LODGE MEETINGS: 7:00 pm

First and Third Tuesday
(July & August Third Tuesday only)

Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler - Kimberly Aumand
Leading Knight - Jesse Smart
Loyal Knight - Richard Aumand II
Lecturing Knight - Eliza Sherrod
Secretary - George Bennett PER
Treasurer - Cheryl Baraby
Chaplain - Brenda Thompson
Esquire - Mary Moore
Inner Guard - Ric Aumand
Tiler - Bill Troy

Trustees:

Steve Thompson PER
Jerry Baraby PER
Dave Smith
Bill Hammond
Pat Kiniry PER

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

House Committee:

Michael Hall- Chair
Pam Patnode - Secretary
Brenda Thompson
Cheryl Baraby
Tim Bashaw
Ray Monty
Meetings: Last Wednesday of
each month at 6:15 pm

Lodge Hours:

Monday - Thursday 3pm - 8pm* Friday & Saturday 12pm - 9pm* Sunday 12:00pm - 7pm* *bartender discretion

Emblem Club:

Meetings: Second Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm

PER Meetings:

Last Monday on even months 7:00 pm

Lodge #1619

Bellows Falls

JAN/FEB 2024



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2023-24 Exalted Ruler

Kimberly Aumand



Greetings Fellow Elks,

Happy New Year BPOE #1619 members!! Hope everyone has a wonderful healthy and Happy New Year.

It is hard to believe it Is $\,$ January. Time has flown by so fast as Exalted Ruler.

Attached are the updated by-law changes. The vote will be on February 20th at the monthly meeting at 7 PM.

The kids' Christmas party was a great success Santa Claus was in the house and he made the children feel so special.

The lodge had a Frosty Fest Raffle that was a great turnout at our lodge. Lots of money was raised for a dishwasher behind the bar. Thank you to all who donated and contributed with their time and efforts for this wonderful fundraiser.

The lodge is having a Boston Bruins Raffle for 3 seats for the Monday night March 11th game. Stop in and see your bartenders to purchase these tickets they are \$10 each and only 200 are being sold. All proceeds go towards scholarships.

Voting of officers for 2024-2025 will also be on February 20th at the monthly meeting.

The Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 11th. Jesse Smart will be having lots of food that day, come on in and enjoy. Please remember the food on Super Bowl Sunday is for the \$100 square holders.

The Member Appreciation Day went very well! Many were in attendance. Thank you to all who helped out and contributed their time and efforts to this event.

The gun raffle of 31 guns in 31 days based on the pick 3 VT evening numbers is underway. What a successful fundraiser this is for our lodge. Thank you to Dave Smith and all who have contributed their time and efforts in making this fundraiser a success.

In closing, please feel free to reach out to me in matters concerning the lodge: Kim102266@yahoo.com

Fraternally,

Kimberly Aumand Exalted Ruler

Secretary's Corner

Dues notices will set out shortly from Grand Lodge. This will be a significant savings to our Lodge. The Grand Lodge assessment will increase to \$39.00 due to an insurance increase due to over-serving at the Clubs.

We have 23 delinquent Members. Check the list by the door to see if you know anybody. Reach out and ask them to pay their dues. There are several Life Members that have not responded to dues notices.

Nomination of Officers will be held on February 6th with elections being held on February 20th. Any interested Members should attend.

Reminder: Please inform the secretary of any address changes. (email or mailing), Email addresses will help members receive newsletters faster. Please let the secretary know either by sending a letter or email to kgbennett74@gmail.com

Weekly Draw

Queen of Spades Draw on Mondays at 6:30 pm

Wednesday's 6 pm Saturday's 7 pm

Red Shirt Friday for Veterans

Wear a red shirt to the lodge and your name will be entered into a drawing for a gift!

Bingo

Every other Wednesday at 5 pm starting 1/31 for the remainder of the winter.

BPOE #1619 shirts are for sale at the lodge for \$20

Upcoming Events:

Shuffle Board Tournaments!!

Starting in February on Friday nights @ 6 pm.

\$5 per person

Be there by 5:45 to sign up and have fun with other Elk members for the winter.

You must be an Elk Member or signed in as a guest by an Elk member to participate!!

Joesph DiBernardo has volunteered to be in charge of the tournament and we appreciate that a lot!!

You just need to sign up and names will be random draws to make the teams.

Elks

Available Raffles!









PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Article IV: Meetings, Section 1

Meetings to be held on the Tuesday of the month except February, March, and April will be held on the first and third Tuesday.

Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Section 4
Secretary Compensation: \$6,000.00 per annum, payable quarterly

Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Section 5 Treasurer Compensation: \$6,000.00 per annum, payable quarterly

Article VI: Appointive Positions and Duties. Section 4
Compensation for Tiler is 0.

Article IX: Club Operations and Management, Section 1
A Governing Body consisting of the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing
Knight, Trustees of the Lodge, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 1
The initiation fee will be reduced to \$1.00 for the months of June and December.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 4
The reinstatement fee will be reduced to \$1.00 for the months of June and December.

PROPOSED HOUSE RULE CHANGES

Anywhere it states House Committee will be changed to Governing Body.

- 4. The Club Rooms will be opened per order of the Lodge Governing Body, except when functions permit longer hours.

 Opening and closing hours may be governed by Vermont statutes or as the Lodge shall direct.
 - 16. No property of the Lodge will be loaned out for any reason.
 - 26. Checks will be cashed up to \$100.00 per day.
- 32. Addition of: At the first meeting in April, after the Exalted Ruler opens the meeting. The first order of business is to elect a chairperson & and secretary. The chairperson assumes control of the meeting at this time. Elections are held at the first meeting in April.

The re-vote on these proposed changes will be on February 20th at our meeting. The salary changes were not included in the first set of changes.

B.P.O.E. #1619 50th ANNUAL PER/OLD TIMER'S DAY

The annual PER/Old Timer's Day will not be held this year due to the lack of participation of PERs.

Pins will be mailed out to Members listed below.

LIFE MEMBERS

Steven Brode R. Scott Burns Timothy Johnson Robert Lockerby Forest Robinson Ralph Russell, Jr. Peter Sheldon Steven Thompson, PER

65 YEARS

Richard Gay Hon. Thomas Salmon, PER

60 YFARS

Delmer Bush William Griffin Leo Howell Peter Howell Albin Johnson

55 YEARS

Gordon Bush James Karter Pearson Dawkins, PER, PDDGER Joel Long Robert Mark Walter Oakes

50 YEARS

David Buckley Elmo Cloutier Harold Dompier
Dr. Walter Griffiths Kent Haskell Robert Kimball, PER, PSP
George Lucia Michael Obuchowski J. Malcolm Potter

45 YEARS

Mark Chisamore Umberto Dibernardo Leslie White

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40 YEARS

Ronald Cole Maurice Harty Peter Lumbra John Price, PER Morris Putnam, PER, PSP Gary Stoddard Edward Vancor

35 YEARS

Keith Belcher Gerald Dennis Charles Lynch John Morley

30 YEARS

Steven Brode Ronald Falzo Martin Hill Timothy Johnson Mark Pebbles Forest Robinson

> 25 YEARS Wayne Palmer





February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Red Shirt Friday	3 7pm Drawing
4	5	6 7pm Lodge Meeting	7 6pm Drawing	8 7pm Trustee Meeting	9 Red Shirt Friday	10 7pm Drawing
11	12	13 6pm Emblem Club	5pm Bingo 6pm Drawing	15	16 Red Shirt Friday	17 7pm Drawing
18	19	7pm Lodge Meeting	21 6pm Drawing	22	23 Red Shirt Friday	7pm Drawing
25	7pm PER Meeting	27	5pm Bingo 6pm Drawing 6:15 House Committee	29		

