

General Meeting, April 27, 6 pm - final vote on budget
Friday, May 1- Derby Hat Contest in the Lounge
Wednesday, May 6, Cinco de Mayo menu in the Lounge



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Dear Members and Officers,

Welcome back all you snowbirds. I am almost certain that you were expecting warmer weather here in Maine. Hang in there, the weather can change in a minute!!

The trustees of our lodge have approved a budget for our 2026-27 fiscal year which was read at our first meeting in April to the members present. This was an opportunity for our members to present any questions on the budget to our trustees. After a brief discussion, it was moved to present this budget at our second meeting on April 27 for final approval by the members. Members are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting to vote on this budget.



Also, the officers of the Sanford Elks lodge assisted the Portland Elks lodge with the installation of officers for the upcoming fiscal year on April 12. This was attended by the officers and trustees of our lodge, the Sanford Elks officers and guests of the installed officers and trustees. A huge thank you goes to the Sanford Elks lodge for their assistance with the installation.

Additionally, I want to thank all of our officers and trustees for their commitment to our lodge in the upcoming year. We will all be working hard toward improving our community, the needs of children and veterans by demonstrating acts of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. I am truly looking forward to another year with our officers and members. We can make a difference.

Finally, I have chosen Sue Briggs for Elk of the Month. You may have seen her in the lounge collecting for the Three Card Challenge or assisting with the Tuesday Bingo lunch or selling tickets. We can always count on Sue when a volunteer is needed and she is always willing to give advice when needed. Thank you Sue for your commitment to the Elks and its mission.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Winschel
Exalted Ruler

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