

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

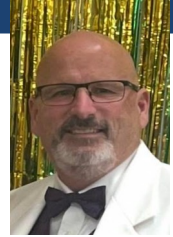
Katelyn Smith

State Trustee

Floyd Howes, PER



July 2026



Exalted Ruler's Message

Fellow Members,

Summer is finally here! With it comes vacations, family gatherings, and opportunities to make lasting memories. I hope you all enjoy this special time with your loved ones.

The summer months also bring many visitors back to the lodge. I'd especially like to welcome our campers back to town! Let's continue to live up to our reputation as **the friendliest lodge in Maine** by making everyone feel welcome.

Maine Children's Cancer Program

The **Maine Children's Cancer Program (MCCP)** is the Maine Elks Association's Major Project, and I'd like to challenge every member of our lodge to pledge **\$100 this year** in support of this incredible cause. With more than 400 members, we have the potential to raise **over \$40,000** to present at next year's State Convention. As the saying goes, *many hands make light work*. If you would like to participate, please make your check payable to **BPOE #1597** and write **MCCP** in the memo line.

June Highlights

June was another busy and successful month at the lodge!

- Our **first-ever Car Show** raised **\$500** for Healing Paws for Warriors.
- We hosted our annual **Flag Day Ceremony**.
- Tuesday Night Bingo, Wednesday Line Dancing, Friday Cornhole, and Friday Night Suppers continue to bring new faces through our doors. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make these events a success.

Looking Ahead to July

Several members will be traveling to **Chicago** for the Elks National Convention. While they're away, we'll continue planning for the busy months ahead, so please watch your email and Facebook for volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. Volunteers Needed We currently need volunteers for:

- Entertainment for the State President's Visit in August (musicians or DJs)
- Veterans Committee and veteran events
- Soccer Shoot in September
- Bingo setup and cleanup
- Hall setup and takedown for rentals and events
- Friday Night Suppers
- Tuesday Night Bingo (callers, ticket sellers, money handlers, and runners)

We simply cannot continue to rely on the same dedicated volunteers month after month. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is a great time to jump in. Every helping hand makes a difference.



Exalted Ruler's Message Cont'd



We Want Your Ideas!

Is there something fun you'd like to see at the lodge? We'd love to hear your ideas! Better yet, we'd love your help in making them happen. New activities and fresh ideas keep our lodge vibrant and growing.

Leadership Opportunities

Our lodge succeeds because of members who are willing to lead and serve. As we begin planning for the **2027-2028 lodge year**, we're looking for members interested in becoming lodge officers or serving as committee chairs. If you've ever considered taking on a leadership role, please reach out to me or any of our current officers. There's likely a committee that matches your interests, talents, or hobbies, giving you a rewarding opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our lodge and our community.

Elks National Foundation

Have you made an ENF donation lately?

Your contributions to the **Elks National Foundation** help fund programs that strengthen communities through youth scholarships, veterans services, drug awareness programs, community grants, the Hoop Shoot, assistance for individuals with disabilities, and much more. I encourage you to consider joining the **Fidelity Club** by setting up an automatic monthly donation. No gift is too small. When each of us does a little, together we accomplish something truly remarkable.

Get Involved

There are so many ways to become involved at our lodge. We survive and thrive because of our volunteers. If you're unable to volunteer, please consider attending our events and supporting those who do. Your presence helps make every event successful.

Don't forget to **follow us on Facebook** for weekly updates, upcoming events, and lodge activities.

Elk of the Month

Choosing just one Elk of the Month is never easy because so many members step up each and every month. This month, I'm proud to recognize someone who consistently volunteers for Friday Night Suppers, assists with Bingo, and always brings a positive attitude to everything she does.

Congratulations to Jane Caron!

Jane, thank you for your dedication, your generosity, and everything you do for our lodge. We truly appreciate you!

Fraternally,

Bill Desjardins

Exalted Ruler

BE THE DIFFERENCE

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



7/1/2026

Membership: 438

Lifetime: 125(29%)

Candidates 7

Delinquents 54 (12.53%)

Average Age 67.93

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

Tues 3pm–9pm

Wed 3pm - 8pm

Thurs 3pm - 8pm

Friday Noon—Close

Sat Noon - 9pm

Secretary's Page - Cheri Swenson

Membership information

Thank you to the **384 members** who have already paid their **2026–2027 dues**! We truly appreciate your continued support of our lodge

If you paid your dues at the lodge, your membership card is available for pickup at the bar. If you paid by mail or online, your card has been mailed to you.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible—online, by mail, or at the lodge. The lodge is required to pay per-capita dues to the Grand Lodge and the Maine Elks Association on **April 1**, so delayed payments create a financial burden for the lodge.

Please note that, as of **March 31**, the key cards of delinquent members have been deactivated. Members whose dues are not current are not permitted to attend lodge events or use the members' lounge until their dues have been paid.

On a brighter note, our membership continues to grow! On **June 25**, we initiated **three new members**, reinstated **one former member**, and welcomed **three members who transferred from the Wells Lodge**. We also elected **three additional candidates** to proceed to orientation and have **one more member** ready for reinstatement.

Let's keep this momentum going! If you know someone who shares the values of the Elks and enjoys giving back to the community, invite them to visit the lodge and learn what we're all about.

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.

Next Lodge Meeting July 30th 7PM

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

- Stephen Dupuis

Gaming

- Michael Desjardins

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

- Peter Lee

Standing Relief

- ER, Knights, Secretary and Treasurer

Thanksgiving Baskets

- Vassie Fowler

July 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Red Cross	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July! Closed
5	6 Closed	7 Bingo	8	9	10 Cornhole Suppah	11 24th Annual Owie Box Run 11am
12	13 Closed	14 Bingo	15 Red Cross	16	17 Cornhole Suppah	18
19	20 Closed	21 Bingo	22 Line Dancing	23	24 Cornhole Suppah	25
26 NASCAR Pot Luck	27 Closed	28 Bingo	29	30 Lodge Meeting	31 Cornhole Suppah	

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



Save the date!!

**THE MAINE ELKS
PRESENT
24TH ANNUAL
"OWIE BOX" RUN**

★ **SATURDAY, JULY 11TH • 11AM** ★

The Maine Elks Motorcycle Riders present the 24th Annual "Owie Box" Run on July 11th!
This year we will leave from Biddeford-Saco Lodge for a beautiful ride through Coastal Maine with a stop at the Bath Lodge and a special surprise stop.

RIDE IS BY DONATION ONLY
and we encourage you to obtain pledges to support this cause.



★ *We look forward to a day of riding with everyone!* ★

**NASCAR
BRICKYARD 400
Championship
POT LUCK**

July **26TH**

**BRING A DISH
★
BRING A FRIEND!**



RACE DAY FUN FOR EVERYONE! | **GOOD COMPANY & GOOD TIMES!** | **2PM**
FLAGS DROP

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Help hand out
PIZZA
AT A
PIZZA PARTY



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS!

A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT.

 **ARTHUR B. HUOT VETERANS HOUSING**
335 LINCOLN ST, SACO, MAINE

 **DATE: JULY 24TH, 2026** |  **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE ASKED TO MEET AT THE LODGE AT 5 PM.**

★ *Thank you for supporting our Veterans!* ★

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





June Activities

Flag Day Celebration



Car Show



Line Dancing



Elks Care - Elks Share



Around the Lodge Let's all get involved!!



LINE Dancing!
July 22ND
★ BIDDEFORD-SACO ELKS ★
68 OCEAN PARK RD, SACO
DOORS OPEN & CASH BAR 4:30 PM
FEET MOVING AT 5:30 PM
\$10 PER PERSON!
★ ALL LEVELS WELCOME! ★

BINGO
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
SIGN UP TODAY!



EVERY TUESDAY!
BINGO NIGHT!
Doors Open at 4PM
Paper sales at 4:30
Fun starts at 6PM

BIDDEFORD SACO ELKS LODGE 1597

SOCCER SHOOT **FREE**

SATURDAY SEPT 12TH 2026 8:30 AM

FOSS FIELD SACO ME

AGE GROUPS:
U-8 (AGES 7 & UNDER)
U-10 (AGES 8 & 9)
U-12 (AGES 10 & 11)
U-14 (AGES 12 & 13)
U-16 (AGES 14 & 15)

TO REGISTER CONTACT PETER LEE AT

207-590-9884

Retep1062@yahoo.com.



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

February

Phil Guimond

March

Sean Molloy

April

Jason Salamacha

May

Bobby Grausstein

June

Shauna Hansford

July



Welcome to our Newest Members!

