



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

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Newsletter — OCTOBER 2024

Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy end of summer!!

September by August standards was a much quieter month but still a busy one. Thanks to all who cooked and volunteered for Friday night suppers. The food was great and the fact that it brings the lodge together is of great importance to the success of the lodge.



whoever else wants to learn the signs and the proper usage of the sprays.

On Sunday the 22nd the lodge held a meat raffle which was tremendously successful both in monetary results and with the amount of people from other lodges and guest that attended. It is a fun time and if you haven't been to one, the next one is November 17th at 1pm so get friends together and attend.

Bingo continues to sustain our lodge on a weekly basis and more volunteers to spell the current crew is always welcomed and this month we had people step in and it was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to them and to also the ones that contribute every week. Bingo could use additional callers so if you have any interest in doing it for 1 night a month or more, please let me know. There is one new caller is train but another would be welcomed.

I attended a DAP (Drug Awareness Program) seminar in Bangor to learn about programs to bring awareness in schools of the ill effects of drugs to children and adults. I came back with a lot of material to get the message out and we will be looking at ways to distribute the material. So if you know of any community events that we can distribute the coloring books, canyons, pencils and information, let us know.

Also as part of the program all lodge were given Narcan to administer to help someone overdosing. The Narcan is located in the same cabinet as the AED. Although the instructions are included with the nasal sprays, I will be looking to see how best to show bartenders and

Upcoming, there will be a state meeting in Farmington on October 13 at 10am. All are welcome. Joan and I will be attending to represent our lodge.

On the 20th the lodge will be having the annual District Deputy inspection at 1pm. This is done in all lodges and they look at finances, building conditions, safety issues, and paperwork.

For his past and continued commitment setting up the tables for Bingo,

Jeff Bryant is the Elk of the month. His help is greatly appreciated by me and all the people who work with Bingo. Thank you Jeff!

Have a great fall and enjoy the colors.

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 1787th 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 October 31 th at 7 PM



Secretary
Joan M Howard

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Proposal for membership
NONE

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BALLOTING

Allen R Sicard
Roger R St Michel
Peter R Lee
Dwayne A Guay

Initiation

The following were Initiated on
9/26/2024

Andre Rheault Westminster Ma
(received a waiver of
jurisdiction)

JayDee Beaulieu– Buxton ME
proposer Nate Mosher
Stacey Johnson Biddeford
proposer Nicola Shannon

Ready for initiation

Gary Garrison—OOB proposer
Irene Bryant

Sickness and Distress

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

LAPSATON

2024-2025

As September 26

There are 36 Delinquent
Members

That have not paid their 2024
-2025 dues

As of April 1, 2024 your
BLUE key cards 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

We are Looking to Fill the
Secretary position starting the
2025-2026 Lodge Year, Joan will
be stepping away March 31, 2025

If you are interested in seeing
what the job entails please
contact Secretary Joan for more
details.

All officer positions are open
each year and if interested you
will need to express your interest
and be nominated by an active
member.

IN MEMORIUM



Deaths
None

TABLET SERVICE
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".*

SOME OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

October 6—State Soccer shoot
being held by Waterville Lodge
#905

October 13—Maine State Elks
Meeting at Farmington Lodge
#2430

October 20—District Deputy
Visit to our lodge at 1:00 pm
DD and Suite will be inspecting
our lodge grounds, for safety
issues, club operations, Finance
and paperwork. All lodges have
a DD inspection once a year.

Every Friday there is a Friday
Night Supper to attend
October 4., 11, 18 & 25

October 31 Lodge Meeting at
7pm

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:

[Phil Guimond](#)-934-7680

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.

OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BINGO	2	3	4 Friday Night Supper	5
6 State Soccer Shoot Waterville	7	8 BINGO	9	10	11 Friday Night Supper	12
13 MEA State Meeting	14	15 BINGO	16	17	18 Friday Night Supper	19
20 DD Inspection	21	22 BINGO	23	24	25 Friday Night Supper	26
27	28	29 BINGO	30	31 LODGE Meeting 7pm		



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

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

Lodge hours will be reviewed this month by the House Committee



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Most Valuable Student

The Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship opens on August 1st. And will close on November 12, 2024

This amazing program awards high school seniors with scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 dollars a year for four years.

Applicants do not need to be associated with a lodge to apply so please, if you know any high school seniors encourage them to apply!

The scholarship is judges based on leadership, service, academics and financial need

Learn More and apply at

Enf.elks.org/MVS

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR BINGO

Bingo is held every Tuesday and is a vital Part of the lodge revenues

If you have a few hours a week or once a month you can spare consider the Following Roles:

Ticket Sales Personnel: (2)

Time Commitment- 4:30-8:00pm

1-Sell pull tabs to bingo players

2-set up boxes of tickets as they sell

3-count money and clean up ticket space after the 2nd break

4-Count money and prepare deposit for the Secretary

Bingo Caller (1-3)

1One hour block of time between 5-8:45pm

Concession Stand Personnel (1)

Time Commitment 4:30- 8:00pm

1- Sell various snacks to bingo players

2. Keep track of items that are sold

3-Count money at end of sales

4-Return merchandise to boxes on cart

Bingo Runner (1)

6:30-8:45

Read winners number to caller, bring winners card to desk for payment, Help break down coffee station after 2nd break, help collect trash at close of Bingo

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED ALSO

Meal ticket order taker (to fill in when needed)

Hours 4:30-6:00pm

1. Take orders and collect money

2. Keep record of what is being sold

3. Fill out a summary at the end of meal service

Dear Members

This month, using our \$4,000 Beacon grant, we were able to serve three schools in our local communities. **Jameson School** in Old Orchard Beach requested playground equipment and classroom prizes. We bought soccer balls and goals, footballs, baseball gloves, hockey sticks, jump ropes, hula hoops, playground chalk, cones, wiffle ball bats and various classroom prizes and delivered them to the school.

CK Burns School in Saco requested tissues and paper towels for their 30 classrooms. We delivered multi-packs of those items to them.

Fairfield School in Saco requested bulk food items for their food backpack program, and we purchased and delivered dry pasta, canned meats, fruit cups, crackers, canned pasta, etc. to them.

We will be serving **Biddeford Primary School** in the coming weeks.

Next up, we will begin shopping with our \$1,000 Freedom Spark grant to buy coats and warm bedding for the veterans in our communities.

During the month of **October**, we will hold a bedding drive for veterans. Please bring in **NEW** size Twin sheets, comforters, and blankets to the lodge between October 1 and October 31 to be given to unhoused veterans.

Remember, 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, 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



CK BURNS SCHOOL receiving Donations that were provided by the Beacon Grant we were awarded



Delivery To Jameson School with Playground equipment that was provided by the Beacon Grant we were awarded



Delivery of bulk food Items to Fairfield School in Saco for their food backpack program, pictured Grant coordinator Randa and Fairfield Principal Wendy Leblanc

ON SALE NOW!

**Maine Elks Association
2025
Calendars**

\$20.00 Each

**Funds 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
nylabones, 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 & Bone, Amazon, Hannaford, Walmart, Target, Home Depot, pet supply stores
- postage stamps
- new have-a-heart traps

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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

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Saturday December 21st

at the

**Harold Alford Forum
University of New England,
630 Pool Street, Biddeford**

Registration: 9:30am

Competition starts at 10:00am

AGE GROUPS:

U10 (age 8 & 9)

U12 (age 10 & 11)

U14 (age 12 & 13)

**If you are interested, please contact
Joan Howard at 207-650-0477
or email Joan at: JMHoward55@gmail.com.**



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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		*Deceased
*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		