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From The Exalted Ruler:

## RI State Elks Convention is April 28,29 &30th

Much has happen since the last Newsletter. Grand Lodge approved the Lodge's No Smoking policy that was enacted because some members did not use designated smoking areas and cigarette butts were deposited "wherever" and not in designated receptacles. This policy is effective as of January 1, 2023.

Twenty Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications where received by the Lodge. These applications were scored by Myself, Margaret Church, Donna Bettencourt, Patti Nenna, Frank Alfano and David Roach The high scorers will be merged with other East District Lodge top scoring applications to select the applicants that move to State level scoring to select the RI students that to move to National level .

The Queen of Hearts winner, (husband and wife), was selected on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The pot was \$32,836 before taxes. They donated a portion to various Lodge programs. We congratulate and thank them for the donation.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus visited the Lodge Special Needs and Children's Christmas parties. Both were well attended and we owe thanks to the Lodge members who made it happen and Most Especially Santa and Mrs. Claus. For all who helped, from Us to You, THANKS.

The 2022-23 Americanism Essay contest on the topic, "What is your American Dream" has ended at the local level. We received over 100 essays from Barrington and Bristol/Warren students. The next step is to form a Scoring Group to identify those essays that will be forwarded to the next scoring level where an essay will be selected for forwarding to the National level. Send me an email if you want to help score these Americanism essays. ([dickdev@aol.com](mailto:dickdev@aol.com).)

The Merrill Raffle is back. It is so named because for years it was conducted at the Merrill Lounge in East Providence. The details will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We have over 2000 Lodge members at this time. From such a large number we should expect more of you at a Lodge meeting and more seeking to join and participate in one of the many Lodge Committees and even eventually Chair one.

Consider attending RI State Elks Convention

Yours in Elkdome  
Dick Devault, ER

# Secretary's Message – January

*Fellow Elks,*

*Happy NEW YEAR members all!! Very shortly the Lodge will be sending out notices to all members for your 2023-2024 membership dues. The Elks fraternal year begins on APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> and dues must be paid in advance of that date.*

*I urge you to wait until you receive your notice before sending in any money, as we are still handling some current year dues. The process of sending out dues notices, receiving and recording funds, printing and assembling membership cards and mailing out the membership cards is an enormous task for a Lodge of over 2,000 members. Help will be needed in the secretary's office on Sunday mornings beginning in February to assemble the membership cards and prepare for mailing out to the membership. Please send an email to [bpoe1860@aol.com](mailto:bpoe1860@aol.com), if you would like to help.*

*Fraternally,  
Jeff Brackett, PER  
Lodge Secretary*

## ADDITIONS TO WAITING LIST

*The following applications for membership have been added to the waiting list:*

- |                    |                                |                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 89. Anthony August | 90. Maryann Bishop             | 91. Jim Grant                |
| 92. Laurel Curtis  | 93. Lance David Conte          | 94. Heather Macy             |
| 95. Jessica Denny  | 96. Christopher Andrew O'Brien | 97. John Penatzer (Transfer) |
| 98. Norman Swift   | 99. Kris Larson                |                              |

## **NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS DUES INCREASE FOR 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**Regular Member Dues - \$110  
Life Member Dues - \$55**

*Please wait to receive billing notice before sending in dues payments*

***We will continue to use the new billing system that will allow members to pay their dues online with a credit card. A small convenience fee will be charged by the third party collection agency that will be accepting your credit card payment. Members can continue to mail in a check for their dues or stop in the lodge and pay by cash or check. We will not be accepting credit card payments at the Lodge for dues.***



Exalter Ruler presents  
Lodge Donation to  
Santa at his new Bristol  
State Street House

**THE HOUSE RULE CHANGE REGARDING  
SMOKING/VAPING THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE  
MEMBERSHIP AT THE OCTOBER 10th, 2022  
MEETING HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GRAND  
LODGE AND WILL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1st, 2023.**

**SMOKING/VAPING IS PROHIBITED ON ANY LODGE  
PROPERTY, INDOORS OR OUTDOORS.**

Penalties for violating this rule are as follows:

- 1st Offense- 1-month suspension of club privileges
- 2nd Offense- 6-month suspension of club privileges
- 3rd Offense- 1-year suspension of club privileges

**MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
THEIR GUESTS AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME  
PENALTIES IF THEIR GUESTS VIOLATE THIS RULE.**

### *Sickness and Distress*

**Our sympathy to the family of members  
R. Gary Clark , Kathryn Grimo and George Bolton**

*Sometimes we fail to mention someone who is in the hospital or sick. To keep all our of  
members updated, please all me at 401-935-5966 or email me at [ahozempa@gmail.com](mailto:ahozempa@gmail.com).*

*Thank you! -Aggie Hozempa*

### **YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*The Board of Directors proposed meeting schedule is as follows:*

<i>January 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>After the scheduled meeting – discuss 2023 officers</i>
<i>January 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>On call if needed</i>
<i>February 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7 pm Planning Meeting for 2023</i>
<i>February 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7 pm Nomination of Officers for 2023</i>

*Rick Baccus, [rickbaccus@cox.net](mailto:rickbaccus@cox.net) cell 401.413.6281*





**RISEA Convention**  
**April 28, 29, 30, 2023**  
**Eastham, Cape Cod, MA**

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**Come join the fun!**

**Shop - Tour - Dine - Relax**  
**Fun by the pool**

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**Awards ♦ Memorial Service**  
**Business meetings (*optional*)**  
**Installation of RISEA Officers**  
**Dinner Reception**

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**Includes**  
**Two-night stay**  
**Breakfast Saturday & Sunday**  
**Saturday night banquet**  
**Open Bar: Friday & Saturday nights**  
**(*Thursday April 27 optional*)**

**For Registration Form**  
**see your Lodge Secretary or**  
**email [Lahalleck@yahoo.com](mailto:Lahalleck@yahoo.com)**



# Rhode Island State Elks Association

## 2023 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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Extra Night      Thursday Night      (\$150.00) \_\_\_\_\_      Sunday Night (\$150.00) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: The Association will be charged by the hotel for additional occupants staying in your room; therefore, you will be charged by the Association to cover the cost.

**Total Cost \$** \_\_\_\_\_      **Less Deposit \$** \_\_\_\_\_      **Balance Due \$** \_\_\_\_\_

The Credentials Committee needs the following information to facilitate your registration

### Member Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title as of April 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Make Checks Payable To:

**Rhode Island State Elks Association**

Please Mail This Entire Form and Check To:

**Jerry Halleck**  
**6 Sooners Lane**  
**Coventry, RI 02816-5266**

We look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding Convention once again this year.

Fraternally,

Tom Kraemer, PSP

Board of Trustees Chairman

Donna Warner, SVP

Convention Chairman

Jerry Halleck, PSP

Housing Chairman

Lesley Halleck

Credentials Chairman

FOR THOSE WITH THURSDAY RESERVATIONS YOU MAY BE GIVEN A DIFFERENT ROOM OTHER THAN THE ONE ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THURSDAY, AT THE HOTELS DISCRETION AND YOU WILL BE MOVED TO YOUR ASSIGNED ROOM FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS



# Rhode Island State Elks Association

## 2023 State Convention

Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Four Points Sheraton  
3800 Route 6, Eastham, Massachusetts

Package Plans:                      \$500.00 per Couple                      \$440 Single  
Extra Night (s) ***within the package plan*** is an additional \$150.00 per night tax included.

The package includes Registration, Two Nights' Accommodations, Two Full American Breakfast Buffets (Saturday & Sunday) and the Saturday Evening Installation Banquet. Breakfast tickets will be collected at the breakfast buffet.

Deposit due by February 1, 2023. Balance due by March 1, 2023 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Cancellations made before March 1, 2023 will receive a full refund. No refunds for cancellations after March 1, 2023.

All room assignments are made by the Housing Chairman, **NOT** the hotel. If you have a major problem with your room assignment, contact the housing chairman, **NOT** the desk clerk. The desk clerk cannot change room assignments without the approval of the housing committee.

The Credentials Committee will assign tables for Grand Lodge, as well as the State Association outgoing and incoming State Presidents and Guest Speaker. This will require that the previous mentioned individuals indicate to the Chairman, prior to the convention what seating arrangements they need. The remaining tables will be open seating.

All attendees are required to wear their Convention Badges while in the hospitality area in order to receive service for beverages. This will be controlled by the Exalted Rulers and the Convention Committee.

Housing Chairman,



Jerry Halleck, PSP  
Leo Blanchette, SD, Advisor



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## BROADWAY MERRILL AT THE ELKS LODGE

THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION WILL BE HOSTING THE RAFFLE IN **2023** ON:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**2:00 TO 5:00 PM**

**DISCOUNT TICKET SPECIAL IS AVAILABLE UNTIL 2:30 (\$25 OF TICKETS FOR \$20).**

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## Queen of Hearts Update

Congratulations to Bristol Elks members **Brian and Kerry Travers** for winning the Queen of Hearts drawing! They found the Queen of Hearts inside of envelope # 52 and collected the \$32,836 Jackpot.



The Lodge's portion of this amazing raffle will go to local Bristol Elks charity funds, including Veterans, Scholarships, Special Needs, Children's, Drug Awareness, Youth Sports, and our Building Funds. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all Elks members who participated in the drawing over the past 39 weeks. We will start a new game in the Spring. **Let's do it again in 2023!**



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