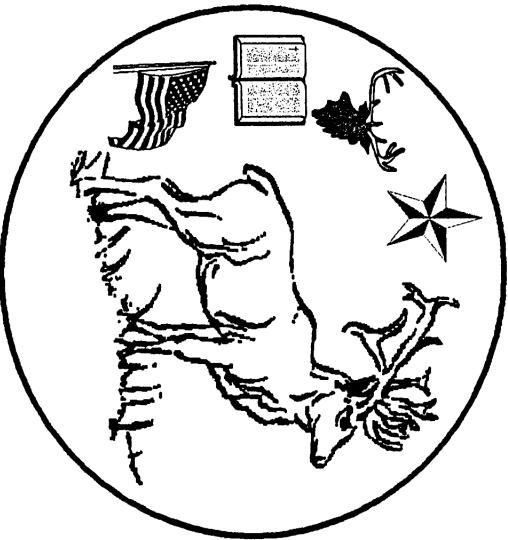
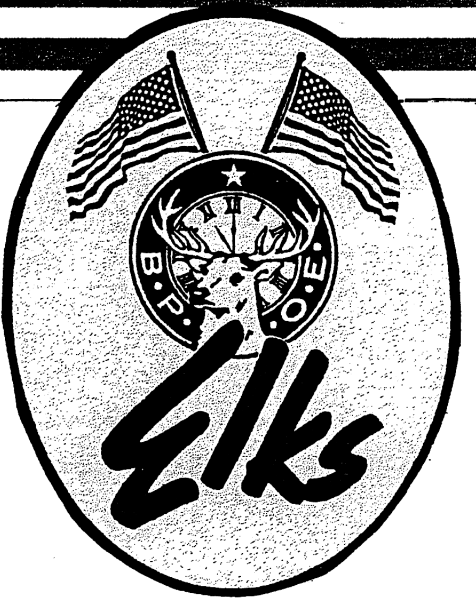
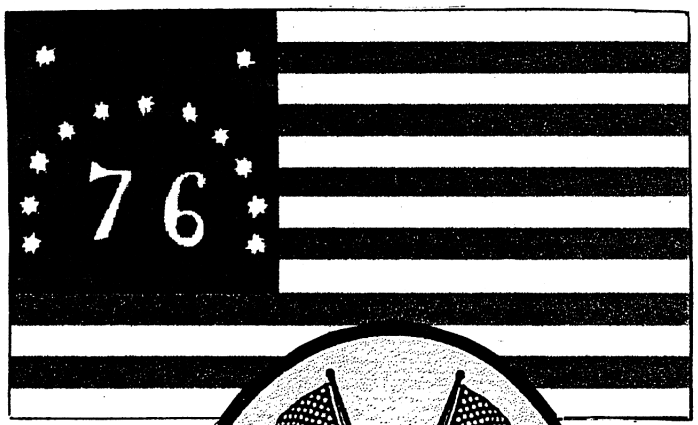


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS-COMING EVENTS AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024

Every Monday Bingo
Every Friday – Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm
Every Saturday \$2 book drawing 8pm
Thursday August 1- Golf League
Sunday August 4- Silver Towers Walk-A- Thon
Wednesday August 7 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Thursday August 8- Golf League
Tuesday August 13- BOD Meets 6:30pm/Regular Meeting 8pm
Thursday August 15- Golf League
Friday August 16- Third Friday Lunch 12-1:30pm
Sunday August 18- Bennington Battle Day Parade- Help Carry the Flag
Tuesday August 20- Steak Night- Doors Open 6:15pm Serving 6:30pm
Thursday August 22- Golf League if needed for make-up
Friday August 23- Wing Night- serving 4pm till gone
Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 23-24-25-Elk Fest at Silver Towers
Tuesday August 27-Trustees Meeting 6:30pm/ no regular meeting
Wednesday September 4 -Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Sunday September 8- Fishing Derby at Vet's Home
Tuesday September 10- BOD meets 6:30pm/Regular Meeting 8pm
Tuesday September 17- Steak Night Doors open 6:15pm Serving 6:30pm
Wednesday September 18- GER Douglas A. Schieffer
and First Lady Julia visit Bennington Lodge
Thursday September 19- Pitch League 7pm
Friday September 20- Third Friday Lunch 12-1:30pm
Tuesday September 24- Trustees Meet 6:30pm/ Regular Meeting 8pm
Thursday September 26 Pitch League 7pm Every Thursday through November 14
Friday September 27- Wing Night 4pm till gone
Saturday October 19- mid year convention at Bennington Lodge
Saturday October 19- Adult Halloween Costume Party
Saturday November 2- Oldies Dinner Dance

STEAK NIGHTS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024

August 20 and September 17- don't miss this event, it is the best dinner and the best value, enjoy it with the Best People On Earth (BPOE) The menu starts with a fresh garden salad, choice of dressings, a dinner roll, next a prime steak prepared to your order, comes with a baked potato, sour cream, butter and a hot vegetable, in the kitchen for August will be Freddie. and team, in September it will be Gary Lewis and his team in the kitchen.

On the Desk: August- Carol and Nick, September – Kathy and Rich, October- Carol and Nick, November Kate and Bill- and, December – Carol and Nick

See you at Steak Night !!

ER MESSAGE AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024

As early August approaches Killian will be off to Silver Towers Camp enjoying his time with Brian and Carolyn and the outstanding team of counselors. So far this year we have had tons of great things going on around the lodge (below). We are also looking forward to football season and acquiring the NFL package so our members don't miss a play.

SILVER TOWERS PILGRIMAGE.

On August 4th we will all be heading up to Silver Towers for the annual walk a thon and pilgrimage. Please consider making the trip up to see the impact this facility has on our campers; you'll know why this special camp is our state's major project.

STEAK NIGHT CHANGE IN PRICE TO \$20.00

As noted in last month's bulletin the Board of Directors has been carefully monitoring the price of steak and other costs. Due to these increased costs it will be necessary to raise the price from \$15.00 to \$20.00. You still get the same great meal with a complementary draft beer. This will take effect as of the September dinner.

We hope you will understand, Board of Directors

RENEWAL AND REPAIRS AROUND THE LODGE. As many of you may have noticed we finally changed out all the bar stools. The old ones were literally on their last leg and couldn't be repaired anymore. A huge thank you goes out to Tom Kinney and Haley Pinsonneault who made it all come together. Please stop by and try them out. The sound system is in and connected. Last fall we received a request followed by a generous donation to go toward replacing the sound system in the main hall from Wounded Warriors for their annual auction. After a tremendous amount of searching to find the right equipment and installer it finally got completed. This system will be available for Elks events along with private parties. Thank you to Dave Woodard who helped bring this all together.

In mid to late July we will be undertaking repainting the main hall. The last time this was done was approximately a quarter of a century ago. Thank you to Kathleen Wilkison, Jenn Ponessi, Robin Tripp and the social committee for all your hard work and time.

In mid-August we will turn our attention to the member side of the bar. All the pictures, art work etc. will be taken down along with the ceiling lights that no longer work. The whole area will be patched and painted. The trophy case will be removed and legacy items will be saved and old trophies will be donated to Silver Towers for the campers.

In the fall we will replace the back red door that has been inoperable for many years.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year's National Convention in Austin was a huge success. With over six thousand in attendance all the states were represented. I was able to attend many side sessions including an excellent presentation delivered Tuesday by the Drug Awareness committee. During the convention we balloted 22 resolutions,

here's the changes that will impact our lodge directly

1. Removal of the word indoctrination in our initiation process, this has been changed to orientation.
2. Changed the requirement to have the Secretary and Treasurer as members of the Board of Directors, this is now optional.
3. The Exalted ruler is now an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees and voting member of the Board of Director in an incorporated lodge

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Lodge Officers 2024-2025

Bennington Elks Lodge

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SECRETARY MESSAGE AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024

Hello members, I hope you are all enjoying your summer so far! We have 60 Members on the delinquent list right now. Please get those paid as soon as possible. Do you know of a family member or friend who would like to join our lodge? If so, please propose them and have them complete and submit an application to the bartender on duty. The application fee for new members is \$15 and they would pay prorated dues for the year based on the Initiation date. If you have any questions, need phone, email or address updates done, please send me an email @ bennelks567@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Kristen Lewis, Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Snow Jr., LM

“ Until the hour of eleven shall regularly return”

THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHES

August 16th - September 20th - October 18th

FOURTH FRIDAY WING NIGHTS!

August 23rd - September 27th - October 25th

Bennington Lodge Website - www.benningtonelks.org

You will find a lot of interesting information. Misplaced your bulletin?

It's on the website. Let us know if there is information that you would like to see.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS, AUG-SEPT 2024

We have just finished the 4th month of the Lodge Year. Time Flies! To the Members who have already donated- THANK-YOU! To those who have not yet made their donation- PLEASE DO IT NOW!

Our goal is to reach 230 Members who will show their leadership and make a donation. This is only about 31% of our Membership. To have 31% of our Membership donating would be a significant milestone and show Bennington as a Leadership Lodge.

It's easy to donate, go on-line to ENF and make your donation, or make a check out to ENF and leave with the Bartender in an envelope marked ENF or simply put cash in an envelope, seal it and give to the Bartender marking it for ENF and be sure to put your name on it.

Don't forget to attend the monthly Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF. The first Wednesday of each month - August 7th and September 3rd only \$10 and a great dinner.

Thank you—Charlie Boyle, ENF Fundraising Chair

VETERAN'S REPORT AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024

After only a 1-week delay because of rain and humidity we were able to hold a successful spring fishing derby at the VT Veteran's Home on July 7th. The fish were biting, and many Veterans had a great time fishing followed by a cookout - presented by the Elks with member volunteers- Mike & Shawn Kinney, Dave Maroney, Rod Hoard, Scott & Dane Dickie, Travis Racicot and Gary & Kitty Lewis. Also volunteering were Cindy Maroney, Wilder & River Kinney, Jase Dickie and WH staff.

The next Veteran's event will be the 2nd fishing derby on Grandparents Day in September.

“Protecting Our Virtues, Serving Our Communities.”

Hello!

We're just back from Austin and the Grand Lodge convention. What a fun time! We held our State President's dinner at the Bull and Bowl! Take a look at the VT Elks Face Book page to see a few familiar faces riding the bull! It was a great convention and as State President I got to help with balloting on resolutions; that was an EARLY morning!

I would like to congratulate Greg Pinsonneault for representing VT in the 11 O'clock Toast and Flag Salute competition. Greg did a great job! I also want to congratulate our Bennington Ritual Team for representing our State in the National Ritual Competition!

You made us proud:

Greg Pinsonneault, E.R.

Lori Pinsonneault, Leading Knight

Don Roy, Loyal Knight

Linda Oslizlo, Lecturing Knight

Kelly Kervan, Esquire

Ruthie Rudnick, Chaplain

Alec Nicol, Inner Guard

Haley Pinsonneault, Candidate

Our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady will be visiting our State in September. On Wednesday, September 18th they will be at our lodge for a dinner. Please watch for details posted at the lodge and on social media. I hope to see you there.

I look forward to seeing you around the lodge! Hope to see many of you at the Silver Towers Pilgrimage and/or Elfest! I'll have State President pins and t-shirts at these events, and if you'd like a pin or to purchase a t-shirt, please see me or one of my team.

I am honored to represent you as the VT Elks Assoc. President.

Freddie

Wednesday Night Dinner for ENF

Always the first Wednesday of each month.

This is a monthly dinner, your choices include, Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Oven Roasted half chicken (from Henry's Market), scalloped or French Fried potatoes, Cole slaw, Clam Chowder, cookies and coffee. Only \$10. Doors open 5:15 serving starts 5:30. This is open to all and benefits Veteran's Programs and Scholarships through Elks National Foundation. Eat in or take out.

Wednesdays August 7 & September 3 always the first Wednesday of each month

A great dinner, a great price and a great cause, see you there !

Bennington Battle Day Parade Sunday August 18, 2024

The Elks will be carrying the large American Flag in the parade again this year. This huge flag requires about 25 people to carry it.

Please sign up on the sheet posted at the Lodge.

The parade is at 12:30 pm with line-up at 11:00 am

Families welcomed • Rain will cause cancellation

DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFFER GRAND EXALTED RULER & FIRST LADY JULIA To Visit Bennington Lodge #567

Our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady will be visiting Bennington Lodge Wednesday, September 18th. We will host a dinner in his honor and you are invited to attend. Doug and Julia will be sharing their pins with those in attendance and Doug will be on hand to sign your membership card. Please join State President Fred Gilbar and our own First Lady Ruthie in welcoming our guests!

BENNINGTON LODGE WILL HOST THE VERMONT ELKS ASSOCIATION MID-YEAR CONVENTION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH. WE WILL WELCOME GUESTS FROM ALL ACROSS VERMONT!

ADULT HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY
SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH FOOD! MUSIC!

DON'S CORNER AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024

Hello everyone! Summer is definitely here! We have had our share of hot days. So to beat the heat, stop by the lodge and I will have the a/c on and a cold drink ready for you.

I would like to thank Ryan Lewis, Larry Brilyea, Joe Heuschkel, Dave Dence, Shayna Wells and Amanda Lewis for stepping in to make our "Wing Night" a success.

Also a thank you goes out to the crew who worked at the fishing derby at the Veterans Home. Don't forget our 3rd Friday lunches and wing night on the 4th Friday of the month.

If you have some spare time and would like to help us around the lodge, please give me a call or stop by. 802 442 2736

Stay cool! Lodge steward, Don Roy

BIRTHDAY?- Fill out the card shown below on your Birthday and present it to the Bartender

Name _____ Birthday _____

ER Message continued

AED EQUIPMENT DONATED AND READY FOR USE.

We are happy to report a very generous donation by Kaman Composite of an AED which was installed last month. This piece of equipment in the member side of the club for emergency use. A huge thank you goes out to Tim Tift and Haley Pinsonneault who helped us secure it.

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WELCOME BABY BAG DRIVE

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE LODGE

Our lodge is collecting the following items for SVMC's Welcome Baby Bags:

- Baby Blankets
- Baby Hats
- Onesies, Size 6 month

There will be a donation box in the bar area for the months of August and September to be passed off to Sunrise Family Resource Center at the beginning of October for Baby Bag Assembly. Your help is welcomed and appreciated! THANKS!



Silver Towers News

Mark your calendars and join in the fun!

• Pilgrimage & Walk-a-Thon: August 4th

You can just come for fun, come as a walker or sponsor our own ER Kelly Kervan and this year's Good Will

Ambassador Killian! You'll enjoy the day at camp. There's a picnic lunch and we'll car pool from the lodge. Please sign up today!

• Elkfest: August 23-25

Bands! Music! Karaoke! Games! Bingo! There's fun for all ages and families are invited and welcome! You can bring your camper or tent, or sign up to sleep in one of the dorms.

There will be sign-up sheets and more information forth- coming, and the pool, weather permitting, will be open for all events! Please see State President Fred Gilbar or Camp Committee Member Lori Pinsonneault for details.

CLAMBAKE 2024 Hats off to the Team

Joe Crawford, Pat & Laurie Lindsay, Mike Kinney, Tim Mattison, Wendy Nolan, Don, Tammy & Daphne Roy, Kelly, Kristin & Killian Kervan, Joe Baity, Paul, Brian and Jeff Rice and all those who helped out = Thank you !!

Thank you to our Members and Guests, a great time was had by all. I have some ideas to make next year even better. Your Tiler- Joseph A. Crawford

FACEBOOK- LOOK UP "BENNINGTON LODGE # 567"
become a member on our facebook page. We post events and news on Facebook.

Bingo Schedule

Chairperson: Jesse THE BINGO King
Coffee- Don Roy & Bruce Weaver
Break Opens- Alice Stearns

Floor

Tom Kinney
Jessie King*
Linda Oslizlo
Ruth Rudnick

Joyce Grusaky*
Linda Oslizlo
Tom Kinney
Ruth Rudnick

Greg Pinsonneault*
Linda Oslizlo
Tom Kinney
Brant Young
Ruth Rudnick

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Tom Kinney
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* Callers, if you cannot work your night, please find a replacement

Kitchen

Team 1
August 5 & Sept. 2
Sept. 30

Kevin Durocher
Scott Racicot
Joe Smith

Team 2
August 12 & Sept. 9

Mike Brush
Doug Woodard
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Team 3
August 19 & Sept. 16

Lori Pinsonneault
David Woodward
Greg Pinsonneault
Bill James
Dale Corbett

Team 4
August 26 & Sept. 23

Travis Racicot
Richard Pembroke III
Ryan Bull

PITCH LEAGUE NEWS

Hello Pitch Players,
It was another excellent year for pitch in 2023 and the league saw 60 total teams play between the fall and winter leagues and the action was outstanding. The winter league provided some much-needed relief from those cold nights and had some new teams enter the league which is always welcomed! After a hard-fought season, the league crowned Steve Bennett and Chris Dussault the Winter League Champs, with a little help from their Super-Sub Steve Marsden. Congratulations to Steve and Chris on a hard-fought season which brought them another pitch league title as they are past champions. On behalf of the lodge, I would like to thank our outstanding kitchen crew for their efforts. Without these volunteers the league's banquet does not happen, so many thanks to David Maroney, Joe Baity, Joe Crawford, Mike Kinney and Paul Coyne for all their help. The Fall league is just around the corner. The league will start on Thursday September 19th and end on November 14th (9-week Season). The sign-up sheet will be posted at the lodge on Friday August 30th. The league is \$5 per player per week, this includes our dinner at the end of the season. Just a reminder, if there is an odd number of teams by the end of the sign-up period, the team that signs up last will have to sit out as we need an even number of teams to conduct the league. The league will be capped at 34 Teams. You must be a member to play, and all substitutes must also be members. So, if you're looking for some fun and a great night out of the house, come on down and sign up for the best, longest running Pitch League in Bennington's history!
Thank you for all your continued support!
Ryan Nolan-Pitch Commissioner

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Golf League	2 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	3 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
4 Silver Towers Walkathon	5 Bingo Team 1	6	7 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm	8 Golf League	9 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	10 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
11	12 Bingo Team 2	13 BOD meets 6:30pm Regular Meeting 8pm	14	15 Golf League	16 3rd Friday Lunch 12-1:30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	17 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
18 Battle Day parade Flag Line up at 11am	19 Bingo Team 3	20 Steak Night Doors open at 6:15 Serving at 6:30pm	21	22 Golf League make up if needed	23 Wing Night 4pm until gone Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	24 Elks Fest at Silver Towers \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
25 Elks Fest at Silver Towers	26 Bingo Team 4	27 Trustees Meet 6:30pm No Regular Meeting	28	29	30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	31 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Bingo Team 1	3	4 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm	5	6 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	7 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
8 Fishing Derby at Vet's Home	9 Bingo Team 2	10 BOD meets 6:30pm Regular Meeting 8pm	11	12	13 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	14 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
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29	30 Bingo Team 1					

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AND REMINDERS VIA E-MAIL!**

OLDIES DINNER DANCE: Sat. November 2nd
Save the Date! Mark Your Calendar! Plan Your Floor Show Now!