

Monthly News February 2025

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Fraternal Greetings St. Albans 1566,

We now move from the freeze of January and into the fraternal excitement that February and Spring bring us! Afterglow was again a great fraternal event providing a fun afternoon of fellowship, entertainment and plenty to eat. I am happy to report that through your generous donations our lodge was able to again support a local food shelf with your donations - thank all of you for your active participation and generous donations which will go to assist local families in need. Afterglow is a perfect presentation of what we are, Elks Care/Elks Share - it represents that as an organization, we are here as an active participant in our local communities - whether it be via direct donations to a food shelf, donations of needed personal and educational products to a local school, assistance to a veteran in need, teaching our children the importance of competition and sportsmanship through our Soccer and Hoop Shoots, and of course our support of Silver Towers in Ripton!

Hopefully you have all be into the lodge and seen our new flooring in the Lounge. It has been a long time coming and we thank the Trustees for their efforts to maintain and improve our lodge and facilities for our members.

February brings many events for our members beginning with the Interlodge Games which will

be hosted at Barre Lodge on the 8th. We look forward to friendly competition in Cribbage, Pool, Shuffleboard, Cornhole, and bowling. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends from throughout the State and a great opportunity to express and show the camaraderie of St. Albans Lodge# 1566. If you are interested in participating please contact either myself or Alan Bourbeau directly. We are also looking to initiate up to eight (8) new members into our order, I want to thank each of you for actively searching for new members. So far during this Elk year we have brought an additional 40 members into our midst. Please reach out to our new members to participate in our activities, I know that they will be as excited to be part of our fraternity as we are. Most importantly we have the responsibility of electing our new officers for the ensuing year, it is during February that we nominate our elected officers for the ensuing year. The second meeting of the month (February 18th) will be for the nomination of officers. Do you want to become directly involved in running the lodge? Do you know a good candidate for office? If so now is the time to act! You are all encouraged to participate in the governance of our lodge at these and the following meetings where we will elect our new slate of officers for the 2025 - 2026 Elks year.

Further, we will have our annual "Valentine's

Day" auction to support Silver Towers on the 22nd. Please plan to attend, and if possible, assist with the organization and obtaining of items for auction. This event is one of our larger fundraisers and covers a significant portion of our dedication to Silver Towers. Please see the fliers in the lodge for further information and if you wish to assist in any way contact either Corey Hoague, Alan Bourbeau, or myself.

Finally, Spring (or the months after December/January) bring us a new beginning. The days grow longer and warmer - telling our winter enthusiasts to get their last ski trip or snowmobile excursion in and tell our summer enthusiasts that Memorial Day is coming and with that the unofficial beginning of summer. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this lodge, it has been a privilege, I do appreciate your trust. I look forward to seeing you all in the Lodge and out and about in the upcoming weeks. Enjoy your Valentines day.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns - or you would just like to speak about the lodge, please give me a call, email, or text. I can be reached at (802) 316-0143 or by email at bpellet@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
Bruce
Exalted Ruler

LODGE OF SORROW



A Lodge of Sorrow was held at the 01/07/25 meeting for Gaylord Bouchar who passed away on December 15, 2024 and was a Life Member. Lodge of Sorrow was held at our 01/21/25 meeting for Ronald Hojaboom who passed away on 01/11/25 and Richard J. Howrigan who passed away on 01/18/25 and was a Life Member.

In Vain We Call

The clock of their days has stopped upon its dial. The motionless shadows mark eleven, with us the Golden hour of recollection.

Whatever may have been their accomplishments, we are their treasurers. We will cherish their good deeds, forget their faults, and inscribe their names upon the tablets of Love and Memory.



To our new Life Members nominated by our Past Exalted Rulers and elected at our January 7, 2025 regular meeting:

Ronnie Bruyette	Winston (Chuck) Machia
Shaun Luneau	Paul Bilodeau
Raymond (Rett) Heald	Steve Smith
John Sweeny	Kevin Wry

MEETING NIGHT DRAWS



01/07/25 - Tom Royea NR \$768
01/21/25 - Gaston Gagner NR \$863
NR = Not Registered

LODGE OFFICERS 2023- 2024

Exalted Ruler:	Bruce Pelletier	Treasurer:	Kimberly Bourbeau
Esteemed Leading Knight:	Chris Hall	Esquire:	Jesse Rocheleau
Esteemed Loyal Knight:	Paul Gleason	Tiler:	Monica Pelletier
Esteemed Lecturing Knight:	Curt Swan	Chaplain:	Todd Soule
Secretary:	Deb Chevrier	Inner Guard:	Nicole Trudo

LODGE TRUSTEES

<> 1 year: Stacy Trudo <> 2 year: Pam Brown <> 3 year: Sandra Brace, PER <> 4 Year: Jeremy Allard, PER <> 5 year: Steve Putnam, PER

STATE TRUSTEE - Joe Montcalm, PER

Lodge Hours: Tel: 802-524-9805

Monday thru Thursday - 2 pm – 10 pm
Friday 1 pm - 11 pm
Saturday 12 noon – 10 pm
Sunday 12 noon – 7 pm

Hall Rental: Email Club Steward, Chad Boudreau at Cboudreau145@gmail.com
Fax 802-370-3099 **Email** elks1566@comcast.net
Editors: Deborah Chevrier and Larry Bouchard

Proposition for Membership 01/07/25 Meeting:

Name	Residence	Proposer
Christopher Spears	St. Albans, VT	Chad Boudreau - Reinstatement
Corey Mitchell	Swanton, VT	Nelson Mitchell
Lindsey Bostwick	Swanton, VT	Chad Boudreau
Allen S. Hulbert	Bakersfield, VT	Serge Thibeault
Michael Boulerice	St. Albans, VT	Kevin Briggs

Report of the Investigating Committee 01/07/25 Meeting:

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Lindsey Bostwick	Swanton, VT	Chad Boudreau
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Proposition for Membership 01/21/25 Meeting:

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Keith Baker	Georgia, VT	Malcolm Baker
Joey Pidgeon	Fairfax, VT	Bryce McNall
Ashley Rae Smith	Fairfax, VT	Bryce McNall

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SILVER TOWERS CALENDARS

Are still available to purchase at the Lodge.
\$20 for each calendar.

We encourage you to purchase a calendar if you have not already done so to help support our State Major Project – Silver Towers.

Thank you to all those who have already purchased your calendars – we greatly appreciate your support.



GUN RAFFLE WINNER

January, 2025

Wayne Choiniere

who won a

SIG P320C-9-B Nitron Compact 9MM
Congratulations Wayne!

HAPPY NEWYEAR!

After Glow Party

Was held on January 1, 2025.

It was a great success! There were many participants. We received many food donations from this event Thank you, all who contributed food items, Bruce and Monica Pelletier and all volunteers who helped with the buffet/event to make this successful for our members and our lodge. Everyone enjoyed their time.

All food items were donated to our local

Georgia Food Shelf

(June Waite, wife of member, Paul Waite and sister Jolly Bates, wife of member, Gary Bates are the key people responsible for the Georgia Food Shelf success) Kudos to both for their community support!



NORTHERN HOOP SHOOT



Took place on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at South Burlington High School. We had 3 second place winners from the North. Thanks to Mary Brouillette and Cathy Moss and to Bruce Pelletier and Chris Hall for representing the lodge.

The State Hoop Shoot will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025 – in Barre.

Registration at 9 a.m. Shoot at 10 a.m.

State Results will be in the March newsletter.



Interlodge Activities

February 8, 2025 (Saturday) Northern Competition—
Barre Lodge

March 01, 2025 (Saturday) Inter-Lodge Finals -
Bennington Lodge

Nominations for New Lodge Officers 2025 - 2026

Nominations for new Officers will be held at the 1st meeting in February - February 4th

Election of new Officers will be held at the 2nd meeting in February - February 18th



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY YOUR 2025-26 DUES

THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF THE NEW DUES IS:

\$94.65

The Grand Lodge increased their insurance fee by \$2.00 for 2025-26.

Our lodge fees have not increased.



VALENTINE'S DAY AUCTION

For the Benefit of Silver Towers & Youth Activities

Saturday, February 22, 2025
St. Albans Lodge #1566

4-5 pm - Social Hour
5-6 pm - Spaghetti Dinner
\$10.00 per person
Auction to Follow Dinner

Come join us. Everyone is guaranteed a good time!

NOTICE

Delinquent Members for 2024-2025 Dues

Dues are past due for 2024-25. We have 22 members who have not paid their dues. As a delinquent member, you are missing out on participation in our lodge activities. We value your membership and do not want to lose you as a member. If your dues are not paid by our last meeting on March 20, you will be dropped as a member. Please make every effort to pay your dues if you want to maintain your membership.

The dues are \$92.65 and can be left at the lodge or mailed to St. Albans Elks Lodge #1566, PO Box 87, St. Albans, VT 05478

Thank you.

INITIATION

Our next initiation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at our regular meeting.

This will be our last initiation for our 2024-25 Elk Year. All candidates who are not able to attend this initiation will be invited to attend the next initiation in April, 2025. The Lodge Secretary will notify candidates of the date once scheduled.

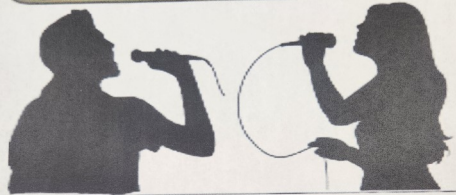
Cribbage & 500 Card Tournaments For February 2025

Cribbage

Sunday, February 02, 2025 Starts at 1:00pm - 4 pm
Bring Your Own Partner \$25 per Team
Questions? Contact Jesse Rocheleau

500 Tournament

Sunday, February 09, 2025 Starts at 1:00 pm - 4 pm
Bring Your Own Partner \$25 per Team
Questions? Contact Dan Ploof



FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST

7:00 UNTIL 9:00, IN THE LOUNGE

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

BRING A FRIEND TO SEE WHAT THE ELKS LODGE REPRESENTS. APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Veterans Crisis Line



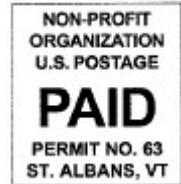
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BE A PROPOSER

Propose a new member(s) to join the Lodge

**WE ALWAYS
WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**

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Get all the latest on our local website.

<i>FEBRUARY 2025</i>	<i>MARCH 2025</i>	<i>APRIL 2025</i>
February 2, 2025 (Sunday) Cribbage Tournament - 1 pm	March 1, 2025 (Saturday) Final Interlodge Activities – Bennington Lodge	April 1, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm
February 4, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm; initiation; nominations of 2025-26 Officers	March 2, 2025 (Sunday) Cribbage Tournament – 1 pm	April 6, 2025 (Sunday) Cribbage Tournament - 1 pm
February 8, 2025 (Saturday) Interlodge Activities North - Barre	March 4, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm	April 8, 2025 (Tuesday) House Committee meeting 6 pm
February 9, 2025 (Sunday) 500 Card Tournament – 1 pm	March 9, 2025 (Sunday) 500 Card Tournament – 1 pm	April 13, 2025 (Sunday) 500 Card Tournament – 1 pm; Palm Sunday
February 11, 2025 (Tuesday) House Committee meeting 6 pm	March 9, 2025 (Sunday) Daylight Saving Time Begins	April 15, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm
February 14, 2025 (Friday) Happy Valentine’s Day!	March 11, 2025 (Tuesday) House Committee meeting 6 pm	April 20, 2025 (Sunday) Easter – Lodge closed.
February 18, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm; election of 2025-26 Officers	March 17, 2025 (Monday) St. Patrick’s Day	April 27, 2024 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 pm; 2 nd drawing 2:30 pm; 3 rd Drawing 3:00 pm
February 22, 2025 (Saturday) Valentine Auction for the benefit of Silver Towers & Youth Activities	March 18, 2024 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm	
February 23, 2025 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 pm; 2 nd drawing 2:30 pm; 3 rd Drawing 3:00 pm	March 20, 2025 (Thursday) First Day of Spring	
	March 30, 2025 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 pm; 2 nd drawing 2:30 pm; 3 rd Drawing 3:00 pm	
	March 31, 2025 (Monday) last day of our fiscal year 2024-25. All delinquent members will be dropped by this date.	