



"The Greenfield Elk"

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Trustees:
1 yr. Michael Moore
2 yr. John Williams
3 yr. Gary Gadreault PER
4 yr. Scott Greaves PER
5yr. David Sprague PER

"HALL RENTAL"
If you are interested
In renting the hall or
Know someone that
is,
Please phone Kelli
Snow
413-774-4909
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Coming Events
Installation of Officers
April 11th
Social Hour 230PM
Meeting @ 4PM

Spring Fling
May 16th

More Details to Follow

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"IN MEMORIUM"

Edwin W. Fronkus
1958-2026

Michael A. Hisz
1970-2026

Charles E. Kestyn PER
1976-2026

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

Dear Members,

I would like to acknowledge and thank Shelly for holding the position of Exalted Ruler, last year and the work she has done to keep the lodge going. Second, I would like to thank the officers and members for all the trust, faith and support to elect me as Exalted Ruler for the fraternal year 2026-2027.

Another fraternal year has come and gone. We must remember the work that has been done in the past to get us where we are now and to be ready to adapt and overcome to build for the future to continue this great organization.

I am truly excited to continue to contribute and be a part of this great lodge, that has become more than just a place to hangout for myself, but a place that allows me to make it as big as you want it to be. And to be able to contribute to the lodge and community as much as you are able. There is no right amount of contribution or volunteering, as the saying goes "every Penny counts". I want this year to be a year for building. Building volunteers, friendships, our membership and knowledge of what the Elks Organization is for the community that remains unsure. I encourage all members to talk about the Elks Organization whenever possible to anyone not a member. A few minutes could solve the unknown of what the Elks or what our lodge has to offer.

I also encourage the membership to come to board meetings and lodge meetings to be able to get a firsthand knowledge of what goes on in our club and during meetings. If there are any concerns, desires for the club, or questions. I want the membership to know that they are welcome to meetings to bring up such. If you are unable, send an email to the secretary or myself and we will do our best to assist. I strongly support new ideas for events and fundraisers. Speaking of that, reminding everyone of our Installation Of Officers is on April 11th, 2026. Thank you again everyone and have a wonderful spring.

Exalted Ruler,

Jake Hagen

April Birthdays

02 Thorington, Christine
03 Cadran, Mark R.
03 Mackin Jr. John J
04 Gauthier, Daniel R.
05 Underwood, Gail
06 Perrault, Michael K.
07 Scott, Tina M
08 Kane, P James
09 Breiti , Susan
12 Belanger, Arthur E.
12 Malloy, Dan
13 Powers, Scott
15 Cromack, Todd A.
17 Fistes, Robert J.
18 Channel, Susan J.
20 Koshinski, Jamie
23 Deangelis, Susan
24 Jurek, Alan T
24 Noga, Gary PER
25 Muller, Michael
27 Lovett, Stephan A.
28 Dolava, John
29 Wodoloski, Robert H.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULE

Montague	3/11/26	3:00PM
Leominster/Fitchburg	3/22/26	2:00PM
Auburn	3/28/26	2:00PM
Ludlow	3/29/26	2:00PM
Gardner	4/4/26	2:00 PM
Greenfield	4/11/26	4:00PM
Chicopee	4/12/26	3:00PM

Social Hour 1 ½ Hours Before
Dinner to Follow

No Building Bridges meals this month. This is due to the floors being waxed on April 8th and District Deputy Clinic on April 23rd.

Also, Pitch has wrapped up, thank you to all the members who participated. And to Mike Larabee and Joe & Mike Ruggeri for running the league. A special Thank you to Nancy Beckwith for serving the beverages.

Golf season is among us and beginning to start soon. Reminder your Dues must be paid to play in the league!

Proposition for Membership

Matt Partody Proposes

James Waitkus

Jerry Gamari Proposes

Geoffrey Gamari

Autumn Flagg Proposes

Kathy Flagg

Jerry Gamari Proposes

Scott D. Smith

**Computation of Grand Lodge Dues:
2026-2027**

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 \$37.00 per Member.* The Breakdown of the total Grand Lodge Per Capita And Assessments for the 2026-2027 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 online 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>

Upcoming Events

April 4th Gardner Installation
April 5th Easter
April 11th Greenfield Installation
April 12th Chicopee Installation
April 14th Lodge Meeting
April 23rd District Deputy Clinic
April 28th Lodge Meeting

May 9th State Presidents Testimonial
May 10th Mother's Day
May 12th Lodge Meeting
May 26th Lodge Meeting

June 12th State Convention
June 14th Flag Day
June 21st. Father's Day

LODGE DUES 2026-2027

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 #



SLAINTE!



The Irish Night Dinner this year on March 14th 2026, was again a great time and success. In the past few years since we restarted dinners after Covid shutdowns, we had sold out meal tickets well before dinner time. This year we had a limited number of meal tickets for purchase at the door, but those sold out quickly 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.

Corey O'Connell and Mike Moore, Co-chairmen of the Irish Night Committee, would like to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen and hall: Buzzy Blanchard, Bill O'Connell, Ray Lavallee, Ryan O'Connell, Jonathan Moore, Troy Renaud, Jeff Renaud, Fred Parody, James Bozek, Rob Muzzy, Conor O'Connell, John Barnett, Jerry Gaimari, Scott Greaves, Rindy Lavallee, Jan McMahan, Candy White, Jeanine Greaves, Amy Proetti, Elizabeth O'Connell, and Lisa Moore. Corey and Mike would also like to give a huge thanks to Liz Moore for setting up and running raffle tables.

Liz Moore would like to thank Scott Greaves and Rindy Lavalee for helping sell raffles, as well as Penny Ricketts and Amy Proetti for helping pull and mark winners. Thank you to everyone that donated raffle items for raffle tables. And thanks to all our members who participated in playing raffles. Our members and their guests always step up to donate on this special night of good food and revelry to fund our continued scholarship offerings.

Once again, we will be presenting the Henry Burns Memorial Scholarship award to a local student this coming year on behalf of your Greenfield Elks Lodge 1296.

Message from the GER

Set yourself up for success as Lodge year begins

April is here and hopefully spring has arrived. It always feels like a new beginning in April as the new Lodge year takes over.

As the new fraternal year begins, I want to congratulate the Officers for accepting their office and taking on the challenge of providing leadership within your Lodge.

Be sure to review and implement the programs of the 2025-2026 Grand Lodge Program booklet so you can continue to Be The Difference during the upcoming year. Strive to make sure you have all your committees prepared and they know their responsibilities. Stressing communication is the key.

Your Lodge must be ready to present a sound budget for the membership to adopt no later than the last regular meeting in April or the following regular meeting. The annual report for the previous year is also due May 1 so make sure that your financial reporting system is up to date.

The Lodge, at this time, should review the by-laws, house rules, and regulations to verify if any need updating.

It's for the good of the Lodge to make everything orderly and to always prioritize the integrity and safety of the Lodge.

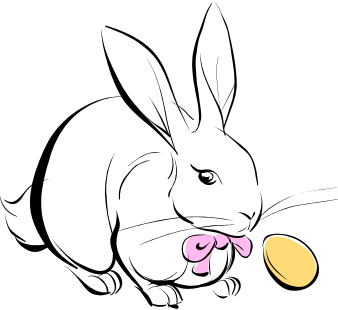
Many Lodges make a calendar of social events for the Lodge's upcoming year. Try creating a reasonable and achievable monthly list of events that will excite and attract membership.

Outside of your Lodge you are encouraged to establish a community project that emphasizes charitable work. Your Lodge life should always have a balance of what you do inside your Lodge and outside in the community you serve.

Don't forget to set aside May 1-7 as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged to sponsor programs dedicated to the youth of our country.

Always remember to Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 12:30 pm - 12:30 pm Gardner Installation of Officers
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11 2:30 pm - 12:30 pm Greenfield Installation of Officers
12 1:30 pm - 12:30 pm Chicopee Installation of Officers	13	14 6:00 pm - 12:30 pm BOD and Lodge Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:00 pm - 12:30 pm BOD and Lodge Meeting	29	30		