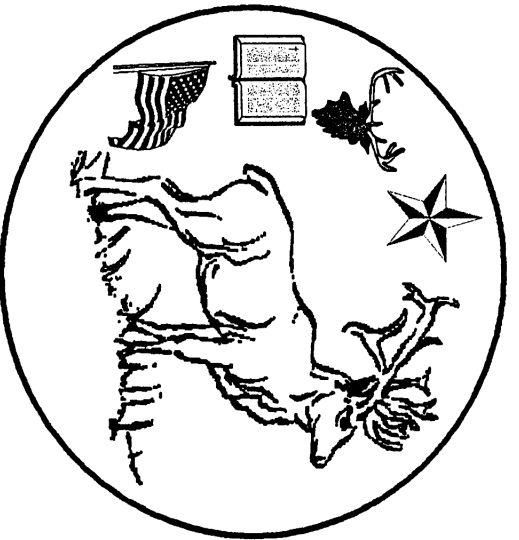
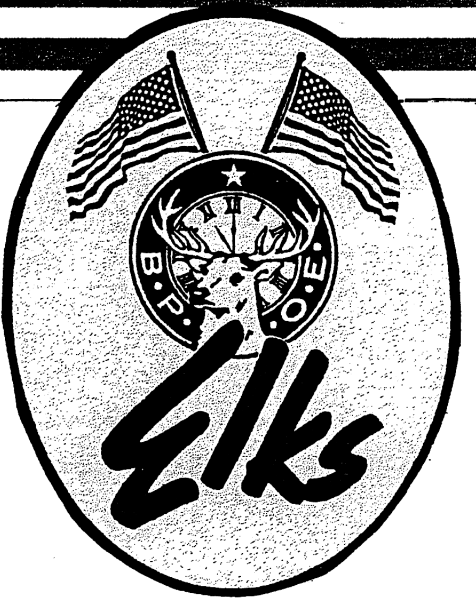
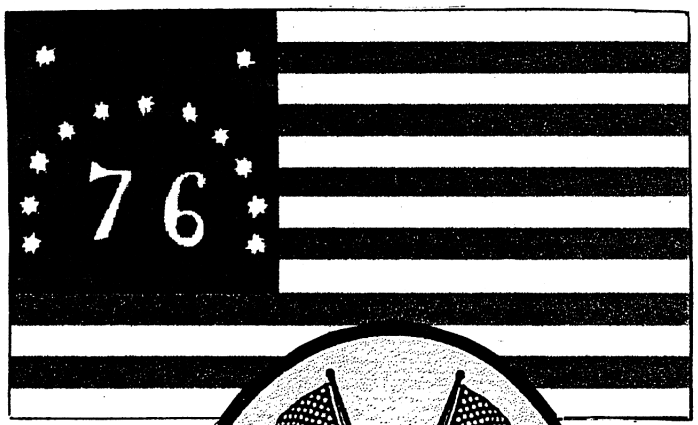


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LODGE NO. 567







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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sun., December 15th at 1:00 p.m.



Children birth through age 10 years are invited to have their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Each child will receive a special gift from the Jolly Old Elf. Treats and fun for all!

Please sign up at the lodge so that Santa's Elves will have time to get ready for the party!

Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 22nd

Member's Children and Grand Children living in Grand Parent's Homes: no cost.

Other Member's Grand Children: Only \$10 donation.

Hello! Thanks to all who attended our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady's visit in September. Kevin Lynch, Jimmy Pinsonneault, Joe Heuschkel and their whole team did a great job on the wonderful dinner, THANK YOU!

We're currently visiting lodges around the state and having a fun time! All have welcomed us with kindness and generosity and it's really nice to see all the wonderful things that are being done by Elks in Vermont!

Vermont is hosting this year's regional Soccer Shoot in St. Albans the weekend of Nov. 2-3, which means Ruthie and I will unfortunately miss this year's Oldies Dinner Dance. I'd like to thank Haley Pinsonneault for helping order gifts for the soccer participants' swag bags. Haley, you did a great job! To all Bennington members, have a fantastic time at our best party of the year! Hope there will be lots of entertaining skits. I know a good time will be had by all!

Thank you for letting me represent you as the VT Elks Assoc. President this year.

With kind regards, Freddie

Oldies But Goodies

OLDIES DINNER DANCE:

Sat. November 2nd

5:00-6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour & Salad

6:00-7:30 p.m. Filet Mignon Dinner

7:30-11:30 p.m. Music/Skits/Dancing

Music by Brother Lou Roberts

If you are interested in doing a skit, please be in touch with E.R. Kelly Kervan or Social Committee Member Linda Oslizlo.

\$30/person – Members & Qualified Guests

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE: Sunday, December 1st

Ceremony begins at noon

This solemn service honors all Bennington Lodge members who have passed during the year. Their families and all lodge members are invited to attend. There is a luncheon following the ceremony.

OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

As we wrap up the last weeks of September it has been quite a memorable Summer. Killian spent 2 weeks at camp (the longest time yet) and was one of 443 campers served this year over the 8 weeks. All of the painting is completed in the Main hall and Members area. We have added a big screen TV for sporting and other events. At the request of members the Lodge purchased this year's Sunday NFL ticket. Stop down and choose your favorite game to watch. I am happy to report that we had a very successful reception for the Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas Schiefer and his wife Julia. The dinner was fantastic and many friends from around the State came down and attended. As we move into the fall and winter please look for reminders of all the events we have on social media or in your email.

Kelly

SECRETARY MESSAGE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024

Hello members, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! Fall is right around the corner and the weather hasn't been too shabby. Please be sure to follow our Facebook page and lodge bulletins via mail or email to see all of the fun upcoming events we are having at the lodge.

We have 44 delinquent members right now. This means these members have not paid their dues that were due 4/1/24!! Please get those paid as soon as possible so you can continue to attend member only events.

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 pro-rated dues for the year based on the Initiation date.

To be sure you are receiving your bulletins and email blasts; please keep your address, phone number and email address current. Please send updates and questions to the lodge email @ bennelks567@gmail.com.

Hope to see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Kristen Lewis, Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

James H. Colvin

"Until the hour of eleven shall regularly return"

VETERAN'S REPORT OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024

On Sunday September 8th, a cool day, after an all-night rain shower, we held our Grandparents Day fishing derby at Charron pond at the VT Veterans home.

We had a very good turnout of Veterans, their families and grandkids, that all caught large fish. After fishing we served a picnic style cookout to all. Trophies, fishing poles and plaques were handed out to the winners!

We would like to thank the WH staff as well as our Elks members and volunteers:

Mike Kinney, Scott and Dane Dickie, Dave and Cindy Maroney, Amanda Lewis, Larry Brilyea, Pat Lindsey, Dale Corbett, Tom Kinney, Gary, Kitty, Ryan and Parker Lewis.

We had a visit from our Elk's State President Fred Gilbar and his 1st lady Ruth Rudnick.

Our next Veteran's event will be Sunday November 2nd in celebration of Veteran's Day.

We will transport the Veteran's to the Elks lodge for dinner and bingo.

If you would like to help, see Mike Kinney or Gary Lewis-Veterans co-chairs.

Lodge Officers 2024-2025

Bennington Elks Lodge

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Trustee-----Vacant
State Trustee----- Ruth Rudnick

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS- OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024

We just finished the 6th month of the Lodge year and donations are at \$4,897.61 We have 176 donors and our goal is to reach 230 donors which is only 31 % of our membership., If you have already donated THANKYOU! If you haven't yet donated, please do it now, please don't put it off any longer, DO IT NOW! Leave a check made out to Elks National Foundation or put cash in an envelope mark to my attention for ENF and give to Bartender. Or if you prefer to go on line to www.elks.org and then click on Elks National Foundation and follow the instructions. Just think about the Veteran's, The youth and the Scholarships that are provided by ENF. Your donations to ENF are fully tax deductible. Don't forget the Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF, always the first Wednesday of the month, a full dinner only \$10- serving starts at 5:50 PM

Thank you- Charlie Boyle, ENF Fundraising Chair

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.

Wednesday Oct. 2- Wednesday Nov. 6 always the first Wednesday of each month

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

E-MAIL benelks567@gmail.com TO RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN AND REMINDERS VIA E-MAIL!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-COMING EVENTS OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024

Every Monday Bingo
Every Friday - Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm
Every Saturday \$2 book drawing 8pm
Wednesday October 2- Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Thursday October 3-Pitch League 7 pm
Sunday October 6- DD Clinic 10am Barre Lodge
Sunday October 6- Chas Poole/ Butch Corbett Golf Tournament
Tuesday October 8- BOD meets 6:30 pm/ regular meeting 8pm
Thursday October 10- Pitch League 7pm
Friday October 11- Open faced Hot Turkey Sandwiches and French Fries- \$10 5pm till gone
Tuesday October 15- Steak Night, doors open 6:15 serving starts 6:30pm
Thursday October 17- Pitch League 7pm
Friday October 18- Third Friday Lunch serving noon till 1:30pm
Saturday October 19- Mid-year Convention starts with Lunch at noon
Saturday October 19- Adults Halloween Party 7-11pm(costumes optional)
\$5 features Taco Bar
Tuesday October 22- Trustees meet 6:30pm/regular meeting 8pm
Thursday October 24 Pitch League 7pm
Friday October 25- Wing Night serving 4pm till gone
Thursday October 3 1- Pitch League 7pm

Saturday November 2- Oldies but Goodies Dinner Dance
Saturday November 2- Regional Soccer Shoot St. Albans
Wednesday November 6- Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm
Thursday November 7- Pitch League 7pm
Tuesday November 12- BOD meets 6:30pm/Regular meeting 8pm
Thursday November 14- Pitch 7pm/end of season Banquet
Friday November 15- Third Friday Lunch serving noon - 1:30pm
Tuesday November 19- Steak Night Doors open 6:15pm serving starts 6:30 PM
Friday November 22- Wing Night serving 4pm till gone
Tuesday November 26- 5pm kitchen help need for Community Thanksgiving
Tuesday November 26- Trustees meet 6:30pm/Regular meeting 8pm
Wednesday November 27- Elks Community Thanksgiving for those in need, Help delivery drivers and assembly line needed starting at 9am
Thursday November 28- Happy Thanksgiving- Lodge closes 2pm

Sunday December 1- Elks Memorial Service starts at 12 noon

ATTEND THE OCTOBER 22ND LODGE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MEMBER'S QUARTERS OF OUR LODGE

If you've been down to the lodge recently, you likely noticed the main hall and bar area (member's quarters) have been painted, and there's new bar stools and high-top tables! There are more changes to come and your input/ideas are welcomed! Discussion at this meeting will include how to preserve our history and plan for the future! Past Exalted Ruler Pictures will be discussed.

Elks Scholarship Information October-November 2024

Scholarships are open

2025 MVS Applications Open until November 12, 2024 All High School Students who are United States Citizens are eligible to apply. Judged based on leadership, service, academics and financial need. The top 20 applicants receive \$30,000 scholarships. The 480 runners-up receive \$4,000 scholarships. Learn more and apply at enf.elks.org/MVS

2025 Legacy Scholarships are open, deadline is February 3, 2025. Legacy awards \$4,000 scholarships are open to children ,grandchildren (step-child, step grandchild or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2022. The Elk must be a paid-up member through March 31, 2025. Great-Grandchildren are not eligible. To apply go to elks.org then to Elks National Foundation then to scholarships click on Legacy Awards and click on Apply Now. For questions e-mail at scholarship@elks.org or call 773-775-4732

HALLOWEEN PARTY

DATE: SAT. OCT. 19TH TIME: 7-11 P.M.

PLACE: BENNINGTON ELKS #567

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DONATION OF \$5.00 TO GO TO LOCAL FOOD SHELF!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE

ELKS MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY EVENT.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BENNINGTON LODGE #567

Come on down to the Lodge on Tuesday, **December 24th** from 1-5 for a bit of cheer and some great holiday snacks!

"Protecting Our Virtues, Serving Our Communities."

DON'S CORNER OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024

Welcome to fall everyone! With the trees changing colors, so are things around the lodge. Thank you to Robin Tripp and Jamie Balance for painting the lodge and adding some color to it. With fall comes football, stop by the lodge to watch a game or five. We now have more tv's and a football package for you to enjoy all the games at once.

Fall also brings Halloween, the lodge is having a Halloween party on October 19th, there is a \$5 charge, proceeds go to Sacred Heart/ St Francis food pantry, so stop by the lodge and get your ticket. Costumes are optional.

Also don't forget our annual "Oldies Dinner Dance" with Brother Lou Roberts on November 2nd. Get your tickets! *I hope you all have a beautiful fall.*

Lodge steward, Don Roy

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

Name _____ Birthday _____

SILVER TOWERS CAMP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

www.vtelks.org/programs/silver-towers/

As Bennington Lodge's representative on the Silver Towers Camp Committee, I would like to tell you a little bit about this very special place located in Ripton, VT (just southeast of Middlebury).

Our camp:

- Is an overnight retreat for those with mental and physical challenges. It demands more focused attention than typical summer camps and thus has a high ratio of counselors to campers to accommodate the special needs of the campers.
- Our campers come primarily from Vermont with others joining from around New England. They are age 7-77 years! Campers typically attend 1-2 weeks each summer and come back year after year!
- Our counselors come from around the world: Egypt, Jamaica, Moldova, Bolivia, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Zambia, Pakistan, Hungary and Vermont!
- Is the Chief Charitable Project of the Vermont Elks Association, which has owned and operated Silver Towers since 1958. It is among the first of its kind in the United States, and still remains one of the very few.
- Elks from across the state are invited to participate in events throughout the summer! There's a motorcycle and classic car rally, and a walk-a-thon where campers join in the fun. There's Elkfest at the end of August, where it is just Vermont Elks members and their families in attendance; this is a weekend of free camping (bring your own tent or camper - or stay in one of the dorms!), including food, music, fun and games!

Please be in touch if you have questions or would like to attend any of the events. Greg & I attended Elkfest this year and really had a wonderful time! The band on Saturday afternoon was really good, we won playing Vino/Beer Bingo, the campfire was a great place for some good stories and we slept comfortably in our private dorm room with king sized bed! Hope to see you there next year!!

Lori Pinsonneault (loripins@comcast.net)

BENNINGTON LODGE WILL HOST THE VERMONT ELKS ASSOCIATION (VEA) MID-YEAR CONVENTION on Sat., October 19TH.

All members are welcome to go to this event where you can attend presentations by VEA Chairs including Public Relations, Hoop/Soccer Shoots, Drug Awareness, National Veterans Services, Membership and much more! Please watch for more information! The event will begin with lunch wrapping up later in the afternoon.

THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHES! ONLY \$10

October 18th – November 15th – December 20

FOURTH FRIDAY WING NIGHTS!

October 25th – November 22nd – December 27th

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.

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		Kitchen
	Team 1	
	Oct. 28 & Nov. 25	
Tom Kinney Jessie King* Linda Oslizlo Ruth Rudnick		Kevin Durocher Scott Racicot Joe Smith
	Team 2	
	Oct. 7 & Nov. 4	
Joyce Grusaky* Linda Oslizlo Tom Kinney Ruth Rudnick		Mike Brush Doug Woodard Jon Kenyon
	Team 3	
	Oct. 14 & Nov. 11	
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	Team 4	
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* Callers, if you cannot work your night, please find a replacement

STEAK NIGHTS OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024

October 15 and **November 19**- 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, all this only \$20! In the kitchen for October will be Brian Peat and team with his famous Maple Glazed Acorn Squash, In November the Lodge Officers led by ER Kelly will be in the kitchen.

On the Desk: October- Carol and Nick, November - Kate and Bill, December- Carol and Nick, January- Laurie and Pat **See you at Steak Night**

THANKSGIVING NEWS- NOVEMBER 2024

To start the Thanksgiving season and to prepare for the Community Thanksgiving- Jim Cone and his team have the following news:
We start with a fundraising event on Friday October 11th serving a hot turkey open face sandwich with French Fries only \$10 serving 5pm till gone. The Elks Community Thanksgiving to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to those in need in our area will be Wednesday November 27th . We need lots of help including delivery drivers. For the Kitchen and packing team please try to be there by 9am for drivers and delivery teams please try to be there by 10am. We also need help in the kitchen on Tuesday 11/26 starting at 5pm.
Last year this event prepared and delivered about 1,650 dinners, so we need all the help we can get.
Thanks, hope to you all, Jim

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30 pm	3 Pitch League 7pm	4 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	5 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
6 10/6- DD Clinic Barre 10am/ Chas Poole/ Butch Corbett Golf Tournament	7 Bingo Team 2	8 BOD meets 6:30 pm Regular Meeting 8 pm PER Pic- tures discussed	9	10 Pitch League 7pm	11 Hot Turkey Sandwiches & Fries 5pm until gone Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	12 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
13	14 Bingo Team 3	15 Steak Night Doors open at 6:15 Serving at 6:30pm	16	17 Pitch League 7pm	18 Third Friday Lunch 12-1:30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	19 10/19- Mid-Year Convention- starts with Lunch/Hal- loween Party 7-11pm \$5 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
20	21 Bingo Team 4	22 Trustees meet 6:30pm Regular Meeting 8pm	23	24 Pitch League 7pm	25 Wing Night 4pm until gone Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	26 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
27	28 Bingo Team 1	29	30	31 Pitch League 7pm		

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	2 Regional Soccer shoot Oldies but Goodies Dance \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
3	4 Bingo Team 2	5	6 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30 pm	7 Pitch League 7pm	8 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	9 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
10	11 Bingo Team 3	12 BOD meets 6:30pm/ Regular Meeting 8pm	13	14 Pitch League 7pm last night of season/Banquet	15 Third Friday Lunch 12- 1:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	16 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
17	18 Bingo Team 4	19 Steak Night- Doors open 6:15 Serving 6:30pm	20	21 Happy Thanksgiving Lodge closes 2pm	22 Wing Night 4PM till gone Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	23 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
24	25 Bingo Team 1	26 THANKSGIV- ING Kitchen team 5pm/ Trustees Meet 6:30/ Regular meeting 8pm	27 Community Thanksgiving need help starting at 9am	28	29 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm	30 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm