

B.P.O.E. Falmouth Lodge 2380

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Elks Care

April 2025

Elks Share



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>Tuesday Meal</u> <u>Kings Hawaiian</u> <u>Cheeseburger</u> <u>Sliders</u> 	2 <u>MEETING NIGHT</u> <u>BOD 6PM</u> <u>HC 645 PM (est)</u> <u>Lodge Meeting</u> <u>730pm</u>	3 	4 	5
6	7 	8 <u>Tuesday Meal</u> <u>Taco & Rice</u> 	9	10 	11 	12 <u>VETERANS COFFEE</u> <u>HOUR</u> 
13 <u>INSTALLATION OF</u> <u>OFFICERS 2025-2026</u> <u>Cocktails 1pm</u> <u>Ceremony 2pm</u> <u>Dinner to Follow</u>	14 	15 <u>Tuesday Meal</u> <u>Kings Hawaiian</u> <u>Cheeseburger</u> <u>Sliders</u> 	16 <u>MEETING NIGHT</u> <u>BOD 6PM</u> <u>HC 645 PM (est)</u> <u>Lodge Meeting</u> <u>730pm</u> <u>Easter Egg Stuffing</u> <u>@ 4pm</u>	17 	18 	19 <u>Children's Easter Egg</u> <u>Hunt @Goodwill Park</u> <u>10am start</u>
20 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 	21 	22 <u>Tuesday Meal</u> <u>Taco & Rice</u> 	23	24 	25 <u>Children's</u> <u>Trout</u> <u>Tournament</u> 	26 <u>Children's Trout</u> <u>Tournament</u>
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Beginning Membership 4/1/2024: **608**

Initiated 45
Affiliated 4
Reinstated 7
Dropped 3
Transferred Out 8
Absolute Dimit 6
Deaths 8
Expelled 0
Membership Total **639**
Average Age: 65

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members 87
Honorary Life Members 4
Total 91
Life Percentage 14.97%

LAPSATION RATE: 7.4%

Delinquency:
6 months 0
One year: 45
Over one year: 0

Mail a check made payable for **\$118.00**, **\$60.00** (Life and Honorary Life), or **\$39.25** for active Military Members to the Falmouth Elks to:

Falmouth Elks Lodge
Attn: David Branga
140 Palmer Avenue
Falmouth, MA 02540

Please include your membership number on your check.

When paying dues don't forget to add your donation to ENF (or send a separate check, made out to the **Elks National Foundation**) for \$25 (or more!). ENF donations help the Lodge meet its Per Capita goal and qualify for ENF Grants to use for community events.

If you prefer to donate to the Lodge directly, please include a separate check made out to the lodge and note in the memo line what the donation is for: General Fund, Veterans, or Scholarship.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, or are not receiving the newsletter, contact the Lodge Secretary to make sure the correct email address is on file.

PAYMENT OF DUES ONLINE

You can now pay your dues online using the Grand Lodge payment system! It is fast, easy and secure!

Go to <https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

Select your Lodge and pay with a credit or debit card.
Don't forget to include a donation to ENF of \$25 or more with your payment!

NOTICE:

Dues for 2025-2026
Regular Members \$118.00
Life Members \$60.00
Active Military Members \$39.25

Bingo comes through again!

On March 3rd, John Womboldt organized a Mini Super Bingo for our Lodge! Mini is only because we don't have the really big crowds (yet). Thank you so much John!!

How well did we do that night???

If you guessed that we deposited \$2,300 into the general fund, we donated \$258 to the Scholarship Committee, and our kitchen gross receipts were \$370 then you would be correct! Nice job everyone!

This month we are mentioning several more dedicated volunteers who help at Bingo every week!

Mike Chovanec does everything from selling tickets, doing the bookkeeping, sitting and talking with the players, and helping in the kitchen and any place else we need help and the list goes on! Ron and Peg Pauline come every week and we couldn't get by without them. Peg is up-front welcoming everyone, selling tickets, chatting everybody up, and her husband Ron is one of our premier salespeople. Ron is out on the floor meeting and greeting everyone and selling the Jockey tickets, Stinger tickets, and every other kind of ticket.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

We can still use help every week so if you are even just a little bit interested just show up on a Monday around 4:00 PM and we will put you to work! Bingo won't work without volunteers like you!

Fraternally yours,
Tom Mountford
Chairman, Bingo Committee

BALLOTING & INITIATION

Please keep an eye on the Secretary's Board in the Grill Room for candidates who will be balloted on at upcoming meetings. This will help expedite the initiation of new members and help grow our membership more quickly.

Thanks,

David Branga, Secretary

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

In the 2024-2025 Lodge year, as of the writing of this newsletter, we came in second in the district and sixth in the state at \$12.57 per member. Amazing work Members All! My goal at the beginning of every year to come in first in both categories, and this upcoming year will be no different. I encourage all members to make sure they send in a donation of at least \$25 when paying their yearly dues, but also consider setting up a recurring donation via the ENF Fidelity Club, which you can do here: [Make a Recurring Gift - Elks National Foundation](#) This monthly recurring donation can be set up for any amount. If 5% of the year's prior donors are Fidelity Club Members, we qualify for a \$500 bonus on our Gratitude Grant!

Thank You,

Dana C. Nielsen, Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2025

Tuesday Meals

4/1 King's Hawaiian Cheeseburger Sliders

4/8 Tacos & Rice

4/15 King's Hawaiian Cheeseburger Sliders

4/22 Tacos & Rice

4/29 King's Hawaiian Cheeseburger Sliders

Installation of Officers 2025-2026

4/13/2025

Cocktail Hour 1pm

Ceremony 2pm

Dinner to Follow

Easter Egg Stuffing

4/16 4pm

Volunteers & Donations of Eggs & Candy Needed

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

4/19 10am

Goodwill Park - Pavilion near the Playground

Children's Trout Fishing Tournament

4/25/2025-4/26/2025

May 2025

5/11 10am Mother's Day Ceremony

5/26 Memorial Day Parade

June 2025

MA Elks Convention

Flag Day Ceremony

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A lodge is only as successful as the efforts of its members. The Bingo Committee can always use more volunteers to help. Anyone interested, please speak to any current volunteer at Bingo on Monday Nights. Also, Loyal Knight John Womboldt has been spearheading Tuesday Night Meals for the last few months, and would love to develop a rotation of people to continue it. It does not need to be an extravagant meal, simple is best! If you are interested in helping, please see Mr. Womboldt to get

DAILY/WEEKLY RULES

A quick reminder about the rules when playing the Daily & Weekly drawings. You must be present and sign the book yourself in order to qualify. You cannot have anyone, -a friend, significant other, or spouse-sign your name for you. **YOU MUST SIGN THE PAGE YOURSELF!** Anyone caught violating this rule will be disqualified from playing. Multiple violations could lead to a lifetime disqualification. This is an honor system game, please respect the rules.

NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members All,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some upcoming major topics that will be coming up at lodge meetings, and how the membership needs to be involved. The Board has come to the decision that it is in the best interest for the future of Falmouth Lodge 2380 to find a new property to move to. Whether this is an existing building or piece of land on which to build a new lodge has yet to be determined, as we are in the beginning stages of this process. We want to keep the members as informed as possible during this process. To do so, we highly recommend attending Board meetings as well as regular lodge meetings as much as possible, as that is where official lodge business is conducted and where the most accurate information is found. The grill room is not where business is conducted, nor are decisions made there. Please take anything heard there will many, many grains of salt.

What is the membership's role and responsibilities in this process? Quite simply..everything! The Board will be gathering all the information possible on multiple fronts. First, we will be looking for property that can suit all our needs, preferably within a five-mile radius of our current location. We will also be looking at listing our current property for sale; to gauge the interest of potential buyers and how much we can get for our lodge and property. This is where you, the membership, come in. In order to both sell and buy properties; it will come down to a lodge vote. Once the Board has the necessary information, we will send out correspondence to all members, informing them of the intention and the date on which a meeting will be held where there will be a presentation and discussion. If voted in the affirmative by 2/3 of the members present at the meeting, we can then proceed to fill out an application with Grand Lodge for their approval on these projects. The buying and selling of properties require two separate applications, and they can happen simultaneously. Only once these applications are approved by Grand Lodge can we move forward with the signing of any contracts.

This will be a very long process requiring much attention to detail. It will also require a lot of patience, understanding, and dialogue. We know that change is difficult. We understand that Lodge 2380 means a great deal to all our members. We also know that this current location, while having served us well for 58 years, has become outdated and in need of too many expensive upgrades. We spend thousands of dollars a year maintaining and fixing things to keep it running, much of it band-aids on a wound. A new lodge is the best route for not just the current membership, but also for the future of the Falmouth Elks Lodge #2380.

Fraternally Yours,
Dana C. Nielsen
Treasurer

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Members All,

I want to congratulate the 17 new members that were initiated on March 19th, our largest class since February 2, 2011! I would love to have more initiation classes like that to continue to grow lodge membership!

I would like to thank all the lodge officers for their efforts this past year, and I look forward to working with you all again this year as we continue to make progress within the lodge. Thank you also to all the members who stepped up to volunteer. If you are interested in heading or forming a committee, there is a sheet with QR Codes in the grill room. Scan the code to see what committees the lodge should have and what they do, find one you are interested in and let me know! More hands makes less work, and we can use as much help as we can get!

I would like to thank Rita Collins for accepting the Esquire position once again, you do a great job for us! Also thank you to Sisoumee Yazzie for accepting the position of Inner Guard and Kirk Marks for accepting the position of Tiler.

Fraternally Yours,
Dennis Souweine, Exalted Ruler



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Sickness and Distress

If anyone knows of a Member who is in sickness or distress or a family member requesting a Lodge of Sorrow please contact the Lodge.

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Officers 2025-2026
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Exalted Ruler..... Dennis Souweine
Esteemed Leading Knight Jason Mitchell
Esteemed Loyal Knight John Womboldt
Esteemed Lecturing Knight..... Amanda Summerton
Secretary..... David Branga
Treasurer..... Dana C. Nielsen
Esquire..... Rita Collins
Inner Guard Sisoumee Yazzie
Tiler Kirk Marks
Chaplain..... William Newton, PER
Justice of Subordinate Forum Kevin Callahan, Esq.

Ann Marie Giampietro (5yr) Board of Directors Chair:
 Michael Chovanec (4yr) TBD
 Sheryl Barrett Maciel (3yr) House Committee Chair:
 Amanda Hamill (2yr) TBD
 Kevin Thayer (1yr)

Officer of the Year: John Womboldt
Elk of the Year: Earl "Thumper" Berry, Sr.
Citizen of the Year: Steve Xiarhos

Lodge Hall Available

Do you have an anniversary, birthday or family reunion to celebrate? Wedding or Reception? Great rates, full bar, huge dance floor! The Lodge Hall is available by reservation. For details and rental fees, email the lodge at functions2380@gmail.com or contact Rita Ramoska @ 508-818-6209 or email Manager2380@gmail.com

DUES PAYMENT COUPON

From _____
 Member# _____
 Email Address _____
 Enclosed is a check for **118.00** for my 2025-2026 Lodge Dues. **This will pay me in full until April 1, 2026**
 Please check one below:
 Mail my new card to me.
 I'll pick my card up at the Lodge
 Please send **ALL** correspondence via email
 Please make checks payable to: **The Falmouth Elks**
 and mail your check and this coupon to:
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Regular Dues: \$118.00 Life Member Dues: \$60.00
I am also enclosing a separate \$25.00 check
For the Elks National Foundation!