

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our membership and their families. I hope everyone is enjoying their time with family and friends, and are all safe and healthy. There is a Winter Frame Game going on right now which is selling very well, if interested contact me by Text or Facebook messenger. As always, we will be having our membership appreciation day January 1st from Noon to 2pm. Also, the 2023 Super Bowl Squares will be available for Windsor Elk's members only during that time. Once again have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Nathan Wood, ER

CURRENT LODGE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday – 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm Friday & Saturday – 12:00 – 10:00 pm Sunday -Noon – 8:00 pm **Christmas Eve** 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm. **Closed Christmas Day New Year's Eve Noon to 8:00 pm**

Upcoming Holiday Activities!! Kids Christmas Party with Santa was held December 18th. Great time was had by all. **Ugly Sweater Party** Postponed to January 15, 2022. Show up with sweater \$5; no sweater \$10. **Member Appreciation Day** January 1st 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm. Members only. Dues must be current – cards will be checked. Free beverages and food. Football squares for 2022-2023 will be on sale for members only.

Inter-Lodge Competition coming up in January. Do you like Cribbage, Pool, Darts, Shuffle Board, Bowling, Cornhole, Golf? Would you like to be part of a team representing your Lodge? Sign-up sheets at the Lodge will be forthcoming. Be sure to drop in and check them out. Our Leading Knight has found it necessary to resign his position and therefore that chair is now vacant. Are you ready to step up and help build the future of your Lodge. If you are interested and would like more information on what it entails, please contact ER Nate Wood, Secretary Carol Sylvia, or any Officer.

Welcome Aboard new members – Nancy Downs, Michael Campbell, Marissa Becker, David Gauvin, Rebecca Delong, Victor Shattuck, Steven Soule, Nancy Renehan, Sean Renehan, Rene Rowe, Todd Steadman, Laurel Wilcox, Douglas Lyman, Stephen Cerrone, Carolyn Collins, Dawn Thibodeau, Chris Stearns, Francine Farrar, Austin Soule, Patrick Ovitt, Katie Gilbert, David Theetge, Amanda Griffin

Lodge of Sorrow – Regretfully we advise the passing of Samuel Grice and Frederick Davis Sr.

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

SECRETARY NOTES – We still have a number of members who have yet to pay their 2021-2022 dues. Lodge activities are picking up and annual membership day is just around the corner. Unfortunately, if your dues are not current you will not be able to enjoy the holiday activities and the annual member appreciation day. Judging from the messages received from the postal department and email service, our message is not reaching a number of members due to incorrect mailing and/or email addresses. Please, if someone you know has moved or changed either of them, let us know so a correction can be made. When submitting the information, please make sure it is legible. Your help in having correct information and getting our message out to members is greatly appreciated.

NOTE: We have been advised by Grand Lodge that their portion of our dues will be going up \$5.00 this year and another \$5 next year. Therefore, **our dues for the upcoming year will be \$69.** The increase is due to the rise in liability insurance caused by lawsuits in connection with alcohol consumption.

As a non-profit, it is important members keep track of volunteer hours, mileage and donations. Information is simple – What, Where, Who, Hours, Miles, monetary or item donation. Forms are available at the Lodge or can be sent electronically. This information is reported on line to Elks National Foundation under charitable activities and play a big part in keeping our non-profit status. Please feel free to contact the Secretary (<u>c.sylvia@comcast.net</u>) for forms or if you have any questions.

Our fundraisers and Pub Night Offerings continue to be successful thanks to all our Lodge members as well as Elk members from other lodges. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support. Elks Care - Elks Share and by working together we accomplish wonderful things.

New House Committee Members - Cathy Durkee, Shannon Spencer, Crystal Rogers, Terri Soule, Todd Steadman, Marissa Becker, Kelly Sweeney

Queen of Hearts Drawing and Pub Food are back on Friday nights. Volunteers to help on events are always welcome.

Annual Soccer and Hoop Shoots were both well attended. Our Lodge was well represented in the state soccer shoot. Hoop Shoot was just completed and we will be well represented in each level of competition. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated – there are no losers, all are winners just for getting out there and participating. A big thank you to the Rec Center, Committee Chairs and volunteers for their time and effort in making these activities available to our youth.

We have received a grant which will allow us to hold free Community Dinners the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 pm the months of January, February & March. January will be take out . We ask you, if at all possible, to please call the Lodge (802-674-9966) by Tuesdays of the weeks in question and let us know name and how many you will need. Feel free to pass this information on to friends and neighbors,

Legacy Scholarship Applications close February 7th. Seniors with Elk member parents or grandparents are eligible. Application must be done on line – http://www.elks.org>legacyscholarship The Babysitting Course we co-sponsored with the Windsor Police Department was a big success. (20) participants left with new skills in child care as well as CPR and Fire Extinguisher Certification. Chief Frank is hoping to run another course early in the Spring. Be sure to be on the lookout for the upcoming date.

Do we have anyone out there who might be interested in helping us search for grant opportunities? There are many opportunities out there to help support our Lodge Charities. If you are at all interested, please contact the Secretary.

We received (11) Most Valuable Student Scholarship Applications. Judging has been completed, (4) applications - (2) Girls and (2) Boys - have been sent on to the state level. A big thank you to the judges who took time out of their pre-holiday schedules to complete the task.

Paver Project has been extended. Two size Pavers are available.12x12" pavers are \$100 ea. 16x16" pavers are \$250 ea. 100% of your donation will go toward our assessment. Forms are available at the Lodge or can be supplied electronically by contacting secretary at c.sylvia@comcast.net.

Silver Towers 2022 Calendars now available.

\$20 gives you a whole year to win. 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. Please contact ER or Lodge Secretary if you would like to purchase. Calendars available at lodge from stewards.

We are now on Facebook – 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.

Please note change in payment for super bowl squares. Squares are \$125. Payment in full required at time of purchase.

Our lodge year is rapidly coming to a close. Just around the corner are nominations and elections for the coming year 2022-2023. Nominations will be held our first regular meeting in February, February 7th and elections at our second regular meeting, February 21st. Positions for nominations are: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary Treasurer, Tiler and 5- year Trustee. The incoming Exalted Ruler will appoint the Esquire, Chaplain, and Inner Guard. If you are considering a position for the incoming year, please contact ER Nate Wood or Secretary Carol Sylvia

DECEMBER 2021

26	28	29	30	31 Lodge open	
				12:00 pm – 8:00	
				pm	

JANUARY 2022

						1Happy New Year Member appreciation day noon-2:00 pm. Dues must be current. 2022-2023 Superbowl square available to members only
2	3 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5	6 Free Community Dinner Take out 5-7 pm	7	8
9	10 House Committee 6:00 pm Interview Committee 6:00 pm	11	12	13	14	15 Ugly Sweater Party
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23	24 Interview Committee 6:00 pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2022

		1	2	3 Free Community Dinners 5-7 pm	4	5	
6	7 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm Officer Nominations Legacy Scholarship Application Deadline	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14 House Committee 6:00 pm Interview Committee 6:00 pm	15	16	17Free Community Dinners 5-7 pm	18	19	
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