

"The Greenfield Elk"

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Do you have a child who will be graduating this year or has graduated and going to college? Scholarship applications are available on MAELKS.Org. Just follow the link and print the application and return it to Mike Blanchard at the Lodge to be signed and sent out. Last year the Mass elks distributed over \$618,000 dollars to Massachusetts students. You can also apply at Elks.org. which is also online. Please don't miss this opportunity for this money. You do not have to be a member to apply for these scholarships



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1 yr. Michael Moore
2 yr. John Williams
3 yr. Penny Ricketts
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"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
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Coming Events
Fair Parade Sept.10th
Lodge Golf Tournament
September 11th,2026

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"IN MEMORIUM"
Kim L. Franks LM
2/26/1985-08/02/2026

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

"To our absent member"

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Fall is around the corner and with that, this month we have some good events coming. The fair parade Thursday the 10th, come on down to watch the parade in front of the lodge! The following day is The Greenfield Elks annual scholarship golf tournament on Friday the 11th. The Elks National Foundation walk around the lake is Sunday the 27th. Also, another vaccine clinic partnered with Exalted ruler Allie from Montague lodge and CVS in the works. Stay tuned for an email regarding more and it will also be posted in the lodge as well.

I know some of the recent changes with the hours and the quarter jugs being taken off the bar has been a shock to some. I want to say that the decision was not made lightly and at this time is in the best interest of the club as a whole. These are measures to take to make sure that the club stays where it needs to be and to not go down a route of taking other measures or a road that may find us in tough times. If there are ever questions, comments or concerns regarding that or any matter or idea, please feel free to reach out to myself or the secretary.

Once again, I am calling on any members that know of anyone looking to join now is the time to get those applications in to get in the next new member initiation.

Thank you,

Exalted Ruler Jake Hagen

From Lodge Secretary

Our next Initiation will be the District Deputy Visitation on Tuesday October 27th, 2026.

If you have anyone that wants to join the Applications need to be in to me No Later than September 22nd, 2026.

Applications are at the bar, or you could get one from me.

Starting in September we will be bringing back the Pizza and soda nights at the VA Hospital in Leeds Northampton. We Will need volunteers to accomplish this great duty to our veterans. It will be once a month Most Likely the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This money is coming from the spotlight Grant we received. You can reach out to me if you want to help. Thank You.

Also, Building Bridges Luncheon will be held only on September 24th. The Hall is Being used for the fair parade Food Prep and Golf Tournament Prep on September 10th.

Fraternally,

Michael W. Blanchard PDD

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Lodge Secretary

September Birthdays

01	Stephen A. Bresciano
03	Gracie J. Burdick
04	Wallace Hilliard
04	John M. Williams Trustee
05	Corey Greene
05	George Hall
05	Kenneth J. Kurtyka
05	Bruce P. Zimmerman
06	John P. Jenest
06	Robbin Terault
07	Michael M. Duclos
10	Sharon Rawson
12	Raymond Lavallee
12	Cathy Rowe-Clapp
12	Andrea Zimmerman
13	Martin Powers
13	Leonard H. Roberts
13	Robert Sunderland
14	Nancy J. Bechwith
14	Ellen L. Jenks
14	Wanda J. Nelson
15	Robert G. Ferris
15	Jon R. Widdison
16	Michael Hebert
16	James J. Keegan PER
17	Issac Mass
17	Timothy J. Wondoloski
18	James Baker
19	Barbara Griffiths
19	Harry S. Ruddock Jr.
22	John A. Strakose
24	Stephen D. Gibowicz
24	Karen E. Sheperd
26	Elsie K. Gillman
26	Hunter Dean Roberts
27	Mary Ellen Furey
29	Thomas E. Rogers
30	Richard P. Lopiore
30	Kenneth Sanderson Williams

Sickness and Distress

In Charlene Manor

Al Tirrell

David McCarthy

In Northampton

John P P Jenest

At Home

Chester Saharaceski PER

Franklin Medical Center

John O'Connell PER

Baystate Medical Center

Scott Gigeorge

Lodge of Sorrow

Kim L. Franks LM

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

July 28th Lodge meeting

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

August 25th Lodge Meeting

September 8th Lodge Meeting

September 10th Fair Parade

**September 11th Lodge Golf
Tournament C.C. Greenfield**

September 19th DD Pre-Visit 10am

September 22nd Lodge Meeting

**September 27th ENF Walk around the
lake fundraiser**

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 #

\$10,000.00 Drawing News

As Summer comes to an end. It's time to start thinking about the \$10,000 drawing. The drawing will be on Dec 5th. This year food comes out at 2:30pm. Band (Chicken Wire) will play from 4pm - 7pm. Drawing will be at 5:30pm. I am looking for some people to help with cleaning up in the kitchen. I will be going there right after the drawing. Please reach out to me if you're willing to help

Thank you,

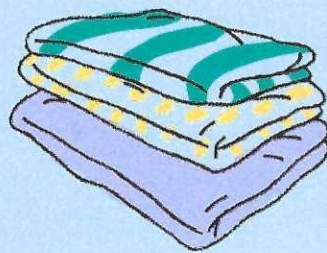
Mark Lavin PER x2
Esteemed Leading Knight
Committee Chairperson

BUILD A BED DONATIONS

All donations will go to A Bed for Every
Child during the Area 1 Build a Bed

OCTOBER 3, 2026

WE ARE COLLECTING:
NEW TWIN SIZED
BEDDING
SHEETS, COMFORTERS,
BLANKETS
PILLOWS
STUFFED ANIMALS
CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Area 1 Build a Bed



Hudson Elks #959

Saturday October 3, 2026

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30

Build Starts at 9:00

Ways to be involved:

1. Bring a team to build (3-5 people) or come down and we will have a team for you to join!
2. Make a donation!
3. Spread the word to other Elks and friends and family!

We are accepting donations of new:

Twin sized bedding
Sheets
Blankets
Comforters
Pillow cases
Pillows
Stuffed Animals
Children's Books

READY ELKS? LET'S GO!



Come watch the parade with us!
Thursday, Sept. 10th
Parade starts at 5pm

Kitchen will be open at
4pm

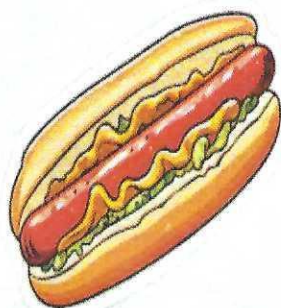
you can purchase

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Sausage Grinders

French Fries



September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD and Lodge Meeting	9	10 Fair Parade	11 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Golf Tournament	12
13 10:30 am - 1:30 pm Regional Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19 9:45 am - 12:00 pm Pre Visit
20	21	22 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm BOD and Lodge Meeting	23	24 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Building Bridges Luncheon	25	26
27 11:00 am - 12:30 pm walk Around the Lake ENF fundraiser	28	29	30			