



The Greenfield Elk



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ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

DECEMBER 2009

Dear Members,

As we pass from November into the month of December, our lives get busier and busier as the holidays approach. So often we get wrapped up in our own schedules that we tend to forget those that are less fortunate than us. Our GER Jim Nicholson's focus this year is "Elks make a difference, Be that Elk". We have many rewarding programs in which you can help to make that difference. Just think that we have 500+ members, if each member donated just one hour a month toward the Lodge, that would be 6,000 hours in total. True, we have a core group of members that give above and beyond and accolades go to them, and as I've mentioned before there's always room for more. So seriously consider how you can help make a difference.

Remember our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherhood, and Fidelity—these principles should be at the forefront of how we present ourselves in our Lodge, at other Lodges, and in the community. Again, we are the first impressions and the Lodge's representatives. Let's make it a positive one.

Once again, I urge you as members of this Lodge to attend meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 7:00pm each month. This is when decisions are made, discussions are held, be a part of this important process. The Lodge belongs to all of us, not just to those you've duly elected to run it. Again, I ask all members to seriously consider taking one of the positions as a new election swiftly approaches. We can all orate and pontificate to our friends on what we like and dislike regarding the Lodge, but remember as an Elk when you have concerns or questions, we have venues to resolve issues and give answers.

In closing, during this holiday season, remember— Elks Care-Elks Share. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Faternally yours,

Linda Gorey,

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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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 6, 2009 1:00 P.M.

Officers in Formal Attire

The following Elk members will

be remembered. Please join us.

	Initiated	Passed
Joseph P. Barchenski	1963	2/11/09
John R. Baronas, Sr.	1985	3/17/09
Maurice A. Beausoliel	1963	7/5/09
Ruldoph J. Boudreau	1965	2/3/09
Robert E. Bunker	1959	1/12/09
Henry J. Burns	1966	6/29/09
Frank J. Cackowski	1959	5/15/09
Raymond A. Caouette	1987	11/12/09
Francis J. Chimi	1963	5/5/09
Robert S. Cook	1975	8/28/09
Edward W. Galipault	1968	9/27/09
Thomas W. Johnson, Jr.	1971	9/4/09
John Martino	1977	6/8/09
Edward J. Morawski	1968	5/13/09
Richard Perry	2004	2/3/09
Frank J. Yestramski	1967	10/16/09

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND A. CAOUILLE

... 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

Tip of the Antlers

Thanks to: Jeannie Graveline and Dee Fleming for the great job they did with the Casino bus trip, everything was super organized, lots of fun, raised a lot of money for the Children's Christmas Party.

All the new volunteers for Friday nights, Mike Hisz, Marsha & Dave Bonnett, Lynn Rogers, Linda Hall, Terry O'Connell, Scott Greaves.

All the "Veterans": Al Wondo, Peter Broughan, Stan Maynard, Dave Sprague, John Richardson, Bob Mott, Lori Wegiel, Fran Sirum, Jim Mackenzie, and Mike Moore.

Veteran's Dinner committee: Lou Kozloski, Dennis Moore & their kitchen crew and the Emblem Ladies who served.

All the members and guests who make our Friday nights so successful.

Veteran's Day Parade contingent: Thank you John Gilman, Jim Keegan, Bob Mott, Ed Reagey, Mickey Wright for joining me (Linda Gorey) in representing our Lodge . Let's have more people next year-Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

Peter Clarke for taking over the organizing and scheduling of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Ted Telega for helping with clean up after the Veteran's Day parade.

Special Thanks & recognition to Ralph Cassidy- each Wednesday Ralph picks up fellow Elk and friend Bill Duffy at the Buckley Healthcare Center, gets him breakfast and brings him to the Lodge to do a bit of socializing with the card players. Thanks Ralph- another "unsung hero".

To all our members who advertise monthly in the bulletin. Each ad helps defray the cost of the publication, which is expensive. We are always looking for more advertisers, so please consider placing your ad. The bulletin goes out to over 500 members as well as other Lodges, which gives you a large reader's base.

Thank you Simon Behilo for noticing that the windows in the meeting room weren't closing properly and Simon, being Simon, fixed them immediately. Thanks!

FYI: Elks helping Elks: In a recent letter I received from our District Deputy Charles "Chuck" Cowburn, our Lodge was informed that we have fellow Elk in need. As I quote Chuck, "We have been offered a unique opportunity to take care of one of our own" you may or may not be aware that Kevin & Judy Hastings of the Montague Lodge, have encountered some dire health issues and perhaps we can afford them a brighter New Year and help ease the burden of medical expenses they have incurred.

A request has been put forth from Chuck that each Lodge participate in an event that will be held at the Athol-Orange Elks on Jan. 2, 2010, to benefit our fellow members. A suggestion of raffle prizes, if you have ideas or can donate something it would be greatly appreciated.

As Chuck quoted "...as long as you remain faithful to your Obligation, these hands and the hands of every Elk across the face of this earth shall be stretched forth to you in Spirit of Fellowship and to Relieve you of your Distress should you be taken over by Adversity or Misfortune..." This is our opportunity to put these words into action. Please step forward in any way you can.

Advance Ticket Sales Only available at the Lodge; Italian Buffet: \$10.00 per person, entertainment to follow dinner. Any extra money after the cost of the food will be given to the Hastings.

I will post Chuck's letter on the bulletin board at the Lodge and put out a donation jug.

GREENFIELD EMBLEM CLUB #43

The next meeting will be at 7:15 on Monday, December 7. The Emblem Club has a raffle that will be drawn on December 24, during the Buffet. \$100.00 worth of scratch tickets. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 for one ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets.

The Emblem Club is doing the Adopt-A-Family. Terri O'Connell has the list for the family and is co-coordinating the shopping. Please contact Terri if you would like to shop for one of the family members as soon as possible. Delivery date is December 17.

The \$10,000.00 raffle will be held on December 5. The 100 gallons of oil raffle tickets will also be held on December 5. Please sell at least a book but two would be better. All proceeds benefit our many programs. Have you bought your ticket? Although they are \$100.00 each remember you can share that fee with other people.

Turkey shoot night was November 19th. The lodge was packed. We raffled off 50 turkeys and 2 door prizes, and a big thank you goes out to the cooks/helpers in the kitchen; the raffle workers and to all who participated in making it another successful fund raiser. They are: Billy Kilgour, Jason Kilgour, Donna Kilgour, Stan Maynard, Ed Reagey, Bobby Campbell, Sharon Rawson, Joe Gochinski, Linda Gorey ER, Fran Sirum, Jim Sanicki PER, John Richardson, George Mowrey, Butch Denofrio, Doug Clapp, Kathleen Clapp, David Sprague, Lynn Rogers, Wes Clark PDD, Charles Kestyn PER, Raymond Perry PER, and Fred Ulrich PER. Robert C Mott PDD,HLM

Please check with George Herzig who is in charge of delivering the Christmas dinners to those in need, if he needs help. And if you know of a family, please sign them up as soon as possible. The sign up list should be at the bar. Delivery and assembly is December 19, in the early morning.

The Children's Christmas Party is fast approaching. Be sure to sign up by December 6, 2009. I thank everyone who has donated funds to this event!! I will be shopping on December 13th or 14th.

We need someone to organize the books in the Lounge area. Any volunteers?

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thomas J. Hurley; Julian J. Leh
- 2 Harold G. Emery; Kevin R. Taylor
- 3 Joseph A. Gochinski; Timothy Johnson; Michael R. Skibiski, Jr.
- 4 Darlene "Dee" Fleming
- 5 Harold R. Breite, PDD
- 6 Timothy Farrell; Raymond E. Hanks; Daniel J. Lawrey
- 7 Christopher A. Carme
- 8 Richard A. Melnik
- 9 Jim Jason; Albert W. Russ
- 10 Timothy F. Gochinski; Robert W. Koch; James J. Sanicki, PER; Edward A. Underwood
- 12 Vincent Melendez
- 13 Jean Rewa; Robert L. Tyler
- 14 William H. O'Connell
- 15 Jeffrey Richardson
- 16 David R. Mowry, Jr.
- 17 Arnold J. Egloff, Jr.
- 19 Edward H. Glabach; Michael F. Ruggeri, PER; John M. Zilch
- 20 John F. Griffin, Jr.; George F. Kane; Richard H. Provost
- 21 F. Peter Clarke; Michael I. Kelton
- 22 Brandon J. Burns
- 24 Ernest H. Patnode
- 25 Jerome M. Kells; Nicholas J. Salustri; Edward Warchol
- 26 Elwin F. Deveneau, Jr.
- 27 Steven D. Beckwith
- 28 Clifford J. Akey, Jr.; Donald S. Gardner
- 29 John F. Barnett; James M. Elwell; Jay B. Gilbert; James J. Steiner

Word Power: Answers from November's newsletter. Protuberant—c) bulging outward. Conflagration—b) enormous fire; Convivial—c) merry. Probity — c) moral uprightness. Prolix—c) wordy

Christmas Cheer: On Christmas Eve a nine-year old boy put out milk, and cookies for Santa, plus an extra treat, a beer. The next morning he came running to the parents and said, "Santa came!" Holding up the half-empty bottle of beer he said. See? There really *is* a Santa, because Dad would have drunk the whole thing!"

Signs of a heart attack:
Lightheadedness; shortness of breath after minimal effort; numbness, tingling, or pain in your arm (especially the left one); jaw, neck or back pain; and/or an uncomfortable pressure or squeezing in the center of your chest that lasts more than a few minutes. If you experience any of these signs, it is suggested you call 911 immediately!

State Happenings:
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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12/8 LODGE MEETING 7:00
 12/12 ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY
 12/19 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
 12/22 LODGE MEETING 7:00
 12/22/09 Special Lodge Initiation
 12/24 Christmas Buffet 12-5 LODGE CLOSES AT 5:00

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP BY PROPOSING A NEW PERSON

Fax: 413-376-4240

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Pitch	3	4 FISH FRY	5 \$10,000.00 drawing H. Breite, PDD
6	7	8 7:00 LODGE MEETING	9 Pitch	10 J. Sanicki PER	11 FISH FRY	12
13 ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY	14	15	16 Pitch 6:00 Golf league meeting	17	18 FISH FRY	19 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 1:00—4:00 M. Ruggeri, PER
20	21	22 7:00 LODGE MEETING	23 Pitch	24 CHRISTMAS EVE LODGE CLOSES AT 5:00 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS NO FISH FRY	26
27	28	29	30 Pitch	31 NEW YEARS EVE	1 NEW YEARS DAY 2010	2

FUND RAISER FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND

THANK YOU EVERYONE for taking the bus trip to Mohegan Sun. Many of you want to go again. It has been suggested that perhaps we could do it every four months. If you would be interested in going to Mohegan on Sunday, March 7 or 14 please let me know. Email is ladytipper@comcast.net or let me know when you see me at the Lodge. I posted the tallies for the trip. It has also been suggested that we get a group together to go to Vegas. Anyone interested? It would probably be in late April, early May. Let me know so if you are interested I can check into package deals.

There will be a meeting of the Golf League Committee on Wednesday December 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Currently on the agenda is: Location of play for 2010—rules modification—beer cart— and other matters that may come up. All league members are invited to attend.

Any suggestions for the 100 years, 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:

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 Sign up by December 6th

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT: Friday night meals-need enough to make to kitchen teams-Fran/Linda

December 22,: Ring the Bell for Salvation Army-sign up at the Lodge

Word Power: Words that appear in holiday carols or poems

Welkin — vault of the heavens; plaintive — sad; low — moo like a cow; frankincense — gum resin; courser — swift horse; seraphin — highest order of angels

Put the number of Ls in parenthesis in the following words to make the original word:

1. aise (1)
2. abe (2)
3. iac (2)
4. ama (2)
5. idy (2)
6. oipop (3)
7. iega (3)
8. oyay (3)
9. ceuar (3)
10. hibiy (4)
11. oboy (4) and
12. voeyba (4). Answers next month.

What your Christmas Tree says about you.

White lights; You ask houseguests to remove their shoes. **Multicolored lights;** You're an extrovert. **Blinking Lights;** You have attention deficit disorder. **Homemade ornaments;** You have lots of children. **Strung popcorn/cranberries;** You have too much time on your hands. **Red balls only;** You wish you lived in a department store. **Yellow star on top;** You're traditional. **Glowing Santa on top;** You shop at Kitsch "R" us. **Cutoff top;** You didn't measure the tree. **Vague evergreen smell;** You bought a healthy tree. **Strong evergreen smell;** you sprayed your tree with pine sol. **Just plain smelly;** There's a dead bird in your tree.

News from other lodges:

Northampton — Bingo every Wednesday evenings

Northampton Lodge — every Friday Prime Rib or Fried Scallops for \$10.00 each.

West Springfield/Agawam Elks — Ludlow — Friday Night Dinners — Steak on the Grill — \$9.95 Mastercard/Visa accepted.

Proposed for Membership

Albert Adamski	Proposal	Helen O'Gorman	Ted Graveline	Proposal	Amanda Schuetze
F. Peter Clarke	Proposal	Caitlin Sheridan	Doug Baker	Proposal	Nancy Beckwith
Dave Bonnett	Proposal	Joyce Wilder-Oakes	Dave Bonnett	Proposal	Jean Martin
Dave Bonnett	Proposal	Marsha Bonnett	Lynn Rogers	Proposal	Dennis MacLeay

New Year Eve Celebration: Due to dwindling interest and rising cost the Lodge will not be putting on a New Year's Eve dinner and dance... so if you want to plan your own party at the Lodge contact Tina Woods to book it.

Elk Memorial Sunday- Dec. 6 @ 1:00pm with a collation to follow. We have lost 17 members this year, please consider honoring them by attending this service.

100th Anniversary- please send any ideas to my email: fsirum@comcast.net

Mass Elks Scholarship and Vocational Grant forms are available at the Lodge- due by Feb. Pick them up at the Lodge or email me and I'll send one out to you.

Remember dues were to be paid by April 1, if you are receiving this bulletin and haven't paid your dues, the Lodge is responsible for your payment. So please, if you are in arrears, make every effort to remedy the situation.

Friday Meals: We are still looking for more volunteers, Mike Hisz who comes in each Friday around 3:30pm to set up the condiment table, will be heading south in January, we will need a replacement. Set up takes about an hour, have you got an hour on a Friday afternoon? Also, we need more people to come in around 7:00 to do clean-up dishes, silverware, pots, pans, wash the floor. Bob Mott has been doing it every week plus helping to cook, let's volunteer to give him a break occasionally.

If there is a member who deserves some special recognition, let me know and I'll be sure to mention them.

Some of the Up-Coming Events:

- Friday night meals- began on Oct. 30 NO MEALS ON: DEC. 25 OR JAN. 1**
- December— Hoop Shoot Dec. 5 evening;**
- December 6, Memorial Service for those who have gone before us.**
- Salvation Army stand out**
- December 19- Christmas basket deliveries, Children's Christmas party**
- Christmas Buffet: 12/24 12:00 noon til 5:00, Lodge closes at 5:00pm**

IT CAME FROM WHERE:

1. First cup of coffee savored: a) Brazil, b) Yemen, c) Italy;
2. Limes in our flavored seltzer: a) Thailand, b) Mexico, c) Indonesia;
3. Country dealt the first poker hand: a) United States, b) Spain, c) Great Britain;
4. Country who sported slip-on shoes: a) Italian's, b) German's, c) Norwegian's;
5. Priests in this country denounced the fork as godless: a) Spain, b) Italy, c) France;
6. Distilled spirits made cocktails possible: a) Iraq, b) Ireland, c) Russia;
7. Country harvested first carrot: a) Japan, b) Afghanistan, c) India;
8. Country started our obsession with chocolate: a) Belgium, b) Switzerland, c) Honduras;
9. Processed sugar stimulated our taste buds: a) Cuba, b) Haiti, c) India;
10. Donned the Panama hat first: a) Ecuador, b) Cuba, c) Panama.

Answers will appear in next month's newsletter.

**EDWARD W. GALIPAULT, SR.
FRANK J. YESTRAMSKI**

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