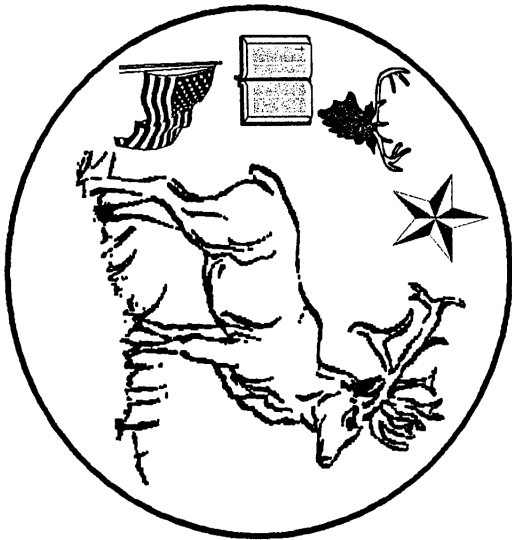
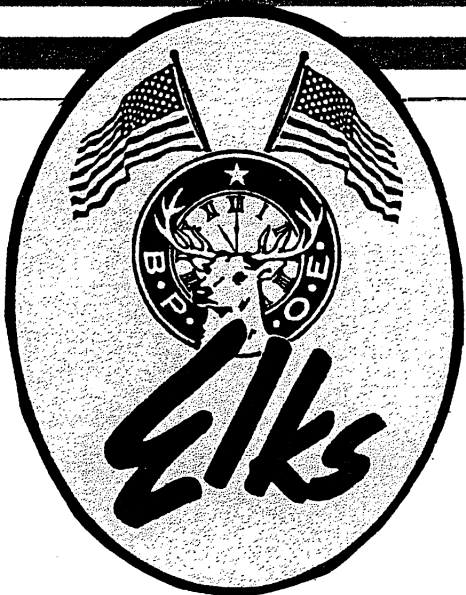
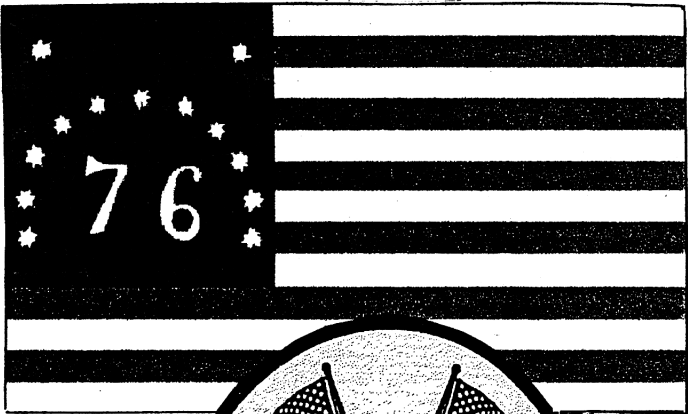


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS- COMING EVENTS- FEBRUARY-MARCH 2024

Every Monday Bingo
Every Friday-Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm
Every Saturday \$2 book drawing 8pm
Thursday Feb 1- Pitch League 7pm
Wednesday Feb 7-Fish or chicken dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Thursday Feb 8- Pitch League 7pm
Sunday Feb 11- Super Bowl at the Lodge-Subs, Pizzas and Gridiron snacks serving 1pm through half time show
Tuesday Feb 13- BOD meets 6:30pm Regular meeting 8pm, nomination of Officers for year 2024-25
Thursday Feb 15- Pitch League 7pm
Friday-Feb 16- Third Friday Lunch serving noon – 1:30 or till gone
Tuesday Feb 20- Steak Night Doors open 6:15pm
Thursday Feb 22- Pitch League 7pm
Friday Feb 23- Wing Night
Tuesday Feb 27- Trustees meet 6:30pm Regular meeting 8pm/ Election of Officers
Thursday Feb 29- Pitch League 7pm
Wednesday March 6- Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Thursday Mar 7- Pitch League 7pm
Sunday Mar 10- Las Vegas Day at the Veteran's Home
Tuesday Mar 12- BOD meets 6:30/Regular meeting 8pm
Thursday Mar 14- Last of season Pitch League and Banquet
Friday Mar 15- Third Friday Lunch serving noon-1:30 or till gone
Saturday Mar 16- Early St. Paddy's Day Celebration 1-6pm music-fun-games- food for purchase
Tuesday March 19- Steak Night doors open 6:15pm
Sunday Mar 24- Children's Easter Egg Hunt 1pm
Tuesday Mar- 26- Trustees Meet 6:30pm/Regular Meeting 8pm
Wednesday April 3- Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Saturday April 6- Installation of Officers 4pm- Cocktails 5pm- Dinner and Music 6pm

VETERAN'S NEWS- FEBRUARY-MARCH 2024

The next event will be Las Vegas Day at the Vermont Veteran's Home Sunday March 10th. Come and join us to show appreciation and provide an afternoon of fun for the Vets. Contact Gary Lewis 802-379-6214 or Mike Kinney 802-375-8971 for details

STEAK NIGHTS-FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024

February 20th and March 19th- don't miss it, the best dinner and the best buy in town and 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 (from Henry's) prepared to your order, comes with a baked potato, sour cream and butter and a hot vegetable, all this still only \$15. In the kitchen for February will be the Stark Hose Company, In March it will be Kelly Kervan and team.

On the desk:

Feb- Carol and Nick March- Kathy and Rich April Carol and Nick, May- Kate and Bill, June- Carol and Nick, July-Kathy and Rich, Aug- Carol and Nick, Sept- Kate and Bill, Oct- Carol and Nick, Nov- Kathy and Rich, Dec- Carol and Nick

See you at Steak Night !!

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

MESSAGE FROM THE E.R. FEBRUARY-MARCH 2024

Greetings,

I would like to thank you for the privilege of again serving as Your Lodge's Exalted Ruler for Lodge year 2023-2024. It was a great year and we have so much to be proud of. I am thankful for our dedicated committee chairpersons, officers, staff and volunteer! A special thank you to all of you who have kept your dues up-to-date and thanks to our Secretary Kristen Lewis for helping us to have the lowest delinquent rates in Vermont. Together we have made our Lodge one of the strongest in the state.

Thank you to all our members who supported Silver Towers with your calendar purchases. A little bit of help from a lot of people makes all the difference. Bennington is always near the top in sales for the state. If you haven't got your calendar yet, they are on sale at the Lodge for only \$20.00 and you can win some money. Let's make Bennington number 1 in the state !

After my December- January message, I've heard there is a few of you considering stepping in as Officers for the next year. For this I am also thankful ! Please be in touch with me or one of the current Officers immediately. Nominations for next year will be held at the first meeting in February , Tuesday February 13th . Rest assured you will not be taking on this adventure alone ! I, along with the other Past Exalted Rulers and Officers will be there to help. Your Lodge needs exemplary leadership, and the time is now.

Fraternally Yours, Greg P.

Secretary's Corner February -March 2024

Hello fellow members,

Our delinquent numbers are getting lower! Thank you to everyone for helping with this. Please check your membership cards, are you one of the 25? Those left unpaid will be dropped from our membership on 3/31/24.

Do you know of a family member or friend who would like to join our lodge? If so, please propose them and have them complete and submit an application to the bartender on duty. The application fee for new members is \$15 and they would pay pro-rated dues for the year based on the Initiation date.

2024 Dues Billing Notices: will be sent out by the Grand Lodge this year and going forward. The notices will look a little different from last year. You will now have the option to pay online with a credit card. You will still have the option to mail in or drop dues off at the lodge. 4/1/2024-2025 Dues Amount Change: Regular Member dues are \$80.00/Life Member Dues are \$40.00. Your local lodge dues remain the SAME, the Grand Lodge is increasing their portion \$5.00 this year due to insurance cost increases.

You will also have the option to donate to ENF and Silver Towers when you pay your dues and we hope you will consider donating. Through ENF we are able to award Scholarships to many local area high school students this supports our community like we do in so many other ways. Silver Towers is an extraordinary residential camp in VT for people of all ages with disabilities who are physically and mentally challenged. There are many upgrades needed for camp to happen for these campers. We as a lodge work very hard to raise money for these two programs every year and we thank you in advance for supporting them too! If you have any questions, need phone, email or address updates done, please send me an email @ bennelks567@gmail.com.

Hope to see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,
Kristen Lewis, Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Philip H. Bahan, LM Richard R. (Rick) Klein
"Until the hour of eleven shall regularly return"

Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Bennington Elks Lodge

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS FEB. -MARCH 2024

These are the last 2 months of the Elks fiscal year 2023-2024. Donations stand at \$6,594.22 or an average of \$8.95/ member. We have 185 donors which is an increase of 10 since the Dec-Jan bulletin. Thank you to the new donors. So this means 185 donors are carrying the load for 737 members that is only 25%. Are you one of the 25%? Please become a member of the 25% by making a donation today and then try to make a donation each year to help us with our mission.

ENF helps us with Grants for Veteran's Programs, Youth Activities, Scholarships, Silver Towers and more. Please become a donor at whatever level you can support. You can leave it for me at the Lodge or go to the ENF website and donate online .

Remember Elks Care- Elks Share

Charlie Boyle, ENF Fundraising Chair

Bennington Lodge Website - 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.

**E-MAIL bennelks567@gmail.com TO RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN
AND REMINDERS VIA E-MAIL!**

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day a little early!

Saturday, March 16th

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*May your troubles
be less and your
blessings be more,
and nothing but
happiness come
through your door.*
☘ Irish Blessing

Music – Fun – Games!

Food Available for Purchase

Mini Shepard's Pie

Rueben Sliders

Irish Potato Skin Bites

Colcannon (Traditional Mashed Potatoo Recipe)

Irish Nachos

Rueben Egg Rolls

Irish Soda Bread



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND BRING THE KIDS!

Children' Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, March 24th

The Fun Begins at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a sign up at the Lodge. Member's Children and Grand Children Welcome! Children Age Birth through 10 years.

February-March 2024- Youth Activities Update !

Here are the results of our local Hoop Shoot held January 7th.

Age Group 8-9

Lucy Remington

Immen McGuire

Age Group 10-11

Paislee Potvin

Calvin Baker

Age Group 12-13

Danni Sleeman

Jaxsun Bachiochi

Thank you to all that participated and helped out !

Dale Corbett
Youth Activities



The Super Bowl Place To Be!

Bennington Elks Lodge #567

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Serving 1 through the Half Time Show

***First Down Subs, Home Run Pizzas, and
Gridiron Snacks!***

Come on down to the Lodge to watch the game!

**Members & Qualified Guests
Snacks provided by the Lodge**

I say ... did you hear?
Back by Popular
Demand ... a wing-ding
for wing & things.



**Run ... don't walk to
the Bennington Elks
Feb 23, 2024**

4pm – until sold out!

*Available for purchase to
Members and Qualified Guests!*

THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHES **February 16th and March 15th**

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

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 Feb. 7th- Wednesday March 6th *always the first Wednesday of each month*

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

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

DON'S CORNER DECEMBER-JANUARY

Hi everyone and welcome to my corner ! Well, winter has finally caught up with us. All good things come to an end. (Hopefully Winter!!) Speaking of the end, the finals for the football season will be on February 11th at 6:30pm. Come on down to the Lodge for some pregame excitement and cheer.

On February 23rd there will be "Wing Night" Stop down for some delicious wings. I would say the best in town. Judge for yourself.

March 10th is Las Vegas Day at the Veteran's Home. If you would like to help, please see Gary Lewis or Mike Kinney or call me here at the Lodge 802-442-2736.

On March 14th will be the final night of the Pitch League with the Banquet. Thank you Ryan Nolan for putting this League together year after year. What a great success story !

March 16th is St. Patty's Day at the Lodge. Come on down for some great food and drinks. Don't forget to wear your greens and bring your best Irish accent!!

If you feel the winter blues coming on, every Monday night is full of excitement with Bingo. Jesse King and his crew will be here to greet you and help you get set up for some fun and the kitchen crews will be here to prepare you some delicious food !. Thank you to all the Bingo and kitchen crews ! Don't forget March 24th will be the kids Easter Egg hunt !

So, I must end this note.

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 _____

Bingo Schedule

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

Floor		Kitchen
	Team 1	
Tom Kinney Jessie King* Linda Oslizlo	Feb. 19 & March 18	Kevin Durocher Scott Racicot Joe Smith
	Team 2	
Joyce Grusaky* Linda Oslizlo Tom Kinney	Feb. 26, & March 25	Mike Brush Doug Woodard Jon Kenyon
	Team 3	
Greg Pinsonneault* Linda Oslizlo Tom Kinney Brant Young	Feb. 5 & March 4 April 1	Lori Pinsonneault Dale Corbett Greg Pinsonneault Alec Nicol
	Team 4	
Greg Pinsonneault* Linda Oslizlo Tom Kinney	Feb. 12 & March 11	Travis Racicot Richard Pembroke III Ryan Bull

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

ELKS SCHOLARSHIP NEWS February -March 2024

Mid- December our Elks Members helped judge 20 applicants! We had the pleasure of judging some applicants from Hoosick Falls. It was wonderful reading admissions from every school. From 20 applicants, three will advance to the State round and to top it off The State gave Bennington Lodge #567 a shout out for 100% judging participation. Thank you Judges for your time and the next bulletin look for another update on our applicants.

Stay warm everyone,
Hayley Weissman Scholarship Chair

LODGE TRUSTEES

If you look at the Lodge Officers page , you will notice there are 2 vacancies for Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the operation of the social parlor (The Lounge) and well as the financial portion of Lodge Management. This is a rare opportunity to serve your Lodge. If you are comfortable with confidential information and would be interested in becoming a Trustee, please let Greg P. our Exalted Ruler know and he can brief you on the duties. If interested you could then be nominated for the position. Think about it !

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pitch League 7pm	2 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	3 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
4	5 Bingo Team 3	6	7 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm	8 Pitch League 7pm	9 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	10 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
11 Superbowl at the Lodge	12 Bingo Team 4	13 BOD meets 6:30pm Regular Meeting 8pm/ nominations	14	15 Pitch League 7pm	16 Third Friday Lunch 12-1:30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	17 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
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March 2024

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