



# March - Bristol County Lodge # 1860 Vol. 18 #3

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*This is my last opportunity to use this space. Thus I am asking you to read this full article to appreciate your Lodge's contribution to local communities. I will start with the Elks National Foundation which hopefully you supported. (1). Bristol County Lodge has once again shown its support for the Elks National Foundation. The Lodge has donated over \$17,000 this year, with a per capita giving of \$9.17, twice the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal. We also lead the State and Nation in the Chairman's Challenge. The Lodge received a \$3,000 Gratitude Grant which supported the Little League teams in Bristol, Barrington and Warren; two Food Pantries in Bristol and East Providence, and the B Free Farm animal shelter. Our East Bay Cares program received another \$4,000 grant for the fifteenth year in a row to support the food pantries in the East Bay area. (2). The House Committee expanded hours of operation, reopened the rental hall, Installed new POS system, upgraded and expanded WIFI network, obtained new furniture for top and lower decks, conducted a highly successful Queen of Hearts Raffle and increased revenue overall. (3) With 242 new members initiated and others reinstated membership passed 2000 causing the Lodge to limit membership at 2000. (4). Americanism Committee received 97 essays from local area 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Lodge members reviewed the essays and selected 24 to move to State scoring level with two 1<sup>st</sup> place, three 2<sup>nd</sup> place and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place essays selected as state winners. The Veterans Committee remained very active with its Veteran of the Year program, events for RI Veterans home residents and supporting the Coast Guard to name a few of its activities. The Community Activities Committee, thanks to many volunteers, had a highly successful backpack and school supply drive followed by an equally successful hat and mitten drive. These two drives followed with a recent yarn collection for a local senior center (Connie's Kids). Hoop Shoot saw one participant heading to Regionals in Portland, Maine for girls age 11. The Cribbage group lead by Frank Nencka continues to make a monthly donation even though cribbage group no longer meets at the Lodge. The Drug Trailer supported Bristol's Community Night Out in the summer. We owe thanks to Bud for his efforts in promoting and organizing a golf event. The Scholarship Committee continues to support Mt Hope's Students of the Month program and provided a \$2500 scholarship to a college sophomore who participated in the Lodges Scholarship program for college sophomores and juniors. We now have two Public Relations Officers who got five stories about Elks events into the East Bay papers and one item into the Elks magazine. Your Lodge continues to operate smoothly thanks to the hard work of its Secretary Jeff Brackett and Treasurer Bill Mitchell. I am very appreciative of the Lodge Officers and the Board of Directors who keep the Lodge on track with respect to its Obligations and Responsibilities. I suspect both the great weather and our lodge's new restaurant, Vic's Harborside, was responsible for the full decks each summer weekend. Most certainly we all appreciate the excellent Bartenders and Richard. The Grand Exalted Ruler visit to our Lodge was highly successful thanks to Lodge Member Patti Baccus and her support team. The EAST BAY CARES PROGRAM now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year averages serving 5,500 to 6,000 people a year. In 2022 approximately \$35,000 in food was distributed and over \$350,000 since the program began. It is Longest running Impact Grant program in the country. I will conclude by recognizing AGGIE HOZEMPA for doing an outstanding job with the Sickness and Distress article each month in the Lodge Bulletin. She has been handling this for the Lodge since 2010. Santa was present at the Special Needs and Children's Christmas Parties again this year. Yes, we all appreciate Ray who gets out the Newsletter each month and provides updates notices on activities throughout the month. Finally, let us not forget the highly successful veterans appreciation auction/pub crawl. That committee raised \$8000 for local veterans.*

Sincerely  
Dick Devault, ER

# Secretary's Message – March

*Regular Members DUES are \$110*

*Life Member Dues are \$55*

*Fellow Elks,*

*The new fraternal Elks year is just around the corner. By now ALL MEMBERS should have received your 2023-2024 Dues Notice. Dues for regular members are \$110 and life member dues are \$55. Please note the many optional donations that can be included with your dues. Last year we were quite successful with your generous contributions to the 365 Club, the Elks National Foundation, the Scholarship Fund, the Building Fund, Brody Service Dog Fund and "EAST BAY CARES. If you did not receive a dues notice, please let us know. It is anticipated that we will be preparing over 2,000 membership cards. This will be quite a task and we indulge your patience. If however, you do not receive your membership card in a couple of weeks after submitting your payment, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary's office- as human errors may occur.*

*Fraternally,  
Jeff Brackett, PER  
Lodge Secretary*

## APPLICATIONS ON HAND

*The following Applications for Membership have been received and have been added to the waiting list:*

<i>106. Marjorie Cavalieri</i>	<i>112. Mary Elizabeth Cournoyer</i>
<i>107. Simon Mark Thomas</i>	<i>113. Donald Squires</i>
<i>108. Michael F Morrell</i>	<i>114. Michael G Grimo</i>
<i>109. James F Murphy</i>	<i>115. Nancy Annichiarico</i>
<i>110. Susan Raincourt 1</i>	<i>16. Michael J Tomaselli</i>
<i>111. Alexis Joseph Cournoyer</i>	

## Proposition for Life Membership

*Having achieved the necessary qualifications and submitting his request, Michael Smith, member # 1544 is hereby proposed for Life Membership. To be balloted upon by the membership at the March 13<sup>th</sup>, meeting*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*As of this writing the total membership count in the Lodge stands at 2,087 members. We currently have 65 delinquent members. All delinquents will be dropped on March 31, 2023. As it stands now we will begin the 2023-'24 Elks year on April 1<sup>st</sup> with over 2,000 members and the membership cap will be in place for another 12 months.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023-24 ELECTED OFFICERS

*Mike Bugara, – Exalted Ruler*

*Cathy Keighley – Leading Knight   Brian Joinson - Loyal Knight   Mark Felag– Lecturing Knight  
Jeff Brackett, PER – Secretary   Bill Mitchell, PER – Treasurer   Dick Devault, PER – 5 Year Trustee*

## TO MAKE ONLINE DUES PAYMENTS

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Tickets are at the bar.

The Elks Lodge Veterans Committee thanks you!

To all Military Women Veterans of BRISTOL ELKS LODGE 1860, you are invited to the Military Women Veterans Luncheon, to be held at the Rhode Island Veterans Home, Saturday 8 April 2023, 12PM. Free and compliments of the Bristol Elks Lodge 1860, Veterans Committee, honoring the RI Military Women Veterans. You must have reservations, deadline is 22 March 2023.

Honoring our Rhode Island Women Veterans and the Women Veterans in the Home.

***Sickness and Distress***

**Get well Martin Hewitt**

*Sometimes we fail to mention someone who is in the hospital or sick. To keep all of our 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 next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be in person at the Lodge. The PER Association will also meet at 6:30 pm.*

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





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## **BROADWAY MERRILL AT THE ELKS LODGE**

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## House Happenings



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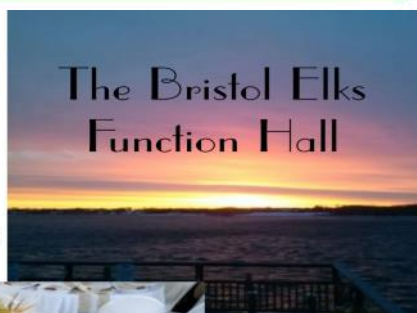
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## *Auction for Vets raises \$8,0000.00*

*In November Karen Westcott, and Mattie Bolus organized The Veterans appreciation Pub Crawl/auction. We were able to raise \$8000 for veterans causes.*

*We were able to help many veterans and their families in need. \$500 for the Bristol Elks Veterans Committee for the Women veterans luncheon, K9's for warriors, Guitars for heroes, The Unquiet Professional, Nam Knights of America, Gift certificates and presents for the holidays, help fill a few oil tanks and grocery gift certificates*

# YARN DRIVE

We are collecting yarn for a local Senior Center. These crafty seniors make & donate hats/mittens and lap robes for area Vets & nursing homes. All kinds of yarn are appreciated.

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