

B.P.O.E. Falmouth Lodge 2380



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Elks Care

September 2025

Elks Share

**"Leadership is a matter of having people look at you and gain confidence.
If you're in control, they're in control."
- Tom Landry**

New England Patriots

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm	3 <u>Meeting Night</u> <u>BOD 6pm</u> <u>HC 7pm (est)</u> <u>Lodge Meeting</u> 730pm <u>Initiation of New Members</u>	4 	5 <u>Music Bingo or Karaoke</u> <u>See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	6
7 <u>Sunday Football Pot Luck!</u> <u>MA Elks Regional Meeting - Billerica</u>	8 	9 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm	10	11 	12 <u>Music Bingo or Karaoke</u> <u>See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	13 <u>Veterans Coffee Hour</u> <u>ENF Walk Along the Canal</u>
14 <u>Sunday Football Pot Luck!</u> 	15 	16 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm	17 <u>Meeting Night</u> <u>BOD 6pm</u> <u>HC 7pm (est)</u> <u>Lodge Meeting</u> 730pm	18 	19 <u>Music Bingo or Karaoke</u> <u>See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	20
21 <u>Sunday Football Pot Luck!</u> 	22 	23 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm	24	25 	26 <u>Music Bingo or Karaoke</u> <u>See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	27 <u>GER Reception Dinner Mansfield, MA</u>
28 <u>Sunday Football Pot Luck!</u> 	29 	30 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 5pm			<u>Music Bingo or Karaoke</u> <u>See Schedule in the Grill Room</u>	



SECRETARY'S REPORT

We are excited to welcome Everett Clark to our Bingo Team! Everett is a retired school teacher and volunteers with us every Monday—he must love Bingo more than grading papers! The Bingo Committee is thrilled to have him as part of our family.

Bingo has been going great over the past few months. We've had more than 60 players, but there's always room for more—after all, the more, the merrier (and the more winners)! Please help spread the word that the public is welcome to join us—you don't need to be an Elk, just a fan of fun and maybe a little luck!

We're also always on the lookout for more volunteers. If you have a free Monday afternoon or evening, come on down and see Rick Smith or Tom Mountford. Who knows, you might just win a free Dauber—just kidding, but we do have a good time!

Fraternally yours,

The Bingo Committee

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

Initiated 8
Affiliated 3
Reinstated 2
Dropped 0
Transferred Out 2
Absolute Dimit 0
Deaths 3
Expelled 0
Membership Total **602**
Average Age: 65

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members 81
Honorary Life Members 4
Total 85
Life Percentage 14.31%

LAPSATION RATE: 9.93%

Delinquency:
6 months 0
One year: 59
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.

UPCOMING INITIATIONS

The following candidates will be initiated on the dates listed.

Wednesday, September 3rd:

John Dumas
Summer Auvil
John Kimball
Steve Maher
Stephen Tomascik
William Sitard
Casey Dollfuss
Jeff Dollfuss

Thursday, October 23rd - District Deputy Visitation

Chris Keough
Steve Metras
Scott Miccile

FIDELITY CLUB MONTH/ENF WALK

Members All,

The Annual ENF Walk along the Canal is Saturday, September 13, 2025 and this year Lecturing Knight Amanda Summerton and myself will be walking. We will be soliciting donations (which each member gets credit for) and we hope to reach, then SURPASS, a grand total of \$2380 ..so be sure to help us out and donate what you can! Success is only possible when we are ALL doing our part!

If you are interested in joining the Fidelity Club and starting a recurring monthly donation you can do so here. Please follow this link: [Make a Recurring Gift - Elks National Foundation](https://enf.elks.org/recurring) or copy and paste this to find the page to sign up: enf.elks.org/recurring

Fraternally Yours,

Dana C. Nielsen

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

September 2025

September 7

Regional Meeting—Billerica, MA

September 13

ENF Walk Along the Canal

September 27

GER Reception

Mansfield, MA

Sunday Football Pot Lucks

Every Sunday Starting at 1pm

Bring a dish to share!

Taco Tuesdays

Every Tuesday starting at 530pm

Volunteers always welcome!

October 2025

October 16

District Deputy Previsit

Dinner 6pm, Meetings 7pm

October 23

District Deputy Visitation

Dinner 6pm Meeting 730pm

LODGE OF SORROW

We recently lost our members Bob Shaw and Russ Ventura.

We were notified of a funeral that is taking place for Russ Ventura at Otis Air National Guard Base on Thursday, September 11th at noon. Officers and PERs who wish to attend and perform a Lodge of Sorrow Ceremony should be in tuxedo. Please contact me if you plan on attending.

Kirk Marks
PER, ER

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Members All,

Thank you once again for entrusting me to lead our Lodge for the remainder of this year. It is an honor and a privilege to do so, one I do not take lightly. In my first go as Exalted Ruler I was proud of the efforts of my officers and committees that helped pull the lodge out of the red and put us into the black and on a better and more sustainable path financially for the future. This time around, I intend to do more of the same. Though the situation is not as dire, I am still very much about making money so that the lodge can continue to do great things within the community!

We are a little behind this year with our fundraising so the first thing I would like to get is some fundraisers scheduled for the fall and winter. We are working on a golf tournament in October, a scratch ticket board raffle, and of course our 3rd annual Chilifest in February. I am open to any other fundraising ideas from any member willing to step up and run one. You can see me or any Board member to discuss. There is no such thing as a small fundraiser as every dollar brought in counts! I would love to get some meat raffles going in the coming months as well!

I want to give a special shout out to John Womboldt for doing 30 weeks of Taco Tuesdays..GREAT JOB John! But John could use some help (and maybe even a break) so anyone looking to help him with Taco Tuesdays, or who would like to run their own Tuesday meal, please see me or John and we will get you on the calendar.

I also need to fill some committees that are both required by Grand Lodge, and needed to help make sure the lodge continues to function at a high level. Anyone interested in serving on a committee, please get ahold of me so we can have a conversation about your interests and what committee we can assign you to that will best serve the lodge.

Football is starting up again, so pot luck Sundays are hopefully going to be back as well. Its always fun to watch the games and enjoy the camaraderie and good food made by fellow members. Just remember to help with the clean up as well!

In conclusion, I truly believe we have the officers in place to make the lodge successful, accomplish everything we need to do for not just our lodge but also to keep the State and Grand Lodge happy. But in truth, it is the MEMBERS who make all the great things possible. Whether it is the time you give volunteering, the money you spend to help fundraise, or simply a few words of encouragement to a fellow member who is having a hard time, it is the members of this lodge that make everything possible. With that being said, my first Elk of the Month is Charlie Wright. Charlie has decorated the lodge with some amazing art, especially in the renovated ladies room, and is instrumental in the new Lodge Sign that we are looking forward to installing soon. Thank you Charlie!

Be kind to one another!

Kirk Marks,
PER, ER

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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.

Falmouth Lodge of Elks #2380

Officers 2025-2026

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Exalted Ruler..... Kirk Marks
Esteemed Leading Knight Jason Mitchell
Esteemed Loyal Knight John Womboldt
Esteemed Lecturing Knight..... Amanda Summerton
Secretary..... David Branga
Treasurer..... Dana C. Nielsen
Esquire..... Michael Lynch, PER
Inner Guard Sisoumee Yazzie
Tiler Gilbert Silvia
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
Elk of the Month: Charlie Wright

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 or contact Rita Ramoska @ 508-818-6209 or email 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!