

BRATTLEBORO LODGE OF ELKS NO 1499

October 2025

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Exalted Ruler's Message

September wrapped up a very busy month highlighted by a few events.

September 13th, we held our 100th Anniversary party. It was a wonderful event, and I would like to thank the 100th Anniversary Committee for doing an outstanding job organizing it all!

On September 17th we had the pleasure of hosting GER Bryan Klatt and his wife Susan for an afternoon visit.

Coming up in October we have the beginning of our pitch and shuffleboard leagues as well as the start of our Nationality nights.

October 4th is the annual Kevin and Steve Squires Memorial Golf Tournament for baseball pool members to be held at Brattleboro Country Club.

October 18th a few of us will be traveling to St. Albans for the Vermont Elks Mid-Year Convention.

October 25th will be our annual Kids Halloween Party. There is a signup sheet in the Social room and is open to kids 12 and under.

On October 26th DD North Scott Phillips and State President Dan Ploof will be visiting our lodge for a visit and our yearly inspection.

With many events coming up in the next few months please reach out if you would like to volunteer.

Exalted Ruler
Jeff Dixon



Propositions for Membership:

Logan Zumbuski proposed by Justin Howard

Nancy Derosia proposed by Nancy Kerylow

RECENT DONATIONS:

BUHS Alumni Booklet Ad \$ 100

Josh Pallota Fund for Veterans \$ 250

Lodge of Sorrow....In Vain we Call

Robert A. Yantiss

Born 06/13/1947

Initiated 02/18/1973

Passed 08/28/2025

Michael J. Finnell, PER, PSP, PDDGER, HLM

Born 2/18/1947

Initiated 02/14/1979

Passed 09/15/2025

"From the House"

Meals:

10/3 Deck Dogs

10/10 Meatball subs with fries

10/17 Baked Potato bar hosted by the 100th Anniversary Committee

10/24 English Night

10/31 Fish sandwich and fries

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."

Frank Lopez

Committee Chair

GER VISIT TO VERMONT

On Wednesday, September 17, GER Bryan Klatt and First Lady Susan Klatt made a quick visit to Brattleboro Lodge #1499 to offer us congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of our Lodge. They even cut the commemorative Anniversary Cake.

We are very thankful that they made time to stop to acknowledge this great achievement on their way through our great state of Vermont.



Elks Soccer Shoot

The annual Elks Kids Soccer Shoot was held at the Lodge on Tuesday, September 23. There were several children who participated with lots of parents, grandparents and friends present to cheer them on. Thank you to Soccer Shoot Chairman Sarah Clark and her helpers, Ralph Buchanan, Ryan Squires, Nate Boudreau, Barb Wallace, Travis Grover and Jeff Dixon.

The winners are as follows:

Girls under 7:

1st - Malia Gouger

2nd - Talia Speno

Boys under 7:

1st - Jaxson Evans

2nd - Julian Speno

3rd - Logan Lake

Boys 8 & 9:

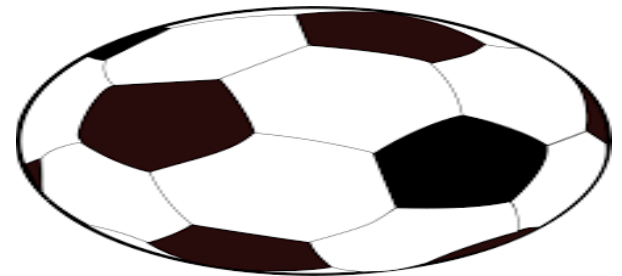
1st - Brayden Gouger

2nd - Everett Moore

3rd - Emmett Cleveland

Boys 10 & 11:

1st - Liam Quinn



DD NORTH VISITATION

DD North Scott Phillips and his suite of officers will be visiting our lodge for its annual inspection on Sunday, October 26. They will be accompanied by State President Daniel Ploof and his officers. The DD inspection will take place at 11:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch. We would like to have a good turnout for this event, so please sign up in the Social Room.

BRATTLEBORO 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The Lodge's 100th Anniversary Gala went off without a hitch on Saturday, September 13, 2025. There were nearly 140 people in attendance to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event. Representatives from the Brattleboro, Bennington, Springfield, Rutland and Barre lodges gathered for the festivities!

An extraordinary feast of hearty appetizers was served up by Wendy & Ron Rembisz, Kelly Aither and Kyle Cassavaugh. Six members of the Brattleboro Union High School Honor Society were on hand to pass around hors' d'oeuvres and were ready and willing to help with anything else asked of them. The students are Ida desJardins, Isabella May, Colby & Ryan Bristol, Willow Sharma and Daniel Mahoney-Schmitt. What a remarkable group of students!

Our DJ Bobby T (Bob Thies) kept the music playing including a variety of old and new for the many dancers. Doug Emery and Shari Henry kept the bar stocked and the beverages flowing.

Many thanks to Dan Boyd and Alex Richardson, both Elks members, who donated the six high-top tables that were used during the gala; to Nancy Kerylow for all her assistance with supplies and arrangements; to Pam and Sparkie Robinson for donating the commemorative wooden plaque which now hangs in the Social Room; to Amy Fletcher for producing the plaque; to Jeff McAllister, Paul Beebe, Steve Nelson and Steve Barrett for setting up the smokers tent and to Bill Wallace and Chip Huffman for taking it down; to Dana Zelenakas who helped with clean up on Sunday; and to Pete Randall who did anything Jil asked of him! (If your name was not listed, please know that we are very grateful for any contribution you made.)

The 100th Anniversary committee is comprised of Jil McMenamin and Barb Wallace, co-chairs, along with Lisa Johnson, Joanne Rogers, MaryAnn Runge, Julie Stephens, Patty Walior and Karen Zelenakas. They have put in nearly 18 months planning events for the 100th. Upcoming events included the Baked Potato Bar (2nd edition) on October 17 and a Bloody Mary Bar (also 2nd edition) on January 4, 2026, which will wrap up our yearlong activities. A time-capsule and raffle are also in the works and dates will be announced a later time.





Centennial Sweatshirts

Quality Cotton, Color=Black w/Gold Lettering

\$48

Pullover & Full Zip



Sweatshirt SIZES: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
Sweatshirt STYLES: Full Zipper -or- Pull Over
Sweatshirt ORDER Deadline October 17, 2025

Questions: Call/Text 802-254-8628 or eMail: [Jil@JilMac.com](mailto:jil@JilMac.com)

-- DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCT 17 --

Please fill out slip and give to bartender!

**WE ALSO HAVE SOME CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS FOR SALE FOR \$15.
SIZES L, XL AND XXL.**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 5-7 P.M.
\$ 8.00 PER POTATO

Sponsored by the 100th Anniversary Committee

Broccoli



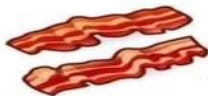
Four Cheese Blend



Queso



Chives



REAL bacon bits



And of course.....



Parsley

NEW MEMBERS

On Wednesday, September 24,
Brattleboro Lodge initiated 9 new
members into our order.

Congratulations and wELKcome to
Elkdom!!!

Pictured below with Exalted Ruler Jeff
Dixon are Caleb Simeon, Monica Zinn,
Debra Massey, Hilary Deyo, Barbara
Faridoni, Joseph Goslawski, Maria
Goslawski, Holly Thompson & Merle D.
Thompson, Jr.



OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Susan Dematteis John Frechette Nancy Kerylow Ken Thurber	2 Corey Bauer Stephen Fecto Stephen Page	3 Deck Dogs Tim Arsenault Ryan Squires	4 16-run Baseball Pool Squires Memorial Golf Tourney
5 State Soccer Shoot Debra King	6 Fred Cheney Kristi Whalen	7 Joan Nowill	8 Bernard Thompson Jr	9 David Emery Jr Deb Fisher Beth Wells	10 Meatball subs and fries Steve Barrett Pennie Bronson Cindy Eaton Kirk Nims	11 Jill Browne Michael Renaud
12 Dennis Baker John Evans Chris D Gouger Peter Jameson Joe Jewett Jacques LeFebvre Tanner Luopa	13 Columbus Day Paul Beebe	14 Henry Scott Marjorie Shield	15 John Dunham Wayne Emery Robert Hamblin Andy Wisniewski	16	17 Baked Potato Bar Irvin Bruce Sue Wells	18 State Mid-Year Convention Mary Ross
19 Bill Harlow	20 Hobie Adams Cheryl Lavalley	21 Bruce Murray	22 John Cleveland David Sage	23 Doug Bramble Stretch Vonderhorst	24 English Night Steve Cutting Ryan Ebbighausen Jessalyn Stockwell	25 Kids Halloween Party Aileen Baldwin Kate Rabideau
26 DD North Visitation Justin Howard Carol Lolatte Allen Pike Matthew Poston Hannah Tustin Kyle Whitworth	27 Sarah Clark	28 Jon Barber Jeffrey J Gouger Jeff Houle Heather Pierce Chris Tustin	29 Brian Frechette	30 Chip Runge	31 Fish sandwich & fries 	



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
LOYAL KNIGHT: AMANDA DANIELS
LECTURING KNIGHT: RYAN SQUIRES
SECRETARY: MARK GOUGER
TREASURER: BRENDA EMERY
TRUSTEES:
KAREN ZELENAKAS
PETER RANDALL, PER
BARBARA WALLACE, PER, DD
CHRISTOPHER MILLERICK
RALPH BUCHANAN, CHAIRMAN

*** APPOINTED OFFICERS ***
ESQUIRE: ALBERT HUFFMAN, JR. PER
CHAPLAIN: JIL MACMENAMIN
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.