

**WINDSOR LODGE #1665
MONTHLY BULLETIN
April 2024 Edition**

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2024-2025 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler – Chris Wood	Esquire – Nancy Renehan
Leading Knight – Nathan Wood	Chaplain – Christina Dillingham
Loyal Knight – Robert Knight	Trustee – Esther Allen
Lecturing Knight – Deb Griffin	Trustee – Nathan Willard
Secretary – Carol Sylvia	Trustee – Linda Willard
Treasurer – Robert Allen	Trustee – Gregory Martin
Tiler – Steve Bly	Trustee – Angela Bly
Inner Guard – Sean Renehan	



Greetings in my first month as Exalted Ruler.

We have a couple of fundraisers going on at the Lodge right now, one is a Frame Game to support Elk's National Foundation. The other is a 2 Shotgun Raffle which the proceeds go towards Elk's Charities. There are many upcoming events, such as the Bike Rodo on May 11th at the REC, and a Mother's Day Brunch on May 12th. Keep your eyes on the calendar for live entertainment and Friday night meals.

Thanks for everyone's support in the coming year.

Chris Wood
Exalted Ruler

Lodge of Sorrow – It is with great sadness we advise the passing of the following members:
Edmund Gaudette, Paul "Shultz" Langhans, Paul Tisdale, Marilyn McMillian

We will remember their good deeds, forget their faults and write their names upon the tablets of Love and Memory.

**2024-25 Grand Exalted Ruler's Theme
"ELKDOM'S HEART FOR AMERICA"**

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Enclosed with this newsletter is information regarding proposed by-law changes regarding Lodge/Club operations and management and duties of the managing officers. Please read these over carefully and attend the 2nd meeting in May - May 20th – 7:00 pm - to cast your vote. This is a very important step in shaping the future of our Lodge.

Lodge Scholarships - (2) \$1,000 Lodge Scholarships are being offered. Application **deadline** – must be received at Lodge by **May 23, 2024**. **Eligibility:** Member of Windsor, Brownsville, Hartland, or Reading Communities **or** Relative of a Lodge Member **and** must be continuing his/her education in a two or four-year college or tech program. Candidates shall exhibit – strong history of volunteer or charitable service – leadership skills – commitment to their community and humanitarian efforts. Applications available at high school guidance office, at Lodge or for electronic copy contact Chairman Wendy.moody@wsesu.net or Secretary c.sylvia@comcast.net

2024 Silver Towers Calendars are available at Lodge for purchasing from Steward, ER or Secretary. **\$20** gives you all the rest of 2024 year to win if your calendar number matches the Vermont Daily Pick-4 Nightly Number on that calendar date. **Prizes: Sun – Fri - \$50 Saturday - \$100 Last drawing day of the month - \$300 July 4 - \$2,500 Christmas - \$2,500.** This Vermont Elks Association Camp Fundraiser not only goes toward our Lodge assessment, helps challenged people of all ages have fun, but is also tax deductible.

Windsor VT Youth Bike Rodeo – May 11th 10 am – 11:30 am – Windsor Rec Center
Co-sponsored with Rec Center & Police Dept.
Helmets & tune ups will be provided along with safety tips. Breakfast sandwich and juice will be served free to all who attend. Courtesy of our Lodge.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
SUNDAY MAY 12TH 9-11 am
Elks's who are mothers and Elk's members mothers **FREE**. Adults \$12, children 8 and older \$6 under 8 free.

Menu includes: bacon, ham, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs; omlette station with peppers, onions, cheese, tomatoes, spinach; fresh fruit salad, toast, pancakes, muffins, bagels, truffle, cinnamon rolls.

Beverage specials: \$4.00 Mimosas, \$3.50 Tito's Screwdriver, \$4.00 Bloody Mary's.

Windsor Elk's Lodge Appreciate Our Mothers

NEW FRIDAY NIGHT GAME!!!!

OLD GLORY GAME – FIND THE AMERICAN FLAG
60% if present – 50% if not. \$2 per chance, full name on tickets in sealed envelope. Drawn every Friday at 7 pm. Vt. Flag \$50 Armed Forces Flag \$25

Benefit Elk's Charities

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) As we begin a new Lodge Year, we first of all want to thank everyone for their support last year. Not only did you enable us to meet our per capita goal but also exceed same. Thank you!!! As we start a new year, we would like to encourage you to help us meet our goal of \$4.80 per person. Through this, ENF gives back to our state support for our state project, scholarships, dictionaries, hoop shoot, soccer shoot, drug awareness, Americanism, veterans and community donations. It provides opportunities for grants enabling us to help support specific needs in our area communities. We were fortunate to qualify for \$9,500 in grant money last year which was put back into the communities helping those less fortunate, children, seniors and veterans. Your assistance and generosity helped make this happen. **Thank you!**

Shotgun Raffle – benefit Elks Charities
Mossberg 500 Turkey
Stevens 320 Tactical
1st drawn gets choice.
\$10 each or (3) for \$25
250 tickets sold. Drawn when sold out.

House Committee Corner – A new year is just beginning and your Officers and Committee are working diligently to organize help, hours, activities and much more. How can you help? Have a little patience as we move forward to provide a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere.

Lodge Hours

Monday thru Thursday – 2 pm – 9 pm
Friday 2 pm – 10 pm
Saturday – 12 noon – 10 pm
Sunday – 12 noon – 8 pm

Have an activity idea? Feel free to share. Write it down and leave with the bartender or catch the ER or one of the Officers. Interested in volunteering/helping? Again, let us know. Check the Lodge Bulletin Boards for announcements and various sign-up sheets.

Be sure to check the Lodge Facebook page for updates.

SECRETARY NOTES. Thank you, to all who have paid their 2024-2025 dues. For those who still need to do so, you are **now able to pay dues online as well as cash or check.** Use URL <https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>. Enter Lodge number, click on Windsor Elks Lodge. Select make quick payment and enter your Lodge ID number including zeros. Click verify and follow directions. Note: A transaction fee will be added to your total. You will receive a confirmation number for successful transaction for your records.

Committee members and volunteers are always needed and welcomed. You know the old saying - many hands make for light work. Listed below are the various committee areas and their chairmen. Many thanks to all those who have taken on the chairman responsibilities. If you see a committee of interest and would like additional information, please contact the ER or Secretary.

Committees

Veterans – Devon Campney	Membership – Nate Wood	Fraternal – Nate Wood, Christina Dillingham, Pam Osgood, Greg Martin
Community Proj. Activities – Nate Wood	Accident Prevention – Greg Martin	Lodge Activities – Steve Bly
Hoop Shoot – Kristy Sauer	Ritualistic – Nancy Renehan	PER Association – Sean Renehan
Audit & Accounting – Kristy Sauer	Government Relations – Tyler Trombley	Soccer Shoot – James Aldrich
ENF – Esther Allen	Scholarship – Wendy Moody	State Project – Harley Bettis
Elks Memorial Day – Robert Knight	Public Relations – Christina Dillingham	Youth Activities - Vacant
Drug Awareness – Heather Prebish	Americanism – Devon Campney	Flag Day – Nate Wood

As always, our charitable activity reporting is a very important factor in helping keep our non-profit status and I would like to thank those who took time this past year to respond. For those who are new to the subject, simply ask yourself if you find yourself volunteering at school, church, community activities, food shelves, library, helping neighbors? If so, your efforts are very important and can be used in our charity reporting. There is a simple, easy form available and information needed is oh so easy. For example, what was the project; where did it happen; how many were involved; how many Elks besides yourself were involved; how long did it take; how many miles did you travel; did you donate money or an item(s). A sample form is included with this letter. Feel free to copy. Additional forms are available at the Lodge or can be sent electronically by simply contacting the Secretary at elks1665@comcast.net or c.sylvia@comcast.net. Activity information can also be simply mailed to the secretary at the Lodge or emailed to addresses shown.

We are beginning a new year and want to make sure we reach all our Lodge Members, whether electronically or standard mail. This is important to us. However, we are unable to do so if you fail to keep us updated with accurate contact information. Unfortunately, a sizable amount of undeliverable mail gets returned as well as several emails. ***It is very important that member contact information be current and correct. Please be sure to let us know if there is a name, address, phone, or email address change. If you know of someone who has recently changed any of their information, please remind them to notify us.***

SAVE THE DATES -

4/27 – St. President Homecoming
5/1-5/7 – Youth Week
5/6 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
5/11 – Bike Rodeo 10 – 11:30 am – Rec Center
5/12 – Mother’s Day Brunch 9 – 11 am
5/17, 18, 19 – State Convention
5/18 – Armed Forces Day
5/20 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm – By-Law Vote
5/23 – Lodge Scholarship App Deadline
5/27 – Memorial Day
6/1 - Silver Towers Clean-up
6/3 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
6/8 - Alumni Dance – Rust & Ruin – 7:30 pm
6/14 – Flag Day
6/16 – Father’s Day
6/17 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
6/23 -- Silver Towers Camp opens
7/14 -- Silver Towers Motorcycle/Car Ride
7/15 - Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
8/4 - Walk-A-Thon, Duck Race, Pilgrimage
8/17 - Silver Towers Camp Closes
8/19 - Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
8/23-25 – Silver Towers Elkfest

Life Memberships – Available to members who have 30 yrs. preceding application. Nominations for Life Membership must be proposed in writing. Membership dues must be current at time of nomination. Vote will be taken no later than 3rd meeting after presented. Applicable dues will be paid the following year. Example: Life Membership granted 2024-25 Lodge year will pay applicable dues for 2025-26.

Check Us Out – Grand Lodge Website elks.org/1665 and our Facebook Page – please become friends to keep up with Lodge events! Keep an eye out for Facebook postings on the Windsor Elks Page for information regarding any Lodge changes and upcoming events still in the works.

VOLUNTEER SHEET

If you volunteer for a function at the club or within the community for schools, church, hospital, other non-profit organization, please report the following information. Your volunteer work is not only greatly appreciated, it also helps maintain our non-profit status.

DATE	
YOUR NAME & Other Elks	
EVENT (What/Who For)	
Total Number at Event	
Hours (Total yours & other Elks)	
Miles (Total yours & other Elks)	
Monetary Donation (If Applicable)	
Non-Cash Donation (Estimated Value – state what –food, clothing, etc.)	

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