet and cool. Makes 24 cookies.







## Relay For Life of Greater Waterbury, June 7-8, 2008

Each year, across the nation, one event brings together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. That event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. It's a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. Won't you join us this year and be a part of Relay? The event this year is at **CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**\*\*Please note venue change\*\*.**

Our team is signed up, so anyone who is interested in signing up can go to the following website:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeNewEnglandDivision?pg=entry&fr\\_id=7041](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeNewEnglandDivision?pg=entry&fr_id=7041)

Melissa Burns, Relay For Life Chairperson



**PASTA NIGHT**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
 (All items \$8.95)  
 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Chicken Canneloni  
 Grilled Chicken Alla Vodka  
 (plus many more new items added to menu)

**SEAFOOD NIGHT**  
**EVERY FRIDAY**  
 (All items \$13.95)  
 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Swordfish Scampi  
 Chicken Francaise  
 (plus many more new items added to menu)

**LUNCH**  
 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Tuesday thru Friday  
 Specials daily starting at \$5.95

**SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS**  
 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Full Menu Available

## Elks National Foundation Memorial



On January 8, 2007, we lost one of our members, **Andy Kitson**. **Andy** was a Vietnam Veteran, a dedicated member, a loyal friend, a loving husband, father and grandfather. We as Elks would like to honor **Andy** with a memorial to the Elks National Foundation. As **Andy** so strongly believed in the Elks and what it stands for, we thought this would be a great way to honor one of our fallen members.

We are looking to make a donation of \$1,000.00 so as to receive a plaque in his honor. We would like to present this plaque to his family at a dinner scheduled for sometime in March. We are asking that members donate to this fund by either submitting donations to a box that will be in the Rathskeller behind the bar or to one of the following members: **Claudia Wilson**, ENF Chairperson, or **Michelle Minicucci, PER**.

We thank you in advance for your support. As we know, "**Elks Care Elks Share**" and we hope you will join us in honoring **Andy** and his family. We will post a date in the near future as to when we will be having the dinner for his family to present this honor. We hope you can help us achieve our goal for **Andy**, any donation big or small is much appreciated and a step closer in reaching our goal. We thank you and appreciate everyone's support.

**Claudia Wilson**  
 ENF Chairperson

<b>AT HOME</b>		<b>SICK BOARD</b>	
<b>Ernie Deal</b>	<b>GLENDALE</b>	<b>ST MARY'S</b>	<b>GAYLORD</b>
<b>Ken Carter</b>	<b>Jerry Evon</b>	<b>Tom Sullivan</b>	<b>Charlie Guilbert</b>
<b>Don Goggins</b>			
<b>Dom Mascolo</b>			
<b>Mariangela Duprey</b>			



## WATERBURY LODGE No. 265, B.P.O. ELKS

The next regular session of Waterbury Lodge No. 265, B.P.O. Elks, will be held at the Lodge Room on Tuesday evening, March 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Exalted Ruler  
Jerry Dalmaso

### BUSINESS OF THE SESSION

Secretary  
John P. Clifford, PER, PDD



The following applications, having been duly elected to membership in this Lodge, are now eligible for initiation:

NAME	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS ADDRESS	PROPOSER
John Moynihan	sales	Charter Oak Dr. watertown	Eder Rd.; W. Haven	Charlotte Brady
Keith Jones	Judicial Marshall	Boyden Street	Grand Street	Scott Lund, Jr.
Robert Morrow, Jr	Maint. Electrician	Rocco Dr; Wolcott	Sharon Rd	Maurice Hernandez, PER
Michael Paonessa	E.M.T. Dispatcher	Whitecroft Lane	West Dover Street	Melissa Burns
Dorothy DiMaria	Retired	West hHill Rd; Thomaston		Pasquale DiMaria
Joyce A. Fournier	Retired	Yale Street		George Walters Jr.
William Schreier	Retired	Soucy Rd; Woodbury		Randy Sprague
Gwenne Spencer		Chapman Avenue		Charlotte Brady
Ronald Nitkowski	Sales	Highland Avenue		John & Diane Santopietro

### NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

### INDOCTRINATION

Tuesday - March 18, 2008



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



### NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

### SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday - March 25, 2008  
6:00 P.M.

For the purpose of Initiation  
Dinner to Follow

### CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

### TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS

### WHO WERE ELECTED FOR THE 2008-2009 LODGE YEAR

Exalted Ruler:	<b>WALLY MAKAREWICZ</b>
Esteemed Leading Knight:	<b>PATRICK KELLY</b>
Esteemed Loyal Knight:	<b>MICHAEL GANNON</b>
Esteemed Lecturing Knight:	<b>MANNY TIRADO</b>
Secretary:	<b>JONATHAN ARTHUR, DDGER</b>
Treasurer:	<b>PATRICK JENNINGS</b>
Tiler:	<b>MARLENE MADZEK</b>
5 Year Trustee	<b>RONALD BRODEUR</b>

### ALSO TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE EXALTED RULER-ELECT

Chaplain:	<b>JOE WILSON</b>
Inner Guard:	<b>MICHAEL MADZEK</b>
Organist:	<b>GERALD DIPIETRO</b>
Esquire:	<b>EARL EVON</b>

