

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Schiefer with ER Mike Gauthier and ENF Chair Carolyn Ravenna presented \$1000 to Executive Director John Tester of the Dodge House in Rutland, VT. The donation was funded by the Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant. In addition to the donation from the Lodge, Past Grand Exalter Ruler, Vermont Sponsor David Carr presented a donation from Penny and himself.

The Dodge House is Transitional Housing for veterans, both men & women, who are experiencing homelessness. The Dodge House offers a safe place where veterans can rebuild their lives.

The goal of the Dodge House is to provide Veterans who are experiencing homelessness with a specific program tailored to meet their needs as mutually agreed upon by the resident, the staff, and the referral source for the veteran.

Veterans are encouraged to pursue their wellness, vocational, educational and personal goals to the very best of their ability.



Rutland Lodge ER Mike Gauthier, Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Schiefer, John Tester Executive Director Rutland Dodge House, Carolyn Ravenna Rutland Lodge ENF Chair



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\$1000 Legacy Grant presented to Dodge House. Rutland Lodge ER Mike Gauthier, Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Schiefer, John Tester Executive Director Rutland Dodge House, Carolyn Ravenna Rutland Lodge ENF Chair