

"The Greenfield Elk"

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As I am writing this, I am preparing to join the Elks migration to Kansas City for the National Convention and where Neil Jennison will be installed as pour district Deputy. Congratulations Neal!

June saw the official start of summer and hot weather. Fortunately, our mini-splits are installed and running in the Lodge room. This has been a long term project that came to fruition in time for our meeting on 6/24, a day when the temperature reached 100 degrees. Many people were involved with this project over the months, which included finding a contractor and learning about incentives for the installation and use of the mini splits. Tim Herzig put a lot of time into this project and help getting it over the line.

After so many consecutive rainy Saturdays we got a sunny one for Elk on the trail on 6/21. Mike Blanchard took charge of the kitchen to prep and then supervised the final preparation and serving of breakfast for folks traveling to the Elk on the Trail. We had visitors from Lodges across the state who stopped for breakfast on their way to the ceremony.

Our Flag Day ceremony was conducted on June 10th. Scouts from Troop 5, Troop 6, and Pack 3 participated in this ritual and did a great job.

A new members' entrance door was installed and working well. John Williams was key to getting this done.

There will be no bulletin in August. Only one Lodge meeting will be held in both July & August, on 7/22 and 8/26. It was reported that the luncheons will be made by Diemand Farms. Enjoy your summer. ER Michele Kelleher



E.R. Michele Kelleher
E.L.K. Jake Hagen

E.L.K. Harry Breite PDD PER
Sec. Fred Ulrich, PER
Treas. Timothy Herzig
Tiler Robert Mott PER, PDD

Trustees:

1 yr. Dave Sprague PER
2 yr. Mike Blanchard PDD PER
3 yr. John Williams
4 yr. Gary Gadreault PER
5yr. Scott Greaves PER
Esq. Neal Jennison PER
Chaplain Sue Breite
Inner Guard Chet Saharceski PER

"HALL RENTAL"

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

Please phone Kelli
Snow

413-774-4909

Or email her at
ksnowgreenfieldelks@gmail.com

Building Bridges Lunch's

Second Thursday
Month

7/22 and 8/26
If facility available

"IN MEMORIUM"

"Stanley W. Lewandowski"
1991-2025

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

July Birthdays

7-1 Leigh Jenks
2. Albert Tirrell
3. James Colgan, Martin Forrett
Wanda Moore, Charles Seaman
6. Shane Parker
7. Josephine, **Sid Jensen PER**
Dave McDonald, Rob Muzzy
8. **Jake Hagen ELK**
9. Andrew Baker
11. Robert Dobias, Robert Volpe
12. Brian Derry
13. Beth Cadran, **Michele Kelleher ER**
Robert Provost
14. Todd Dubie, Jeannie Graveline
16. Laurie Baronas
19. Erin Gendreau
20. Justin Galenski
21. Doug Beckwith, Mike Duprey, Al Zraunig
23. Jean Wilder
24. Dave Mota, Gary Russell,
Andy Musacchio
25. Matt Parody, Russell Woods
26. Steve Asseng, Jeff Suprenant
28. Tony Farrick
30. George Mowry, Joseph Tomaus
31. Gregg Diefendorf, Jacob Snow
Come on down and enjoy a libation on us, and
meet your friends and members.

"Need for Loyal Knight"

As previously advised, the position of loyal Knight is currently open. I had appointed Chet Saharceski to temporarily fill this position until an election could be held on May 27. At the meeting we had no nominations for this position. We did have two members who had stepped up to serve in this position but then found they were unable to go forward. However, the position remains open. Chet's time as temporary Loyal Knight has ended. The position and nominations remain open and nominations will be accepted at our meeting on June 10th.

Please understand that having an open officer position could impact the Board of Directors ability to conduct Lodge business. A quorum is needed for any vote on business before the BOD can be taken. Having an open position results in fewer officers being available to make a quorum.

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

Phone #

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E-Mail

August Birthdays

- 8-1 Ryan O'Connell, Troy Renaud, Brian Winslow
2. George Handschuh, Lee Winemiller
3. Henry Jedadiah, Andy Phillips, Kyle Quintana
5. Mark Cariddi
6. Deborah Cadran
8. Tim Moore, Jeff Renaud, John Richardson
9. Chris Hartshorn, Jon Tirrell, Jan Wondoloski
11. Todd Goulet
12. Elizabeth Baker, **Paul Roberts PDD**
14. James Kennedy
15. Simon Behilo, Loretta Chattelle
17. Doug Smith
18. Francis Lemay
19. Melanie Snow
21. Dan Hohengasser, John Peters
22. Lucas Asseng
23. Adele Corcoran, **Chet Saharceski PER**
24. Tina Hickey, Larry Roy, Joe Ruggeri
25. Mike Baker, Amber Flagg-Tucker
Joseph Mendes, Paul St.Amand
26. Sharon Dobias, Steve O'Connell
28. Christopher Fontaine
30. Neil Black, Shauna Brook, John Cariddi

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And meet your friends and members.

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/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:

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



GRAND LODGE Convention News

TUESDAY JULY 1, 2025



GER-Elect Klatt asks Elks to 'Be The Difference'

By Tiffany Bakker
Convention News Reporter

The leadership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks got down to business with the first business session of the 160th Grand Lodge Session and elected Bryan R. Klatt, of DeKalb, IL Lodge No. 765, as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2025-2026 year.

Klatt has been an Elk since 1985, when he joined the DeKalb Lodge. He was an active and dedicated Member, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1989-1990 and as Secretary from 1998 to 2009.

He served the Illinois Elks Association as Vice President of the North Central District in 1992-1993, as State Chaplain and State Americanism Committee Chairman in 1993-1994, as Third (1994-1995), Second (1995-1996), and First (1996-1997) Vice President, and as State President in 1997-1998. Among other roles, Klatt served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee in 2000-2001, Chairman of the IEA Convention Committee from 2002 to 2004, and as Chairman of the Leading Knight/Officer Training Seminars from 1998 to 2008.

At the Grand Lodge level, Klatt served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1994-1995. He served on the Membership Committee from 2001 to 2008, serving as Chairman from 2005 to 2007. He served as Co-Chairman of the LouGER Committee to then Endorsed Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger and served in the position of Grand Secretary from July 2008 to June 2025.

The announcement of the election was followed by an exuberant celebration as supporters from Klatt's Area 5 streamed into the hall. Once the celebration subsided, the newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler spoke



GER-Elect Bryan R. Klatt and First Lady Susan keep tradition with a kiss after the Nominations and Election of Grand Lodge Officers. Photo: Gary Rohman/Rohman Photography.

about his vision for the Order, which is expressed in his theme for the year: *"Be The Difference."* He spoke of various ways Elks can be of service in their own communities and reminded the assembled Elks that "we cannot sit on our laurels. We—as in you and I—need to *Be The Difference* to elevate our Lodges to new levels."

Prior to the election of the Grand Exalted Ruler, a number of reports were heard, and other Officers were elected and appointed. The business of the session began with the report of Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer. With the approval of the assembled delegates, he appointed Joel W. Todd of Red Lodge 'Beartooth', MT Lodge No. 534 as a Justice of the Grand Forum.

The GER's report was followed by the report of Chairman of the Elks National Convention Commission, PGER Millard C. Pickering, of Sapulpa, OK Lodge No. 1118. He announced that the 2026 convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, where the Order will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Veterans Memorial

building. He also announced that Denver, Colorado, will host the 2027 convention, with Baltimore, Maryland, serving as the site of the 2028 convention and Columbus, Ohio, hosting the 2029 convention. Next up was the report of the National Memorial and Publications Commission, which was given by commission Chairman PGER Malcom J. McPherson, Jr.

PGER McPherson encouraged the assembled Elks to take advantage of the online edition of The Elks Magazine and to take that message back to their Lodges. He noted that "currently, 130,000 Members read our magazine online, which leads to one million fewer printed copies, resulting in savings of about \$800,000 on printing, postage, and freight costs."

Also serving as Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Memorial Trust, PGER McPherson next gave the report of the Elks National Veterans Memorial Building and the activities of the Restoration Trust. He noted substantial repairs were made to the Elks

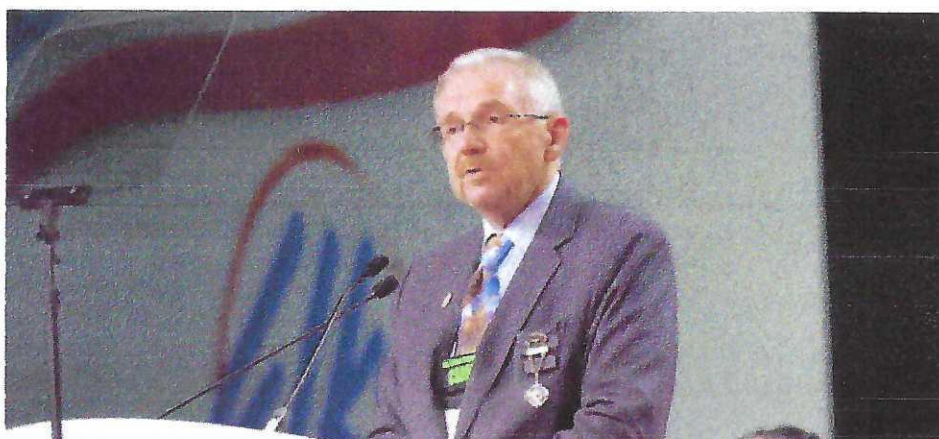
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National Memorial and Headquarters this past year. He encouraged Elks to support the trust fund, in the form of donations, in order to help maintain and repair the Memorial Building now and into the future.

McPherson's reports were followed by the report of Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Timothy F. Jaeger of Napa, CA Lodge No. 832, who presented the proposed preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025, and ending May 31, 2026. Jaeger then noted that the Income and Expense items are balanced for the year, reflecting an overall increase in total budget from the previous Grand Lodge year. Then he announced that more than 1,400 Lodges saw a decrease in insurance premiums this year.

This was followed by the preliminary report of the Committee on Judiciary, during which committee members reviewed the seven proposed amendments to the laws and constitution of the Order that will be considered during Tuesday's Grand Lodge session. Next, Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee Steve D. Rysdam of Littleton, CO Lodge No. 1650 announced the All-American teams and



PGER Millard C. Pickering announced the locations of future Elks National Conventions during Monday's session. Photo: Gary Rohman/Rohman Photography.

individual awards, the top four teams in the Ritualistic Contest, and the four finalists for each of the Mulholland Flag Charge Contest and Callicott 11 O'Clock Toast Contest.

The day's reports having concluded, the assembled Elks turned to the election of their leadership for the following year. In addition to GER-elect Klatt, the slate of Officers that were nominated and unanimously elected included Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Anthony N. Gilberti of Mid Westchester, NY Lodge No. 535; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Frederick S. Thompson of Murrells Inlet, SC Lodge No. 2797; Grand Esteemed Lecturing

Knight Robert C. Ricker from Lake Hopatcong, NJ Lodge No. 782; Grand Secretary Carl T. Seibert of Eustis, FL Lodge No. 1578; Grand Inner Guard M. Shawn Sullivan of North Little Rock, AR Lodge No. 1004; and Grand Trustees John M. Owen III from Bedford-Lynchburg, VA Lodge, No. 321 and Bradford Smith of Modesto, CA Lodge No. 1282. The appointed Officers for 2025-2026 are Grand Tiler Jerry T. Long from Iowa Falls, IA Lodge No. 1674; Grand Esquire Jeffrey A. Rodier from Springfield, IL Lodge No. 158; and Grand Chaplain, Father Christopher J. Ford of Naugatuck, CT Lodge No. 967. ★

G/L FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

STATE ASSOCIATION MAJOR PROJECT BOOTH DISPLAY AWARDS

We are proud to recognize the following states for their excellent displays.

Awards are presented to State Associations that exhibit their Major Projects in the exhibit area at the Grand Lodge Convention. State Associations can earn up to five stars for their displays. Exhibits are judged on content, graphics, pictorial, overall appearance and special effects. *And the winners are:*

5 Star ★★★★★ Awards

Arizona, California-Hawaii, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland-Delaware-DC, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Utah, Washington

4 Star ★★★★ Awards

Michigan, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin

3 Star ★★★ Awards

Kentucky, Nevada, Oklahoma

Elks Lodges celebrate 100-Year Anniversaries

The following Elks Lodges have stood the test of time as they celebrate their 100-Year Anniversary this 2025-2026 fraternal year during GER Bryan R. Klatt's term. Here's to 100 more years in service to humanity, community, our nation and our Order's noble principles.

<u>LODGE NAME & NO.</u>	<u>INSTITUTED</u>
South Haven, MI No. 1509	October 21, 1925
Bradenton, FL No. 1511	July 4, 1925
Fort Pierce, FL No. 1520	February 25, 1926
Millinocket, ME No. 1521	February 25, 1926
Arcadia, FL No. 1524	May 21, 1926
Des Plaines, IL No. 1526	June 25, 1926
Goodland, KS No. 1528	June 28, 1926

SAVE THE DATE

2025

**Greenfield Elks
Annual Scholarship Golf
Tournament**

**Friday, September 12th
9AM Shotgun Start
Country Club of
Greenfield**

Proceeds Benefit the Greenfield Elks Scholarship Fund

Greenfield Elks 1296

Bar Hours

Sunday

12pm - 10pm

Monday

2pm - 8pm

Tuesday - Thursday

12pm - 11pm

Friday & Saturday

12pm - 12am

*Hours subject to change due
to holidays, events or
weather*

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Sid Jensen PER Birthday	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD & Lodge Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30 pm - 12:30 pm Pre Season Patriots vs Washington Commanders	9
10	11	12 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Paul Roberts PDD Birthday	13	14	15	16 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Preseason Patriots vs Vikings
17	18	19	20	21 8:00 pm - 11:30 pm Preseason Patriots vs Giants	22	23 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Chet Saharceski PER Birthday
24	25	26 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm BOD & Lodge Meeting	27	28	29	30
31						