

B.P.O.E. Falmouth Lodge 2380



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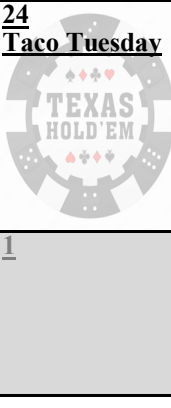


Elks Care

June 2025

Elks Share

**"When we honor our Flag, we honor what we stand for as a Nation -
Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Hope."**

- President Ronald Reagan

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15 <u>Father's Day</u>	16 	17 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 	18 <u>Meeting Night</u> BOD 6pm HC 7pm (est) <u>Lodge Meeting</u> 730pm <u>Initiation</u>	19 	21 Music Bingo or Karaoke— Check Grill Room Schedule	21
22	23 	24 <u>Taco Tuesday</u> 	25	26 	27 Music Bingo or Karaoke— Check Grill Room Schedule	28
29	30 	1	2	3	4 <u>Fourth of July</u> <u>Bike Parade</u> 10am <u>Mullen Hall</u>	5



Members All,

The Bingo Committee would like to congratulate our Fabulous Bingo Caller, Linda and her husband Rich Toas on their wonderful wedding last month! We wish you a lifetime of love and happiness. Congratulations Rich and Linda!

Bingo was canceled on May 5th due to the absence of an available Bingo Caller. We currently rely on two dedicated callers, both of whom had long-standing family commitments that day. The Bingo Caller plays a key role in creating a fun, engaging atmosphere for our players. Just ask Linda Toas or Amanda Summerton how much they enjoy calling on Mondays—you'll hear some great stories! If you have experience calling Bingo or are interested in learning, we'd love to have you involved. Please reach out to Rick Smith or Tom Mountford for more information.

We'd like to take a moment to recognize the dedicated individuals who help make Bingo nights possible—especially our callers and front table team. A special thank you to our alternate caller, Amanda Summerton, for stepping in and doing a fantastic job. Your energy and support are truly appreciated! We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to Dennis Sharp and his wife Marge, Tommy O'Donnell, Andy Salthouse, Amy Salthouse, Peg Salthouse, and "Doc" Sheehan for their ongoing commitment. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Bingo simply wouldn't happen without our amazing volunteers—particularly those who sell tickets and manage the front table each week. Thank you all for your time, energy, and dedication! Have a wonderful spring!

Fraternally yours,

Tom Mountford
Bingo Committee Chairman

LODGE NOTICE

Lodge Treasurer Dana C. Nielsen motioned at the Lodge Meeting on 5/22/2025 to inform the membership at the Lodge Meeting on 6/18/2025 about a possible contract with a Real Estate Broker and an Attorney if any funds need to be expended, the next step in the process of finding property for a new lodge. A mailing will be sent to all members 10 days prior to the meeting outlining the motion. Please be on the lookout for the mailing.

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.

To be initiated at the Lodge Meeting on 6/18/2025:

Everett Clark
Mary Schneider
Arden Lockweed
Brenda Kurth
Manny Rosado

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Initiated 5
Affiliated 2
Reinstated 2
Dropped 0
Transferred Out 0
Absolute Dimit 0
Deaths 1
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: 13.80%

Delinquency:
6 months 0
One year: 82
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.

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://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

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

June 2025

MA Elks Convention

6/6/2025-6/8/2025

Cape Cod Irish Village - Hyannis, MA

Wounded Warriors Bike Ride

6/6/2025 915am-1145am

Falmouth Bike Path

Flag Day Ceremony

6/14/2025

10am, Refreshments to Follow

Taco Tuesday

Every Tuesday evening in June

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

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 EXALTED RULER

Members All,

I'd like to congratulate our new members for joining our great organization, wELKcome aboard!

I'd also like to thank John Womboldt for the excellent job on the ladies bathroom remodel ,and all the those that helped him. It came out AMAZING!

Charlie Wright, who designed our new logo, has also volunteered to paint a mural on the ladies room wall. Thank you Charlie!

I'd also like to thank Amanda Hamill for the job she did cleaning and reorganizing the upstairs meeting room. We hope to start holding some meetings up there again in the near future.

Some other projects that will be happening in and around the lodge in the next month or so:

The fence outside will be moved back a little bit from the sidewalk and repaired, and the new lodge sign with our new logo will be going up out front to replace our old one. The old sign will be repurposed in some capacity. Stay tuned!

Work on the floor behind the bar in the grill room will hopefully be done this month as well.

We are also cleaning out the basement and reorganizing it to have some more storage room.

I would like to remind any committees operating within the lodge that they need to come to meetings and make regular reports on their work. This is necessary to keep the membership informed.

Speaking of committees, Board Chairman Michael Chovanec has formed a subcommittee to handle the Real Estate Project. This Committee consists of Lodge Treasurer Dana C. Nielsen, Lodge Secretary David Branga, and Lodge Trustee Amanda Hamill.

Loyal Knight John Womboldt is keeping Taco Tuesdays going (thanks, John the tacos are so tasty!) but could use some help or even a break! If you would like to help him out, or even do a Tuesday Night Meal of your own, please let him know and we will get you on the calendar!

Karaoke and Music Bingo have really brought Friday nights at the Lodge to life! Thank you to Karen St. Germain, Kirk Marks, and Chuck Gonsalves for all your efforts!

As summer starts our guests will start to arrive not only in the town but in our lodge. Be sure to show any visiting members and guests that great Elk camaraderie!

Enjoy the weather and have a great start to your summer!!

Fraternally Yours,

Dennis Souweine
Exalted Ruler

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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****Lodge Phone 508-548-2380****Lodge Email: bpofalmouth2380@gmail.com**

Exalted Ruler..... Dennis Souweine
Esteemed Leading Knight Jason Mitchell
Esteemed Loyal Knight John Womboldt
Esteemed Lecturing Knight..... Amanda Summerton
Secretary..... David Branga
Treasurer..... Dana C. Nielsen
Esquire..... Rita Collins
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 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!