

**WINDSOR LODGE #1665
MONTHLY BULLETIN
May-June 2023 Edition**

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2023-2024 OFFICERS

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Lecturing Knight – Alicia Houske	Trustee – Esther Allen
Secretary – Carol Sylvia	Trustee – Nathan Willard
Treasurer – Robert Allen	Trustee – Linda Willard
Tiler – Tara Sargent	Trustee – Pamela Osgood
Inner Guard – Carissa VanAlystyne	



Hello Fellow Elk Members,

I want to start with a big thank you to all Officers on the team. To make this a successful year to come our Officers have been working since the start of April to get some repairs and projects to come to a finalization.

Pool room has been carpeted and the pool table with new felt hopefully will be put together by mid-June. New heat pumps/ac's are in and we are waiting for electrician to complete installation. The bar top has been completed. A big thank you to all who got this done for the Lodge.

We are trying to get credit for everything Elk members do to help in our communities. Please take a few minutes to complete the Volunteer Form included below and return to the Lodge Secretary.

Please check out the dates in the newsletter on the last page. Some fun events coming up and volunteers are needed.

We have been working on the setup for paying dues online and should be available by end of May 2023. Going forward this will allow those who have not paid three ways – online, check, or cash at Lodge. Please remember to get your receipt.

State Convention was successful. We had 28 members attend from Windsor which was impressive! One lodge had a few more. Congratulations to PER Nathan Wood who was sworn in as 3rd Vice for Vermont Elks Association. We received the Membership Trophy for our membership increase and received certificates for ENF and Americanism programs. Thank you.

Fraternally, Scott R. Hammond, ER

Lodge Scholarships. Thanks to your donations and Lodge fundraisers we were able to increase the number and value of our scholarship offering this year. (1) \$1,500, (2) \$1,000. Winners will be announced on High School Award night. There will also be an additional scholarship for \$1,779 awarded in memory of Raymond Dillingham. Thank you – without the support of you, our members, it would not have been possible.

Silver Towers 2023 Calendars still available for purchasing. **\$20** gives you the rest of the year to win if your calendar number matches the Vermont Daily Pick-4 Nightly Number on the calendar date. **Prizes:** Sun – Fri - \$50 Saturday - \$100 Last drawing day of the month - \$300 July 4 - \$2,500 Christmas - \$2,500. Additional Calendars available at lodge from stewards, ER or Lodge Secretary. This Vermont Elks Association camp fundraiser not only helps challenged people of all ages have fun, it also goes toward our Lodge assessment.

SECRETARY NOTES – Welcome to our new Lodge Year. Thank you to all who have paid their 2023-2024 dues. n liability insurance resulting from increased lawsuits involving alcohol. We still have a few who have yet to do so. Many activities coming up in the next couple of months and dues must be current to take part.

We are fortunate to have all of our officer and most committee chairs filled. Committee members and volunteers are always welcome. You know the old saying - many hands make for light work. Listed below are the various committee areas. If you see one of interest and would like additional information, please contact the ER or Secretary.

Committees

Audit/Accounting – Crystal Rogers
Community Proj/Activities
Hoop Shoot – Kristy Sauer
Fraternal Committee – Chris Wood
ENF – Carol Sylvia
Elks Memorial Day – Alicia Houske
Youth Activities – Christina Dillingham
Shannon Spencer

Committees

Veterans – Greg Martin
Accident Prevention- Nate Willard
Ritualistic - JR Crosby
Government Relations -
Scholarship – Carol Sylvia
Public Relations – Christina Dillingham
Drug Awareness – Nate Wood
Americanism – Nate Wood

Committees

Membership – Chris Wood
Lodge Activities – Shannon Spencer/Sue Jenks
PER Association – Sean McCarthy
Soccer Shoot – David Theetge
State Project – Harley Bettis
House Committee – Nate Wood, Chris Wood, Kelly LaBarre
Alicia Houske, Carrisa Van Alstyne, Todd Steadman
Flag Day – Nate Wood

Our charitable activity reporting is a very important factor in helping keep our non-profit status. Do 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 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 (c.sylvia@comcast.net). Activity information can also be simply emailed to the secretary or the Lodge – elks1665@comcast.net.

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.

NOTE SUMMER MEETING DATES

5/15/23 – 3rd Monday
6/5/23 – 1st Monday
6/19/23 – 3rd Monday
7/17/23 – 3rd Monday – one meeting only
8/12/23 – DD & St. President Visit
8/21/23 – 3rd Monday – one meeting only
9/11/23 – 2nd Monday – due to Holiday
9/18/23 – 3rd Monday

Mother’s Day Brunch once again sooo delicious and a big success!!! Many thanks to all who helped make this a special day for Windsor and surrounding moms.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the sendoff for Eva Williams to Chicago to compete in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Competition such a great success. This is the first time our Lodge has had a regional winner in that age group. She certainly helped put Windsor Lodge #1665 on the map!

Annual Bike Rodeo co-sponsored with Rec Dept. and Windsor Elks was held on May 6th at Windsor Fairgrounds. Although a smaller number this year, children and parents enjoyed the event. The Lodge furnished free bike helmets as well as hot dogs, burgers and water. Rec Center checked bikes and adjusted anything that was needed. The Police Dept. shared safety tips and conducted some riding challenges. A great community activity and we thank those who volunteered their time to make it a success.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a Grand Lodge ENF Veterans Service Freedom Grant for \$1,000. This will be donated to VA Medical Center in White River Jct., VT. It will be used for recreation therapy for area veterans helping not only improve their health but also relieve some of the everyday stress they face. It will help support local outings such a rock climbing, kayaking, fishing, horse-back riding and many more ways for inpatients and outpatients of both hospital and community clinics. Just another example of showing Elks Care, Elks Share!

Silver Towers – State Major Project – Camp for challenged people of all ages – located in Ripton, VT. Camp Fee \$600/week – **Annual camp cleanup 6/3/23** – volunteer sign-up sheet posted on Lodge bulletin board. Welcome to bring campers and stay weekend.

July 15 – Motorcycle, antique car, whatever ride. BBQ Sponsor a rider – all goes toward assessment.

August 6 – Walk-A-Thon – Pilgrimage – sponsor a walker – goes toward our assessment.

August 19 – Camp cleanup

August 26-27 – Elk Fest Weekend – Live Music - campers welcome, dorms will be open. A fun filled weekend for everyone. Plan to attend an event, meet some campers, and see for yourself what a great place this is!

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 upcoming events still in the works.

Alumni Party June 3rd.

Chicken BBQ in the afternoon.
Dance the night away – Music by Rust N Ruin
\$5 cover charge – ID's will be checked when entering.

June 11th – Flag Day Ceremony – Are you aware of the history of our American Flag? Come join us at 10:00 am and get a glance at what preceded what we have today. Light

Congratulations to winners of 2 Turkey Shotgun Raffle benefiting Ray Dillingham Scholarship. 1st place Shelly Sanderson and 2nd place Michael Paquette. Thank you everyone for your support.

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	
Miles	
Monetary Donation (If Applicable)	
Non-Cash Donation (Estimated Value – state what –food, clothing, etc.)	