

September 2026



Message from ER Joe Winschel

To our Officers and Members:

We are having a wonderful summer so far. Hope that you all had a chance to spend some time enjoying your favorite summertime activities.

I had the opportunity to spend the day with veterans from the Maine Veterans Home as we greeted them at Hadlock Field for a day of baseball. It was such a pleasure to see how much these veterans appreciated the outing with the members of our Veterans Committee. This was all made possible through a grant from the Elks National Foundation.

The first week of August the Ellsworth Lodge held the State meeting with President Kip and First Lady Donna Clark attending. President and First Lady's were treated very well by Exalted Ruler Lori Palmer. They had a wonderful buffet Italian themed dinner followed by a band playing well into the night along with the 11 O'clock toast.

The President and First Lady will be visiting our lodge on September 18 and 19. Kim McDonough has planned a plaid themed band for Friday night, and then a country Maine cocktail party for Saturday night. On Saturday, I have secured a tour of the Victorian Mansion to begin at 1:00 P.M. If interested, please notify either Kim McDonough or myself if you plan on attending. The cost of the tour is \$14 per person.

Finally, I have nominated Tammy Walker for the Elk of the Month. Tammy has faithfully volunteered at Bingo every Tuesday and assists in other areas when needed. She is very personable and enjoys the time that she spends with Bingo regulars as well as the Elk volunteers. Congratulations Tammy on this well-deserved recognition.

State President Visit

On September 18 and 19, our new State President and First Lady will visit Portland Lodge 188.

Full details on page 5 and 6.

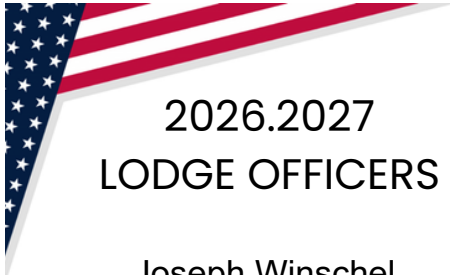
September Children Cancer Awareness Month

All Elk Lodges in Maine will be fundraising in September to support the Maine Children's Cancer Program. See page 9 and how you can support our Lodge's effort.

Remembering Kristie Durgin Past Exalted Ruler

11/14/52- 7/17/26

See full story on page 4



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LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel
Exalted Ruler

Joan Howard
Esteemed Leading Knight

Paul Poore
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Martha Binette
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Victoria Doughty
Secretary

Charleen Durgin
Treasurer

Lorraine Taylor
Chaplain

Stephanie Ingraham
Esquire

Gary Littlefield
Tiler

Robert Pomerleau
Soloist

Kimberly Toppi
Trustee (1 year)

Gary Rairdon
Trustee (2 years)

Joan Harmon
Trustee (3 years)

Barbara Hebert
Trustee (4 years)

Timothy Smith
Trustee (5 years)



Lodge 188 Monthly Meetings

House Committee	August 31	5:00 pm
Trustee Committee	September 14	4:30 pm
General Meeting	September 14	6:00 pm
Activity Committee	September 9	2:00 pm
Veteran Committee	September 28	5:00 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.

September Observances

September 7	Labor Day
September 11	National Day of Service
September 21	Yom Kippur
September 22	First Day of Autumn
September 29	VFW Day

Lodge 188 Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday Bingo ONLY
Wednesday 3pm—9 pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 3pm—11pm
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

Lodge open for private events, when scheduled.

Lodge Main Number
207.773.7396

Lodge Fax
207.773.3582

Secretary
Vickey Doughty, 207.773.6939

General Manager
Kim McDonough, 207.838.4386

Meet Our Volunteers... Barbara Hebert



My husband Dan was a member, and I enjoyed going to the club and meeting new people and I wanted to be able to volunteer, so I joined. I like volunteering as it keeps me busy and like the feeling of accomplishment

I was elected as a Trustee last year. I have helped with the craft fair, collecting for the 3-card challenge, feeding the homeless in Deering Oaks, and help putting bags together for the nursing homes.

Married to my husband Dan for 32 years. I grew up in South Portland, graduated from Saint Josephs College in Standish 46 years ago. When I was in college I had lunch with Caroline Kennedy. We live in Gray during the Winter and spend our summers at Wassamki Springs Campground with our Shih Tzu Benji.

I've worked at the Hannaford corporate office for 35 years. Dan and I love to take cruises and just booked one to Scandinavia for next year. We also like to spend time in Florida with Dan's parents. We love traveling to North Conway every winter with friends.

We are season ticket holders with the Maine State Music Theater in Brunswick and are members of their Sustainers club. I also love to play Bingo, do crafting and go to paint classes.

Remembering Kristie Durgin

Kristie Joyce Twombly Durgin, 73, of Westbrook, passed away peacefully from cancer on July 17, 2026 with her children by her side.

Throughout her life, Kristie embraced many different careers, but her time at InterMed held a special place in her heart. She was very creative and spent much of her time knitting, quilting, doing puzzles and researching genealogy and history. Music filled her home and her heart, and she rarely passed up an opportunity to dance.

Kristie was a member of Portland Elks Lodge 188 and held several positions and served on numerous committees. She began her officer responsibilities as Lodge Secretary. She served as Exalted Ruler from 2011-2013, and then again from 2017-2019. During her tenure the Lodge underwent a major renovation, and hired Kim McDonough as general manager.

Kristie will be remembered for her kindness, her wonderful sense of humor, and her generous, caring spirit. Her radiant smile, contagious laughter, and infectious energy brought comfort and happiness to everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. She had a remarkable way of making people feel welcomed, loved, and cared for, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 1:00 pm. to 4:00 pm at the Portland Elks Lodge. Family and friends are warmly invited to gather to share memories, dance and celebrate Kristie's life.





News from Lodge Secretary, Victoria Doughty

At the August 10 General Meeting, Sherry Clark, nominated by Richard Murray, and Jason Manley, nominated by John Pappas were elected for initiation into Lodge 188. They along with Matthew Ferrante, Lisa Anne Mahan, and Emily Hilton will be initiated at the General Meeting on September 14.

Just to remind hyou all, any member in good standing may attend any General Meeting. It is a good place to keep informed on all that is going on in our Lodge. Lodge meetings start at 6 pm sharp, and it is recommended you arrive by 5:45 pm. Doors are locked at 6 pm and no one is allowed to enter once meeting starts.

My office recently sent out reminder notices to those members who are delinquent in paying their 2026/2027 dues. I received many responses and we appreciate your letting us know your intentions. The office will again send out notices or make phone calls in the next moth to those still delinquent.

If you have any questions regarding our dues, you can reach me at 207.773.7396 or stop into the office on a Wednesday or Friday night.



Most Valuable Student SCHOLARSHIP

Applications now open!

CONNECT • LEAD • SERVE

Apply if you are:

- A current high school senior
- A United States citizen
- Planning to attend a four-year undergraduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university



The scholarship application for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship is now open!

The Elks National Foundation awards 500 scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$30,000 over four years. No relation to an Elks member is necessary to apply.

With this scholarship. students gain more than just financial aid-they gain an appreciation of service a network like-minded peers, and an Elks family for life.

Eligibility requirements and other details are at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>



Message from General Manager, Kim McDonough

Fall is upon us, which is hard to believe.

It is also hard to believe I have been working at the Elks lodge for nine years! Additionally, DJ Bobby Queen has as well. He stuck with us and has been super supportive as our steady Friday night DJ/Karaoke guy. He has decided to take a break, focusing on private events, but will still be part of the new rotation. I can't thank him enough for all that he has done for our Lodge over the past years.

We will be alternating DJ's and having an occasional band. Please support the entertainment! Feel free to bring in your guests for a fun night out - who knows, they may even decide to become a member.

Check out the Calander on the Activity page for the Friday night entertainment schedule.

Our food and beverage department is now fully licensed to cater offsite events, including alcohol service.

Our best advertising are our members, so please let people know we are fully licensed to cater, and we can also deliver in the greater Portland area. Any inquiries should be directed to me, at 207.838.4386. I'm happy to talk with anyone interested in what we have to offer.

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, IN THE LOUNGE

State President Visits

Doors open at 3 pm

Dinner is from 4:30 pm - 6 pm

Card Game is 6-7:30

Band Plays from 7:30 - 10:30



Plaid Dad's Theme

- **PRIZES GIVEN FOR BEST PLAID OUTFITS**
- **PLAID DAD'S BAND WITH INTERMISSION FOR RAFFLES**
- **BRING YOUR GUEST FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENING**



ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026

Country Maine Cocktail Party
IN THE BALLROOM

Tickets will be on sale in the Lounge starting
August 1st, or call 207.838.4386

Buffet is from 5:30 pm - 7:00pm

Buffet is \$25.00 per person, which includes:

- Charcuterie Display
- Shrimp Cocktail Shooters
- Crab Rangoon Dip
- Assorted Sliders
- Desserts and More



Later that night

COUNTRY ROAD BAND

IF YOU OPT OUT OF DINNER, DOORS
WILL OPEN AT 7:00 PM FOR MEMBERS
AND GUESTS. PLEASE CALL 838.4386 TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

- BAND AND CASH BAR ONLY
- 50/50 AND DOOR PRIZES WILL BE
IN THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



PORTLAND ELKS LODGE 188

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

SAVOR OUR SIGNATURE CHICKEN POT PIE!

**ORDER DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 11**



**PICK UP PIES
SEPTEMBER 25**

Chicken Pot Pie Sale

Our signature Chicken Pot Pie is made with a flaky buttery crust, roasted chicken breast meat, potatoes, carrots, peas and a savory chicken gravy. Pies are unbaked and frozen.....instructions included on how to bake right from your freezer.

\$16 7" FROZEN PIE

\$22 9" FROZEN PIE

NAME _____ PHONE _____

CC# _____ EXP DATE _____ CVV _____

ZIP CODE FOR CC _____

_____ 7" PIE @ \$16

_____ 9" PIE @ \$22

TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL DUE\$ _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID TO KIM TOPPI. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PORTLAND ELKS LODGE 188,
OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD, CASH, OR VENMO @KIM-TOPPI. MAIL TO: PORTLAND ELKS 188,
ATTN: K TOPPI, 1945B CONGRESS ST, PORTLAND, ME 04102 OR CALL 207.329.0845.

ACTIVITY NEWS

Kim Toppi, Committee Chair



Fall is a busy time of year for the Activity Committee, and it's when we call on volunteers to help out. If you're interested in volunteering for any of the following, please speak with Kim Toppi (207.329.0845):

September 20-25: make Chicken Pot Pies (days and times vary)

October 11-16: bake candies, cookies, breads, etc for Craft Fair

October 17: work at Harvest Craft & Bake Sale, 8 am - 4 pm (times vary depending on where assigned)

October 25: Kid's Halloween Party - set up, run activities, clean up

Upcoming Events

September 4, 11, 25

DJ Stacey in the Lounge
Music + Karaoke

September 4

School Supply Donations Due

September 11

Chicken Pot Pies Due

September 18

Plaid Dads Band in the Lounge
following card games

September 19

Country Roads Cocktail Party +
Dance



Once a month volunteers from Lodge 188 serve lunch to the homeless population in Deering Oaks park with funds from the ENF Spotlight Grant.

If you would like to volunteer for our OCTOBER 10 lunch service, please speak with Kim Toppi. It's only four hours out of your day, but means the world to the 60+ men and women that we feed.



Elroys for MCCC

September is Children's Cancer Awareness month and all Maine Elk's lodges will be fundraising for the Maine Children's Cancer Program.

First I want to thank everyone who supports our MCCC committee with buying everything from the Elroy's to Christmas stockings, Easter Eggs, Valentine hearts, and also the "Clynk" bags you take and fill..... The Portland Lodge will be selling Elroy's to hang on the wall for \$5.00. We are also selling raffle tickets for a frame filled with lottery scratch tickets and a \$50.00 bill, to be drawn on September 30. Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each. Any help you can give will be so greatly appreciated.

Martha Binette
MCCC chair

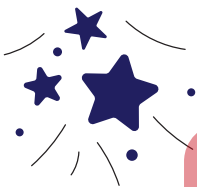


MAINE ELKS ASSOCIATION CALENDAR WINNERS

JULY 2026

Susasn Smythe - \$100

Susan Willy - \$25



Weekly Happenings



BINGO

Every Tuesday, doors open 8 am, ticket sales 10 am, games 12 noon.



Dinner

Dinner available every Wednesday and Friday evenings beginning at 4:30 pm. Watch for the weekly blast.



3 Card Challenge

Every Wednesday games at 5:30 pm
Every Friday games start at 6 pm



Music

DJ's play music every Friday immediately following card games!



Queen of Hearts

Drawing every Friday immediately following card games, approximately 7:30 pm. Purchase tickets Wednesday or Friday night.



Elks Activity Committee **School**

Supply Drive



COLLECTION TIME
12 AUGUST - 4 SEPTEMBER

LYSETH SCHOOL, PORTLAND
AMANDA ROWE SCHOOL, PORTAND
JAMES RUSSELL SCHOOL, GRAY

Lets fill the School Bus in the Lodge.....pencils, pens, glue sticks, sticky note pads, crayons, markers, composition books, scissors, construction paper, snacks, etc etc

Don't want to shop? Cash donations may be given to Kim Toppi, or send through Venmo to Kim-Toppi.

SERVING VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY



Our Lodge Veterans Committee has been busy over the summer.

For the second month they delivered snacks to the Portland VA Center on Commercial Street. With funds from the ENF Gratitude Grant, the goal is to deliver snacks every month this year.

In late July, the Committee treated a group of veterans and their caregivers to a Portland Sea Dogs game, with lunch included. This is due in part to funds from the ENF Freedom Grant.





UNISEX COTTON TEE;
SIZES SMALL - 4X
COLOR: HEATHER
INDIGO OR SAGE
\$13



UNISEX GARMET DYED
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT
SIZES: SMALL-4X
COLOR: ISLAND
GREEN
\$25



MICROPIQUE SPORT
-WICK® POLO
SIZES: S-6XL
COLOR: TRUE RED
\$30



UNISEX HEAVY BLEND
SWEATSHIRT
SIZES: SMALL-3X
COLOR: HEATHER
DARK GREEN OR
MAROON
\$28

ELKS LODGE 188 SHIRT SALE

PRE-PAY FOR ORDER, CLOTHING DELIVERED TO LODGE.
SUBMIT PAYMENT, CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO PORTLAND ELKS LODGE
188, AND FORM TO KIM TOPPI BY OCTOBER 1.

**ALL SHIRTS IMPRINTED WITH PORTLAND ELKS LODGE 188 LOGO: ALL
WHITE ON DARK COLORS, NAVY BLUE ON LIGHT COLORS**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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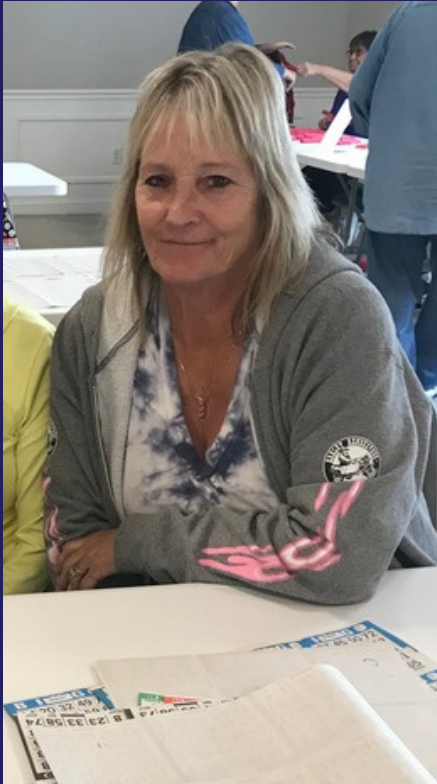
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___ UNISEX COTTON TEE @ \$13	SIZE: ___	COLOR: ___	\$ ___
___ LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT @ \$25	SIZE: ___	COLOR: ___	\$ ___
___ UNISEX SWEATSHIRT @ \$28	SIZE: ___	COLOR: ___	\$ ___
___ MEN'S POLO @ \$30	SIZE: ___		\$ ___

TOTAL DUE\$ _____



ELK OF THE MONTH TAMMY WALKER



Congratulations, for being selected as Elk of the Month for September.

The award, selected by the Exalted Ruler, is given to a member of our lodge who either goes above and beyond in their duty to our lodge or exemplifies Elkdome in their actions.



Charity Friendship Community



Lifetime Boosters

In Honor/Memory Of

Ronald W. Allen
Lester Armstrong
Jim Augur
Don Bodin, Jr.
Ken Carle
William Cornish
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
Harold Tucker
Harry Winger

Elk "Booster"

Natalie Armstrong
Mary Augur
George Anderson
Pauline Murphy
Dana Staples
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
Carole Gillespie

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) _____