

Brattleboro Lodge of Elks No. 1499 February 2024

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CLUB HOURS Mon.- Sat. 11-9 / Sun. 11-8



Exalted Ruler's Message

We are starting off 2024 with a bang. Sixteen new members were initiated into our club on January 10th. Outstanding job done by all the officers. Special shout out to Barb Wallace for filling in for me during one of our biggest initiations we have done.

January was a big month for dinners. The Gouger pork dinner was a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping and thank you Jeff Gouger for a job well done. Ken Parsons, Chicken Cordon Bleu was an amazing success. Ken and his crew put out 130 dinners. Outstanding. Thank you, Ken Parsons and crew. January 19th was Nationality Night. This one was Italian night and is always one of the best put on by the Spenos. We will close out January with wings on the 26th. Always a hit.

The District Hoopshoot was on the 13th and went very well. We had three Brattleboro kids move on to the state competition. Congratulations to Collin Gaines, Briar Cutting, and Olivia Rodgers on moving on in your age groups. Good Luck to all.

Nancy continues to run continuous raffles. So, keep an eye out for those.

We are getting more people involved with dinners and that is awesome. Let's keep up the good work of volunteering. We are also getting more people putting on dinner also. This is so great.

Let's keep doing what we are doing because it works. We are on the right track to be the number one club in the state. We are in my book. Keep up the good work.

Jeff, ER

Happenings:



Lodge of Sorrow

"The faults of our members we write upon the sands; their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

James L. Wood, LM

Born: January 7, 1924

Initiated: February 13, 1952

Passed away: December 8, 2023

H. William Nelson, LM

Born: January 15, 1947

Initiated: February 7, 1968

Passed away: January 4, 2024



Propositions for Membership

Debra Heller proposed by Lisa Johnson
Susan DeMatteis proposed by Ralph Buchanan
Cindy Eaton proposed by Ralph Buchanan
Joseph Mialkowski proposed by Justin Howard
Morgan Derosia proposed by Kelly Derosia
Tanner Luopa proposed by James Derosia
Dennis Richter proposed by Ken Parsons
Charles Kent proposed by Ralph Buchanan



On Jan 10, 2024 we initiated 16 new members.
Please give them a warm wELKome!

1st Row: Adam Ziegner, Barbara Kempf, Donald Stone, Kaleigh Richardson, Jessica Fellows, Richard Pollica, Ethan Page
2nd Row: Lawrence Bober, Troy Sargent, Kimberly Gibowicz, Philip Kempf, Karen Bergstrom, Thomas Castano, Steven Golledge, Patricia Gilbert, Mark Golledge

Note: Nationality Night (Mexican) will be on the 4th Friday of the month for February only due to a scheduling conflict

From The House

We are always looking for people to host a dinner. Anyone that is interested can talk to Nancy or anyone of us on the House Committee.

We have members that are stepping up to the challenge. Heather Brown will be doing her first dinner in February and Alex Johnson and his crew will be taking over Kenny Parson's Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner that we have enjoyed for so many years. Thank you Kenny.

Please come out to support these new volunteers!

Meals:

February 2 Ssausage Grinders with French Fries
Hosted by the House Committee

February 9 Lasagna with salad and garlic bread
Hosted by Heather Brown

February 16 Wings hosted by House Committee

February 21 Rotary Trivia Night, meal TBD

February 23 Mexican Night Hosted by Tiffany Stanley

Raffles:

Nancy continues to run raffles which benefit our Elks Charities and members of our community. Thank you Nancy and all who continue to support our Lodge and the Charities that we support. You have proven that "Elks Care, Elks Share."

Thank you, Frank

Recent Donation

David's House \$450.00

Americanism Committee Update:

The theme of the 2023-2024 Americanism Essay Contest was "What The Bill of Rights Mean to Me". Students from Oak Grove Elementary and the Brattleboro Area Middle School submitted essays. Several lodge members helped score the submissions: Kate Rabideau-Chair, Jil MacMe-namin, Pete Randall, Patty Walior, Lisa Johnson, Missy McAuliffe, and Barb Barrett.

The three top scoring essays from the Oak Grove Elementary fifth grade were written by Peyton McTaggart, Bethany Lang, and Pay-ton Loomis. Division winners from the BAMS seventh grade were Wren Magee, Ryan Lin, and Dasan Severance. All six essays will be submitted to the state essay contest which will happen in the next few months. All local participants who submitted essays will receive certificates and tokens of appreciation from our lodge.

NATIONAL AND STATE ELKS' SCHOLARSHIPS; AWARDS; AND GRANTS AVAILABLE

For further information:
Visit: www.elks.org/enf/scholars
Email: scholarship@elks.org

For questions, contact: Gene Whitney
P: (802) 380-2660
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ENF LEGACY AWARDS

These are available to children or grandchildren of members of the Elks in good standing only. The applications must be completed online. The deadline for this application is **February 5, 2024**.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

These are grants for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Applications are available from May 1 to November 2. Access the application online.

ROGER SHERIDAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to a senior girl and boy who plan to major in physical education or a related field. These scholarships are sponsored through the Vermont Elks Association and applications are due **February 1, 2024** and distributed by request.

BRATTLEBORO ELKS' SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Male or female high school senior who wishes to further his/her education. Applicant must be a student at Brattleboro UHS, Hinsdale HS, Leland & Gray UHS, or Twin Valley UHS. The student should be accepted to a College, Technical School, or University. Deadlines is **April 5, 2024**.

EARL CAVANAGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Male or female student **currently** enrolled in a University, Technical School, or College. The applicant must be a child or grand-child of a member, or is a member, **in good standing**, of Brattleboro Elks' Lodge #1499. Deadline is **April 5, 2024**.



February 2024 Calendar of Events

Looking for a way to support the lodge? Volunteer at one of the dinners or events.
We are always in need of volunteers.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 James Freeman Timothy Kerylow Kerri Machado Dana C Zelenakas	2 Sausage Grinders with French Fries By House Committee Lisa Flannery Charles A Sherwin	3 Randy Clark
4 Donald W Fletcher	5 Michael Paul Ronald H Zumbruski	6 Jeffrey Dixon Steven C Lafreniere Teri Lynn Sherman	7	8 Robert Cornellier Eugene R Frost III Kenneth F Guthrie Elaine H Lane Kenneth R Swanger	9 Lasagna with Salad and Garlic Bread by Heather Brown John P MacDonald David J Manch Russell D Pritting Alyson Squires	10 Jason Macie Alison Marino Timothy A Martel
11 Kris H Bishop Andrea Freeman	12 Doreen Boyer Ryan Boyle Lucie Fortier Kimberly Price	13 Keagan Jameson Michael E Scott Adam Smith	14 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	15 Joseph C Aldrich Jr. Allan Dacey Nathan S Rupard	16 Wings by House Committee Douglas W Howard Casandra Martin Steven Moore Sr.	17 David Albert John P Wells
18 Robert J Henry Elias Zumbruski	19 Philip Rancourt	20 Brian Casey Tara Cheney Richard K Davenport Erin George Arnold P Williams	21 Rotary Trivia Night Meal TBD Raymond J Doyle Richard E Michelman	22 Peter A Fletcher Catherine Kaufmann	23 Mexican Night by Tiffany Stanley Michael Dixon Douglas Taylor	24 Peter Lynch Robert P McCarthy Dana Nelson
25 Old Timer's Day 11:00 am Elizabeth Hastings	26 Marilyn Buzzell Robert D Gammon Jack Millerick Mark A Snow Shannon M Tracy Heidi Waite	27 Raphael U Corbeil Jadi Flynn Jack Gouger David P Lavalley Jeffrey G Morse Martin Sarsfield Robert L Vivian Sr	28 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Patricia A Boyd Matt Fletcher Joseph Garofalo Jr	29		

Old Timer's Day

Old Timer's Day will be held on Sunday, February 25, at 11:00 am. There will be an initiation by the past exalted rulers for our current candidates. Also, anniversary pins will be awarded to those members who are celebrating a 5-year anniversary. A luncheon will follow the meeting for all in attendance.

Members celebrating a five year anniversary include:

5 Years

Christine Abdelnour
Dennis Atwater
Joshua Bond
Philip Bond
Doreen Boyer
Sarah Clark
Allan Dacey
Tanner Freeman
Tracy French
Andrew George
Jordan Gouger
Matthew Greene
Michael Hart
Logan Hazard
Bonnie Jones
Brian King
Lynn King
Sylvia Lyon
Jil MacMenamin
Daniel McKenna
Simone Monette
Rory O'Donnell
Alyssa Pelow
Gay Pfenning
Kelsey Rabideau
Nicole Rancourt
Philip Rancourt
Ann Varilly
Kevin Yager
Virginia Yager

10 Years

Philip S Astley
Paul J Beebe
Jessie L Bishop
Kris H Bishop
Ralph Buchanan
Marilyn Buzzell
Nathan Daniels
J Brad Emich
Amy Farnum
Anthony Farnum
Robert Faulkner
Peter A Fletcher
Rebecca M Fletcher
Gina M Fuoco
Billie Jo Gouger
Kristen Gouger
Norman Holden
Whitney Howard
John P Murphy
Kate Lipsio Murphy
Deborah A Patno
Patricia Payne
Kimberly Price
Michael Renaud
Jon D Sargent
Tammy L Sargent
Kelly Short
Shannon M Tracy
Suzanne Wells
Lisa M Worden

15 Years

Jonathan Barber
Savannah Casey
Britni Christiansen
Christopher M Dixon
Jeffrey Dixon
Matt Frechette
Brad Gaines
Ronald P Gouin
James R Gray
Morgan Grover
Travis Grover
William Harlow
Nancy Kerylow
Cheryl Lavalley
Lori McAllister
Richard O'Donnell
Virginia Staats
Alan R Thurber
Patricia A Walior
Ronald R Wells

20 Years

Dianne Diemer
Eugene R Frost III
Christopher J Haskins
John M Meyer
Stephen N Page
Jeffrey Robinson
Steven R Rowell
Brian Squires
Matthew W Stone
Bernard J Thompson Jr.
Heidi Waite

25 Years

Alan Boyd
Christopher M Casey
Craig M Finnell
Chris Millerick
Todd Niedzwiecki
Kenneth Parsons
Mark V Speno

30 Years

Peter R Diemer
Sean M Finnell
James D McAuliffe
Antone E Mendoza III
David J Sage
Robert Santino
Edward D Whelan II

35 Years

Douglas G Bramble
Willy Buhlmann
Richard S Frost
Russell M Greenwood
Roger C Sak
John P Wells

40 Years

David August
Tony H Barton
Jay R Bean
Francis E Dunleavy
Robert J Henry
Robert E Houle
Brian L Kent
David J Manch
David W Nadeau

45 Years

Joseph Garofalo Jr
Timothy A Martel
Bruce P Murray

50 Years

John Frechette
Ralph S Haley
Wesley P Ives
David F Marine
Samuel Mercurio
Robert G Stocker
Douglas Taylor

55 Years

Thomas J Burgoyne
Kenneth F Guthrie
F Rene Lamothe
Howard B Lane Jr
Francis J O'Neil

60 Years

Kenneth A Tatro

65 Years

David E Camp
Paul W Jones

Elks BPOE 1499 Requests Your Help!

Seeking Donations for an Online Auction

Benefiting Silver Towers

Donations Collected Through

March 28th

Online Auction To be Listed March 29th to April 5th

Please call Nancy at (802)254-5933 with questions

Donations can be dropped off at the Elks

Thank you for Your Support!



2023-2024 Elected Officers

EXALTED RULER: JEFFREY KERYLOW
LEADING KNIGHT: MELISSA MCAULIFFE
LOYAL KNIGHT: S. CHASE STANLEY
LECTURING KNIGHT: AMANDA DANIELS
SECRETARY: MARK GOUGER
TREASURER: STEVEN NELSON
STATE TRUSTEE: FRANK LOPEZ
TRUSTEES: KAREN ZELENAKAS, JEFF DIXON,
PETE RANDALL, RALPH BUCHANAN,
BARBARA WALLACE

••• Appointed Officers •••

ESQUIRE: FRANK LOPEZ
CHAPLAIN: JIL MACMENAMIN
TLER: JEAN WILDE
INNER GUARD: LUCIE FORTIER

Send In Your Lodge NEWS



The email to send your lodge news and events to is elks1499newsletter@gmail.com. Please have info to me by the 15th of the month.

Thank you,
Kristin Bratton



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