

BRATTLEBORO LODGE OF ELKS NO 1499

November 2025

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



Exalted Ruler Message

With Fall upon us we are wrapping up a couple of busy months at the club. We had another successful Kevin and Stubby Squires Memorial Golf Tournament. A great time was had by all who attended. Last week we had our annual District Deputy inspection and State President visitation. Thank you to DD North Scott Phillips and his team, as well as VT State Elks President Dan Ploof and his team. Coming up on November 9th will be the Veterans Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. All Veterans and their spouses will eat for free. The sign up for the Kids Christmas Party will be posted in the Social Room this month. The Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 10 a.m. Lastly, our annual Elks Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 7. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

Exalted Ruler
Jeff Dixon

Current Donations:

Regional Soccer Shoot Directory Ad	\$ 100
Division One Mens Basketball (Team Sponsorship)	\$ 1100
Tri-Park Holiday Joy for Children	\$ 300
Last Night Brattleboro	\$ 250
Blake Miner/Cannons Baseball	\$ 500



BRATTLEBORO ELKS BPOE #1499



VETERANS DAY

BREAKFAST BUFFET

NOVEMBER 9TH
8AM-10AM



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS AND SPOUSES EAT FOR FREE!

\$10/person --- Children 5 and under eat for free



No reservations required



Elks National Memorial 1926-2026

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Madison Finnell	Proposed by Sean Finnell
Makayla Finnell	Proposed by Sean Finnell
Kristopher Radder	Proposed by Jil MacMenamin
Timothy Wessel	Proposed by Stephen Barrett
Bob Buker	Proposed by Jenna Staats

ELKS MEMBERSHIP

GER Bryan Klatt's motto for the year is "Be the Difference".

If you know someone who would like to become a member of our lodge, YOU can be the difference! Ask them to join us and then get them involved in our Lodge activities. It takes some of the burden off those who continuously volunteer for our events. Fresh blood means fresh ideas, too!

Lodge of Sorrow:

Anne Marie Henry

Born 10/23/1956

Initiated 11/03/1993

Passed 07/17/2025



"From the House"

Meals:

November 7: Deck Dogs by Mark Gouger and Heather Brown

If the weather turns cold, we will still do complimentary dogs, and they will be Friday Franks!

November 14: Stuffed Chicken Breast with potato & vegetable

November 21: Polish Dinner

November 28: No meal

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.

With the change in temperature that is prevailing Deck Dogs will have to be moved inside. This should not stop you from coming down and enjoying the company of your fellow members while also enjoying Friday Franks!

Frank Lopez
Committee Chair

On Sunday, October 26, VT DD North Scott Phillips from St. Johnsbury Lodge #1343 and his suite of officers performed the annual inspection of Brattleboro Lodge. They were accompanied by VT Elks President Dan Ploof from Barre Lodge #1535 and his officers.



On Saturday, October 25, more than 50 kids attended Brattleboro Lodge's Halloween Party. Tiffany Stanley, Heather Grout & their helpers did a fantastic job of decorating the Lodge and providing treats, contests and a pizza party for all the kids. Shown at left is Emmett Grover who won the prize for Best Costume.

HOOP SHOOT

The Elks Hoop Shoot will be held at BUHS Middle School on Saturday, December 13.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Children ages 8 – 13 are eligible to participate and do NOT have to be Elks members.

For more information, please contact Kyle Henry.



Elks National Foundation (ENF)

If you have not yet signed up to be a Fidelity Member, would you please take a moment to consider it? It is a very easy process to make donations to ENF. Our lodge receives credit for all donations made by our membership. Donations can be deducted monthly from a bank account or credit card in an amount as low as \$5! In the last few months several members throughout the state have signed up to be Fidelity members and every dollar helps. For each dollar donated the state association receives more than double that amount back in grants.

Visit the Elks.org ENF Fidelity Club page to sign up online.

Annual Elks Kids Christmas Party

The annual Elks Children's Christmas party will be held at the lodge at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6. Children and grandchildren of Elks members aged 10 and under are invited to attend.

Children will be able to decorate Christmas cookies and will enjoy a visit and gift from Santa.

Lunch will also be served.





BRATTLEBORO ELKS

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

9:00AM - 2:00PM

75 PUTNEY ROAD
BRATTLEBORO, VT

Looking for that unique hand-crafted gift? Come and support friends and family by purchasing their beautiful creations!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Artisan gifts & decor
- Raffles
- Bake Sale

Proceeds of the raffles and bake sale will benefit Silver Towers

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL!

We encourage you to visit the American Legion for their annual holiday shopping event as well!

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bill Stone
2 Edward Baker, Jr. Ken Defeo Lisa Flannery Chelsea Frechette	3 Christine Abdelnour Gordon Bristol Tarina Cozza	4	5 Mark Dixon	6 Andi Coulombe Jodi Harrison Deb Martel	7 Deck Dogs Larry Wright	8 Ryan Fontaine
9 Veterans Day Breakfast John Brunelle Charles Hall	10 MVS Scholarship Deadline	11  Lisa Cote Mary Grover Alex Johnson Chase Stanley	12 LODGE MEETING 7:00 Mary Emery	13 Dave Henry	14 Stuffed chicken breast Gina Fuoco Mike Sarsfield	15 Laura Haskins Kyle LaClair
16 Nathan Daniels Pam Deyo Stephen Golledge	17 Dennis Atwater Alexandra Fellows Anna Moore John Walker	18 Dean Alexa	19 Anna Borgatti Dan Oles Seth Rhodes BettyAnne Stokes	20 Joseph Goslawski Russ Stephens Peter Stivali	21 Polish Dinner	22 Jon Blouin David Perkins
23 Elizabeth Bianchi	24 Morgan Grover Dave Nadeau	25 Richard Fleming Gregory Kanetis Debra Mossey Shawn Parent Jeff Robinson Monica Zinn	26 NO MEETING	27  Kristen Clark Albert Johnson Ken Tatro	28	29 <i>Holiday Fair</i> Mark Curtiss Ed Harris
30 Jamie McAuliffe						

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
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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
CHAPLAIN: JIL MACMENAMIN
TILER: JEAN WILDE
INNER GUARD: PAUL BEEBE

Elks Care, Elks Share!

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

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