



# THE 916 BULLETIN



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## The Exalted Ruler's Message



Greetings, BPOE #916 ELKS Family,

Again this month we are sending out a brief email bulletin. Only those members who have given us an email address are receiving these messages. If you know a member who does not have email, you could share this information and also encourage that person to open an email account if possible and send the address to Lodge Secretary Moe Decelles at [bpoe916secretary@comcast.net](mailto:bpoe916secretary@comcast.net) or mail to 925 North Avenue, Burlington 05408.

I am sure you are aware that we have no income at this time since we are closed due to the pandemic. However, there are still overhead expenses that must be paid such as insurance, taxes, utilities, and maintenance. We also had to send our lodge assessment to Grand Lodge for each member we have on the books even if that member has not paid dues for the 20-21 fraternal year that began in April. At this time we have 145 members who have not paid. We are all looking forward to the time when we can reopen and we want you to be a member in good standing so that you can attend our Reopening Events!!

We were able to hold an outdoor installation of our remaining officers on Sunday, May 3rd. New officers include Karen Fisher as Lecturing Knight and Rosaire Longe as Trustee. I was given permission to appoint Marcia Corey as a Trustee until the time that we are able to meet again and go through the formal election procedure. We have one open position for a Leading Knight. There is only one Member Meeting a month and one Board of Trustees meeting so it is relatively painless. Can you help?

### THANK YOU'S:

1. Thanks to the following Elks who completed the entrance hallway renovation at NO COST to our Lodge: An Anonymous Donor, Lucille Sweet, Irene Longe, Rosaire Longe, and Don Trombley. The walls are freshly painted, the doors are cleaned and varnished, and the rug has been shampooed. It is so much lighter and brighter. Thank you, all!
2. Thanks to the team of Reed Richard and Ed Davaris for doing an excellent job of making our dining room floors sparkle and shine. There's not a scuff mark in sight!
3. Thanks to Marcia Corey, Karen Fisher, and Fred Dusablon for helping me do some deep cleaning around the bar and MV Room. I think we got all the cobwebs and dead flies out from behind the blinds and we tried our best to scrub years of grime off the tiles on the bar floor.
4. Thanks to the John Bossi Family. After John passed in April, his family requested donations in his name be made to our Elks Scholarship Fund. Many of you knew John, who was a very active Elk. It is not too late to remember him in this way.
5. Thanks to the members who responded to my request to purchase STATE PRESIDENT RAFFLE TICKETS. I started with 100 a few weeks ago and have 56 left.

The prizes are excellent. There are two drawings for \$1499 each, a drawing for \$500, an overnight and dinner in Saratoga Springs, a handcrafted hope chest, and golf for four people with a cart at Brattleboro Country Club. Contact me ASAP. I need to turn in the money by May 31. ([bethdusablon@gmail.com](mailto:bethdusablon@gmail.com)).

### ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE Drive-through FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, May 23, from 9-11 a.m.**

Bring any canned foods, paper goods, diapers to the Elks Lodge. We can also accept cash donations for grocery cards. Let's help our neighbors who are struggling to put food on the table! Proceeds will go to North Avenue Food Pantry, and South Burlington Food Shelf.

Please Take Care of Yourself and Others.....

Fraternally, Beth Dusablon, ER - Elks Care/Elks Share,

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