



THE GREENFIELD ELK

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December 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:

On behalf of the Lodge, I'd like to thank all the members who participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. Also, to all the members that attended the parade to show their respect and honor our veterans. Let's not forget those veterans during the rest of the year. Also, it was nice to see so many members volunteer for Dennis Moore's Veterans Committee Spaghetti/Casino Night for the vets from the Leeds Hospital. Thank you.

The District Deputy visitation on Oct. 26, done this year by Dave Charbonneau, Auburn-Webster Lodge, and his suite of officers, found our Lodge to be in good shape, both structurally and financially, our officers are doing an outstanding job. For those of you unfamiliar with process/procedure: the DD & his suite visit the Lodge, check all the records kept by the Treasurer, Secretary, Board of Directors, Governing Body. They also look at the building and property making sure everything is up to Grand Lodge code; then they make recommendations. They usually come back and check to make sure you've complied with their recommendations. As always our officers run a "pretty tight ship". We are financially stable and property wise we are all set. Copies of the report are available for your perusal, contact me. You have every right to be proud of your Lodge, the officers you have elected, and the way they run the business of the Lodge. Any questions, please ask.

Again, I'm reminding the membership to become more active. All the events planned need volunteers and we have a lot of events coming up. Volunteers are needed especially on the clean-up end of an event. Help do some dishes, wipe tables, and put them back so the next party doesn't have to do it, which happens too often. Let's be vigilant about this.

Also, just a reminder about working together as a cohesive group and referring any questions and/or concerns through the appropriate channels. We have very competent officers, which the membership elected, utilize them.

WISHING ALL THE MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES A HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Fraternally yours,

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

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TIP OF THE ANTLERS

DD HOMECOMING: SET UP-DD Mike Blanchard, Bob Mott. **KITCHEN**- Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Phil Stevens, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy. **TABLE SET-UP**- Connie Thornburg, Karen Shepherd, Linda Gorey. **WAITSTAFF**-Donna Sheridan & Molly, Gail Underwood, Linda Merritt, Sue Breite. **SPECIAL THANKS** to the whole Hezig family: George, Sandy, Tim, Sue, and George Hall & Ed Underwood for helping to take care of all the tables, cleaning & reorganizing, after the event. **RAFFLE**: Bob Mott and Lefty's Brewing for their generous donation.

CLEANING & ORGANIZING THE LODGE LIBRARY AREA- Phyllis Pierce. Phyllis has been doing this on a regular basis, Thank you!

"SQUIRREL SQUAD"- Thanks to everyone who have been on the search & seizure mission trying to get rid of our squirrel mini-invasion, bringing traps, helping to clean up after.

WES CLARK & BOB MOTT- for picking up the turkeys for "Turkey Trot".

FRAN SIRUM- for doing all the "leg work" for 2 months looking & calling for the best deals on turkeys for this event, Turkey Trot.

JOE EASTON, recently initiated as a new member & co-owner of Andy's Pine Shop, for making available to our Boy Scout Troop #5, any wood remnants he has.

ISAAC MASS- for answering "the call" to volunteer, Thank you.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS- These are all the people who made this happen during the month of November: Kevin Gladu, Lauren Franks, Kim Frank, Sue Franks, Audrey Gladu & friend Jeannie, David Sprague, Bob Mott, John Richardson, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy, Eric Schatz, Sid Jensen, Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Brian "Buddy" Derry, Mike Hisz, and Dennis Moore.

RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS: Scott Greaves, Ed Underwood, Dan Malloy, Isaac Mass.

DD HOMECOMING- Thank you to John Gilman for stepping up to be my Esquire of the afternoon and to Kim Franks being the Loyal Knight, and to all the officers who did a good job that day.

Les Chadwick for donations of the flags on the railings at least twice a year. Also, the flag pole flag that has to be changed twice a year due to the weather. He also has been putting the flag at half-staff due to Federal or State requests to do so. The lights for the front of the building that illuminates the Elk has been changed at his expense, as well as several other outdoor lights. Thanks Les for keeping abreast of this.

FYI

Buddy Derry & Mike Hisz will not be able to work w/us in a few weeks, so we'll need to get someone to set up the condiment table about 4 min. and to help cut up the fish for frying & baking, putting together the coleslaw cups and shrimp cocktail. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MICHAEL Blanchard HOMECOMING: 50/50 Raffle-Mark Cronin, 1st Vice Pres. Mass Elks, Auburn-Webster Lodge; Case of Lefty's beer-Carol Smith Allen, ER Athol-Orange Lodge

UPCOMING FRIDAYS- Liz Moore will be selling her hand-crafted jewelry; a percent of her sales will be donated to the Lodge. Liz does beautiful work, the holidays are coming so shop early & shop often with Liz!!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS: Volunteers needed: the raffle, clean-up, Shirley will need help wrapping for the Kids Christmas party.

REMINDERS:

QUEEN OF HEARTTS: Per the game rules you must purchase your own ticket/or be in the building when it is done.
\$1.00/week: You must pay your own or be in the building when doing this.

Lodge meeting, Dec. 10, will be held **DOWNSTAIRS** promptly @7:00pm **NO LODGE MEETING:** Dec. 24, Lodge closes @ 6:00pm

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

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

REMINDER:

CHRISTMAS BUFFET

DEC. 24 1-5PM

LODGE CLOSING @ 6 p.m., REOPENS 12/25 @ 6 p.m.

"The Great Squirrel Caper" has been solved? Hopefully. Thanks to Tim Herzig for capturing the critter in his office and pummeling him into submission. Of course, his office took a beating also, and gave him an opportunity to rearrange things. (Thanks Fred.) And the very next day, another critter arrived on the scene to be captured by Larry Jubb's save a heart unit. Bob Woods took care of that one.

It all started when a couple weeks prior to that, the beer drinking guy was roaming around inside at night, hopped onto one of the beer taps, opening it and draining the keg. That was interesting when the club was opened on Sunday morning. At any rate, things are quieting down and may return to normal.

The continuing "Squirrel Saga": Kim Franks, Kevin Gladu and John Carridi searched the entire building to see where the little critters were coming in. They discovered that on the roof covering the air conditioning units under the soffit, they had burrowed through the partition and into the insulation, thereby entering into the building. So, taking charge of the situation, they proceeded to cover the opening and seal the little guys' entry. At least for now, this episode should be complete.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

SCHEDULE

DEC. 6, 13, 20

JAN. 10, 17, 24, 31



NEW YEAR'S EVE 2013

Dancing to CHICKENWIRE

8:30 – 12:30

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

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Members & Guests

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Julian J. Leh
- 2 Harold G. Emery; Kevin R. Taylor; Russell Blanchard
- 3 Joseph A. Gochinski; Michael R. Skibiski, Jr.
- 4 Darlene "Dee" Fleming
- 5 Michael W. Blanchard; Harold R. Breite, PDD PER
- 6 Timothy Farrell; Raymond E. Hanks; Daniel J. Lawrey;
William Valvo
- 7 Christopher A. Carme
- 8 Richard A. Melnik
- 9 Jim Jason; Albert W. Russ
- 10 Timothy F. Gochinski; Robert W. Koch; Edward A.
Underwood
- 11 Wiles, Norman V.
- 12 Vincent Melendez; Jared Smith
- 13 Jean Rewa; Janet Rewa; Robert L. Tyler
- 14 William H. O'Connell
- 19 Lauren Franks; Edward H. Glabach; Michael F.
Ruggeri, PER; Chester Zwyna, Jr.
- 20 George F. Kane
- 21 F. Peter Clarke; Michael I. Kelton; Beverly Reid
- 22 Brandon J. Burns
- 24 Ernest H. Patnode
- 25 Jerome M. Kells; Nicholas J. Salustri; Edward
Warchol; Walter Reid; Cora Joan Vogt
- 26 Joanne Brown; Elwin F. Deveneau, Jr.
- 27 Steven D. Beckwith
- 29 John F. Barnett; James M. Elwell; Jay B. Gilbert
- 30 Robert William Killay

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

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.

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; 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; Sirum, Matthew; Slattery, Colleen; Tetrault, Jr., Richard; Thurston, Edwin; Weigiel, Lori; White, Shirley; and Yestramski-Provost, Karen.

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER

- 1-MEMORIAL SUNDAY @ 1:00 pm collation to follow
- 7-HOOP SHOOT (MORNING)
- 7-\$12,000 DRAWING (evening) light buffet & dancing
- 15-ARC PARTY 12:00 NOON DINNER
- 17-BELL RINGING/SALVATION ARMY -Peter Clarke, chair
- 21-ANNUAL XMAS BASKET DELIVERY-George Herzig, chair
- 21-CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY-1:00 pm Shirley Kennedy, chair
- 24-CHRISTMAS BUFFET 1-5PM (Lodge closes @ 6:00pm)
- 31-NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (SEE NOTICE)

December 1, 2013 Memorial Service

RUSSELL L. HERZIG	SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
ALVIN G. DRESSER	DECEMBER 10, 2012
WILLIAM A. SANDRI	DECEMBER 11, 2012
THOMAS F. HURLEY	DECEMBER 15, 2012
DAVID PHILLIPS	JANUARY 28, 2013
PAUL A. VIVIER	FEBRUARY 3, 2013
WILLIAM C. TEROUNZO	FEBRUARY 11, 2013
DAVID F. GUY	MARCH 8, 2013
PAUL O. HADSEL	MARCH 27, 2013
GEORGE W. BUNK	APRIL 6, 2013
PAUL D. MCMAHON	APRIL 23, 2013
CATHERINE STAFFORD	JUNE 22, 2013
ROBERT W. WIDDISON	AUGUST 2, 2013
CARROLL F. SAK	AUGUST 11, 2013
THOMAS F. GAGNER	OCTOBER 1, 2013

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DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Pitch	5	6 Fish Fry	7 \$12,000 Raffle
8	9	10 Lodge Meeting	11 Pitch	12	13 Fish Fry	14
15	16	17	18 Pitch	19	20 No Fish Fry	21 Kid's Christmas Party
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Buffet 1-5 Lodge closes at 6 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Lodge opens at 6 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Party	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4