



# The Friendliest Lodge In Maine Biddeford - Saco Elks Lodge No. 1597

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## Newsletter — September 2024

### Exalted Ruler's Message

Hi all,

August started with Joan Howard (Secretary), David Guay (PER), Glenn McCallum (PER, DDGER) and I attended the Elks State meeting in Portland on the 4th. It was the first meeting of the year and included some business and vision for the coming year.



raffled off for the theme of Christmas. It is an amazing event with the focus being "For The Kids". Anyone slightly interested should consider attending next year.

Peter Lee organized another successful car wash for veterans on the 24th. Elks David Guay, Terri Petit, Dick Gosselin, Ralph and Ann Hendrix participated in the event that raised \$440 with a total of almost a \$1000 for the 2 car washes. Thank you to all that helped. It is appreciated and reinforces our mission to help all veterans. There is also an addition to our bar tender staff, please welcome Shauna and stop by and say hi on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The 16th and 17th saw the lodge honored to have our State President Michael Hannigan and First Lady Denise visit us. Friday they were brought to the lodge and welcomed by our members to a fantastic haddock dinner. Thanks to MAPS committee for the Saturday Breakaway 5K, the president was the starter for the kids race and both handed out medals as the kids crossed the finish line. Saturday afternoon they attended a great dinner where our lodge was well represented. After dinner, all played some games outside.

Next month, there will be a meat raffle on September 22nd which is fun to participate and you can also win some meat.

The event was a great success and fun with great food because of all the volunteers who prepared the meals, escorted the president to the lodge and the race and the attendees. For this, I want to THANK everyone who helped in any way and amazed how everyone pulled together to represent our lodge proudly and provide such a welcoming environment for the weekend.

Please don't forget, we are always in need of volunteers for bingo on Tuesdays. The same people doing the same thing need a break at times.

The last weekend of the month, Rori and I and along with Michael Desjardin (MCCP Chair) attended the MCCP weekend at The Forks to raise money for MCCP. Thanks to donations from members, we were able to auction an IPAD and Yeti which were well received. The lodge was also the only one with a real tree that was

This month saw a lot of our officers, members and volunteers working extremely hard for a very successful month of events. Choosing one person for the month didn't seem right so **I want to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone and hope you all consider yourselves ELKS of the month.**

Stay safe

Fraternally yours; Phil

### 2024 - 2025 LODGE OFFICERS

#### Exalted Ruler

[Phil Guimond](#)

#### Esteemed Leading Knight:

[Timothy Crowley IV, PER](#)

#### Esteemed Loyal Knight:

[Randa Newsome](#)

#### Esteemed Lecturing Knight:

[Bill Desjardins PCT](#)

#### Esquire:

[Floyd Howes, PER](#)

#### Chaplain:

[Tammy Polley](#)

#### Inner Guard:

[Richard Gosselin](#)

#### Tiler:

[Gail Howes, PER](#)

#### Secretary

[Joan M. Howard](#) 650-0477

#### Treasurer

[Steve Dupuis](#) 468-7117

#### TRUSTEES

##### 1 Year

[Peter Lee](#)

##### 2 Year

[Bill Thompson](#),  
Chairman

##### 3 Year

[Phil Bowden](#)

##### 4 Year

[Lauren Lennerton](#)

##### 5 Year

[Rori Dargie](#)

#### State Trustee

[Floyd Howes, PER](#)

#### NEXT MEETING NOTICE

The 1786th session of the Biddeford-Saco Lodge No. 1597 of the B.P.O. Elks will be held in our Lodge at 68 Ocean Park Rd., Saco on Thursday September 26th at 7 PM

**Secretary**  
Joan M Howard

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**Proposal for membership**  
**Was read on the floor**

JayDee Beaulieu– Buxton ME  
proposer Nate Mosher

### BALLOTING

**The following were balloted on**  
**favorably on August 29, 2024**

Andre Rheault Westminster Ma  
( received a waiver of  
jurisdiction)  
JayDee Beaulieu– Buxton ME  
proposer Nate Mosher

### READY FOR ORIENTATION

Stacey Johnson Biddeford  
proposer Nicola Shannon  
Andre Rheault Westminster Ma  
( received a waiver of  
jurisdiction)  
JayDee Beaulieu– Buxton ME  
proposer Nate Mosher

### Sickness and Distress

Keep Wayne Gionest in your  
Prayers as he navigates some Health  
issues.

### LAPSATON

2024-2025

**As August 29**

**There are 37 Delinquent**  
**Members**

**That have not paid their 2024**  
**-2025 dues**

As of April 1, 2024 your  
**BLUE** key cards will no  
longer work in the door  
the new Key Card is **RED**

**Consider paying online**  
[https://searchrevopay.com/  
elkslodge](https://searchrevopay.com/elkslodge)

Select our lodge and pay with  
a debit or credit card  
Simply click "Make a quick  
payment". A convenience fee of  
3.5% will be applied to your  
payment.

**The following active members**  
**are Eligible for Life Membership**  
**for 2025-2026 lodge year**

Steven P Boucouvalas  
Craig R Burgess  
Dwayne A Guay  
Peter R Lee  
Christopher S McCallum  
John E Perkins  
John Provost  
Allen R Sicard  
Roger R St Michel  
Shawn K Staples

In order to receive your life  
membership, a letter/email  
requesting consideration should  
Be sent to the Secretary. That  
request will be read at the  
following lodge meeting and the  
membership will take a vote to  
accept or reject the request.

### 2025—2026 OFFICER nominations

I know it's early, but it is nev-  
er too early to plan for the  
2025-2026 Elk Officers.

If you are curious or possibly  
interested in becoming an of-  
ficer at the lodge, please con-  
tact Secretary Joan.

She can certainly provide you  
with some information about  
the various officers and talk to  
you about the roles and re-  
sponsibilities each officer has  
in the lodge



### IN MEMORIUM

*Deaths*  
Richard R Libby, Jr  
8/1/2024

**TABLET SERVICE**  
*Will be performed for*  
Richard Libby on  
September 26, 2024

*"The faults of our  
members we write on the  
sand, their virtues upon the  
Tablets of Love and  
Memory".*

Officers hold an office for  
one year at a time and  
need to be nominated by  
a member each year.

The exception is each  
year one trustee drops of  
the Board after serving  
for 5 yrs. So each year  
we nominate 1 Trustee to  
fill the spot to maintain 5  
Trustees on the board at  
all times.

Positions to be nominat-  
ed on each year are.

-Exalted Ruler  
-Esteemed Leading  
Knight  
-Esteemed Loyal Knight  
-Esteemed Lecturing  
Knight  
-Secretary  
-Treasurer

- The Tiler, Inner guard,  
Chaplain and Esquire  
are appointed by the  
Exalted Ruler each  
year.

Please consider becom-  
ing an officer to help  
grow the lodge

## 2024—2025 Committee Members

### Accident Prevention:

[Timothy Crowley](#) PER 229-2387

### Adopt-A-Family:

Terry Petit 282-7622

### Advisory:

PER Association

### Americanism:

Rori Dargie 310-0748

### Auditing:

[Phil Guimond](#)-934-7680

### Beano:

[Richard Gosselin](#) 518-3841

Glenn C. McCallum PER 229-2457

### Building Maintenance:

[Bill Thompson](#) 838-6825

### Children's Christmas Party:

[Vassie Fowler](#) 408-2274

### Community Activities:

Timothy J Crowley PER

### Craft Fair:

[Rori Dargie](#) 310-0748

### Cribbage:

Steve Dupuis

### Drug Awareness:

[Rorie Dargie](#) 310-0748

### Elk Of The Month:

ER & Chair Officers

### ENF:

[Randa Newsome](#) 703-362-6763

### ENF Scholarship:

[Rori Dargie](#) 310-0748

### Entertainment:

[Lauren Lennerton](#) 781-413-6600

Flag Day: [Peter Lee](#) 590-9884

### Friday Night Suppers:

Denise Rancourt

### Gaming:

[Richard Gosselin](#) 518-3841

[Stephen Dupuis](#) 468-7117

### Government Relations:

[Philip Guimond](#)

### House Committee

[Timothy Crowley](#) 229-2387

### Hoop Shoot:

[Joan M. Howard](#) 650-0477

### Indoctrination:

Lodge Officers

### Investigating:

[Bill Thompson](#) 838-6825

### Justice of the Forum:

VACANT

### Lobster Bake:

[Bill Desjardins](#) 468-2063

### Lodge Scholarship:

[Rori Dargie](#) 310-0748

### MCCP:

Michael Desjardins 807-3460

### Meat Raffle:

-Cindy Boulay 467-5067

Terry Petit-282-7622

### Membership:

[Joan Howard](#)-650-0477

### Memorial Service:

Chaplin

### Mother's Day Service:

Knights

### National Service Veterans:

[Peter Lee](#) 590-9884

### Newsletter (Editor):

[Marianne Cosgrove](#) 400-5462

### PER Association:

Pres. - Timothy J. Crowley IV,  
PER 229-2387

### Public Relations:

[Marianne Cosgrove](#) 400-5462

### Retention:

Lodge Officers

### Recommendation:

VACANT

### Ritual:

VACANT

### Soccer Shoot:

[Peter Lee](#) 590-9884

### Standing Relief:

ER, Knights, Secretary and  
Treasurer

### State Convention:

[Timothy Crowley](#)-229-2387

### Thanksgiving Baskets:

House Committee

### Veterans:

[Peter Lee](#) 590-9884

### Visitation:

-Chaplin

### Youth Activities:

[Peter Lee](#) 590-9884

**NOTE:** If you would like to become part of a committee, please contact any officer or the Chairperson of that committee.

## September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 BINGO	4	5	6 Friday Night Supper	7 SOCCER SHOOT 8:am
8	9	10BINGO	11	12	13 Friday Night Supper	14
15	16	17BINGO	18	19	20 Friday Night Supper	21
22 MEAT RAFFLE 1:00pm	23	24BINGO	25	26 LODGE Meeting 7pm	27Friday Night Supper	28
29	30					



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase the number of registered organ, eye, and tissue donors in the United States.

The Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire Members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

The need is paramount. More than 111,000 patients are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and many thousands more would have their lives enriched through a tissue or corneal transplant. Please visit the Donate Life America web site, [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net) to learn more about this public health crisis and how you can help by clicking the above image or the web address in this paragraph.

For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, click on the Donate Life America website. This is a great way to show the "Elks Give from the Heart."

## Lodge Hours

Sunday—Thursday 12 PM - to 9:00pm ( except meeting nights noon-midnight)

Friday & Saturdays 12 PM to 1:00 am ( minimum 10:00 PM)

***Please note: these hours are subject to change upon review by the officers.***

## Hall Rental

Our Function Hall is available for rental to any Elk in good standing.  
***Hall rental is NOT available to the general public!***

### Rates:

\$200.00 for any daytime functions 12-5pm

\$400 for nighttime functions 6-11

Use of the kitchen is an additional \$100

Other charges may apply.

For additional information or to book the Function Hall please contact  
**Vassie Fowler 207-408-2274** after 5pm Mon—Friday t After 9 am Saturday and Sunday  
She will return calls within 24 hrs, - for a faster response, it would be best to Text her

Maine State Elks President Mike Hannigan And First Lady Denise Visited August 16 &17 Arriving Friday, State President and First Lady Attended a Friday Night supper at the Lodge. Which featured a Baked Haddock dinner and was well attended.

Saturday morning they were escorted to the annual 5K MAPS Breakaway race which raises money for educational scholarships for HS Seniors. This Race is followed by a Kids Fun Run, where President had the honor to start the race and then he and First Lady waited at the finish line to adorn the kids with their well deserved medals. Saturday evening the President and First Lady were guests at our BBQ Bash , where a check for \$300 for MCCP was presented to them in their name. After Dinner They tried their hand at the backyard games that were set-up out back. It was a great weekend and many thanks to the many volunteers that made it a success!!



President Mike getting his instructions from member Louie Ladakakos as honorary starter of the kids fun run



First Lady Denise and State President Mike getting ready to award the medals



Presentation of \$300 for MCCP in State Presidents' name



Past State President John Desjardins and Past First Lady Jessica



ER Phil Guimond looking on with the President and First Lady and some of the participants in the Backyard Games Of Corn Hole and golf games !

Dear Members,

In August, we shopped for the contents of our first round of “food packs” that we provide to Jameson Elementary School in Old Orchard Beach, using our \$2,000 Spotlight Grant. At the August meeting, the lodge officers met and assembled the bags for delivery. The first round of 100 bags will be delivered to the school on September 3. This is a great way to ensure that children in our local community have food over the weekend when they do not have access to school lunches.

We also began shopping to fulfill the back-to-school “wish lists” from the principals of schools in Saco, Biddeford and Old Orchard Beach. The lists include items like playground equipment, cleaning supplies, books, backpacks and classroom prizes. Our goal is to get at least one delivery to each of our partner schools during the months of September and October.

Anyone who is interested in helping with these projects, please contact me at

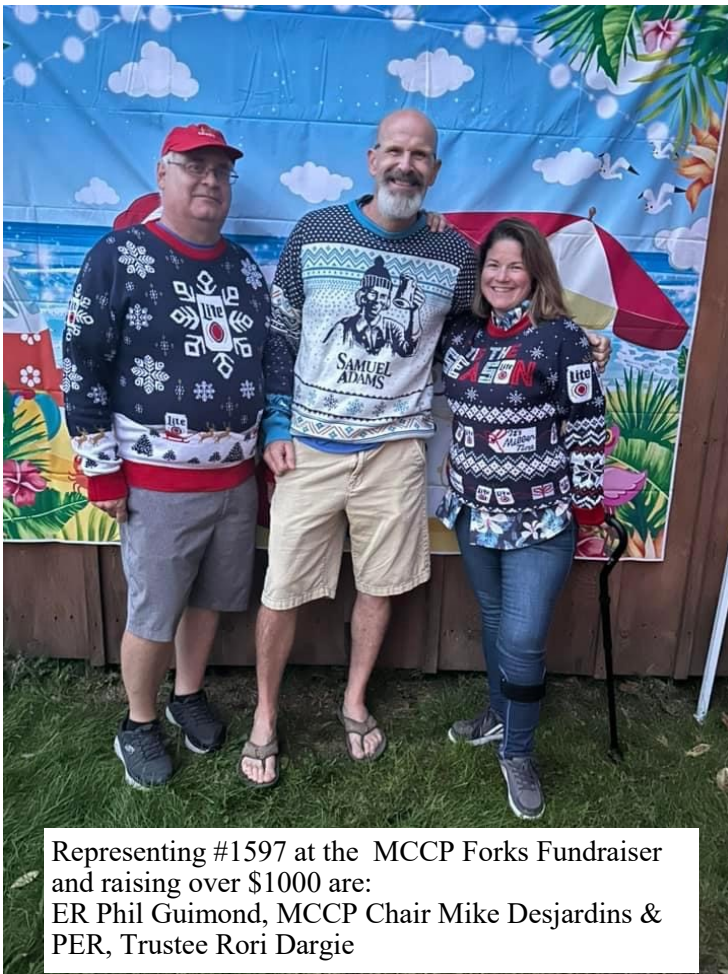
[rgnewsome19@gmail.com](mailto:rgnewsome19@gmail.com).

The money for our grants comes from the Elks National Foundation (ENF) as part of the Community Investments Program (CIP). The Elks National Foundation also funds many of our other programs, such as Hoop and Soccer Shoots, Scholarships and Drug Awareness. When you give to ENF, your tax-deductible contributions find their way back to us at Lodge 1597.

If you don't already give to ENF, please consider doing so. You can give online at [enf.elks.org/give](http://enf.elks.org/give), by check at the lodge, by mail to ENF, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL, 60614-2256, or as part of your annual dues. There is also a “Fidelity Club” option that you can set up to do contributions automatically. I am very excited about the difference we can make. Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share

Randa Newsome

Loyal Knight & ENF Grants Coordinator



Representing #1597 at the MCCP Forks Fundraiser and raising over \$1000 are:  
ER Phil Guimond, MCCP Chair Mike Desjardins & PER, Trustee Rori Dargie



Volunteers came out to fill Weekend Food Bags for a Local School to help relieve Food insecurity. Monies are provided by the SPOTLIGHT GRANT. This is one of 3 rounds that we will be putting together for a total of 300 bags of food.. Thanks to all who made this happen!



ON SALE NOW!

Maine Elks Association

2025  
CalendarsFunds raised are for  
the General Fund

of the Maine Elks Association

The gift that gives all year!

Great Christmas Gifts!

Ask our pleasant Steward for purchase

ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE OF GREATER PORTLAND  
**WISH LIST OF SUPPLIES****SUPPLIES FOR  
CATS & KITTENS**

- canned cat food & canned kitten food

Preferred brands: Friskies, 9 Lives, Fancy Feast

- cat toys

wands, mice, balls, cat nip sacks, etc.

- dry cat food & dry kitten food

Preferred brand: Purina One, Science Diet

- cat litter

unscented non-clumping is used at shelter

- chunk tuna (in water, not oil)

**SUPPLIES FOR  
SMALL ANIMALS**

- rabbit food

Preferred brand: Oxbow

- dried cranberries

**SUPPLIES FOR DOGS**

- canned puppy food & canned dog food

Preferred brands: Purina Pro, Science Diet

- dry dog food & dry puppy food

Preferred brands: Purina Pro, Science Diet

- dog toys

nylonbones, kongs, squeaky/stuffy toys

- enrichment/interactive toys

slow feeders, puzzle feeders

- high quality/grain-free treats

- greenies pill pockets

- canned chicken, hot dogs, cheese sticks, spray cheese

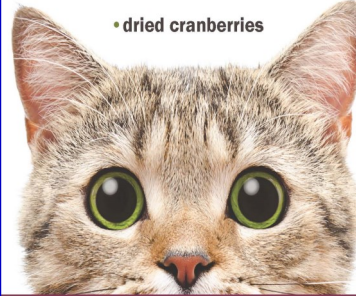
**SUPPLIES FOR  
SHELTER USE**

- gift cards

The Fish &amp; Bone, Amazon, Hannaford, Walmart, Target, Home Depot, pet supply stores

- postage stamps

- new have-a-heart traps



A LIFE-SAVING ORGANIZATION.



Elks SOCCER SHOOT®

Saturday  
September 7th

8am until . . .

at the

Saco Soccer Fields on the Foss Road

AGE GROUPS:

U-8 (ages 7 &amp; under)

U-10 (ages 8 &amp; 9)

U-12 (ages 10 &amp; 11)

U-14 (ages 12 &amp; 13)

If you are interested, please contact  
Peter Lee at 207-590-9884Meat  
Raffle!  
Sunday  
September 22nd

Starting at 1PM

6 Tables of Meat to Raffle.

Each table will have

approximately 10-12 items, many  
perfect for your summer BBQs.

Also 3 Special Selections

Come on out and enjoy a Sunday

Biddeford-Saco Elks Lodge

68 Ocean Park Road  
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## Lodge Meeting Dates 2024-2025

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024  
 THURSDAY, APRIL 25 2024  
 THURSDAY MAY 30 2024  
 THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2023  
 THURSDAY JULY 25, 2024  
 THURSDAY AUGUST 29, 2024  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2024  
 THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2024  
 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024  
 THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2024  
 THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2025  
 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2025  
 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2025  
 THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2025  
 THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025

## BPO ELKS #1597 PAST EXALTED RULERS - 1935 - 2024

*Arthur J Lesieur	1935-1936	*Richard F Murphy	1963-1964	Ward F Grossman	1991-1992	Timothy J Crowley IV	2019-2020
*Daniel E Crowley	1936-1937	*Ralph H Pitt	1964-1965	Gary J Duranceau	1992-1993	Timothy J Crowley IV	2020-2021
*Arsene S Beaudoin	1937-1938	*Joseph A Grondin	1965-1966	Roger J Cyr	1993-1994	Vassie J Fowler	2021-2022
*Philip H Bridger	1938-1939	*C Robert Brousseau	1966-1967	John E Hill III	1994-1995	Vassie J Fowler	2022-2023
*Fred H Shields	1939-1940	*Donald C Doyle	1967-1968	Roger R Forest	1995-1996	Rori Dargie	2023-2024
*Felix T Sheltra	1940-1941	*Paul E Reny	1968-1969	Timothy J Donahue	1996-1997		<b>*Deceased</b>
*Joseph H Vachon	1941-1942	*William J McNally	1969-1970	Patrick R Marcoux	1997-1998		
*Roland Duhamel	1942-1943	*Edmund F Aube	1970-1971	Richard R Williams	1998-1999		
*Arthur J Lambert	1943-1944	*George A Rancourt	1971-1972	Floyd L Howes	1999-2000		
*Oscar Clement	1944-1945	*Amos A McCallum	1972-1973	John D Surran	2000-2001		
*Edward J White	1945-1946	*Arthur N Sevigny	1973-1974	Glenn C McCallum	2001-2002		
*Joseph O Boucher	1946-1947	*Timothy J Crowley	1974-1975	*John E Hill Jr.	2002-2003		
*David C Shaw	1947-1948	*Jonathan S Foss	1975-1976	Gail L Howes	2003-2004		
*Paul Brill	1948-1949	Richard F Leone	1976-1977	*Stephen P Cantara	2004-2005		
*Frederick L O'Neil	1949-1950	*Edwin E Munford Jr.	1977-1978	*Donald A Elie	2005-2006		
*Walter D Mazzacane	1950-1951	*Maurice A Sayer	1978-1979	*Stephen P Cantara	2006-2007		
*Gene A Palmer	1951-1952	*Roger J Sicard	1979-1980	Tina M Williams	2007-2008		
*Leonard A Drapeau	1952-1953	David R Perkins	1980-1981	Glenn C McCallum	2008-2009		
*Charlemagne B Fournier	1953-1954	Roger J Raymond	1981-1982	Glenn C McCallum	2009-2010		
*Leon F Jones	1954-1955	Richard R Cote	1982-1983	David A. Guay	2010-2011		
*M Arthur Costello	1955-1956	*J Richard Yankura	1983-1984	*Harry J Desjardins	2011-2012		
*Maurice A Coomer	1956-1957	*Norman C Dupuis	1984-1985	John E Desjardins	2012-2013		
*Walter A White	1957-1958	*Harry J Desjardins	1985-1986	John E Desjardins	2013-2014		
*Charles M Gallagher	1958-1959	*Lucien D Guay	1986-1987	Michael Desjardins	2014-2015		
*Fernand M X. Cote	1959-1960	Guy P Langelier	1987-1988	Timothy J Crowley IV	2015-2016		
*Carl F Sheltra	1960-1961	Francis L Fournier	1988-1989	Timothy J Crowley IV	2016-2017		
*Conrad Fecteau	1961-1962	*Armand B Gagnon	1989-1990	Timothy J Crowley IV	2017-2018		
*Carroll J Curit	1962-1963	Richard A Fradette	1990-1991	Michael Desjardins	2018-2019		