



February Newsletter

Membership Renewal Deadline Extended to February 16th.

Due to the snowstorm this past weekend we are extending the deadline to renew your membership and dues payment to **February 16, 2022**. As of this week, 83% of members have renewed. Compared to the 2021 renewals for the same time period when 87% had responded, we are making progress but time **is** running out. The extension to **February 16th** will be the only extension this cycle (barring a major catastrophe). **PLEASE RENEW AND PAY YOUR DUES ASAP! Don't get "READ OUT"!** Thank you to all the members who have responded. We deeply appreciate your dues payments and any additional donations, no matter how large or small.

Thank you to Eastern Harvest Catering

The Gerry No. 5 would like to thank Bill Laganas and Eastern Harvest Catering for their efforts in managing the kitchen and function hall. Due to loss of volunteers and changes in Town and Commonwealth requirements, this started as a pilot in 2019. Mr. Laganas tried and even kept trying through COVID. We thank him for his efforts and wish him luck in his endeavors.

Kitchen/Function Hall Management News

The Board of Directors has been working diligently to put together a new plan for the kitchen use and Function Hall rental. We plan to make the kitchen usage availability to handle a variety of events from the usual dinners, receptions, parties to business meetings, and many others. We are working on establishing a variety of plans that include use of both the kitchen and Hall or one or the other. We will have a list available of preferred caterers/vendors that meet town and state requirements. We will also be able to work with use of the kitchen by members, home caterers, and others. This will be a bit of a return to our previous set-up but broaden our offerings and hopefully obtain more rentals. Details are still being nailed down but we are taking reservations.

Congratulations to our Pool Players

The pool table was recovered and leveled this past week. This cost was covered by donations from members including a small donation from the Club. It is this dedication that makes the Gerry No. 5 special. We thank all who donated. Now whose break is it? Come play!

New Life Members

Congratulations to **Allan Dennis** and **Emerson “Shammy” Graves** for being unanimously voted Life Membership. Both have contributed much of their time over the years to volunteering and assisting the Gerry over the years. They continue to do so. Thank you both. Well deserved.

COMING EVENTS

Pool Tournament, Sunday, February 6th

Speaking of pool, got stick? We will hold a members-only pool tournament this Sunday, February 6th, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Cost to play is \$10.00. Show up and pay to play. Spectators are welcome. Food will be served from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. featuring our Fried Shrimp as well as Burgers, dogs, chicken fingers and wings.

Super Bowl Sunday Pot Luck, February 13th

We may not be in the Super Bowl and TB12 just retired but the biggest NFL game of the year is coming up soon with a battle between the LA Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals. The Vice President, Mike Butler, has announced we will have a pot luck for the Super Bowl. Interested in bringing a dish? Please contact Mike with your information and to get more details. You may contact him at [Mike Butler](#) or at [Gerry5VFA](#). There will also be a sign-up sheet posted at the Gerry. Time and other details coming soon.

Monthly Member Meetings are still being held every first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.

Board Meetings are also still being held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Any member having issues to bring before the Board should contact a Board member prior to the meeting.

Fun and Games! The Board is working with the manager to establish a game zone in the Function Hall for nights when the Hall is not in use. Think darts, bags,

shuffleboard, cribbage, and other activities. Stay tuned for more information and when this will be available.

PASSAGES

Ethan Stone, member, passed on December 13, 2021 at the age of 52. Born in Salem, he was raised and educated in Marblehead and a graduate of North Shore Vocational High School. Ethan was an honorably discharged member of the US Marine Corps.

He loved the outdoors, was an avid hiker, camper and hunter. He was happiest when spending time with his pets, nieces and nephews. He was a devoted and loving husband.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Hazel "Betty" Chandler, mother of member *John Chandler*, passed on December 25, 2021, her favorite holiday, at age 92. Born and raised in Swampscott, she lived and raised her family in Marblehead prior to moving to Arizona. She was an avid traveler and photographer and made friends around the world. She loved to fly, and to cook. She had a great smile and loved all her friends and family very much. Our sympathy to family and friends.

David Cross' wife passed in January. Our sincere condolences to friends and family.

Mary Healey, sister of member *Joan Champlin*, passed suddenly on January 10, 2022 at the age of 74. Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Robert Perry Sr, member, passed on January 7, 2022 at the age of 74, while vacationing in Florida. Born in Lynn, raised in Swampscott, he was a retired MDC police officer. He was very active in the Swampscott having served as a Selectman for 10 years, past president of the Pop Warner Football league in which he was active for over 20 years. He was active in various civic organizations.

Our condolences to family and friends.

Tim Twomey, member, husband of member *Karen Costin Twomey*, passed on January 11, 2022 at the age of 77. Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

Ann Rice, mother of member *Peter Rice*, passed on January 27, 2022 at the age of 92. A graduate of Marblehead High and Salem State she earned a Bachelor's of Education. A homemaker and devoted mother, her husband and children were the center of her life. After raising her family, she began a career teaching for 22 years. She was an active member of her church always thinking of others first and her compassionate, generous and loving spirit were a testament to her faith. Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.