

2025-2026 Lodge
Officers

Exalted Ruler [Bill
Desjardins](#) PCT

Esteemed Leading
Knight
[John Desjardins](#)

Esteemed Loyal Knight:
TBD

Esteemed Lectur-
ing Knight:
[Randa Newsome](#)

Esquire: Vacant

Chaplain: [Tammy
Polley](#)

Inner Guard: [Peter
Lee](#)

Tiler
[Gail Howes](#), PER

Secretary [Cheri
Swenson](#)

Treasurer
[Steve Dupuis](#)

TRUSTEES

1 Year
[Bill Thompson](#) ,

2 Year
[Phil Bowden](#)

3 Year
[Michael
Desjardins](#), PER

4 Year
[Sean Molloy](#)

5 Year
[Wally Holmes](#)

State Trustee

[Floyd Howes](#), PER

Biddeford –Saco Elks Lodge 1597

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FEB 2026



Exalted Ruler's Message

Fellow Members,

We've officially made it through the first month of 2026—and wow, has it been cold! Despite the chilly temperatures, January has been a fantastic month around the lodge, filled with energy, connection, and plenty of fun.

Our regular activities continue to bring members together: Football Sundays, Cribbage Mondays, Bingo Tuesdays, and Cornhole Fridays. We've also added Line Dancing Wednesdays twice a month—come check it out! Have an idea for something new you'd like to see at the lodge? Please contact our Entertainment Chair, Wally Holmes.

Whether it's starting a dart league or running a pool tournament, we welcome your ideas and your help.

February is shaping up to be another exciting month, so be sure to come out and join the fun.

Our M CCP fundraising efforts have been nothing short of incredible—we crushed our original \$10,000 goal and have already surpassed \$15,000! So, what do you do when you hit a goal? You reset it! We've officially raised the bar to \$20,000, with time until the end of April to get there. Keep an eye out for another fundraising event—Wally Holmes is on it!

Have you made an ENF donation lately? ENF contributions help build stronger communities by supporting youth scholarships, veterans' services, drug awareness programs, and local lodge grants. Your generosity helps fund initiatives such as the Hoop Shoot, college scholarships, and assistance for disabled individuals—every donation truly makes a difference.



Exalted Ruler's Message Continued

February is an especially important month for our lodge. At our February 5th meeting, we will announce nominations for elected officer positions. Voting will take place on February 26th to select the officers who will guide the lodge for the 2026–2027 term.

If you're interested in stepping into a leadership role—either as an officer or as a committee chair—we encourage you to reach out to me or any current officer. There may be a committee that aligns perfectly with your interests and passions, offering a meaningful way to contribute to the lodge.

Our lodge thrives because of our volunteers. We are still in need of help with Friday Night Suppers and Tuesday Night Bingo (callers, ticket sellers, and runners). Even if you're unable to volunteer, simply coming out to support our events makes a big difference. And don't forget—Super Bowl Sunday is coming up! Join us for food, fun, and great company.

If you have an idea for an event that could spark more involvement, please bring it to our Entertainment Chair, Wally Holmes. We are always open to new ideas to keep the lodge a fun and welcoming place for all.

Choosing an Elk of the Month is never easy—so many of you consistently step up and make a difference. One vital part of our lodge success is our hall rentals and keeping that operation running smoothly is no small task. From coordinating with clients to setting up and breaking down—sometimes all in the same day—it takes dedication and hard work.

This is all done by volunteer Phil Guimond, and for that (and so much more he does behind the scenes), Phil is my choice for Elk of the Month. We are incredibly grateful for his commitment and support.

Fraternaly yours,

Bill Desjardins

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1/31/2025

Membership: 432

Lifetime: 130

Candidates 16

Average age: 68

2026/27 DUES

Life Member \$49.25

Member \$89.25

Online Payment

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[Elks Lodge Payment](#)**Lodge Hours**

Sun 12pm –8pm

Mon 5pm-9pm

Tues 12pm –8pm

Wed & Thurs 3pm - 8pm

Fri & Sat 12pm - 8pm

Secretary's Page - Cheri Swenson

Membership information

Membership Information

2026-2027 Dues are staying the same this year! Bills have been mailed, and I am processing membership cards now! I bought some stickers this year and if you pay your dues before we run out of stickers, I will be sure to put one on your card! You can pay online (can you please put a link to online payment?), by mail, or at the lodge.

We have 13 new members that are ready for Orientation that were balloted favorably at our January meeting! We also reinstated 2 members during January and have 2 more ready! We are trying something new this month and will hold an Initiation on February 18th at 7pm for those that attend Orientation on February 11th at 6pm. I hope to see members at Initiation to welcome our newest members!

We are down to 23 delinquents, but that is still too many! If you are delinquent, I would appreciate a phone call to discuss. We really don't want to lose you! All delinquents get dropped for non-payment in March.

Lodge Meeting :

We have two lodge meetings in February! Our next lodge meeting is on Thursday, February 5th at 7pm. We will announce nominations for elected officer positions. There will also be a Board of Directors Meeting that night at 6:00 pm.

The second lodge meeting is February on Thursday, February 26th at 7pm. We will be voting to select the officers for the 2026–2027 term. Members are encouraged to attend our lodge meetings! It was great seeing so many at our last couple of meeting.

NEXT MEETING NOTICE

The 1806th sessions 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 Feb 26th 7 PM

Announcements

Join the fun!! Bring a Friend!



2025—Committee Members

Accident prevention

- Bill Thompson

Adopt a Family

- Terry Petit

Americanism

Community Activities

Craft Fair

- Vacant

Drug Awareness

ENF Scholarship

Friday Night Suppers

- TBD

Auditing

PER Association

- Phil Guimond

Bingo

Board of Directors

- Bill Desjardins

Building Maintenance

MCCP

- Michael Desjardins

Cribbage

Gaming

- Stephen Dupuis

ENF

- Randa Newsome

Entertainment

- Wally Holmes

Flag Day

Veterans

Youth Services

- Peter Lee

Meat Raffle

- Cindy Boulay

- Terri Petit

Memorial Service

Visitation

- Tammy Polley—Chaplin

Newsletter

- Kim Molloy

Mothers Day Service

- Knights

Hoop Shoot

- Scott Descoteaux

Investigating

- John Desjardins

Public Relations

- Katelyn Smith

Ritual

- David Perkins

Soccer Shoot

- Vacant

Standing Relief

- ER, Knights, Secretary and Treasurer

Thanksgiving Baskets

- Vassie Fowler

February 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 Cribbage 7pm	3 Bingo	4	5 BOD Meeting 6 PM followed by lodge at 7PM	6 Suppa Cornhole	7
8 Sup Party 	9 Cribbage 7pm	10 Bingo	11	12	13 Suppa Cornhole	14
15 1  500 Pot luck 2pm	16 Cribbage 7pm	17 Bingo	18 New Member Initiation 7PM	19	20 Suppa Cornhole	21
22	23 Cribbage 7pm	24 Bingo	25 L  ncing 5:30 PM	26  Meeting 7PM	27 Suppa Cornhole	28

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

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Around the Lodge Let's all get involved!!

Lodge will be open on Mondays!!

5-9PM Starting Jan 5th For Cribbage season!
Cibbage at 7PM please arrive early on the 1st
night 6:30/6:45



BINGO *Night*

Every Tuesday



🕒 Doors open: 4:00 PM
📄 Paper sales: 4:30 PM
🎯 BINGO starts: 6:00 PM

Love to cook?

We need volunteer chefs!!

**Pick a Friday and a meal of your
choice! Reach out with questions!**



BINGO **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

SIGN UP TODAY!

Hall Rental

Our Function Hall is available for rental to the public.
Please email for Prices and Options available

For additional information or to book the Function
Hall please email:

BPOE1597EVENTS@GMAIL.COM or TEXT 207
-934-7680 and someone will get back to you.



Around the Lodge

Cornhole Fridays are the Place to Be!!



We Danced the Night away with Rebel Playground Dance company!!
First kick off night was a great Success!



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Organization P. O. Box 1597
Saco, Maine 04072-1597



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Lodge Meeting Dates

2025-2026

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 2025
THURSDAY, APRIL 24 2025
THURSDAY MAY 29, 2025
THURSDAY JUNE 26 2025
THURSDAY JULY 24 2025
THURSDAY AUGUST 28, 2025
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2025
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13 2025
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11 2025
THURSDAY JANUARY 29, 2026
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5 2026
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2026
THURSDAY MARCH 5 2026
THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026

Famous Elks

"My idea is, I shine,
you shine. If I'm
doing well and
you're with me,
you do well."

Eli Manning
Summit Lodge No. 1246
Summit, NJ



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BPO ELKS #1597 PAST EXALTED RULERS - 1935 - 2025

*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	Philip Guimond	2024-2025
*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		

*Deceased