

BRATTLEBORO LODGE OF ELKS NO 1499

September 2025

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



Exalted Ruler's Message

With summer coming to an end, I hope all of you have enjoyed the beautiful weather.

If you have a chance, please come out and join us for our upcoming events at our club and throughout the State.

On September 13th Chasing Zero* will hold its 5th annual walk at the BUHS track from 12 – 2 p.m.

Also on September 13th will be our 100th Anniversary celebration party at the club from 5 – 10 p.m.

September 16 GER Bryan Klatt will be visiting the St. Albans lodge for a dinner. The following day he will make a stop at our lodge from 3-5 for some hors d'oeuvres.

Sunday September 21st will be our semi-annual DD Clinic to be held in St Johnsbury.

Tuesday September 23rd will be our Kids Soccer Shoot at the Brattleboro Lodge. Anyone with children or grandchildren ages 12 and under can come out and participate. Sign-ups will begin at 5 p.m. with the shoot starting at 5:30 p.m.

In the Social Room are sign-ups for the fall pitch session, starting October 6, as well as the Kevin and Steve Squires 16-run baseball pool Memorial Golf tournament to be held at BCC on October 4.

Jeffrey Dixon, Exalted Ruler

Brattleboro Lodge #1499 100th Anniversary



**Our Centennial celebration
will be held from 5 – 10 p.m.
on Saturday, September 13.**

**A \$10 (refundable deposit)
will reserve your spot!**

**Details and a Sign-up are
posted in the Social Room.**

RECENT DONATIONS:

Post 5 Baseball:	\$ 1,100
BCC Women's Golf	\$ 150
Brattleboro Center for Children:	\$ 250
Bellows Falls Elks Golf	\$ 150
W. Dummerston Fire Dept.	\$ 1,000

Propositions for Membership:

Debra Benoit	Proposed by Julie Stoughton
Joseph Goslawski	Proposed by Shari Henry
Marcia Goslawski	Proposed by Shari Henry
Monica Zinn	Proposed by Barbara Wallace
Caleb Simeon	Proposed by Jacob Gouger
Barbara Faridoni	Proposed by Jessica Galdamez
Arnold Williams	Proposed by Patrick Williams (for reinstatement)



Lodge of Sorrow....In Vain we Call

William P. Bedard Born 01/15/1943 Initiated 11/03/1973 Passed 06/02/2025

"From the House"

Meals

September 5	Deck Dogs by Mark Gouger and Heather Brown
September 12	No meal
September 19	"Cook your own steak" - with a twist. We will be serving sauteed mushrooms, corn on the cob, baked potato and a salad.
September 26	Wings

September will feature two outstanding events, our 100th Year Celebration and Chasing Zero. Please come and show your support.

Raffles

Nancy puts a lot of effort and work into the raffles which benefit our Elks Charities and the members of our community. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate to the cause please let Nancy know. Thank you, Nancy, for all you do.

The weather will be getting cooler, but Mark said he would not stop Deck Dogs until the temperature dipped below freezing, so you still have time to come down and enjoy our deck and the comradery of your fellow members.

Thank You.
Frank
Committee Chair

GER VISIT TO VERMONT

On Tuesday, September 16, Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R. Klatt and First Lady Susan will be making their visit to the Green Mountain State. A dinner will be held in their honor at St. Albans Lodge #1566, home to our State President Daniel Ploof and our First Lady Joan. The next day, the GER and his entourage will travel through the state, stopping for lunch at Rutland Lodge #345, and then making a trip to Silver Towers Camp in Ripton. They will then proceed to the Brattleboro Lodge for a short visit from 3 – 5 p.m., as GER Klatt wishes to congratulate our lodge on its 100 year anniversary. We will be serving a small buffet of hors d'oeuvres and hope that some of our members will be able to meet and greet our GER. Following the Brattleboro visit the group will travel to Bennington Lodge #567 for a short visit before heading to the state of New York.

5th Annual Chasing Zero*

OUR MISSION:

"Dedicated to keeping our Military and First Responders on the path of health, and off the battlefield of defeat"

Chasing ZERO is relentlessly dedicated to identifying and promoting non-profits that strive to keep those who have sacrificed mind, body and spirit in the defense of our nation and our communities. We aim to decrease the number of Military and First Responder suicides by highlighting and funding organizations that have striven to keep our heroes mentally and physically fit for life and its battles.

Please come join our walk on Saturday, September 13 at the Brattleboro Union High School.



Elks Soccer Shoot

The annual Kids Elks Soccer Shoot will be held at Brattleboro Lodge on Tuesday, September 23. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Shoot will begin at 5:30 p.m. Children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends ages 12 and under are eligible to participate. Prizes will be awarded following the Shoot. Any Elks wishing to volunteer to help are asked to contact Sarah Clark, Soccer Shoot Chairman. No skills are required, only a willingness to have fun!



PITCH LEAGUE

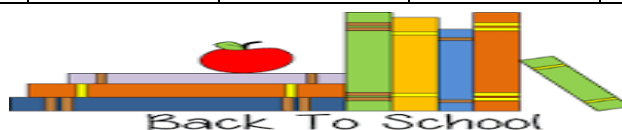
The Fall session of the Lodge Pitch League will begin on Monday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Room. The fee is \$5 per week, to be paid in \$20 increments.

Participation is for Elks members only!

The twelve-week session will end on December 22 and prizes will be awarded that night.

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Deck Dogs	6
				Sheryl Libardoni Larry Pratt Jr Theodore Such Jr	Bruce Davis Thomas Henry Richard Looman	Duane Brown
7	8 Labor Day	9	10	11	12 No meal	13 Chasing Zero -and- 100th Anniversary Celebration
	Tom Burgoyne Joe Mialkowski	Allen Bellville Jr Rusell Ellis Wesley Ives Tristin Mounteer Armand Nadeau Jr Chris Wasserlein	Robert Houle Todd Roy Jennifer Thompson	Cathy Flakes Valerie Sargent	Edwin Smith Steph Wilde Dan Zumbruski	Colby Bonnette Joyce Hillis
14	15	16 GER/St. Albans	17 GER/Bratt.	18	19 "Cook your own steak"	20
Gene Whitney Jr	Ralph Buchanan Luke Evans Ron Wells	John Drake Carmen Willson	Chris McCauley Deborah Patno	John Moriarty	Shari Henry Linda Lopez Paul McAuliffe John Sciacca Chris Worden	Chris Casey Mike Therieau
21 DD Clinic @ St. Johnsbury	22	23 Soccer Shoot	24	25	26 Wings	27
Barbie Barrett Robert Faulkner Charles Keir III	Earl Beaman Ron Stephenson	J Brad Emich Norm Holden Judy Tedford	Tyson Cutting Matt Frechette Brian Kelly Joseph Pieciak Wendy Rembisz	David Evans Sam Fontaine Robert Toney	Larry Finnell David Greenleaf Frank Lopez	Carrieann Desmarais
28	29	30				
Padi Blum Willy Buhlmann Jennifer Howard Joel Porter Jr Robert Santino		Debra Gilman Jeremy Zumbruski				



NATIONAL AND STATE ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS and GRANTS

***FIRST** is the **MOST VALUABLE STUDENT (MVS)** Scholarship. This is open to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen. Applications must be completed online only. The application is available online from August 1 at enf.elks.org/MVS. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 10, 2025.**

***SECOND** are the **ENF LEGACY AWARDS**. These are available only to children or grandchildren of any Elk member in good standing. The application is available online only from September 1 at enf.elks.org/leg. **DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 2, 2026.**

***THIRD** are the **EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**. These grants are for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Applications are available May 1 to November 2. You may access the application at scholarship@elks.org.

BRATTLEBORO ELKS SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: These scholarships are available to any male or female high school senior who is attending Brattleboro UHS; Hinsdale HS; Leland & Gray UHS; St. Michael's or Twin Valley UHS. The student should have proof of acceptance to a College, Technical School, or University. Applications are available in your guidance office, or by request. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 3, 2026.**

EARL CAVANAGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: These scholarships are available to any male or female currently enrolled in a College, Technical School, or University. The applicant must be a child, or grandchild of a member, or be a member, in good standing, of the Brattleboro Elks Lodge #1499. Request applications from Gene Whitney. Contact information is below. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 3, 2026.**

Please contact Gene Whitney at 802-380-2660 or at gwhitney@wsesu.org if you have any questions.

2025-2026 OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER: JEFFREY DIXON
LEADING KNIGHT: MELISSA MCAULIFFE
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SECRETARY: MARK GOUGER
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KAREN ZELENAKAS
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BARBARA WALLACE, PER, DD
CHRISTOPHER MILLERICK
RALPH BUCHANAN, CHAIRMAN

*** APPOINTED OFFICERS ***
ESQUIRE: ALBERT HUFFMAN, JR. PER
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TILER: JEAN WILDE
INNER GUARD: PAUL BEEBE

Please submit any newsletter items to lodge secretary Mark Gouger by the 18th of each month.

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IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Due to delivery difficulties with the US Postal Service, we will no longer be able to mail out paper newsletters. Only those members who have forwarded an email address will receive a monthly newsletter.