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## February - Bristol County Lodge # 1860 Vol. 18 #2

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### *My fellow Elks*

*As you know the Elks is a community minded organization that supports youth with scholarships, sports related events, an Americanism essay contest and a Drug Awareness program. It is also dedicated to supporting Veterans and Special Needs individuals. Our Lodge through the East Bay Cares Program supports local food banks and individual families in need You Say, I know and that is good. Thus, I remind you that when you receive your dues notice that the aforementioned Committees and others will be listed asking for you to support them with a donation. It will also ask you to support the Elks National Foundation which provides scholarships, supports veterans as well as the charitable efforts at the local level, Bristol's East Bay Program is an example of ENF supporting implementation of a local program with an ENF Grant. Again please consider donating to a Lodge program or programs of your choice that you see on the Dues Notice.*

*I have completed 10 months as your Exalted Ruler but have not had much feedback on how you feel the Lodge is doing. I am sure you are aware that we are a No Smoking/Vaping Lodge and Membership is limited to 2000 members. I am equally sure you are familiar with Vic's Harborside and the great food that is served. This said, there may be other things on your mind that I don't know. I would like to hear from you regarding the many Committees that include Americanism Essay, Community Activities, Drug Awareness, Elks National Foundation (Have You Donated), Golf, Hoop Shoot and our Public Affairs effort.. I ask that you forward your thoughts via email to [dickdev@aol.com](mailto:dickdev@aol.com) ("Member Feedback" in subject line or leaving a copy in Secretary/Treasurer office). I will share what I receive from you in the March Newsletter.*

*Sincerely  
Dick Devault, ER*

# Secretary's Message – February

Fellow Elks,

Dues notices for 2023-2024 will be mailed out this month using the new Grand Lodge Billing system which allows for credit card payments online. If you do not receive yours, please contact the secretary's office and leave a message. The amount due this year for Regular Members is \$110 and Life Members is \$55. We have also sent out a final notice to all delinquent members informing them that their membership will be terminated if we do not hear from them. A quick reminder about Life Membership. Life Membership is not automatic. The member must have 30 years of membership and there is no longer an age restriction. The member must also be in good standing at the time and he must submit his request in writing. The request must also be published in our newsletter and approved by the membership on the floor to become effective. If you have any questions regarding these procedures please contact the secretary's office and we will be happy to assist you.

Fraternally,

Jeff Brackett, PER, Lodge Secretary

## ADDITIONS TO THE WAITING LIST

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

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 100. Paul Bolduc          | 103. Thomas O'Shaughnessy |
| 101. Laura Orrell         | 104. Samantha Currie      |
| 102. Christopher Sebilian | 105. Linda Dias           |

## **NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

### **DUES INCREASE**

**DUES 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 utilizing 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.***

**HELP NEEDED SUNDAY MORNINGS TO ASSIST WITH  
PROCESSING OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS -Contact secretary  
Jeff Brackett at [bpoe1860@aol.com](mailto:bpoe1860@aol.com) if you would like to help**

**Monday , February 13– Meeting/NOMINATIONS 7pm**

**Monday, February 27 - Meeting/ELECTIONS 7pm**

## **BRISTOL ELKS #1860 2023 GAS/FUEL OIL RAFFLE!!!**

BRISTOL COUNTY ELKS announces the GAS/FUEL OIL Raffle! Tickets are \$10.00 each. What could you win??

**\$1,000.00 OF GAS OR FUEL OIL!!**

A limited number of tickets will be sold so your odds of winning are GREAT! The drawing will be held once all the tickets are sold, so don't delay!!! Get your ticket today!

Tickets can be purchased at the Bristol Elks Lodge or Bristol Police Station. All proceeds to benefit:

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You do not need to be present at the drawing to win.

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Exalted Ruler for a day

"I want to make a statement," said Jim Speroni of Cumberland, RI, grabbing a mic and waving a fistful of bills — \$175 worth, to be exact.

He had just won the day's final drawing at a "Meat Raffle" one recent Saturday at Elks Lodge 1860 in Bristol, RI.

"I'd like to give this money back to the Elks" he bellowed over a scratchy loudspeaker.

The crowded room, every table filled, broke into applause.

"On one condition," he added. "I want permission for a day to park in the Exalted Ruler's space."

"Just name the day!" said Exalted Ruler Dick Devault of Bristol.

And so the deal was sealed.



## ***Sickness and Distress***

Our sympathy to the family of members Peter De Tora and Michael Byrnes.  
Our sympathy to member Herman Martin for the loss of his mother Angie Martin.  
Our sympathy to Michael Clancy and Joseph Sousa for the loss of their father-in-law Edward Almeida. Get well Wayne Nicolau

*Sometimes we fail to mention someone who is in the hospital or sick. To keep all of our members updated, please call 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:  
February 6 th - 7 pm Planning Meeting for 2023  
February 13 th – 7 pm Nomination of Officers for 2023  
February 27 th – 7 pm Election of Officers for 2023*

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



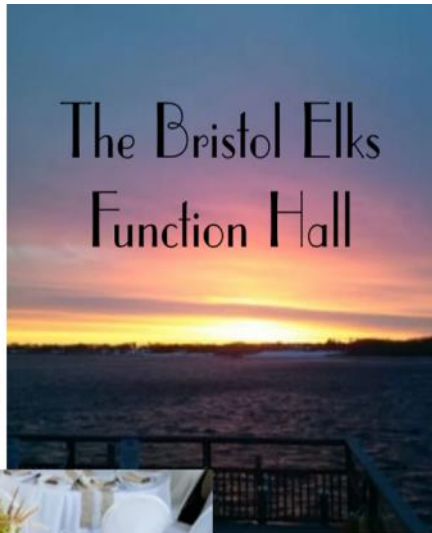


## HOUSE HAPPENINGS

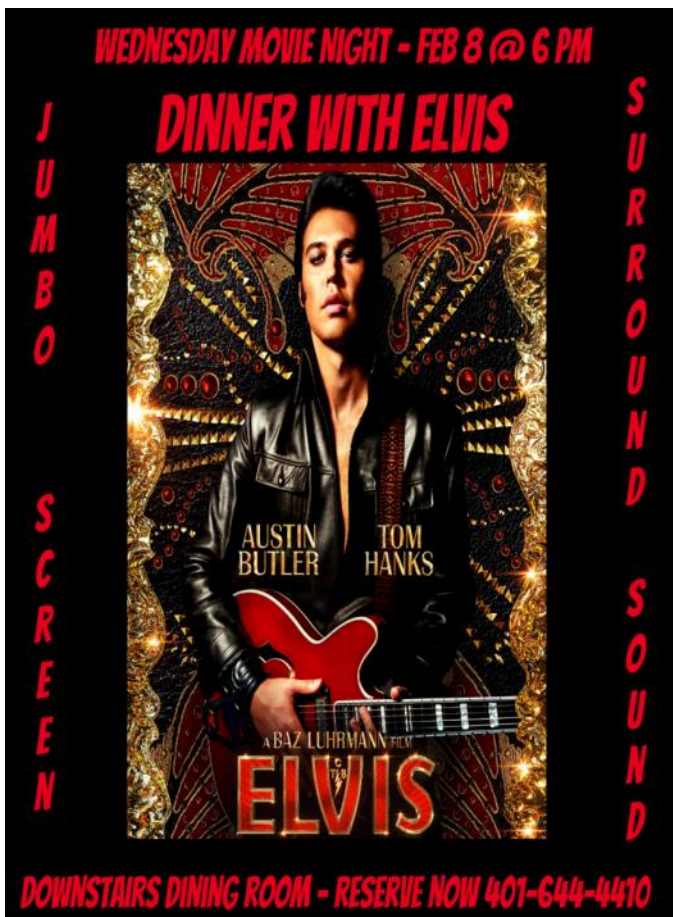
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THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION WILL BE HOSTING THE RAFFLE IN **2023** ON:

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

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

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

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# Rhode Island State Elks Association

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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

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Title as of April 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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



## **“What is your American Dream?”**

*On a recent Saturday (editors: 1/14/23) volunteers from Elks Lodge 1860 in Bristol sat down to read — and judge — nearly 100 student essays on the theme “What is your American dream?”*

*The students, drawn from five middle schools in Bristol, Warren and Barrington, were participating in the 2022-2023 Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the national Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.*

*Cash prizes were at stake: \$200 for first place, \$100 for second and \$50 for honorable mention.*



*By the end of the day, 18 winners would be chosen — 9 girls and 9 boys from grades 5 through 8. Their names will be announced at an awards banquet on March 5. From there, the best young essayists will move on to bigger challenges — and larger awards — at the state and national levels.*

*Popular themes in this year’s submissions included fairness, inequality and fighting racism, says Bart Ferris, one of the volunteer judges. “There was a lot of wanting to help the world.”*



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