

MASSACHUSETTS ELKS ASSOCIATION

“ELK ON THE TRAIL”  
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Douglas A. Merrick

State Chairman

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Dear Exalted Ruler and Members,

The 90th Anniversary of the “Elk on the Trail” Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 15th, 2012 at 12:00 PM. 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”

**Final Fish Fry was April 26, 2013**  
**"Thank You" for your support during the last six months.**  
**This has been a very successful fish Fry.**  
**We look forward to your support in the upcoming continuation of our**  
**100th Anniversary**

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**LODGE DUES 2013-2014**

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3-5 CHURCH ST.

GREENFIELD, MA 01301

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A VETEREAN YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Dues \$60.00 + Grand Lodge Assessments \$16.00 TOTAL DUES \$76.00

LIFE DUES \$30.00 + Grand Lodge Assessments \$16.00 TOTAL DUES \$46.00

PLEASE ADD \$2.00 FOR MASS STATE ELKS SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTIFY OF ADDRESS CHANGES**

**LOCKS CHANGED APRIL 15, 2013**

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**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

**MAY 12**

**8:30-11:30**

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**KIDS: 6 & OLDER \$3.00**

**KIDS: 5 & YOUNGER- FREE**

For this breakfast volunteers are needed: to cook, clean up, & take money at the door. Please contact Linda or Fran- [fsirum@comcast.net](mailto:fsirum@comcast.net)

Upcoming events:

- June 12 – Flag Day Ceremony with Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m., collation to follow officers, white tuxedo jackets.
- June 15 – Elk on the Trail contact Bob Mott if you can help [robertmott59@verizon.net](mailto:robertmott59@verizon.net)
- July 20 – Motorcycle ride for Wounded Warriors Project (tentative date) contact: Rich Rowell, Rick Cadran or Kim Franks to volunteer.
- August 24 – Chicken BBQ benefit for Children's Christmas Party. Contact Shirley Kennedy to see how you can help [shiken73@comcast.net](mailto:shiken73@comcast.net) Shirley and her crew will be raffling a beautiful hand-made quilt. Let's help support the Christmas Party committee.
- September 21 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$100.00 raffle drawing and buffet, let's get those tickets sold!!! Bill Kilgour has worked very hard on this project!!!

**NEW RULE FOR ELK GOLF LEAGUE SPARES**

“Any spare that shows up for the Wednesday golf league at the Greenfield Country Club whether called by a member of the league to spare for them or not, or any Elk member for that matter, will be allowed to play at league rates. Those not need to spare for a regular member will go out following regular league members.”

## May Birthdays

- 2 James E. Bitzer; Arthur H. Markoski
- 3 David J. Snow; Robert S. Zaikowski
- 5 Bernard Desroches; Daniel N. Killay; William Swington, Jr.,
- 6 Douglas H. Clapp; Jennifer Johnson
- 7 Robert A. Wood, Jr.
- 8 Stanley W. Lewandowski; James A. Newton; Theodore Telega, PER
- 9 Richard W. Hartshorn, II; Michael A. Hisz; Justin J. Moore; Lori Wegiel
- 10 James M. Burke
- 11 Lawrence Volpe
- 12 Joseph R. Charron, III; Francis L. McDonald,
- 13 William P. Devino; Tyler Higley; Richard S. Peel
- 15 Scott Digeorge; Raymond L. Jones; Daniel P. Llewelyn; Norman A. Miller; Jon T. Todd
- 16 Steven H. Guetti; Anthony A. Sirum; Paul D. Viens
- 18 Michael H. Moore
- 19 John F. Griffin
- 21 Edward Reagey; Frederick D. Ulrich, PER/Sec
- 23 Frederick V. Parody
- 24 Aaron Baker; Jayme Gay
- 25 William D. Heiden; Keith Schempp
- 28 Lorraine A. Cadran; William Golfarb; Albert E. Magdycz
- 29 Joseph Mitchell, Jr.
- 30 Edward A. Galenski; Jr., Joseph P. La Chance; Jason A. Markwell
- 31 Peter Broughan

**Does your license expire this year? DMV doesn't send reminders.**

If you have news, an announcement or want something put in the monthly newsletter, please leave the information at the Lodge, either on the door of the office or give to the bartender. Of course, you can always email me at ladytipper@comcast.net.

## National Convention Locations

2013 Reno, NV  
2014 New Orleans, LA  
2015 Indianapolis, IN

## Congratulations to the following:

ELK OF THE YEAR: John Williams  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR: Shirley Kennedy, Chaplain  
DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: William Kilgour, Jr.

## Proposition for Membership:

Todd Dubie proposes Timothy Markowski  
Steve Lovett proposes Joseph Laurie

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## Dear Lodge Secretary:

Having read the enclosed memorandum from the Grand Lodge Insurance Director, following is the breakdown of the total Grand Lodge Per Capita fees for the 2013-2014 fraternal year.

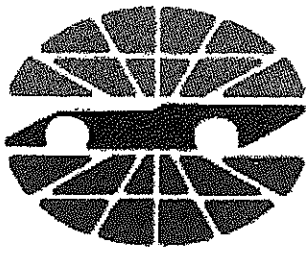
Grand Lodge Expenses and Operation (includes \$1.00 National Home Assessment)	\$7.50
Elks Magazine Subscription	\$5.50
General Liability Insurance	\$3.00
Total	\$16.00

The above figures, as well as your State Association dues, have been added to your CLMS2Web program and will be included in the combined total on your Lodge Dues Statements. The Grand Lodge fees of \$16.00 per member will be calculated by multiplying this amount by the ending membership figure (Line 12) submitted on your Annual Membership Report. Your State Association fees must be paid separately and sent directly to your State Secretary.

Under Sections 4.231 and 14.150, Laws of the Order, in addition to their dues, it is now mandatory for the collection of these Per-Capita Assessments from each member as well as Per Capita from a Life Member. The total Per-Capita for Grand Lodge, Elks Magazine and Insurance is \$16.00 per member.

A little old lady was sitting on a park bench in The Villages, a Florida Adult community. A man walked over and sits down on the other end of the bench. After a few moments, the woman asks, 'Are you a stranger here?' He replies, 'I lived here years ago.' 'So, where were you all these years?' 'In prison,' he says. 'Why did they put you in prison?' He looked at her, and very quietly said, 'I killed my wife.' 'Oh!' said the woman. 'So you're single!'

A little old man shuffled slowly into the 'Orange Dipper', an ice cream parlor in Naples, and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'hemorrhoids'.



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**MASSACHUSETTS ELKS SCHOLARSHIP, INC.**  
**MAJOR PROJECT**

Massachusetts Elks Association, Inc.

*President*  
Frederick M. Cohen

April 2013

*Vice President*  
William J. Hopkins III

**Memo from Frederick M. Cohen, President**

*Treasurer*  
John J. White

Dear Exalted Ruler:

*Secretary*  
John W. Capitao

The "Massachusetts Elks Scholarship, Inc." is our state's major project and you have the responsibility of ensuring that your Lodge is represented at the scholarship meetings during the 2013-2014 year. The first meeting is the Nominations, which will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, May 5, 2013 at the Weymouth Lodge of Elks #2232. The second meeting is the Election, which will be held promptly after the State Convention morning recess on Saturday, June 8th at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis.

*Directors*  
Raymond A. Avezzie, Jr.  
Gerald E. Bagley  
Frederick A. Davis  
Kenneth F. Paradis  
Denise O. Shurtleff

Your Lodge, as a member of the "Massachusetts Elks Scholarship, Inc." is entitled to one vote at scholarship meetings. A proxy may be used and should be designated in advance. The sole business of the Election Meeting, is to fill the three vacancies in the North, West Central and Metro North districts.

*State President*  
Frank J. Barone

**Please note the following from the Corporation By-Laws:**

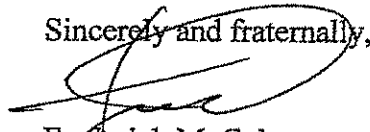
*Advisor*  
Michael F. Zellen G.L.T.

ARTICLE IV, Section 5: "The proxy of each Lodge, which is a member of the corporation to vote at all meetings, annual, special and nominating, shall be such person as may be designate by the Lodge and certified to by the Secretary of the Lodge under the seal of the said Lodge to the Secretary of the corporation. Such proxy shall be an Elk in good standing, which is a member of the member Lodge which designates him. In case any Lodge shall have failed to designate a proxy as above provided, then the Exalted Ruler of said Lodge may act as the Proxy.

*Administrative Assistant*  
Linda Pratt-Webber

If further information is needed, please call "Massachusetts Elks Scholarship, Inc" office at: (781) 246-5900 or e-mail me at: [m.esi9@verizon.net](mailto:m.esi9@verizon.net)

Sincerely and fraternally,



Frederick M. Cohen  
President

cc: Frank J. Barone - Massachusetts Elks State President  
Hon. Michael F. Zellen-G.L.T.S.D.G.E.R.  
Board of Directors, MESI  
Massachusetts Elks Exalted Rulers



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*Secretary*  
John W. Capita

Exalted Ruler-Secretary  
Scholarship Chairman and all those who helped,

*Directors*  
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It gives us great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors of the "Massachusetts Elks Scholarship, Inc." has approved a scholarship grant to the following students from your lodge.

*State President*  
Frank J. Barone

Katherine Bitters \$700.00

*Advisor*  
Michael F. Zellen G.L.T.

Aliza Fassier \$500.00

*Administrative Assistant*  
Linda Pratt-Webber

Casey Blanchard \$500.00

Jacqueline Colt \$750.00

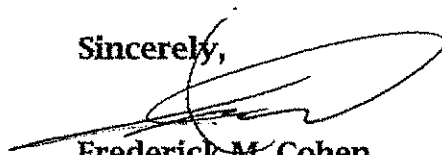
Michael Duolos Jr \$1,000.00

Chelsea mandile \$500.00

Alyssa Shepherd \$500.00

"Thank you," for all your help in bringing the students a well- deserved grant

Sincerely,



Frederick M. Cohen  
President



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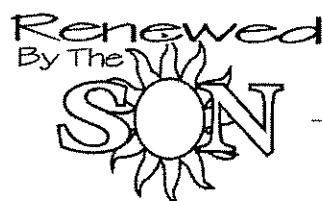
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**MAY 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Golf	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Golf	9	10	11
12	13	14 Lodge meeting	15 Golf	16	17	18 VA Pizza Party
19	20	21	22 Golf	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28 Lodge Meeting	29 Golf	30		



### Tip of the Antlers

Installation of Officers: Kitchen Crew; Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Bob Mott, Scott Greaves, Ken Kurtyka, John Richardson, Kim and Sue Franks, Butch DeNofrio and Sid Jensen. Emblem Wait Staff; Linda Hall, Linda Baker, Tina Hickey, Sue Breite, Gail Underwood and Beth Cadran.

*Special Thanks to all the following that made the Friday Night Meals and raffles so successful. Without these volunteers, none of that would have happened.* Kitchen setup: Mike Hisz, Mike Blanchard, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy, Kim and Sue Franks, Lauren Franks, Keven Gladu and his daughter Audrey, Sid Jensen, John Richardson, Eric Schatz, Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Buddy Derry, Terry O'Connell and Dennis Moore. Raffle Volunteers: Deb and Rick Cadran; Beth Stetzel, Jen Twyon, Neil and Terry Black, Jeannie Graveling, Jean Rewa, Janet Rewa, Sharon Rawson, Marsha and Dave Bonnett, Mary Anne Wells, Sue Laford, Don Malloy, Ed and Gail Underwood, Scott Greaves, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy, Nancy Beckwith. (If I have omitted anyone, my apologies in advance.)

Thank you all, members and guests, who attended and helped for all your support this year.

Special thanks to all the local businesses who advertise in our bulletin and continually support this Lodge.

### FYI:

The Lodge donated popcorn to the third grade classes, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Tripp, for the "Movie & Pajama", which celebrated the culmination of their MCAS testing. There is a very nice note and thank you card on the bulletin board.

### Raffle Winners (Installation of Officers):

50/50 Raffle – Donna Kilgour

12 pack/variety LEFTY'S BREWING CO., Woody Woodbury-Athol-Orange Lodge

Thank you, Lefty for the generous donation via Bob Mott.

### NOTE TO ALL COMMITTEES

When planning and putting on a function: 1) notify Kelli Snow as soon as you have a definite date, sooner the better for the rentals with which she schedules; 2) advertise in the bulletin, etc., Dee needs info by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month; 3) be sure to have set up/clean up people, kitchen help; 4) leave the kitchen clean and in order, if you use the green aprons, take them home, wash and return; 5) be sure to acknowledge all your helpers/supporters in the bulletin under "Tip of the Antlers". We, as Lodge members, must follow the same rules as any rental. Thank you. Linda Gorey, PER, ER

### New Tipping Policy Sign:

Let me preface this by saying that most Lodges have a visible sign regarding their policy on tipping. It is a recommendation from our "higher-ups" that this be in place. I'm sure the "Rumor Mill" has been working overtime trying to put someone/some incident to blame. Let me make this very clear, that there wasn't anyone or any incident that prompted this sign being put up. No Lodge member should be participating in the spreading of any such stories. It is a violation of the statute that oversees "conduct unbecoming an Elk". Let's leave the smear campaigns to the politicians. Any questions, talk with me. Linda Gorey, PER, ER

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

### IMPORTANT BULLETIN INFORMATION

**BY JUNE 1, 2013, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE LODGE SECRETARY IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BULLETIN DELIVERED TO YOU BY EMAIL, REGULAR MAIL, OR YOU'LL PICK UP A COPY AT THE LODGE. Due to rising costs & necessary budget cuts, this option has been developed.**

**LOCKS CHANGED ON APRIL 15, 2013**



# THE GREENFIELD ELK

**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**

Volume 1 Issue 6

May 2013

2013-2014 LODGE OFFICERS: Linda Gorey, ER, Scott Greaves, Leading Knight; David Sprague, Loyal Knight; Sid Jensen, PER, Lecturing Knight; Fred Ulrich, PER, Secretary; Timothy Herzig, Treasurer; Robert Mott, PER, Tiler TRUSTEES: Francis Sirum Chair, 1 yrs.; L. Kim Franks, 2 yrs.; John Cariddi, 3 years; Wes Clark PDD, PER, 4 years; Dennis Moore, 5 yrs.; Elsie Gilman, Esquire; Shirley Kennedy, Chaplain; Michelle Kelleher, Inner Guard; William Pease Jr., Organist.

## Exalted Ruler's Message:

Dear Members,

As we start our 2013-2014 Lodge year, the officers and I have put together a very stringent but workable budget. As you are aware, we have incurred several unplanned, emergency, and expensive repair costs, i.e., the kitchen refrigerator, the bar glass washer, the furnace just to name a few. All the committees will see a cut in their budgets and must consider doing some fund raising on their own. Also, the building next door still has not been rented and that is a huge loss of income for us.

Again, I am asking all members to support, contribute, and participate as much as you can. Please encourage new members, especially ones you may have sponsored to do likewise.

Remember, to continue to make our Lodge viable, successful, and able to move forward, we must all work as a team without dissention. Your constructive input is always welcome. Please attend the meetings. Let's support our Lodge, its committees, officers, and each other.

God Bless America and God bless our troops around the globe.

Fraternally,

Linda Gorey, PER, ER Elect

**IN MEMORIAM  
PAUL O. HADSEL  
GEORGE W. BUNK  
PAUL D. MCMAHON**

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## GREENFIELD EMBLEM CLUB #43

The installation of officers will be on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon at noon and installation at 1:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Our next meeting is Mon. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Connie Thornburg