

Brattleboro Lodge of Elks No. 1499 December 2022

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CLUB HOURS Mon.- Sat. 11-9 / Sun. 11-8



Exalted Ruler's Message

The year 2022 is winding down and soon we'll be celebrating the holidays.

December is a good month to contemplate the daily gifts that we receive; not those that are under a tree, but the gift of family and friends who make us smile each day. We are fortunate to have a lodge with so many active members which is truly a blessing for all of us. Please remember to be thankful for all those who do something for others without expecting any recognition.

The Halloween party on Saturday, October 29, was a huge success with so many happy children, parents, and grandparents attending. Many thanks to Tiffany Stanley for organizing the event and for all her wonderful helpers. (Please see photos and article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

On Sunday, November 13, the lodge was filled with Veterans and their families during the Veterans Breakfast. (Separate article elsewhere.)

Polish Night was held on Friday, November 18 spearheaded by Bill Wallace.

On Saturday, December 3, we will be holding our annual Elks Kids Christmas party for children aged 10 and under. There will be cookie decorating and gifts from Santa.

We have lost several of our lodge members this year and will be acknowledging them during our annual Elks Memorial Service on Sunday, December 4.

We will also be holding another initiation of new members at our Wednesday, December 14 meeting. There will be no meeting on December 28 due to the holiday season.

In closing, I hope that 2023 bestows positive gifts on all of you.

Barbara Wallace, ER

Happenings:

Our annual Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. for children aged 10 & under.



Dictionary Project

Thank you to Gerri Lopez who delivered 308 Dictionaries to Third Grade Students at the following Schools: Vernon, Hinsdale, Oak Grove, Marlboro, Townsend, Newfane, Green Street, Wardsboro, St. Michael's, Dover, Academy, Wilington, and Halifax.



Elks Memorial Service

We will be honoring our departed members from the last year at our Memorial Service on Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m.

In honor and remembrance:

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| Uttam "Tom" Mistry, LM | Carol Menck |
| Michael Rodgers | Richard Coleman |
| Terrence E. Amidon | Max E. Carr, LM, PER, PDDGER |
| Leonard A. Roberge, LM | Allen E. Snow |
| Wayne Morris, LM | Steve Holley |
| Delbert Higley, LM | Jeffrey W. Durrborow, LM |
| G. William Hamilton, LM | Joann Howard-Wisniewski |
| Robert J. Kelly, LM | Edmund C. Miller, LM |
| Earline B. Santino | Gordon E. Hatfield, Jr., LM |
| Robert F. Burnham, LM | Corwin S. Elwell, LM |
| Frank V. Murach, Jr. | Wendell I. Howard, LM |
| | Ricky Sprague |
| | Beatrice Defeo |

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Brattleboro Lodge members were happy to see a multitude of smiles from our kids, parents and grandparents on Saturday, October 29. Tiffany Stanley took charge of organizing a fun-filled party along with her wonderful helpers, Missy McAuliffe, Amanda Daniels, Nancy Kerylow, Lisa Kerylow, Amy Kellom and her daughter Alyssa. The lodge was wonderfully decorated, and the kids were able to participate in two guessing games and a costume contest. All the kids received a box of goodies and had their fill of pizza and cupcakes. The costume contest winner was Alex Henry who dressed as DB Cooper. Adam Kerylow won the gummy worm contest and Mason Dixon won the eyeball contest. We are already looking forward to next years party!



Recent Donations

Reformer Veteran's Day Ad	\$ 60
Maine Soccer Shoot	\$ 100
Brattleboro Rec Basketball	\$ 150
St. Jude's for Children	\$ 200
Brattleboro Last Night	\$ 250
Kurn Hattin School	\$ 250
Meals On Wheels	\$ 250
Meeting House Hill Cemetary	\$ 250
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$ 1,000
Member Aid	\$ 2,000

Recent Donations Total:
\$4,510⁰⁰

Proposed for Membership:

Matt Rink proposed by Kyle Henry
 Seth Rhodes proposed by Ralph Buchanan
 Jessalyn Stockwell proposed by Ralph Buchanan
 Jon Blouin proposed by Mark Gouger
 Gary Sanderson proposed by James Coulombe
 Carrieann Desmarais proposed by Ralph Buchanan
 Zachary Cutting proposed by Savannah Casey
 Richard O'Donnell by reinstatement proposed by Jeffrey M. Gouger

VETERANS BREAKFAST

Brattleboro Lodge was abuzz on Sunday, November 13 as Veterans and family members came to enjoy the annual Veterans Breakfast. Bill Wallace (USMC) and Barbara, Chase Stanley (Army) and Tiffany, Brian Squires (Army) and Alyson, & Dana Zelenakas (Army) and Karen were bustling around making food, setting and re-setting tables, doing dishes and cleaning up throughout the morning. A crowd of more than 160, including several members of Hinsdale's Rolling Thunder bike crew, showed up to make the event one of the highest attended Vets breakfasts of the past several years. Dozens of cards decorated by schoolchildren from three area schools decorated the tables, along with flowers that Jil McMenamin provided. The cards were sent to the VA Hospital in White River Jct. and the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington to be enjoyed by other Veterans. Thank you to all who attended or participated in the event, as Brattleboro Lodge members continue to show huge support for our Veterans.



From The House

On behalf of the House Committee, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and please stay safe this Holiday Season.
 --Frank, Gerri, Mark, Melissa, and Henry

Meals:

December 2 Wings

December 9 Member Appreciation Night

As a Christmas thank you for the support you have given to our lodge.

We will be serving burgers, dogs, fries, and salads. Please come down and take advantage of this opportunity to mingle with your fellow members.

Raffles:

Basket of Cheer

Scratch Ticket Board: \$400 dollars worth of tickets & \$200 cash.

Thank you.

NATIONAL AND STATE ELKS' SCHOLARSHIPS; AWARDS; AND GRANTS AVAILABLE

For further information:
 Visit: www.elks.org/enf/scholarship
 Email: scholarship@elks.org

For questions, contact: Gene Whitney
 P: (802) 380 - 2660
 E: gwhitney@wsesu.org

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

These are grants for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Applications are available from May 1 through November 2nd of the year for which the assistance is needed.

BRATTLEBORO ELKS' SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Male or female high school senior who wishes to further his/her education. Applicant must be a student at Brattleboro UHS, Hinsdale HS, Leland & Gray UHS, or Twin Valley UHS. The student should have proof of acceptance to a College, Technical School, or University.
 Deadlines is April 7, 2023.

ENF LEGACY AWARDS

These are available to children or grandchildren of members of the Elks in good standing only. The applications must be completed online. The deadline for this award is February 7, 2023.

EARL CAVANAGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Male or female student currently enrolled in a University, Technical School, or College. The applicant must be a child or grandchild of a member, or is a member, in good standing of Brattleboro Elks' Lodge #1499.
 Deadline is April 7, 2023.

ROGER SHERIDAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to a HS senior girl and a boy who plan to major in physical education or a related field. This scholarship is sponsored through the Vermont Elks Association and applications are in your guidance office or distributed by request.
 Due February 1, 2023.



December 2022 Calendar of Events

Looking for a way to support the lodge? Volunteer at one of the dinners or events.
We are always in need of volunteers.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 John Kilduff	2 Wings Allen Cohen Emmy Sheldon	3 Elks Kids Christmas Party 10:00 am Robert J Richotte Jr Ramona Severance
4 Elks Memorial Service 11:00 am Paul W Jones Joshua Roberts Diane Vergara	5 Kevin Lambert	6 William J DeCosmo	7 Richard S Johnson Jr Matthew M Ogden Edward J Seekins Joseph S Spano	8 Chad Cutting Ryan Cutting David R Follensbee	9 Member Appreciation Night Bobbi Kilburn Walter Maitland	10 Scot R Hodgdon
11 Tanner Freeman Jessica Galdamez James L McPhail Jr	12 Chad Frechette Floyd W Musgrove	13 Brandy J Speno	14 Lodge Meeting 7 PM (INITIATION) Anthony Kingsley	15	16 Kelli Corbeil James Spiak	17 Chester A Grenda Stephanie S Huestis
18  Hanukkah Starts Michael J Finnell George A Wright	19	20	21 James L Coulombe Rachael Speno	22 David V Dias	23 David F Bell Stephen Kerylow Thomas R O'Connell III John Whelan	24 Roger Aiken Donald F Lavalley Karen Trenosky Julie Zolnoski
25  Merry Christmas Douglas L Hadlock	26 Hanukkah Ends Gabrielle Ciuffreda	27 James P Barrett Peter J Duff	28 Bryce Fletcher Jean Wilde	29 Alex Richardson	30	31 <i>Happy New Year</i> Kelsey Rabideau

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2022-2023 Elected Officers

EXALTED RULER: Barbara Wallace
LEADING KNIGHT: Jeffrey Kerylow
LOYAL KNIGHT: Dana Zelenakas
LECTURING KNIGHT: Amanda Daniels
SECRETARY: Mark Gouger
TREASURER: Steven Nelson
STATE TRUSTEE: Frank Lopez
5 YEAR TRUSTEE: Pete Randall
••• Appointed Officers •••
ESQUIRE: William Wallace
CHAPLAIN: Jil MacMenamin
TILER: Adam Smith
INNER GUARD: Melissa McAuliffe

From the Secretary

Dues payments for the 2022/2023 year were due on April 1. We still have too many delinquent members on our rolls. If you have not yet paid your dues for the year, please remit them ASAP. Dues payments allow us to fulfill many charitable requests in our community.

Send In Your Lodge NEWS



The email to send your lodge news and events to is elks1499newsletter@gmail.com. Please have info to me by the 15th of the month.

Thank you,
Kristin Bratton



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