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November 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

When we were initiated into the Greenfield Lodge of Elks #1296, part of the pledge of our obligation included "...not permit any political, sectarian, or personal prejudice to influence me". I cite this to make all members aware or as a reminder that if you have concerns or you're not happy with the running of the Lodge, the monthly bulletin is not the appropriate forum to express what could be considered a "personal prejudice". Each member is entitled to their opinion, but let's be proactive, rather than reactive, constructive, not destructive.

The purpose of the Lodge bulletin is to inform the membership of the things going on, recognize members' volunteerism and their dedication to the principles of Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, & Fidelity, and keep the membership informed of programs on all levels of the Elks organization.

If a member or members have a concern regarding any aspect of running our Lodge, the bi-monthly meetings and the Board of Directors is the venue which should be used, not the Members Lounge. Also, you can talk to the officers; make an appointment, if you wish to express concerns.

The bi-monthly meeting are lacking in attendance, where matters are discussed and voted on, instead I see them "hashed and rehashed" in the Member's Lounge. Rather than "stoke the fires of the rumor mill", please use the proper channels to get correct information. We all, as Members, have the same rights and privileges, we all took the pledge to uphold the tenets of the Elks organization, relaying misinformation, speaking ill of the Lodge, wasn't part of that. There appropriate venues to express concerns, I encourage you to use them.

Our Lodge has many very dedicated members, who have volunteered to take on the responsibilities to run the Lodge successfully. We are fortunate to have such members. In order to get new members, we must show them our positive assets, by working together toward a common goal, remember the old adage about "a house divided".

Remember all the offices are positions elected by the membership, any of you can run for an office, all of you have the right and privilege of voting. In the future, the Lodge will need new officers, there isn't a better way to learn how things are run, the statutes & by-laws, the daily operations, the rules & regulations our Lodge must follow.

In closing, please consider to be proactive, use venues appropriately, so our Lodge can run smoothly.

Faternally yours,

Linda Gorey, ER, PER email: fsirum@comcast.net

GREENFIELD EMBLEM CLUB #43

The next meeting will be Monday, November 4th at 7:15 p.m.

HELP WANTED:

MEMBER/S TO CHAIR & ORGANIZE AN EASTER KIDS' PARTY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

\$12,000 Holiday Raffle

ATTENTION MEMBERS: You probably know that the 100th Anniversary Raffle drawing didn't happen on Sept. 21st as planned because we didn't sell the minimum 350 tickets needed to cover expenses. However, we did have the smorg prepared by Fran Sirum and his crew, and dancing to "Chicken Wire". Eileen Baker won the 50/50 raffle and everyone had a good time. Thanks to Fran and crew for a great smorg. Thanks to Donna Kilgour and Audrey Labonte for selling the 50/50 tickets and helping with clean up. This is our 100th anniversary year, which is a huge honor to our club, so we didn't want to cancel the raffle. Therefore, we combined it with the CHRISTMAS RAFFLE which will be held on Dec. 7th as planned. We will have our usual smorg and band and the drawing will be at 11:00 p.m. as usual. "SUNDOWNER" will be the band that night. Posters hanging up in the lodge show the new structure of the raffle which is different than the past raffle. Because of the 100th anniversary, we wanted the raffle to be bigger and better. There will be 250 tickets sold instead of the usual 200, and all 5 prizes have been increased with combining both raffles. 1st prize will be \$12,000, 2nd \$1500, 3rd \$1000, 4th \$500, and 5th \$250. Don't wait too long to get your ticket because there are not many left, due to the previous sold tickets from the 1st raffle that was postponed. There are only about 62 tickets left. Tickets are at the bar, and from Committee sellers or you can contact me at 774-4753 or 834-4305 anytime. THANKS, COMMITTEE CHAIR- BILLY KILGOUR

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS F. GAGNER

*"... a while ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each
eye, now the golden cord is*

severed, he has passed to realms on high."

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DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

NOVEMBER

- 11- Veteran's Day Parade- need marchers, please participate
 - 21- Turkey Trot-Dinner at 6:30-please cut out/print your dinner ticket. (Contact Bob Mott to help)
 - 27- Thanksgiving Buffet-6:00 pm til?-signs will be posted, help needed to prep.
 - 28-Thanksgiving Day- Lodge opens at 8am (check w/Kelli Snow), closes @1:00pm
- Veteran's Day is Nov. 11, be sure to honor our men and women who have served our country.**

DECEMBER

- 1- Memorial Sunday is @ 1:00pm w/ collation to follow
- 7-Hoop Shoot (morning)
- 7-\$12,000 Drawing (evening)
- 8- Memorial Sunday -ceremony & light lunch
- 15-ARC party- Noon-3:00pm (help needed)
- 17- Bell Ringing/Salvation Army-Peter Clarke chair, please sign up.
- 21-Annual Xmas basket delivery-in the morning, contact George Herzig to help
- 21-Children's Christmas party (afternoon)
- 24-Christmas Buffet: 1pm. LODGES CLOSES @ 6:00PM, RE-OPENS 12/25 @6:00PM
- 31-New Year's Eve Party; see notice in bulletin.

As you can see, we have a long list of events coming up. All of them need volunteers. Let's get some new faces among us. The Friday night meals, need people to do the raffle, please email me, all the other events need help also.

Tip of the Antlers:

Thanks to Bob Mott for organizing the trip to Foxwoods on Sept. 28 benefiting the Children's Christmas party.

Thank you John Williams & Al Tirrell, for helping Sharon with clean up in the bar area, after the "squirrel forays".

Thanks to Mary Ellen Fuery & her husband Billy, for getting the Member's Lounge a new popcorn machine stand. Good eyes and thanks for always thinking about the Lodge!

FYI :

FISH FRY BEGINS NOV. 1ST 5:30 - 7:30 STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PLATE THE FOOD, COOK STEAK TIPS, CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN & TO RUN THE LOBSTER/MEAT RAFFLES. Please contact Linda at fsirum@comcast.net or see her at the Lodge. **Fish Fry schedule: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 No meal on Fri., 11/29 Dec. 6, 13, & 20 No meal on 12/27, and Jan 3**

New Challenges:

Membership is the life blood of our organization; this should be all of our concern. We need to be vigilant in the improvement of our Lodge, addressing such things as lapsation and the loss of Members. At times, we are part of the problem, sometimes with newer members there's often conflict. How many times have we all heard, "That's not the way we used to do it" or "We never did it that way: or "That won't work"? Sometimes these perceptions need to be put aside.

It should be obvious, that the way things were done is not working to our benefit in our current world. Please encourage acceptance of new ideas and tolerance to give newer Members' ideas a chance to grow.

Keep in mind that we all faced naysayers at one time in our lives. Let's not become those people, who stifle new ideas, but encourage them since they will be the future of our organization.

Let's look closer at keeping more of our membership active, let's invite them to participate in events, ask them to volunteer. People feel more valuable, when involved, they'll show pride in the Elks and our programs.

When pride is felt, people talk about what we've done, the result, good public relations. This is something we all must strive toward in order to insure a more cohesive working group.

SCHOLARSHIPS: LINDA GOREY, CHAIR. fsirum@comcast.net

MVS-Most Valuable Student: 500 4-yr. National Scholarships; \$1,000-\$15,000/year. Massachusetts will award 19 MVS scholarships and 72 1-year \$800.00 awards. Eligibility-must be a high school senior. Due at Lodge-Dec. 7, 2013, Applications available on line: www.elks.org/enf/scholars (may be duplicated).

LEGACY AWARDS: ENF (Elks National Foundation) will award 250 \$4,000 scholarships.

Massachusetts will award 9 for 2014-2015 academic years. Eligibility: child, grandchild, stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an Elk who has been a member in good standing. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. Must be a high school senior. Must apply through a related Lodge member. Only applies to accredited US American schools, college, universities. **STUDENT MUST COMPLETE APPLICATION & RETURN IT ONLINE NO LATER THAN FEB.1, 2014**

www.elks.org/enf/legacy.cfm

MASS ELKS SCHOLARSHIP, INC. ---Applications available at Lodge and guidance offices of Frontier Regional, Mohawk Regional, and Greenfield High School. Those seeking renewal must also fill out an application in order to be considered. Available: Oct. 1, 2013 AT LODGE. DUE: FEB. 1, 2014.

MASS. ELKS-VOCATIONAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-With funds from the ENF, Mass. will award 30 1-yr. scholarships of \$1,000.00 ELIGIBILITY: high school seniors intending to attend a 2 yr. 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 part time or night school. No age limit. Applications available @ Franklin Tech School. Oct. 1, 2013. Due at Lodge: March 1, 2014

THANKSGIVING BUFFET

WED., NOV. 27

6:00 P.M.

REMINDER: THE LODGE OPENS EARLY ON THANKSGIVING DAY & USUALLY CLOSSES @1:00PM. LOOK FOR A NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



NEW YEAR'S EVE 2013

**Dancing to
CHICKENWIRE**

8:30 – 12:30

\$25.00 Per Couple -- \$15.00 Per Person

MUNCHIES PROVIDED

Members & Guests



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

1:00 P.M.

**SANTA WILL GIVE OUT PRESENTS
SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD**

Ages to 10

Must sign up by December 1st no exceptions

RAFFLE TICKETS BELOW CUT OUT AND TURN IN TO THE LODGE

Greenfield Elks Lodge # 1296 **Raffle for the Christmas Basket**

1st Prize –100 Gallons Fuel Oil
Donated by Mackin
2nd Prize – Fosters \$50.00 Gift Certificate
3rd Prize – Fosters \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Drawing: December 7, 2013

\$ 5.00 per Ticket you will have three chances

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David P. Bougham; Kevin S. Coughlin
- 2 Wesley L. Clark, PER, PDD, Trustee; William Harker; Thomas Herzig, William Zimmerman
- 3 Lance Barton, Craig Underwood
- 4 Robert J. Woloss
- 6 Bradley Baker; Thomas McDonald
- 7 James E. Sturgeon
- 9 Paul R. Keller, PER; Michael Koncal; Edward Marvell
- 11 James Cadran; Peter A. Ruggeri; Jon P. Twyon; Ronald J. Zabko, Jr.
- 12 Dale L. Andrews; Josh Billiel; Joseph W. Fistes; Robert P. Wells
- 14 Janet Twyon
- 15 Douglas R. Brown
- 16 Richard L. Mallory
- 17 Jeffrey D. Baker; Theophile J. Mailloux, Jr.
- 18 Douglas A. Baker; John W. Gilman, PER
- 19 Lester A. Black
- 21 Mike George; John S. MacLeod
- 25 Douglas A. Turner
- 26 Gordon L. Hardy;
- 29 Robert F. Bitzer; Eileen M. Moore
- 30 Kenneth Miner; Sherry Dean Ouimet

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

Reminder: 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 **NO LATER THAN THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.** Of course, you can always email me at ladytipper@comcast.net.

National Convention Locations

2014 New Orleans, LA

2015 Indianapolis, IN

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 will be returned to the Lodge with a full first class postage due.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Approximately 3,000 sq. ft.; central reception area, handicapped accessible, parking and more, located a block from Main Street. Inquire at the Greenfield Elks or call 413-773-7453. Members: If you know of anyone looking for office space please let them know about this.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party will be held Sunday December 21st at 1 P.M. Ages 10 and under. Sign up will be from November 1st to December 1st, no exceptions. Sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by November 1st. Please sign your name with the children's names and ages. This year there will be no Magic Show and the food will not be pizza. Santa of course will be there to pass out presents.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT AS OF 10/14/13 PAID THEIR DUES THAT WERE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2013; PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY.

Archer, Michael; Burns, Brandon; Byziowski, Joe; Claine, Donald; Deveneau, Jr., Elwin; Elwell, James; Finn, Daniel; Galenski, Jr., Edward; George, Craig; Griffin, John; Griffin, Karen; Johnston, Robert; Jones, Raymond; Jordan, Donald; Jubb, Patrick; Markwell, Jason; Newton, Carl; Pachalis, James; Sheperd, Karen; Sirum, Matthew; Slattery, Colleen; Weigiel, Lori; White, Shirley; Yeglinski, Thaddeus; and Yestramski-Provost, Karen.

You must cut it out ticket below and bring with you.

Turkey Trot Night 11-21-2013

This is your ticket for dinner and door prize

\$3.00 Donation per meal

Ham dinner served at 6:30 PM

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The Greenfield Lodge Of Elks will hold its Annual Hoop Shoot -- FREE -THROW CONTEST on December 7, 2013 at the YMCA. It is FREE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 8 -13 Registration at 10:00 am starting time after registration. You can be 7 years old on April 1, 2014 and age up to 14 years old but if 14 years old on April 1, 2014 you are too old to participate.

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NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fish Fry Begins	2
3	4	5	6 Pitch	7	8 Fish Fry	9
10	11 Veterans' Day Celebrated	12 Lodge Meeting	13 Pitch	14	15 Fish Fry	16
17	18	19	20 Pitch	21 TURKEY TROT 6:30 meal	22 Fish Fry	23
24	25	26 Lodge Meeting	27 Pitch THANKSGIVING BUFFET 6:00	28 	30 NO Fish Fry	