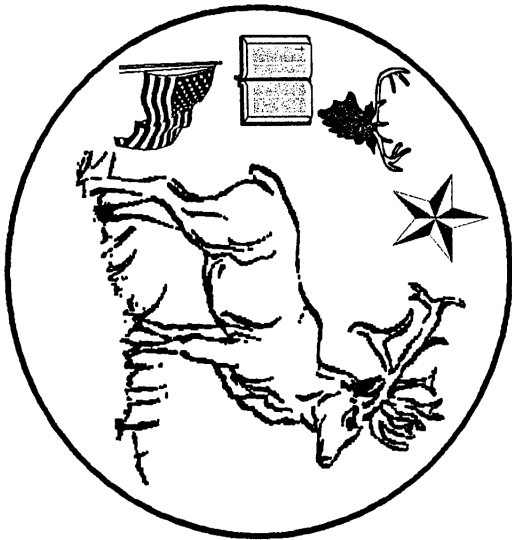
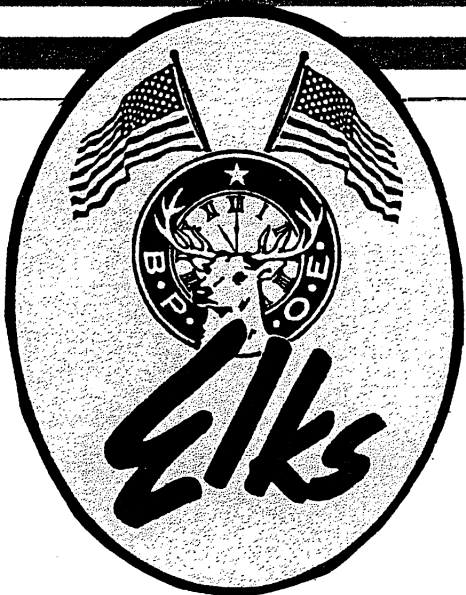
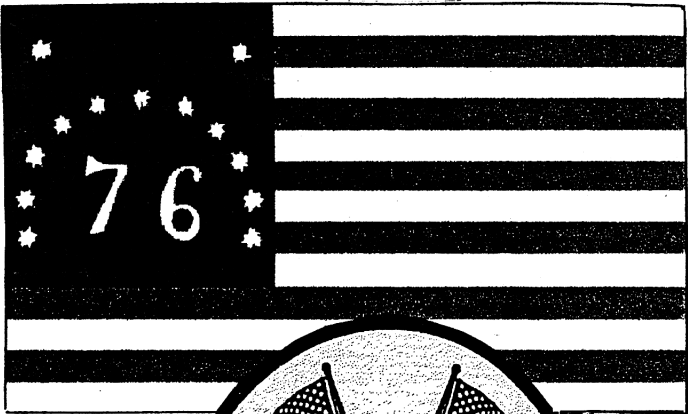


# BENNINGTON ELKS

LODGE NO. 567



"BIRTHPLACE OF VERMONT HOSPITALITY"



**BENNINGTON LODGE No. 567**  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
PO. Box 316  
Bennington, VT 05201

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Bennington, VT  
Permit No. 149

Please Support Our Sponsors

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Loomis Auto Exchange<br>133 Northside Drive<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-447-2226  | <br><b>RCL Building and Renovation LLC</b><br>Ryan Lewis, owner<br>ryan@rclbr.com 802-688-3566 |
| KCM Oil - Fuel Oil<br>Mike Greene Plumbing & Heating LLC<br>983 Vt. Rt. 7A<br>Shaftsbury, VT 05262<br>802-681-7039<br>kcmoil983@gmail.com                                    | E.P. Mahar & Son, Inc. Funeral Home<br>628 Main Street<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-442-2516  |
| <br><b>Wells Builders</b><br>General Contracting<br>940-232-6435<br>www.wellsbuildersllc.com | A & M Printers<br>32 East Main Street<br>Cambridge, NY<br>518-677-5496  |
| K. James Malady, III, Esq.<br>120 Elm Street<br>Bennington, VT 05201<br>802-442-8549   | Cross Apartment Rentals<br>638 Main Street<br>Bennington, VT 05201<br>802-442-6033  |
| Coal Connection LLC<br>105 Gage Street<br><i>Call today for Blaschak anthracite heating coal</i><br>(802) 375-4382   | Jason P. Morrissey, Esq.<br>Attorney at Law<br>217 Union Street<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-442-0400   |
| Eagle Hose Auto Service<br>909 East Main Street<br>Bennington VT 05201<br>802-442-6125<br><i>General Auto Service/Repairs</i>  | <br><b>GREATER HEIGHTS</b><br><b>TREE AND LAND MANAGEMENT INC.</b><br><b>802-823-5673</b>    |
| K-9 BONZZ, Specialty Dog Biscuits<br>Bennington, VT<br><b>802-440-9657</b><br><b>802-375-3188</b>  | Hanson-Walbridge & Shea<br>Funeral & Cremation Service<br>213 West Main Street<br>Bennington, VT<br>www.sheafuneralhomes.com  |

Please Support Our Sponsors

|   |  |
|---|--|
| WCW Carpet Warehouse<br>Steve Bellemare, Manager<br>211 River Street<br>Bennington VT, 05201<br>802-447-1166  | ROBERT GREENE, INC<br>675 North Branch St.<br>Bennington VT 05201<br>(802) 442-2705<br>FUEL OIL-KEROSENE<br><i>Complete Burner Service</i> |
| Rick Klein<br><br><b>STAND for the FLAG</b><br><b>KNEEL for the CROSS</b>  | Vermont Roofing Co., Inc.<br>Harwood Hill<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-442-2899  |
| Jerome Construction<br>West Road<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-442-9525  | Different Strokes Paints & Decorating<br>219 BenMont Avenue<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-442-5563  |
| Hollis Hill Flooring, Inc<br>Hardwood Floors<br>802-379-1966  | Bennington House of Tile and Carpet<br>1267 Harwood Hill<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-442-2494   |
| <br><b>VERMONT</b><br>ALL STAR FOOTBALL CAMPS<br>vermontfootballcamps.com | The Gift Garden<br>Unique Flowers and Gifts<br>431 Main St.<br>Bennington, VT 05201<br>802-447-7222  |
| Perrott Realty<br>160 Benmont Ave. Suite 18<br>Vermont Mill Property<br>Bennington, VT 05201<br>O: 802-442-8366 C: 802-733-7888                               | Miles Fuels<br>178 Chittenden Drive<br>Arlington, VT<br>802-375-2530   |
| Timothy J. Nichols & Son<br>Plumbing & Heating<br>26 East Street<br>Bennington, VT<br>802-688-6192  | C. L. White Glass, Inc.<br>105 Gage Street<br>Bennington, VT 05201<br>802-442-3155   |

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS-COMING EVENTS APRIL- MAY 2024

Every Monday Bingo  
Every Friday – Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm  
Every Saturday- \$2 Book Drawing 8pm  
Wednesday April 3- Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm  
Saturday April 6- Installation of Officers 4pm, cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm  
Tuesday April 9- BOD meets 6:30pm/ Regular Meeting 8pm  
Tuesday April 16- Steak Night Doors open 6:15pm serving 6:30pm  
Friday April 19-3rd Friday Lunch 12-1:30pm  
Tuesday April 23- Trustees Meet 6:30pm/ Regular Meeting 8pm  
Friday April 26- Vermont Steak House Night  
Wednesday May 1- Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm  
Sunday May 5- Veteran's Dinner at the Lodge  
Sunday May 12- Mother's Day Breakfast 8-10am  
Tuesday May 14- BOD Meets 6:30pm/ Regular Meeting 8pm  
Friday May 17- 3rd Friday Lunch 12-1:30pm  
Saturday May 18- VEAS Golf Tournament  
Tuesday May 21- Steak Night Doors open 6:15pm Serving 6:30pm  
Friday May 24- Wing Night- 4pm until sold out  
Tuesday May 28- Trustees Meet 6:30pm/ Regular Meeting 8pm  
Saturday June 1- Silver Towers Camp cleanup day, sign up early  
Sunday June 16- Father's Day Breakfast 8-10am  
Friday June 21- Third Friday Lunch 12-1:30pm

## VETERANS REPORT

On Sunday March 10th, the Veteran's enjoyed a fun day of cards and wheel spinning, during the annual Las Vegas Day at the Veteran's home. This was made possible by volunteers of- Tom, Mike, Shawn, River & Wilder Kinney, Dave & Cindy Maroney, Gary, Kitty, Ryan, & Parker Lewis, Scott, Melinda, Dane & Jase Dickie, Greg, Lori & Haley Pinsonneault, Ryan Nolin, Kelly Shaw, Joe Baity, Joe Crawford and many Vet's home employees all working together. Great prizes were given for all the participating Veteran's. Our next event will be the Veteran's dinner at the Elks Lodge on Sunday May 5th: If you are interested in volunteering contact Gary 802-379-6214 or Mike 802-375-3897.

## STEAK NIGHTS APRIL- MAY 2024

**April 16 and May 21-** don't miss this event, it is the best dinner and the best value, enjoy it with the Best People On Earth (BPOE) The menu starts with a fresh garden salad, choice of dressings, a dinner roll, next a prime steak prepared to your order, comes with a baked potato, sour cream, butter and a hot vegetable, all this still only \$15, in the kitchen for April will be Fred Gilbar and team, in May it will be the Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge.  
**On the Desk:** April- Carol and Nick, May- Kathy and Rich, June- Carol and Nick, July- Kate and Bill, August- Carol and Nick, September- Kathy and Rich, October- Carol and Nick, November- Kate and Bill, December – Carol and Nick  
**See you at Steak Night !!**

## APRIL ER MESSAGE

I am excited to embark on helping the lodge as an ER again this year. We have a fairly new slate of officers in Haley Pinsonneault and Kathleen Wilkinson along with returning officer Melvin Mills. Alec Nicol will move from the Inner guard position to Chaplin and we have Joe Heushchket as the new Inner guard. Rob Poblocki (PER, POD) will stay in the position of Esquire. Fred Gilbar will move over to lodge Trustee and serve as this year State President and Greg will slide into the role of Treasurer. This hopefully will set up our organization in years to come for new leadership and ideas.

We all owe Greg Pinsonneault and his slate of officers a debt of gratitude for the past year. They met all the Grand Lodge obligations including Flag Day and the Memorial service. They presented the Drug awareness vehicle and important information at many local events. The youth activities team was able to deliver much needed funding to sports and area clubs. The State Soccer shoot was incredibly successful, sending three young athletes to the New England Finals. The Hoop shoot had a great turn out and went on to face some tough competition at the southern district finals in Springfield Vermont. We were able to meet this year's Silver towers assessment along with exceeding the Grand lodge ENF goal this year.

As always Greg was a hands-on leader not only assuming the role of ER again he also along with Lori and Don managed to perform the role of Treasurer at various stages throughout the year. He dedicated time to our weekly bingo, which helps the State Major project Silver Towers. Continued his monthly position on the Wednesday night fish team which is a lead fundraiser for ENF. Assisted his family in their annual Steakhouse dinner in April. Lead our Ritual team in practices this year with the finals coming in mid April. This is just a small sampling of the things Greg has done.

Faternally, Kelly

## ELKS NATION AL FOUNDATION NEWS APRIL- MAY 2024

The Elks fiscal year 2023-24 has ended and it was a pretty good year! Our total donations were \$7,906.85 and we had 202 donors. So the good news is we came very close to our goal of \$8,000. In donations but fell short of our goal of 230 donors. We received \$9,000.00 in ENF Grants and these help us make generous donations to local charities and help us with various projects such as the annual Community Thanksgiving, Scholarships, Youth Activities, Silver Towers and more.

Thank you to all that have donated this year, you exemplify the Elks motto "Elks Care-Elks Share" If you didn't donate this past year, please consider making a donation this year. Our goal for 2024-25 is \$8,400 in donations with 230 donors, let's all pull together and we can do it !!

Thank you—Charlie Boyle, ENF Fundraising Chair

## Lodge Officers 2024-2025

### Bennington Elks Lodge

125 Washington Avenue Bennington, VT 05201

802-442-2736      [www.benningtonelks.org](http://www.benningtonelks.org)

Exalted Ruler----- Kelly F. Kervan , PER, PDD  
Esteemed Leading Knight ----- Haley Pinsonneault  
Esteemed Loyal Knight ----- Melvin Mills  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight ----- Kathleen Wilkinson  
Secretary ----- Kristen Lewis  
Treasurer ----- Gregory A. Pinsonneault, PER, PDD  
Inner Guard ----- Joseph Heuschkel  
Tiler ----- Vacant  
Esquire ----- Robert P. Poblocki, PER, PDD  
Chaplain ----- Alexander Nicol  
Trustee ----- Charles F. Boyle, PER  
Trustee ----- David Woodward  
Trustee ----- Thomas P. Kinney, Jr. PER  
Trustee ----- Frederick C. Gilbar, PER  
Trustee ----- Vacant  
State Trustee ----- Ruth Rudnick

## SECRETARY MESSAGE APRIL-MAY 2024

Hello Members,

I hope this bulletin finds everyone well ! Welcome to the new 2024-2025 Lodge Year ! Thank you to our Officers, Trustees & Volunteers who helped the Lodge this past year. I look forward to working with our new group for their upcoming year!

If you have not paid your dues, please get them in! As of 4/2/24 you are considered delinquent as dues are payable for the year—in advance. Members are \$80-, Life Members are \$40.

If you have any questions regarding membership or if you need your mailing address and/or contact information changed, please let me know by sending and email to my attention to [bennelks567@gmail.com](mailto:bennelks567@gmail.com)

Fraternally,

Kristen Lewis, Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM

James E. Foster, LM

*“ Until the hour of eleven shall regularly return”*

Bennington Lodge Website - [www.benningtonelks.org](http://www.benningtonelks.org)

You will find a lot of interesting information. Misplaced your bulletin?

It's on the website. Let us know if there is information that you would like to see.

## Scholarship Winners Announcement!

Dear Families,

Pass on the message!

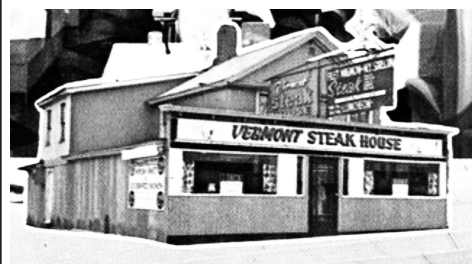
The Most Valuable Student Scholarship application winners have been announced. It is my pleasure to share that four out of our seventeen applicants have been awarded a scholarship from the State of Vermont, or have been promoted to the National Scholarship contest! This year one student from Mount Anthony will be receiving a State Scholarship up to \$1000, and three students are awaiting Scholarship awards from the Elks National Foundation (ENF). If you see the following students around Southern Vermont please say Congratulations! The following Scholarship winners are: R. Thurber, A. Palisano, J. Fang, and O. Emmons. We are so proud of our Seniors!

Don't miss out on reading more updates in our bulletins!

Hayley Weissman

Scholarship Chair

## VERMONT STEAK HOUSE NIGHT



**Friday, April 26th**  
**Bennington Elks Lodge**  
Rib Eye Steak with Onion Rings  
& Baked Potato  
OR Parmesan Encrusted  
Chicken with Rice Pilaf  
Dinner includes RELISH TRAY items!

*Relish Tray items will also be available for purchase at the event with no dinner purchase required.*

**\$30/pp donation.**

**Choice of seating: 5-6:30 or 7-8. TO GO meals also available.**

**Get your tickets today at the lodge!**

*This is a fundraising event for Bennington's Cancer Crusaders, Turning Point Center of Bennington and VT Elks Assoc. State Project Silver Towers Camp for People with Disabilities.*



## Mark Your Calendars!

**Mother's & Father's Day Breakfasts! 8:00-10:00 a.m.**

**Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th**  
**Mothers & Children Under 5 Eat Free!**

**Father's Day Sunday, June 16th**  
**Fathers & Children Under 5 Eat Free!**



**Children 5-10: \$6. Children 11 through Adult: \$12.00**  
**Members & Qualified Guests.**

## DON'S CORNER- APRIL-MAY 2024

*Hi everyone! Welcome to my corner!*

Well, if you have been around the Lodge lately, you will have seen some new improvements. Thanks to Paul Rice and Kevin Golembeski we have 2 new televisions mounted over the beverage cooler.

Also, thanks to Tom Kinney we have 2 new cushy barstools to try out for a short period of time to see if they will hold up to our punishment. If they do, we will be ordering more.

So, come on down and check out our new stuff, have a beverage and some good conversations. Also watch for the new additions coming soon.

*Every day is a good day at the lodge!*

Lodge steward, Don Roy

**BIRTHDAY?- Fill out the card shown below on your Birthday**  
**and present it to the Bartender**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

## Coming Soon !!

**The Bennington Elks Golf League !!**  
**Look for sign-up sheets at the Lodge**

## WING NIGHT

**Friday, April 26: NO WINGS!**

**Join us for Vermont Steak House Night**

**Friday, May 24th: WINGS!**

**4pm until sold out**

**"I SAY! I SAY!"**

**Run on down to Bennington Elks Lodge for GREAT WINGS!**

*Available for purchase to Members and Qualified Guests*



## INSTALLATION OF 2024-2025 OFFICERS

**FOLLOWED BY JIMMY P'S FAMOUS**

**ROAST PORK DINNER**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6TH**

**4:00 p.m. Installation**

**5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner and Music**

## MESSAGE FROM RETIRING ER SPRING GREETINGS!

As my year as your Exalted Ruler winds down, I am reflecting on all those who have made this a great year for our lodge. Our officers and volunteers are top notch, our chairpersons have done a bang-up job, and our members have participated in so many events! Thanks to all of you for making it an excellent year! A very special thank you to our social committee, Ruthie & Freddie Gilbar, Joe Heuschkel, Kristin & Kelly Kervan, Linda Oslizlo, Tammy & Don Roy, and my bride Lori.

I know I am leaving the lodge in good hands with Kelly Kervan serving as your next Exalted Ruler. I appreciate the new officers stepping up to serve our lodge, and the officers staying on too! There are some good changes coming our way with this new leadership! Thank you and congratulations to the 2024-2025 leadership team! If you haven't had the chance to help out, I invite you to get involved. Please see me, one of your officers, or a committee chairperson to let us know what you would like to do. Opportunities include Veteran's Services, Youth Activities (soccer shoot, hoop shoot), cleaners and contractors for work at Silver Towers Camp for People with Disabilities, and kitchen and bingo helpers...to name only a few! Arthur Ashe said, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." I promise, you'll get back more than you put in -and you are needed.

Congratulations to our own Freddie Gilbar who will be serving as the Vermont Elks Association State President beginning May 19th through May 2025. I know you and First Lady Ruthie will make us proud!

Thanks for the honor of serving as your Exalted Ruler this year. All the best and see you around the lodge!

*Fraternally Yours, Greg P.*

## Wednesday Night Dinner for ENF

**Always the first Wednesday of each month.**

This is a monthly dinner, your choices include, Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Oven Roasted half chicken (from Henry's Market), scalloped or French Fried potatoes, Cole slaw, Clam Chowder, cookies and coffee. Only \$10. Doors open 5:15 serving starts 5:30. This is open to all and benefits Veteran's Programs and Scholarships through Elks National Foundation. Eat in or take out.

**Wednesday April 3- Wednesday May 1** always the first Wednesday of each month

***A great dinner, a great price and a great cause, see you there !***

## Bingo Schedule

Chairperson: Jesse THE BINGO King  
Coffee- Don Roy & Bruce Weaver  
Break Opens- Alice Stearns

### Floor

Tom Kinney  
Jessie King \*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Ruth Rudnick

Joyce Grusaky\*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Tom Kinney  
Ruth Rudnick

Greg Pinsonneault\*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Tom Kinney  
Brant Young  
Ruth Rudnick

Greg Pinsonneault\*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Tom Kinney  
Ruth Rudnick

\* Callers, if you cannot work your night, please find a replacement

### Kitchen

**Team 1**  
**April 1 & April 29**  
**May 27**  
Kevin Durocher  
Scott Racicot  
Joe Smith

**Team 2**  
**April 8 & May 6**  
Mike Brush  
Doug Woodard  
Jon Kenyon

**Team 3**  
**April 15 & May 13**  
Lori Pinsonneault  
David Woodward  
Greg Pinsonneault  
Bill James

**Team 4**  
**April 22 & May 20**  
Travis Racicot  
Richard Pembroke III  
Ryan Bull

## THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHES

Friday, April 19th • Friday, May 17th • Friday, June 21st

Serving noon- 1:30pm (or till gone)  
\$10/ person – eat in or take out- all are welcome

## SILVER TOWERS CAMP CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, June 1st

Join in the fun! Lunch &  
Refreshment Included!  
Families invited to help!  
We'll Car-Pool from the lodge.

Please sign up today!



## April 2024

| Sun | Mon                | Tue   | Wed  | Thu | Fri  | Sat  |
|-----|--------------------|---|--|-----|--|--|
|     | 1<br>Bingo Team 1  | 2   | 3<br>Fish or Chicken<br>Dinner for ENF<br>5:30pm | 4   | 5<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm                                  | 6<br>Installation of<br>Officers 4pm<br>Cocktails 5pm<br>Dinner 6pm<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm |
| 7   | 8<br>Bingo Team 2  | 9<br>BOD meets<br>6:30pm Regular<br>Meeting<br>8pm              | 10   | 11  | 12<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm                                 | 13<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm  |
| 14  | 15<br>Bingo Team 3 | 16<br>Steak Night<br>Doors open at<br>6:15 Serving at<br>6:30pm | 17   | 18  | 19<br>3rd Friday<br>Lunch 12-1:30<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm  | 20<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm  |
| 21  | 22<br>Bingo Team 4 | 23<br>Trustees Meet<br>6:30pm<br>Regular Meeting<br>8pm         | 24   | 25  | 26<br>Vermont Steak<br>House Night<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm | 27<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm  |
| 28  | 29<br>Bingo Team 1 | 30  |  |     |  |  |

## May 2024

| Sun                                       | Mon                | Tue   | Wed  | Thu | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|--------------------|---|--|-----|--|---|
|   |                    |   | 1<br>Fish or Chicken<br>Dinner for ENF<br>5:30pm | 2   | 3<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm                                  | 4<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm                            |
| 5<br>Veteran's Dinner<br>at the Lodge     | 6<br>Bingo Team 2  | 7   | 8  | 9   | 10<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm                                 | 11<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm                           |
| 12<br>Mother's Day<br>Breakfast<br>8-10am | 13<br>Bingo Team 3 | 14<br>BOD meets<br>6:30pm Regular<br>Meeting<br>8pm             | 15   | 16  | 17<br>3rd Friday<br>Lunch 12-1:30<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm  | 18<br>VEA Golf<br>Tournament<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm |
| 19  | 20<br>Bingo Team 4 | 21<br>Steak Night<br>Doors open at<br>6:15 Serving at<br>6:30pm | 22   | 23  | 24<br>Wing Night 4pm<br>until gone<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm | 25<br>\$2 Book<br>Drawing 8pm                           |
| 26  | 27<br>Bingo Team 1 | 28<br>Trustees Meet<br>6:30pm<br>Regular Meeting<br>8pm         | 29   | 30  | 31<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Drawing 6pm                                 |   |

**E-MAIL [bennelks567@gmail.com](mailto:bennelks567@gmail.com) TO RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN  
AND REMINDERS VIA E-MAIL!**

**FACEBOOK- LOOK UP "BENNINGTON LODGE # 567"**  
become a member on our facebook page. We post events and news on Facebook.