

# BRATTLEBORO LODGE OF ELKS NO 1499

## March 2026

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### Exalted Ruler's Message

As we enter the final month of the Elks fiscal year, I would like to let everyone know that I'll be returning for another year as your Exalted Ruler. This first year has flown by, and I look forward to the next.

On February 21, we held our Old Timer's Day/PER Day when we initiated seven new members. I would like to thank the PERs for running this event each year.

To round out the month of February we had twenty-two lodge members travel to St. Albans Lodge on the 28<sup>th</sup> to compete in the State Interlodge Activities. Congratulations to all who competed!

Coming up on March 22 Brattleboro Lodge will be hosting the Spring District Deputy Clinic.

To finish the month of March we will be heading to Springfield Lodge #1560 to install their new officers.

Spring is around the corner, and I hope to see many of you at the Club.

Jeff Dixon

### Lodge Officer Nominations 2026/2027 Fraternal Year

The following members have been nominated to hold officer positions in the Brattleboro Lodge for 2026-2027 and are **voted** on by the lodge membership:

Exalted Ruler:	Jeffrey Dixon
Leading Knight:	Melissa McAuliffe
Loyal Knight:	Ryan Squires
Lecturing Knight:	Jil MacMenamin
Secretary:	Mark Gouger
Treasurer:	Brenda Emery
5 yr. Trustee:	Amanda Daniels

The following positions are **appointed** by the Exalted Ruler: Esquire, Chaplain, Tiler and Inner Guard.

### Propositions for Membership:

Owen Sullivan -

Proposed by Amy Fletcher

Rosemary Banford -

Proposed by Keegan Jameson

Jane Amand -

Proposed by Benjamin Nicholas

Sierra Johnson -

Proposed by Alex Johnson

### Donations:

Project Feed the Thousands	\$ 1,000.
Meeting House Hill Cemetery	\$ 250.
Brattleboro Parks & Rec.	\$ 500.
The Gathering Place	\$ 250.
Alexis Gialella Scholarship	\$ 1,000.
Windham Cty. Humane Society	\$ 200.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



On Saturday, February 21, Brattleboro Lodge initiated seven new members into our order! First row: Cindy Falvey, Nancy Derosia, Madison Finnell, Dennis Nadeau. Second row: Bob Buker, Nicholas Kramer, Exalted Ruler Jeff Dixon, Makayla Finnell

### “From the House”

#### Meals:

- 3/6 No meal
- 3/13 Wings
- 3/20 Irish Night by Steve Barrett & crew
- 3/27 Shrimp Scampi Alfredo by Jenna Staats & Jean Wilde

#### 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.”

We are always encouraging members to step up and put on a meal. This could be your year to shine! If interested contact Nancy or any member of the House committee. Thank you, Jean and Jenna, for stepping up!

Keep an eye out for new barstools! Mark Gouger pointed out that Deck Dog season is right around the corner and he is super excited!

Thank You,

Frank Lopez  
Committee Chair

***Lodge of Sorrow ... In Vain we call***

***PAUL SULLIVAN, LM***

***Born 01/29/1942    Initiated 03/22/1978    Passed 02/15/2026***

The proposed By-Law and House Rule Changes will be voted on at the regular lodge meeting of March 11, 2026.

Brattleboro Elks Lodge #1499

General Revision of Bylaws and House Rules – **Proposed**

February 11, 2026

Article 4 Section 1. The regular Lodge meetings of this lodge shall be held on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month throughout the year, except in the months of July, August, **November** and December in which the lodge shall meet the second Wednesday only.

Article 5 Section 4. For the faithful performance of the Secretary's duties, he/she shall receive **\$7,500** per annum, payable monthly.

Article 5 Section 5. For the faithful performance of the Treasurer's duties, he/she shall receive **\$7,500** per annum, payable monthly.

House Rules:

House Rule #9. The entrance door of the Home shall be kept locked at all times, except on occasions when the lodge is entertaining guests. ~~Members should procure a key from the Steward, one dollar deposit required.~~

House Rule #18. ~~No smoking in the Lodge room during meetings.~~ **Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the Home unless where designated.**



BPOE 1499 ELKS  
NATIONALITY NIGHT  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

# Irish Night!






CORNERD BEEF  
CABBAGE  
CARROTS  
POTATOES  
ICE CREAM

**\$18/person**

TAKEOUT 6PM  
DINE IN 6:30PM

# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Mary Speno	2 Davin Freeman Tammy Sargent Susan Wilson	3 Matthew Billings Christine Hart Patrick Williams	4 Bonnie Carr Ronald Gouin Charles Mayotte Sr Merle Thompson Jr	5 Cherish Clark Peter Diemer Donald Strange	6 <i>No meal</i> Gary Corey	7
8 Donald Barnes Bridget Bokum Chris Millerick John Squiers Melissa Whitney	9 Mike Atamaniuk Michael Gauthier	10	11 <b>Lodge meeting</b> <b>7:00</b> Billie Jo Gouger Whitney Howard William Vogeley	12 Mark Anderson	13 <i>Wings</i> Courtney Millerick Wayne Shepard Donald Stone	14 Randy Bokum Rebecca Fletcher Luke Perna
15 Amanda Blodgett Kyle Kazeroid Laura Paice	16 Mark Carignan Jeff Houghton Michael Wilkes	17  Sara Achilles Marisa Duncan-Holley Susan Fisher Steven Rowell	18 Charles Davis Jon Knickerbocker	19 Trevor Houle Troy Sargent	20 <i>Irish Night</i>  Edward Nelson Luke Speno Robert Walker	21 Michael Hart Robert Junkins
22 <i>DD Clinic</i> Jay Mills Gary Russell	23 Cynthia Huffman Jeffrey A Kerylow David Lane Bob Leach Larry Robinson Gregory Seymour-Miller	24 Travis Grover Sasha Whitworth	25 <b>Lodge meeting</b> <b>7:00</b> David Deyo Cynthia Martel Kate Murphy Mike Wallace	26 Andrew Speno	27 <i>Shrimp Scampi</i> <i>Alfredo</i>	28 Johnathan Bratton Gregory Howard Denise Larock Logan Zumbruski
29 Elwin Higley	30 Tony Farnum	31 Brenda Finnell				

The first day of Spring is March 20 !

## **NATIONAL AND STATE ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS and GRANTS**

**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](mailto: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@wesu.org](mailto:gwhitney@wesu.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

***Elks Care, Elks Share!***

**Please submit any newsletter items to lodge secretary Mark Gouger by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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