

BRATTLEBORO LODGE OF ELKS NO 1499

FEBRUARY 2026

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Exalted Ruler Message

As we roll into February, we're onto the last two months of our fiscal year. In January we started the month by wrapping up our 100th anniversary year festivities with a successful Bloody Mary bar. We ended the month by hosting the Southern VT Interlodge activities. Thank you to all the lodges that came out and participated.

Coming up in February we have Old Timers Day on Saturday the 21st at 10:00 a.m. Our PERs will hold an initiation of new members. Pins will also be presented to members for every 5 years of membership at the club.

We round out the month with local winners of our Interlodge games heading up to St. Albans for the state competition on February 28th.

Looking ahead, March will be a busy time for our officers. We will have new installations and the DD clinic held in Brattleboro on March 22.

If any new faces would like to get involved, please reach out!

Jeffrey Dixon, Exalted Ruler

Elks Trivia

Did you know...

The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks was established on February 16, 1868?

DONATIONS:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Winter Carnival | \$ 250 |
| Brattleboro Retreat | \$ 500 |
| Community House | \$ 500 |
| Bratt. Area Youth Council | \$ 500 |
| Bratt. Memorial Hospital | \$1000 |
| Harris Hill Ski Jump | \$1000 |

Aid to Lodge Member: \$1000

Propositions for Membership:

Jeff Morse - Proposed by JoAnne Rodgers
Tammy Morse - Proposed by JoAnne Rodgers
Nicholas Kramer - Proposed by Chris Millerick
Amanda Blodgett - Proposed by Matt Bolster
(for reinstatement)

Lodge of Sorrow...In Vain we call

Richard S. Johnson, Jr., Life Member

Born 12/07/1956

Initiated 02/14/1979

Passed 01/04/2026

Super Bowl Sunday is February 8!

Come on down to the Lodge and enjoy the Super Bowl festivities. Several members will be playing cards and there will be plenty of food available to those who are part of the Super Bowl pools and have paid them in full!



“From the House”

Meals for February

2/6 No meal

2/13 Pizza

2/20 Fish & Chips

2/27 Mexican Night by Tiffany & Crew

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, “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

We are always encouraging members to step up and put on a meal. This could be your year to shine! If interested, please contact Nancy or any member of the House Committee.

Thank you.

Frank Lopez, Committee Chair

OLD TIMERS/PER DAY

The next initiation of new members will be held on Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. which will be Old Timer's Day. The Past Exalted Rulers will be performing the new member initiation. Indoctrination of new members will be held beforehand at 10:00 a.m.

Those members celebrating a 5-year anniversary attending Old Timer's Day will be presented with their appropriate anniversary pin. Members celebrating anniversaries this year:

5 years

Savanah Baker
Elizabeth Bassett
Duane Brown
Heather Brown
Jill Browne
Arvid Carlson
Sarah Cassidy
David Clark
John Drake
Devin Kazeroid
Kyle Kazeroid
Brian Miller
Larry Pratt, Jr.
Adam Smith

10 years

Corey Bauer
Trista Bengtson
Elizabeth Bianchi
Patricia Blum
Irvin Bruce
Debra Campbell
Shari Carpenter
Fred Cheney
Tara Cheney
Gabrielle Ciuffreda
Steve Clement
Allen Cohen
Lee Cohen
Jim Derosia
Kelly Derosia
Mark Dixon
Shellie Doubleday
Jessica Earp
Jonathan Earp
Lucas Higley
Albert Johnson
David Lavalley
Walter Maitland
Floyd Musgrove
Michael Paul

Nathan Rupard

Shayne Smyth

Chris Tustin

Gail Ventura

15 years

Rick Ballantine
Barbara Barrett
Nathan Boudreau
Spencer Bristol
Kelli Corbeil
Marguerite "Peg" Curtiss
Charles Davis
Michael Dixon

Brenda Emery

Patricia Finnell

Donald Fletcher

Wendy Fletcher

Jadi Flynn

Amy Frechette

Andrea Freeman

Gail Gouger

Kimberly Gouger

Laura Haskins

Karen Henry

Susan Hiner

Ruth Houle

Catherine Kaufmann

Sheri Lewis

Chris Lord

Deanna Macie

Donna Macie

Stephen McAvoy

John McLean

Courtney Millerick

Dana Nelson

Jeannette Newman

Thomas O'Connell III

Laura Paice

Gina Pattison

Katherine Rabideau

Courtney Scott

Jared Rediske

JoAnne Rogers

Andre Smith

Joseph Spano

Brandy Speno

Mary Speno

Rachael Speno

Merle Thompson, Jr.

Joel Thurber

Marcia Wells

Sasha Whitworth

Karen Zelenakas

20 years

Jeffrey Dwyer

Matt Fletcher

Brian Frechette

James Freeman

Jason Johnson

Lisa Johnson

Donald Lavalley

Jason Macie

Chris McCauley

Robert Spaulding

Barbara Wallace

Melissa Whitney

Michael Worden

25 years

Roger Aiken

David Albert

Joseph Aldrich, Jr.

Bruce Davis

Stephen Fecto

Kevin Gragen

Edward Harris

Timothy Johnson

Doug Stanclift

30 years

William DeCosmo

Robert Junkins

John Miller, Jr.

George Newman, Sr.

Robert Richotte, Jr.

35 years

Randy Bokum

Henry Diemer, Jr.

Douglas Hadlock

Scot Hodgdon

Robert McCarthy

Dean Porter

Russell Pritting

William Wallace

40 years

James Coulombe

David Deyo

John Kilduff

Robert Macurdy

Timothy Selivanoff

Robert Walker

45 years

Michael Gorman

Stephen Hellus

Jon Knickerbocker

50 years

Hobart Adams

Russell Bielawiec

Douglas Hunt

Paul Rounds

Guy Tanza

55 years

Michael Abbott

Forrest Brown

William Christmas

Richard Fleming

Charles Hall

James Kozlowski

Ronald Sebert

Robert Toney

60 years

Alan Carpenter

James Spiak



MEXICAN NIGHT

FEBRUARY 27TH

6PM TAKEOUT | 6:30PM SIT DOWN
PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE ELKS

\$15
PER PERSON

- CHICKEN FAJITA CASSEROLE
- BEEF ENCHILADAS
- RICE
- BEANS
- CHIPS & SALSA
- GUACAMOLE
- DESSERT

If you or someone you know is interested in putting on a meal at the lodge, please let Nancy or anyone from the House Committee know. You will find that it is fun and rewarding, and very much appreciated! We are always looking for new and old members to get involved!

Southern Vermont Interlodge Games

On Saturday, January 31, the Southern Vermont District Interlodge games were held at Brattleboro Lodge. The event was very well attended by members from all six of the southern lodges - Bellows Falls, Bennington, Brattleboro, Rutland, Springfield and Windsor. The Brattleboro co-ordinators for each event were Jeff Dixon, darts; Chris Millerick, cribbage; Paul McAuliffe, pool; Doug Emery, shuffleboard; and Barb Wallace, bowling & cornhole. The kitchen crew consisted of Frank Lopez, Jeff Kerylow, Heather Brown and Ralph Buchanan. Mark Gouger and Justin Howard also pitched in to help wherever they were needed. The bartenders, Bill Wallace, Tiffany Stanley, Shari Henry, Nancy Kerylow and Susie Dixon provided excellent service to all! Many thanks to everyone for making this day a huge success for our lodge and a fun day for all who attended!

The winners for each event will be representing the southern district at the VT state interlodge games on February 28 at St. Albans Lodge. The winners are:

DARTS - Rutland and Brattleboro
CRIBBAGE – Bennington A & B and Brattleboro A & B
POOL – Windsor A & B and Brattleboro A & B
SHUFFLEBOARD – Brattleboro A & B and Bellows Falls A & B
BOWLING – Bennington A & B, Rutland and Windsor
CORNHOLE – Windsor, Rutland and Bennington



**Mark your
calendars for
the 104th!**

**Feb. 14 - 15,
2026**



FEBRUARY 2026



| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 Kerri Buckley Jim Freeman Tim Kerylow Jason Meschke Dana Zelenakas | 2 Groundhog Day Charles Sherwin | 3 Randy Clark | 4 Donald Fletcher | 5 Michael Paul Ron Zumbruski | 6 No meal | 7 Jeff Dixon Steve Lafreniere Terri-Lynn Sherman |
| 8 Super Bowl Sunday Robt. Cornellier Eugene Frost Kenneth Guthrie Elaine Lane Ken Swanger | 9 David Manch Russell Pritting Alyson Squires | 10 Jason Macie Alison Marino Tim Martel | 11 Kris Bishop Andrea Freeman | 12 Doreen Boyer Ryan Boyle Lucie Fortier Kimberly Price | 13 Pizza | 14 Kerry Gould Dennis Richter |
| 15 Joseph Aldrich Allan Dacey Amy Fletcher Nate Rupard | 16 Presidents Day BPOE Established 1868 Doug Howard Casandra Martin | 17 Dave Albert John Wells | 18 Ash Wednesday Jay Henry Elias Zumbruski | 19 Phil Rancourt | 20 Fish & Chips Brian Casey Tara Cheney Dick Davenport Erin George Arnold Williams | 21 Raymond Doyle Richard Michelman |
| 22 Peter Fletcher Catherine Kaufmann | 23 Mike Dixon Eric Pero Doug Taylor | 24 Peter Lynch Robt. McCarthy Dana Nelson | 25 Elizabeth Hastings | 26 Marilyn Buzzell Robt. Gammon Jack Millerick Mark Snow Shannon Tracy Heidi Waite | 27 Mexican Night Mike Corbeil Jadi Flynn Henry Gouger David Lavalley Jeff Morse Troy Revis Martin Sarsfield Robt. Vivian, Sr | 28 VT State Interlodge Competition Matt Fletcher Joe Garofalo Jr David Franklin (2/29) |

*Each sunrise in February
is a step closer to Spring!*



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
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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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