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Exalted Rulers Message;

Hi all,

Happy New Year!

Now back to business. ☺ Even though being Exalted Ruler can be stressful, I’m still enjoying it. I have learned a lot about our lodge. Some good and some bad. Some changes have been made and more will be made. I ask that you don’t get caught up in the rumor mill. We all know how that works. If you have any questions or concerns please see me. Yes that means you go right to the top guy. If I had an office, the door would be always open.

Thank you to Fran Sirum for getting the popcorn machine back up and running.

Mark Lavin ER 2016-2017



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IN MEMORIAM

Donald Pierce

“... a while ago we gathered,
friendship beaming in each
eye, now the golden cord is
severed, they have passed to
realms on high.”

ELK OF THE YEAR

All Members are asked to submit a ballot for their choice of ELK OF YEAR. Forms are available at the Lodge and should be placed in the ballot box at the end of the bar. Please state your name and reason behind your choice. This is a prestigious award that is bestowed upon a worthy candidate for their support of the Lodge.

Two basic rules, they cannot be an Officer and only one is selected.

Please submit that name by
February 15, 2016

Sickness & Distress

Russell Woods
at home in FL

Bud Reid
Poet Seat Nursing Home

Bob Koch
at home

Dennis Moore
at home



Tip of the Antlers...

The Lodge treated the Cub Scouts Pack #3 and their families to a spaghetti dinner, as fund raiser for them. There about 98 meals served. Kitchen volunteers: Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Brian Derry, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy, Scott Greaves, Bob Mott, David Sprague.

Book Fair, Nov. 20-About 200 children/young people were given vouchers to use toward a purchase of a book. This event was made possible by the Lodge receiving a Beacon Grant from the ENF, written by Linda Gorey. Volunteers: Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Bob Mott, Janine Greaves, Jan McMahon, and many other members who contacted business, distributes fliers, etc. Thanks, also, to Parrish Shippee and his staff at the Franklin County Correctional facility for doing the printing of vouchers & fliers.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH VOLUNTEERS- Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, David Sprague, Eric Schatz, John Richardson, Dottie Niemiec, Janine Greaves, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy, Karen Shephard, Deb & Rick Cadran, Terry & Neal Black, Dave & Marsha Bonnett, Brian Derry, Mike Hisz, Jan McMahon

ARC Party-Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Peter & Cheryl Broughan, John Richardson, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy

MEMORIAL SUNDAY: FRAN SIRUM, SCOTT GREAVES, LINDA GOREY

Thanks to Scott Greaves for putting up the Christmas trees in the Lodge and the outside arrangement, pine boughs donated by Snow's Landscaping

Thanks to Larry Dumas for donating turkey for the Thanksgiving buffet.
Thanks to Sharon Rawson for donating a box of French Baguettes to the kitchen.

\$10,000 Drawing: Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy, Donna Kilgor, Audrey LaBonte, Brian Derry

Thanks to the Emblem Club and Rick Cadran for decorating the Lodge Hall, Thanks, Ladies.

Thanks to Loretta Chattelle for redesigning & streamlining the Fri. Night order tickets for the meals.

ARC Party-Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Pete & Cheryl Broughan, Scott Greaves, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardie, Matt Sheridan Emblem waitstaff-Tina Hickett, Renee Devino, Sue Breite, Nancy Beckwith

Thank you to Tim Herzig and Fred Ulrich for organizing the Christmas Basket. Thank you to the following people for helping: Nick Salestri, Mike Blanchard, Ed Underwood, George Hall, Leigh Jenks. Bob Wood, Phillip Stevens, Ken Kurtyka, Mark Lavin, Bob Mott, Dave Bonnett, Marsha Bonnett, Jean Rewa, John Williams, Doug Turner, Doug Houle and John Mackin Jr.



Tip of the Antlers...



Continued,

HO! HO! HO! HO! HO! Hope everyone had fun at the Christmas party!! It gets bigger and more fun every year!! We hosted 66 children (along with their families)...for crafting ornaments, pizza & gifts from Santa!!!

As always, we sincerely appreciate all the volunteers at our children's events...the Xmas & Easter parties, the Potato Bake and the contributors to the M&M raffle, the 50/50 squares and the donation jars around the club. We are always on the lookout for new helpers of all ages and abilities. This year we had Camden Bonnett (gr'son of Dave & Marsha), Jeffrey & Felicity Coffin (gr'kids of Jean Martin, Janelle Massey (gr'dau of Bill & Ceal Massey, Sarah Turner (gr'dau of Doug Turner) and Kasey Snow (dau of Dave & Kelli. These kids could be FUTURE ELKS!!!

We had a new event this year...free eye screening for all ages provided by Bob & Maddie Richards, members of the Massachusetts District 33Y, Northampton Lions' Club. There was great interest in their corner...they screened 95 people FOR FREE!!! Anyone wishing to know more about this free service provided by the Lions, please contact our resident Lion, Jean Martin at the club.

It has become an impossible task to keep track of and list the names of all those who help out at our events...with wrapping gifts, filling eggs, etc, etc. We must however, give Bill Massey a big thank you for getting Santa to the party on time!!! Thank you to Big Y and Antonio's of Greenfield for the pizza!! 6 Party size!!!

DOUG HOULE...THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATION OF THE "PATRIOTS REMOTE CONTROL COOLER" FOR A RAFFLE WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE KIDS ACTIVITIES!!! Please hurry and get a square or two. The sheet is on the board!! Let's fill it up so we can draw a winner before Christmas!!

**Thank you everyone!!
Jenn Baker-Johnson & Marsha Bonnett**

January 2017

Birthdays

1-3 Maurice Chamberland, Arnold Egloff
1-5 Richard Lacross
1-8 Edward Croteau, Joseph Fistes
1-11 Charles (Hands) Murdock
1-13 Richard Herzig
1-14 Bob Benedetti
1-16 Peter Weiss
1-17 Carroll (Alabam) Bowen, Amanda Sumner
1-20 Bob Bassett, Mike Morawski Jr.
1-21 Jeffrey C. Baker, Marsha Bonnett,
Cheryl Broughan
1-22 Mark Lavin Exalted Ruler,
Mike (Chopper) Smith
1-24 Dennis Moore Trustee, Charlie Bohonowicz
1-25 Dave Lewandowski, Bob Wood
1-26 Todd Berger, William Martin PER
1-27 Sean Mason, Chris Miller, Elizabeth Moore
1-28 Rick Cadran, Tom Peobody
1-29 Gary Selanis
1-30 Bill Clark
1-31 Paul Doran, Dave Norman

**Come on down on the day of your
birthday and enjoy a beverage on
us.**

**Jan 2017 changes at the
Lodge.**

**Please note the Birthday
drink has changed to the
day of your birthday only.**

**If your birthday is wrong
please let the E.R. know.**

**We will be moving the
pool table to the back
corner and making a
lounge area by the bar.**

West Central P.E.R. Meeting

Sunday January 15, 2017

@

Greenfield Lodge 1296

10:30a.m.

All Greenfield P.E.R.'s are encouraged to attend.

Munchies to be served

You can park on the dirt section of the parking lot. In fact, we encourage it. We will be marking out an entrance/exit area for the dirt section.

We are selling pizza down at the Lodge again. Come down and try one. I'm sure you will enjoy it.

Do you know someone looking to rent the hall? If yes, please have them call the Lodge during normal business hours and ask for Kelli

January Events

Friday Night Fish

1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

Roast Pork Dinner with all the fixings

By Kathy Tomaus

\$10.00 per person

Saturday, Jan 21 5:30pm – 7pm

Proceeds to benefit our Veteran's programs

P.E.R. Dinner and Meeting

Thursday Jan 19

Do you have an old U.S. Stated Flag at your home?

**Please bring it to the lodge.
The flags will be given to the
Hale-Clapp VFW Post 3295 for an
Old Flag Burning Ceremony
with a bonfire**

2017 WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

<u>LODGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INSTALLING LODGE</u>	<u>GRAND ER OF DAY</u>
AUBURN/WEBSTER	SAT MAR 25TH	GREENFIELD	MIKE BLANCHARD
WORCESTER	SUN MAR 26TH	MONTAGUE	OPEN
GARDNER	SAT APR 8TH	ATHOL-ORANGE	TBD
ATHOL-ORANGE	SUN APR 9TH	WORCESTER	TBD
GREENFIELD	SAT APR 1ST	LEOM - FITCH	HEATHER BLANCHARD
LEOM-FITCH	FRI APR 14 TH	AUBURN/WEBSTER	MIKE MCNAMARA
MONTAGUE	SAT APR 15TH	GARDNER	TBD



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11 December 2016



Happy Holidays

Fred Ulrich, PER
Charles Kestyn, PER
Greenfield Lodge No. 1296 and Emblem Club
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
3-5 Church Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

Dear Fred and Charlie:

What a wonderful Holiday Party that you and the members of the Elks Lodge and Emblem Club put on today for folks affiliated with The United Arc. As I tried to share in conversations with multiple people, this event is high on the priority list for many of those we serve. I start to receive calls in October and November asking about the party with requests that names be added to the attendance list. Clearly this is a highlight event!

The graciousness and good cheer of all your members, along with the festive hall, delicious meal and pleasure of being with friends makes this a much anticipated and joyful occasion. Of course we are always thrilled that Santa Claus finds his way to your back room and is able to come out to greet people and distribute gifts.

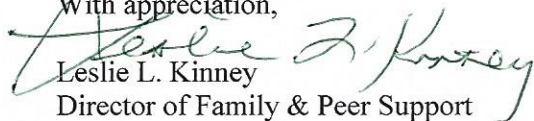
We are delighted to know that your kitchen and serving crews also look forward to this event as part of their kick-off of the holiday season. We know you put in a lot of preparation in advance and a lot of work on the day of the event. Please accept our appreciation and gratitude to everyone involved.

We continue to be so delighted to know that this party is one of your annual events. It was wonderful to hear Charlie's story today about his annual request to the Lodge to hold the party until eventually it just became an established part of your calendar. We are thrilled that this has become a tradition. You are all truly so generous and kind.

We know that there has been great interest in having some publicity about this event. Attached is an article that was in the Recorder along with the photo that was sent to them. I will speak with Saera Hanlon, our Development Coordinator, who was taking photos throughout the dinner about the potential for follow-up as well. We certainly want the larger community to be aware of what you do and how much it means to members of The United Arc.

Thank you so much for being among our community circle of friends. Many best wishes to all for peace and joy for this holiday season and the New Year.

With appreciation,


Leslie L. Kinney
Director of Family & Peer Support

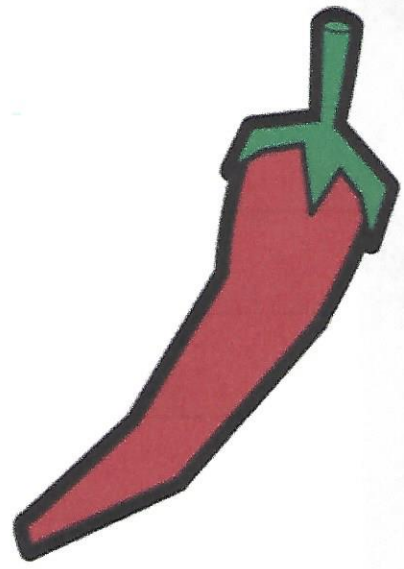
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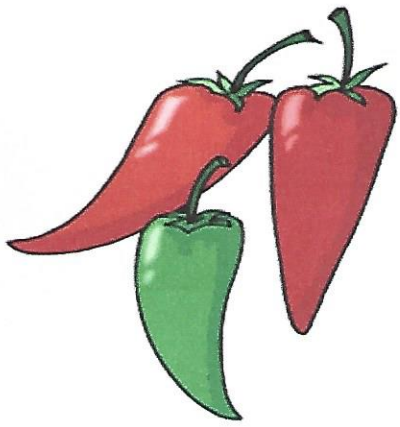

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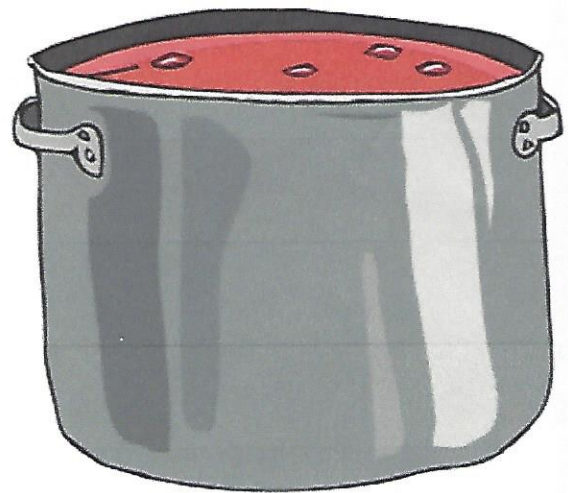
Sunday February 5th



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at 2pm**

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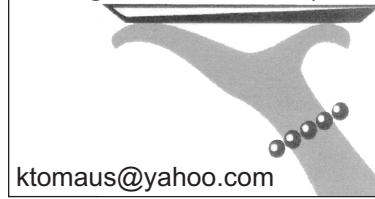
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Calendar of Events

◀ January ▼ 2017 ▼ ▶ 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Patriots at Miami	2	3	4 Pitch	5	6	7
8	9 Investigation- Orientation	10 Lodge Meeting	11 Pitch	12	13	14
15 West-Central PER Meeting	16	17	18 Pitch	19 PER Dinner-Meeting	20	21
22 ER Mark Lavin Birthday Private Party	23	24 Trustee Dennis Moore Birthday Lodge Meeting	25 Pitch	26 PER-Mayor Bill Martin Birthday	27	28 Private Party
29	30	31				