



THE GREENFIELD ELK

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

FEBRUARY 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.

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Dear members:

Our Elks' year is quickly drawing to a close. We only have four more Lodge meeting until our new year commences.

During the month of February, we will nominate new officers on Feb. 11, and then elections will be held on Feb. 25. Once again, I urge you to give your nominees careful consideration. To reiterate, please assess the qualifications of the nominees, consider their ability to be an effective officers, and their dedication to our Lodge. Only a cohesive, united Lodge makes forward progress. At present, we are fortunate to have that cohesiveness within our Lodge, let's make sure it continues to build and grow.

As I've previously mentioned, especially to committee chairs, our volunteers are a very valuable asset to our Lodge. Be sure they are given individual recognition for the work they do. I realize it may take a bit more time to list these workers, but each and every one who volunteers needs to see their name in the bulletin, be recognized that their work is appreciated and show other members how much hard work and dedication is put into each event. Whether there are 3 people or 15, all need to be acknowledged.

Again, I'm asking all members to use the utmost of decorum when visiting the Members Lounge. We all need to be considerate of other Members and guests, whether they are within "ear-shot" or not. The use of unacceptable

language and behaviors will not be tolerated. Unfortunately, this issue creeps up every now and then, and has to be dealt with properly. So let's be especially considerate of others and check our "negativism" at the door.

In conclusion, please try to attend a Lodge meeting, or Board of Directors meeting for questions and answers, and support the Lodge in any way you can.

Fraternally yours,

Linda Gorey, ER,

PER email:fsirum@comcast.net

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ELKS LIVE-ELKS GIVE

Tip of the Antlers:

CHRISTMAS BUFFET: Kitchen and Clean up- Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Butch DeNofrio, Bob Mott, John Richardson, Phil Stevens, Brian Derry, Scott Greaves, and David Sprague.

JANUARY FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS- David Sprague, Eric Schatz, Loretta Chappelle, Gordy Hardy, Brian Derry, Mike Blanchard, Dennis Moore, Kim & Sue Franks, Lauren Franks, Kevin Gladu, Bob Mott, Fran Sirum, and Linda Gorey. Raffle volunteers- Jan McMahan, Joe & Holly Easton, Jen & Janet Twyon, Dee & Ed Fleming.

PER DINNER/MEETING- Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, David Sprague, and Dennis Moore.

AL & SCOTT TIRREL for getting the pool table area organized, putting up the cue stick rack, and getting the light situated.

BOB MOTT for organizing the fund-raising bus trip to Foxwoods.

Elks' 1296 Sandri-Ulrich scholarship is due by April 15.

A poker tournament to benefit the Elks of Greenfield is being held March 1st at 6:30pm. The cost is a \$40 buy in, and a meal of hamburger/hotdog/french fries is included in buy in price, with a \$5 optional bounty. There

will be drink raffles as well as a 50/50 raffle. The tournament is being run by All in Poker Services. Please sign up at the bar or email Joe at eastonjoe413925@gmail.com. All are welcome to join.

THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF IS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013. CHILI ENTRY HAS TO BE IN THE KITCHEN BY 1:30 PM. TASTING IS AT 2:00

Fred Parody will be selling maple syrup at the Lodge and will donate a percentage of the profits to the Lodge.

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.

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.

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

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.

Life Membership Eligibility: Minimum Requirement: Age 65 Years and an Elk 30 years

David Brougham; William Devino; Steven Guetti; Michael Kelton; Douglas Pratt; David Puchalski; Peter Ruggeri; Jon Todd; Robert Woloss; and Joseph Yablonski, Jr.

Proposal for Membership

Mark Cadran proposes James W. Duke

Upcoming Events

Fish Fry: Feb 7, 14, 28

Feb 11 – Nomination of officers/initiation of new members/scholarship recipients' dinner PERs will conduct meeting (officers in tuxedos)

St. Jude's Fundraiser meal – February 22

Feb 28 – Election of Officers

March – Irish night, more information in the March newsletter

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Arthur Baker; Donald M. Mann; Michael J. Swain; Patrick Tynan
- 2 Beverly Strakose
- 5 Brian Hobbs; Janet Kellogg
- 6 Raymond G. Perry, PER; Arnold Schmidt; Steven Snow
- 7 Paul M. Luippold
- 8 George D. Gagaris
- 9 Alfred Kuzmeskus
- 11 Frederic S. Budarz; Joseph P. George; James Olszewski
- 12 Jon Galenski, William J. Luippold
- 13 Norman A. Carme Sr.; Leonard F. Haggerty
- 15 William Jarvis; Audrey Reum
- 17 Teresa A. Miner; Kurt W. Seaman
- 20 Jerry A. Gaimari
- 21 Michael Hickey;
- 23 Jessica Jensen; Richard F. Nicoll
- 25 Elwin D. Barton; Donald G. Perreault; David G. Quinn
- 26 Jennifer Twyon; Alan J. Wondoloski
- 27 Michael Heiden; Peter Murphy; Michael Raymond
- 28 Timothy E. Herzig, Treasurer; Eric Page
- 29 Edward C. Brzezinski

Please let me know if you like this format. Thanks.
Dee Fleming.



Picture from our annual Christmas Meal Program



Picture from Veterans' Day Parade

ST. JUDE'S SPAGHETTI SUPPER



**GREENFIELD ELK'S LODGE 1296
(413) 774-4909**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

5:00 – 9:00 P.M.

\$10.00 PER PERSON

**Members and guests (see bartender for tickets)
Only 150 tickets being sold!**

RAFFLES/LOTTERY TREE/AUCTION

Anyone wishing to donate raffle items please contact Jeannie Graveline (413) 522-7704

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL**

• THE MEANING OF THE FLAG-DRAPED COFFIN

Our founding fathers used God's word and teachings to establish our great nation, and it's high time Americans get re-educated about this nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our "God-given" rights and freedoms.

I hope you take the time to read this, to understand what the flag-draped coffin really means. Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers:

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day! The first fold of the flag is a symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God. It is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The seventh fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding them of their nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom."

Maybe the Supreme Court should read this explanation before they render their decision on the Pledge of Allegiance. Our soldiers have preserved your right to make this choice!

LODGE DUES 2014-2015

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ARE YOU A VETERAN YES _____ NO _____

Regular Dues \$60.00 Grand Lodge Assessments \$16.00

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FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Chili Cook Off Super Bowl Sunday	3	4	5 Pitch	6	7 Fish Fry	8
9	10	11 Lodge Meeting	12 Pitch	13	14 Fish Fry	15 VA Pizza Party
16	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY	18	19 Pitch	20	21 NO FISH FRY	22 St. Jude's Spaghetti supper
23	24	25 Lodge Meeting Election of Officers	26 Pitch	27	28 Fish Fry	