



The Greenfield Elk



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ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

NOVEMBER 2009

Dear Members,

We are going into our very busy time of the year, there will be lots of activities and parties in the next few months, as well as starting our Friday night meals. Be sure you look over the list of up-coming events and see how you can help.

Remember that the GER proclaims every year that November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month. But as Elks, we should think about them always! We owe these men and women a debt that never can be repaid for the sacrifices they've made. Also, let us not forget our current troops, deployed in other parts of the world protecting our freedom and helping those in need. Please do all you can, make an effort to show your thanks. We have several programs to which you can contribute.

Please be cognizant of the fact that all of us are representatives of our Lodge, and the Elks organization; that what we say and do reflects back on us as a whole. Our principles of Justice, Brotherly Love, Charity, & Fidelity are imperative to the success of our Lodge, please keep them in mind. One of the reasons we succeed as an organization is in our appreciation and tolerance of individual differences, backgrounds, careers and talents. We are a group of men and women from many walks of life. At no time should we allow ourselves to be critical or disparaging about our fellow Elks or organization. We are the first impression that prospective members, new members, and visiting members see, that's when their opinion is formed about us. Let's make it a positive one!

Once again, I am sending out a plea for our members to consider stepping up to become an officer...remember...the downstairs can't exist without your officers upstairs. March really isn't that far away...don't be afraid to volunteer, don't wait to be asked...we are a strong Lodge. And I quote our GER Jim Nichelson from his speech in Portland, OR in July, "Don't be afraid to change old habits and traits to try something new, to keep your Lodge and this Order evolving into something better." (reprinted in the Oct. 2009 Elks magazine, vol.88,no.4) Only with new ideas and opinions can we continue to move forward. We do and can make a difference. **Elks Care-Elks Share — Fraternally yours,**

Linda Gorey, fsirum@comcast.net

LODGE OFFICERS

2009-2010

Linda Gorey, ER

John Gilman PER, 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

New Member Proposed:

Helen O'Gorman by Albie Adamski

New Members Initiated:

Josh Billiel

Roger Crapo

Kyle Gaines

Mike Hickey

Tyler Higley

District Deputy Visitation:

Sat., November 7 Athol-Orange #1837 District Deputy Homecoming.

Unfortunately, we have lost 16 of our members so far this year.

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD W. GALIPAULT, SR.

FRANK J. YESTRAMSKI

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to realms on high"

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

DAVE PHILLIPS

BILL DUFFY

BUCKLEY NURSING

DON GIBSON

HOLYOKE SOLDIERS

AL DRESSER

FLORIDA NURSING

HOME

Tip of the Antlers**Thanks to:**

D.D. Visitation Dinner: Fran Sirum, Butch DeNofrio, Don Pierce, Dave Sprague, Doug Baker (cooked & provided the ears of corn), Al Wondo, & Linda Gorey Emblem Ladies that served: Nancy Beckwith, Terry Black, Sue DiAngelis, Linda Hall, Beth Cadran, Linda Baker

Dave & Marcia Bonnet for their generous donation to the Children's Christmas Party Fund.

Butch DeNofrio for helping me (Linda) getting the buffet together for our visiting Elks from Chelmsford-10/17

Stan Maynard; collecting golf balls to send to troops overseas. So far Stan has sent over 700 golf balls, so clean out your garage, basement, trunk of your car, & golf bag for a good cause. Also, Stan does this on his own as far as postage, about \$14.00 per mailing.

FYI: "Unsung Heroes"

We have many "unsung heroes" in our Lodge who, as I've mentioned previously, have collectively donated tens of thousands of volunteers hours per year. These members work in the kitchen, organize and coordinate committees, and work very hard on these committees; they do the little and not so little jobs around the Lodge- gratis. You see them march in the parades to represent us. They organize all our functions that we enjoy; they make our charitable events happen; and they get the news to you each month. These people keep your budget in order, your records straight, and organize events for our young people. They make sure our veterans are recognized and not forgotten. Some of the heroes are the ones that quietly make donations to help support different programs, and there are, I'm sure, many more I've not mentioned. One example that comes to mind as a true "unsung hero" is several years ago while delivering Christmas baskets to those in need, Stan Maynard and his group upon delivering a basket, found the front stairs of a home so dilapidated and unsafe that in the next few days, with money of their own, went back and repaired those steps. We've all done little things like that; that's what makes our organization so great! Please join these dedicated members, become one of them, and when you see them say "Thanks"... a little kindness goes a long way.

Some of the Up-Coming Events:

Friday night meals- begins on Oct. 30 NO MEALS ON: NOV. 27, DEC. 25 OR JAN. 1

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 7:00 on Monday, November 2. Come and see photos displayed on TV of the Emblem Club installation of officers in May 2009. The second quarterly meeting of the Mass State Association of Emblem Clubs will be held in Tewksbury-Wilmington on Sunday, November 22, 2009. Please see Terri O'Connell if interested in attending. A lunch will be served. The Emblem Club has two fundraisers happening right now. Pampered Chef book party and the Butter Braid pastries and cookies. Both of these items can be ordered from any Emblem member. The Butter Braid will be here for Thanksgiving and the Pampered Chef will be here for Christmas Gifts. Any question please contact Kathy Doton 774-3 917 for the pastries and Kelli Snow for the Pampered Chef 648-9476 or Nancy Beckwith 773-9564 for either items.

Another season has ended for the Lodge golf league. Coming in tied for first were the teams of Bill Heiden — Bob Walker; and Dick Golosh and Stan Maynard. Finishing third were Dave McDonald and Juice Moore. Following a year ending scramble was a delicious prim rib dinner at the Lodge put on by Fran Sirum and his super assistants. There will be a league meeting in December (date to be announced) and all players are urged to attend. Don't forget the magnetic ball markers on sale at the bar for \$5.00.

The \$10,000.00 raffle will be held on December 5. Please see insert. The 100 gallons of oil raffle tickets will also be held on December 5. See your envelope. Please sell at least a book but two would be better. All proceeds benefit our many programs.

Turkey shoot night will be November 19th. Please see Bob Mott to volunteer that night with the raffles. See your tickets in your envelope. There is a limited number of tickets. Get any extras you may need as soon as possible.

Montague Elks — Dance lessons for November is the Hustle. The dance they're having on Nov 21st is something they're doing to donate funds to the Elks. They'll have a DJ and a free ½ hour lesson at the start. They are selling tickets to raise funds. Contact Dr. Rainham at 774-5555 or the Montague Elks for more information.

Unfortunately for some of us adults who don't like the cold weather or snow, it will be approaching shortly. This, of course, means that the Children's Christmas Party is fast approaching. Be sure to look for the sign up sheets around November 19th at the Turkey Shoot along with fliers. Please sign up as early as possible. This year I am requesting phone numbers so I can contact the signee for gift ideas, especially for the older children. I thank everyone who has donated funds to this event!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dr. Russell C. Bontempi PER; David P. Bougham; Kevin S. Coughlin
- 2 Wesley L. Clark, PER, PDD, Trustee
- 3 Lance Barton; Gary Wise
- 4 Thomas L. Hall; Dr. Frances Rahaim, Robert J. Woloss
- 6 Bradley Baker; Thomas McDonald
- 7 Albert B. Adamski; James E. Sturgeon
- 9 Paul R. Keller, PER; Edward Marvell
- 11 James Cadran; Peter A. Ruggeri; Jon P. Twyon; Ronald J. Zabko, Jr.
- 12 Dale L. Andrews; Josh Billiel; Joseph W. Fistes; Stanley T. Kaczenski; Robert P. Wells
- 14 Janet Twyon
- 16 Richard L. Mallory
- 17 Jeffrey D. Baker; Theophile J. Mailloux, Jr.
- 18 Douglas A. Baker; John W. Gilman, PER
- 19 Chester J. Zywna, Jr.
- 20 Robert E. Brown
- 21 Mike George; John S. MacLeod
- 24 Clark A, F, Thomas
- 25 Douglas A. Turner
- 26 Gordon L. Hardy; Conrad R. Valeski
- 27 John J. Leise; William W. Melnik
- 29 Robert F. Bitzer, Eileen M. Moore
- 30 Matt Smith

Word Power: Answers in December's newsletter.

Protuberant—a) Pointing upward; b) turned downward; c) bulging outward. Conflagration—a) ceremonial banner; b) enormous fire; c) joining of rivers. Convivial—a) tangled; b) transparent; c) merry. Probity — a) juvenile court; b) secret investigation; c) moral uprightness. Prolix—a) westward; b) wealthy; c) wordy

You're a dumb criminal if; You're not picky about your office location. Christopher Oxley of Everett, Washington, was arrested for conducting a drug deal over the phone—in the bathroom of the Everett Police Department.

A Tallahassee, Florida, man was arrested at a bank drive-in after depositing his cash, a deposit slip, and his cocaine.

Cops easily ID'd a man who robbed a bank in Florida. He'd written his demands on both sides of a personal check.

A man was leafing through one of his hunting catalogs when he found something that made him laugh. "Look" he said, "What I've always wanted: a camouflage toilet seat." His wife stated "Get it. Then you'll have an excuse for when you miss."

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of bald men?

State Happenings:

- 11/7 NE Regional Soccer Shoot
- 11/15 MA Elks 2nd Regional Meeting
- 1/31/10 MA Elks 3rd Regional Meeting
- 2/6/10 MA Elks State Hoop Shoot

The Greenfield Elk, Jan 7 1913

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- 11/8 Mohegan Sun Bus Trip*
- 11/10 LODGE MEETING 7:00*
- 11/11 Veterans Day*
- 11/19 Turkey Shoot*
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Buffet*

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP BY PROPOSING A NEW PERSON

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BONTEMPI PER	2 W. CLARK PER	3	4	5	6 FISH FRY	7 DD visitation Athol-Orange Lodge
8 Mohegan Sun bus trip.	9 PAUL KELLER PER	10 7:00 LODGE MEETING	11 VETERANS DAY PARADE	12	13 FISH FRY	14
15	16	17	18 JOHN GILMAN PER	19 TURKEY SHOOT	20 FISH FRY	21
22	23	24 7:00 LODGE MEETING	25 Thanksgiving Buffet	26 THANKSGIVING	27 NO FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL	28
29	30					

FUND RAISER FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND

NOTICE: Time has been changed. 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 **9:00** 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. There will be a 50/50 raffle. I hope you have signed up because we didn't have 56 signed up by the 14th, it is now open to non Greenfield Elk members. Any questions please contact Jeannie Graveline 413-522-7704 or myself, Darlene Fleming 774-5750.

#1296 License plate raffle-won by Elsie Gillman

100th Celebration-2013- Guess what? A volunteer has stepped forward and offered to help. What we really need right now is lots of ideas...how should we celebrate this event-dinner & dancing? make up commemorative glass, etc.? What kinds of memorabilia should we have? What time of the year should we plan for? These are the kinds of suggestions we need right now! You can email the Lodge; elks1296@comcast.net, fsirum@comcast.net, or leave ideas at the Lodge.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND/OR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 11: Veterans Day Parade
- November 19: Ticket sellers for Turkey Shoot -contact Bill Kilgor or Jason Kilgor
- December 5: Hoop Shoot- see Bob Mott
- December 5: \$10,000 Drawing-kitchen-Fran/Linda
- December 6: Memorial Service
- December 13: United ARC Christmas Party
- December 19: To pack & deliver Christmas baskets-contact George Herzig
- December 19: Children's Christmas Party
- November 25: Thanksgiving Buffet-kitchen-Fran/Linda
- EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT: Friday night meals-need enough to make to kitchen teams-Fran/Linda
- December: Ring the Bell for Salvation Army-sign up in Dec. at the Lodge

News from other lodges:

- Northampton — Bingo every Wednesday evenings
- Northampton Lodge — Sunday, November 29th Craft Fair contact Sany Lococo 586-6460; every Friday Prime Rib or Fried Scallops for \$10.00 each.
- West Springfield/Agawam Elks — Friday, November 13th Country Western Dance Music by DJ —M-E Country \$10.00
- Ludlow — Friday Night Dinners — Steak on the Grill — \$9.95 Mastercard/Visa accepted.
- Auburn-Webster—November 14 Lodge Hoop Shoot; 11/20 Turkey Shoot meat raffle.

You are a dumb criminal if: You leave IOUs. Graham Price of South Wales ripped off the bank where he worked, but he wasn't completely duplicitous. He left a note in the safe: "Borrowed, seven million pounds" signed "Graham Price."

You text and rob: Nicholas Greenly dropped his cell phone near where an 84-year-old woman had her purse snatched in Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Cops suspected that he might be involved in the crime when they read the phone's last outgoing text message: "I am ready to grab some old lady's purse."

You harbor grudges: Joseph Goetz's alleged attempt to rob a York, Pennsylvania, bank met with some snags. Cops say the first teller he tried to rob fainted and the next two insisted they had no cash in their drawers. Fed up, Goetz stormed out, threatening to write an angry letter to the bank.

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