

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.

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

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.

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

ExaltedRuler

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's Page



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 iurisdiction) 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/

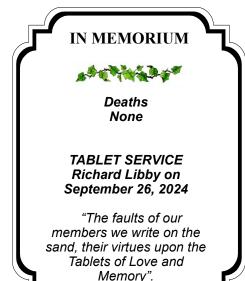
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Select our lodge and pay with a debit or credit card Simply click "Make a quick payment". A convenience fee of 3.5% will be applied to your payment

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.



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

Auditina:

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 | 15BINGO | 16 | 17 | 18 Friday Night Supper | 19 |
| 20 DD Inspection | 21 | 22 BINGO | 23 | 24 | 25F riday Night Supper | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 BINGO | 30 | 31LODGE 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 lies 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





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)

10ne 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).

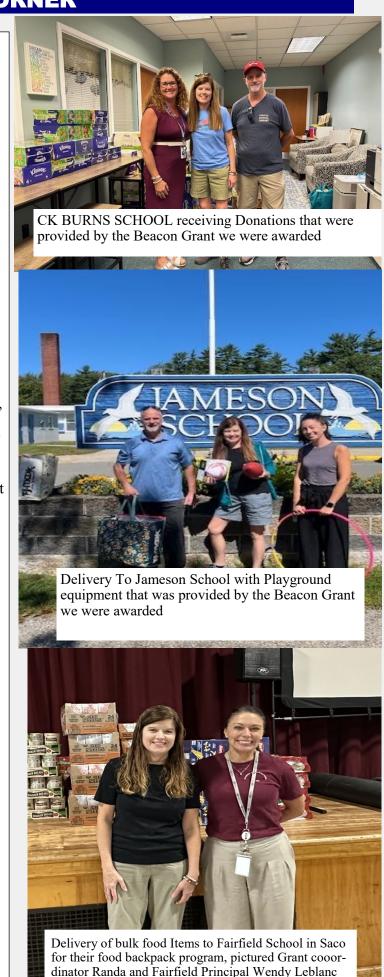
The Elks National Foundation also funds many of our other programs, such as Hoop and Soccer Shoots, Scholarships and Drug Awareness. When you give to ENF, your tax-deductible contributions find their way back to us at Lodge 1597.

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





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 con-

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

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: Puring One Science Diet

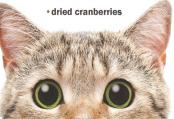
cat litter

unscented non-clumping is used at shelter

· chunk tuna (in water, not oil)

SUPPLIES FOR SMALL ANIMALS

• rabbit food



SUPPLIES FOR DOGS

canned puppy food
 canned dog food

Preferred brands: Purina Pro, Science Die

 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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Saturday December 21st

at the

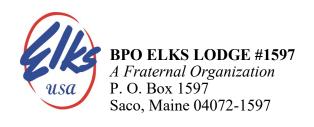
Harold Alfond Forum University of New England, 630 Pool Street, Biddeford

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 Fournie | r 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 | | |
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