

ROCKVILLE ELKS LODGE 1359

Exalted Ruler – Randy Ramsdell



September
2026

Dear Members,

September is now upon us and summer is winding down. August was a busy month for us at the Lodge. We entertained several outside rentals for graduations, birthday parties, and weddings. We like to see them and encourage our members to promote the Lodge for your family and friends' events. We recently completed our annual golf tournament. The weather held off just enough to make the event our most successful tournament in memory. I would like to personally thank the golf committee, the volunteers, and all the participants. I would also like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity, support and raffle prizes. I will encourage your support of those businesses.

As we move into the month of September, we plan to get Bunco and Setback up and running again. We are also planning more dinners and live music. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved contact any Board of Directors or House Committee member. We continue to take on projects to assist with the upkeep and the beautification of the Lodge. If you would like to be involved in any project, such as flooring or painting at the Lodge, contact a Board of Director member or a Trustee. Also, congratulations to the Pool team that we sponsor. They are the regular season winners of their league and will be the top seed in their league playoffs.

We would like to welcome Gary Zess as our newest Trustee. Gary brings enthusiasm and energy to the position. With Gary's appointment we are now back to having all our Lodge positions filled. Congratulations to all. Thank you, Gary.

My Elk of the month is Tom Thomches. Tom is a long-time member of the Lodge. Tom has recently started and completed several projects at the Lodge. He has completed some brick repairs to walls in the parking lot. He has been patching some holes in the parking lot and completing some weeding in the garden. Tom has volunteered his time and has donated all the materials for the projects. Tom is a quiet guy who likes his cigars and occasional beer. Thank you, Tom!!

Let's keep moving things forward!! Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ramsdell, Exalted Ruler – Rockville Lodge 1359

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Randy Ramsdell, PER

Leading Knight – Helen Totz

Lecturing Knight – Brian
Bannon

Loyal Knight – David Steffan

Secretary – Claire Decker, PER

Treasurer – Mike Wytas

Chaplain – Michael Winkler

Tiler – Pete Heacox, PER

Inner Guard – Steve Dubicki

Esquire – Mike Kelly

Trustees

Ernie Rempel

Richard Hiller

Tom Burns

Liz Thomas, PER

Gary Zess

LODGE HOURS

Mon 3 pm to 9 pm

Tue 3 pm to 10 pm

Wed-Fri 3 pm to 11 pm

Sat 1 pm to 11 pm

Sun 1 pm to 7 pm

This facility is a NON-SMOKING/NON-VAPING facility! If you wish to smoke or vape, it MUST be done in the designated areas outside. Thank you.

Contact Us

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

All Members: per GL Statute 16.090

During meetings of the Lodge (regular and special) the members' social quarters will be closed. All members must attend the meeting or leave the premises.

You cannot pour a beverage, close the bar and continue to sit at the bar or in the social rooms and nurse the beverage until the meeting is over.

Per Grand Lodge Judicial Committee Area 1 Chairman Alan Sunukjian and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Richard Palanzo.

REMINDER: According to our bylaws, dogs are not allowed in the lodge. The only exception is certified service dogs.

Rental Information

Member Hall Rental

Carriage House-\$300.00
Dining Rooms-\$125.00
Bartender-\$75.00
Kitchen-\$50.00

Non-Member Hall Rental

Carriage House-\$375.00
Dining Rooms-\$200.00
Bartender-\$75.00
Kitchen-\$50.00

Secretary's Corner

Applications on hand:

Todd Helems, Agawam (MA), Assessor (Town of Vernon), proposed by Amanda Tashea

Jamison Boucher, Ellington, proposed by Amanda Tashea

Robert Berthiaume, Ellington, WPCA Technician (Town of Vernon), proposed by Claire Decker, PER

Melissa Nelson, Coventry, Sr. Talent Acquisition Consultant, proposed by Maria Gonzalez McDougall

Alexander Lefkovich, South Windsor, proposed by Jay George

Stephanie Clark, Vernon, Disabled, proposed by Dan Kehoe

Nancy Florida, Marlborough, Tooling Manager, proposed by Andrew Robinson

Membership Dues:

Dues are still overdue for some members. Please try to settle this before too long or risk being dropped from the roles of the Elks.

Thank you,
Claire Decker, PER, Secretary

Lodge of Sorrows... The clock of their day has stopped and across its dial, motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven, with us, the golden hour of recollection.

Richard Dubay

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention High School Seniors!!! The Elks Scholarship applications will be available online at Elks.org. There are some very good scholarships available if you would like to put in the work. If you have any questions, please let me know.

~Claire Decker, Per, Secretary

House Committee Corner

Looking back at August:

WOW! Steak Night on August 1st was a huge, sold-out evening of awesomeness! The food was fantastic and live music by Warren Mattesen was incredible! Thank you to all who helped make Steak Night such a success!

September Happenings

Monday, September 7th – Special Sunday hours for the holiday! The lodge will be open from 1 to 7!

Come on down that afternoon for a Member Appreciation Potluck! We'll fire up the grill and provide burgers & dogs. Bring a dish to share!

BUNCO IS BACK! Come join us at the Lodge on Thursday, September 10th at 6pm for a fun evening out!

What is Bunco? It's an easy dice game that doesn't require skill - just players who are ready to have a good time. No partner required! Don't know how to play? Laurie DiMauro will teach you! It's \$10 per person and all money comes back to the players!

You can sign up in the bar, and payment is due at the time of signup.

Upcoming House Committee Meetings

Thursday, September 17th at 6:15

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Sarah Preston Britto,
Chair

Amy Lappen

Angie Graziani

Jack Mauer

Judy Schelkun

Laurie DiMauro

Matt Giangreco

Monique Burns

Nancy Sheridan

Phyllis Winkler

The Wonderful World of Golf

We are proud and grateful to report that our recent Golf outing was a huge success. From both the perspective of increasing net profit by 25 percent over last year, to the incredible day of great golf, camaraderie, food and fun; the event was exceptional. Twin Hills CC hosted golf, followed by dinner at the 1359 Lodge, presented by Pagani's Catering. Thank you to our donors, sponsors, raffle contributors, committee and volunteers; all of whom made this event possible.

Our committee composed of: Lauren Hoffman, Mark Dexter, Dan DeLisle, Faith Nigro, Maria Kennedy and Gary McCullough, they were tireless in their efforts. From our Patron Donor Beverly Buckner Baker, Dinner Sponsor Greenwood Industries/John Finan, Lunch Sponsor Mike Wytas/Natasha Moncayo, to our volunteers: Rebecca, Allison, Faith, Maria, Jen, Christine, Denise, Angie, Sharon, Judy, Grace and grill masters Randy, Tom, Mark and Hannah; thank you. Please know how much we appreciate all your efforts on behalf of the Elks, our Lodge, the event and our charitable endeavors.

Warmest personal regards,

Judy and Dave

Judy Schelkun, Co-Chair

David Steffan, Co-Chair

Elks Lodge 1359 Golf Committee

September Birthdays

01 Lareau, Dean
03 Pagani, Michael A
07 Benoit, James
08 Ambrosi Sr, John
09 Preston Britto, Sarah
09 Fraleigh, Robert
09 Kelly, Michael
10 McCarthy, David
10 Thomches, Thomas
13 Grenier, James
13 Shotten, Larry
14 Endriss, W Wayne
14 Hodson, Keith
14 Kemp, David
15 Anastasio, Joseph
16 Discenza, Eleanora
16 Johnson, Steven
17 Flenke, Gene
17 Winkler, Phyllis
19 Nigro, Faith
19 Paluska Jr., William
20 George, Jason
20 Styckiewicz, Joseph
23 Caouette, AnnMarie
23 LaClair, Justin
24 Mackowitz, Frederick
27 Wigglesworth, William
28 Rempel, Ernest
29 Valluzzi, Ronald
30 Sternat, Mark

REMINDER

Lodge meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

The bar is **CLOSED** for the duration of the meeting.

Thank you!



Lodge 1359 Stemless Wine Glasses, Golf Divot Tools, and Golf Ball Markers!

Available for sale for only \$5! They are on display in the cabinet in the foyer. Please see your favorite bartender for yours today!



THANK YOU!

Please remember to support our local businesses and sponsors who helped to make our charitable golf outing possible.



Golf Tournament Tee Sponsors

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Scranton Motors	R&R Landscaping	The Garden Barn	Gold/Diamond Exchange
Ellington Racquet Club	Recon	Mark Fontaine	Old School Harley
Vernon Coffee Roasters	Aqua Pump	Mitchell's	C&T Electric Corp
School House Farm	Jack Mauer	Swiss Cleaners	Pioneer Financial
Bolles Motors	Gary McCullough		



LODGE 1359 CAN KOOZIES!

Elks Lodge 1359 Can Koozies are available for sale at the bar now! They are available in regular can and tall skinny can sizes and are just \$5 each.

BINGO AT THE LODGE

Don't forget! We have bingo at the Carriage House every Wednesday. Doors open at 4:00 pm, bingo starts at 6:30 pm.

Come on down for a fun evening!



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
has joined forces with

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Scott Novak	Tom Maneggia	Daniel Decker in memory of David & Michael Decker	
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Ken Bouchard	William Jarvis	Michael Martin in memory of Ted Martin	
Donald Davis	Alan Berriault	Arne Arnesen in memory of Tom Arnesen	
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Patrick Dubel	Bob Fraleigh		

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