

Monthly News May 2026

Official Publication St. Albans Elks Lodge No 1566 P.O. Box 87 St. Albans, VT 05478



Greetings,
I would like to thank the outgoing Exalted Ruler Chris Hall and all the officers, trustees and volunteers who make this club a great Elks Lodge.

This month has started out great for the club. I would like to thank the PER'S for doing the first installation of twenty-four new members. Congratulations! You made a lasting impression on the minds of all who attended. Our own State President, Dan Ploof held his homecoming banquet at the Lodge on April 18. It was well attended by many Past State Presidents, State Officers, and Lodge Officers from Elks Lodges throughout the state. St. Albans Elks Lodge's Drug

Awareness Trailer was entered into the Maple Festival Parade. Thank You to the many volunteers who handed out candy.

This month will continue to be amazing with Mother's Day Breakfast. We will also be cooking for the Special Olympics Bocce Ball tournament. There are volunteer sign-up sheets posted at the club, or contact an officer if interested in helping out.

Sponsorship of new members brings in new, community-minded members to uphold patriotic, social, and benevolent traditions while strengthening the lodge's ability to support scholarships and drug awareness education. I

encourage Proposer's to attend their candidate's initiation and the pinning of new members with the official St. Albans Elks Lodge pin to symbolize their new proud status. It inspires every new Elk to be so proud of their membership that they will not only engage in the Lodge's activities, but will also cherish and keep their membership as long as they live. By proactively engaging with our candidates, we not only strengthen our lodge but also reaffirm our commitment to the values and principles that define us as Elks.

Fraternally,
Paul Gleason

LODGE OF SORROW

A Lodge of Sorrow was held at our 4/7/2026 Meeting for Elmer Baker, Jr., who passed away on April 1, 2026.



In Vain We Call

The clock of their days has stopped upon its dial. The motionless shadows mark eleven, with us the Golden hour of recollection.

Whatever may have been their accomplishments, we are their treasurers. We will cherish their good deeds, forget their faults, and inscribe their names upon the tablets of Love and Memory.

A REMINDER... NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

You must sign in your guest(s)

Please remember guest(s) cannot buy drinks, you need to purchase the drinks for your guest(s). Also, your guest(s) must leave when you leave the lodge. Your Guest(s) cannot stay without being accompanied by you. Guest(s) are welcomed to the lodge 3 times. After visiting the lodge 3 times they should fill out an application to become a member.

Thank you.

REMIINDER: FRIDAY Lodge Hours opening at 1 PM

A REMINDER DUES ARE PAST DUE FOR 2026-27 For some members

Your dues must be paid so you can participate in any activity of the lodge Dues are \$97 and can be mailed to the Lodge at PO Box 87, St. Albans, VT 05478 or they can be left at the lodge with the bartenders. *Thank you*

ADDRESS / EMAIL CHANGE Please keep us "IN THE LOOP"

It is important we know your current address and email address so you can receive correspondence and the newsletter to let you know what is going on in the lodge and to keep your record up to date.
Thank you!

MEETING NIGHT DRAWS



04/07/26 - Josh Partlow - NR - \$1,104
04/21/26 - Kim Bourbeau - NR - \$1,188
NR = Not Registered

LODGE OFFICERS 2026 - 2027

Exalted Ruler:	Paul Gleason	Treasurer:	Michael Boulterice
Esteemed Leading Knight:	Kevin Briggs	Esquire:	Jesse Rocheleau
Esteemed Loyal Knight:	Michelle Young	Tiler:	Monica Pelletier
Esteemed Lecturing Knight:	Todd Soule	Chaplain:	Nicole Trudo
Secretary:	Deb Chevrier	Inner Guard:	John Irish

LODGE TRUSTEES

◊ 1 year: Sandra Bracey, PER ◊ 2 year: Jeremy Allard, PER ◊ 3 Year: Steve Putnam, PER ◊ 4 year: Bruce Pelletier, PER ◊ 5 year: Chris Hall, PER

STATE TRUSTEE - Joe Montcalm, PER

Lodge Hours: Tel: 802-524-9805

Monday thru Thursday - 2 pm - 10 pm
Friday - 1 pm - 11 pm
Saturday 12 noon - 10 pm
Sunday 12 noon - 7 pm

Hall Rental: Email Club Steward, Chad Boudreau at Cboudreau145@gmail.com

Fax 802-370-3099 Email elk1566@comcast.net

Editors: Deborah Chevrier and Larry Bouchard

Proposition for Membership 04/07/26 Meeting:

Name	Residence	Proposer
Amber Baker	Georgia, VT	Keith Baker
John Lumsden	Highgate Center, VT	Kevin Briggs
Casey Laplante	Alburgh, VT	Rob Ploof
Betty Popple	St. Albans, VT	Debbie White
'A. Gregory Rainville	St. Albans, VT	Alan Bourbeau
Kenneth Sicard	Burlington, VT	Matthew Swartz
Dana Sicard	Burlington, VT	Matthew Swartz
Jonathan Fiske	St. Albans, VT	William Carpenter
Christopher Overton	Swanton, VT	Reinstatement - Debbie Gleason

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Proposition for Membership 04/21/26 Meeting:

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Robert E. Farrar	St. Albans, VT	Ted Waltz
Zachary Thomas	Highgate Springs, VT	Jim Gallagher
Patrick J. Ashton	Milton, VT	Paul Gleason
Ken Sicard	Burlington, VT	Matt Swartz
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*Congratulations to our April 2026 Gun Raffle draw winner – Alan Donna - who won a Winchester XPR .308 WIN 22” Black with Scope
Congratulations Alan!*

**SILVER TOWERS CLEAN UP
Saturday, June 6, 2026**

Silver Towers Camp, Ripton, VT
Volunteers are needed to help with this year's clean up – Volunteers can sign up. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the lodge as we get closer to the event.

Thank you to our House Committee

who have done a fantastic job organizing many events at Lodge – meals, bands, Karaoke, Trivia Night, Book Club and to the volunteers who have contributed their time to make these events successful. >> Super Job! <<

Book & Wine Club

**Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.**

This is a casual, friendly gathering – no pressure, just good conversation!

You can purchase and read the book on your own ahead of time, then come ready to share your thoughts, insights, or simply listen and enjoy the discussion.

Snacks will be provided.

All ELK members and/or their spouse, and/or their guest(s) are welcome – whether you've finished the book, just started, or are curious to join in. A great way to meet new people, unwind, and enjoy a midweek break.

99th VT Elks Association State Convention
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026

THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS WHO ARE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION AT JAY PEAK

JAY PEAK RESORT CLUBHOUSE

NO SHUTGUN START – Start times are 1pm to 3pm
4 Person Team best ball scramble format
\$50/player: Includes 9 holes with cart, Lunch buffet in Convention Center
50/50 Raffle/Mulligan's available

Deadline to sign up is May 4, 2026 space is limited:

Lodge Name: _____

Players:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

For more information contact tracyafecteau@gmail.com
Checks made payable to St. Albans Elks 1566 (put in memo – Convention Golf)

BENEFITS FOR ELKS MEMBERS – Elks.org
If you do not realize, the Elks Benefits for members can be obtained through elks.org. The Elks offer many benefits and discounts that you can take advantage of by visiting the Elks.Org website

INITIATION ... Our next initiation is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 10, 2026
8:00 am. – 11:00 am.

ALL MOTHERS FREE

\$10 per person
\$4.00 per child under 10 years of age

- Mimosas and Bloody Mary's will be offered to purchase

Volunteers are welcome

SIGN UP SHEET AT THE LODGE ON BULLETIN BOARD
ALL VOLUNTEERS MEET AT THE LODGE
BETWEEN 6:30 AM AND 7 AM

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

For lodge year 2026-2027 - Officers were installed on March 29, 2026

Back Row L-R: Todd Soule, Lecturing Knight; Monica Pelletier, Tiler; Bruce Pelletier 4-year Trustee; Deborah Chevrier, Secretary; Michael Boulercau, Treasurer; Jesse Rocheleau, Esquire; Kevin Briggs, Leading Knight;
Front Row L-R: Michelle Young, Loyal Knight; Chris Hall, PER and 5-year Trustee; Paul Gleason, ER; Nicole Trudo, Chaplain



Father's Day Breakfast - Sunday, June 21, 2026

8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - More info to follow as we get closer to date

Congratulations to our new members who were initiated on April 12, 2026



All candidates initiated – Betty Popple, John Lumsden, Casey Laplante, Killian Shea-Smith, Floyd Kilburn, Gail Alexander, Corinne Bonnette, Brenda Helfrich, Penny Overton, Jayson Martin, John J. Juneau, Leonard Martin, Skip Waters, Gene Jarvis, Anthony Jarvis, Josh Lash, Chris L'Esperance, Christine Dougherty, Eric Kane, Kevin Lussier, Rita Langlais, Austin Moss, Aubrey Boudreau, Dawn Boudreau. Also pictured is our Exalted Ruler Paul Gleason

MAPLE FESTIVAL PARADE - ST. ALBANS ELKS LODGE 1566 DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM April 26, 2026

St. Albans Elks Lodge #1566 participated in St. Albans Maple Festival Parade on Sunday April 26, 2026. Volunteers handed out candy to the many children at the event. Dean Williams, our Elroy will also be present for the children. Thank you volunteers, Dean Williams, Roland Laroche, Sandy Bracey, Deb Chevrier, Kevin Briggs, Chris & Nikki Hall with 2 grandchildren, Debbie Gleason and Paul Gleason for pulling the trailer. It was a fantastic day with many attendees for the parade. We all had a great time and enjoyed our presence in the parade on behalf of the Drug Awareness Program for the lodge.



WELCOME TO THE VERMONT DAIRY FESTIVAL ENOSBURG FALLS

June Dairy Day
SATURDAY JUNE, 6, 2026
St. Albans Elks Lodge #1566

Will be participating in this year's Parade on behalf of the Drug Awareness Program

Elroy will be present for the children.

If you would like to volunteer and join us to walk in the parade and hand out candy to the children please contact Sandy Bracey at 802-524-3873 or 802-309-8744 for details.

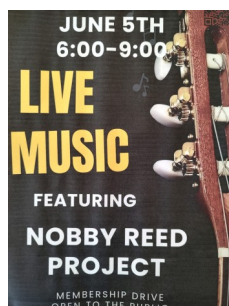


Special Olympics / Unified Sports Event North

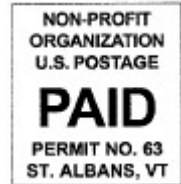
Special Olympics
Collins – Perley Complex
St. Albans Lodge will be participating
Thursday, May 28, 2026 (grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, drink and cookies) for approximately 300 participants.


Please sign up if you would like to volunteer. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at lodge. Please wear your blue volunteer shirt. Thank you – we look forward to your help. We will need several volunteers for this event. Thank you for your support!

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****



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ST. ALBANS, VT. 05478
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<i>May 2026</i>	<i>June 2026</i>	<i>July 2026</i>
<i>May 1, 2026 (Friday) Gun Raffle Drawing 6 p.m.</i>	<i>June 1, 2026 (Monday) Gun Raffle Drawing 6p.m.</i>	<i>July 1, 2026 (Wednesday) Gun Raffle Drawing 6 p.m.</i>
<i>May 5, 2026 (Tuesday) Directors/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm; regular meeting 7:00 pm.</i>	<i>June 2, 2026 (Tuesday) Directors/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm; regular meeting 7:00 pm.</i>	<i>July 4, 2026 (Saturday) Independence Day – Lodge is open</i>
<i>May 5, 2026 (Tuesday) Cinco de Mayo</i>	<i>June 5, 2026 (Friday) Music at Lodge -Nobby Reed Project – 6 pm – 9 pm</i>	<i>July 7, 2026 (Tuesday) Directors/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm; regular meeting 7:00 pm</i>
<i>May 10, 2026 (Sunday) Mother’s Day Breakfast 8 a. m. to 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>June 6, 2026 (Saturday) Silver Towers Clean- up</i>	<i>July 14, 2026 (Tuesday) House Committee Meeting 6:00 pm</i>
<i>May 12, 2026 (Tuesday) House Committee Meeting 6:00 pm</i>	<i>June 6, 2026 (Saturday) June Dairy Day Parade – Enosburg with Drug Awareness Trailer</i>	<i>July 21, 2026 (Tuesday) Directors/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm; regular meeting 7:00 pm</i>
<i>May 13, 2026 (Wednesday) Book & Wine Club 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>June 14, 2026 (Sunday) Flag Day Celebration at Lodge</i>	<i>July 26, 2026 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 pm; 2nd drawing 2:30 pm; 3rd Drawing 3 .m.</i>
<i>May 14, 2026 (Thursday) Initiation at Lodge 6 p.m.</i>	<i>June 16, 2026 (Tuesday) Directors/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm; regular meeting 7:00 pm.</i>	
<i>May 19 ,2026 (Tuesday) Directors/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm; regular meeting 7:00 pm</i>	<i>June 19, 2026 (Friday) Juneteenth Celebration</i>	
<i>May 22, 2026 (Friday) Karaoke 7 pm – 10 pm</i>	<i>June 21, 2026 (Sunday) Father’s Day Breakfast 8 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</i>	
<i>May 25, 2026 (Monday) Memorial Day Lodge is open</i>	<i>June 21, 2026 (Sunday) First Day of Summer</i>	
<i>May 28, 2026 (Thursday) Special Olympic Bocce Ball Tournament – Collins-Perley Complex 10 a.m. – 3:30 pm</i>	<i>June 28, 2026 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 p.m.; 2nd Drawing 2:30 p.m. 3rd Drawing 3 p.m.</i>	
<i>May 29, 2023 – May 31 (Fri – Sunday) State Convention, Jay Peak Resort</i>		
<i>May 31, 2026 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 p.m.; 2nd Drawing 2:30 p.m.; 3rd Drawing 3 p.m.</i>		