



# "The Greenfield Elk"

## ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE



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### Exalted Rulers Message;

*I wish to thank the members of the Greenfield lodge for allowing me to represent our lodge at the Grand Lodge National Convention in Reno NV. The opening ceremony with the parade of flags was impressive with about 3,000 Elks in attendance. Maintaining membership has been a losing battle for the last 30 years. However, this past year nationally we came the closest to a gain with a total loss of less than 0.009 %. We have two new members coming in on September 12, but sadly our in Memoriam list the loss of 3 members. There were 19 resolutions that were voted on at this year's convention. The lodge officers will be reviewing the resolutions that passed and informing the membership of any changes that are required.*

*The total Elk's charitable giving for this year is expected to exceed the 2015-2016 figure of \$282,160,455.00 in cash and non cash contributions, hours worked and miles traveled. All of this in support of our children, veterans and communities. Thanks for being an Elk. This was my first convention, but I was accompanied by 4 PER's from our lodge. It was a great time. Thank you.*



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### IN MEMORIAM

James Sturgeon

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William Zimmerman

### Upcoming Events

August 31st Thursday Special  
Veterans' lunch from noon to 1:30  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Fair Parade 4:30 – 7:30  
Hot dogs – Sausage & Fries  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday District Deputy  
Pre Visit @ 10 AM  
Sept 10 Sunday 10:30 Regional  
meeting @ Leominster/Fitchburg  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Tues District Deputy visit  
Meal @ 6:30 & meeting @ 7:30  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Sat Golf Tournament 9  
AM start. Meal @ lodge 4 PM  
Sept 23<sup>th</sup> PER's Family Feud  
Night at Gardner Lodge

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> PER Family Feud at  
Gardner lodge  
24<sup>th</sup> ENF Walk Along the Lake  
at Gardner Lodge  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Sat October Feast at 6 PM  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Wed Pitch League @ 7 PM  
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### Sickness & Distress

At nursing home Eugene "Butch"  
Denofrio

At home Maurice Chamberland



## Tip of the Antlers...

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Our many thanks again to Cheryl Broughan for keeping the ladies room refreshed and keeping the social decorations seasonal and her donation of some serving pieces to the kitchen is greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Cheryl!!

**Freezer Incident:** As you may or may not know the big freezer in our kitchen went into a "meltdown"! Thanks to Kelley Snow who noticed it and called Fran Sirum who got the Arctic guys down there. **SPECIAL THANKS TO:** Corey O'Connell & Phil Stevens who took on the "nasty" job of cleaning out all of the products that spoiled (one of life's nastiest jobs) and hauling it to the dumpster. Also to Gary Gadreault & Eric Schatz for giving the freezer a sanitizing cleaning and doing a general cleaning in the kitchen. So when you see these members please thank them personally. The spoiled products while very smelly did not result in a large financial loss for the lodge. The freezer, which was manufactured in September 1986, has been repaired.

Thank you to Bob Mott, Mike Blanchard, Dave Sprague and Mark Lavin for using your vacation time and own finances to attend the Grand Lodge National Convention in Reno NV. Your commitment to the Elk's and the Greenfield Elk's is appreciated. Please thank them for representing our lodge.

Thank you to Fran Sirum for your efforts to get the bar dishwasher to work.

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### Franklin County Fair Parade Sept 7th

Watch the parade at the Elk's lodge and enjoy Scott & Dave's cuisine of Hot Dogs, Sausage Grinders & home cut Fries from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Bring your lawn chairs and appetite and enjoy an evening at the lodge.

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### Elk's Golf Tournament Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Golf on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Greenfield Country Club. It's a 4 person scramble with a shotgun start. The cost is \$320 per team. Signup by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner for the event is at 4 PM at the Elk's lodge. Extra meal tickets are \$12. This is a benefit for the scholarship fund.

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1296 Club started on May 1<sup>st</sup>. See bartender to sign up

# **Tip of the Antlers...**

## **Family Feud at Gardner Lodge Sept 24, 2017**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual West Central District PER Association game night Family Feud will be at the Gardner Lodge, 31 park St. on September 23, 2017. Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM and game time at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and includes hot and cold appetizers and an evening of fun. See a lodge PER on tickets.

## **Walk Along the Lake at Gardner Lodge Sept 24, 2017**

Bob Mott is our lodge walker again this year. This is a family event open to all member, families and friends. Registration begins at 10:30 AM with the walk starting at 11 AM. Lunch will be served after the event. All moneys raised go to the Elks National Foundation. Please support this event and sponsor Bob.

## **Oktoberfest Dinner Sept 30, 2017**

Corey O'Connell is sponsoring an Oktoberfest Dinner on Saturday September 30th at 6pm. The dinner will include bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, and more. There will be raffles, stein hoisting contest and a chicken dance? Proceeds of the event are to benefit The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center. More info and limited tickets will be available mid September. See Corey

## **Pitch League Starts Oct 4, 2017**

Well pitch players it is time for the league to start up soon. The pitch league plays on Wednesdays nights starting at 7pm. The league will run from Oct 4, 2017 and end in Mar 2018, for a total of 23 weeks. We will not be playing on Thanksgiving Eve. Please come down and enjoy the free buffet that night. All members are welcome to sign up. New players might have to start off as an alternate. Please sign up at the lodge for either full-time player or alternate. The returning players will have priority over new players for a full-time spot. The new list will be posted by Sept. 20, 2016. Any questions feel free to call me @ 413-829-1041 Mark Lavin PER

## September Birthdays

1. Stephen Bresciano, Julia Krochmainy
4. Wallace Hilliard, John Williams
5. Corey Greene, George Hall, Kenneth Kurtyka, Roger Smith, Bruce Zimmerman
6. John Jenest, Robbin Terault
7. Michael Duclos
9. Nancy Beckwith, Michael Begos, James Price
10. Kenneth O'Brien, Sharon Rawson
12. Michael Cachat, Kathleen Rowe-Clapp
13. Martin Powers, Leonard Roberts, Robert Sunderland
14. Daniel Beckwith, Ellen Jenks
15. Robert Ferris, Stephen Moriarty, Jon Widdison
16. James Keegan
17. Russ Bardwell, Isaac Mass
18. James Baker, Thomas Willis
19. Barbara Griffiths, Harry Ruddock
20. Richard Thomas
22. Douglas Pratt, John Strakose
24. Stephen Gibowicz, Karen Sheperd
26. Thomas Bergeron, Elsie Gilman
27. Mary Ellen Furey, Ronald Laczynski
28. Francis Sirum
29. Brian Brooks, Thomas Rogers
30. Robert Dash, Richard Lopriore, Kenneth Sanderson Williams

**On your birthday enjoy a beverage on us.**

## District Deputy Visitation Dates

Our pre visit inspection is on Saturday September 9 @ 10 am. The visitation is on September 12. Dinner is @ 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30. Other lodge visitations dates are; Gardner September 5, Athol-Orange September 19, Montague October 5, Worcester October 12, Auburn/Webster October 19. Dinner is @ 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30 at all of these lodges. The Leominster/Fitchburg visitation is Saturday, October 28. Cocktail hour @ 4 PM. Meeting @ 5 PM. Dinner & dancing to follow.

## Bulletin

If you to have an event or a thank you in the bulletin contact ER Chet Saharceski or Sec. Fred Ulrich

## Elk's Penny Raffle to support Elk's Charities

1<sup>st</sup> \$500.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$350.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250.00 4<sup>th</sup> \$150.00  
5<sup>th</sup> \$100.00 6<sup>th</sup> \$50.00 The lodge gets \$233.00

Drawing is when all tickets are sold. See bartender

## Thursday Veterans' Lunches

In just five month this project went from serving 12 – 15 vets at the first luncheon to now serving 50 to 70 every Thursday. While feeding these vets is great, the Greenfield Elk's has become more than a meal stop for our veterans. Working with the Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass and a wide variety of veterans groups, the Greenfield Elks lodge has become a hub for veterans groups to gather and meet with the veterans they are working to serve. On Thursday August 31, 2017 our noon to 1:30 PM lunch, will have a number of special events and host a number of veteran groups. We have two veterans that will receive quilts from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. They will also receive from Honor Flights of New England free flights to DC to visit the War memorials. Some of the other organizations that are expected to attend are Homeward Vets, Community Connection Healthcare, V.A. from Leeds, Springfield Vets Center, Veterans Inc., Upper Pioneer Valley Vets Services, DAV, VFW and maybe others. Local newspapers and TV stations have been invited to this luncheon. Please show your support as one of the veterans receiving a quilt and flight is one of our members, Bernie Schatz. If you're a vet it would be great to see you on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our success as resulted in other Elk lodges and organizations in Western Mass wanting to start similar programs. The cost to your lodge is the use of our space and the time some of our members spend volunteering.



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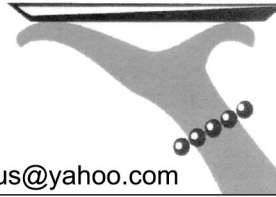
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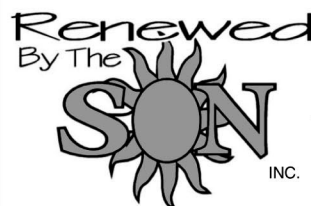
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3 +	4 +	5 +	6 +	7 + Building Bridges Vets Lunch Fair Parade Scott & Dave's Food Sale PATRIOTS KANSAS CITY	8 +	9 + DD Pre Visit
10 +	11 +	12 + DD Visitation, Dinner, Initiation	13 +	14 + Building Bridges Vets Lunch	15 + Elks Golf Tournament	16 + James Keegan PER Birthday
17 + PATRIOTS - @ SAINTS	18 +	19 + DD Visitation, Athol- Orange	20 +	21 + Building Bridges Vets Lunch	22 +	23 +
24 + PATRIOTS - HOUSTON	25 +	26 +	27 +	28 + Francis Sirum Trustee Birthday Building Bridges Vets Lunch DD Visitation Auburn-Webster Elks	29 +	30 +