

June 2025

Dear Members and Officers.

This has been a busy month for all of the graduations taking place. For any family member who is celebrating a graduation, congratulations and wishing them the best as they start a new chapter in their life.

On May 26, we will be meeting at the Evergreen Cemetery at 10:00 am to perform a memorial service for all of our deceased members. This section of the cemetery was donated by a past elks member who set aside a perpetual fund whose purpose is to bury any elk member who was not able to afford a proper burial for their deceased family member. All members of our lodge are welcome to attend this brief service.



In addition, we will once again be holding our flag ceremony on June 14 at the lodge. This will be done together with the Veterans Committee as they will be serving breakfast to our veterans following the flag day service. This breakfast has been well attended in the past and I do expect that we will have a full house, once again. Such a wonderful way to honor our veterans for their past service to our country while giving them a warm meal and friendly elk to serve them.

The Summit Project send-off was held at the Portland Elks lodge on May 24. Firefighters and Portland police were on hand to send the entourage on their way to Mount Katahdin. This is a truly remarkable event which also honors our fallen soldiers by having each carry a stone to Mt Katahdin and placing it there as a permanent memorial in remembrance of their service. I was truly amazed at the whole process and am proud to have them here year after year.

Come on in to our lodge if you can this month. The Queen of Hearts is currently over \$19,000 and growing. All members of our lodge are welcome to play this game. And we are holding the 3-Card Challenge as well on Wednesday and Friday at the lodge. Check out the newsletter for all other events for this month.

Hoping to see you soon at the lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph M. Winschal

Joe Winschel Exalted Ruler

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2025—2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel Exalted Ruler

Martha Binette
Esteemed Leading Knight

Paul Poore
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Brenda Farris
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Victoria Doughty Secretary

Charleen Durgin *Treasurer*

Lorraine Taylor Chaplain

Stephanie Ingraham Esquire Sandra Smith Tiler

Robert Pomerleau Soloist

Tim Smith
Trustee (1 year)
Kimberly Toppi
Trustee (2 years)
Gary Rairdon
Trustee (3 years)
Joan Harmon
Trustee (4 years)
Barbara Hebert
Trustee (5 years)

TIME TO ORDER A BRICK!

If you want to remember a loved one or honor a family member, or a friend who has done a good deed, an engraved brick at Lodge 188 leaves a lasting legacy.

Bricks are \$50 each and are placed around the Elk at the main entrance to the Lodge.

Applications are on a table in the hallway leading to the Lounge. Completed forms and a check may be turned in to Joe Winschel. Bricks will only be ordered when there are at least 5 new bricks to be engraved.

Our sincere thanks to all those who have placed an order.

LODGE 188 MONTHLY MEETINGS

House Committee, June 2, 5:30 pm Activity Committee, June 4, 2 pm Trustee Committee, June 9, 4:30 pm General Meeting, June 9, 6 pm Veteran Committee, June 23, 5 pm

Any member, in good standing, is welcome to attend any meeting held at Lodge 188. To attend the General Meeting, please bring your member ID card.

News from Lodge Secretary

Victoria Doughty

Summer is coming, and I am looking forward to working in my gardens, going to the beach, and just sitting on my deck, enjoying the sun, cooking out at the barbecue, and of course enjoying the sun and friendship of family and friends.

Our membership is growing, on May 12 we initiated eight new members, please welcome Mary Toppi, Melissa Dadiego, Stephen Bailey, Kelly Curry, Christine Dulac, Jennifer Noyes, Victoria Saniuk, and Brian Bailey when you see them in the lodge.

For those members who have not paid their dues for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, or if you are not sure if they have been paid, there are a couple of ways you can do so. If you want to pay them with a credit card, you can call the office and we can do it over the phone. The best time to reach me is on a Wednesday or Friday between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. Otherwise just call and we can set up an appointment, or you can come into the Lodge on any Wednesday or Friday. The doors open at 3:00 pm.

One final thought, I would like to remind our Portland Elk's Members that when you are signing a guest in, you as the member are responsible for completing the sign-in register, not your guest. You need to fill out all the lines on the register.

With the summer months here, you will be seeing Elk visitors from other states and lodges, so please make them welcome!

Wishing you a safe and happy summer, enjoy the company of each other, family, and friends!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Front row (I-r): Christine Dulac, Kelly Perry, Melissa Dadiego, Victoria Saniuk

Back row (I-r): Sam Bailey, Jennifer Noyes, Brian Bailey, Mary Toppi

Veteran's Committee

Willie Goodman, Chairperson

Honoring Our Commitment to Veterans – A Year in Review and A Look Ahead

Our committee proudly upheld the Elks' solemn pledge:

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Through dedication and heartfelt service, we supported our local veterans in meaningful ways. Here's a look at what we accomplished together:

- Served a hearty breakfast for veterans in our community
- Provided a full Thanksgiving meal to show our gratitude
- Celebrated the season by bringing Christmas cheer to veterans at the Scarborough Veterans Home
- Sponsored Christmas gifts and support for two local veteran families
- Helped four veterans transition into new homes after experiencing homelessness
- Qualified for the Freedom Grant, which we directed toward Maine Paws for Veterans, a wonderful local organization supporting veterans

We take immense pride in recognizing and giving back to those who have bravely served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Looking Ahead

We're excited to continue our mission with several events already in the works for the upcoming year:

- A Veterans Breakfast
- A day at the ballpark at a Sea Dogs Baseball game
- A memorable Thanksgiving Dinner
- We'll apply for the Freedom Grant to support a local veteran-focused program







Portland Elks Lodge #188 Invites

All Veterans

to the Annual

FLAG CEREMONY & BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 14, 2025
9:00 am Flag Day Ceremony
9:30 am Complimentary Buffet Breakfast
1945 Congress Street, Portland

RSVP: 207.773.7396, ext 1, or sign up in the Lounge no later than June 6.



June 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	House Committee 5:30 pm	Bingo 9am-3 pm	Card Games 5:30 pm Activity Co pm	5	Card Games 6 pm	7
8	9 Trustees 4:30 pm General Mtg 6 pm	Bingo 9am-3 pm	Card Games 5:30 pm	12	Card Games 6 pm	14 Flag Day Ceremony & Brkfst 9 am
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16	Bingo 9am-3 pm	Card Games 5:30 pm	19	Card Games 6 pm Band 7:30- 10 pm	21
22	Veteran Committee 5 pm	Bingo 9am-3 pm	Card Games 5:30 pm	26 Member BBQ 4-7 pm	Card Games 6 pm	28
29	30					

Kim Toppi, Chair



Queen of Hearts

Queen of Hearts is a game of chance at Lodge 188. Raffle tickets are for sale every Wednesday and Friday evening in the lounge. Weekly drawing takes place Friday evenings at the conclusion of the 3-Card Challenge.

Game is for Lodge 188 MEMBERS ONLY. You do not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are \$5 for 5 tickets. Pot grows each week until the Queen of Hearts is revealed. Pot as of May 16 is more than \$19,000!!!



MEET OUR VOLUNTEER.....BRENDA FARRIS

I joined the Elk's about two years ago. As I was looking toward retirement, I knew I wanted to do some volunteer work, as I felt my life was very blessed and I wanted an opportunity to give back in some way. When I would attend Friday night events at the Elk's with friends, I heard about the many community events and donations made to various charities, and I knew this was the place to fulfill my volunteering.



I volunteer in the Bingo kitchen, which has afforded me the opportunity to meet old friends who attend Bingo, make new friends with those who attend

and those who volunteer. I also have volunteered for the hoop shoot and the recent hoop shoot breakfast, as well as donating as I am able to the various holiday gift baskets.. Lastly, I was newly installed as the Lecturing Knight.

I am "from away", born in Connecticut, but have lived in several locations in Maine and New Hampshire, graduating from Waterville High School and the University of Maine in Farmington. I have a 32 year old daughter, who is the light of my life and I am blessed to have as my neighbor.

I recently retired from Unum after 25 years, prior to that I was a middle school teacher and a checkout manager at Shaw's. Now that I am retired, in addition to being an active member of the Elk's, I have become one of those Pickleball addicts. I love the game and all the wonderful new friends I have made. I also enjoy adventures with my long time girlfriends.



Friday, May 30

L odge 188 L ounge

D inner: 5-6:30 pm

Chinese theme dinner menu in the L ounge!



Tuesday, July 1, Doors Open 8 AM

1945 Congress St, Portland

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$4,000+ \$40 Super BIG BANG Bingo Package

Paper Sales start at 8:30 am Games at 12 noon

PULL

TABS

50/50

Super Bingo with larger payouts!

Kitchen open 8:30—2PM for breakfast, and lunch with special BBQ items.





Lifetime Boosters

In Honor/Memory Of

Ronald W. Allen Lester Armstrong

Jim Augur Don Bodin, Jr. Ken Carle

Ralph Castelucci Dominic Distasio Henry "Skip" Doughty

John Paul Dumas

Percy Farr

Arlene Fenderson Archie L'Heureux

Catherine McDonough
John Milton

Will Mulkern

Don

Seymour Nathanson

Sterling Parker Kathryn Paquette Elizabeth Smith William Smith

Allen "Bud" St. Pierre

Bob Stokinger Harry Winger

Elk "Booster"

Natalie Armstrong

Mary Augur

George Anderson Pauline Murphy Sharon Castelucci Mary Distasio Doughty Family

Victoria and Skip Doughty

Carlene Farr Linda Lincoln L'Heureux Family Millie McDonough

Beth Milton
Irene Mulkern
Pauline Murphy
Elliott Nathanson
Janice Parker
Carl Paquette
The Smith Family
Timothy Smith
Tim & Liz Smith
Gladys Stokinger

Becoming a Booster is a way to recognize family members and friends that are important to you. The cost is \$10 for one year, or become a Lifetime Booster for \$100. If you would like to become a Booster, fill out form below and return with check to: Portland Elks Lodge, 1945B Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102, attn: Lodge Secretary.

NAME	In Honor/Memory of:
Booster type: Yearly (\$10)	Lifetime (\$100)



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Newsletter submission: if you have info to share or if you attend a Member Event and take photos that could be included in an upcoming newsletter, please email to Kim Toppi, Newsletter Editor, ktoppi@maine.rr.com for consideration. Thank you!

Lodge/Lounge Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday Bingo ONLY

Wednesday 3pm—9 pm

Thursday Closed

Friday 3pm—11pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

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