

# Brattleboro Lodge of Elks No. 1499

## March 2023

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### Exalted Ruler's Message

Winter is winding down after some up and down swings...from -25° to 55°, all in a few weeks! But we are in Vermont, after all!

Thank you to Nancy and Jeff Kerylow, Bill Wallace, Doug Emery and Frank Lopez for putting on the Super Bowl feast on

February 12, and a special thanks to Nancy & Jeff who stayed until the clean up was done!

The Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club TRIVIA NIGHT was held at the lodge on Wednesday, February 15. It was very well attended and proceeds totaling \$593 were donated to Silver Towers Camp. The next TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to Frank Lopez, Henry Diemer and Mark Campbell for putting on the meal!

Our Drug Awareness event was held on Saturday, February 18, at the Harris Hill Ski Jump. (Article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The State Interlodge competition was held at Springfield Lodge on Saturday, February 25. The results will be posted in the next newsletter.

Brattleboro Lodge officers have been busy preparing for the State Ritual competition and, as of the publishing of this newsletter, it will have already taken place. (Feb 26/Barre, VT.) Thanks to Frank Lopez PER PDD (coach), Dana Zelena-kas, David Greenleaf PER, Bill Wallace PER PDD, Jil Mac-Menamin, Missy McAuliffe, Mark Gouger and Pete Randall PER (asst coach) for supporting me and proudly representing Brattleboro Lodge. It has been an honor to work with all of you!

Old Timers Day will be held on Sunday, March 5. We are planning to have quite a large initiation of new members that day and our PERs will be performing the ceremony. Long-time Elks members will also be receiving pins.

On another note, Brattleboro Lodge will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2025. We are in the process of forming a committee to plan for this event. Even though it is two years away, we want to make it as special as possible, as you only turn 100 once! If you are interested in being on this committee, please reach out to me. The more the merrier!

Happy March!  
Barbara Wallace

## Happenings:

### Vermont State Hoop Shoot

On January 14, Olivia Rogers, represented Brattleboro Lodge in the state Hoop Shoot held in Barre, VT. Olivia competed in the Girls aged 11-12 bracket. The competition was so close that it required three shoot outs to determine the winner. Olivia only missed first place by one basket.

Thank you, Olivia, for all your hard work! We are very proud of your accomplishments and hope that you will choose to compete again next year!

Photo (l to r): State Hoop Shoot Chair Steve Edgerly, Olivia Rogers, State President Jim Kirwood



### Recent Donations

Dept. Veterans Affairs Canteen Program

(Beacon Grant)

Boy Scout Troop #405

The Inspire School

(Spotlight Grant)

Windham County Heat Fund

(Beacon Grant with matched funding from the membership)

Supplies to Area Grade Schools

(Gratitude Grant)

Recent  
Donations  
Total:  
\$11,000

\$2,000

\$2,000

\$3,000

\$4,000

### Proposed for Membership

Valarie Hughes proposed by Shari Henry

Lisa Cote proposed by Duane Brown

Billy DuPue, Jr. proposed by Duane Brown

Ryan Ebbighausen proposed by Shannon Tracy



## Lodge of Sorrow

“The faults of our members we write upon the sands; their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.”

**Ronald E. Page, Sr.,  
Life Member**

Passed away: June 1, 2022

### 2023-2024 Nominations for Officers

EXALTED RULER: Jeffrey Kerylow  
LEADING KNIGHT: Melissa McAuliffe  
LOYAL KNIGHT: S. Chase Stanley  
LECTURING KNIGHT: Amanda Daniels  
SECRETARY: Mark Gouger  
TREASURER: Steven Nelson  
5 YEAR TRUSTEE: Barbara Wallace



## From The House

February 15th was the first Rotary Club Trivia Night. It was an amazing success with a nice donation presented to Past State President, current District Deputy Henry Diemer for Silver Towers Camp. The next one is scheduled for March 15th, if you want to have some fun please join us then.

### Meals:

**March 3 Wings by the House Committee**

**March 10 NO MEAL**

**March 17 Irish Night by Steve Barrett and crew**

**Don't miss this one!**

**March 24 PER Supper: burgers, dogs, sausage, fries, & salad**

**March 25 Breakfast by Tiffany Stanley and crew**

**March 31 Fish Fry by the House Committee**

Note: Beginning March 3, our Friday Night Suppers will return to 5:00pm-7:00pm. Nationality Night meals will remain at 6:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.



# March 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 Mary Speno	2 Davin J Freeman Tammy L Sargent	3 <b>Wings by the House Committee</b> Christine Hart	4 Bonnie E Carr Ronald P Gouin Charles A Mayotte Sr Merle D Thompson Jr.
5 <b>Old Timer's Day 11:00am</b> Cherish Clark Peter R Diemer Donald A Strange	6 Gary E Corey Beth McLean	7	8 <b>Lodge Meeting 7 PM</b> Donald E Barnes Bridget B Bokum Tammy B Claussen Chris Millerick Melissa Whitney	9 Michael D Atamaniuk Michael Gauthier	10 Justin Hawkins Brian McCarthy	11 Billie Jo Gouger Whitney Howard
12 Mark Anderson	13 Courtney Millerick Wayne J Shepard	14 Randy S Bokum Rebecca M Fletcher	15 Amanda Blodgett Kyle Kazeroid Laura Paice	16 Mark Carignan Jeffrey Houghton	17 <b>Irish Night by Steve Barrett and crew</b> Marisa Duncan-Holley Susan L Fisher Steven R Rowell	18 Charles W Davis Jon D Knickerbocker
19 Trevor Houle	20 Richard Gauthier Sr Edward A Nelson Luke M Speno Robert T Walker	21 Michael Hart Robert Junkins	22 <b>Lodge Meeting 7 PM</b> Jay Mills Gary Russell Richard F Tracy	23 Cynthia Huffman Jeffrey A Kerylow David C Lane Bob N Leach Larry C Robinson Gregory Seymour-Miller	24 <b>PER Supper burgers, dogs, sausage, fries, &amp; salad</b> David M Austin Travis Grover Sasha M Whitworth	25 <b>Breakfast by Tiffany Stanley and crew</b> David L Deyo Cynthia F Martel Kate Lipsio Murphy Michael J Wallace
26 Andrew W Speno	27	28 Johnathan Bratton Gregory M Howard Denise M Larock	29 Elwin L Higley	30 Deirdre L Baker Anthony Farnum	31 <b>Fish Fry by the House Committee</b> Brenda L Finnell Krishna M Valentine	

## DRUG AWARENESS

On Saturday, February 18, the Elks Drug Awareness trailer, filled with literature, goody bags, water and juice, was parked at the Harris Hill Ski Jump, as Elks continue to send the message that a clean, full life is more important than drugs. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

ER Barbara Wallace and Youth Activities Chair were present to hand out our drug awareness literature, along with Harper Cutler, a BUHS Sophomore, who was recruited by Ryan to receive community service credit.

The weather was absolutely beautiful and it made for a great day to be outdoors and to spread our message. We even had an unexpected visit from VT Governor Phil Scott and presented him with our Lodge pin that features a photo of Harris Hill.

Many thanks to Karen Zelenakas for making the arrangements for us to have the trailer at the event, to Jil MacMenamin & Peter Randall who helped put together the goody bags, and to Bill Wallace, Dana Zelenakas and Alex Johnson who all had a hand in transporting the trailer.





On Friday, February 17, Brattleboro Lodge presented a \$2000 donation to I.N.S.P.I.R.E School for Autism, which was represented by assistant educator and Elk member Ryan Squires. I.N.S.P.I.R.E School stands for Integrated School Program for Independence, Relationships and Entrepreneurship. The School offers social, educational and vocational training which helps to maximize the potential for adolescents and young adults with autism to lead satisfying, self-sustaining lives in connection with their communities. We are very pleased that this wonderful facility is part of our Brattleboro Community.



On February 22, 2023, Brattleboro Lodge #1499 presented a check in the amount of \$3000 to Richard Davis and Daryl Pillsbury, creators of the Windham County Heat Fund.

The donation was made possible by the receipt of a \$1500 grant from Elks Grand Lodge, with matching funds voted on by the lodge membership.

Thank you to Daryl and Richard for helping to supply heating fuel to Windham County residents, who might otherwise be unable to afford it.

Brattleboro Lodge is very proud to again be able to support this wonderful cause.



# Old Timer's Day

March 5, 2023 was Old Timer's Day/PER Day at the lodge.

The Past Exalted Rulers performed the ritual of initiation for 13 new members.

These members were also eligible to receive pins for celebrating  
a 5-year membership anniversary.

Alain Bernier 5  
Amanda Blodgett 5  
Zachary Bokum 5  
Zach Brownell 5  
Judith Butynski 5  
Kristy Faulkner 5  
Alexandra Fellows 5  
Bryce Fletcher 5  
Sam Fontaine 5  
Jack Gouger 5  
Mary Grover 5  
Trevor Houle 5  
Stephen Kerylow 5  
Bobbi Kilburn 5  
John Kilburn 5  
Devan Lucier 5  
Brian McCarthy 5  
Jennifer McCarthy 5  
Laura Mediera 5  
Steven Moore Sr. 5  
Joseph Parent 5  
William Quirk 5  
Alex Richardson 5  
Dannielle Russo 5  
Ramona Severance 5  
Teri Lynn Sherman 5  
Julie Stoughton 5  
Marvin F Trombley 5  
Parker Waite 5  
John Walker 5  
Linda Walker 5  
John Whelan 5  
Jean Wilde 5  
Stephanie Wilde 5  
Dean Alexa 10  
Karen A Barrett 10  
Bridget B Bokum 10  
Colby Bonnette 10  
Ryan Boyle 10  
Kristin Bratton 10  
Pennie S Bronson 10  
Larry Brown 10  
Mark Campbell 10  
Brian Casey 10  
Kathy Cassin 10  
David V Dias 10

Kelly E Dias 10  
Jessica Galdamez 10  
Robert D Gammon 10  
Justin Hawkins 10  
Shari Henry 10  
Joyce Hillis 10  
Barbara J Hodgdon 10  
Cynthia Huffman 10  
Jack A Hutchins 10  
Joann Lajoice-Wojenski 10  
Allisyn Lambert 10  
Elaine H Lane 10  
Sheryl Libardoni 10  
Peggy Maxfield 10  
Joan C Nowill 10  
Heather Pierce 10  
Joel Porter Jr. 10  
Jared Powers 10  
Carrie L Schafer 10  
Gregory Seymour-Miller 10  
Amy S Speno 10  
Steven C Stanley 10  
Tiffany Stanley 10  
Alex Stradecki 10  
Hannah L Tustin 10  
Diane Vergara 10  
Travis Wright 10  
Colin W Young Jr. 10  
Deirdre L Baker 15  
Patricia A Boyd 15  
Kyle Cassavaugh 15  
Scott Cassavaugh 15  
Robert Cornellier 15  
Amanda Daniels 15  
Susan L Fisher 15  
Patrick J Greenleaf 15  
Lynette E Hamilton 15  
Albert Jerard 15  
Angela Johnson 15  
Frank Lopez 15  
Karen Mathieu-Astley 15  
Andrew C Miller 15  
Wendy Rembisz 15  
Henry Scott 15  
Joanne L Sprague 15  
Anthony S Zumbruski 15

Daniel P Hiner 20  
Christopher P Gouger 25  
Michael P Gouin 25  
Christopher Sawyer 25  
John Brunelle 30  
Walter J Niedzwiecki 30  
Charles E Stokes 30  
Michael D Atamaniuk 35  
David M Austin 35  
Donald E Barnes 35  
Allen R Duckless 35  
Wayne D Emery 35  
Paul S McAuliffe 35  
Sparkie Robinson 35  
George Schneeberger 35  
Gerald R Theberge 35  
Gordon E Bristol 40  
Stephen J Finnell 40  
Albert C Huffman Jr 40  
Joseph M Jewett 40  
Frederick M Noble 40  
Gregory L Record 40  
Michael E Scott 40  
Stephen Barrett 45  
Craig Bengtson 45  
John M Dunham 45  
Michael J Finnell 45  
Peter T Jameson 45  
Richard S Johnson Jr 45  
David C Lane 45  
Kirk S Nims 45  
Peter L Randall 45  
Luke M Speno 45  
Stephen R Stockwell 45  
Robert L Vivian Sr 45  
Michael J Wallace 45  
Thomas Frechette 50  
David A Henry 50  
Robert J Lanoue 50  
Lynton A Worden Jr 50  
Raphael U Corbeil 55  
Arthur E Freeman 55  
Richard E Michelman 55  
Frank A Swett 60  
Stanley Borofsky 65

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

For further information:  
Visit: [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars)  
Email: [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.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.

For questions, contact: Gene Whitney  
P: (802) 380 - 2660  
E: [gwhitney@wesu.org](mailto:gwhitney@wesu.org)

### 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.

### 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.



## HELP WANTED



**After many, many years of service to our lodge,  
Gene Whitney is hanging up his hat as  
Scholarship and Student of the Month chairman.**

**If you are interested in taking over this position or know anyone who might be,  
please contact Gene or ER Barb Wallace.**

**This is a very important lodge program, and we need to ensure it continues  
in order to recognize the accomplishments of  
the outstanding students in our communities!**

**Our heartfelt thanks to Gene for all his dedication to these programs!**

## 2022-2023 Elected Officers

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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](mailto:elks1499newsletter@gmail.com). Please have info to me by the 15th of the month.

Thank you,  
Kristin Bratton



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