

# Brattleboro Lodge of Elks No. 1499

## April 2023

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



### Exalted Ruler's Message

Well, that went by quick!

With the Elks year winding down, I sincerely wish to thank all those who helped make our 2022-2023 lodge year a huge success! The list of names is long and if I were to try to mention all of them there would certainly be someone left out.

Brattleboro Lodge, not only participated in every required event, but met and exceeded our expectations in terms of benevolent support, monetary donations, and assessment goals. From youth activities, Veterans recognition, scholarships, public relations, Ritual, dinners, raffles, etc., our accomplishments have not gone unrecognized by the Elks family or the community. Our lodge is strong, but it is also a family-oriented place where each of us can feel supported and valued. We will continue to invite others to unite with us to accomplish our work and welcome those from other lodges to enjoy our hospitality.

Thank you to my husband, William Wallace, for encouraging me to become an Exalted Ruler, even when he knew I had many apprehensions. It has been a very satisfying journey and one I will admit that I've truly enjoyed! I extend my deepest admiration to all the Past Exalted Rulers who have stepped forward for this lodge and encourage others to be a leader within this remarkable lodge! You will receive so much support!

To my suite of officers; THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for having my back! You made this job an easier one and I appreciate every one of you!!

Best of luck to the next Exalted Ruler, Jeff Kerylow, and his suite of officers. There is no doubt that you all will continue to carry on our work to keep Brattleboro Lodge one of the best in Vermont!

Barbara Wallace  
Exalted Ruler

## Happenings:

### STATE RITUAL CONTEST

Brattleboro Lodge proudly participated in the Vermont State Ritual contest on Sunday, February 26, 2023 in Barre.

The participants were (l to r): Mark Gouger (candidate), Dana Zelenakas (Loyal Knight), David Greenleaf PER (Lecturing Knight), Melissa McAuliffe (Inner guard), Barbara Wallace (Exalted Ruler), William Wallace PER PDD (Esquire), Frank Lopez PER PDD (Leading Knight) and Jil McMenamain (Chaplain).



### Americanism Essay Contest

The theme for this year's Americanism Essay contest was "What is your American Dream?"

The contest was open to grades 5-8. This year, submissions came from Brattleboro Area Middle School students in grades seven and eight. Kate Rabideau and Kelsey Rabideau scored the essays according to originality, development of the theme, and mechanics and neatness.

Three essays were chosen from the eighth grade division. Those students were Maayan Coleman, Jack Edgar, and Jeffrey Stocker. In the seventh grade division, Seamus Bald submitted the lone essay.

All four finalist essays have been entered in the contest at the state level. Each participant who submitted an essay received a certificate and tokens of appreciation.

## From The House

April 2023

We are at the start of another Elk Year, on behalf of the House Committee I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to another successful year.

April brings us a few dinners and events you will not want to miss:

### Meals:

April 7 Wings by the House Committee

April 14 NO MEAL

April 21 American Night by Frank Lopez and Tiffany Stanley

April 28 NO MEAL

April 29 Homecoming for Past State President and District Deputy South Henry Diemer Surf & Turf followed by live music from "In Clover"

### Raffle:

Nancy will be raffling off (8) \$50.00 Massachusetts Scratch Tickets. The drawing will take place on April 29th

Thank you for your continued support.

## Proposed for Membership

William F. Solomon by transfer from Keene, NH lodge #927.

## Recent Donations

Small Fry Baseball	\$ 150
Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl	\$ 400
Make-A-Wish Foundation	\$1,000
Boy Scouts Troop #405	\$2,000
<b>Recent Donations Total:</b>	<b>\$3,550</b>

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

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

**For questions, contact: Gene Whitney**  
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### 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**.



# April 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
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2	3 Gerald R Theberge	4	5 Amy Frechette	6 Shawn M Baker Zach Brownell	7 <b>Wings by the House Committee</b>	8 Frank O Howard
9 Jeffrey S McAllister	10 Mark Campbell James R Gray	11 E Stuart Coleman Lance Gouger Chris Lord	12 <b>Lodge Meeting 7 PM</b> Richard J Fleming Jr	13 Matthew W Stone	14 Amy Kellom John A Rabideau	15 <b>Installation of Officers</b> Karen A Barrett Luke P Harris Logan Hazard James A Miller
16 Elizabeth Bassett Kelly Derosia Jonathan Earp Lucas Higley Joel R Thurber	17 Christopher J Buckley Scott Cassavaugh Michael Meyer	18 John E Annis Kristen Gouger J Robert Harrison Francis J O'Neil Winston Sailsman	19	20 Brian L Kent Donna Macie Charles E Stokes	21 <b>American Night by Frank Lopez &amp; Tiffany Stanley</b> Jennifer A Ogden Ann Varilly Colin W Young Jr.	22 Gregory L Record Robert W Spaulding
23 John Kilburn Howard North Jr Ralph S Haley 30	24 Gary Sanderson	25 Ian Clews Kimberly F Gouger	26 <b>Lodge Meeting 7 PM</b> Jennifer McCarthy Pamela J Nelson	27	28 Stanley Borofsky Sheri Carpenter	29 <b>Homecoming for Henry Diemer</b> <b>Raffle Drawing</b> Joshua Bond C Henry Chevalier Shayne Smyth Kevin Yager

## 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 notices for the 2023/2024 lodge year have been mailed out by the Grand Lodge. Dues payments are due by March 31, 2023 in order to avoid any delinquencies. Please remit your dues payment before then.

If any member who has a 5 year anniversary of membership this year (2023 current card) and would like a lapel pin please email the secretary at [elks1499@comcast.net](mailto:elks1499@comcast.net) and one will be sent out to you. Please keep in mind that some pins are backordered and may take some time to receive due to availability.

## 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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