

Brattleboro Lodge of Elks No. 1499

January 2024

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy New Year!

Hope everybody's Holiday season was enjoyable.

Welcome to 2024. Let's keep the momentum going on membership. We are having an initiation on January

10th which could be up to twenty new members. Great job by all. At the time of the writing of this newsletter with our next initiation (Jan 10th) we will be the first club in the state to be at a plus membership. Give yourselves a hand for a great job with new members. Let's keep it up.

The kids' Christmas party was a great success. A great big thank you goes out to Tiffany Stanley and her volunteers for a great job, and to Nancy Kerylow for her hard work on getting things together for the party.

Anna Borgatti and Wendy Rembisz took over Secret Santa back in 2017 when Dr. and Mrs. Fagelson retired.

Three years ago, they asked if they could use the Brattleboro Elks as a drop off and pick up spot for gifts. This is when I realized how much work goes into providing a great Christmas for our local families.

This year Secret Santa supported 278 kids from 135 families within the WSESD. We had approximately 125 volunteers and for hours I would say the core team was at least 100 hours plus all the hours our Santa's spent shopping, wrapping and dropping off. It really is amazing when you look at the numbers!

Thanks so much to our amazing Elk members Anna and Wendy for a job well done. Thanks also to everyone who continues to keep Secret Santa going.

We had our Memorial service on December 3rd and a job well done by my officers.

Our French night dinner was a great success. Thank you to Jeffrey Gouger and crew for a delicious meal. For all the dinner dates for January see the "From the House" section of this newsletter.

Let's keep the momentum going right through 2024.

Sincerely,
Exalted Ruler Jeff Kerylow

Happenings:

Propositions for Membership

Dennis Richter proposed by Ken Parsons

Jessica Fellows proposed by Tim Worth

Donald Stone proposed by John McLean

Kaleigh Richardson proposed by Courtney Millerick

Stephen Golledge proposed by Mike Tessier

Ethan Page proposed by Mike Tessier

Mark Golledge proposed by Mike Tessier

Troy Sargent proposed by Tammy Sargent

Thomas Costano proposed by David Nadeau

Barbara Kempf proposed by Alison Marino

Philip Kempf proposed by Larry Kempf

Karen Bergstrom proposed by Nancy Kerylow

Kimberly Gibowicz proposed by James Gray

Lawrence Bober proposed by Jeffrey M. Gouger

Deborah Patno proposed by Amanda Daniels by reinstatement

Hans Dennie proposed by Nancy Kerylow by reinstatement



Lodge of Sorrow

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

Deirdre L. Baker

Born: March 30, 1963

Initiated: September 13, 2008

Passed away: November 25, 2023



From The House

We are always looking for people to host a dinner. Anyone that is interested can talk to Nancy or anyone of us on the House Committee. On behalf of the House Committee, I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Meals:

January 5 Gouger Pork
January 12 Kenny Parson's Chicken Cordon Bleu
January 17 Rotary Trivia Night, meal TBD
January 19 Italian Night by Spenos
January 26 Wings

Raffles:

Nancy continues to run raffles which benefit our Elks Charities and members of our community. Thank you Nancy and all who continue to support our Lodge and the Charities that we support. You have proven that "Elks Care, Elks Share."

Thank you, Frank

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

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 application is **February 5, 2024**.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

These are grants for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Applications are available from May 1 to November 2. Access the application online.

ROGER SHERIDAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to a senior girl and boy who plan to major in physical education or a related field. These scholarships are sponsored through the Vermont Elks Association and applications are due **February 1, 2024** and distributed by request.

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 be accepted to a College, Technical School, or University. Deadlines is **April 5, 2024**.

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 5, 2024**.



January 2024 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 Gouger Pork Matthew Rink Travis Wright	6 Dianne Diemer William Hill William Quirk Isaac Roach
7 James L Wood	8 Arvid Carlson John Miller Jr	9 John McLean	10 Lodge Meeting 7 PM INITIATION Walter J Niedzwiecki	11	12 Kenny Parson's Chicken Cordon Bleu	13 Murray C Ellison
14 Shellie S Doubleday Joann Lajoice-Wojenski	15 William P Bedard H William Nelson Jr	16 Eugene Garry Jr Kyle Henry Robert J Macurdy	17 Rotary Trivia Night meal TBD Jessica Earp Deanna Macie David J Manning	18 Kelly Short	19 Italian Night by Spenos Albert Jerard	20 Bruce Ike J Bergeron Lawrence H Chapin Joseph H Doucette
21 Russell Bielawiec Wayne Patari Gina Pattison	22 William F Morlock III	23	24 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	25 Britni Christiansen Alyssa Pelow Amy S Speno	26 Wings Jodi Nutting	27 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				

... New Flag Replacement Program for Veterans ...

The lodge is instituting a new program to replace existing American flags of any veteran in our area that needs one. Upon request, lodge volunteers will install a new flag and flagpole (if necessary) that is attached to one's house. Requests can be made by email, elks1499@comcast.net, or by calling 802-254-5933.

Please see Chase Stanley or Mark Gouger for any questions or further details.

Chasing Zero Review

Chasing ZERO and BPOE 1499 had an amazing year of fundraising for our veterans and first responders.

Through past efforts the reputation of what we do spread far enough to reach the students of BUHS. We were approached by the varsity lacrosse team to assist with a Veteran fundraiser event in an effort to restart their Students for Veterans program which was sidelined due to covid. BPOE 1499 was able to donate \$1499 to the effort that benefited The Frontlines Foundation. The overall effort netted more than \$6,000 to the organization.

We were later selected by the Wells family to be the beneficiary of the annual WELL-Z golf tournament in memory of Elk member Bernie Wells. This event helped spread awareness to our cause and we were able to raise approximately \$3500 that went to our charity of the year Shields and Stripes.

Through the creation and sale of Chasing ZERO merchandise, donations from local businesses, and the amazing support of this community we were able to raise over \$22,000 to help bring awareness to and prevent Veteran and First Responder depression and suicide. The final event of the year, the annual 22-mile walk was an amazing success that could not have been possible without the volunteers who gave their time.

At the end of the year BPOE 1499 was able to donate \$18,000 to Shields and Stripes which fully funded a participant in their 6-month all-inclusive program which aids participants in rejoining their families and communities as contributing and healthy members.

Due to the success in fundraising we were also able to donate \$2,500 to Josh's House in Colchester Vermont. Josh's House was created by the family of Josh Pallota, a VT National Guard member who could not overcome his internal battles. Josh's House serves as a safe place for Veterans to relax and seek out assistance and aid as needed.

This year was incredible and 2024 is fast approaching as are Chasing ZERO efforts to go above and beyond to help our guardians and warriors.

2023 Donations Recap

Donations made in support of youth

Youth Services	\$200.00
Cal Ripken League	\$300.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	\$500.00
Kurn Hattin Home	\$250.00
Brattleboro Little League	\$150.00
Winston Prouty Center	\$300.00
Mears Family Donation	\$500.00
BUHS Baseball Ad	\$100.00
Theater Adventure	\$250.00
Regional Soccer Shoot Ad	\$100.00
Brattleboro Recreation and Parks Basketball	\$150.00
“Solids, Stripes and Spots 4H Club”	\$250.00
Lexy Gialella Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Youth Basketball	\$150.00
Boy Scouts Troop #405	\$1,499.00

Donations made in support of Veterans

Shields/Stripes Chasing Zero	\$1,499.00
VT Veterans' Canteen Service	\$500.00

Donations made in support of our Community

Aids Walk a thon	\$500.00
Hinsdale Education Foundation	\$100.00
Brattleboro Goes Fourth	\$2,500.00
Brattleboro Retreat	\$500.00
Vt Assoc. for the Blind	\$100.00
Kelsey Wells Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	\$1,000.00
Brattleboro Historical Society	\$75.00
Brattleboro Women's Golf	\$250.00
Run for the Fallen	\$200.00
GER Booklet Ad	\$200.00
West Dummerston Fire Dept.	\$1,200.00
Vt Assoc. for the Blind	\$100.00
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$1,000.00
Brattleboro Last Night Project	\$250.00
Brattleboro Walk-In Clinic	\$400.00
Brattleboro Council for the Aging	\$250.00
Harris Hill Ski Jump	\$1,000.00
Meeting House Cemetary	\$250.00
Senior Meals	\$250.00
Project Feed the Thousands	\$1,000.00
Brattleboro Winter Carnival	\$250.00
St. Brigid's Kitchen	\$500.00

2023-2024 Elected Officers

EXALTED RULER: JEFFREY KERYLOW
LEADING KNIGHT: MELISSA MCAULIFFE
LOYAL KNIGHT: S. CHASE STANLEY
LECTURING KNIGHT: AMANDA DANIELS
SECRETARY: MARK GOUGER
TREASURER: STEVEN NELSON
STATE TRUSTEE: FRANK LOPEZ
TRUSTEES: KAREN ZELENAKAS, JEFF DIXON,
PETE RANDALL, RALPH BUCHANAN,
BARBARA WALLACE

... Appointed Officers ...

ESQUIRE: FRANK LOPEZ
CHAPLAIN: JIL MACMENAMIN
TILER: JEAN WILDE
INNER GUARD: LUCIE FORTIER

... Dues Notice ...

WE STILL HAVE MANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR YEARLY DUES. IF YOU ARE DELINQUENT, PLEASE REMIT A PAYMENT SOON TO AVOID BEING DROPPED FROM OUR ROLLS. DUES PAYMENTS ALLOW US TO DONATE TO MANY WORTHY PROGRAMS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE THINK OF YOUR DUES PAYMENT AS AN INVESTMENT FOR THE GREATER GOOD FOR THOSE THAT NEED OUR HELP.

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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