



The Greenfield Elk



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ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

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Dear Members,

First, I would like to congratulate Steve O'Connell as our new member on the board of Trustees. Thanks to John Gilman for leading the Lodge in my absence for a couple of meetings, I appreciate it very much.

Once again, I must impress upon you the importance of being an active member, we always need support and member input. As I've said in each of my messages to you, we need members to step up to take a position as an officer. Members like John and Elsie Gilman have given our Lodge many, many hours as officers, when they return from Texas. We need to let these folks have some time and fill their proverbial shoes. New officers will be needed to continue the great work we do for our community. Please consider a position. Volunteer! Don't wait to be asked.

As I mentioned in a previous message, we need to strengthen our ACTIVE membership. Yes, it's wonderful to build the number of members we have, but if they just carry their card and don't participate...where does that leave us?... with a few more dollars in our coffers, with the same core of people who work tirelessly to make us successful. Think seriously about how you can volunteer.

Our new GER, Jim Nichelsen, has emphasized the VETS programs and thanks to Dennis Moore and his committee we are able to excel in that area.

In closing, I reiterate and again emphasize, attend a meeting, let your voice be heard, keep abreast of current issues and programs, and be an active part of Lodge decisions. Don't wait to be asked, **VOLUNTEER AND PARTICIPATE.**

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Fraternally yours,

Linda Gorey, ER

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LODGE OFFICERS

2009-2010

Linda Gorey, ER
John Gilman, Leading Knight
Ed Reagey, Loyal Knight
Les Chadwick, Lecturing Knight
Fred Ulrich, PER, Secretary
Timothy Herzig, Treasurer
Ted Telega, PER, Tiler
-Trustees-

Steve O'Connell, 1 yr.
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

2010 Orlando, FL
2011 Phoenix, AZ
2012 Austin, TX

In Memoriam

**THOMAS W. JOHNSON, JR.
ROBERT S. COOK**

*"... 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

*DAVE PHILLIPS
BILL DUFFY*
BUCKLEY NURSING
DON GIBSON
HOLYOKE SOLDIERS
AL DRESSER
FLORIDA NURSING
HOME

In the 6th annual Bob Mullens -Bill Kilgour Sr. Elks Challenge on Sat. Sept. 19th at the Meadows Golf Course our own Lodge team defeated our brothers from the Montague Lodge by a score of 14-4 thus keeping the trophy for another year. Both teams returned to the Greenfield Lodge to enjoy the fine spread put on by Adam Reed, Linda Gorey and Kathy Doton.
Jerry Gaimair

Tip of the Antlers

THANKS: When you see Bob Provost, Jr. please thank him for the superb job he and his committee did on the Annual Golf Tournament. This is a major fund-raiser for our local scholarships, and this year there were 31 teams that participated, one of the biggest years we've had in a while. Bob always does a great job, and I'm sure this year it was a little more difficult without our good member and friend Henry Burns, but I'm sure he was smiling down on us and thinking: "Great Job!" All the sponsors of tees and greens, the guys at the "Half-way" tent with burgers and hotdogs, chili, beverages; the 11th hole and green people, Mary Ellen Furey, Lynn Rogers, Sue DiAngelis, Lou Grader, sitting in the mist and rain, Lou Kozloski and John O'Connell and in the kitchen back at the Lodge preparing a great Prime Rib dinner, the people that set up the hall, the Emblem ladies that served, the clean-up crew, and the committee that gathered all the prizes and ran the raffle. This event took a lot of hard work over a good amount of time to make it so successful. A lot of work, a lot of fun ...and a little rain. Thanks again Bob.

TO: Les Chadwick who, as mentioned in every previous bulletin, is very vigilant about what little things need to be done around the Lodge, like making sure that the lines got painted in the parking lot, building a railing for the stairs in the meeting room, making a flag stand, so that the Boy Scouts would have an easier time during our Flag Day ceremony...truly one of our "un-sung" heroes.

TO: All those who gave up their weekend and sat in the mist and rain at the Franklin County Fair at the booth to sign up young people for the Soccer/Hoop shoot. This year we joined with the Montague Elks, thanks to Pam Lester (Montague PER), to rent a booth to get out into the community, so that we could generate more interest in these events.

TO: Dave Baker for helping to organize a "Celebration of Life" on Sun., 9/13 for our dear member and friend, Tommy Johnson, who passed away. Thank you members, who generously contributed to enable us to provide a collation for Tommy's family and friends. In the kitchen, Al Wondo, Fran Sirum, Kathy Doton, Mary Ellen Furey, Lynn Rogers, Butch DeNofrio, and Linda Gorey. We shall miss our "Tommy Johnson from Wisconsin" and his wit and humor will always be with us.

TO: All that attended my installation in March and made our fellow Elks from York, ME 2788, good friends of mine and Fran, feel so warm, welcomed, and entertained. The eight people that made the trip down, absolutely enjoyed our hospitality. Thank you all again for making them feel so welcome, as they do to Fran & me, when we're in York.

TO: All members who always volunteer, I am in the process of trying to compile the "Elk-hours" that the committee members spend throughout the year. These people are truly the unsung heroes of our Lodge, spending collectively 10's of thousands of hours.

TO: the officers and trustees for continuing to do such a great job in making sure our Lodge runs smoothly.

TO: the bulletin sponsors for helping to defray publishing costs.

FYI

There is a raffle set up for the #1296 LICENSE plate, come in and participate.

Come in and check the bulletin board for pertinent information and coming events!

Up-Coming Events:

Friday night meals- will begin on Oct. 30 (tentatively, call the Lodge to check)

November- Turkey Shoot, Thanksgiving Buffet

December— Hoop Shoot Dec. 5 evening; Salvation Army stand out

December- Christmas basket deliveries, Children's Christmas party

GREENFIELD EMBLEM CLUB #43

The next meeting will be at 7:15 on Monday, October 5th. Thank you goes out to all those who bought food from our deli on Wednesday evening. And a big thank you to all who volunteered their time in the kitchen.

Nancy Beckwith and Kathy Doton

Attention Golfers — Our lodge now has its' own official magnetic ball marker with slider attachment for cap or sweater. They are available at the bar for only \$5.00. Jerry Gaimair

Pitch League starts the first Wednesday in October.

New players are always welcome. Sign up at the Club in September or call Stan Maynard at 628-9223.

VA Pizza party: 10/17. Volunteer by signing up with Denny Moore.

I would like to thank all that helped the Montague and Greenfield Fair booth: Adam Reed, PER, Ed Fleming, Jim Keegan, Brian Derry; Greg Jurek, Jerry Gamier, Denny Moore, Jenny Rewa, Jeannie Graveline, Ryan O'Connell, David Sprague, Steve Beckwith. I hope I didn't forget anyone. Thank you. Bob Mott, PDD

The \$10,00.00 raffle will be held on December 5. Tickets will be available soon. The 100 gallons of oil raffle tickets will also be held on December 5. Tickets available soon.

Turkey shoot night will be November 19th. Please see Bob Mott to volunteer that night with the raffles.

Members if you have not paid your dues, please submit your \$60.00 now.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Daniel Majewski,; Bernard Rosewarne
- 2 Stephen A. Garanin; Richard Golosh, Linda A. Gorey, ER
Jason M. Kelton
- 4 Theodore Graveline
- 5 Audrey M. Labonte; John P. O'Connell, PER
- 6 Armand R. Clavette
- 8 Robert Bagdon
- 9 Paul E. McDonald
- 10 Greg Jurek
- 12 John J. Kaczinski; Richard A. Rowell; Howard W. Spat
- 13 Edwin E. Czuj; Shirley White
- 14 Duane A. Nelson; Francis A. Silva
- 15 Chester J. Lesneski; Adam J. Provost
- 16 William J. Peloskey; David R. Sprague
- 17 Corey P. O'Connell; Debra Rosenlund
- 19 Kevin Gladu
- 20 Robert T. Killay, PER; Donald A. Roy; William Swington
- 22 Robert Chernick
- 24 Gary J. Herzig
- 25 Roger D. Kennedy, Jr.
- 26 Robert C. Howe; Stephen D. Jurek; Kyle W. Phelps
- 27 John J. Leise; William W. Melnik
- 28 Alan S. Bolton; Edward M. Fleming; Gary M. Gadreault;
John Stacy
- 29 Lawrence Hoffman
- 30 Matthew R. Zraunig
- 31 David Guy; Douglas F. Houle

It was my four-year old's first time at a funeral, and I wanted to make sure he behaved at the cemetery. "What is the most important rule to remember?" I asked. He thought for a while, then answered "Don't dig up the bodies".

Recently, my husband put his car in reverse and drove it into a wall. He took it to his mechanic, who replaced the dented bumper. Days later, he did it again. "I'm so embarrassed" he moaned, reaching for the phone. "Why not tell him it was me this time?" I suggested. "Maybe I will," he said, dialing. "It worked the last time."

News from other lodges:

Brattleboro Lodge: 10/3 pig roast

Montague: 10/17 Bull Riding

10/30 Halloween Party

For more information see Bulletins in the Lodge

National Dignitaries' schedule:

- 10/1 Montague Lodge #2521
- 10/6 Gardner Lodge #1426
- 1013 Greenfield Lodge #1296
- 10/21 Leominster Lodge #1237
- 11/7 Athol-Orange #1837

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- 10/13 NATIONAL DIGNATARIES VISIT
- 10/17 VA PIZZA PARTY
- 10/27 LODGE MEETING 7:00

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP BY PROPOSING A NEW PERSON

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 LODGE MEETING 7:00 National	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 LODGE METING 7:00	28	29	20	31 HALLOW-EEN

FUND RAISER FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND

Sunday November 8th will be a bus trip to Mohegan Sun. The bus holds 56 passengers. The bus will leave the Elks Lodge promptly at 7:00 a.m. and will return from Mohegan promptly at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Anyone wishing to go please sign up at the bar along with your payment of \$25.00. Please park in the Pleasant Street lot. The fee includes coffee and donuts on the trip down. There will be a 50/50 raffle and other raffles during the bus trip. Reservations need to be made by October 14th. After October 7th the trip will be open to non Greenfield Elk members. So reserve early. Any questions please contact Jeannie Graveline 413-522-7704 or myself, Darlene Fleming 774-5750.

To all the members and guests that made our annual Golf tournament a huge success on Sept. 11, R.D. (Bob) Provost give a big 'THANK YOU' for the support. Even though a little rain did fall, later in the day, 120 golfers enjoyed the golf and the festivities later at the Lodge. A fabulous prime rib dinner was prepared by the "Kitchen Crew" Lou Kozloski, John O'Connell, Mike "Chopper" Smith, Butch Denofrio, Dave Snow and Sharon Rawson. Serving with the Emblem Club members, Gail Underwood, Cheryl Broughan, Deb Duprey, Linda Hall, Lois Barton, Terri Black, Kathy Doton, and Sue Breite. At the "Tent" were John Richardson, John Gilman, Simon Behilo, Den Moore, Jeff Suprenant, Ted Telega, Lee Jenks and John Williams. Chili, Dogs, Burgers, stuffed pepers, olives and cold remedies for those with runny noses. Keeping track of the 50/50 raffle & "on the Green" were Lou Grader, Sue Deangelis, MaryElley Furey in her ski parka & Lynn Rogers. Keeping track of the starters were Mike Hisz & John Volpe. And for the fabulous "Baskets" with all the goodies that were put together by "Robyn" Provost for the "Scholarship Raffle".

GOLF SPONSORS

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PLEASE CONSIDER THESE FINE BUSINESSES WHEN SHOPPING

The snow is just around the corner so that means it's once again time for the Holiday Raffle. The tickets have been purchased and are ready to be sold. I have started giving them out to the people that sold tickets last year and I am looking for more sellers this year. I am hoping to have all the tickets sold this year before the day of the drawing. All I ask is for members to help out by selling at least one ticket. The drawing will be on Saturday Night December 5, 2009. There will be tickets available at the bar and from Mark Lavin. If you have any questions, comments or would like to get involved please call me (Mark Lavin) at 413-829-

STATE HAPPENINGS:

October 3, 2009	Grand Exalted Ruler's Reception & Dinner Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA
October 18, 2009	MA Elks Ten Pin Tournament 10:00 AM Auburn, MA

