

July 2026 - Bristol County Elks Lodge #1860 - Vol. 22 #7

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Fellow Bristol Elks:

Can you believe that June is almost over? Where did it go??

Well, our Kitchen project is now well underway with the removal of the flooring in the kitchen, prep, and storage room. The Contractors have been at the lodge daily during the week, working hard to accomplish the project. Ton Dawson, our Bristol Elks member who is overseeing every aspect of the kitchen renewal project, is also documenting everything along with photos for our Lodge manual. They are now down to the beams that held up the floor and will be moving forward to replace the supports and floor. The Kitchen renovation committee is also meeting to decide on the new layout, as we did with the open space in the kitchen area.

The Lodge held our 1st meat raffle this past weekend, which was well attended, but I must mention to all: do NOT bring chairs upstairs from the lodge room, as we do have a maximum capacity per the Bristol Fire Department for each room and area in the lodge. The downstairs and outside decks are available for seating, and the PA system is working in those areas.

The July 4th parade will have members of our lodge marching in it, as it is the 250th anniversary of our country. Happy 4th of July to all.

Plans are in progress for a deck party and cookout coming soon, so watch your weekly bulletins for announcements. Please attend your lodge functions, as this is why you are an elk here. The events support the charities we contribute to monthly.

Please remember to present your ELKS membership card to your bartenders in the lounge every time you visit, and also please tip them for their service to you. Parking is at a premium due to all of the construction going on at present, but it will get better. Clean up your tables, and also do not move more than 2 tables together per house rules. Remember to sign in your guests in the book as you enter the lounge area.

AS always, there is NO SMOKING or VAPING anywhere on the Bristol Elks property.

Please always be respectful to everyone in the lodge.

Have a Great July.

Mike Bugara Exalted Ruler

Secretary's Message - July 2026

Fellow Elks,

July and August are months when we tend to get many Applications for Reinstatement. Please note that reinstatements are not required to go through the Initiation ceremony, but they are required to appear in person before the Investigating/Orientation committee. A reminder to all that the Lodge has a \$50 reinstatement fee. Applicants for reinstatement must also pay the prorated membership dues. *You are not required to pay any back dues.* If you know of someone wishing to reinstate, please stop by the Lodge to pick up a reinstatement form. Applicants for reinstatement must also be sponsored by a current active member and have their request published in the newsletter.

Fraternally,
Jeff Brackett, PER, Lodge Secretary

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

3,018 - active members / 234 - delinquent members / 53 - applicants on hand

REMINDER

\$5 fee for a replacement card. Please include the \$5 with your request

Bristol County Lodge #1860 made an \$800 donation to assist the victims of the recent fire in Bristol. Thank you to member Jenn Mancieri of the Bristol Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary, who coordinated our donation and purchased gift cards for the families

ATTENTION MEMBERS



Bristol County Elks #1860 is a Community Partner with Clements Market

They want to give us money to further our charitable endeavors.
Simply save your receipts from shopping at Clements in Bristol or
Portsmouth and drop them off at the Lodge – THATS IT!
They have already given us several hundred dollars and are willing to
give us more!!!!

Last amount received -\$108.57

Total received since Jan 1, 2026 - \$346.66

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Propositions for Membership

The following Applications on hand have been invited to attend the Investigation/Orientation on Sunday, July 26th at 10:00 am. They will be balloted upon by the membership and initiated at the July 27th meeting.

<u>NAME</u>		<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Brianna	Baro	Business Development	Bruce A Palumbo
Kelli	Baro	VP-Head Cheerleader	Gary M Palumbo
Kara	Barron	Registered Nurse	Jeffrey D Brackett
Michelle	Braga	Relationship Manager	Knud Hellested
Madison	Capizzano	Paramedic	Richard E Rensehausen Jr
Lori	Cassisi	Academic Coordinator	Anna Wood
Jason	Cassisi	Naval Officer	Anna Wood
Jacob	Castro	University Soccer Coach	Doreen P Castro
Bryan	Cesario	Business Owner	Marc A Proto
Jaclyn	Clarke	Reinstatement	Robert W Frye
Oriabel	Clemens	Teacher	Kathy Cunard
Douglas	Craven	Carpenter	Leanne Craven Piccerelli
ELizabeth	Cuzzone	Attorney	Margaret M Govednik
Andrea	Depatie	Healthcare consultant	Susan M Hagan
Vincent	Frattaruolo	Owner - Crossroads Pub	David P Cioe
Amy	Gallant	Police Officer	Ashley J Motta
Edward	Gelsomino	Retired	Nicole B Gelsomino
Benjamin	Guyette	Business Development Manager	Emily Marshall
Taryn Lee	Hanson	Teacher	Steven Lagarto
Larsen	Hellested	Project Manager	Knud Hellested
Colleen	Hopkins	Event Management	Gregory Costa
Claudia	Iacobbo	Retired	Gina Verrecchia
Barry	Ibbotson	Reinstatement	Catherine Conley
Jerome	Johnson	Fiber Splicer	Joseph P Medeiros
Joshua	Kalter	MD	Coleen Jackson Raposa
Justin	Keating	Beverage Director	Meghan Ryan Brennan
Melissa	Kranowitz	Teacherreading Tutor	Mark S Stephens
Roxanne	Lavoie	Hostess-aidains	John F Kerwin
Edgar	Lazaro	Chemist	Normand E Messier
Aaron	Ley	Professor	James McCallum
Courtney	Lima	Bar Manager	Claire Cabral
Sheila	Lynch	Retired	Gina Verrecchia
Lori	Malcolm	Tetail Operations Director	Robert W Frye
Renee	Marcaccio	Teacher	Colleen Kiselka
William	McKenzie	Retired	Cheryl A Comley
Louis	Medeiros	Business Owner	James McCallum
Matthew	Murray	technology Executive	Kathleen Darbonne
Kristen	Nicole	Consultant	Bruce A Palumbo
Brian	O'Donnell	Business Owner	Kevin C Fitzpatrick
Steve	Payne	Retired	Kerri Payne
Bethany	Poland	Nurse	Theodore J Stolasz
Roderick	Poland	General Contractor	Theodore J Stolasz
Deborah	Sevigney	MRI Technologist	Melissa Vieira
Donna	Sousa	Hair Stylist	David Almeida
Donna	Stone	Retired	Susan M Hagan
Ryan	Vose	Police Sargeant	Jayson Rogers



Congratulations to the Grand Lodge Committee Member Patti Baccus

Patti Baccus, a past State President and Past District Deputy, will now be serving Elksdom at the National Level as she assumes her position as Grand Lodge Committee Member in the area of Membership Development. Her appointment becomes effective at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, IL.



**Congratulations to DISTRICT DEPUTY Cathy Keighley!
Cathy is the new District Deputy for Rhode Island
East District
She will be installed at the Grand Lodge National
Convention in Chicago, IL**

Kitchen Project Update

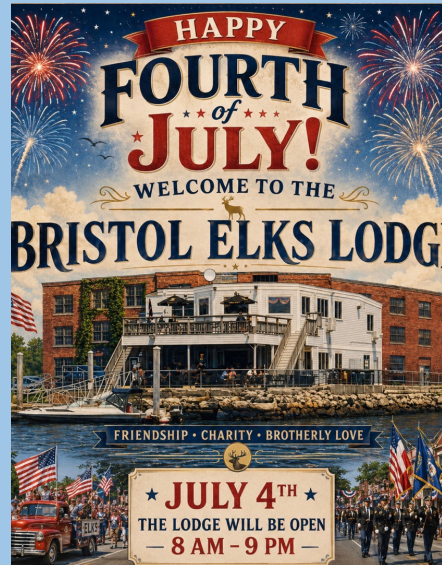
The Elks Kitchen floor demolition started on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Since then, all three rooms have had the layers of flooring and subfloor removed, as well as the majority of the floor framing by the end of last week, June 26, 2026. Please see the attached photos. This work has exposed old plumbing and electrical infrastructure, most of which has been removed or has been labelled for demolition. All new plumbing work is planned, as well as new floor drains and floor access panels. Additionally, the portion of wall between the old kitchen and prep. room has been removed, and a new header has been added to allow for the new kitchen to be a bit bigger.

A friendly reminder from the GC: You may have seen the dumpster(s), port-a-potty, and some of the workers on-site in your travels to the lodge. They are friendly and don't mind you saying hello and sneaking a peek, although please, for everyone's safety, only approach the doorway if someone is there. Thanks from Tom D., the Elks PM, the site GC Supervisor Phil S., and the GC Dennis Brothers' Contracting.



EVENTS & LIVE MUSIC IN JULY

*July 3rd
Fireworks From
the deck*



The lodge will
be open on
Mondays
12:00-5:00



Sickness and Distress

Sympathy to the family of members
Michael Pickering, Ben Hedly, and Ellis "Skip" Titmas Jr.

Sometimes we fail to mention someone who is in the hospital or sick.
To keep all of our members updated, please call me at 401-935-5966 or email me at ahozempa@gmail.com

Thank You, Aggie Hozempa

THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION HELPS ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES BY:



- Providing scholarships to students in our state.
- Helping to end veteran homelessness.
- Supporting programs that unleash gritty kids.
- Offering grants to our Lodge and State that help meet local needs.

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\$127,520



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HOW OUR LODGE SUPPORTS THE ENF

Our Lodge has given:

\$22,081

Our fundraising goal is:

\$14,271

Our Lodge's per-member giving is:

\$7.97

The GER's per-member-giving goal is:

\$5.15

Our Lodge's Fidelity Club* member count:

18

Our Lodge's Fidelity Club* member goal:

108

Our Membership Support is:

36.7%

*The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who make automatic, monthly gifts to the ENF through their credit card or bank account. Scan or visit secure.elks.org/FidelityClub for more!



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Bristol Elks July Calendar

Bristol Elks Master Calendar													
Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
28		29		30		1		2		3		4	
Hall Rental Restrictions										Hall Rental Restrictions		Hall Rental Restrictions	
										6pm - Bristol Fireworks Party-Wristband Required		8am - Parade Day! Lounge Opens	
5		6		7		8		9		10		11	
Hall Rental Restrictions						6:30pm - T & R Acoustic				Hall Rental Restrictions		6:30pm - Live Music - Jacob	
12		13		14		15		16		17		18	
Hall Rental Restrictions 10am -		7pm - BOD rescheduled to 7/13				6:30pm - Live Music -- Ethan				Hall Rental Restrictions		7pm - Live Music -- John Erikson	
19		20		21		22		23		24		25	
Hall Rental Restrictions 1pm - Cookout 1pm - The Girls		6pm - House Committee Meeting 7pm - Veterans Committee				6:30pm - Live Music -- Nick				Hall Rental Restrictions			
26		27		28		29		30		31		1	
Hall Rental Restrictions Indoc 2pm - Live Music -- The		Initiation 7pm - Business Meeting				6:30pm - Live Music -- Can N				Hall Rental Restrictions		8:30am - Indoc 7pm - Live Music -- Dual Frequency	



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