



MAINE ELKS ASSOCIATION

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“ELKS SHARE, BECAUSE ELKS CARE”

2026 Maine Elks Association 97th State Convention **May 1-3, 2026,** **Bangor Elks Lodge** **#244**

To all Maine Lodges:

The Maine Elks Association 97th Convention will be held at the Bangor Elks Lodge #244 on May 1-3, 2026. We are looking forward to hosting the members and guests of all the lodges from across the great state of Maine. The lodge is located just off I95, exit 182B from the south and exit 183 from the north and will hold all the events of the convention.

Please find enclosed in this packet the registration/meal form, hotel information, a convention agenda, convention book advertising form, and a student award winner/their families meal form. Lodge Secretary, please make copies for your members and read this information at your next Lodge meeting. All forms can also be found on the Maine Elks Association website at maineelks.org

Convention registration deadline will be no later than April 1, 2026. The completed forms should be mailed to the Bangor Elks Lodge #244, 108 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401, Attn: Patty/Convention Committee. Any registrations post-marked after April 1st, 2026. will be charged an additional fifteen (\$15) dollar late fee.

Hotel reservations are handled by the individual. The deadline for hotel reservations is April 1, 2026, for the convention rate. After this date rooms will be returned to the hotel, and the rate may no longer apply.

Convention Booklet Ads, submissions and reports are due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2026**. All photos and reports should be submitted in digital .pdf or .jpeg format. All items related to the Convention Program are to be sent to Joel Marsters at Joel@bangorlettershop.com. Please make all checks payable for meals and advertisements to the “Bangor Elks Lodge #244”. We look forward to seeing everyone at the convention!

RANDY	JOEL	MICHELLE
Randy Bates, ER	Joel Marsters	Michelle Bates
Convention Co-Chair	Convention Book	Convention Co-Chair
207-881-3215	207-945-9311	207-385-5926
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Additional packets can be downloaded at maineelks.org

LODGE DIRECTIONS:

Bangor Elks Lodge #244 is located on 6.4 acres at 108 Odlin Road in Bangor, Maine. We are within one (1) mile of exit 182B south and exit 183 north off Interstate 95.

From North: Take Exit 183 off Interstate 95 and stay to the right at the stop sign. Go to the light at the end of Hammond Street and turn left. We are located on the left right behind the Red Cross.

From South: Take exit 182B, go to the light and turn right. We are ¼ mile on the right before you get to the Red Cross.

LODGING INFORMATION:

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of individuals. The deadline for hotel reservations is April 1, 2026, for the convention group rate. After this date, rooms will return to the hotel and the rate may no longer apply. Be sure to mention you are with the Elks when making your convention reservation to ensure you receive the negotiated rate. Additional hotels in the area include the Fairfield Inn and Quality Inn Bangor Airport, both are located on the Odlin road.

The Bangor Grande is the only hotel providing hospitality rooms. Please text Randy Bates 207-881-3215 if you are interested in hosting a room, there are two rooms available. The first two lodges to contact Randy will get the hospitality rooms. You may need to sign a liability waiver before one can be booked. Please make checks payable to Bangor Elks Lodge for \$195.00 Memo: hospitality rooms.

The Bangor Lodge will provide shuttle service to and from the Lodge/Convention Hotels for attendees that are staying there.

CONVENTION HOTELS:

Bangor Grande: 357 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401 – 207-904-2998 – \$97.01 – This includes the tax rate of 9% Directions: Exits are the same as the Lodge.

Howard Johnson: 336 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401 – 207-942-5251 – \$98.10 – This includes the tax rate of 9% Directions: Exits are the same as the Lodge.

Holiday Inn: 404 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401 – 802-478-0446 - \$162.41 – This includes the tax rate of 9%. Directions: Exits are the same as the Lodge.

Home 2 Suites: 327 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401 – 802-478-0446 - \$182.21 – This includes the tax rate of 9%. Directions: Exits are the same as the Lodge.

YOUTH / STUDENT WINNER HOTEL:

Howard Johnson: 336 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401 – 207-942-5251 – \$98.10 – includes tax rate of 9%. Mention Elks State Convention for negotiated rate. Directions: exits are the same as the Lodge.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this registration and meal form and return with check made payable to "Bangor Elks Lodge #244" and send to 108 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401, Attn: Patty/Convention Committee. Must be postmarked by April 1, 2026, without incurring a \$15.00 late fee. Only one registration form per Elk member. **(Remember an Elk Member CAN NOT be a Guest. Every Elk needs to fill out their own registration form.) Please print legibly.**

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
HOME ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
LODGE NAME & NUMBER	LODGE TITLE
NON-MEMBER GUEST (Include Guest First and Last Name - <i>Remember an Elk Member is NOT a Guest</i>)	

FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME BANQUET

All meals Include 3 sides, appetizers, salad, roll, & dessert

	SELF	GUEST	COST	TOTAL
Beef Tenderloin Au Jus	_____	_____	\$35.00	\$ _____
BBQ Chicken Breast	_____	_____	\$35.00	\$ _____
Vegetable Lasagna	_____	_____	\$35.00	\$ _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON (*Served in the Lounge ~ Noon - 2 pm*)

Ham or Turkey Italian with chips & dessert

	SELF	GUEST	COST	TOTAL
LUNCH (<i>please indicate meat choice</i>)	_____	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT GRANDE BANQUET

All meals Include 3 sides, appetizers, salad, roll, & dessert

	SELF	GUEST	COST	TOTAL
Prime Rib Carving Station	_____	_____	\$45.00	\$ _____
Chicken Cordon Bleu	_____	_____	\$45.00	\$ _____
Manicotti w/Ricotta filling	_____	_____	\$45.00	\$ _____
Chicken Tenders w/fries (school-age guests only)	_____	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____

FRIDAY TOTAL	\$ _____
SATURDAY (Lunch & Banquet) TOTAL	\$ _____
MEMBER REGISTRATION	\$ <u>25.00</u> _____
IF SUBMITTED AFTER APRIL 1, 2026 - ADD LATE FEE OF \$15.00	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

Make all checks payable to: BANGOR ELKS LODGE #244 Memo: Meals

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR CONTEST WINNER AND FAMILY

Please complete this registration and meal reservation form and return with payment to Bangor Elks Lodge, PO Box 108, Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401, Attn: Patty/Convention Committee no later than April 1, 2026. (A separate form needs to be filled out for each guest family)

PLEASE PRINT-THANK YOU

LODGE:	LODGE CONTACT NAME:
<i>(LODGE NAME & NUMBER, I.E., BANGOR #244)</i>	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:
PARENTS:	
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
CHILDREN:	
RECIPIENT LAST NAME:	RECIPIENT FIRST NAME:
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
HOME ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:
CITY:	COMMITTEE:
TELEPHONE:	

THE LODGE SPONSORING A STUDENT WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEAL EXPENSES OF THE STUDENT WINNER'S FAMILY.
THE STUDENT WINNER'S MEAL IS COMPLIMENTS OF THE BANGOR ELKS LODGE, #244.

SATURDAY NIGHT GRANDE BANQUET – MAY 2, 2026

	PRIME RIB CARVING STATION, CHICKEN CORDON BLEU, & MANICOTTI W/ RICOTTA FILLING	BUFFET \$45.00	CHILDREN'S CHICKEN TENDERS \$20.00	TOTAL COST:
PARENT				
PARENT				
CHILD WINNER*				\$0.00
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“ELKS SHARE, BECAUSE ELKS CARE”

To: All Maine Elks Lodges
From: MEA State Convention Committee
Subject: Convention Book Advertising

In an effort to help defray the costs of the MEA State Convention, I am writing to inform you that advertising space is available in the 2026 State Convention Book. Advertising prices are as follows:

- Inside Front Cover \$150.00
- Inside Back Cover \$150.00
- Full Page Ad \$100.00
- Half Page Ad \$50.00
- Quarter Page Ad \$25.00
- Business Card Ad \$20.00

All lodges have been allotted a ½ Page to include a Photo and/or message from the Lodge at no cost. Additional space or larger sizes will be charged at the rates above.

All photos, reports, and advertising should be submitted in either .JPG or PDF (preferred) format and sent to joel@bangorlettershop.com by the March 15, 2026 deadline. He may also be reached at 207-945-9311 for questions.

Please note that all advertising and MEA Final Committee Reports must be received no later than March 15, 2026. This deadline will be held firm so that information can be processed for print production by Joel Marsters.

Please make checks payable to:
Bangor Elks Lodge #244 Memo:
Convention Book Advertising
mail to 108 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401

DIMENSIONS FOR AD SIZES:		QUARTER PAGE 3.5" x 5"
FULL PAGE 7.5" x 10"		
BUSINESS CARD SIZE 3.5" x 2.5"		
HALF PAGE 7.5" x 5"		

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Time	Event	Location	Dress Code
12:00 - 4:00 PM	Registration	Lounge	Casual
12:00 - 4:00 PM	Vendor Exhibit	Lodge	Casual
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Social Hour	Large Hall	Jacket/Tie
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner	Large Hall	Jacket/Tie
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Awards	Large Hall	Jacket/Tie
8:30 - 11:00 PM	Karaoke	Large Hall	Casual

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

Time	Event	Location	Dress Code
8:30 - 9:00 AM	PER Assn Meeting	Small Hall	Jacket/Tie
9:00 - Noon	Vendor Exhibit	Lodge	Casual
9:00 - Noon	Registration	Lounge	Casual
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Trustee Meeting	Small Hall	Jacket/Tie
10:00 - Noon	Business Meeting	Large Hall	Jacket/Tie
Noon - 5:00 PM	Free Time		
Noon	Officer & Committee Photos (Public Relations)	Small Hall	Jacket/Tie
Noon - 2:00 PM	Lunch (pre-buy)	Lounge	Casual
1:00 - 2:00 PM	DD Orientation	Small Hall	Casual
2:00 - 3:00 PM	National Pre-Convention Meeting	Small Hall	Casual
5/5:30 - 6:00 PM	Social Hour	Large Hall	Semi-Formal or Jacket/Tie
6:00 - 9:30 PM	Dinner/Awards	Large Hall	Semi-Formal or Jacket/Tie

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Time	Event	Location	Dress Code
9:00 - 11:00 AM	Memorial Service	Large Hall	Casual
11:00 - 1:00 PM	Officer Installation	Large Hall	Casual

Locations are subject to change—Notice will be given

**EXALTED RULERS: Don't forget your Gold Jewels,
Tuxedo, White Jacket, Black Bow Tie, Black Socks & Black Shoes for Sunday Morning Service**

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TENTATIVE AWARDS AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Award Ceremony to begin at approximately 7:30 PM

Lodge & State Awards

Elks National Foundation, Walter Morrison "Give Me a Dollar" Award

Drug Awareness

Public Relations

Lodge Activities / All American Lodge

Veterans

MCCP

Outstanding District Exalted Rulers

Maroon Nemer Award for Outstanding Committee Chairman

Justin L. Ingersoll Jr. Award for Officer of the Year

Maine Elks Association Elizabeth J. Sicard, Spouse of the Year Award

Maine Elks Association Roland "Duke" Morgan, Elk of the Year Award

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

Award Ceremony to begin at approximately 7:30 PM

Youth Awards

Americanism

Drug Awareness

Youth Activities

Scholarships

State Major Project Check Presentation / MCCP

If your committee needs to order any plaques or presentation gifts, please contact **Andy Constantine**
(207) 852-3525 or email him at: sdgerme@gmail.com before
April 1st, 2026.