

**WINDSOR LODGE #1665
MONTHLY BULLETIN
November/December 2023 Edition**

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2023-2024 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler – Scott Hammond	Esquire – Tyler Trombley
Leading Knight – Nathan Wood	Chaplain – Christina Dillingham
Loyal Knight – Deb Griffin	Trustee – Dennis Conley
Lecturing Knight – Alicia Houske	Trustee – Esther Allen
Secretary – Carol Sylvia	Trustee – Nathan Willard
Treasurer – Robert Allen	Trustee – Linda Willard
Tiler – Tara Sargent	Trustee – Greg Martin
Inner Guard – Carissa VanAlstyne	



Hello Members,

It is mid-November, eight months into my terms as Exalted Ruler Windsor 1665. As I mentioned earlier in the year, this is your Lodge and participation from you all has been great to make it successful. Unfortunately we just had two Trustees resign. One in late October (Pam Osgood) and another in early November (Kelly Sweeney). I would like to thank them both for their service and dedication of their time to serve the Lodge during my term. It is a huge commitment. Replacements were appointed at our Lodge meeting on November 6th. Please welcome Greg Martin and Dennis Conley to the Trustee positions.

Roof and deck ramp have been repaired. Another big thank you to the Trustees in getting this much needed project completed this year.

Would also like to give a big thank you to our Grant Team this year, Carol Sylvia, Esther Allen and Wendy Moody for getting the grants for our Lodge.

Back to your Lodge. Was great to see more members attending the meeting on November 6, 2023, and hope to see more. This gives you the opportunity to speak and be heard along with hearing information on what is happening in your Lodge. With that said, please check the Windsor Elks Lodge on Facebook for up-coming events. Actually December has three I believe. Annual Elks Memorial Service on December 3rd and two on December 17th – Children's Christmas party (contact Alicia Houske) and annual Hoop Shoot (contact Kristy Sauer). Volunteers will be needed for both.

Fraternally,
Scott Hammond ER

**NOTE ELECTION FOR 1 YR. AND
5 YR TRUSTEE POSITIONS WILL
BE HELD ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 11TH MEETING 7:00 pm**

**Annual Elks Memorial
Service** will be held on **December
3, 2023 at 10:30 am**. Coffee and
pastries to follow. Please join us as
we remember and honor our dearly
departed members of 2023.

Annual Elks Soccer Shoot held Saturday, September 16th at Windsor Fairgrounds went very well. Congratulations and thank you to all participants, those who took time to bring them, and all volunteers who helped make it happen. Everyone who participates is a winner! As in all sports, there are those who have a little better day and those listed below moved up for the state competition in St. Albans.

GIRLS – U-8 Brianna Rowe; U-10 Myah Rose;
U-12 Joyana McKenzie; U-14 Jaylin Lyman
BOYS – U-8 Owen White; U-10 Alex Martaniuk;
U-12 Max Marcell

Elks Hoop Shoot fast approaching! December 17, 2023 – Rec Center
Check in 10:00 am – Shoot 11:00 am. Pre-registration at Rec Center available.
Questions/Volunteer – contact Chairman Kristy Sauer, 802-379-4177

Tis the Season!!! GET OUT THAT UGLY SWEATER and join us for an UGLY SWEATER PARTY!!!
Saturday December 16th 7PM-10PM Rust and Ruin will be on hand. No cover charge if wearing an ugly sweater – all others \$10.

2024 Silver Towers Calendars are available for purchasing. For your convenience we have enclosed one with this newsletter. \$20 gives you all of 2024 year (365 days) to win if your calendar number 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.** These make great Christmas gifts! Additional Calendars are available at Lodge from Stewards, ER or Lodge Secretary. This Vermont Elks Association Camp Fundraiser not only goes toward our Lodge assessment, helps challenged people of all ages have fun, but is also tax deductible.



**Santa's coming to the Windsor Elks!!
December 17th 2:00 PM**

Sign-up Deadline December 10th
Sign-up Sheet at the Lodge.
Must be present for gift.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) Have you had an occasion to ask yourself – why should I buy this raffle ticket to help ENF? Thought you might be interested in a little update. In 2022-23 Lodge Year VT Elks donated \$44,930.68 to the ENF. This year the Foundation will give back to VT \$98,470.00. A ratio of \$2.192 for every dollar donated. These funds help support Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Community Investments (Grants), MVS Scholarships, Legacy Award, Emergency Educational Grants for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, and Veterans. Our Lodge alone has applied for grants totaling \$9,500 which will all be given back to our Communities for various needs and projects In 2022-23, nationwide, more than \$12.1 million was granted to Elk Lodges to help build stronger communities. Every time an Elk volunteers in the community they spread a core of the Order – CHARITY. An hour of volunteer time is worth \$29.95/hour. The more volunteers the higher the overall value of the grant.

Lodge grants: Money donated to date includes: \$1,000 Freedom Grant to VA for Recreation Therapy Program. \$2,000 Reading/W. Windsor Food Shelf; \$2,500 divided up and given to support Rotary/WSESU School Supply Drive, Dictionaries for 3rd graders in 5 surrounding schools, Recreation Center, Windsor Police Dept. Babysitting Course.

ENF SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE. Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications have ended. December 2023 – February 2024 Lodge, District, State Judging. Applicants will be notified via email at each stage of competition by Elks National Foundation. **It is responsibility of the applicant to make sure all eligibility and application requirements are met.** This includes responding to questions and any required supplemental material such as transcript and FAFSA report. If you have someone applying, please be sure to remind them to follow through. **There are however still two other ENF Scholarships available Legacy Awards.** These are college scholarships worth \$4,000 and will be awarded to 350 children and grandchildren of Elks members. Eligibility: College-bound high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Judging Criteria – knowledge, charity, community service, integrity. Service – Legacy scholars are required to serve with the Elks throughout college to receive their scholarship funds. Deadline: Due online on or before February 5, 2024. scholarship@elks.org or elks.org/scholars
Emergency Educational Grants. Eligibility: Attend an accredited U.S. college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours) undergraduate student. Demonstrate financial need. Be unmarried and under the age of 24 during the academic year for which assistance is desired. To request application contact ENF Scholarship Office at 773-755-4732 or scholarship@elks.org . For more information on Emergency Educational Grants visit enf.elks.org/EEG.

SECRETARY NOTES Thank you to all who have paid their 2023-2024 dues. Unfortunately we still have a few who have yet to do so. Many Lodge holiday activities are on the horizon and dues must be current to take part in Lodge activities. 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. In addition as we continue to move forward with modern technology, you will now receive your dues and delinquent notices from Grand Lodge. However, cards will still be issued by the Secretary once local check/cash as well as electronic notices indicating payment have been received.

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 one of interest and would like additional information, please contact the ER or Secretary.

Committees

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

Our 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 respond. Do you find yourself volunteering at school, church, community activities, food shelves, library, helping neighbors? If so, your efforts are very important and can be used in our charity reporting. There is a simple, easy form available and information needed is oh so easy. For example, what was the project; where did it happen; how many were involved; how many Elks besides yourself were involved; how long did it take; how many miles did you travel; did you donate money or an item(s). A sample form 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 (c.sylvia@comcast.net). Activity information can also be simply emailed to the secretary or the Lodge – elks1665@comcast.net.

Making sure we reach all our Lodge Members, whether electronically or standard mail is important to us. However we are unable to do so if you fail to keep us updated with accurate contact information. Unfortunately, a sizable amount of undeliverable mail is being returned as well as several emails. ***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 changed any of their information, please remind them to notify us.***

Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle held on Friday, November 17th was well attended and a great success. Chairman Nate Willard sends a big thanks to all that helped sell tickets, and those who donated turkeys and pies. \$1.300 was raised and will go toward our ENF assessment.

Elks Americanism Essay Contest entry deadline December 10th. Subject: What does the Bill of Rights mean to me? Open to all students in grades 5-8 during the normal 2023-24 school year preceding June 30, 2024. Use 8-1/2x11" paper. Not to exceed 300 words. Legibly printed in ink or typed by student. Cover sheet must be completed and attached to entry and are available at Lodge or contact Secretary at elks1665@comcast.net or c.sylvia@comcast.net for copy.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CORNER

House Committee Chairman: Alicia Houske

Committee Members: Carissa Van Alstyne, Tracy Ladue, Deena Hammond-West, Robert Knight, Judie Pellerin, Anne Currin-Russo.

Please note: **ALL** lodge rentals must be made through Chairman Alicia Houske.
Email: acowdrey1994@yahoo.com Phone: 603-306-9792

Veteran's Dinner held in co-sponsor with the Windsor Legion on November 11th was a great success. 97 meals were served and 11 take outs. Challenge Coins were given to attending Veterans by the Legion and dinner was followed by Rust'n Ruin Band. **Calcutta Winners** were: 1st drawn – Christina Dillingham; 25th Frank Hotaling; 50th Kristy Ann; 75th Barry Strobel. Mr. Strobel donated his winnings back to the cause. A delicious prime rib meal, wonderful desserts and a good time were had by all! Thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped make this a success.

Check Us Out – Grand Lodge Website elks.org/1665 and our Facebook Page – please become friends to keep up with Lodge events! Keep an eye out for Facebook postings on the Windsor Elks Page for information regarding any Lodge changes and upcoming events still in the works.

SAVE THE DATES -

NOTE: 1st meeting in December – 2nd Monday

- 11/17/23 – Turkey Raffle
- 11/20/23 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/23/23 – **Happy Thanksgiving**
- 12/03/23 – Elks Memorial Service – 10:30 am
- 12/11/23 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12/13/23 – House Committee Meeting
- 12/10/23 – Deadline Sign-up Kid's Xmas Party
- 12/16/23 – Ugly Sweater Party/Dance 7pm-10pm
- 12/17/23 – Kid's Xmas Party – 2:00 pm
- 12/17/23 – Hoop Shoot – Rec Center – Check in 10:00 am Shoot 11:00 am
- 12/21/23 – Community Dinner – Trinity Church 5:30-6:30
- 12/25/23 – **Merry Christmas**
- 01/01/24 – Happy New Year** – Membership Day
- 01/08/24 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 01/15/24 – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 01/27/24 – Sock Hop – DJ 7pm-10pm

EVENT VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME. CONTACT ER, SECRETARY, EVENT CHAIRMAN OR HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ALICIA HOUSKE. CHECK LODGE BULLETIN BOARD FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS

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.

DATE	
YOUR NAME & Other Elks	
EVENT (What/Who For)	
Total Number at Event	
Hours (Total yours & other Elks)	
Miles (Total yours & other Elks)	
Monetary Donation (If Applicable)	
Non-Cash Donation (Estimated Value – state what –food, clothing, etc.)	