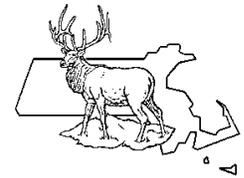


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District Deputy Designates 2019-2020



The District Deputy Designates were announced at the State Regional meeting on February 10th. Front Row left to right are Rosemary Theberge, DD Designate Circle District Randolph Elks; Laurie LeFebvre, DD Designate South District Middleboro Elks; PGER Michael Zellen; Jaclyn Greenwood, DD Designate Metro West District Boston Elks; Beverly Cahoon, DD Designate North District Newburyport Elks. Back Row left to right are Tim Landry, DD Designate West Central District Gardner Elks; Bill Plasko, DD Designate East Central District Norwood Elks; Area 2 Special Rep Craig Shurtleff; Paul Blanchard DD Designate East District Wakefield Elks; and Mary Mahoney DD Designate Metro North District Revere Elks. Missing from the picture is Melissa Martin, DD Designate West District Adams Elks. The District Deputy Designates will be sworn in as District Deputy of their respective districts at the Grand Lodge Convention in St Louis in July.

Esquire to the District Deputy Designates



The Esquire to the District Deputy Designates were named at the Regional meeting on February 10th. Front Row left to right are Feliciano Freitas EDD Designate South District Fall River Elks; Michelle Rayne EDD Designate North District Billerica Elks; PGER Michael Zellen; David Morgan EDD Designate Metro West District; Waltham/Watertown Elks; and Frances Minichello PDD, EDD Designate Metro North District Winthrop Elks. Back Row left to right are Russell Gedminas EDD Designate West District Westfield/West Springfield Elks; Edgar MacDonald EDD Designate West Central District Auburn/Webster Elks; Russ Nichols EDD Designate East Central District Maynard

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Message from the State President



My Fellow Members,

Now that February has arrived, lodges need to keep in mind that now is the time to finish the year strong on your membership numbers. Get you candidates initiated to keep your numbers up, get your reinstatements and delinquents back in. We have heard that numbers are down in all organizations nationally, but this is all the more reason to keep our numbers up. Let's show the rest of the groups that we, as Elks, can rise above it all and continue to grow.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the State Chair People who have already completed their events and to the members who supported them. There are still some events to come so please check the calendar of events for dates and times. Without your help, these programs won't be successful. Please help!!

My congratulations and thanks go out to the retiring Exalted Rulers as your year comes to and end. Finish up strong, leave a legacy for those who will follow you that will be hard to duplicate. To those of you who will be taking on new lodge offices, I would like to wish you the best of luck. If the officers of the State Association can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us.

Many people have asked me how my year as President has been going. I have been able to honestly say that it has been everything I expected and even more. I had met and made a lot of great friends during my years as an Elk, but the new friends I have met during this year as well as the years as Vice President have made my experience even more enjoyable. I can't say Thank You all enough. I look forward to the remainder of my term. My hope is and I'm sure you will all extend the same friendships to Tony, Bob, Denise and whomever is fortunate to become the next second Vice President for our Association.

Thank You All!!
Steve Santosuosso

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Message From our State Sponsor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We will soon be completing another very successful year both at the lodge and state levels and this is due to your dedication and continued hard work in the name of Elkdom. Every member should be very proud of the work they do for our veterans, our youth, our elderly, and our communities.

Each of you has truly lived up to our Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr's motto; ***"Working Together to Make A Difference"***

I would personally like to thank all outgoing Exalted Rulers, their officers, and lodges for the continued support of the many Grand Lodge programs especially for your donations to the Elks National Foundation which as you all know is the ***Great Heart of Elkdom.***

I would also like to recognize our current District Deputies and their Esquires for their hard work and determination thus far this fraternal year. While their term of office does not end until the Grand Lodge Convention in July, every one of them has spent countless hours and has driven many miles traveling throughout our great state in carrying out their duties and promoting what it means to be an Elk. I know that they will continue to work with the newly elected officers who will be guiding the affairs of our lodges in the coming year.

To our newly elected Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers I would like to thank each of you for stepping forward to lead your respective lodge and continue to carry out the good works of our order. I wish each of you a very successful and rewarding year and I know that you will be setting goals for your lodge to meet and with hard work, determination, and the support from your members these goals can be and will be achieved.

Thank you to our State President Steve Santosuosso and his suite of Officers and Committee Members for a job well done thus far this year. Massachusetts has a long history of setting the mark for others to follow.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulness and courtesies extended to me and my wife Donna over many years. Your friendliness and fellowship are greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Michael F. Zellen
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
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Calendar of State Events

3/2	Saturday	State Pool Tournament	Shooters Bar & Billiards
3/3	Sunday	Candlepin Bowling Tournament	Norwood Sports Center
3/10	Sunday	Candlepin Bowling Tournament	Norwood Sports Center
3/23	Saturday	Regional Hoop Shoot	South Portland, Maine
4/20	Saturday	State Finals Dart Tournament	Haverhill #165
4/21	Sunday	State Cribbage Tournament	Leominster/Fitchburg #1237
4/27	Saturday	Cornhole Tournament	Billerica #2071
4/27	Saturday	National Hoop Shoot Finals	Chicago, Illinois
4/28	Sunday	10 Pin Bowling Tournament	North Bowl, North Attleboro
5/5/19	Sunday	Regional Meeting	Boston #10
5/18	Saturday	State President's Testimonial	Holiday Inn, Mansfield
5/30	Thursday	State Organizational Meeting	Auburn/Webster #2118
6/7 - 6/9	Fri to Sun	Mass Elks Convention	Hyannis, MA
6/15	Saturday	Elk on the Trail	Florida, MA
6/17	Monday	Senior's Golf Tournament	Wayland Country Club
6/30 - 7/3	Sun to Wed	Grand Lodge Convention	St. Louis, Missouri
8/5	Monday	Elks Night at Fenway	Fenway Park, Boston
8/25	Sunday	Veteran's Motorcycle Run	Billerica #2071
9/7	Saturday	Veteran's Motorcycle Run	Middleboro #1274
9/8	Sunday	Regional Meeting	Wakefield #1276
9/14	Saturday	Walk for the ENF Area #2	Wareham/New Bedford #73
9/15	Sunday	Walk for the ENF Area #3	Wakefield #1276
9/22	Sunday	Walk for the ENF Area #1	Gardner #1426
9/28	Saturday	Grand Exalted Ruler Reception	Holiday Inn, Mansfield
10/20	Sunday	State Soccer Shoot	Hudson/Concord #959
11/2	Saturday	Regional Soccer Shoot	Rhode Island
11/17	Sunday	Regional Meeting	Auburn/Webster #2118
2/9/2020	Sunday	Regional Meeting	Attleboro #1014
2/23-3/1	Sun to Sun	Mid-Winter Cruise	Western Carribean
3/1/20	Sunday	Candlepin Bowling Tournament	Norwood Sports Center
3/7/20	Saturday	State Pool Tournament	Shooters Bar & Billiards
3/8/20	Sunday	Candlepin Bowling Tournament	Norwood Sports Center
5/3/20	Sunday	Regional Meeting	Billerica #2071
5/16/20	Saturday	State President's Testimonial	Holiday Inn, Mansfield

11:00 Toast Contest Results



The 11:00 Toast Contest was held on Sunday February 17th at the Maynard Elks Lodge. There were 2 separate divisions. One for existing Exalted Rulers and the other for any PER that wanted to compete. Judges were Stefan Mogielnicki, President Steve Sanotsuosso, and Peter Nelson from the Connecticut Elks Association. The winning Exalted Ruler was Shawn O'Connor from Middleboro. The winning Past Exalted Ruler was Paul Blanchard, Wakefield Lodge

History of the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

Members all,

I thought having the history of the Hoop Shoot would be appropriate in the Memory of William J. Ferreck who as we all know was so passionate of the Massachusetts Hoop Shoot and set the standard for all of us. As Bill passed it along to a well deserving Bob “Huggy Bear” Duggan who has continued to do a Great job here in Massachusetts! I hope you enjoy this article with a tribute to Bill Ferreck and a different 11th hour toast in his memory.....

Fraternally,
Steve Hardy, State Historian

Early Days

Corvallis, Ore., 1946. While observing a group of boys playing basketball, the late-Past National President Frank Hise noticed that the smaller kids had a hard time keeping up with the others. To level this imbalance, he organized a free-throw contest where every kid could participate. On that day, the Elks Hoop Shoot was born. But, it wasn't until 1972 that the program held its first national finals in Kansas City, Mo.

Adolescent Changes

1974 was big year for the program. The Elks National Foundation started funding the program. Gerald (Getty) Powell was named as the program's first national director. One of his first orders of business was to allow girls to fully compete in the contest.

Reaching Maturity

In 1975, the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., offered the program the opportunity to display a plaque inscribed with the names of all the national champions. The plaque has been displayed there ever since. In 1979, Powell retired and Emile Brady became the second national director of the program. In 1980, the national finals moved to Indianapolis. They remained in Indy through 1995, except for 1991, when they were held in Springfield in conjunction with the Hall of Fame's celebration of basketball's centennial. In 1996, the finals moved back to Springfield, where they remained until 2015. Starting in 2016, the Hoop Shoot National Finals will be held in Chicago—the home of the Elks. In 1997, Cam Cronk took over as national director. In 2012, Cam and his wife Linda hung up their jerseys. Since 2012, the Elks National Foundation both funds and runs the program.

Holy Grail

The grit movement in education started a few years ago when psychologist Angela Duckworth studied people in various challenging situations, including National Spelling Bee participants, rookie teachers in tough neighborhoods, and West Point cadets. Her research suggested that grit was a more accurate predictor of success than social intelligence, good looks, physical health, or IQ. Grit is the will to persevere in the face of long odds. But, the important thing is that this characteristic that researchers and experts have concluded is so important for our children—our Hoop Shoot program develops it and reinforces it—for more than 40 years now. Participants in the Hoop Shoot develop grit by setting goals, working hard to achieve them, failing and bouncing back to try again and work even harder the next year. In 2015, we debuted a six part series featuring videos of a few finalists and their parents telling stories of hard work and determination and of perseverance in response to failure and of setting goals, falling short and getting back up and doing it again. It turns out while we were immersed in running the Hoop Shoot, its outcome had become the Holy Grail of youth programming.

Various Versions of the 11:00 Toast

Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind you that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour tolls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members."

The Original Jolly Corks Toast

Now is the hour when Elkdom's tower is darkened by the shroud of night, and father time on his silver chime tolls off each moment's flight. In Cloistered halls each Elk recalls His Brothers where'er they be, And traces their faces to well-known places In the annals of memory. Whether they stand on a foreign land Or lie in an earthen bed, Whether they be on the boundless sea with the breakers of death ahead. Whate'er their plight on this eerie night, Whate'er their fate may be. Where ever they are be it near or far they are thinking of you and me. So drink from the fountain of fellowship. To the Brother who clasped your hand And wrote your worth in the rock of earth and your faults upon the sand.

TO OUR ABSENT BROTHERS

The Eleventh Hour

Mrs. H.A. Morton, Santa Monica, 10/31/13: Dedicated to Santa Monica Lodge No. 906L

Eleven has struck on the Eastern coast, The Elks have given their standing toast, "To our absent Brothers," where'er they be. Whether on land or on the sea. "To our absent Brothers," from East to West. Good wishes we send our very best. The Lodge in the mountains and on the plain. At eleven takes up this glad refrain: "To our absent Brothers," the toast peals forth From the sunny South, to the frozen North. Though many in foreign lands may roam. They know at that hour they are thought of at home. The toast even reaches the other shore. Where they live who meet with us no more. Like an echo, it comes back loud and clear, "To our absent Brothers," 'till we meet here So with loving thought, and helping hand, the work goes on o'er all our land. And only the Ruler Supreme can know the good Elks do wherever they go. Eleven strikes on the Western coast. The Elks are giving their standing toast. "To our absent Brothers," from West to East. Including the greatest unto the least, For at this Elks' hour we all agree, "To our absent Brothers," B. P. O. E.

The 11 O'Clock Toast

Created and Delivered by Dr. C.H. Harvey of Erie, PA, Lodge No. 67 at a Lodge banquet held 9/8/1896.

Here! stop that song, look at the clock, Although it's to our liking; The joke must wait, ease up the talk, Eleven o'clock is striking; Fill glasses for that old-time toast, We hold above all others, The one we love to honor most, "Here's to our absent brothers." Good fellows all, where are you now? Who came with cheery greeting, In other days, and wondered how, Men thought that life was fleeting; There's Charlie, brightest of them all, His face shines in the claret, He wore a smile to conquer all, As none but he could wear it. Dear boy! his shadow in the glass, Shines bright and fair and cheery; I almost hear the old jest pass, "Let's drink and all be merry," And Jack who died a year ago, When life was in its summer; I see him in the shadows now, A new and loving comer. Dear boys! I know not where you are, Nor do I care to ponder, Upon your home in that far land, Across the fairy yonder; But yet I know where'er you are, You'd hurry out of heaven, To drink this toast with those you love, When the clock points to eleven. So we who gather 'round the board, Remember all the others; Drink deep the toast, without a word, "Here's to the absent brothers."

Installation of Officers Schedule

Date	Day	Lodge	Time
March 16	Sat	Auburn/Webster	3:00pm
March 16	Sat	Hyannis	5:00pm
March 16	Sat	Mansfield	5:00pm
March 16	Sat	Newton	5:00pm
March 16	Sat	Peabody/Lynn	4:30pm
March 17	Sun	Billerica	3:30pm
March 17	Sun	Gloucester	3:00pm
March 17	Sun	Natick	2:00pm
March 20	Tues	Holyoke	7:30pm
March 21	Wed	Pittsfield	7:30pm
March 22	Fri	Hudson/Concord	7:00pm
March 23	Sat	Brighton	5:00pm
March 23	Sat	Franklin	5:00pm
March 23	Sat	Gardner	5:00pm
March 23	Sat	Lowell	3:00pm
March 23	Sat	Malden/Medford	6:00pm
March 23	Sat	Orleans/Eastham	5:00pm
March 23	Sat	Saugus/Everett	5:00pm
March 23	Sat	Weymouth/Braintree	5:00pm
March 24	Sun	Arlington	2:30pm
March 24	Sun	Norwood	2:00pm
March 24	Sun	Quincy	2:30pm
March 25	Mon	Chicopee	7:30pm
March 26	Tues	Springfield	7:30pm
March 30	Sat	Brookline	5:00pm
March 30	Sat	Chelmsford	5:00pm
March 30	Sat	Leominster/Fitchburg	5:00pm
March 30	Sat	Randolph	5:00pm
March 30	Sat	Taunton	5:00pm
March 30	Sat	Wakefield	5:00pm
March 30	Sat	Winthrop	5:00pm

Date	Day	Lodge	Time
March 31	Sun	Clinton	2:00pm
March 31	Sun	North Adams	1:00pm
March 31	Sun	North Attleboro	2:30pm
March 31	Sun	Plymouth	2:30pm
March 31	Sun	Winchester	3:00pm
April 2	Tues	Northampton	7:30pm
April 5	Fri	Maynard	7:00pm
April 5	Fri	Newburyport	7:00pm
April 6	Sat	Adams	1:00pm
April 6	Sat	Attleboro	5:00pm
April 6	Sat	Boston	5:00pm
April 6	Sat	Framingham	5:00pm
April 6	Sat	Lawrence	3:00pm
April 6	Sat	Middleboro	5:00pm
April 6	Sat	Montague	5:00pm
April 6	Sat	Woburn/Stoneham	5:00pm
April 7	Sun	Melrose	2:00pm
April 7	Sun	Wareham/NewBedford	2:30pm
April 8	Mon	Westfield/West Spring	7:30pm
April 10	Wed	Ludlow	7:30pm
April 13	Sat	Beverly/Salem	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Fall River	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Greenfield	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Haverhill	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Lexington	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Marshfield	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Revere	5:00pm
April 13	Sat	Tewksbury/Wilmington	4:00pm
April 13	Sat	Waltham/Watertown	5:00pm
April 14	Sun	Falmouth	2:30pm

Elks.org NFL Football Pickem Results



The NFL Season is now history, and our own New England Patriots are back on top of the football world. Top Massachusetts Elk was Steven Nardelli from the North Attleboro Lodge who compiled a record of 167-89 for a pick percentage of 65.23% for a tie for 81st place in Elkdom. The following are the top finishers in Massachusetts.

1st Place	Steven Nardelli	North Attleboro	167-89	65.23%
2nd Place	Chris Hart	Chelmsford	85-46	64.89%
3rd Place	William Singler	Weymouth-Braintree	165-91	64.45%
	Bob Thys	Woburn-Stoneham	165-91	64.45%
	Dana Nielson	Falmouth	165-91	64.45%

*Testimonial Dinner in Honor of
State President
Stephen Santosuosso*

Saturday Evening

May 18, 2019

Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA

Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

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Tables of Ten Available

State President Stephen Santosuosso Testimonial Dinner Ticket Order Form

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7 – SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

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The above rates include all taxes & gratuities

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For those not staying at the hotel but joining the Convention for meals.

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2019 – 2020

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The Elks Cruise

Norwegian Getaway February 23 - March 1, 2020
 New Orleans to the Western Caribbean



You're Invited!

Tony & Maureen Piccolo invite you to join them as they cruise from "The Big Easy" to the tropical, sun-drenched Western Caribbean, with a call on Harvest Caye,

one of the Caribbean's premier private island destinations, in Southern Belize!

Join Tony and Maureen, fellow Elks, families and friends, and set sail for the warm, friendly climate of the Caribbean on the amazing Norwegian Getaway. You'll feast on Norwegian's amazing cuisine, enjoy friendly bars and lounges, an outstanding entertainment lineup and an action-packed casino. The Elks Cruise is a great way to escape the grasp of the harsh New England winter!

Norwegian Getaway

The amazing Norwegian Getaway sailed her maiden voyage in 2014, and she features the most magnificent amenities Norwegian has to offer. You'll indulge in more than 28 spectacular dining options, including Cagney's Steakhouse, Le Bistro French Restaurant, La Cucina Italian Restaurant, The Raw Bar, Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, and many more! There are 20+ friendly bars and lounges waiting to welcome you, and The Waterfront, a quarter-mile ocean-front promenade, provides a new place to dine and drink every night. You'll enjoy award-winning Broadway musicals *Million Dollar Quartet* and *Burn The Floor*, and other exciting entertainment such as *Howl at the Moon* or *Headliners Comedy Club*. And the Getaway Casino will be more than willing to accept your donations. The Norwegian Getaway is the perfect ship for the Elks 2020 cruise!

New Orleans

At sea

Cozumel

Roatan

Harvest Caye

Costa Maya

At sea

New Orleans

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February 23 - March 1, 2020

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Mon.	At Sea		
Tue.	Cozumel	8:00AM	5:00PM
Wed.	Roatan	10:00AM	6:00PM
Thu.	Harvest Caye	8:00AM	5:00PM
Fri.	Costa Maya	7:00AM	2:00PM
Sat.	At Sea		
Sun.	New Orleans	7:00AM	

Elks Cruise Prices

Description (Cat.)	Price	Description (Cat.)	Price
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Elks 2020 Cruise Reservation Form

I/we would like to reserve a stateroom on the Elks Cruise from New Orleans, LA to the Western Caribbean on the February 23, 2020 sailing of the Norwegian Getaway.

Full name* _____ Citizenship _____ D.O.B. _____

Roommate(s)* _____ Citizenship _____ D.O.B. _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

*First and last names must be exactly as they appear on required identification.

Norwegian Cruise Line past passenger? No Yes Latitudes # _____

Roommate? No Yes Latitudes # _____

Please reserve a room for _____ people in a category _____ stateroom at \$ _____ per person. I/we understand that categories are subject to availability, that prices include departure related fees (NCFs) and taxes, which are subject to change up to final payment, and that airline flights, transfers, and cruise gratuities are additional. I/we further understand that a deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to confirm reservations, and that final payment is due not later than October 11, 2019.

A deposit check for _____ people x \$250.00 per person = \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please charge the deposit for _____ people x \$250.00 per person = \$ _____ to:

Credit card type _____ Card number _____

Name on card _____ Exp. date _____

The signature below confirms that I/we have read, clearly understand, and accept the terms and conditions set forth on the reverse side of this reservation form.

(Signature)

(Date)

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Lodge News from Around the State



The **Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge #2070** honored State Americanism 1st and 2nd place finishers at their Flag Day Service in June. Pictured with Exalted Ruler-Darlene Lockhart, Lodge Flag Day Chairman Past State President-Lou Connolly, and Aide to the late State Rep Jim Miceli, David Robertson is 1st place winner- Lian Juergens from Wilmington Middle School and 2nd place winner- Braydon Aylward from Tewksbury John Ryan Elementary School. Due to an accidental oversight, this article was left out of the previous edition of the Mass Elks News.



The **Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge #1481** used their 2018-2019 "Gratitude Grant" to aid The Westfield Boys and Girls Club with their "Summer Read and Feed" Program. The Club served over 27,381 free meals (breakfasts and lunches) to children ages 2-18 at 9 sites throughout Westfield. The highest average number of youths fed each day of summer vacation was 612.



The **Hudson/Concord Elks Lodge #959** purchased, packed, and delivered 110 boxes of food for families in need throughout the area just in time for the Christmas Holiday. Members delivered the boxes to the families on Sunday December 16th.



The **Springfield Elks Lodge #61** donated over 500 pairs of socks to the Springfield Rescue Mission. The socks were collected for the lodge's "Sock it to Me" program which invites members to donate a pair of socks. The Lodge has bins during the year where members can deposit their donated items. Verna and Dave Nickelson delivered all of the socks to the Rescue Mission on Christmas Eve.



The **Lowell Elks Lodge #87** was able to use their Elks National Foundation "Anniversary Grant" to provide winter clothing to children and adults in need in the community. The lodge donated hats, gloves, mittens, socks and blankets to all that needed them. After distributing the clothes, all remaining items were donated to First Responders in the area to distribute as needed.



The **Woburn-Stoneham Elks #908** recently delivered Christmas gift bags to all 175 residents of the Chelsea Soldier's Home. These bags contained an assortment of snacks and toiletries. Pictured with two Chelsea Soldier's Home residents are Woburn Stoneham Elks PER Peter Sheeran, and Tom Miller.



The **Medford Malden Lodge #915** recently delivered totes full of toiletries to the Veteran residents of the Chelsea Soldier's Home. The donated items are much needed and appreciated by all. Pictured here delivering the totes full of items to the Soldier's Home is Medford Malden Elks Leading Knight Leo Connerty and Exalted Ruler Mary Fitzgerald.



The **Winthrop Lodge #1078** hosted their popular annual WINARC Christmas Party. With the combined efforts of our Lodge volunteers, Emblem Ladies, Lodge Presiding Justice Phil Boncore and our Blue and Gold WHS Football Team the mood was happy, festive and embraced the holiday spirit. There was music and singing by member George MOJO Smith. He never fails to energize and engage the crowd. The group was treated to a fabulous meal prepared by Exalted Ruler Steve Reardon and member Otto Volf. Santa and Mrs. Claus (member Ron Vecchia and his wife Linda) traveled from the North Pole bringing gifts and candy. Event Chairperson Roberta DiPierro and her team successfully coordinated the 39th annual event.



The **Lowell Elks Lodge #87** used their share of the Mass Elks Charity Fund to donate \$550.00 to the “Special Team for Exceptional People” Program. Exalted Ruler Kyle Beaulieu (pictured on the right) is presenting the check to STEP representatives shown left to right, Michael Glidden, David Crear, and Jennifer Glidden.



Winthrop Lodge #1078 hosted the 12th Annual Jerry Bagley Veteran’s Spaghetti Dinner on Friday November 9th. There were lots of exciting raffles made possible by the many contributions of merchandise, gift cards and services from Elks, friends, and businesses that, in total, raised \$5,000 for wounded and hospitalized veterans. The night was a success thanks to everyone who contributed, yet extra special thanks must go to Ron Sek for the event tickets, DJ Danny Powell for his music, and Southwest Airlines/Andrea Litchfield for the two round-trip tickets. Plus, we can’t forget Pastene Foods, Bianco Meats, Mount Vernon Restaurant, and Piantedosi’s for their product donations. Winthrop Exalted Ruler Steve Reardon, along with Past District Deputies Fran Minichello and Dennis Ranahan, presented a check for the profit from the event to Jim Folk, Mass State Elks - Veterans Service Chairman.



The **Medford Malden Lodge #915** distributed 1,200 dictionaries to 3rd grade students in Malden and Somerville. The students in the picture are from the Forestdale Elementary School in Malden. They proudly display the dictionaries presented to them by members of the Medford-Malden Lodge #915 (back row: Exalted Ruler Mary Fitzgerald, Paul Hebert PER, Gil Anderson PER, and Leading Knight Leo Connerty).

The **Melrose Lodge #1031** was happy to once again partner with Servant’s Heart Food Pantry at Thanksgiving. This year \$1500 was raised by its members to benefit the pantry and its operations during the holiday. Presenting the check were Past Exalted Ruler Steve Leahy and Charity Chairman Dick O’Donnell who noted that the Elks Care – Elks Share motto is taken very seriously at Melrose Lodge. Accepting on behalf of the food pantry were coordinator Shirley Samson and Josh Duncan, interim minister at Faith Church where the pantry is located. The Melrose Lodge has been a strong supporter of the local food pantry and looks forward to continuing its efforts throughout many more holiday seasons.



The **Wareham New Bedford Lodge #73** headed up a drive that raised over \$10,000 in cash, materials, and services to help make it possible to dedicate the new Hero's Circle Monument which now stands at the entrance to the National Veteran's Cemetery in Bourne. The dedication ceremony took place on Saturday October 27th. The funds were donated by members, friends, Lodges, PER Associations, and the Mass Elks Association. The traffic circle previously known as the Otis Rotary is now officially called Hero's Circle by legislation signed by Governor Charlie Baker along with a proclamation declaring the day Hero's Circle/Monument Awareness Day. The monument which is engraved with the following quotation "DEDICATED TO ALL WHO SERVED IN UNIFORM IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATION" now stands as a sentinel outside the entrance to the final resting place of thousands of military members and their families. Much thanks and gratitude from the Committee goes out to the Legislators and all involved both financially and in donated services which made this possible.



Taunton Lodge #150 Elk Riders made a donation of \$250.00 to the Broken Chains Biker Church's Barracks22 which is an Interim Housing for Veterans, which is located at the former St. John's Episcopal Church Parsonage on Bay St., in Taunton. It will have 10 beds for Male Veterans in need of assistance and will be staffed by a live-Counselor, provided by the Church. Pictured receiving the donation is Pastor "Flathead" Tom Iddings from Taunton Elk Riders President Ron Jollymore, along with staff from the BCBC/Barracks22 and fellow Taunton Elk Riders.



Attleboro Elks #1014 members recently replaced a wheelchair ramp for a special young man in their community. Within a few hours, two ramps were broken down and was reconstructed. Making the day more memorable is the fact the metal ramp was donated by the family of one of our members who recently passed away.



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Boston #10

Joseph J Grella 11/21/2018
Timothy O'Neill 12/1/2018
Donald J Norton 12/1/2018
Charles Kilmain 12/11/2018

Springfield #61

John J Hammond Jr 12/16/2018
Dennis J Flynn LM 12/16/2018
George Foster 1/21/2019

Lawrence #65

Randle F Taylor 11/2/2018

Wareham/New Bedford #73

Joseph A Correia Jr LM 11/2/20018
John C Magennis 11/5/2018
Varoujan Garabedian LM 11/18/2018
Jeffrey R Shurtleff 1/4/2019
Edward J Waitt LM 1/16/2019
Jack Nobrega LM 1/18/2019
Derwood L Rogge LM 1/18/2019
Arthur E DeFilippo LM 1/23/2009

Lowell #87

David B MacConnell 12/7/2018
Patrick B Burns 1/2/2019

Fall River #118

Carlin Lynch LM 1/15/2019

Taunton #150

Kenneth A Saccocia 11/13/2018
William G Mulvey 12/26/2018

Haverhill #165

Linda Kochakian 11/11/2018
William J Ferrick HLM 12/31/2018
William Mercier 1/1/2019

Worcester #243

Charles A Hagglund 1/14/2019

Pittsfield #272

Timothy Kirby LM 11/2/2018

North Adams #487

Michael Kirby LM 11/13/2018

Saugus Everett #642

Gary Ingersoll 11/5/2018
Joseph E Grato 11/11/2018
Richard C Baniewicz 11/23/2018

Brookline #886

Dan MacEachern 12/2/2018
Francis M Dolan 12/2/2018

Gloucester #892

Robert K Briand LM 11/5/2018
Salvatore A Loiacano LM 11/13/2018
Doug Ross 1/3/2019
Robert H McKinnon 1/12/2019
Eleanora T Tarr 1/16/2019

Holyoke #902

James F Powers 11/12/2018
Robert C Bowler LM 1/8/2019

Woburn/Stoneham #908

Frank A Santo LM 12/14/2018
Barbara M Severance 12/17/2018
Frank A White Jr LM 12/21/2018

Newburyport #909

Edmund O'Connell 12/3/2018

Medford/Malden #915

Frank M Keohane LM 12/13/2018
Louis F Maffei LM 12/18/2018
Edward C Brady 1/9/2019

Quincy #943

James J Murrin LM 11/1/2018
John J Madden 11/4/2018
Howard MacKay Jr LM 11/4/2018
Richard M Burke 11/7/2018
Frederick J Kussman LM 11/20/2018
Robert Gaura LM 12/2/2018
Virginia Casey 12/2/2018
Anthony R DiBona 1/15/2019

Waltham/Watertown #953

Phil Jackson 12/8/2019

Hudson/Concord #959

Daniel J Murphy 11/29/2018
William F Pomphrey LM 12/27/2018
John Kerrigan 1/6/2019
Albert C Magurn LM 1/7/2019

Northampton #997

Robert R Keefe 11/22/2018
Edward E Keefe LM 12/4/2018
Bobbi Jo Wood 12/16/2018
John Gleason LM 12/22/2018
Edwin Warner LM 1/4/2019
Richard J Turban LM 1/5/2019
Henry Turban LM 1/17/2019

North Attleboro #1011

Wilbred H Plante LM 12/11/2018
Stephen F Aucoin LM 12/18/2018
Deryl Parenteau 12/28/2018

Attleboro #1014

Brian S April LM 11/26/2018
Leroy A Ryder LM 12/2/2018
William E Bliss 12/27/2018
Joyce E Simnett 1/12/2019
Karl W Cook Jr LM 1/15/2019

Melrose #1031

William S Kennedy LM 11/6/2018
Robert J Griffin LM 1/29/2019

Winthrop #1078

Victor DiCiccio 11/7/2018
James L Sullivan Jr LM 11/14/2018
Robert Elantosca 11/26/2018
Joseph P Quigley LM 12/2/2018
Michael McDuffee 1/6/2019
Michael J Twomey 1/15/2019

Norwood #1124

Thomas J Lally LM 1/6/2019

Leominster/Fitchburg #1237

Anthony Farinelli LM 12/1/2018
Rollin Lane LM 12/29/2018
William Macdonald LM 1/11/2019

Framingham #1264

Stephen C Ryder LM 11/4/2018
Alan E Wheeler LM 12/10/2018

Middleboro #1274

Thomas E Reis LM 11/10/2018
Michael E Tokarz 11/10/2018

Wakefield #1276

Matthew Lafferty LM 11/3/2018
Jonathan Simpson LM 12/2/2018
Harvey L Spector LM 12/7/2018
Ormsby L Court Jr LM 1/3/2019
Joseph E McNall LM 1/9/2019

Greenfield #1296

Justin J Moore LM 12/6/2018
Jerome M Kells LM 1/6/2019
Anthony A Sirum LM 1/30/2019



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Clinton #1306

Jack Gour 12/16/2018
 John M McNamara LM 1/3/2019
 Norman E Towne LM 1/30/2019

Beverly/Salem #1309

Robert Nyland 11/22/2018
 John A Paddol LM 11/24/2018
 Philip J DeConinck HLM 12/18/2018
 Kathleen Harrington 12/21/2018
 Steven Themes HLM 12/27/2018
 David Woods 12/27/2018

Newton #1327

Anthony J Greco 1/27/2019

Peabody/Lynn #1409

Wayne S Spates LM 1/4/2019

Natick #1425

Roger J Montalto LM 12/22/2018
 M Jeanne Raimondi 1/22/2019
 Edward J Hurst LM 1/31/2019

Gardner #1426

Rene Fontaine LM 11/20/2018
 Scott A Bailey 11/20/2018
 Philip J Mara LM 12/16/2018

Arlington #1435

Richard A Hughes LM 11/14/2018
 Warren Pierce Jr LM 1/4/2019

Winchester #1445

Francis J Maher 12/6/2018
 Robert Letty 12/12/2018
 Joseph Sutherland 1/19/2019

Plymouth #1476

John F Walker LM 1/19/2019

Westfield/West Springfield #1481

Bill Pennington LM 1/11/2019

Hyannis #1549

William J Healey LM 1/21/2019

Chicopee #1849

Robert J Ormsby LM 11/30/2018
 Timothy J Sullivan Jr LM 12/7/2018

Tewksbury/Wilmington #2070

Arthur Chase LM 11/5/2018
 Ernest E Lorenz LM 11/20/2018
 Karen McGillicuddy 12/11/2018
 Eugene Duggan LM 1/9/2019
 Thomas M Carroll 1/20/2019
 Anthony Ruggiero LM 1/28/2019

BillERICA #2071

Peter Anelli LM 11/6/2018
 Allan J Johnson LM 11/6/2018
 Joseph W Tehan LM 12/18/2018
 Rome Capobianco 1/23/2019

Auburn/Webster #2118

Gilbert G Nobert III 12/4/2018
 Pandeli Tuppa LM 12/8/2018
 Forrest M Grenon 12/21/2018
 Jeffrey P Baker 1/5/2019
 Richard E Steelman 1/31/2019

Randolph #2130

C Farrell Galloway LM 11/14/2018
 Mary Evans HLM 11/30/2018

Franklin #2136

Jean L Reese 11/1/2018
 George E Conklin LM 11/5/2018
 Joseph D McGinty 11/11/2018
 Phillip G Lefebvre 11/12/2018
 Margaret Gorman 12/18/2018
 Kenneth P Hayes HLM 12/29/2018
 Francis M Grinley LM 1/9/2019
 William L Caldwell HLM 1/24/2019

Brighton #2199

Francis X Tarpey LM 1/16/2019

Weymouth/Braintree #2232

Henry J Sheridan 11/7/2018
 Lawrence Abruzzese LM 11/12/2018
 Frederick A Smith 11/16/2018
 David A Smith 11/23/2018
 Joseph Mini LM 12/7/2018
 Ronald A Sharland LM 12/19/2018
 Carol Singler 12/21/2018
 William J Harrigan 12/26/2018
 Arthur W Keenan LM 12/29/2018
 John F Clark LM 1/1/2019
 Leonard F King LM 1/8/2019
 Paul R Dewing LM 1/22/2019
 Carol A Birolini 1/26/2019

Chelmsford #2310

Raymond E Kaiser 11/12/2018
 Gregory A Cook LM 11/14/2018
 Paul C Hart LM 12/20/2018
 Eleanor Lathe 1/8/2019

Falmouth #2380

James M Murphy 11/30/2018
 Ronald Lees LM 1/25/2019

Montague #2521

Raymond F Vias Jr. 11/15/2018

Orleans/Eastham #2572

David B Horton 11/20/2018
 Victor A Caruso LM 11/26/2018
 William Strakele 11/26/2018
 Cornelius B Denzer LM 11/27/2018
 Robert Henderson 1/19/2019

Mansfield #2633

John W Day HLM 11/20/2018
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