

Michael A. Bonini

A 1980 graduate of Wilcox Technical High School, Michael Bonini attended Wallingford Public Schools throughout his elementary and middle school years. With a background in automotive technology and welding, he has been employed by Wallingford Tire and Auto since 1984, where he currently serves as Vice President. In 1988, Michael trained to become a scuba diving instructor at which point he earned certification as a dive trainer, earning many awards for his training skills. In 1999, he became a Master Mason of Temple Lodge #16 in Cheshire and was named the Master (leader) of the Lodge in 2009. In 1991, Michael Bonini joined the Wallingford Elks Lodge, becoming the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge in 2007 while serving on the House committee, overseeing the operations of the Lodge. Having served on virtually every committee with the Elks organization, he has served his constituency and the citizens of Wallingford with great honor. Michael has received the Elk of the Year award from the Wallingford Lodge and numerous high achievement awards from the Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks USA. The President of the United States bestowed the Presidential Award for Volunteerism on Michael. In 2012, he was appointed as Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Elks' Grand Lodge. That position led to Michael's election as President of the Connecticut Elks Association in 2019.