



The Greenfield Elk



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ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

JANUARY 2012

My fellow members:

A Tip of the Antlers is in order for Mark Lavin and the great job he and his committee of volunteers did selling out the \$10,000.00 raffle tickets. The event on Dec.03, 2011 was a huge success! The particulars of the event are noted elsewhere in this newsletter. The Annual ELKS Memorial Service on Sunday, Dec. 04, 2011, was a somber, yet quite fitting tribute to our departed members, and the 17 most recently departed during the past year, whom were well represented by family and friends alike. And on Dec.17th, the lodge had a doubleheader, 50 Christmas baskets were delivered to those local folks in need of a little helping hand. Our very own George "Father Christmas" Herzig organized and coordinated the entire event, with the help of a selfless Legion of ELKS and Emblem Club members, too numerous to mention individually. Also later that day, Santa made a personal visit to our lodge, to the delight of the members children and grandchildren. Many thanks to Dee Fleming, Ed HO-HO-HO Reagey, and all the other members and family friends who helped make it a special day for our children. On Dec. 27th, at our regularly scheduled lodge meeting, we will be initiating several new members. Please come to the meeting if at all possible, and let's show these candidates a strong welcome into the finest fraternal organization on the face of the earth. And lastly, Mary and I wish all our members and their families a joyous and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Never forget "EACH ONE REACH ONE". Think of the numbers we could generate.

And as always,

"KEEP SMILING"

Jim Keegan ER.



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Sid Jensen, Leading Knight
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-Trustees-

Wes Clark PDD, PER, 1 yrs.
Dennis Moore, 2 yrs.
Francis Sirum, 3 yrs.
L. Kim Franks, 4 years
John Cariddi, 5 years

Elsie Gilman, Esquire
Terri Miner, Chaplain
David Sprague, Inner Guard
William Pease Jr., Organist

2012 Austin, TX
2013 Reno, NV

"ELK OF THE YEAR"

All members are asked to submit a ballot for their choice of "Elk of the Year". Forms are available at the Lodge. Please state your name and reason behind your choice. This is a prestigious award that is bestowed upon a worthy candidate. Ballots will be reviewed by Past Elk of the Year Members. Two basic rules. They cannot be an Officer and only one person is selected.

Tip of the Antlers:

Thanksgiving Buffet-Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Bob Mott, Butch DeNofrio

Memorial Sunday Service- Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Bob Mott, Scott Greaves, Sid & Colleen Jensen, Matt Sheridan

SCHOLARSHIP INFO:

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS-available to children, stepchildren, grandchildren or step-grandchildren or legal ward of an Elk, must be a high school senior, apply through related member Elk's Lodge, **The student must complete application and return it online to the Elks National Foundation no later than Feb 1, 2011.** www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm

MASS ELKS ASSOC. "VOCATIONAL: GRANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM"- intended for full time students enrolled in a two year vocational technical course in a school or college leading to a Terminal Associates Degree, Certificate, or Diploma, but less than a Bachelor's Degree, not for part time or night students. Application must be on the original form, filing deadline March 1, 2011.

MASS ELKS SCHOLARSHIP, INC- Renewal Application must be filed, as renewals are not automatic, all applications must use official Mass Elks Scholarship form, must be filed where parent/guardian is a member. Filing deadline Feb 1.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS . . . On Saturday, December 17, 2011. 50 complete Christmas Dinner Baskets were delivered to deserving families for the Holiday season. Numerous members took place in gathering the food and putting them into baskets for delivery. A splendid turn-out from our members. Many, many "THANKS" to all that participated. Tim, and George Herzig, Fred Ulrich, Bill Heiden, Mike Heiden, Simon Behilo, Den Moore, Jerry Gaimari, Ed Reagey, Wes Clark, Bob Mott, Les Chadwick, Mike Blanchard, Jim Keegan, Sid Jensen, Doug Houle, Dave and Marcia Bonnett, Pat Tynan, Doug Turner, Jean Rewa, George Hall, Leigh Jenks, John Williams, John Mackin, Ron Powers, Stan Lewandowski, Ed Underwood.

*44th Mass. Elks Candlepin Bowling Tournament. March 7 & 14. If you're interested in putting a team together, we need to get it done soon. Please contact me (Linda Gorey) at fsirum@comcast.net or see me at the Lodge.

Charlie Kestyn & Fred Ulrich chairmen of the United Arc Christmas Dinner for the wonderful dinner presented on December 11, 2011. Over 130 dinners were served and Santa made his usual appearance much to the delight of everyone. The following Elk & Emblem members who helped are: Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Scott Greaves, Peter Brougham, Matt Sheridan, Corey O'Connell, Elsie Gilman, Pat Baker, Beth Cadran, Connie Thornburg, Linda Merritt and Catherine Foery. I apologize if I missed anyone.

"THANKS AGAIN SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED ARC."

GREENFIELD EMBLEM #43

Desserts for Friday night fish fry are still needed. Contact Linda Hall for dates she has open in Jan. Tickets are on sale for the lottery scratch ticket goal post. The drawing will be on Super Bowl Sunday. There are no meetings in Jan. or Feb. We will resume meeting on Mon. March 5th. We will initiate two new members at that meeting.

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Golfers there will be a meeting in February.

GREENFIELD LODGE #1296 RAFFLE FOR THE X-MAS BASKETS

FIRST PRIZE 100 GALLONS FUEL OIL

WINNER---- **Joyce Wilder-Oakes**

2ND PRIZE \$50.00 FOSTER'S GIFT CERTIFICATE

WINNER----**Patrick Tynan**

THIRD PRIZE \$25.00 FOSTER'S GIFT CERTIFICATE

WINNER----**Rosemary Pope**

FYI: Attention all Candlepin Bowlers-We need to get together in early Jan. to plan for our Polish Sunday. Contact Fran/Linda.

FYI: Help needed on Fish Fry Fridays-to set up table w/ silverware, napkins, condiments, etc. Mike Hisz has been a faithful worker and will be spending a few months at Hilton Head, so we need to have a replacement during his absence. It takes about 20 min., come in around 4 pm. We wish Mike a safe and healthy time away. Please contact Linda or Fran. fsirum@comcast.net

Marshfield Lodge #2494 will hold their annual "Polar Plunge" in the Atlantic at high noon on January 1st on Rex-hame Beach in Marshfield. Anyone interested contact Susan Chapman at 781-837-2586. Proceeds benefits Wounded Warrior Project.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Maurice Chamberland; Arnold Egloff
- 4 Lesley Chadwick; Cindy Dikeman
- 5 Richard Lacross
- 7 William Lewis
- 8 Willie Fiste
- 9 Alvin Dresser
- 11 Charles Murdock
- 12 Scott George
- 13 Richard Herzig
- 14 Robert Benedetti
- 16 Peter Weis
- 17 Carroll Bowen; Edward Wykowski
- 20 Michael Morawski, Jr.
- 21 Jeffrey Baker; Marsha Bonnett; Cheryl A. Broughan
- 22 Mark Lavin; Matthew Sirum; Michael Smith
- 24 Charles Bohonowicz; Dennis Moore, Trustee
- 25 David Lewandowski; Donald Pierce, Robert Wood, Sr.
- 26 Todd Berger, William Martin, PER
- 27 Sean Mason; Elizabeth Moore
- 28 Richard Cadran
- 29 Gary Selanis
- 30 William Clark
- 31 Paul Doran; David Norman

NOTICE TO ALL SNOWBIRDS

If you are heading to warmer weather for the winter and leaving your summer habitat, please notify the secretary of your forwarding address and when you will be leaving and returning. As mentioned in the past, all mail not forwarded is returned to the Lodge with a full first class postage due.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!POLISH SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

JAN. 29 3:00 PM

\$10.00 PER PERSON

ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE

GOLUMPKIS, PIEROGIS, KIELBASA & MORE

BENEFIT 1296 BOWLERS-MA ELKS TOURNAMENT

SEE BARTENDERS OR BOWLERS FOR TICKETS

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING- JAN. 18 @ 6:00PM

The Lodge held its Hoop Shoot on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Greenfield YMCA. The winners are: Age 10-11; Girls - Teagon Cardaropoll; Age 8-9 Boys - Jake Dodge; Age 10-11 Boys - Kyle Dodge; Age 12-13 Boys - George Balis. The winners will move on to the West Central District Hoop Shoot which will take place on Saturday, January 14th At The Auburn High School, Auburn MA. Registration/Warm-Up 9:00 am; Shoot 10:00 am. See picture in newsletter.

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1/10 LODGE MEETING 7:00
1/21 VA Pizza party
1/26 Past ER dinner/meeting
1/24 LODGE MEETING 7:00

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP BY PROPOSING A NEW PERSON

Fax: 413-376-4240

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Pitch	5	6 Fish Fry	7
8	9	10 Lodge meet- ing 7:00 p.m.	11 Pitch	12	13 Fish Fry	14
15	16 Martin Lu- ther King b'day	17	18 Pitch	19	20 Fish Fry	21 VA Pizza party
22	23	24 Lodge meet- ing 7:00 p.m. Bylaw Review	25 Pitch	26	27 Fish Fry	28
29	30	31				

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On Saturday, February 11, 2011 there will be a bus trip to Foxwoods Resort & Casino. The bus will be leaving the Lodge at **8:00AM SHARP** and leaving Foxwoods at 5:00 **PM SHARP**. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes round trip as well as a \$15.00 food voucher and two \$ 10.00 match play/keno coupons for each. Sign up at the Lodge and please pay at that time. We will need full name and Birthday for pre- registration for the comp cards which will be passed out on the Bus. We will need at least 44 people with a maximum of 55 people on Bus. **YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD.** We will also have 50/50 raffles on the bus. **SO SPREAD THE WORD. IT WILL BE A FUN DAY.**

The annual Chili cook-off is Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2011. Chili entry has to be in the kitchen by 1:30 p.m. Tasting is at 2:00.

I want to thank, Connie Thornburg, Bernie Schatz, Bob Mott, Colleen Jensen, Linda Hall, Bernie Wyman, Linda Gorey, Jeannie Graveline and Linda Merritt for all of their help in wrapping the children's presents. I would also like to thank Bernie Schatz, Ed Fleming, Bob Mott for their help setting up the room and Ed and Bob for their help in the kitchen. Thanks to Pete Clarke for serving soda during the Children's Christmas Party. I would also like to thank my granddaughter for her help in handing out the presents. And a special thank you to Ed "Santa" Reagey.



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Hoop Shoot At the YMCA, ER James Keegan, Leading Knight-Sid Jensen, Jerry Gaimari After Hoop Shoot Dinner, David Sprague, Eric Schatz, Bernard Schatz.

Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army @ Stop & Shop. Walgreens, Family Dollar, Foster's Market: Peter Clarke (chairman), Mark Lavin, Stan Maynard, Jerry Gaimari, Ed & Dee Fleming, Bob Mott, Jim Sanicki, Wes Clark, Ed Reagey, Vinnie Melendez, Bill Luipold, Rick & Deb Cadran, Sharon Rawson and Bill Devino. Thank you for volunteering.



On Saturday, December 17, Santa made an appearance to deliver the gifts to the children and grandchildren of Elks members. A good time was had by all the children, and some of the adults. Thank you Santa.



The children are enthralled with the magician, Ed Popielarczyk, Magical Moments as he performed for them during the children's Christmas party. The children love to watch him perform and this year some of the children got their own magic case for a gift.



Members of the Elks on Saturday, December 17, putting the 50 baskets together that were delivered to those families who are in need.

The following members are eligible for Life Membership: Douglas A. Baker, James M. Burke, Robert L. Kelley, James J. MacKenzie, William W. Perry, David Phillips, Francis G. Sirum, Alan J. Wondoloski.

Jared Andrew, of Troop 16, Greenfield, is working on his Eagle Scout Service Project, which will benefit injured veterans returning from military service. His goal is to collect as many DVDs, new or used, (G, PG, or PG-13) as possible, and to donate them not only to local veteran facilities but, also in Vermont and Eastern Mass. If you are unable to donate a DVD, he is also accepting any monetary donations which will be applied to the purchase of DVDs and DVD players. There is a box located at the Elks Lodge. Let's help this young man with his project and our veterans. Any questions you may contact his Scoutmaster-Lil Russell @ 413-687-1260.

The \$10,000 Raffle was a success again this year. All the tickets were sold before the day of the drawing. I would like all of the people that sold tickets and made this event possible. The food was prepared by Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Bob Mott, David Sprague and Fred Parody. They did a fantastic job as always. I would like to also thank Chris Clark for helping with the door prizes and James Sanicki, Bob Mott and Sid Jensen for helping me with the Drawing. I believe a great time was had by all. I can't wait to run this again next year. Watch the monthly bulletin for a possible party/dance this coming spring or summer. Hope to see you at the club. Mark Lavin



FOXWOODS

WHEN: **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

LEAVE: **8:00 A.M. SHARP**

WHERE: **ELKS PARKING LOT**

PARK: **PLEASANT ST. TOWN LOT PLEASE**

RETURN: **7:00 P.M. ELKS PARKING LOT**

COST: **\$15.00 NON-REFUNDABLE**

NEED 44 PASSENGERS TO GET THE BUS

Profit to benefit Elk charities



PLEASE SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 5, 2012

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Deb and Rick were sitting in the living room watching the tube when he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug". She got up, unplugged the tv and threw his beer out the window.

An elderly gentleman is attending a singles mixer at a senior center, and he approaches a woman to speak to her. At a loss for words, he falls back on what seems to be one of his old standbys: "So tell me, do I come here often?"

My old pal Gus is always trying to outdo me. Yesterday I showed him the little plastic pill case with compartments I use for all of my medications. Today he showed me his *tackle box* he uses for his.

Over a number of months, a wife noticed her husband was suddenly obsessed with the daily paper's obituary section. One morning she asked, "Dear, are you getting afraid that you're going to die?". The indignant reply came: "No way! I'm just trying to get a good idea of who will and won't be at the class reunion!"

Team Names if the NFL Established a "Senior League": San Francisco 79ers; Cleveland Brown Spots; Carolina Panthers; Tampa Bay Miracle Ears; Cincinnati Ben Gays; Washington Dryskins; Green Bay Backaches; and Oakland X-Rayders.

Women might be able to fake orgasms. But men can fake a whole relationship.

You don't see many senior citizens at those two-hour comedy club show. We don't mind laughing until we wet our pants, but what are we going to do for the other our and 59 minutes?

Expression Origins:

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt . . . Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

Worrying works! 90% of the things I worry about never happen.
