



"The Greenfield Elk"

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE



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**Greenfield Elks
Annual Golf tournament
Friday Sept. 9
9am Shotgun Start
Country Club of Greenfield
\$320.00 Per Team
Includes Cart, Food on Course
Buffet Dinner at Lodge**



E.R. Neal Jennison
E.L.K. Chad Wright
E.L.K. Mark Lavin PER
E.L.K. Michelle Kelleher
Sec. Fred Ulrich PER
Treas. Timothy Herzig
Tiler Robert Mott PER, PDD
Trustees:
1 yr. Dennis Moore Chairman
2 yr. Gary Gadreault PER
3 yr. Scott Greaves PER
4 yr. Dave Sprague PER
5yr. Mike Blanchard PDD,PER
, Esq.
Chaplain Jean Raymond
Inner Guard
Organist: William Pease

Chaplain informs us:

John O'Connell
Home

Proposition for Membership

David Sprague
Proposes
Jonathan Bassett
Sept. 27, 2022
District Deputy
Visitation
&
Initiation

"IN MEMORIUM"

Bernard D. Bergeron
1995-2022
John E. Duprey
1980-2022

..."a while ago we gathered
Friendship beaming in reach eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed on realms on high."

Dear Fellow Elks;

I hope everyone was able to stay cool and enjoy the summer.

The board has approved two projects for the lodge: The first was approving the funds to replace the gas furnace located in the boiler room. This will help the lodge save money by purchasing a new high efficiency unit that will not need attention by the board for a quite a while. Thanks goes out to Mike Moore for your work on this matter. The second project the board approved is upgrading our lodge access system. The system will save the lodge \$360.00 yearly compared to the current system. The goal is to have the system and running by the end of the year. A detailed description on the system will be sent out in the coming months to help explain how it works. Both projects will help save the lodge on our annual operating budget.

Another big deal is that Gary Clough and Jean Raymond have finally been able to talk to people at the VA Hospital about doing our pizza party again. The hospital also provided Gary and Jean a list of items that they are looking for donations of to help the veterans who reside there. That list of items will be put out by Gary. A big thanks goes out to Gary and Jean for not giving up.

One final activity is that Edgar McDonald our new District Deputy for the West-Central District, will be here on September 24th for the annual District Deputy Pre-Visit and again on September 27th for the annual District Deputy Visitation.

The board continues to look to our members for ideas on how to help our community. If you have an idea, please reach out to the board or come to a Board of Director's Meeting to present your idea.

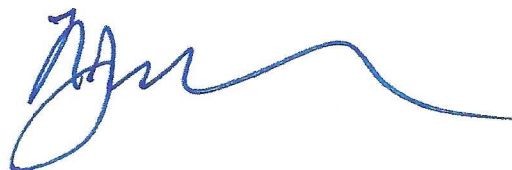
If you have a friend or relative who is interested in becoming a member, please get that application into Fred Ulrich our Lodge Secretary.

One final note, as of the day I'm writing this, our lodge is at \$1.72/member for donating to the Elks National Foundation. Our goal remains to meet and beat the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.80/member. Please log onto www.elk.org and donate today. We can help so many more members of our community with the grants from the ENF.

Elks Care; Elks Share

Fraternally Yours;

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September Birthdays

Sept 1. Tony Bresciano
4. Wallace Hilliard, John Williams
5. Corey Greene, Ken Kurtyka
George Hall, Bruce Zimmerman
6. John Jenest, Robin Terault
7. Mike Duclos
9. James Price
10. Sharon Rawson
12. Ray Lavallee, Kathy Rowe-Clapp
13. Marty Powers, Lenny Roberts,
Bob Sunderland
14. Dan Beckwith, Nancy Beckwith
Wanda Nelson
15. Bob Ferris, Jon Widdison
16. James Keegan PER
17. Isaac Mass, Tim Wondoloski
18. James Baker
19. Barbara Griffiths, Harry Ruddock
20. Richard Thomas
22. John Strakose
24. Steve Gibowitz, Karen Sheperd
26. Tom Bergeron, Elsie Gilman
27. Mary Ellen Furey, Ron Laczynski
30. Bob Dash, Rich Lopriore, Sandy
Sanderson

Computation of Grand Lodge Dues:

Under Sections 4.231, 14.150 & 14.300 *Laws of the Order*, in addition to their annual dues, it is now mandatory for the collection of the Grand lodge Per Capita and Assessments from each member, including Life Members. *The total Per Capita for Grand Lodge, Elks Magazine and Insurance is \$24.00 per Member.* The breakdown of the total Grand Lodge Per Capita and Assessments for the 2022-2023 fraternal year is as follows:

For Grand Lodge expenses & operations	\$6.50
For subscription to Elks Magazine	\$5.50
For General Liability Insurance Assess.	\$12.00
	\$24.00
Mass. State Association	\$2.25

Regular Lodge Dues	\$60.00 + \$26.25	\$86.25
Life Members	\$30.00 + \$26.25	\$56.25

LODGE BYLAWS

Greenfield Lodge Bylaws are available on line at

<http://www.elks.org/lodges/bylaws.cfm?lodgeNumber=1296>

A user name and password are required, and access through this link is restricted to Lodge members only. Members who don't have a password may register by giving their membership number and name to Grand Lodge online at:

<http://www.elks.org/members/registration.cfm>

LODGE DUES 2022-2023

NAME: - **Greenfield Elks #1296**

ADDRESS:- **3 Church St.**
Greenfield, Ma 01301

Date:

Are you a Veteran? Yes No E-Mail

Regular Dues \$60.00 Grand Lodge assessments \$26.25 Due **\$86.25**

Life Member \$30.00 Grand Lodge assessments \$26.25 Due **\$56.25**

Phone #

Cell #

E-Mail

Locks Change April 15, 2022 Membership cards will be mailed in March

BIOGRAPHY OF
BRUCE A. HIDLEY
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2022-2023

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Bruce A. Hidley was born and raised in Albany, New York. Bruce graduated from Cardinal McCloskey High School, and then attended Hudson Valley Community College, earning an A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice in 1979. Bruce worked as an Auditor for the New York State Comptroller's Office for 11 years, and as the City Clerk for the City of Watervliet for over 22 years. Bruce was elected Albany County Clerk in 2013, re-elected in 2017 and currently serves in that position.

Bruce joined the Guilderland Elks Lodge No. 2480 in 1980. In September of 1985, Bruce transferred his membership to Watervliet Lodge No. 1500 and served as Chaplain, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and then proudly served as the 65th Exalted Ruler from 1991-1992. Following that, Bruce was a Lodge Trustee from 1993-1997 where he served as the Chairman of the Board from 1996-1997. In 2002, Bruce served as the President of the State Capital District's Past Exalted Ruler Association. Bruce remains a very active Member serving on many Lodge committees.

On the State level, in 1996, Bruce was appointed to be the Director on the Conference of Private Organization (CONPOR) serving as Vice President and President. From 1997-2007, Bruce was honored to serve as the New York State Elks Association Government Relations Chairman. In 2000, Bruce was appointed as a member of the Steering Committee for Amsterdam Lodge No. 101. Bruce served as the New York State Elks

Association President in 2007-2008. He then served as the Area 1 Government Relations Chairman from 2011-2017.

On the Grand Lodge level, Bruce served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2001-2002. He was installed to the Board of Grand Trustees from 2018-2022. He served as Buildings Applications East Member, Home Member, Approving Member and Vice Chairman.

Bruce is also active with many community activities that include The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Albany County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus No. 3394, North Albany Limericks, Board of Directors Watervliet Civic Chest, Watervliet Senior Citizens and as a social member of the C.R.A.B. VFW Post.

Bruce and Helen reside in Watervliet, New York. They enjoy camping in the Adirondacks and spending time with their numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. They will be celebrating 40 wonderful years of marriage.

Bruce and Helen are excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, making new friends during their travels, and talking about their motto, **"PROMOTING ELKDOM WITH ENTHUSIASM."** They are honored and proud to work and promote all of the programs in the Elks with great enthusiasm.



"PROMOTING ELKDOM WITH ENTHUSIASM"





Bruce A. Hidley, Grand Exalted Ruler, 2022-2023

VA



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

DONOR WISH LIST

August 2022

**VA Central Western MA Healthcare System
Voluntary Services Program
421 N. Main Street
Leeds, MA 01053**

Donation Checks

***Payable to VA CWM VA HCS and Sent to the Address Above
Current Highest level of need GPF 2015 – Food Pantry***

For Homeless Veterans &/or Transitional Programs to distribute:

- Move in baskets, including: trash cans/bags, paper towels windex, dust pan broom, toilet brush ect
- Stop & Shop, Walmart, Walgreens Gift Cards

For Recreation Therapy:

- Donations to GPF 1009
- Dunkin Donuts gift cards (\$25 value)
- Paint by numbers kits
- Bingo support – Canteen Books
- Individually wrapped snacks

For Veteran Greenhouse Project:

- Organic Potting Soil
 - Decorative Pots
 - Houseplants/Fruit Trees
- Volunteers to help with Greenhouses**

Volunteer Positions:

Compassionate Contact Corps- Calling Veterans

Food Pantry

Rec Hall Activities

Call Brian 584 4040 ext. 2340 or Chris 582-3033

Personal Care Items for Inpatients:

- Deodorant/Body Wash,
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Denture Cleaner Pills, Disposable Razors

Horticultural Program

Items or Checks made to GPF 1040

General Fund, 1002

Which can support any other fund if needed

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used.



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**The West Central District PER Association
Are holding their Eight Annual Game Night
on Saturday, September 17th at the
Gardner Lodge of Elks #1426.**

**We are looking for five members who are
interested in representing Greenfield for
Family Feud.**

**We are also looking for members to cheer
on our Lodge.**

**The cost of the tickets is \$15.00 and
includes hot and cold appetizers.
There will be raffle prizes you can purchase
on the evening of the event.**

**If you are interested, tickets can be
purchased at the Greenfield Lodge.**

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
						7:00 pm - 11:45 pm Notre Dame vs Ohio state
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm John Williams Birthday					9:00 am - 10:00 pm Elks Annual Golf Tournament	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Notre Dame vs Marshall
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Patriots vs Miami		6:00 pm - 8:30 pm BOD & Lodge Meeting	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Dan & Nancy Beckwith Birthday		12:00 pm - 12:30 pm James Keegan PER Birthday	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Notre Dame vs California 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Family Feud, at Gardner Elks #1426
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Patriots vs Pittsburg						12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Notre Dame at North Carolina
25	26	27	28	29	30	
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Patriots vs Baltimore		5:00 pm - 9:00 pm District Deputy Visitation & Initiation				