

# B.P.O.E. Falmouth Lodge 2380



**Instituted - December 16, 1967**

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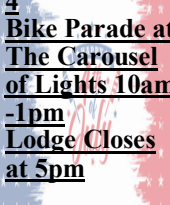














**Elks Care**

**July 2025**

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**“America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination.”**

**President Harry S. Truman**

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		<u>1 Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm 	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 	<u>4 Bike Parade at The Carousel of Lights 10am -1pm Lodge Closes at 5pm</u> 	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>		<u>8 Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm 	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 	<u>11 Music Bingo or Karaoke—See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	<u>12 Veterans Coffee Hour</u> 
<u>13</u>		<u>15 Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm 	<u>16 Meeting Night</u> BOD 6pm HC 7pm (est) Lodge Meeting 730pm	<u>17</u> 	<u>18 Music Bingo or Karaoke—See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	<u>19 Raw Bar 4pm-7pm</u> 
<u>20</u>		<u>22 Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm 	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 	<u>25 Music Bingo or Karaoke—See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>		<u>29 Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm 	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> 		



I have often referred to Bingo as a wheel with many spokes to make it turn. Each spoke has its own purpose to make it run smoothly. Our Volunteers are the spokes of Bingo and I am so grateful for their dedication reliability and commitment to the wellbeing of our lodge as well as providing a venue that brings people of the Falmouth Community together weekly to enjoy each other's company. I love seeing our patron's smiles, their enjoyment of our cafe dining experience in anticipation of the start of the Game and the chance of making a win or two \$\$\$!! We have in our midst a dedicated weekly volunteer who wears many hats and serves not only Bingo since its inception but our community as well. He enlightens many people with his historical stories and guided walks/tours associated with Museum on the Green as well as granting passage to water vessels entering and departing the woods hole Harbor. This bridge keeper ensures the safety of the pedestrians as he keeps a watchful eye as operator of that Bridge. He is Chairperson of the Bingo Committee and can also be found manning the Kitchen on Bingo night. Tom can also be found on a Ladder assisting his bride Becky, as she turns that high mantel shelf in the Lodge grill room into a festive visual viewing pleasure with all its seasonal changes! Thank you, Tom and Becky Mountford for being spokes in our wheel! So happy that bingo hat fits! Did you ever wonder how Bingo came to our Lodge? It came about by an idea 2-3 years ago that one member had to help raise much needed money for our lodge on a weekly basis. This proved to be a vast under-taking for this member as he researched the game of Bingo and what was involved to get it going. It would require rental of the Lodge Hall, equipment, dedication, and time of himself as well as reliability and time commitment from multiple members who were willing to take the leap with him to put his idea in motion. After learning and working through the growing pains that comes with establishing a new program, Monday night Bingo and cafe that was established for the bingo patrons has successfully established its roots here at the Falmouth Lodge. It has become a significant source of income for the lodge overall and through working with the scholarship committee, it has provided an avenue to raise scholarship money for our Falmouth High School Students. These scholarships are awarded to students who pursue College or Trade School. There is much to be proud of my fellow Elk brothers and sisters. Our lodge is in a better place financially than it was at Bingo's inception. When you see Rick Smith and his wife Terry who supported him in this vast endeavor as well as stepping in many times to work bingo when we have been short help, please say Thank -You to them we could not have done it without you.

Just an FYI! Some Amazing ideas put into play by members that contributes to the lodge financially on a weekly basis: Bingo -Texas Hold'em - Rick Smith Taco Tuesday-John Womboldt  
What idea might you have?

Respectfully

The Bingo closet keeper!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Beginning Membership 4/1/2025: **594**

Initiated 8  
Affiliated 2  
Reinstated 2  
Dropped 0  
Transferred Out 1  
Absolute Dimit 0  
Deaths 2  
Expelled 0  
Membership Total **603**  
Average Age: 65

### LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members 80  
Honorary Life Members 4  
Total 84  
Life Percentage 14.14%

### LAPSATION RATE: 10.44%

Delinquency:  
6 months 0  
One year: 62  
Over one year: 0

Mail a check made payable for **\$118.00**, **\$60.00** (Life and Honorary Life), or **\$39.25** for active Military Members to the Falmouth Elks to:

Falmouth Elks Lodge  
Attn: David Branga  
140 Palmer Avenue  
Falmouth, MA 02540

### Please include your membership number on your check.

When paying dues don't forget to add your donation to ENF (or send a separate check, made out to the **Elks National Foundation**) for \$25 (or more!). ENF donations help the Lodge meet its Per Capita goal and qualify for ENF Grants to use for community events.

If you prefer to donate to the Lodge directly, please include a separate check made out to the lodge and note in the memo line what the donation is for: General Fund, Veterans, or Scholarship.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, or are not receiving the newsletter, contact the Lodge Secretary to make sure the correct email address is on file.

## BALLOTING & INITIATION

Please keep an eye on the Secretary's Board in the Grill Room for candidates who will be balloted on at upcoming meetings. This will help expedite the initiation of new members and help grow our membership more quickly. At the Lodge Meeting on 7/16/2025 the following candidates will be proposed:

Christopher Keough by Chris Abney  
Stephen Metras for reinstatement by Kirk Marks  
We will be balloting on:  
John Dumas  
Summer Auvil  
John Kimball  
Steve Maher  
Stephen Tomascik

Initiation of these candidates will take place on August 20th, 2025

## PAYMENT OF DUES ONLINE

You can now pay your dues online using the Grand Lodge payment system! It is fast, easy and secure!

Go to <https://secure.directbiller.com/db-payer-ui/#/login>

Select your Lodge and pay with a credit or debit card.  
**Don't forget to include a donation to ENF of \$25 or more with your payment!**

### NOTICE:

**Dues for 2025-2026**  
**Regular Members \$118.00**  
**Life Members \$60.00**  
**Active Military Members \$39.25**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 2025

#### Elks National Convention

Kansas City Convention Center

6/28/25-7/3/2025

#### 4th of July Bike Parade

10am-1pm

Mullen Hall School

By the Carousel of Lights

Featuring

The Filling Station Food Truck

Perry's Ice Cream

Prizes for the Top 3 Most Patriotic Bikes

#### Taco Tuesdays

Every Tuesday in July starting at 5pm

"Thank you to Dave and Cindy Branga, Rob Moriarty, Ron & Peggy, and Rick & Arlene Danubio for helping keep Taco Tuesday going!"

- John Womboldt

#### Raw Bar Saturday

July 19th 4pm-7pm

August 16th 4pm-7pm

## DAILY/WEEKLY RULES

A quick reminder about the rules when playing the Daily & Weekly drawings. You must be present and sign the book yourself in order to qualify. You cannot have anyone, -a friend, significant other, or spouse- sign your name for you. **YOU MUST SIGN THE PAGE YOURSELF!** Anyone caught violating this rule will be disqualified from playing. Multiple violations could lead to a lifetime disqualification. This is an honor system game, please respect the rules.

## FROM THE LEADING KNIGHT

Members All,

Greetings to all Falmouth Elks Members. Following succession, I make this statement to my Brothers and Sisters. The road of life is never perfectly paved. Sometimes it is rutted and rocky and, at times, smooth as glass. So too, are the roads of Elkdom. We Elks are mere humans: imperfect individuals in our own ways. But as a team, a family of Elks, we are bound by our Solemn Obligation to acknowledge those shortcomings while remembering the good. Sometimes, acknowledgment is not an end, but a beginning. Some things require crucial decisions, rapid responses, and even discipline to preserve our Lodge, our members, and the community we serve. Our former ER, and our BOD have taken these steps. As you know, an election is required to replace an Officer if that Officer becomes totally unable to serve in their position regardless of the reason for their departure. Know that we will be following protocol on this point.

Let us move beyond the sting of the loss and refrain from armchair quarterbacking. No loss has ever been reversed by bashing or rehashing. Let us build a stronger membership community with more transparent management and increased volunteerism. With respect to volunteers – we need more members to step up and get involved. While all lodges lament a shortage of volunteers, it is the only way to carry out our charitable work – and make the lodge profitable.

The Grand Loge REQUIRES the following MANDATORY committees, each with a MINIMUM of 3 REQUIRED volunteers: Americanism; Auditing; Drug Awareness; ENF; Flag Day; Government Relations; Indoctrination; Investigation; Lapsation; Membership; Memorial Day; National Service; Public Relations; Social and Community Welfare; Visiting; Youth Activities. Plus Relief consisting of the ER, Knights, Secretary & Treasurer. That's 54 members. We have over 500. We only need about 10% of our membership to step up.

Ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but what you can do for your Lodge.

Jason Mitchell  
Leading Knight

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

Members All,

Following the resignation of PER Dennis Souweine as Exalted Ruler at the Lodge Meeting on June 18, 2025, we are left with a vacant Exalted Ruler Seat. Nominations were opened at that meeting and will remain open thru the next meeting on July 16, 2025. Two nominations were made the aforementioned June meeting, one for Leading Knight Jason Mitchell, and one for PER and current Tiler Kirk Marks. An election will be held between these two candidates, and any other nominated at the meeting on July 16.

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## Sickness and Distress

If anyone knows of a Member who is in sickness or distress or a family member requesting a Lodge of Sorrow please contact the Lodge.

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**Exalted Ruler**..... TBD  
**Esteemed Leading Knight** ..... Jason Mitchell  
**Esteemed Loyal Knight** ..... John Womboldt  
**Esteemed Lecturing Knight**..... Amanda Summerton  
**Secretary**..... David Branga  
**Treasurer**..... Dana C. Nielsen  
**Esquire**..... TBD  
**Inner Guard** ..... Sisoumee Yazzie  
**Tiler** ..... Kirk Marks  
**Chaplain**..... Peter Yazzie  
**Justice of Subordinate Forum** ..... Kevin Callahan, Esq.

Ann Marie Giampietro (5yr)  
Michael Chovanec (4yr)  
Sheryl Barrett Maciel (3yr)  
Amanda Hamill (2yr)  
Kevin Thayer (1yr)

Board of Directors Chair:  
Michael Chovanec  
House Committee Chair:  
Jason Mitchell

**Officer of the Year:** John Womboldt  
**Elk of the Year:** Earl "Thumper" Berry, Sr.  
**Citizen of the Year:** Steve Xiarhos

**Lodge Hall Available**

Do you have an anniversary, birthday or family reunion to celebrate? Wedding or Reception? Great rates, full bar, huge dance floor! The Lodge Hall is available by reservation. For details and rental fees, email the lodge at [functions2380@gmail.com](mailto:functions2380@gmail.com) or contact Rita Ramoska @ 508-818-6209 or email [Manager2380@gmail.com](mailto:Manager2380@gmail.com)

## DUES PAYMENT COUPON

From \_\_\_\_\_

Member# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for **118.00** for my 2025-2026

Lodge Dues. **This will pay me in full until April 1, 2026**

Please check one below:

☐ Mail my new card to me.

☐ I'll pick my card up at the Lodge

☐ Please send **ALL** correspondence via email

Please make checks payable to: **The Falmouth Elks**

and mail your check and this coupon to:

**Falmouth Elks, 140 Palmer Ave., Falmouth, MA 02540**

**Regular Dues: \$118.00 Life Member Dues: \$60.00**

**I am also enclosing a separate \$25.00 check**

**For the Elks National Foundation!**