



"The Greenfield Elk"

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Hi All.

We have come to the end of my term as ER. It was a good year.

I want to congratulate Shelley and her suite. I'm sure they will keep the Lodge moving forward.

Thank you to Co-Chairpersons Corey O'Connell and Michael Moore, the kitchen staff, wait staff and raffle personnel & for a great Irish Night. The food was delicious.

Congratulations to Michael Blanchard for being Officer of the Year.

Congratulations to Leigh Jenks for being the Elk of the Year.

Mark Lavin

ER X2

P.S. I might do it again before I retire. LOL



E.R. Michele Kelleher

E.L.K. Jake Hagen

E.L.K. Chad Wright, PER

Sec. Fred Ulrich, PER

Treas. Timothy Herzig

Tiler Robert Mott PER, PDD

Trustees:

1 yr. Scott Greaves PER

2 yr. Dave Sprague PER

3 yr. Mike Blanchard PDD-PER

4 yr. John Williams

5yr. Gary Gadreault PER

Esq. Neal Jennison PER

Chaplain Sue Breite

Inner Guard Chet Saharceski PER

Organist: Bill Pease

"HALL RENTAL"

**If you are interested
In renting the hall or
Know someone that
is,**

**Please phone Kelli
Snow**

413-77404909

Or email her at

**ksnowgreenfieldelks
@gmail.com**

CONGRATULATIONS

"ELK OF THE YEAR"

"LEIGH JENKS"

"OFFICER OF YEAR"

'MICHAEL BLANCHARD'

"IN MEMORIUM"

"Robert F. Bitzer"

1973-2025

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



SLAINTE!



The Irish Night Dinner this year on March 15th was again a great time and success. Meal tickets were sold out by the time dinner was served. Besides the meal, social libations were enjoyed being served by our two bartenders, Erin and Shelley doing a great job keeping the drinks flowing. DJ Chase kept the music pumping all evening with patrons both young and old cutting up the dance floor.

Mike Moore and Corey O'Connell, Co-chairmen of the Irish Night Committee, would like to thank everyone who helped out in the kitchen and hall: Buzzy Blanchard, Bill O'Connell, Neil Black, Ray Lavalley, Ryan O'Connell, Jonathan Moore, Troy Renaud, Matt Sheridan, Jeff Renaud, Fred Parody, James Bozek, Rob Muzzy, John Barnett, Jerry 'Salt and Pepper' Gaimari, Tim Herzig, Mark Lavin, and Scott Greaves. Help serving plates were Rindy Lavalley, Jan McMahon, Candy White, James Bozek, Rob Muzzy, Troy Renaud, and Conor O'Connell.

Liz Moore would like to thank Scott Greaves for helping with raffles. Also, thanks to everyone who donated and also participated in raffles.

Enough was raised from proceeds from the dinner and raffles to continue offering the Henry Burns Memorial Scholarship for local students. Thank you all!

Tip of the Antlers:

"Thanks" Gary Gadreault, for submitting several ENF Grants, that have been approved.

Freedom Grant: \$1,000 for Food & Money donation for Veterans.

Gratitude Grant: \$3,000 for supplemental care to Veterans at Leeds VA.

Beacon Grant: \$4,000 for food purchased for Christmas Baskets.

Spotlight Grant: \$3,000 for Building Bridges Veterans weekly luncheon.

A check for \$3,000 was presented March 24, 2025 to the Building Bridges Program, Director Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher.

After eight successful years of Building Bridges Lunches at our Elks Lodge, we were informed that due to a conflict with their personnel connected with preparing the weekly lunches, they will be serving the veterans at The Episcopal Church of St. James and Andrew, located on Federal St. in Greenfield.

Upon the completion of upgrading and installing two new computer systems, We are now able to combine several programs with a new billing system. Delinquent notices will now be generated by the Grand Lodge and sent directly to those in arrears.

Special "Thanks" to Neil Jennison's son Christopher, a computer programmer From "Microsoft" who came up from Boston to install the "Door Access Program" on our new system.

Not enough can be said about our "Kelli Snow" in her effort in keeping us abreast of all the daily, weekly, monthly pools that are available. It takes a lot of time to coordinate the updates. Keeps the members in a happy state of mind. "Most of the time".

April Birthdays

4-1, Alan Ball
2. Christina Thorington
3. Mark Cadran, John Mackin Jr.
4. Dan Gauthier
5. Gail Underwood
6. Mike Perreault
7/ Jolyn Novak, Tina Scott
8. P. James Kane
9. Susan Breite
12. Art Belanger, Dan Malloy
13. Scott Powers
15. Todd Cromack
17. Robert Fistes
18. Bill Pease
19. Edwin Fronkus
20. Jamie Koscincki, Julio Mendez
23. Susan Deangelis
24. Alan Jurek, **Gary Noga PER**
25. Michael Muller, Glen Pasterczyk
27. Steve Lovett
28. John Doleva
29. Bob Wondoloski
Come on down and enjoy a libation on us,
and meet your friends and members.

Elks Installation Schedule

Sat. March 22 Montague by Leominster

Sat. March 29 Auburn by Greenfield

Sun. March 30 Chicopee by TBD

Sat. April 5 Greenfield by Ludlow

Sun. April 6 Leominster/Fitch. By Montague

Sat. April 12 Gardner by Auburn

**NOTE: Sat. Installations, Cocktails @1:30
Maating @3pm Diner to follow.**

**Sunday Installation Cocktails @ 12:30
Maating 2PM diner fo follow**

**Sunday March 30 will be at Chicopee's
Installlation Cocktails @1pm
Meeting at 2PM
This will be a closed Installation**

LODGE DUES 2025-2026

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 \$39.25 Dur \$99.25

Life Member \$30.00 Grand Lodge Assessments \$39.25 Due \$69.25

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Mass Elks State Convention

June 6-8, 2025

Emerald Resort

Hyannis, Ma

Elks Night at the Worcester Red Sox

Third annual Elks night to be held

Friday August 22, 2025

6:45pm

With a 2-hour fresh Off the Grill

Buffet from 6-8pm.

The WooSox will be hosting the

Jacksonville Shrimp

(Miami Marlins) at Polar Park.

We are reserving and responsible for 275

**Tickets at the Shaw's Visitors Bullpen
Terrace with a Firework show at the
conclusion of the game!**

**Tickets will be sold at \$60.00 per ticket that
will include a 2-hour buffet of their fresh off
the Grill Menu and a cash private bar
located in the space.**

**Computation of Grand Lodge Dues:
2025-2026**

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 \$34.00 per Member.* The Breakdown of the total Grand Lodge Per Capita And Assessments for the 2025-2026 fraternal Year is as follows:

For Grand Lodge expenses & operations	\$6.50
For subscription to Elks Magazine	\$5.50
For General Liability Insurance Assess.	\$25.00
	\$37.00
Mass. State Association	\$2.25

Regular Lodge Dues	\$60.00 + \$39.25	\$99.25
Life Members	\$30.00 + \$39.25	\$69.25

LODGE BYLAWS

Greenfield Lodge Bylaws are available on line at

<http://www.elks.org/lobges/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>

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Door Access has been installed. FOB or Card available at Lodge

Greenfield Elks Golf League

**Anyone interested in joining
the Greenfield Elks Golf
League, Please contact
Mike Larabee
413-626-1038**

**There will be a meeting at the
Lodge on
Wednesday, April 16th at
5:30pm**

All Elk members interested are invited

**Tentative start date
Wednesday, April 23rd**

April Events

3rd - GMLB Meeting

5th - Installation of Officers

10th - Sheriffs Dept Spaghetti
Supper



12th - Private Party

17th - Pool League

26th - Private Party

May Events

5th - Cinco De Mayo

10th - Private Party

17th - Spring Fling

31st - Private Party



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
						1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Greenfield Installation by Ludlow
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm Leominster installed by Montague		6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD & Lodge Meeting				1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Gardner installed by Auburn
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			5:30 pm - 12:30 pm Golf League Meeting			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD & Lodge Meeting				
27	28	29	30			