



THE GREENFIELD ELK

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

JANUARY 2014

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.

Dear Members,

Now that the holidays and a busy Lodge schedule are behind us, we can all take a deep breath, relax, and start all over again in the New Year! Although we don't have a super busy schedule of events coming up, we do have some very important ones.

In every bulletin, I have stressed the importance of attending a meeting. Well, in the next two months, it will be more important than ever. In January, we will have the opportunity to nominate candidates for officers and for the next Elk of the Year. In February, we have the opportunity to elect new officers or re-instate present ones. So please take this matter to heart and make good decisions on those you feel will best lead the membership for the next year. Look at the qualifications and abilities of the nominees and make your choices wisely. Think about what it takes to be an effective officer, what kind of dedication they have to the Lodge, what have they accomplished that has benefited the Lodge.

It is an honor to be an officer of the Lodge: a job to be taken seriously. As a Lodge, we have continued to maintain a strong leadership, let's make sure it continues that way. Only you, the members, can ascertain the positive progress, continued stability, and maintain the integrity of our organization.

Being an officer in the Lodge is an honor and a privilege; it shows you have the vote of confidence from the membership that you will lead the Lodge positively. So again, I ask all of you to consider carefully, whom you feel will give the dedication to the Lodge membership. At present, we have a united, cohesive membership; we need to strive to maintain that.

We have initiated some very willing and able new members. Each one has shown some way to contribute, as well as some "older, seasoned" members who now are willing to participate and become more involved. This is a healthy sign the Lodge is prospering.

In a short while, we will be given the opportunity to recommend one of our members for Elk of the Year. I strongly urge all of you to carefully consider which member, not an officer or former Elk of the Year, has really helped our Lodge, has gone above and beyond "the call of duty" to help our Lodge and its membership. Take a look around, who do you see or hear about helping, fixing something, etc.? The "I'll do it; I'll help" kind of member. If you look at the plaque with the list of past Elks of the Year, you will see that most of them, who still can, are still helping and contributing to the Lodge, they are deserving of this honor. Who will be next? It's up to you. This is a great honor, so choose wisely.

In conclusion, remember to try to attend meeting, downstairs for the winter season, support the Lodge in any way you can, use the proper venues to get answers and information.

Fraternally yours, Linda Gorey, ER, PER

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ELKS LIVE- ELKS GIVE

In Memoriam WILLIAM HEIDEN

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

he has passed to realms on high."

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

- Thanksgiving Buffet - Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Phil Stevens, John Richardson, and Butch DeNofrio.
- Memorial Sunday - Fran Sirum, Dennis Moore, Phil Stevens, John Richardson.
- \$12,000 Drawing Buffet - Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Bob Mott, Kim Franks, and Phil Stevens.
- Friday Night Fish/Raffle Volunteers for Dec.-Kitchen: Kim & Sue Franks, Lauren Franks, Kevin Gladu, David Sprague, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy, John Richardson, Bob Mott, Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Denny Moore, Brian Derry, Mike Hisz, Lou Manica and Eric Schatz. Raffle: MaryAnne Wells, Sue LaFord, Rick & Deb Cadran, Marsha & Dave Bonnett.
- Thanks to Lefty's Brewing Co. for the beer tasting on Dec. 13.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled due to the weather. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for this important event. Peter Clarke, Chair
- Christmas Basket Deliveries- Thanks to George & Tim Herzig for organizing and making this happen.
- To Phil Stevens for donating 3 - 50 lb. bags of & getting a donation of bags from R.D. Smith for basket deliveries.
- Children's Christmas Party - To Shirley Kennedy & Joni Vogt, who made all the stockings, for organizing, shopping, & wrapping presents.
- Hall Decorating- To Nancy Beckwith, Beth Cadran, Deb Duprey, Connie Thornberg and Bernie Schatz, & to Linda Hall, who gave the tree "a New Look".
- Thanks to Mike Hisz for setting up the condiment table each Friday. Mike is heading to Hilton Head, SC for a few months; we'll need a replacement volunteer.
- EASTER PARTY- Finally the begging has paid off, Marsha Bonnett, Jeannie Graveline, & Jen Baker-Johnson, has volunteered to make this happen. Thank you, thank you!
- Thank you to Chet Saracheski for stepping up to take Elsie Gilman's position as Esquire for the remainder of the term.
- To Tim Herzig & his crew for getting a New Year's party organized.
- To Jean Martin- Jean has donated a 100-cup coffee pot to our kitchen as well as 3 HUGE boxes filled with plastic ware, cups, etc. Things we use and now won't have to purchase for a while. Thank you very much Jean!
- Thanks to Jim Price for the donation of some Lion's Club Coupon books for our Friday night raffles.

Turkey Trot 11/21/2013

Kitchen Volunteers, Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Phil Stevens, Butch DeNofrio, Eric Schatz, and Brian Derry.

Ticket Sellers: John Richerson, Sharon Rawson, Ed Reagy, Scott Greaves, Mike Mackin, Stanley Maynard, Isaac Mass, Billy Kilgour, Donna Kilgour and Sid Jenson.

Ticket Table: Joe Lachance, Charles Kestyn

Office: Fred Ulrich, Jason Kilgour.

Turkey Pick up: Wes Clark, Phil Stevens, and Bob Mott

Thank you for all your help in this great event.

FYI:

JANUARY FISH FRY DATES: Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31. Friday night Fish: Due to the rising cost and lack of sales, STEAMERS will be taken off the menu until further notice.

HELP NEEDED:

Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen, especially for CLEAN UP, Dennis Moore has faithfully come in each & every Fri. around 7 to help w/ dishes, pots, etc. Let's help him out.

Volunteers for the raffles, Jan is filled, Feb. to April is open!! Please help

!WINTER SEASON WARNING/REMINDER!

There's snow & ice on the roof by the side members entrance. Signs are posted about the falling snow/ice off the roof; keep that in mind when you park on that side of the lot!

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



HOOP SHOOT: Hoop Shoot 12/7/2013 YMCA

Helpers: Mike Blanchard, Sid Jenson Lou Manica, and Chet Saracheski

Kitchen: Eric Schatz.

First Place Girl 8-9 Emily Merritt; Second Place Lillian Kachelmeger

First Place Boys 8-9 Ryan Cote; Second Place Chris Ryan

First Place Boys 10-11 Gabe Zaccheo; Second Place D. J. Dragicevich

First Place Boys 12-13 Tyler Reade; Second Place Colin Cloutier Thank you. Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman Bob Mott



Santa arriving at the Children's Christmas party.



On Saturday December 21, 2013, Forty -Two complete Christmas 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. We had a terrific turn-out from our members. Many "Thanks" to all that participated. Tim & George Herzig, Fred Ulrich, Ed Reagey, Doug houle, Phil Stevens, Pat Tynan, John Williams, Jim Green, Bob Mott, Stan Lewandowski, Mike Blanchard, George Hall, Ed Underwood, Bob Wood, Wes Clark, Bernie Schatz, Dave & Marsha Bonnett, Vinnie Melendez, Sid Jenson, Leigh Jenks, Lou Manica, Doug turner, Jean Rewa, and John Mackin Jr.

FOXWOODS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2014

LEAVE LODGE 8:00 A.M. SHARP

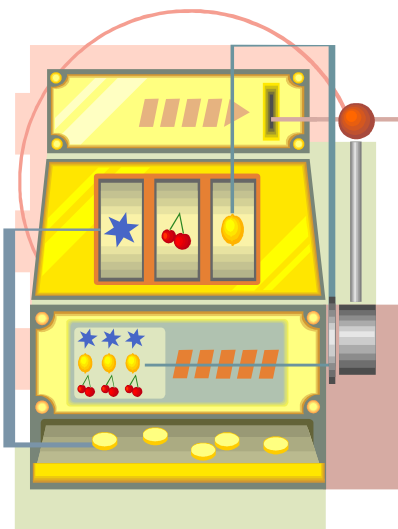
LEAVE CASINO 5:00 P.M.

COST: \$15.00

SIGN UP: Members/guests by JANUARY 11TH

50/50 RAFFLE

RECEIVE FOOD VOUCHER AND \$20.00 IN SLOT PLAY



100th Year Anniversary Raffle

The 100th Anniversary Committee would like to thank all the members that bought raffle tickets or bought chances on the raffle board to make the raffle a success. All 250 tickets were sold and we had a great turnout Saturday night for the raffle. A great smorg was prepared by Fran Sirum and crew and everyone enjoyed dancing to "Sundowner". The raffle drawing was at 11:00 p.m., after Bob Mott held the heating oil raffle. Three of the 5 winners were our own club members. The big \$12,000.00 winners were Corey O'Connell/James Bozek, ticket #16; the \$1,500.00 winner was Don Pereault, #367 (all Lodge #1296 members); 3rd prize of \$1,000.00 was Miles O'Grady, #11, an Elk member from the Newport, RI Lodge; 4th prize was Bob Provost #162 (lodge member); and 5th prize was Russell Nichols #345, from the Maynard Lodge. Congratulations to all.

I would like to thank all my sellers, and everyone the 100th Committee who helped me with this project. It had its ups and downs, but ended up a good benefit for our Lodge. The raffle netted about \$6,000.00 which will be used for various Lodge activities, scholarships and youth activities. I would like to thank the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for all of the printing they did for the tickets, posters and banners for the raffle and the 100th Anniversary in general. A special thanks to Parrish Shippee for his professionalism and expertise for all the designs and colors he used in all the printing, banners and the FABULOUS 100th Anniversary Commemorative program book.

If any member has not bought one of these great books, you should highly consider purchasing one from the Lodge. The past history of our 100 years is incredible and the pictures are very interesting. Fred Ulrich did a great job and spent a lot of time developing this book. It is only \$10.00 and comes with other commemorative items and a free draft beer. What a deal!

I would like to think that our brother Jim Sanicki is proud of our results. He was extremely involved in this project until his untimely death, and was always a big part of the annual \$10,000.00 Christmas Raffle. Again, thanks to all! Committee Chairman: Billy Kilgour

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 choice and the reason behind your nomination. 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.

PERs Charlie Kestyn & Fred Ulrich chairmen of the United Arc Christmas Party on December 15, 2013. 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, Pete Broughan, Matt Sheridan, John Richardson, Scott Greaves, Robert W. Killay, Linda Merritt, Susan Breite, Pat Baker, and Connie Thornburg. I apologize if I missed anyone. This has been a delightful experience for all of us, and they are pleased to be able to contribute their time for such a great event. They have stepped forward for many years in this Community Service.

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

Dates to Keep in Mind

- PER Assoc. meeting/Dinner- Jan. 23rd @ 6:30 pm Dues: \$5.00
- Feb. 11 - PER Night/Scholarship Awards Dinner/Initiation of new members' night.
- INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS- April 6, 2014 tentatively

We will be holding a Spaghetti dinner February 22, 2014. Anyone wishing to help out or donate towards our raffle table can contact Mike Moore @ 1-413-522-8721 or Jeannie Graveline @ 1-413-522-7704. Looking forward to seeing you all there to help support St. Jude's Children's Hospital! Thanks, Jeannie Graveline!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

MEMBERS WHO ARE DELINQUENT:

Joe Byziewski, Edward A. Galenski, Jr., Craig George, Jason Markwell, Colleen Slattery, Edwin Thurston and Lori Wegiel

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.

A REMINDER THAT IF YOU WANT ANYTHING IN THE BULLETIN, IT MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH (PREFERABLY BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH) TO DARLENE FLEMING AT ladytipper@comast.net OR LEAVE THE INFORMATION ON THE SECRETARY'S DOOR.

Proposed for Membership: ROBERT W. KILLAY
PROPOSES PETER QUINTANA

THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF IS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013. CHILI ENTRY HAS TO BE IN THE KITCHEN BY 1:30 PM. TASTING IS AT 2:00

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

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JANUARY 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY | 2 | 3 NO FISH FRY | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Pitch | 9 | 10 FISH FRY | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Lodge Meeting | 15 Pitch | 16 | 17 FISH FRY | 18 |
| 19 | 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. B'DAY | 21 | 22 Pitch | 23 | 24 FISH FRY | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Lodge Meeting | 29 Pitch | 30 | 31 FISH FRY | |