



Smithfield, RI Lodge of Elks #2359

2024/2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler: Ed Atchison
Leading Knight: Derek Howe
Loyal Knight: Kevin Hurteau
Lecturing Knight: France Gallagher
Esquire: Amy Desorcy
Tyler: Dan Salvias
Chaplain: Erin Valcourt
Secretary: Stacy Lacroix
Treasurer: Tim Chilinski
Inner Guard: Virginia Eagan-Filuminia

Board of Trustees

1 year: Larry Wetherbee
2 year: Mike Connolly
3 year: Jim Williams
4 year: Brenda Lambert
5 year: Victor Pavao

State Chaplain: Amy Desorcy
State Trustee: Ed Atchison

House Committee

Dan Salvias – Committee Chair
 Wayne Thistle
 Jim Carmody
 Susie Fontaine
 Steve Houle

2359 News

February 2024



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Dear Members,

The end of the lodge year is quickly approaching. Dues notices for the 2025-2026 lodge year will be sent out soon. Please consider donating to the Elks National Foundation and 365 club when sending in your payments. The ENF supports and funds community projects, Veteran's services, Scholarships, Hoop and Soccer shoots and much more. The 365 club funds a state-wide event celebrating and supporting our special needs community in Rhode Island.

This is also an important time to reach out to members who have not yet paid their dues for the 2024-2025 lodge year. Any member in need of assistance can contact our lodge officers.

Officers and committee members have many important responsibilities. If you are interested in running for a position or joining a committee in the 2025-2026 lodge year, Elks.org is a great resource for information should you have any questions.

Lodge updates: Congratulations to our new 2-year Trustee, Mike Connolly, Lecturing Knight, Frances Gallagher, and Secretary, Stacy Lacroix.

Past events:

- The Children's Christmas party was a huge success! Many thanks to Erin Valcourt and her committee for their efforts in making it a special day for all the kids!
- Thank you to Stacy LaCroix and all who participated in the New Year Meat Raffle. It was a great event! All proceeds were used to support a fellow Elk in need.

Future events:

Nominations for Officers & PER Night: Thursday, February 6th at 7:30pm. The following positions will be open for nominations for the 2025-2026 lodge year: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, 5-year Trustee, Treasurer, and Secretary. At this meeting we will also honor our Past Exalted Rulers by inviting them to fill in the officer positions for the evening.

Please Note:

- If only one person is nominated for a position, they will automatically win the position.
- If no one is nominated, the position will remain open until the next lodge meeting.
- If more than one person is nominated for a position, there will be an election at the next regular lodge meeting

Elections: in the event of a contested position, will be held during our regular lodge meeting on Thursday February 20, 2025, at 7:30pm. Voting by paper ballot will occur during meeting hours only. Voting hours have not been extended. Members must be present to vote. For any questions or concerns, please refer to section 3.080-3.090 of the Annotated Statutes which is available to all members on Elks.org.

Finally, Covid and the Flu are around again, please be safe!
 Fraternally, Exalted Ruler Ed Atchison, PER

Birthdays

Celebrate your birthday at the Lodge with a complimentary drink during the month of your birthday! Please show your current membership card to the bartender!

January 2025

*Barbara Bready
Gerald E Leduc
Michael McVey
Jack O'Halloran
Timothy Chilinski
Gladys Telang
Joseph F Barth
Ronald Cascione
James DeStefano
Frank Marks
Anthony Gabriele
Jaime Moitoso
Karen Bradbury
Richard Burgess
Matthew Desautel
Michael Hannigan*

*Lynn Warner
Richard Dowding
David Blair
Joyce Vieira
John Duarte
Robert Nadeau
Antonio Fonseca
Richard Gallo
Melissa Polom
Michael Gorman
Steven Labrie
David Lombardo
David Gollaher
Dennis Saccoia
Dennis Tolley
Donna Silva*

*Lisa Marie Fague
Ronald Marcello
Claude St Jean
Thomas Hefner
Stephen Hopkins
Michael Cipriano
John Caestino
Donald Darnbrough
Maria Palmieri
James Jamroz
Michael Zuba
Richard Cullerton
Francis Downs
Rebecca LaPorte
C Randle
Brenden Oates*

February 2025

*Frank Lombardo
Jennnifer Pariseau
Gail Lynch
John Giusto
E Joseph Campbell
Charles Carberry
Robert Marino
Pamela Golovick
Paul Menard
Richard Poirier
Peter Norman
David Santilli*

*Ronald Williams
Norris Carpenter Jr
Michael Perron
Robert Russell
Richard Fox
Diane Kmett
Winifred Rezendes
Patrick Crowley
Daniel Dubreiuł
Cheryl Pimental
Elizabeth Saccoia
Wayne Leary*

*Roy Silva
Natalie Cardinal
Kathleen Paliotta
Joseph Caparrelli
David Heroux
Richard Natale
Adam Petronio
Kenneth Lewis
Nicholas Micheletti
Lori Pratt
Michael Cutting*



Friday Menu

Elks Menu *Friday*

Appetizers/Sandwiches/Soup

- Mozzarella Sticks -- \$7.95
- 6 Clam Cakes -- \$6.95
- Dozen Clam Cakes -- \$9.95
- Stuffie (1) -- \$5.00
- Chicken Wings (6) - \$9.95 (12) for \$13.95
- Red or White Chowder, Italian Wedding Soup -- \$6.00
- Red or White Chowder with 3 Clam Cakes -- \$7.95
- Shaved Steak Sandwich with French Fries or Onion Rings-- \$13.95
- Fish Sandwich with French Fries or Onion Rings-- \$13.95
- Grilled Cheese with Choice of Soup -- \$7.95
- Chicken Parm Sub with French Fries -- \$12.95
- Meatball Sub with French Fries -- \$10.95
- Veal Parm Sub With French Fries -- \$15.95

Entrees

- Steak with Potato and Vegetable -- \$21.95
- Veal Parm with Potato and Vegetable -- \$17.95
- Chicken Parm with Potato and Vegetable -- \$13.95
- Scrod -- \$13.95
- Jack Cod with Potato and Vegetable -- \$14.95
- Fish N Chips -- \$13.95
- Linguini and Clam Sauce -- \$13.95
- Pasta with Meatballs (2) --\$10.95

Side Options

- Side Salad-- \$3.00
- French Fries -- \$5.00
- Onion Rings -- \$7.95

Dessert

- Choice of Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding -- \$4.95
- Assorted Dessert Tray -- \$6.00 each item

Effective 11.20.24

Look for weekly specials every Friday! Please ask server for details.

Menu and Pricing are subject to change

Please inform your server of any allergies

Members Lounge News



Member Lounge Hours:
Monday – Friday from 2pm – close
Sat and Sunday – 12pm - close

NOTE: Non-members are welcome for Friday Dinner. For Saturday entertainment we request a \$5.00 donation for non-members. For all other occasions, a member must sign in the guest.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Do you have questions or suggestions about Friday Dinners or entertainment?
Do you have time to volunteer?
The **House Committee** meets the first Tuesday the month at 6:00 pm.
All members are welcome to attend!

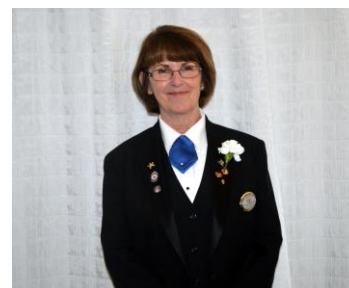
Board Meeting and Members Meeting is the first and third Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend!

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To our Absent Members

It is with great sadness that to announce the passing of Cheryl Pimental.

Cheryl was an active member of Smithfield Lodge #2359 where she held esteemed positions such as Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, and Lodge Secretary. She was lovingly referred to as "Mom" of the lodge, a testament to the warmth and guidance she provided to fellow members.



Rest in Peace
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Lodge Entrance and Exit Reminder

The loading dock door should only be used for deliveries, trash or in case of emergencies. Members should enter and exit through members entrance unless the pavilion is in use.

Members Lounge News



Friday Night Entertainment
\$5.00 donation for non-members

FEB 1ST TWISTED TEASE
FEB 8TH STALE HARVEST
FEB 14TH DJ CANDY MUSIC BINGO AND KAROKE
FEB 21ST EDGE OF DREAMS
FEB 22 BEN ROWLETT ONE MAN BAND

Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping in the kitchen and lounge, you are appreciated. Reminder we always need more hands inquire about helping to Danny!

Weekly 50/50 for sale all week and pulled every Friday at 8pm: 50% to you and 50% to help with the cost of entertainment.

Special Valentines Dinner - \$14.95 Each

BAKED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES AND MIXED VEGGIES
PORK CHOP MASHED POTATOES, MIXED VEGGIES AND APPLE SAUCE

Reminder! Come celebrate your birthday at the Lodge!

If it is your birthday month, please see the bartender for a free birthday drink!

Drink Special:

On Tap:

Narragansett
Bud Light
Blue Moon
Angry Orchard
Whalers Rise
Loose Cannon IPA
Wachusett Frosty Day IPA

Coming Soon: Stella!

Events!

*150 Club
Annual
Elk Event*

MARCH 15, 2025

**SMITHFIELD ELKS LODGE HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
DINNER STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

**ANNUAL ELK EVENT
150 CLUB IS AN ANNUAL EVENT
THAT RAISES FUNDS TO
SUPPORT OUR LODGE. THIS IS
A GREAT WAY FOR OUR
MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO
UNITE AND BUILD OUR
COMMUNITY!**

**COST:
TWO ATTENDEES \$150
SINGLE TICKET \$75**

TICKET INCLUDES:

**HORS D'OEUVRES AND A PRIME RIB DINNER
MUSIC**

**ENTRY INTO THE CASH PRIZE RAFFLES
PRIZE AMOUNTS WILL VARY FROM \$50 TO \$500!
PICK ONE NUMBER AS YOUR ENTRY BALL INTO THE CASH
RAFFLES - WHEN YOU SIGN UP,
ADDITIONAL RAFFLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA BRENDA.
PAY IN FULL OR MAKE A PAYMENT PLAN -- PAID NO LATER
THAN MARCH 7TH.
BRENDA CAN BE REACHED @ 401-258-9240**



Events!

2025 Elk Events Calendar

Information to follow on all events in the newsletter and event boards at the Lodge

MAR 15	150 Club Event
APRIL 27	Wild Game Dinner TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LOUNGE BAR
AUG 21	Chicken BBQ
OCT 18	Irish Fest
NOV 2	Veterans Day Luncheon
NOV 21	Turkey Trot
DEC 14	Kids Christmas party

Other News and Notices

Orders are still being taken for our
Memorial Bricks. Please see bartender for
order form!



We love you and we will love your friends too.
Propose a new member today!

You can find the membership at the Lodge or by
clicking here: [Elks Membership Application](#)



**Please consider donating to
the ENF today!**

High Low Jack

Come join us every Monday starting at
6:45pm in the Members Lounge.
Always looking for new players.

Contact Pat Matteo 401-300-1435 or
Dennis Bonollo 401-368-1466 for
further details or just come join!

Don't forget to follow the Elks on Facebook!

Click here for: [Smithfield Elks ~ Lodge #2359
| Facebook](#)

Click here for: [Rhode Island State Elks
Association | Facebook](#)

Scan the QR code to take you
to our Facebook page



WE NEED YOU!

Want to be part of something bigger?
Review the listing of upcoming events,
or a Lodge Officer, and **VOLUNTEER!**

We cannot be successful without you!
We are always accepting and looking for
volunteers to participate or even chair
events for any events!

wELKcome New Members



January 30, 2025.

Front row - left to right - Robert Sestito, Ronald Depault, Michael McCarthy, Richard Fox and Brenda Karspeck.

Back row – left to right - Debra Quinn, Jaysen Wetherbee, Kyle Eldridge and Marcia Allen.

Standing E.R. Ed Atchison.

New Member Proposals and Lifetime Member Proposal

Robert Herther proposed by James Dio
Ivette Torres proposed by John Duarte
Jason Clark proposed by James Dio
John E Jaswell proposed by Domenic DiBlasi

Lifetime Member Proposal: Edward Thomas

Rhode Island State Elks Association

2025 State Convention

Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 25th, 26th & 27th

Four Points by Sheraton

3800 Route 6, Eastham, Massachusetts

Package Plans: \$500.00 Double \$450 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 Breakfast Buffets (Saturday & Sunday) and the Saturday Evening Installation Banquet. Breakfast tickets will be collected at the breakfast buffet.

Deposit due by February 1, 2025. Balance due by March 1, 2025 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Cancellations made before March 1, 2025, will receive a full refund. No refunds for cancellations after March 1, 2025.

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.

Credential & Housing Chairman,

Lesley Halleck

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Leo Blanchette, SD, Advisor