

Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Installs Newest Officers for 2025-2026

Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 held its annual installation of Officers ceremony on Saturday, March 29th, bringing together members and guests to welcome the lodge's new leadership for the 2025-2026 term. The event recognized the dedication of those stepping into key roles and reaffirming the lodge's commitment to service and tradition.



Richard Lucius was installed as Exalted Ruler, a role that carries significant responsibility in overseeing the lodge's activities and ensuring that its values are upheld. Ruth Sargent assumed the role of Leading Knight, with Kathy Knoras stepping into the position of Loyal Knight and Dayle Brown as Lecturing Knight. Gloria Gunn was sworn in as Secretary, Karen Whitney as Treasurer. Carolee Murchie was appointed as Chaplain, James Kirkwood, PER, PSP as Esquire, and Ray Buisson, PER, PSP as Inner Guard. The Tiler position is vacant.

The Board of Trustees for the new term consists of Roger Blish as the 1-Year Trustee, Stephen Page, as the 2-Year Trustee, Victor Baskevich as the 3-Year Trustee, Jim Morse, PER, DDGER, as the 4-Year Trustee, and Ed Knoras, PER, as the 5-Year Trustee.

The installation was presided over by distinguished members of Bellows Falls Lodge #1619. Exalted Ruler Kimberly Aumand, PER, alongside Esteemed Leading Knight Nelson Coburn, PER, PDDGER, Esteemed Loyal Knight Peter Squires, PER, PDDGER, and Esteemed Lecturing Knight Darlene Squires, PER. George Bennett, PER, served as Secretary, Cheryl Baraby served as Treasurer, while Gerald Baraby, PER, took on the role of Trustee. Brenda Thompson served as Chaplain, Patrick Kiniry, PER, served as Esquire, and Mary Moore served as Inner Guard.



Following the installation lunch was catered by Kindred Market, a local Springfield business, owned by Springfield Elks members Sam and Erin Harvey.

Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 continues to serve as a vital part of the community, dedicated to charity, patriotism, and brotherhood. The newly installed officers now take on the responsibility of leading the lodge into another year of service and tradition. Their leadership will help shape the future of the lodge and ensure that its long-standing values remain at the heart of everything it does.