

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

TBD

State Trustee

Floyd Howes, PER

Biddeford –Saco Elks Lodge 1597

The friendliest Lodge in Maine



MARCH 2026



Exalted Ruler's Message

Fellow Members,

Although that pesky groundhog saw his shadow and winter may be sticking around a little longer, the days are getting longer and spring is just around the corner!

February has been another fantastic month at the lodge, filled with fun and fellowship. Football Sundays, Cribbage Mondays, Bingo Tuesdays, our newly added Line Dancing Wednesdays (once a month), and Cornhole Fridays continue to bring new faces through our doors. Have an idea for something new? We'd love to hear it! Whether it's starting a Dart League, running a Pool Tournament, or launching a brand-new event, we welcome your ideas — and your help.

We're also excited to have welcomed 10 new members following December's Member Appreciation Night. In addition, we have elected our officers for the 2026–2027 lodge year. Our lodge thrives because of the dedication of volunteers who step into leadership roles. If you're interested in becoming an officer or chairing a committee, please reach out to me or any current officer. There may be a committee that aligns perfectly with your hobbies and passions — and offers a meaningful way to make an impact in our lodge and community.

Join us for another month of great activities! Our MCCP fundraising is approaching \$15,000 — and we've set our sights on \$20,000. Have an idea to help push us over the top? Connect with Sean Molloy and let's make it happen — maybe even a St. Patrick's Day event!

We will also be saying farewell to a familiar face. After 20 years of dedicated service, our beloved bartender Bob Vire will be retiring on March 18th. Please join us in wishing him well on his final day — he will certainly be missed.

Have you made an ENF donation lately? Your contributions help fund youth scholarships, veterans' services, drug awareness programs, community grants, Hoop Shoot competitions, and assistance for individuals with disabilities. Consider joining the Fidelity Club by signing up for automatic monthly donations — no amount is too small. When we all do a little, the impact becomes huge.



Exalted Ruler's Message Continued

There are many ways to get involved. Our lodge survives because of volunteers!

We are currently in need of cooks for Friday Night Suppers and help with Tuesday Night Bingo (callers, ticket sellers, money handlers, and runners). If you're unable to volunteer, simply showing up to support our events makes a difference. Have an idea to spark more involvement? Share it — or better yet, take the lead! We're always open to new ideas to keep our lodge a FUN place for all.

Congratulations to Sean Molloy! Sean stepped up mid-year to serve as Trustee and has made an immediate impact. From helping with Football Sundays and NASCAR Sundays to bringing Line Dancing Wednesdays to life alongside his wife Kim, he is always asking, "What can I do to help?" Thank you, Sean, for your dedication and service.

Fraternally yours,

Bill Desjardins

Exalted Ruler

BE THE DIFFERENCE

Elks Care - **Elks** Share





1/31/2025

Membership: 441

Lifetime: 130

Candidates 6

Delinquents 23

Average Age: 68

2026/27 DUES

Life Member \$49.25

Member \$89.25

Online Payment

Click to pay

[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 stayed the same this year! I processed all payments received to date! Thank you to the 175 members that have paid! If you paid at the lodge, your card can be picked up from the bartender on duty, otherwise it has been mailed. If you haven't paid, you can pay online, by mail, or at the lodge. If you don't pay by March 31, you will be delinquent and your key card to the member lounge will no longer work.

We initiated 10 new members on February 18th! We have 2 applications in the Investigation stage, 1 application ready for Initiation, and 3 applications to be read on the floor at our next meeting! Let's keep this momentum going!

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 will be dropped for non-payment on March 31.

Lodge Meeting :

We have two lodge meetings in March! The first meeting is on Thursday, March 12th at 7pm. The second meeting is on March 26th. The second lodge meeting is Thursday, March 26th at 7pm. The 2026-27 budget will be presented at the March 12th meeting.

Members are encouraged to attend our lodge meetings! It was great seeing so many at our last couple of meetings.

NEXT MEETING NOTICE

The 1808th 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 MAR 12th and 26th 7 PM

Announcements

Join the fun!! Bring a Friend!



JOIN US!
NASCAR
POT LUCK PARTY

Sunday, March 8th
2:30 PM

Bring a dish to share!
Bring a friend!

Let's eat, cheer, and enjoy race day together!
Good Food • Great Friends • Fast Cars

See you at 2:30!



CORNHOLE
FRIDAYS
ROUND ROBIN!

When no special event is booked,
join us for casual cornhole fun.

- ✓ Online Registration: \$15
- ✓ Reserve your spot today!

**Bring your friends, enjoy
the game, and make Fridays
a blast!**



Help Support
MCCCP

\$1 Shamrock
\$5 Glitter Shamrock

All proceeds to
Maine Children's Cancer Fund
please see bartender to donate



Meat
Raffle!
March 15th

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
afternoon of friends and fun!

Biddeford-Saco Elks Lodge
68 Ocean Park Road, Saco, ME 04072



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

- Sean & Kim Molloy

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

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bingo	4	5	6 Suppah Cornhole	7
8 Nascar Pot Luck 2:30	9	10 Bingo	11 Line dancing 5PM	12 Lodge Meeting 7PM	13 Suppah Cornhole	14
15 Meat Raffle 1PM	16	17 Bingo	18	19	20 Suppah Cornhole	21
22	23	24 Bingo	25 Line dancing 5PM	26 Lodge Meeting 7PM	27 Suppah Cornhole	28
29	30	31 Bingo				

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!!

Online Payment - Dues Renewal

Pay online - Fast - Easy - Secure

Online payments are now available. Go to <https://www.elks.org/payonline> to select your lodge and pay with credit or debit. Select your lodge and simply click "Make a quick payment". A convenience fee of 3.5% will apply. Pay by check via mail: Checks must be drawn on an account that will clear through a US Bank.



Love to cook?

We need volunteer chefs!!

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



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.

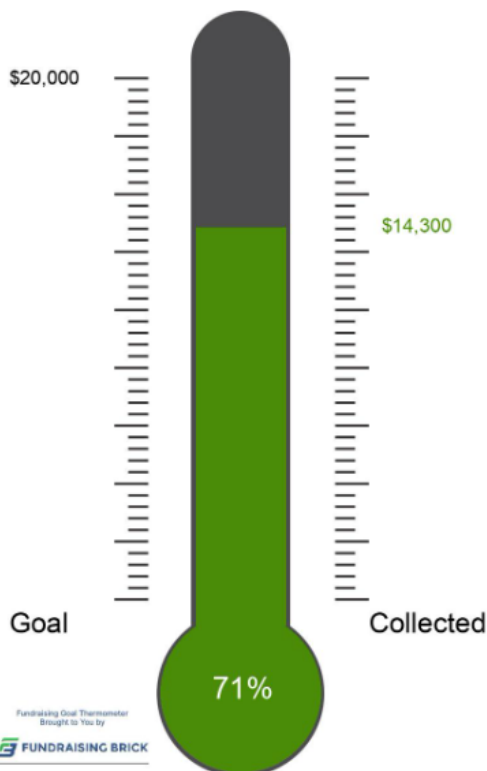


Around the Lodge

Please join us in welcoming 10 new members!! We're thrilled to have you and can't wait to see you getting involved and enjoying all the fun around the lodge!



Help Reach Our Fundraising Goal for Maine Children's Cancer Program



Maine Children's Cancer Program

[Maine Children's Cancer Program](#) (MCCP)—the pediatric oncology and hematology program of MaineHealth Barbara Bush Children's Hospital – Maine's premier treatment center for children diagnosed with cancer and blood disorders. MCCP has three areas of focus:

1. Providing children fighting cancer and blood disorders with the best medical treatment available, within the comfort of their home state
2. Participating in clinical research to improve survival rates and move closer to a cure
3. Supporting the entire family throughout their treatment journey





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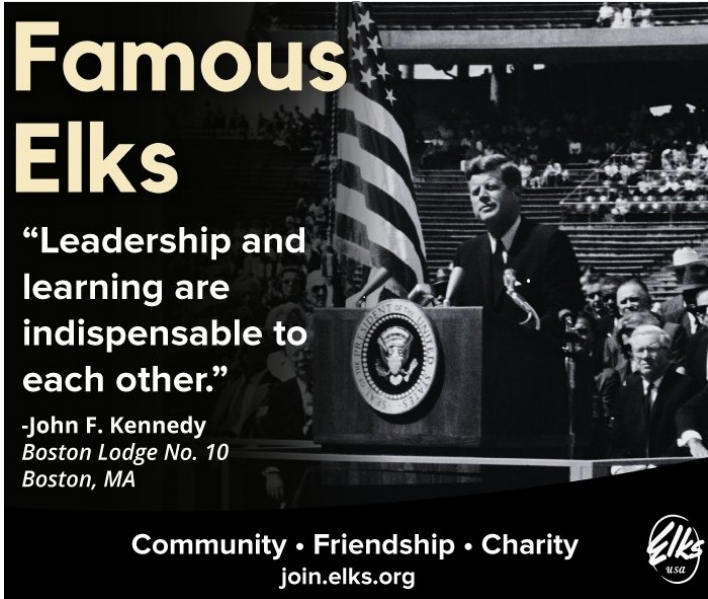
In God We Trust

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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 12 2026
THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026



Famous Elks

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

-John F. Kennedy
*Boston Lodge No. 10
Boston, MA*

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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		*Deceased
*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		