

**WINDSOR LODGE #1665**  
**MONTHLY BULLETIN**  
**December/January 2024 Edition**

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**2024-2025 OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler – Chris Wood	Esquire – Nancy Renehan
Leading Knight – Nathan Wood	Chaplain – Christina Dillingham
Loyal Knight – Robert Knight	Trustee – Esther Allen
Lecturing Knight – Deb Griffin	Trustee – Nathan Willard
Secretary – Carol Sylvia	Trustee – Linda Willard
Treasurer – Robert Allen	Trustee – Gregory Martin
Tiler – Steve Bly	Trustee – Angela Bly
Inner Guard – Sean Renehan	Board Chairman – Robert Knight



**Holiday Greetings Everyone!**

The year is certainly moving at a fast pace as our Lodge activities and participation continue to increase. Your Board is working diligently to improve and upgrade your Lodge facility, provide a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere and provide new activities.

If you would like to volunteer, recommend an activity or source of entertainment, please feel free to contact me or any Board member. We welcome member involvement. In the holiday spirit and veteran remembrance, our Veteran Committee and volunteers recently prepared and mailed out 148 Christmas cards to the VA and Veterans Home in Bennington. We also donated shipping costs for (10) Christmas boxes to be sent to veterans all over the world.

Our annual Inter-Lodge competition will be coming up soon after the holidays. Be sure to check the Lodge bulletin board for signup sheets for cribbage, pool, shuffle board, bowling, and corn hole. The earlier you sign up, the quicker we are able to determine if a playoff is needed due to overabundance of teams.

May all of you and your families have a warm, safe wonderful Christmas. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge in the new year.

Chris Wood, ER

**Lodge of Sorrow** – It is with great sadness we advise the passing of the following members:  
Peter Blake, Herbert Garey Jr., Scott Laflamme,  
Scott Slayton Sr., Robert Becker, Joanne Davis

*We will remember their good deeds, forget their faults and write their names upon the tablets of Love and Memory.*

**Please Note** – We are now operating under a Board of Directors. This is a very important step in shaping the future of our Lodge. Committee and volunteer participation are still needed and will always remain a very important part of our success.

**Please note 2025-2026 Dues** will be slightly increased due to Grand Lodge Per Capita increase. **Regular Dues will be \$81.00 and Life Membership will be \$41.00**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ENCLOSED WITH NEWSLETTER** – House Rule Changes proposed at December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voting scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Elks Memorial Service** a standing tradition honoring all Lodge members who have passed and are no longer with us was held Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. and was well attended.

Initiation was held December 1<sup>st</sup>. Welcome to our Elks Family – Arthur (Tad) Davis, Harley Fondakouski, Bruce Kendall, Toni Kendall, Erica Murray and Jodi Blanchard. Welcome back Stella Stearns, Tara Stearns, and Kimberly Blanchard.

**2025 Silver Towers Calendars.** We have enclosed one herewith, and additional calendars are available at Lodge for purchasing from Steward, ER or Secretary. **\$20** gives you a great stocking stuffer and all of 2025 year to win. How do you win? Just your calendar number to see if it matches the Vermont Daily Pick-4 Nightly Number on that calendar date. **Prizes: Sun – Fri - \$50 Saturday - \$100 Last drawing day of the month - \$300 July 4 - \$2,500 Christmas - \$2,500.** This Vermont Elks Association Camp Fundraiser not only goes toward our Lodge assessment, it helps challenged people of all ages have fun, and is tax deductible.

**Kid's Christmas Party was held on December 14, 2024 at 10 AM.** (29) Children and families greeted Santa. The Lodge was filled with smiles, laughter and excitement as children received gifts from Santa and had their pictures taken. Many thanks to all who helped make this a success.

**Annual Hoop Shoot was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Windsor Rec Center.** (22) boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13 participated. Top "shooters" for each class

8-9 Boys	8-9 Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> Brayden Matheau	1 <sup>st</sup> Elliot Gould
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maxon Gokey	Gabriella Griep
3 <sup>rd</sup> Denis Marcell	10-11 Girls
<b>10-11 Boys</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Elanor Durkee
1 <sup>st</sup> Paxton Hanehel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mya Rose
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cameron Dennell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Harper Pudcah
<b>12-13 Boys</b>	<b>12-13 Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Max Marcell	1 <sup>st</sup> Joyana McKenzie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Atwood	2 <sup>nd</sup> Andrea Decoteau

Congratulations to all who participated. Thank you to all who helped make this a success.

**Drug Awareness Contests Theme – “Throw Away Drugs, Not Your Future.” Essay deadline Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.** Open to all students in grades 6-8. Judging based on: closeness to theme; originality; neatness; typed, hand written/printed, computer-generated. 8-1/2x11 Page. No more than 250 words.

**Poster Contest deadline Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.** Open to all students in grades 3-5. 8-1/2x11 Paper Judging based on closeness to theme, originality, no trademarks. Original artwork, no tracing.

**Video Contest Deadline February 12.** Open to all Pre-HS and High School Students. Judging based on closeness to theme, originality, age and language appropriate, positive message, quality of video.

**Note:** All entries must have on backside – student's full name, school/location/grade, Name of Elks Lodge and a signed Hold Harmless Agreement. Deliver to Windsor Elks Lodge between 2-9 pm or call the Lodge 802-674-9966 to arrange pick up. **Heather Prebish, Chairman**

**Americanism Essay Contest Theme “What Does Patriotism Mean To Me” Deadline December 10, 2024**

Open to all students enrolled in Grades 5-8 during the normal 2024-25 school year preceding June 30, 2025. Essay Cover Sheet Must be completed and attached to Essay. Not more than 300 words – 8-1/2x11 paper., Legibly printed in ink or typed by the student. Judged on originality (avoid use of trite or worn-out words and phrases); development of theme-stay focused don't ramble; mechanics & neatness (proper spelling, grammar & punctuation. Deliver to Windsor Elks Lodge between 2-9 pm or call the Lodge 802-674-9966 to arrange pick up.

### ENF Fidelity Club Promotion

Have you been given the HONOR of becoming an Elks Lodge 1665 Life Member?

If you have, you have received the privilege of having your Lodge pay your Elks Membership annually.

What can you do to continue to support not only the Windsor Elks Lodge but the National Elks Lodge also? Support the Elks National Foundation. Do you know that by supporting the Elks National Foundation program that we are eligible to receive grant money for our communities. We are eligible to receive up to \$9,500 to put back into our communities. This is more amazing work that the Elks can do.

You can become a member of the elite Elks National Foundation Fidelity Club by making a monthly donation to ENF. The donation is set up to be an automatic monthly payment – you don't have to remember to do this.

Have you signed up to have access to the Elks National website? This gives you exclusive access to all of the Elk's information. Check out [elks.org](https://elks.org) to establish your own sign-on. **Esther Allen, Chairman**

**Scholarship update from Chairman Wendy Moody.**

The MVS scholarship application window has closed. There are over 22,400 applicants nationally. The judging window opens December 6. The committee looks forward to reviewing the applications soon. The Legacy Award deadline is February 3, 2025. For more information on how to apply visit [elks.org](http://elks.org). If you have any questions, please reach out to Wendy at [Wendy.moody@wsesu.net](mailto:Wendy.moody@wsesu.net)

**Life Memberships** – Have you asked yourself “how do I get a life membership?” It is now available to members who have 30 yrs. preceding nomination. Nominations are proposed by a member in good standing and must be proposed in writing. Dues for member being proposed must be current at time of nomination. Vote will be taken no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting after nomination presented. Applicable dues will be paid the following year. Example: Life Membership granted 2024-25 Lodge year will pay applicable dues for 2025-26.

**SECRETARY NOTES.** Thank you, to all who have paid their 2024-2025 dues. Unfortunately, there are a number of members who still need to do so. **New Year’s/Member Appreciation Day is just around the corner and you must be current to attend.** Please note you are **now able to pay dues online as well as cash or check.** Use URL <https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>. Enter Lodge number, click on Windsor Elks Lodge. Select make quick payment and enter your Lodge ID number including zeros. Click verify and follow directions. Note: A transaction fee will be added to your total. You will receive a confirmation number for successful transaction for your records. Your card will still be sent by the Lodge Secretary.

Committee members and volunteers are always needed and welcomed. You know the old saying - many hands make for light work. Listed below are the various committee areas. If you see a committee of interest and would like additional information, please contact the ER or Secretary.

**Committees**

Veterans	Membership	Fraternal	Flag Day
Community Proj. Activities	Accident Prevention	Lodge Activities	
Hoop Shoot	Ritualistic	Lodge Activities	
Audit & Accounting	Government Relations	PER Association	
ENF	Scholarships	Soccer Shoot	
Elks Memorial Day	Public Relations	State Project	
Drug Awareness	Americanism	Youth Activities	

Charitable activity reporting is a very important factor in helping keep our non-profit status and I would like to thank those who have taken time to fill out a report. For those who are new to the subject, simply ask yourself “do I volunteer at school, church, community activities, food shelves, library, hospital? Your efforts are very important to those you help as well as our charity reporting. The information needed is oh so simple. For example, what was the project you worked on; how many were involved; of the number involved how many Lodge Elks besides yourself were involved; how long did it take; how many total miles were traveled; did you donate money or an item(s). We have a simple form and a sample is included with this letter. Feel free to copy. Additional forms are available at the Lodge or can be sent electronically by simply contacting the Secretary at [elks1665@comcast.net](mailto:elks1665@comcast.net) or [c.sylvia@comcast.net](mailto:c.sylvia@comcast.net). Completed forms can be simply mailed to the secretary, dropped off at the Lodge, scanned or emailed to addresses shown.

***It is very important that member contact information be current and correct. Please be sure to let us know if there is a name, address, phone, or email address change. If you know of someone who has recently moved or changed any of their information, please remind them to notify us.*** It is important we reach all our Lodge Members, whether electronically or standard mail. We are unable to do so however if members fail to keep us updated with accurate contact information. Unfortunately, a sizable amount of undeliverable mail and emails are getting returned.

**Activities Corner** – Your Board is working diligently to organize help, hours, activities and much more. How can you help? Have a little patience as we move forward to provide a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere. Volunteer to help on activities.

**Lodge Hours**

**Monday thru Thursday – 2 pm – 9 pm**

**Friday 2 pm – 10 pm**

**Saturday – 12 noon – 10 pm**

**Sunday – 12 noon – 8 pm**

**Christmas Eve – open as usual – Bartender discretion to close early.**

**Christmas Day - Closed**

Have an activity idea? Feel free to share. Write it down and leave with the bartender or catch the ER or one of the Officers. Interested in volunteering/helping? Again, let us know. Check the Lodge Bulletin Boards for announcements and various sign-up sheets.

Be sure to check the Lodge Facebook page for changes and additions.

**SAVE THE DATES**

December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Merry Christmas – Closed</b>
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wing Night 5-7 Rusted Bones Band 7:30-10
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Eve
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Years/Member Appreciation Day</b> Noon-2:00 pm – be sure to bring your card.
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lodge Meeting Night 7:00 pm
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting 6:00 pm
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lodge Meeting Night 7:00 pm
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Inter-Lodge Springfield
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Legacy Scholarship Award Deadline
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lodge Meeting Night 7:00 pm – Officer Nomination Night
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting 6:00 pm
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Happy Valentines Day</b>
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lodge Meeting Night 7:00 pm – Election Night
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive

# VOLUNTEER SHEET

If you volunteer for a function at the club or within the community for schools, church, hospital, other non-profit organization, please report the following information. Your volunteer work is not only greatly appreciated, it also helps maintain our non-profit status.

<b>DATE</b>	
<b>YOUR NAME &amp; Other Elks if any.</b>	
<b>EVENT (What/Who For)</b>	
<b>Total Number at Event</b>	
<b>Hours (Total yours &amp; other Elks)</b>	
<b>Miles (Total yours &amp; other Elks)</b>	
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