

BRATTLEBORO LODGE OF ELKS NO 1499

JANUARY 2026

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Exalted Ruler Message

Happy New Year!

We wrapped up 2025 with a successful kids Christmas party, Hoop Shoot and Memorial Service. Coming up January 4th will be our last 100th anniversary event....a Bloody Mary Bar beginning at 11 a.m. Thank you to all volunteers on the committee for a very successful year!

January 10th our local Hoop Shoot winners will travel to Springfield, VT, for the state district shoot. Saturday, January 31st, we will be hosting the Southern Interlodge competition at 10 a.m. It's a great time and I encourage anyone who has never been to one to stop at the lodge and check it out.

Lastly, our Elks fiscal year will be ending in a few months, and we have a few officers stepping down. If anyone is interested in getting more involved, please reach out!

Jeffrey Dixon, Exalted Ruler



**WISHING ALL OUR
MEMBERS AND FAMILIES A
SAFE, HAPPY, HEALTHY
AND FUN 2026!**

DONATIONS:

Grace Cottage Hospital:	\$ 1,000.
Youth Services:	\$ 500.
Council on the Aging:	\$ 250.
Brattleboro Youth Basketball:	\$ 150.
Senior Meals on Wheels:	\$ 250.
Brattleboro Girls Hockey:	\$ 450.

Propositions for Membership:

Kelly Rounds

Dennis Nadeau

Rex McAllister

Amanda Blodgett

Proposed by Marcia Wells

Proposed by Barbara Wallace

Proposed by Cherish Clark for reinstatement

Proposed by Matt Bolster for reinstatement

The following nine members have reached eligibility to become a Life Member. They were voted on at the regular lodge meeting of Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

To attain Life Membership a member must be 65 years of age and have been a lodge member for 30 years.

**Brad Borofsky
Thomas P. Henry
Gregory M. Howard
Robert Junkins
Robert P. McCarthy
George Newman, Sr.
Daniel W. Oles
Robert J. Richotte, Jr.
David J. Sage**



“From the House”

Meals for January 2026:

- 1/2 No meal**
- 1/9 Burgers & Dogs with French Fries or Onion Rings**
- 1/16 Italian Night**
- 1/23 No meal**
- 1/30 Meatball Subs with French Fries**

Raffles:

I would like to congratulate all our raffle winners and thank everyone who supports them and all the important charities that benefit from them. You exemplify our motto that “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

On behalf of the House Committee, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and prosperous new year.

Frank Lopez, House Committee Chair



BRATTLEBORO LODGE'S NEWEST MEMBERS - WELCOME TO ELKDOM

On Wednesday, December 10th, Brattleboro Lodge initiated four new members into our order. Pictured above with Exalted Ruler Jeffrey Dixon are (L to R) Troy Revis, Jr., Laura-Lee Martin, Timothy Wessel and Logan Zumbruski. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

SECRET SANTA PROGRAM

With nearly 150 volunteer Santas, the Secret Santa Program supported 299 children from 142 families within the Windham Southeast Supervisory District. The core team spent more than 100 hours shopping, wrapping and dropping off gifts to help make a happy Christmas for the children and their families. Thank you so much to all those who volunteer their time for this wonderful program.



Brattleboro Elks
ITALIAN NIGHT

FRIDAY,
JANUARY
16TH

TAKE OUT
6PM
SITDOWN
6:30PM



\$15/Ticket
Please Purchase Tickets in Advance
at the Club

MEAL INCLUDES: CHICKEN ALFREDO, STUFFED SHELLS, CHICKEN PARM,
SALAD, AND BREAD

HOOP SHOOT

Our annual Elks Hoop Shoot was held at the Brattleboro Middle School gym on December 14. Congratulations to all those who participated and many thanks to Kyle Henry and his helpers for organizing this event.

The winners were:

Boys – Ages 8 & 9

1st - Antonio Rodriguez

2nd - Carter Dixon

Boys – Ages 10 & 11

1st – Ryan Leonard

2nd – Collin Gaines

3rd - Majer Rodriguez

4th – Anfernee Stanley

Boys – Ages 12 & 13

1st - Camden Dixon

2nd - Dan Leonard

3rd - Easton Bond

4th - Sawyer Seymour

Girls – Ages 12 & 13

1st – Erin Carson



Bloody Mary Sunday

Finalizing our 100th Year!

Brattleboro Elks Lodge #1499

Sunday January 4, 2026

11am – 2pm

\$5 gives you access to the
Bloody Mary & Mimosa Buffets

Liquor and Champagne
*are purchased separately at the **Cash Bar.***



Memorabilia Available

100 th Sweatshirt	\$48
100 th T-shirts	\$10
100 th Coins	\$10
100 th Glasses	\$ 5
100 th Pins	Free

As the Bloody Mary Bar on January 4 is the final event of our year-long 100th Anniversary celebration, Brattleboro Lodge would like to thank the members of the committee who worked tirelessly to make this a year to remember!

Jil McMenamin

Barbara Wallace

Pam Nelson

Karen Zelenkas

Patty Walior

JoAnne Rogers

Lisa Johnson

MaryAnn Runge

Julie Stephens

Pam Robinson

January 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  Danielle Fitzpatrick JoAnne Rogers James Sparks	2 No meal	3 Judging of Americanism essays 10:30 Guy Tanza
4 Gregg Gilmore Christian Korpela Andrew Miller	5 Travis Wright	6 Dianne Diemer William Hill William Quirk Isaac Roach	7	8 Arvid Carlson John Miller Jr	9 Burgers & Dogs with FF or Onion Rings	10 Walter Niedzwiecki
11	12	13 Murray Ellison	14 Lodge meeting 7:00 Shellie Doubleday Joann Lajoice-Wojenski	15	16 Italian Night Matthew Bolster Kyle Henry Bob Macurdy	17 Jessica Earp Debra Heller Deanna Macie David Manning
18 Mark Golledge Kelly Short	19  Albert Jerard	20 Ike Bergeron Larry Chapin Joe Doucette	21 Russell Bielawiec Gina Pattison	22 Thomas Castano William Morlock III Merle Thompson III	23 No meal	24
25 Brittni Christiansen Morgan Derosia Amy Speno	26 Jodi Nutting	27 Jean Evans Matthew Henry	28 Lodge meeting 7:00 Jason Davis Jeffrey S Kerylow Terry Manning Steve McAvoy	29 Colby Kerylow Paul Sullivan	30 Meatball Subs with French Fries Kaitlin Boudreau Lisa Kerylow Jon Sargent	31 Southern VT Elks Interlodge Kaleigh Richardson



NATIONAL AND STATE ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS and GRANTS

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.**

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

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

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