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Exalted Rulers Message;

The last couple of months our Lodge has received some very good press. The Building Bridges Veterans Lunch was recognized with TV and several newspaper articles. I was also able to get our Lodge recognition in the recent Elks Magazine. They did not use our pictures and they shortened the article, but we did get in the magazine. Our Xmas food basket donations and the Hoop Shoot both made the Greenfield Recorder Monday December 18th paper. The National Elks recognized our Lodge for having met the GER's per-member-giving-goal of \$4.75 to the Elks National Foundation, resulting in our Lodge being awarded a Gratitude Grant for \$2,000.00. The Book Fair was done with a \$2,000.00 Beacon Grant obtained by the efforts of Linda Gorey. We were able to get a \$1,500.00 Anniversary Grant for Building Bridges Veterans' lunches. One of the veterans who attended these lunches passed away. His family donated \$1,400.00 to support Building Bridges and \$100.00 to ENF in our Lodges name. Receiving recognition for the good work members of the Greenfield Lodge do for our community should make all members feel proud of our Lodge and all of your efforts. Thank you



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IN MEMORIAM

Charles Bohonowicz

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Sickness & Distress

At nursing home;

Eugene "Butch" DeNofrio

Upcoming Events

Dec 31st New Year's dance
Backtrack. Max of 150 tickets on
sale.
Jan 5th Friday Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30
Jan 6th Regional Hoop Shoot 9 AM
in the Gardner Middle School
Gym, 297 Catherine St. Gardner,
MA
Jan 12th Friday Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30
Jan 16 to 22 State President
Winter Cruise
Jan 18th Thursday PER Dinner
Jan 19th Friday Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30
Jan 26th Friday Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30

Upcoming Events

Feb 2nd Friday 5 to 7 PM Cathy
Thomas is preparing a \$10.00
chicken cordon bleu dinner with
potatoes, carrots and corn. Takeout
is available.
Feb 3rd Saturday State Hoop Shoot
in Maynard MA
Feb 11th Sunday State Regional
Meeting at Billerica



Tip of the Antlers..

Book Fair: The Beacon grant the Lodge received was used to sponsor a book fair on Nov. 19. special thank to Janine Greaves and Jan McMahon for volunteering their time to check students in and hand out vouchers. About 162 children Pre-K to Grade 12 received \$10.00 vouchers to use toward their book purchase. Thanks to Fran Sirum and Bob Mott for setting up and cleaning up the book fair space. Thanks also to the Franklin Cty. Sheriff's Office for doing our printing of posters and vouchers. To Linda Gorey for successfully writing the grant (our fourth year) to make this event possible. Thanks to all the volunteers for contacting businesses and putting up posters. Special thanks to The World Eye Bookshop for providing a wide selection of books for all ages. Another book fair is scheduled for May 2018.

Thanksgiving Buffet: Thanks to-Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy, David Sprague, Bob Mott, & Eric Schatz

Thank you, John Williams & Fred Ulrich for replacing & repairing the emergency lights.

Thanks to Stan Lewandowski for his donation of homemade sauerkraut for our buffets.

Everyone please thank the Emblem Ladies for decorating the Lodge during the holidays.

Charlie Kestyn started the ARC Xmas party in 1981. Fred Ulrich became involved in the event in 1995. Please thank Charlie and Fred and this year's volunteers Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Bob Mott, Dave Sprague, Brian Derry, Gordie Hardy, Loretta Chattelle, Pete & Cheryl Brougham, Sue Breite, Pat Baker, Dottie Niemiec, Tina Hickey, Reenie Devino, Janine Greaves and Karen Shepherd. Also thank you to Monroe Phillips for photographing the event.

Thank you to all the Greenfield Lodge members who made contributions to the Elks National Foundation. The Greenfield Lodge #1296 has been awarded a 2017-2018 Gratitude Grant for \$2,000.00 having met the GER's per-member-giving-goal of \$4.75 per member to the Elks National Foundation. Thank you.

Thank you to the Friday Night Meals & Raffle team of Fran Sirum, Eric Schatz, Loretta Chattelle, Gordie Hardy, Linda Gorey, David Sprague, Brian Derry, Janine Greaves, Dottie Niemic, Marsha & Dave Bonnett, Jan McMahon, Jeannie Rewa.

Thank you to the officers that were part of the Memorial Sunday services, Gary Gadreault, Dave Sprague, Gary Clough, Bob Mott, Neil Jennison, Fred Ulrich, Michele Kelleher and ER Chet Saharceski. Also thank you to Linda Gorey, Fran Sirum and David Sprague who worked setting up the meal.

Tip of the Antlers...

We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket to the \$10,000.00 and those who came to the Lodge for the drawing. It was another successful year selling all 200 tickets. This is one of the Lodge's major fundraisers, donating money to the community, veterans and scholarships. The kitchen crew included Fran Sirum, Linda Gorey, Bob Mott, Dave Sprague, Gordie Hardy, Loretta Chattelle, Donna Kilgour, Noreen Onoroto who made desserts and Audrey Labonte who prepared a delicious "smorg" with shrimp cocktail for the event. Backtrack was the band for the night. The drawing took place at 10:30 PM. Three of the winners were Lodge members. Barry and Liz Tozloski the \$10,000.00 winners indicated they are donating their winnings to local charities. This is a great gift back to the community. Thanks again to sellers, buyers, bartenders, volunteers and everyone not listed that made this a successful night. See you next year and good luck to everyone. Thanks from Chairman, Billy Kilgour and Co Chairman Jason Kilgour. From the Lodge thank you Billy & Jason for a great job!

On Monday December 18th the Greenfield Recorder on page A8 ran an article highlighting our Lodge's distribution of Xmas food baskets. This decades old tradition of packaging and delivering 45 to 50 baskets took place on Saturday December 16th. Leading this tradition were Tim Herzig and Fred Ulrich. It also takes a number of volunteers which included, Dave Brougham, Dave Simmons, Tom Herzig, Dave & Marsha Bonnett, Jean Rewa, Skip Jepson, Bob Mott, Mike Blanchard, Ken Kurtyka, Chet Saharceski, Phil Stevens, Ed Underwood, George Hall, Bob Wood, Leigh Jenks, John Williams, John O'Connell, Doug Turner, Eric Schatz, Doug Houle and John Mackin. Thanks to all that helped.

On Monday December 18th the Greenfield Recorder on page B3 ran an article highlighting our Lodge's Hoop Shoot that took place at the Greenfield YMCA, on December 10th. The winners were boys 8 to 9 years old Grayson Thomas sinking 16 out of 25 free throws, boys 10 to 11 years old Caleb Johnston sinking 15 out of 25 free throws and boys 12 to 13 years old was Tyler Podolski sinking 21 out of 25 free throws. No girls signed up for the event. The Lodge Hoop Shoot Director, Chet Saharceski was assisted by members Michele Kelleher, Bob Mott, Kris Jubb-Watters and future member Maria Burge and her grandson Ryan Duclos. Dave Sprague and Karen Shepherd worked the kitchen preparing the hamburgs and hot dogs for the meal after the Hoop Shoot. Thank you for your help.

Thank you to all the members that donated wrapping paper, tape and tags to wrap the gifts for the children's Xmas party. This would not have been successful without the efforts of Marsha Bonnette and her team of volunteers who worked throughout the year for this event. A list of all who worked with Marsha is not available at this time.

January Birthdays

2. Kelli Snow
3. Maurice Chamberland, Arnold Egloff
5. Richard Lacross
8. Edward Croteau, Joseph Fistes
9. Jim Jason, Albert Russ
11. Charles Murdock
13. Richard Herzig
14. Robert Benedetti
16. Brett Saharceski, Peter Weis
17. Amanda Sumner
20. Robert Bassett, Michael Morawski
21. Jeffery Baker, Marsha Bonnett, Cheryl Broughan
22. Mark Lavin, Michael Smith
24. Dennis Moore
25. David Lewandowski, Robert Wood
26. Todd Berger, William Martin
27. Sean Mason, Christopher Miller, Elizabeth Moore
28. Richard Cadran, Thomas Peabody
29. Gary Selanis
30. William Clark
31. Paul Doran, David Norman

On your birthday enjoy a beverage on us.

Hoop Shoot Winners

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Delinquent Members

Josh Billiel	Brandon Burns
Donald Claine	Kevin Cloughlin
Elwin Deveneau	Scott Digeorge
George Gagaris	Jessica Jensen
Julia Krochmainy	Timothy Markowski
Jason Markwell	Stephan Moriaty
Lesley Pratt-Stacy	Adam Provost
Shirley Smith	Jacob Snow
Amanda Sumner	William Swinington Jr
Stephen Taylor	

SCHOLARSHIPS

There is still time to apply for Elks National Foundation Scholarships: LEGACY AWARDS- applications available on line, must submitted on line by Feb. 2, 2018. MASS. ELKS SCHOLARSHIP, INC- applications available from school counselors, may not be DUPLICATED. If more are needed contact m.esi@verizon.net. Return to Lodge 1296 no later than Feb. 1, 2018. MASS ELKS VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP, return to Lodge 1296 no later than march 1, 2018.

Friday Fish Fries January 5, 12, 19 & 26 2018 - Serving from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Menu: fish fried or baked, shrimp, clam strips, chicken, beef meals. All meals are \$10.00 or less. Raffles will be held during the Fish Fry. Come support our Lodge and enjoy a good meal with family and friends.

Fund raiser dinner

On Friday February 2nd from 5 to 7 PM Cathy Thomas is preparing a \$10.00, chicken cordon bleu dinner with potatoes, carrots and corn. Takeout is available.

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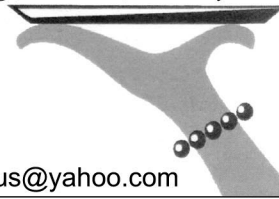
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January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Kelli Snow Birthday	3 Pitch League	4	5	6
7	8	9 Lodge Meeting BOD	10 Pitch League	11 Private Party	12	13
14	15	16	17 Pitch League	18 PER Dinner	19	20 Vets Pizza Party Leeds
21	22 Mark Lavin PER Birthday	23 Lodge Meeting	24 Dennis moore Trustee Birthday Pitch League	25	26 Bill Martin PER Birthday	27
28	29	30	31 Pitch League			