

2025-2026 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler [Bill Desjardins PCT](#)

Esteemed Leading Knight

John Desjardins

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Michael Desjardins

Esteemed Lecturing

Knight:

[Randa Newsome](#)

Esquire: Vacant

Chaplain:

Marianne Cosgrove

Inner Guard:

Richard Gosselin
Tiler

Vacant

Secretary [Cheri Swenson](#)

Treasurer

[Steve Dupuis](#)

TRUSTEES

1 Year

[Phil Bowden](#)

2 Year

[Bill Thompson](#) ,

3 Year

[Sean Molloy](#)

4 Year

Peter Lee

5 Year

Katelyn Smith

State Trustee

Floyd Howes, PER



June 2026



Exalted Ruler's Message

Fellow Members,

It's hard to believe the month of May has already come and gone!

The first weekend in May, many of us attended the Maine Elks State Convention, where we received awards for Highest Per Capita ENF Giving and 2nd Place for our lodge bulletin.

We also presented a check for the balance of our MCCC fundraising efforts. The total raised this year was **\$15,456!** We should all be proud of the work the Maine Elks Association does to support these kids. The statewide total this year was an incredible **\$344,304!**

I would like to challenge every member of our lodge to pledge **\$100 this year** to this cause. With more than 400 members in our lodge, that would mean over **\$40,000** we could present at next year's State Convention. Many hands make light work!

Thanks to our many volunteers, the Mother's Day service and brunch were very well attended and a huge success!

Join us for more fun in June! Our first-ever Car Show, Tuesday Night Bingo, Line Dancing, Cornhole Fridays, and Friday Night Suppers continue to bring new faces into our lodge. We will also celebrate Flag Day on June 14th. Got something fun you'd like to see at the lodge? Let us know! We welcome your ideas — and your help!

There are many ways for you to get involved at the lodge, and we survive because of our volunteers. We are still in need of cooks for Friday Night Suppers and volunteers for Tuesday Night Bingo (callers, ticket sellers, money takers, and runners). If you are unable to help, maybe just come out and support the many activities happening at the lodge! Follow us on Facebook to get weekly updates on activities around the lodge.

Our lodge cannot survive without the officers and volunteers who generously give their time, and we are already planning for the 2027–2028 lodge year. If you would like to take on a leadership role as an officer or chair one of our various committees, I encourage you to reach out to me or any of our current officers. There may be a committee that perfectly aligns with your hobbies or passions, offering a rewarding opportunity to make a meaningful impact within our lodge and community.

Elks National Foundation

Have you made an ENF donation lately?

Your donations primarily fund programs that build stronger communities, focusing on youth scholarships, veteran's services, drug awareness, and local lodge community grants. Donations support projects such as the Hoop Shoot, college scholarships, and assistance for disabled individuals.

Elk Of the Month

It's always a challenge for me to pick just one person as Elk of the Month because, in any given month, there are many who stand out. This month, I chose someone who has brought new energy and fresh ideas to the lodge. She has stepped up, rallied others to help, and brings a positive attitude that is contagious among our members. Congratulations to **Shauna Hansford** and thank you for all you do!

Fraternally yours,
Bill Desjardins
Exalted Ruler

#Be the Difference



6/1/2026

Membership: 434

Lifetime: 127 (30%)

Candidates 12

Delinquents 65 (15.08%)

Average Age 68

2026/27 DUES

Life Member \$49.25

Member \$89.25

[Online Payment](#)[Click to pay](#)[Elks Lodge Payment](#)**Updated Lodge Hours**

Sun Noon–8pm

Mon - Closed (6/8)

Tues Noon–9pm

Wed 3pm - 8pm

Thurs 3pm - 8pm

Friday Noon—Close

Sat Noon - 9pm

Secretary's Page - Cheri Swenson

Membership information

Thank you to the 369 members who have paid their 2026-2027 dues! If you paid at the lodge, your card is available at the bar; otherwise, it has been mailed.

If you have not yet paid, please do so online, by mail, or at the lodge. The lodge pays dues to the Grand Lodge and Maine Elks Association on April 1st, so late payments place a strain on our budget. As of March 31, delinquent members' key cards have been deactivated, and you may not attend events or use the member lounge until dues are settled.

On a brighter note, we initiated another two new members on May 28th, elected seven members to proceed to orientation, and have five new applications in process.

Let's keep this momentum going!

Life Membership Information

Life membership is not automatic. You may submit a request to the Secretary once you have reached 30 years of membership (there is no longer an age requirement). Your request should detail your service and accomplishments. These requests will be voted on by secret ballot at a regular lodge meeting later this year; a two-thirds affirmative vote is required.

Lodge Meeting : June 25th 7PM

Effective June 8th The lodge will be Closed on Mondays!



State Convention 2026



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

2026 Committee Members

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Accident prevention

- Michael Desjardins
- Phil Bowden

Adopt a Family

- Terry Petit

Americanism

Community Activities

Craft Fair

- Vacant

Drug Awareness

ENF Scholarship

- Bill Desjardins
- Randa Newsome

Friday Night Suppers

- Denise Rancourt
- Cheri Swenson
- Cindy Boulay

Auditing

PER Association

- Phil Guimond

Bingo

Board of Directors

- Bill Desjardins

Building Maintenance

- Bill Thompson/Sean Molloy
- Michael Desjardins/ Phil Bowden

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

- Marianne Cosgrove

Visitation

- Floyd Howes
- Robert Vire

Mothers Day Service

- Knights

Newsletter

- Kim Molloy

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

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bingo	3 Red Cross 12-5 pm	4	5 Suppa Cornhole	6
7 Car Show 8am—2pm	8	9 Bingo	10	11	12 Suppa Cornhole	13
14 Flag Day Service 10AM	15	16 Bingo	17 Red Cross 12-5 pm	18	19 Suppa Cornhole	20
21	22	23 Bingo	24 Line Dancing	25 Lodge Meeting 7PM	26 Suppa Cornhole	27
28 Meat Raffle 1PM	29	30 Bingo				

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



Save the date!!

TRUCKS | OLD SCHOOL | NEW SCHOOL | MOTORCYCLE

CAR SHOW

June 7, 2026

BIDDEFORD SACO ELKS LODGE
65 OCEAN PARK RD, SACO, ME

8 AM TO 2 PM

- \$15 TO REGISTER A CAR
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HEALING PAWS FOR WARRIORS
- DOOR PRIZES • 50/50 RAFFLE

MEAT RAFFLE!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH

— 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!*

GREAT MEAT • GREAT COMPANY • GREAT DAY!

BIDDEFORD-SACO ELKS LODGE
68 OCEAN PARK ROAD
SACO, ME 04072

ELKS LODGE 1597
BIDDEFORD SACO

68 OCEAN PARK RD
SACO, MAINE

— *Old-Fashioned* —

LOBSTER BAKE

★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★

— **AUGUST 15TH** —

LOBSTER STEAMERS AND ALL THE FIXINGS
— OR —
STEAK ON THE GRILL

★ **KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TICKET SALES** ★
Info coming soon!

Biddeford-Saco Elks Lodge No. 1597
68 Ocean Park Road, Saco
is sponsoring

Vets Charity Car Wash

Sunday
August 16th
9 am - 12 pm

All proceeds benefit Veterans in Old Orchard Beach, Saco and Biddeford

Volunteers are needed!
Are you interested in helping our Vets?
Please contact Peter Lee at 207 590-9884 for additional information.

Volunteers should arrive at the lodge no later than 8:30am



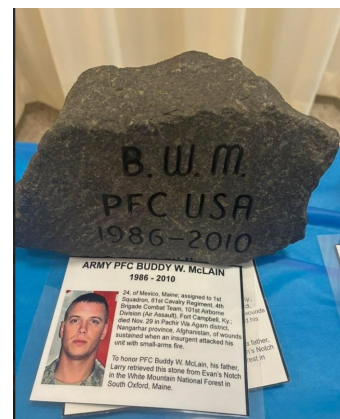


Around the Lodge

Mother's Day Brunch



Project Summit Ride



Elks Care - Elks Share



Around the Lodge Let's all get involved!!

 Community Friendly Connection
Volunteer Transportation Service

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

Do you want to help your community members over the age of 60, who are not able to drive, get to their Medical/Dental appointments?

Come to Libby Library and chat with current drivers.

If you plan to attend please call 207-294-2591
or
email: Shuttle.OO8.CFC@gmail.com
no later than
Wednesday, April 8th
so we may get a head count.

Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 10TH 10:00 - 11:30
WHERE: LIBBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY 27 STAPLES ST

BINGO
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
SIGN UP TODAY!



EVERY TUESDAY!

BINGO NIGHT!

Doors Open at 4PM
Paper sales at 4:30
Fun starts at 6PM

We are
LOOKING
FOR
POOL LEAGUE
Team Players!

MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ELKS

WE WILL PLAY EVERY TUESDAY

6/6:30 PM - 10/10:30 PM

ALTERNATING BETWEEN THE LODGE AND OTHER LOCATIONS

Be a hero. ♥
GIVE BLOOD.
Save Lives. ♥

YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

BLOOD DRIVE

at the
BIDDEFORD SACO ELKS LODGE #1597
68 OCEAN PARK ROAD
Saco, ME 04072

WHEN
First and Third Wednesday of Every Month
12 to 5 PM

WHERE
Biddeford Saco Elks Lodge #1597
68 Ocean Park Road
Saco, ME 04072

WALK-INS WELCOME | APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED | SAFE, SIMPLE, AND SAVES LIVES

EVERY DONATION Makes an Impact. ♥

Every drop stays local. Every donor makes a difference.



BPO ELKS LODGE #1597A Fraternal
Organization P. O. Box 1597
Saco, Maine 04072-1597



In God We Trust

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Lodge Meeting Dates

2026-2027

April 2
April 30
May 28
June 25
July 30
August 27
September 24
October 29
November 12
December 10
January 28
February 4
February 25
March 11
March 25



Learn more at <https://www.elks.org/convention/>

ELK OF THE MONTH 2026

January

Denise Rancourt

June

Shauna Hansford

February

Phil Guimond

March

Sean Molloy

April

Jason Salamacha

May

Bobby Grausstein



Welcome to our Newest Members!

