

Brattleboro Lodge of Elks No. 1499 January 2023

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Exalted Ruler's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR and **Thank you** to all who made our busy 2022 Elks year a memorable one!

The lodge held a flurry of activities during December, including our Elks Kids Christmas Party, Memorial Service, Member Appreciation Night, French Night and Hoop Shoot, along with continuing our Pitch, darts and shuffleboard leagues. We even found time to initiate twelve new members into our order! Congratulations Brattleboro on a job well done! It's so nice for our members to be able to join together and finally get 'back to normal' after more than two years of being cooped up!

Interlodge activities will be held in Brattleboro on January 7 and the state Hoop Shoot finals will be held in Barre on Saturday, January 14.

I am pleased to announce that the lodge offices have voted to participate in the Vermont State Elks Ritual competition to be held on February 26, 2023, in Barre VT. It has been several years since Brattleboro has competed, and we are excited (although a bit scared) of this undertaking. We hope to show other lodges in the state that Brattleboro Lodge 1499 is a force to be reckoned with!

Now that the holidays have passed, we will resume our twice monthly meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. New and old members are encouraged to attend!

Even though winter will probably be in full force by January we hope that members will frequent the club when the weather allows!

Be safe and see you at the lodge!

Barbara Wallace

Happenings:

Balloting on Life Membership

The following members were elected to Life Membership by a vote of the membership:

Albert "Chip" Huffman, Jr.	41 years
Paul McAuliffe	36 years
Richard Frost	35 years
Rick Fleming, Jr.	37 years
Michael Campbell	39 years
Mark Gouger	42 years
Jamie McAuliffe	30 years

Update on National Foundation Grants

Brattleboro Lodge was fortunate to receive a Gratitude Grant of \$2,000 which will be a split donation to the Windham County Heat Fund and the Veterans Canteen Service through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The lodge membership voted to match the grant for the WCHF so that we will be able to donate \$2,000 to help keep vulnerable families in our community warm this winter.

Our lodge also received a Beacon Grant for \$4,000 which we donated to area grade schools to supply winter clothing and needed school supplies to help families who are struggling. In addition, this grant includes supermarket debit cards to help feed the families of our school children this holiday season.

We are currently working on writing up a Spotlight grant for \$2,000 which will go to help another segment of our community.

These donations are the direct result of the generous support of Elks National Foundation by our membership. For every \$1.00 donated by our membership we receive back almost \$2.00 in return. Please consider donating to National Foundation when the yearly dues invoices are received. Members may also choose to donate by becoming a member of the Fidelity Club at enf.elks.org/recurring.

Hoop Shoot

2022 #1499 1st Place Winners that will go on to State Competition in Springfield, VT on January 14th are:

Left to Right:

Dan Leonard, Boys 8-9yr
Camden Dixon, Boys 10-11yr
Connor Dixon, Boys 12-13yr
Olivia Rogers, Girls 12-13yr
Peyton Wood, Girls 8-9yr

Note: Olivia Rogers was 2021 4th in Nation winner of Girls 10-11yr. She said she would really like to go to Nationals again this year - it was a great experience!



#1499 Lodge News



Brattleboro Lodge would like to offer a warm welcome to our newest members initiated on Wednesday, December 14.

Front row, L to R: Seth Rhodes, Jessalyn Stockwell, Sharon Richardson, Linda Shippee, Carrieann Desmarais, Jon Blouin
 Back row, L to R: Mya McAuliffe, Matt Henry, Daniel Bacigalupo, Gary Sanderson, Gary Bogue, Matt Rink

Richard O'Donnell was also elected to membership by reinstatement.

Recent Donations

In-Sight Photography	\$ 100
Solids, Stripes, and Spots 4H	\$ 100
Brattleboro Theater Adventure	\$ 250
Brattleboro Winter Carnival	\$ 250
Rescue Inc.	\$ 250
Marlboro Nordic Ski Club	\$ 1,000
VT Association for Suicide Prevention	\$ 1,000

Recent Donations Total:
\$2,950⁰⁰

Recent Students of the Month

Brattleboro UHS: Daniel Kennett Jaymeson Crochetiere Allison Ackerman-Hovis Aleco Hancock-Desela Lakota Chaffee Alora Lawyer Faith Rowe Marajah Matyas Cassie Earp	Hinsdale HS: Taylor Honeycutt Aubrey Ledoyt	Others from Leland & Gray
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From The House

Happy New Year to all!

Beginning in February on the third Wednesday of each month the Brattleboro Rotary Club will be hosting a Trivia Night at our lodge. Proceeds from that night are earmarked for certain charities. The first night's proceeds will be donated to our state project Silver Towers! This is open to our members as well; the cost is \$20.00 per person and will include a meal. Please come down and support our state project and have some fun in the process. This event will run thru May of 2023.

Meals:

January 6 Gouger's Pork
January 13 Wings
January 20 Italian Night
January 27 Shepherd's Pie

Thank you.

Kids Christmas Party



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

For further information:
 Visit: www.elks.org/enf/scholars
 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, Saint Michael's High School, 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 6, 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.



January 2023 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 <i>Happy New Year</i> JoAnne Rogers James C Sparks	2	3 Guy M Tanza	4 Gregg A Gilmore Christian P Korpela Andrew C Miller	5 Matthew Rink Travis Wright	6 Gouger's Pork Dianne Diemer William Quirk	7 Interlodge Activities @ Brattleboro James L Wood
8 Arvid Carlson John Miller Jr	9 John McLean	10 Walter J Niedzwiecki	11 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	12	13 Wings Murray C Ellison	14 State Hoop Shoot Finals @ Barre Shellie S Doubleday Joann Lajoice-Wojenski
15 William P Bedard H William Nelson Jr	16 Eugene Garry Jr Kyle Henry Robert J Macurdy	17 Jessica Earp Deanna Macie David J Manning	18 Kelly Short	19 Albert Jerard	20 Italian Night Bruce J Bergeron Lawrence H Chapin Joseph H Doucette	21 Russell Bielawiec Wayne Patari Gina Pattison
22 William F Morlock III	23	24	25 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Britni Christiansen Alyssa Pelow Amy S Speno	26 Jodi Nutting	27 Shepherd's Pie Jean Evans Matthew Henry	28 Jason Davis Jeffery S Kerylow Terry Manning Stephen McAvoy
29 Duff A Delano Colby Kerylow Paul Sullivan	30 Lisa Kerylow Luke Martel Jon D Sargent	31 Ben R Abel				

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

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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