

Monthly News March 2025

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Fraternal Greetings St. Albans 1566,

I write this greeting as we prepare to move from the depths of winter and into Spring, both seasonally and fraternally. I know that our snow loving members have enjoyed this season for all of the fun that it brings; skiing, fishing, skating and sledding - I, for one, look to March as our first break into spring and the promise of warmer weather and most importantly LONGER DAYS!

The focus of most, if not all, of my monthly addresses has been the Membership, Fraternity, and Community elements of our lodge. So it is only fitting that in my last report to the Lodge as ER I follow that format. I happily report that for the 2024/2025 Elk Year your team achieved a great deal in each of these areas.

Last month we initiated six (6) new members into the fraternity and during the fraternal year we brought in more than 50 new petitions! Through your efforts we have brought more members into the Elks which expands and enhances our Fraternal Strength. Our club remains one of the most active in the state in membership and retention. Thank you for being an engaged team, spreading the Antlers of Elkdom amongst your family and friends! Our members make our lodge successful.

The 2024 / 2025 Elk year for St. Albans Lodge # 1566 was a year of change. We brought on a new lodge Steward and addressed some of the capital

needs of the lodge. Thanks to the diligent work of your elected officers, House Committee, and Board of Trustees we were able to bring our new Steward into the lodge in a near seamless manner for the membership. I want to thank our House Committee particularly for providing Chad Boudreau (our new Steward) with the guidance and tools needed to take on his new position and duties. The largest capital improvement to note is our new flooring in the lodge, a project that is now nearing completion. We need to thank the entire Board of Trustees for this accomplishment and especially Pam Brown for her ability to keep all on task and find agreement among an entire team!

I am most proud of our accomplishments in the community. We have assisted our local food shelf, responded to a crisis at a soup kitchen, and provided our facility and other support for both community and personal events. I am proud to be an Elk especially for this quality, we are here to help in any way that we can as a lodge both for community and personal support. I thank each of you for this.

February has come and gone and with it our Valentine's Day Auction for Silver Towers. Our annual Silver Towers Dinner and Auction was a great success and has once again provided us with necessary finances with which to support Silver Towers. We as a lodge again need to thank Corey Hoague and his team for a great event. Corey was, and has been, our primary solicitor in obtaining

donations for the Auction. This year he took on the additional responsibility of preparing and serving the meal. Topping the night was our very own Alan Bourbeau as Auctioneer! Another great event at the lodge supporting Silver Towers.

We are preparing to head to Bennington for the State Interlodge Games on March 1st. For the north we took first place in Pool, Shuffleboard, and Darts and second place in Cribbage and Bowling. We are looking forward to representing St. Albans 1566 and fraternally supporting our State President, Fred Gilbar, in Bennington at the games. We should have 20 or more representing St. Albans 1566 in Bennington on the first of March.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve for the past two years and please join me in congratulating Chris Hall our newly elected Exalted Ruler. I am excited for Chris and his team and the upcoming year. I know that with Chris' knowledge of the lodge, activities, and Elkdom that we will move forward in new and exciting ways. Congratulations Chris!

Fraternally,
Bruce H. Pelletier
Exalted Ruler
St. Albans # 1566 BPOE

Congratulations

To our New Members initiated on 02/04/25



Back Row L-R Ashley Rae Smith, Christine Wood, Shari Ann Goodriich. Front Row L-R Joey Pidgeon, Keith Baker, Michael Boulерice



Dues for 2025-26

Billings have been sent out early so all members will have plenty of time to make the April 1st deadline.

Thank you to so many who have already submitted your dues. If you have already paid your dues and received a bill, please ignore your bill. Your dues received and billing may have crossed in the mail.

MEETING NIGHT DRAWS



02/04/25 - Tim Royea NR \$863
02/18/25 - Jon Trahan NR \$948
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 Bracey, 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
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Editors: Deborah Chevrier and Larry Bouchard

Proposition for Membership – February 4, 2025 Meeting:

Name	Residence	Proposer
Shawn White	Swanton, VT	Chad Boudreau – Reinstatement
Pat Chagnon	St. Albans, VT	Joan Ploof
Margaret Chagnon	St. Albans, VT	Joan Ploof
Lukas B. Boucher	St. Albans, VT	Brian Boucher
Richard Severance	Georgia, VT	Joe Charland
Heather Davies Coupal	Georgia, VT	Joe Charland
Alan Ladue	Swanton, VT	Chad Boudreau
Darwin Maskell	St. Albans, VT	Chad Boudreau
Rebecca Bean	Swanton, VT	Curtis Brown - Reinstatement

Report of the Investigating Committee – February 4, 2025 Meeting:

Name	Residence	Proposer
Shawn White	Swanton, VT	Chad Boudreau – Reinstatement
Rebecca Bean	Swanton, VT	Curtis Brown - Reinstatement

Balloting for Candidates – February 4, 2025 Meeting:

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Rebecca Bean	Swanton, VT	Curtis Brown - Reinstatement

Proposition for Membership - February 18, 2025 Meeting:

Name	Residence	Proposer
Eric Bourbeau	St. Albans, VT	Kim Bourbeau – reinstatement
Lisa Blouin	St. Albans, VT	Chad Boudreau
Ann Helrich	St. Albans, VT	Chad Boudreau
Austin Masse	Sheldon, VT	Chantel Blouin
Laurie Martin	St. Albans, VT	Nelson Mitchell
Austin Masse	St. Albans, VT	Chantel Blouin

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Eric Bourbeau	St. Albans, VT	Reinstatement – Kim

INTERLODGE STATE ACTIVITIES

Took place in Barre on February, 8, 2025

St. Albans took the following places:

Pool 1st Place
 Shuffleboard 1st Place
 Darts 1st Place
 Cribbage 2nd Place
 Bowling 2nd Place

FINAL INTERLODGE ACTIVITIES

Will take place at Bennington Lodge
 On Saturday, March 1, 2025

Results will follow in the April newsletter.

GUN RAFFLE WINNER

February, 2025

Marshall Touran

who won a

*Winchester XPR Sporter 6.5MM Creedmoor
 Congratulations Marshall!*

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2024-25 DUES WILL BE DROPPED ON 03/18/25 FOR NON -PAYMENT OF DUES

Members who are dropped on 03/18/25 will have a reprieve to pay their dues within 60 days (April 1 through May 31) and be reinstated for membership with no reinstatement fee but need to pay their delinquent dues of \$92.65 plus dues for 2025-26 of \$94.65 to maintain their membership in the lodge.

We encourage members to pay their delinquent dues prior to March 18, 2025

MEMBER BENEFITS

If you are a member of the Elks you are entitled to many benefits.

Check out the website
www.elksbenefits.com

You can save and benefit from the services offered.

500 and Cribbage Tournaments

Bring Your Own Partner

\$25 per Team

MARCH GAMES

Cribbage March 2, 2025

500 Cards March 9, 2025

Questions – Contact Jesse Rocheleau for Cribbage and Dan Ploof for 500

Games start at 1:00 pm

Election of New Lodge Officers 2025 - 2026

Nominations for new Officers was held at our
1st meeting on February 4th

Election of new Officers took place at the
2nd meeting on February 18th

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025-26

Exalted Ruler	Chris Hall
Leading Knight	Paul Gleason
Loyal Knight	Vacant
Lecturing Knight	Vacant
Secretary	Deb Chevrier
Treasurer	Kim Bourbeau
Esquire	Jesse Rocheleau
Tiler	Vacant
Chaplain	Vacant
Inner Guard	Vacant
5-Year Trustee	Bruce Pelletier
4-Year Trustee	Steve Putnam
3-Year Trustee	Jeremy Allard
2-Year Trustee	Sandy Bracey
1-Year Trustee	Pam Brown



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LODGE 1566
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GUN RAFFLE

Proceeds to benefit Silver Towers

FIRST DRAWING: APRIL 1ST, 2025
LAST DRAWING: MARCH 1ST, 2026

**\$50
EACH
ONLY 300
TICKETS!**

APRIL 1ST: MOSSBERG 500 TURKEY GRAND SLAM 12 GAUGE
MAY 1ST: DIAMONDBACK DB15 5.56 16" MLOK BLACK
JUNE 1ST: SIG P320 X-COMPACT 9MM 3.6"
JULY 1ST: HENRY BIG BOY STEEL .44 MAG
AUGUST 1ST: BROWNING AB3 STALKER COMPOSITE 30-06
SEPTEMBER 1ST: RUGER AMERICAN GEN 2 .308 WINCHESTER
OCTOBER 1ST: BROWNING X-BOLT MICRO COMP. 6.5MM CRDM
NOVEMBER 1ST: CVA ACCURA MR-X .50 BLACK/STAINLESS
DECEMBER 1ST: TRI-STAR VIPER G2 20 GAUGE 24"
JANUARY 1ST: ROCK ISLAND STD 45 ACP 5" 2-TONE
FEBRUARY 1ST: WINCHESTER XPR SR 6.5MM CREEDMOOR
MARCH 1ST: SMITH & WESSON 2.0 MILITARY/POLICE 40 S&W



**WINNING TICKETS
THROWN BACK IN!**

All Guns Purchased From:
**BACK COUNTRY
SPORTS**
Saint Albans, Vermont



98th 2025 Vermont Elks Association STATE CONVENTION

*To be held in at the Georgian Lakeside Resort
Lake George, NY
May 2, 3, & 4, 2025*

*If you would like to attend, registration forms are
available from the Secretary.*

Gun Raffle tickets for the 2025-2026 season are now available for purchase. Tickets are \$50 each and limited to a total of 300 tickets. Drawings will be held on the 1st of each month beginning in April 2025 and ending March 2026. Each ticket will be eligible for every draw giving ticket holders a chance to win more than just once. This Gun Raffle solely benefits Silver Towers Camp in Ripton, Vermont.

Calcutta Fundraiser

Support Randy Lebel's Fight
Against Guillain-Barré Syndrome



April 19th from 1-4 pm
Location: Elks Lodge 1566
10 Gricebrook Road
St. Albans, Vt 05450

\$100 each ticket- includes heavy appetizers for 2 people
\$1,000 payout, 50/50 raffle and raffle tickets for purchase
for awesome prizes.
Contact Laurie Artus @ 802-782-9752 for tickets

FEATURING:

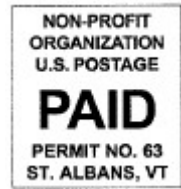
SHE WAS RIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH FROM 6:00-8:30

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC


Bring a friend to see what the Elks represents
Applications for membership will be available

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P.O. BOX 87
ST. ALBANS, VT. 05478
“Return Service Requested”



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MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025
March 1, 2025 (Saturday) Final Interlodge Activities – Bennington Lodge	April 1, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm	May 4, 2025 (Sunday) Cribbage Tournament 1 pm
March 2, 2025 (Sunday) Cribbage Tournament – 1 pm	April 6, 2025 (Sunday) Cribbage Tournament - 1 pm	May 5, 2025 (Monday) Cinco de Mayo
March 4, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm	April 8, 2025 (Tuesday) House Committee meeting 6 pm	May 6 (Tuesday) Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm
March 9, 2025 (Sunday) 500 Card Tournament – 1 pm	April 11, 2025 (Friday) “She Was Right” playing 6 pm – 8:30 pm	May 11, 2025 (Sunday) 500 Tournament 1 pm
March 9, 2025 (Sunday) Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)	April 13, 2025 (Sunday) 500 Card Tournament – 1 pm; Palm Sunday	May 11, 2025 (Sunday) Mother’s Day Breakfast 8 am – 11 am
March 11, 2025 (Tuesday) House Committee meeting 6 pm	April 15, 2025 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm	May 13, 2025 (Tuesday) House Committee Meeting 6 pm
March 17, 2025 (Monday) St. Patrick’s Day	April 20, 2025 (Sunday) Easter – Lodge closed.	May 20, 2025 (Tuesday) Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm
March 18, 2024 (Tuesday) Trustee Meeting 6 pm; regular meeting 7 pm; All delinquent members will be dropped by this date.	April 27, 2024 (Sunday) Lodge Drawing 2 pm; 2 nd drawing 2:30 pm; 3 rd Drawing 3:00 pm	May 25, 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		May 26, 2025 (Monday) Memorial Day
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.		