Dear Members,

Time is passing quickly, it seems we were just celebrating Spring and now we are looking forward to Summer. Our membership now is around 500, which is good news...now one of our goals is to motivate all our members to become more active. We have a nucleus of officers, PERS, and members who have donated their time to keep all our committees and programs working successfully. I encourage you to actively participate as much as your time allows. Our success as an organization depends on all of us, as the Greenfield Lodge, to make sure we keep going forward, working as a cohesive group.

Once again, be sure your membership is up to date, stop by the club to check on up-coming events and information regarding activities throughout the state.

Events coming up: June 16-Flag Day celebration with the Boy Scouts, June 20-Elk on the Trail, July 12-Member Appreciation Day, Sept.-Golf Tournament.

Elks Care-Elks Share

Fraternally yours,
Linda Gorey, ER
fsirum@comcast.net

In Memoriam
FRANCIS A. CHIMI
HENRY M. BORON
EDWARD J. MORAWSKI
“... a while ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each eye,
now the golden cord is severed, he has passed to realms on high.”

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

LOU WYSK
ANCHORAGE NURSING
DAVE PHILLIPS
BILL DUFFY
BUCKLEY NURSING
DON GIBSON
HOLYOKE SOLDIERS

LODGE OFFICERS
2009-2010
Robert Mott DDGER
Linda Gorey, ER
John Gilman, Leading Knight
Ed Reagey, Loyal Knight
Les Chadwick, Lecturing Knight
Fred Ulrich, PER, Secretary
Timothy Herzig, Treasurer
Ted Telegra, PER, Tiler
-Trustees-
Henry Burns, 1 yrs.
John O’Connell PER, 2 yrs.
Wes Clark PDD, 3 yrs.
Dennis Moore, 4 yrs.
Francis Sirum, 5 years
Adam Reed PER, Esquire
Elsie Gilman, Chaplain
Marilyn Wright, Inner Guard
William Pease Jr. Organist

2009 Portland, OR
2010 Orlando, FL
2011 Phoenix, AZ
2010 Austin, TX

IMPORTANT DATES
June 10 Lodge Meeting 7:00
June 20 Elks on the Trail
June 21 FATHER’S DAY
June 24 Lodge Meeting 7:00

All Wednesdays are “Golf League”

July 12 Member Appreciation Day See insert
Tip of the Antlers

Once again, thank you everyone, all 20+, the kitchen crew, prep & clean-up crew, the raffle people, that made our Friday Night meals so successful this Oct-May season and to all of those diners, without whom, we wouldn't have been so successful. We look forward to seeing you all again in October.

Again, special thanks to Les Chadwick & Micky Wright, for their hard work-scraping and painting the railing on the roof, for donating a flag to the Federal St. school. These two are constantly donating their time to our club, a lot of the little things that need to be done, they do it.

Thank you do Jim Sanicki, PER, for donating a wreath for Elk on the Trail. Also, to John O'Connell, Henry Burns, and their crew for the Mother’s Day Breakfast.

A very special thank you to Gary "Bear" Wise for using his exceptional artistic ability and talent to design my ER pin. Just like the Kohler ad where a woman asks the architect to design a house around a faucet, I asked Bear to design a pin around a pair of my shoes! He did a fabulous job! Thanks again, Linda

New Committees

100th Anniversary committee: Our 100th is coming up in 2013, a very important time for our club. We need to form a steering committee to begin planning this celebration, plan events, fund-raiser, overseer other committees. Please contact any of the officers if you are interested or have ideas for this.

License Plate Raffle: We have an opportunity to raise some funds by raffling 1 license plate that has 1296 Elks on it. All the money raised stays in the club, it’s a matter of getting tickets printed up, find some members to sell tickets, decide on a raffle date. Please contact any of the officers if you are interested.

Member Appreciation Day: volunteers needed- set up, clean up, raffles, corn husking, kitchen prep & serving. This is a great day, let us know if you can help.

GREENFIELD EMBLEM CLUB #43

The annual cookout picnic (and meeting) will be held on June 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Elsie Gilman’s, 39 Hillside Road, Montague. Please RSVP to Elsie 863-9172.

Shattuck Park was once again weeded, mulched and planted with assistance from Sally Le-Brun & Betty Anderson and Northfield Mt. Hermon School service day Corps.

Our new president is Nancy Beckwith for the two years. Good Luck Nancy!

State Happenings:

June 12-14 MA Elks Association Annual State Convention, Sea Crest, Falmouth, MA
June 20, 2009 MA Elks’ Association Elk on the Trail, Florida MA
July 5-9, 2009 Grand Lodge Convention (Portland, OR)
July 10-17 MA Cruise to Alaska’s
Due to the economy and the Elks being required to tighten their spending, the children's Christmas Party budget has been reduced drastically. Last year I had about 70 kids sign up. If 70 sign up again this year I will be limited in my spending for each child to about $5.00 each. This will not give me much of a selection in toys to purchase.

I could cancel the magic show but I think the kids enjoy it. I thought about doing a raffle, but I believe we have enough raffles going on during our events. I then thought about just putting on the bar a donation jug for the kids party. Any ideas in how I can raise some money would be appreciated.

Darlene “Dee” Fleming 413-774-5750
Email: ladytipper@comcast.net

P.S. My apologies to Tina for “Wood” not “Woods” in last month’s newsletter.

REMINDER:

I cannot put an event into the newsletter unless you inform me about it by the 20th of each month. An example, I was not informed at all about the Mother’s Day Breakfast and therefore it did not appear in the May newsletter.
The Greenfield Elk, Jan 7 1913

Greenfield Lodge of Elks No. 1296
3 - 5 Church St.
Greenfield, MA 01301
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP BY PROPOSING A NEW PERSON

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2009 “ELK ON THE TRAIL” ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dear Exalted Ruler and Members,

The 86th Anniversary of the "Elk on the Trail" Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 12:00pm. It will be held at the Elk Memorial on Whitcomb Summit, Route 2, in Florida, Massachusetts.

This is the only State Association sponsored Veteran’s Memorial Program. Please help us honor our deceased Veterans by attending this very important service. All members, families, and guests are invited to attend.

As in past years, we are asking that each Lodge send a representative to the service, and participate in honoring our deceased Veterans by bringing a small wreath (preferably artificial as it will be there all year) representing their lodge. Upon arrival please register so that you will be included in the Ceremony.

The Greenfield Lodge # 1296 will again be serving breakfast at their lodge on Saturday morning for those who wish to arrive early and relax before "climbing the mountain".

The dress of the day will be jacket and tie.

Dinner will be served at the North Adams Lodge #487 immediately following the ceremony.

Since the weather can sometimes be on the cool (or wet) side, please bring a jacket or sweater along with a lawn chair if you wish to sit.

In case of rain, the service will be held at the North Adams Lodge.

Fraternally,
Douglas A. Merrick, P.D.D.
State Chairman, "Elk on the Trail"

East/Central — West — West/Central Districts Activities

Ludlow Lodge #2448 — Steak Night — Friday Nights, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Menu: steak, ribs, fish and Prime Rib $9.95

Northampton Lodge #997 — Friday Nights 5:30 to 7:30 Prime Rib or Fried Scallops with tossed salad, French fries or baked potatoes, rolls and butter — $10.00

West Springfield/Agawam Lodge 2174 — First Monday of Month (except holidays) Spaghetti Supper 4:00 to 7:00 — $6.00/$3.00, includes meatballs, salad bread and coffee. Deserts and other beverages available for purchase.

Welcome to the new members initiated on May 26, 2009: Brian Derry, Corey Greene, Timothy Johnson, Daniel N. Killay, Eileen M. Moore, Leon M. Fiske, Jeff Hudon, Janet Kellogg and Gerald R. Levesque. Members please make them feel welcomed.

Trivia questions:

Six states, various years, were admitted to the Union during June. Can you name them? Can you name the years?

What happened on June 28, 1914 and June 28, 1919?

Answer in next newsletter.