

"The Greenfield Elk"

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Do you have children That are in Grades 5-8? If so, please see the attached flyer and have them participate in the Americanism Contest. A chance to win some money Just for writing an essay.

This Years topic is "Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How it affects Your Family"



**E.R. Jake Hagen
E.L.K. Mark Lavin Per
E.L.K Harold Breite PDD LM
E.L.K. James Bozek
Esquire Neal Jennison
Sec. Michael Blanchard PDD LM
Treas. Timothy Herzig LM
Tiler Robert Mott PDD LM
Inner Guard Robert Killay JR.
Chaplain Sue Breite
Trustees:
1 yr. Michael Moore
2 yr. John Williams
3 yr. Penny Ricketts
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
Or email her at
ksnowgreenfieldelks@gmail.com**

Coming Events

**July 4th Celebrate Americas 250
Anniversary**

**July 5th-8th National Convention
Chicago, Il**

**Lodge Golf Tournament
September 11th,2026**

± "IN MEMORIUM"

**Donald K. Parda
05/03/1972- 06/11/2026**

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

Here's to the start of summer,

Last month was a busy one in Elkdom and for our lodge. We had our Massachusetts Elks Association state convention in which our new State President, David Charbonneau, was installed. We were also able to discuss new ideas with members from across the state. The Flag Day ceremony with Troop 5 and Pack 3 had a great turnout. Once again, our lodge had the pleasure of hosting the Elk on the Trail breakfast. Members from lodges all around the state visited, enjoyed the food, and had the opportunity to see our lodge and all the history that it holds. On the 23rd of June, we welcomed five new members that were initiated into our lodge.

If you know someone who is delinquent on their dues, or who is potentially interested in reinstating their membership, please reach out to them. Maybe a simple gesture can help continue to lower those numbers.

Now we have the summer to look forward to. With that, I am off to Chicago and I am honored to be representing our lodge at the National Convention. I am excited for the opportunity to brainstorm with members from across the country. I hope everyone enjoys the heart of summer. As a reminder, there will only be one lodge meeting this month which will be on the 28th. Have a great Fourth of July weekend!

Jake Hagen, Exalted Ruler

July Birthdays

01 Leigh Jenks JR.
02 Albert R. Tirrell
03 James R. Colgan
03 Martin Forrett
03 Wanda J. Moore
03 Charles C. Seaman
06 Shane Parker
07 Josephine Faneuf
07 Sid D. Jensen PER
07 David J. McDonald
07 Rob Muzzy
08 Jake Hagen ER
09 Andrew D. Baker
11 Robert J. Dobias
11 Robert Volpe
12 Brian J. Derry
13 Beth Cadran
13 Michele Kelleher PER
13 Robert D. Provost
14 Todd Dubie
14 Jeannie Graveline
16 Laurie Baronas
19 Erin Gendreau
20 Justine Galenski
21 Douglas E. Beckwith
21 Michael N. Duprey
21 Alan M. Zraunig
23 Jean M. Wilder
24 David Mota
24 Andrew D. Musacchio
24 Gary B. Russell
25 Matthew D. Parody
25 Russell J. Woods
26 Steven W. Asseng
26 Deborah Ann Jennison
26 Jeffery A. Suprenant
28 Anthony Farrick
30 George L. Mowry
30 Joseph A. Tomaus
31 Gregg Stephen Diefendorf
31 Jacob Snow

Sickness and Distress

In Charlene Manor

Al Tirrell
Fran Lemay

In Northampton

John P Jenest

At Home

Chester Saharaceski PER
John O'Connell PER
Ronald Zabko Jr.

Delinquent Members Numbers as of 6/6/2026

1612	2989	3536	3749	3809
1964		3571	3780	3810
2271	3238	3625	3786	3816
2287	3320	3660	3791	
2390	3391	3663	3795	
2684	3449	3719	3798	
2752	3489	3723	3807	

2026-2027 Americanism Essay Contest

The Americanism Essay Contest is a program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. This contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote Patriotism among young people.

This Years Topic Is: "Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How it affects You or your Family"

Rules:

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted to judge the Greenfield Elks Lodge #1296 Located @ 3 church street Greenfield, Ma. 01301
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

Awards:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at mikeblanchard78@gmail.com

Fraternally yours,
Michael W. Blanchard, PDD
Lodge Chairman on Americanism

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/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>

Upcoming Events

July 4Th

July 5th- July 8th National Convention in Chicago, Il.

July 28th Lodge meeting

**August 11th DD Clinic
Leominster/Fitchburg 6PM**

August 25th Lodge Meeting

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 #

Tip of The Antlers

Elk On the Trail Breakfast

Michael Blanchard

Owen Blanchard

Noah Blanchard

Robert Mott Jr.

Penny Ricketts

Neal Jennison

A special Thank You To Neil and Terri Black who helped with the Spring Fling and were omitted last month.

SAVE THE DATE

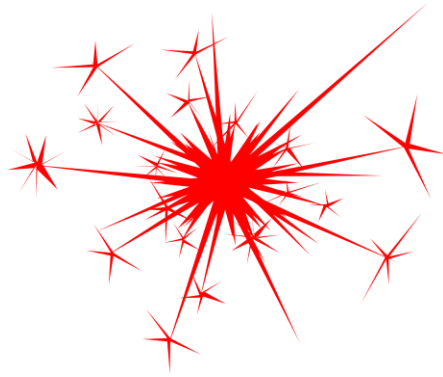
2026

**Greenfield Elks
Annual Scholarship Golf
Tournament**

**Friday, September 11th
9AM Shotgun Start
Country Club of
Greenfield**

Proceeds Benefit the Greenfield Elks Scholarship Fund

July 2026



Elk of the Year Calendar

						4TH OF JULY 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Registration National Convention
5 3:00 pm - 12:30 pm National Convention Opening Ceremonies	6 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Convention Starts	7 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Convention Meetings	8 9:00 am - 11:30 am Convention Ends	9 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Building Bridges Luncheon	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Building Bridges Luncheon	24	25
26	27	28 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD and Lodge Meeting	29	30	31	