



Smithfield, RI Lodge of Elks #2359

2024/2025 Lodge Officers

- Exalted Ruler:** Ed Atchison
- Leading Knight:** Derek Howe
- Loyal Knight:** Kevin Hurteau
- Lecturing Knight:** Frances Desjarlais
- Esquire:** Virginia Filuminia
- Tyler:** Dan Salvias
- Chaplain:** Erin Valcourt
- Secretary:** Vacant
- Treasurer:** Tim Chilinski
- Inner Guard:** Vacant

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

March 2025



Smithfield Lodge of Elks #2359

Established in 1966

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Greetings Fellow Elks!

We've made it to March, the final month of the Elk year. This provides us with the opportunity to reflect on this past year before we close the books. We had several terrific events, and our success was due to all the volunteers that raised their hands to assist.

The spirit of Elkdom was alive and well in our lodge and I'd like to thank everyone who participated. I'd also like to thank all the other Officers, the House Committee, and the Trustees for helping to run a smooth operation. Special thanks go out to the bartenders and the kitchen and waitstaff for their hospitality and working their best to have an enjoyable time at our lodge.

I'd like to recognize Michael Connolly as my Elk of the month. He successfully resurrected our Elks Riders as our official Motorcycle Riders Club of our lodge. If there are riders interested in getting involved, please reach out to Mike or attend an upcoming meeting. Preparations are underway for our St. Patrick's Day celebration for Friday March 14th. We're also planning to hold our end of year awards dinner on Thursday March 27th in the member lounge.

Our spring clean-up will be held on Saturday April 5th, with a rain date of April 12th. If the weather cooperates, we'll be able to get the grounds cleaned up before our officer installation and our Easter egg hunt on April 13th. We will share more information as that gets closer.

I also regret to inform all of you that I received a resignation from our lodge secretary Stacy Lacroix this week. As she will not be pursuing the role for next year, nominations are now open for Secretary. I'd like to thank Stacy for all the hard work this past year as our Lecturing Knight and Secretary and wish her well.

We also received a final message from Ed that I'd like to share.

*Dear Members,
 March 31 marks the end of the 2024-2025 lodge year. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who served as officers and committee members for our lodge this past year. These members gave many hours of their time to keep the lodge running, and for that I am truly grateful.*

Congratulations to all who were nominated and elected as officers for the 2025-2026 lodge year.

I am confident that these new officers will continue to help our lodge grow and prosper. It has been an honor to serve as ER for the past 2 years.

*Fraternally,
 Ed Atchison, PER*

Reminder: Please pay your dues this month so that you don't miss out on anything in our upcoming Elks year. Notices will be mailed out shortly. You can also pay your dues at the bar. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
 Derek Howe, Esteemed Leading Knight

Birthdays

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

*Jill Fontaine
Kelly Johnson
Debra Quinn
Edward Thomas
Joseph Thibeault
Mark Carson
Lisa Degnan
Erin Chilinski
Lauri Dessaint
Ronald Hardy
Robert Murphy
Nak Huoth
Pasquale Natale
Mary Read
Erin Valcourt*

*Donald Allen
Richard Mulholland
Robert Ragosta
Jaysen Wetherbee
Victoria Brockmiller
Peter Cunha
Mary Anne Deslauriers
Tom O'Sullivan
Alex Psznowsky
Andre Salvias
Joseph Barbieri
Donald Deslauriers
J Mignanelli
David Celani
David Mc Auliffe*

*Timothy Larosee
Kimberly St Amant
Dan Kelley
Lionel Picard
Laurine Armstrong
Leo Covas
William Salisbury
Sandra Barsoian
Michael Connolly
Lawrence Corrente
Robert Gerlach
Glenn Gresko
John O'Connell IV
Thomas Oates*

Celebrate your birthday at the Lodge!

If your birthday is this month stop by the Lounge for a complimentary drink during the month of your birthday.

Please show your current membership card to the bartender.



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 wELKcome for Friday Dinner.

*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!*



Entertainment Line Up March

Sat March 1st Mike Marocco
Fri March 7th Ben Rowlett
Sat March 8th Bombshell Betty
Friday, March 14th Edge of Dreams
Friday March 21st Cool Change
Friday, March 28th Twisted Tease
Saturday, March 29th Fixed Income



*For entertainment, we request a \$5.00 donation
for non-members. For all other occasions, a
member must sign in the guest.*



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

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 the House Committee!

Special Dinners for March

Friday, March 14th - St Patrick's Day Boiled Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner - \$11.95

Monday, March 17th – Corned Beef Rubeen Sandwich with Bag of Chips - \$9.95

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: Worm Town Oktoberfest 16oz Can for \$3.00

On Tap:

Narragansett

Bud Light

Blue Moon

Whalers Rise

Loose Cannon IPA

Wachusett Frosty Day IPA

Stella!

Additional News and Information

- Donations of Easter Candy and Plastic Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt are being accepted at the bar. See flyer for more information or email erinelks2359@gmail.com.
- 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.
- Pull Tabs are now available at the bar for .50 cents each.
- Don't forget to sign in at the bar for your chance at the Pot of Gold!
- End of year awards dinner on Thursday March 27th in the member lounge.
- Spring Clean-up will be April 5th with a rain date of April 12th.

Events!

SMITHFIELD ELKS # 2359

PRESENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT AND FUN!

Join us for a visit with the Easter
Bunny, games, snacks and more!

Sunday April 13th, 2025

1 pm to 3 pm

Smithfield Elks Pavillion

Rsvp by April 1st to

erinelks2359@gmail.com or stop by the

Lodge!





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
2025/2026 OFFICER

INSTALLATION

Ceremony

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025
COCKTAIL HOUR AT 3PM
INSTALLATION AT 4PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW
INSTALLATION

**SMITHFIELD ELKS
326 FARNUM PIKE
SMITHFIELD, RI**

**TICKETS ARE \$10.00 PER PERSON FOR
DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS PLEASE SEE
SHARLENE**

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 Tickets are \$45 per person.
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!



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!



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](#)

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!

Membership News

New Member Proposals and Demit Member Proposal – March 6th Meeting.

Maria Angell, proposed by Joseph Huyler
Annette Palma, proposed by Larry Wetherbee
Ryan Boucette, proposed by Mike Zuba
Linda Lee Marks, proposed by Pamela Golovick
James Frieling, proposed Brian Brouillette
Robert E. Owens, proposed by David Paul Smith
Sandy Paul, proposed by Brenda Lambert
Lorraine McFarland, proposed by Mike Connolly
John Jaswell, proposed by Domenic Diblasi, Jr.

Sharlene Griffin – Woonsocket
Deb Tomasso – Woonsocket
Marilyn Lehto – Woonsocket
Ronald Peters – East Providence
Sherry Peters – East Providence

Incoming Officers for 2025-2026 Elk Year

Being Installed on April 6th

Exalted Ruler: Frances Desjarlais

Treasurer: Deb Laporte

Secretary: Vacant

Esteemed Leading Knight: Kevin Hurteau

Esteemed Loyal Knight: Erin Valcourt

Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Tonya Hurteau

Esquire: Virginia Filuminia

Chaplain: Nicole Dufault

Inner Guard: Martha Pantoja

Tiler: Kimberly St. Amant

5 Year Trustee: Tracey Parenteau

4 Year Trustee: Victor Pavao

3 Year Trustee: Brenda Lambert

2 Year Trustee: Jim Williams

1 Year Trustee: Mike Connolly

SPECIAL INVITATION to RI LODGES



NEWPORT ELKS LODGE #104

Cordially Invites
All Rhode Island Elk Lodge Members
To Gather With Us
For the 69th Annual

St. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE & CELEBRATION
Saturday, MARCH 15th, 2024

PARADE Begins at 11:00 am

All Members & Their Guests
WELCOME to JOIN FESTIVITIES at LODGE
Open at 11:00 am

To Join Us Marching in the Parade

Contact Chris Stevenson
newportelks104@gmail.com

401-662-9674

RSVP Deadline March 6th



SMITHFIELD ELKS

GOLF LEAGUE

MONDAYS AT 2 PM

LEAGUE STARTS APRIL 15TH

CHEMAWA GOLF COURSE

350 CUSHMAN RD, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA 02760

**CONTACT JOHN HARDMAN FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION AT 401-480-8997**



SEASONED & INCOMING

LODGE OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS ALL

BEFORE INSTALLATIONS OF OFFICERS BEGIN THE
RHODE ISLAND STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A MORNING TO
HONE IN ON YOUR RITUAL SKILLS AND
SHARPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF STATUTE



SUNDAY, MARCH 2
10:00 am



Coventry-West Greenwich Lodge
42 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich

Presented by Grand Lodge Ritual Champion

Jeanne Clancy, PSP

Ritualistic Excellence Chairman

401-769-7058 • jeanneclancy@cox.net



James Clancy, PGLC East District Chairman
Tim Chilinski, PSP, West District Chairman



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