



"The Greenfield Elk"

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Year end is rapidly approaching but before we get there plan to participate in activities at the Lodge. The \$10,000 drawing is scheduled for 12/6, which will also include food and music. Leading into Christmas, the drawings for the 12 Days of Christmas will be taking place from 12/13-12/24.

As we are in a season of giving, I ask you to consider donating to the Elks National Foundation. The ENF is an important partner in our charitable works through grants that we receive. The ENF usually return to Lodges more than a Lodge may have donated. The current return from ENF to Lodges in Massachusetts is 1.678 for every dollar donated in our state. There are a variety of grants available to Lodges. Gary Gadreault tracks the available grants, determines those we are eligible for and files applications for the grants. One recent example is a \$4,000 grant we received that is being used to provide family holiday dinner boxes to 50 families in our area. ENF also supports services for Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness programs, and scholarships.

Giving to ENF is easy. There are donation forms available at the bar or you can donate online. You can make a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation. The current per member is \$5.15. A donation of just \$10.00 could return funds of \$16.80.



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

"Volunteers for 2025"

"Deck the Hall"

Ray and Rindy Lavalley
Beth Cadran
Rick Cadran
Deb Cadran
Bobby Killay
Linda & Andy Baker
Gail & Ed Underwood
Jerry Gaimari
Pam Baker
George & Linda Hall
Shelley Nicholson
Debbie Barton-Duprey
Pam Robinson

"IN MEMORIUM"

"Gloria J. Warchol"

2022-2025

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

Tip of the Antlers:

Building Bridges

Bob Mott

Jerry Letourneau (Montague)

Peter Broughan

Sue Breite

Chet Saharceski

New Popcorn Machine

Dave Sprague

Meat Raffle

Scott Greaves

Deck the Halls

All the Elves who came out to decorate. Fantastic job!

The hall looks very festive

Tip of the Antlers II

Thank you to Ray Lavallee and Scott Greaves for running the meat raffle on Friday November 7th. Also, many thanks to all our members who bought tickets. It was a great success because of all of you!

We had our annual Turkey Trott Raffle on November 21st. Thank you to Mike Moore and Ray and Rindy Lavallee for the great buffet they put out, and special thanks to Bob Mott for helping in kitchen. Dave Bonnett and Tim Herzig for picking up the turkeys. Our ticket sellers: Andy Baker, Mike Blanchard, Roman Tsipenyuk, Jeannie Graveline, Jake Hagen, Neal Jennison, Jan McMahon, Sharon Rawson, Penny Ricketts, David Sprague, and Jean Wilder. Working at the money table: Joe LaChance, John Richardson, and Sue Herzig. In the office: Tim Herzig and Fred Ulrich. Also, the wheel spinner Scott Greaves! A very special thank you to all our members who showed their support. Your generosity every year funds your Elks club the ability to provide Christmas dinners to some of those in the community that are in need. And last but not least Kelli Snow for printing the raffle tickets and all she does behind the scenes to make all our functions a success!

A special thanks to Scott Greaves for decorating front of building on Federal Street side with Christmas decorations on whiskey barrel and wreath on front door!

James Bozek and Corey O'Connell cleaned and tuned up ice maker machine at lodge so that it now runs more efficiently. Many thanks!

We once again have a dart board! Ask bartender for club darts if you are looking to throw and did not bring your own. It is positioned in the 'game room' near our pinball and Buck Hunter arcade machine. On the latter two, play and see if you can beat your fellow members high scores! Thanks to Gary Gadreault, Doug Baker, and Mike Raymond for mounting the dart board.

Thank you, Scott Greaves, for acquisitioning supplies and setting up Bloody Mary bar on Thanksgiving morning. And shout out to your bartender Erin for working that day. As every year, it was a great time for our members, guests, and family to meet up before moving on to football games and Thanksgiving dinners.

Greenfield Lodge of Elks
No. 1296
Instituted January 7, 1913

Memorial Services

Sunday December 7, 2025 11 AM

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Program

Organist William Pease
Prayer..... Chaplain
Services..... Officers of the Lodge
Memorial Address..... Michele Kelleher Exalted Ruler
A Reading..... Fred Ulrich PER, Sec.
Closing Prayer..... Chaplain
Refreshments

“The faults of our members we write upon the sand,
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory”

The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the Land where sorrow is unknown.

Give us faith in this hour, to feel again the touch of vanished
Hands and to hear the music of voices that are stilled

David G. Quinn	January 30, 2025
Robert F. Bitzer	March 6, 2025
Frederic S. Budarz	April 26, 2025
Michael G. Shea	April 28, 2025
James A. Gadreault	May 2, 2025
Stanley W. Lewandowski	June 8, 2025
Leonard F. Haggerty	July 4, 2025
Eugene J. Borkowski	August 5, 2025
Alan R. Ball	August 5, 2025
Roger D. Kennedy	September 29, 2025
William C. Clark	October 9, 2025
Gloria J. Marchol	November 20, 2025

Scholarships are now available online!

All applications must use official Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Inc. forms

Visit maelks.org/scholarships or scan the QR code

The Directors will consider the following criteria when awarding scholarship awards:

- Academic Standing
- Demonstrated family financial need
- Evidence of leadership and citizenship

Applicants should note that MA Elks Scholarship, Inc. awards are made to students across the state, and that every effort is made to achieve geographic balance in the offering of these awards. Before preparing this application, students should read carefully the procedures outlined and follow completely. No requests for assistance will be considered until a complete application, including all attachments are on file. Deadline for receipt of application and supporting documents to the local lodge is January 15th.



Delinquent Members as of 12/1/2025

3716 Shawn Atamaniuk

3391 Joe Bysiewski

2990 Christopher Clark

3722 Jedadiah Henry

3799 Stephen Hussey

3781 Jillian Lizotte

3505 Peter McIver

3769 Julio Mendez

2804 Michael Morawski

3789 Jolynn Novak

3783 Andrew Phillips

3745 Michael Scroggin

3793 Richard Stevens

3630 PER Chad Wright

"LODGE HOOP SHOOT"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 , 2025 9:30am

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECH SCHOOL

AGES: 8 – 13 BOY'S & GIRL'S

AGE AS OF APRIL 1ST 2026

December Birthdays

- 12-2 Russell Blanchard, Stan Garland,
Henry Horstman, Kevin Taylor
3. Joe Gochinski, Stan Gochinski, Mike Skibiski Jr.
5. **Mike Blanchard PDD, Harry Breite PDD**
6. Tim Farrell, Ray Hanks, Bill Valvo
7. Chris Carme
9. Jim Jason, Al Russ
10. Roxanne Goulet, Ed Underwood
11. Laura Fenofrio, Donna Mowry
12/ Vincent Melendez
13. Janet Rewa, Jean Rewa
14. Bill O'Connell
16. George Platek
17. Aaron Campbell
18. **Jean Raymond PER**
19. Deborah Barton-Duprey, Ed Glabach
Mike Ruggeri PER, Chet Zywna Jr.
20. Shawn Atamaniuk
21. Mike Kelton, Mark Larange, Jan McMahon
23. John Chadwick
24. Ernie Patnode
25. Joe Laurie
26. Richard Stevens
27. Steve Beckwith
28. Walt Williams
29. John Barnett, Jim Elwell, Jay Gilbert
30. **Robert William Killay PER**
Come on down, have a libation
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/loдges/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 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 Due **\$99.25**

Life Member \$30.00 Grand Lodge assessments \$39.25 Due **\$69.25**

Phone #

Cell #

E-Mail

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



Greenfield Lodge of Elks #1296

\$10,000. Holiday Drawing

You Could Win

1st Prize \$10,000.

2nd Prize \$1,000.

3rd Prize \$500.

4th & 5th Prizes \$250.

**Only 200 Tickets Being Sold
\$100. Donation Per Ticket**

Drawing

December 6, 2025 at 6PM

Free Smorgasbord 2PM - Band 3PM-7PM

**Elks Lodge #1296 reserves the right to cancel drawing and return fee if less than 150
tickets are sold**

The background of the entire image is a soft-focus photograph of holiday decorations. It features strings of warm white lights and red lights, with a layer of white snow or frost covering the scene. The overall tone is warm and festive.

Holiday Hours

**Wednesday, December 24th
12 - 9pm**

**Thursday, December 25th
Closed**

**Wednesday, December 31st
and Thursday January 1st
Normal Hours**

December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Elks Memorial Sunday 8:15 pm - 11:15 pm Patriots vs giants	2	3	4	5 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Mike Blanchard & Harry Breite PDD's birthday	6 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm \$10,000 Drawing
7	8	9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD & Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Patriots vs Bills	15 9:30 am - 12:00 pm HOOP SHOOT	16	17	18 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Jean Raymond PER Birthday	19 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Mike Ruggeri PER birthday	20
21 1:00 pm - 4:15 pm Patriots at Ravens	22	23 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD & Meeting	24 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm [no title]	25 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Lodge Closed	26	27
28 1:00 pm - 4:15 pm Patriots at Jets	29	30 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Robert William Killay Birthday	31 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm Regular Hours			