



“The Greenfield Elk”

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Exalted Rulers Message;

I would like to start by thanking the officers and members of the Greenfield Elks for allowing me the honor of serving as E.R. for year 2017 – 2018. A Saturday evening installation was held and while the April 1st snowstorm kept several the planned visitors away, additional local members were able to fill in some of the vacant spaces. I hope all that did attend had a good time. The band played until midnight and a large crowd stayed to the end. Our lounge revenue for the day reflected a very good day for us. The 50/50 raffle and gift basket raffles netted a donation which exceeded the cost of the band.

Investing in the lodge and its members is my goal for the year. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and concerns.

I have taken over publishing the bulletin. Please forward all newsletter correspondence to csaharceski@gmail.com.



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IN MEMORIAM

The faults of our
Members we write
upon the sand, their
virtues upon the
tablets of love and
mercy.

Upcoming Events

May 6th Spring Fling

May 13th G. H.S. football

Team meat raffle

May 14th Mother’s Day Breakfast

May 20th Emblem Club Installation
of Officers

May 29th Memorial Day Parade

June 9th – 11th State Convention in
Hyannis

Sickness & Distress

At home

Bob Koch

Eugene “Butch” Denofrio

Edward Warcol

John Widdson



Tip of the Antlers...

A big Tip of the Antlers to all who helped with the dinner and events following the installation of officers. Included in this group are the Emblem Club members who helped with the serving, the kitchen staff who assisted, PER's Scott and Dave who sold 50/50 and raffle tickets (which netted \$630.) and PER's Mark, Dave and Bob who helped with the clean-up. And special thanks to Kelli who helped with invitations, working with the caterer and too many other things to list here. My apologies if I have omitted anyone who helped with this event. All of the assistance is appreciated.

The Fish Fries have ended until the Fall. Thanks to all that have helped make them a success. Kitchen crew: Dave Sprague, Eric Schatz, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy, Karen Shepherd, Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Bob Mott, John Richardson, Janine Greaves, Dottie Niemiec, and Brian Derry. And a special thanks to all the raffle volunteers.

Mike Moore and Corey O'Connell would like to thank the following for their help with this year's Irish Night, Henry Burns Memorial Scholarship fundraiser. The prep and kitchen staff included Steve O'Connell, Buzzy Blanchard, Ryan O'Connell, Dave Bonnett, Troy Renaud, Skip Jepson, Tom McDonald, Jeff Renaud, Shaun Coughlin, Mike Moore and Corey O'Connell. Several of these people filled both prep and kitchen roles. The table servers included Emblem Club members Linda Baker, Pattie Baker, Irene Baker and Debbie Duprey. James Bozek and Dave Bonnett were also table servers. The cleanup was handled by James Bozek, Shaun Coughlin, Jon Moore and Jeff Renaud. Matt Sheridan, thanks for keeping account and tallying up all funds that night. Liz Moore organized the raffle tables. Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes, including The Oak Shoppe and Homespun by Andy's for the Adirondack chair raffle. Liz was assisted by Heather Mahoney, Matt Sheridan and Scott Greaves. Thank you to all who came down for the dinner, raffles and cheers. Those that could not attend the event but supported us with donations and raffle ticket purchases, thank you.

Junior E.R. Mark Lavin ended his year with the initiation of 12 new members giving the Lodge a net gain in membership for the year. On Saturday April 15th E.R. Chester Saharceski did an initiation on the ground floor for an injured candidate who could not do the stairs and another candidate who was only available on weekends. Thank you to the officers who showed up to make a Saturday initiation possible (Bob, Mike, Fred, Gary G., Gary C., Dave, Steve, Shelley).

On April 9 a dedication ceremony was held for the 15 new barstools that were purchased for the lounge. Thank you to Fran Sirum for doing the background research to find the barstools. Special thanks to Tim Herzig for his idea to have plaques for sale to memorialize deceased members on the bar stools, Ed Underwood for putting the plaques on the bar stools and Mark Lavin for his suggestion for a dedication ceremony and Tim again for organizing the ceremony. And thanks to Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy for food preparation.

Tip of the Antlers...

Another great Easter party was enjoyed by our kids, parents and grandparents. A new event was coloring the eggs by rolling them in shaving cream swirled with food coloring. Thanks to our creative helpers, Dave Bonnett, Joyce Wilder-Oakes, Jean Rewa, Janine Greaves, Madalyn Phillips, Bill & Ceal Massey, Leigh EARS Jenks [w/seamstress Ellen] and Sharon Rawson. Thanks to Phil Stevens for keeping our Xmas & Easter costumes clean. Thank you everyone. See you at Xmas. Have a great Summer from Jenn & Marsha kids party committee.

The pretzel jug by the pool table is donated by Al Tirrell. Enjoy the pretzels but consider a donation which will benefit the kids party fund. Thank you.

March 28th new members' dinner staff Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy, and Scott Greaves.

Pitch League dinner Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Loretta Chattelle, Gordy Hardy and Bob Mott.

Special thanks to Charlene Broughan for always keeping our Lodge social room, table decorations, anteroom for the ladies' restroom beautifully and seasonally decorated. Just one of our "unsung" heroes that keep our Lodge running so well.

EMBLEM CLUB EVENT

Installation of Greenfield Emblem Club #43 will take place on Saturday May 20, 2017 starting at noon. The installing Officer is PSP Donna Mazzola. Linda Baker is the President Elect. Officers of Greenfield lodge 1296 will serve as escorts at the installation. Social hour starts at noon, with Installation at 1 PM, followed by a meal about 2 pm. RSVP by May 13th, to lchattelle@comcast.net if you plan on attending. The Greenfield Emblem Club is one of the oldest active Emblem Club left and its support of lodge 1296 has been a key part of the success of this lodge. Please show your support and congratulate Linda Baker and her club members.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service District has invited the lodge 1296 to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2017. The parade will form at the Middle School parking lot at 9:30 AM and begin at 10:00 AM. The route is Federal St. to Church St. to Franklin St. to Main St. ending at the Veterans mall on Main St. The parade makes several stops on this route. If you plan on walking or riding with the Elks please email me at csaharceski@gmail.com so I can coordinate with the parade organizers. For Lodge officers planning on participating, this is a tux event. Following the parade, donuts and coffee will be served at the Lodge. They are also looking for help flagging graves on May 20, 2017. Please contact Tim Niejasdlik at 413-772-1672 if you would like to help with this.

May Birthdays

2. James Bitzer, Peter Quintana
 3. David Snow, Robert Zaikowski
 5. Carol Black, Daniel Killey, William Swingleton
 6. Douglas Clapp, Jennifer Johnson
 7. Richard Giverson, Robert Wood Jr
 8. Stanley Lewandowski
 9. Richard Hartshorn, Michael Hisz, Justin Moore
 10. James Burke
 12. Francis McDonald, Joseph Charron III
 13. William Devino
 15. Scott Digeorge, Norman Miller, Jon Todd
 16. Steven Guetti, Anthony Sirum, Paul Viens
 18. Michael Moore
 20. Louis Manica
 21. Edward Reagey, Frederick Ulrich
 23. Frederick Parody
 24. Aaron Baker, Jayme Gay
 25. Keith Schempp
 27. Alfred Stevens
 28. Lorraine Gadreault, William Goldfarb
 29. Joseph Mitchell Jr
 30. Joseph Lachance, Edward Galenski Jr, Jason Markwell
 31. Peter Broughan
- On your birthday enjoy a beverage on us.

The following is the prayer that was read at the dedication of the new barstools by Lodge Chaplain, Michele Kelleher.

Our Father in Heaven, be with us as we gather here to pay our tributes of affection to our departed members. Memory follows our departed members today as we pause for a moment. Make us realize that in an hour like this, nothing can take the place of outstretched hands of human understanding and the spoken tributes given by friends. May these moments together be filled with memories of mutual friends and loved ones, who walked this way with us, blessed us with their presence, and in their departing, left us saddened. But we are uplifted in spirit because of the many memories and the quality of their living and the times we shared together.

Amen

The 3rd Annual Spring Fling

May 6th 5:30 PM

DJ 7:30 to 11:30

\$12 tickets at bar / limit 150

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST, SUNDAY MAY 14, 2017

8:30 TO 11:00 AM

ADULTS \$8.00

KIDS AGE 6+ \$3.00

KIDS UNDER 6 FREE

MOTHERS

COMPLIMENTARY



From the desk of the E.R.

Building Bridges is a project of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass providing lunches to veterans. Their project started in Northampton on Wednesdays, noon to 1:30 PM at the World War II club. Their first month had less than 20 vets being served. They now serve 50 to 60 vets per week at the Northampton site. They expanded the project into Holyoke on Thursdays and once a month sites are in Amherst, West Springfield and a future site of the Polish Club in South Deerfield. Their expansion goal led to looking for a site in Greenfield and they contacted the Greenfield Elks. After speaking with the leaders of the Episcopal Diocese it was decided to give this a try. Our Lodge provides the space and the use of the kitchen. The food comes from donation made to this project. There is no cost to the lodge. The donation of the lodge space count towards the Elks community service goals.

The Elks commitment to veterans can be traced back to World War I when the Elks established field hospitals in France. In 1918 the Elks built a 700 bed hospital to treat veterans. The Elks donated the hospital to the government to become the first VA hospital. A 2 million dollar endowment was established to help these vets cover the cost of vocational and educational training and to start business. Our lodge Veterans committee makes monthly trips, to the VA Hospital in Leeds, serving pizza, soda, fresh fruit and power bars. We also bring vets to the lodge for a casino once a year. Adding the Building Bridges Project appears to be a good fit with our commitment to veterans.

The project's associate director in Greenfield is Chad Wright. He is also the chief cook and pot washer. His good cooking has seen the Greenfield lunches grow to 40 to 50 vets in just two months. His work with the Greenfield Elks inspired him to join our lodge in April. Some of the vets that have showed up for the meals were also inspired to become lodge members.

Some of the vets that come to the lodge on Thursday for the meal represent other organizations. Tim Ranney-Blake is from Vet to Vet Recovery Project, a support group / peer led. Scott Vetterling, John McAvey or Tom Salter from Disable American Veterans Chapter 33 have attended the meal. Another group provides furniture and other household supplies to vets setting up an apartment. This group has distributed blankets, socks and other items at our lodge. Gary Howe the Veterans Employment Representative at the Franklin Hampshire Career Center is at the meals to assist vets with questions. The V.F.W. also is present at the meals. The number of Elk vets has continued to grow, please join us on Thursdays noon to 1:30.

Greenfield Elks

3rd Annual

Spring Fling



May 6, 2017

Lottery Tree
50/50 Raffle



Only 150

Meal Served

at 5:30 PM

Dancing to
DJ Rodney Herzig
7:30 - 11:30 PM

Raffles

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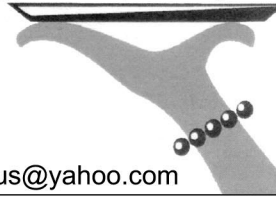
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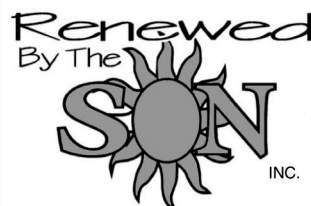
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Calendar of Events

◀ May ▾ 2017 ▾ ▶ 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 	3 	4  Building Bridges Vets Lunch	5  GCC Trivia	6  3rd Annual Spring Fling
7  State Regional Meeting	8 	9  Lodge Meeting & Board Meeting	10  Community Action	11  Building Bridges Vets Lunch	12  Paint & Sip Program	13  GHS Football Raffle
14  Mother's Day Breakfast	15 	16 	17 	18  Building Bridges Vets Lunch	19 	20  Emblem Club Installation
21  Fred Ulrich PER birthday	22 	23  Lodge Meeting BOD, Gov. body	24 	25  Building Bridges Vets Lunch	26 	27 
28 	29  Memorial Day Parade	30 	31 			