



## ER MESSAGE

I would like to open by thanking PER: Donna Acorn and her Suite of Officers for all the great work they did over the last Lodge Year.

Please join us for our Installation of Officers on Saturday April 11th. (Invite included in this bulletin)

Well this is now going to be my 3rd time serving our Lodge as your Exalted Ruler. I look forward to keeping the Lodge sound and becoming a strong part of the East Central District and the Mass State Elks Association. You have elected a great Suite of Officers for 2015-2016 and I am sure they will not disappoint you.

### **This year's motto: Community Activities**

There are many things that the Elks do for their Communities. I would like to ask (or challenge) all of our members to help us be aware of what extra things we can do for Framingham. Youth Programs, Homeless, Elderly and Veterans are a few things that come to my mind. We should be supporting and assisting these issues through our Noble Works as Elks. Let us make this year a year we can truly say "We help and support the community of Framingham". As "OUR Lodge" is a social facility for all to gather, we should also be using it for ways to host, plan and support our Community. Yes I capitalized the word Our in "Our Lodge". This is to stress upon all our members that as Elks, we all need to participate in the Noble work we do.

I challenge all Members to get involved: lend a hand, come up with an idea, run an event, come to an event, and propose new members. These may seem like simple things but we all should be thinking of how we can grow and improve our lodge every day.

Who needs Social Media when you have your own Social Parlor!

My Brothers and Sisters; I look forward to serving you for the next year and hope to see you at the Club.

ER Jerry Blanchette DD



You are cordially invited to  
Attend the Installation of  
Jerry Blanchette  
As Exalted Ruler  
And the Officers of  
Framingham Lodge of Elks #1264  
Massachusetts East Central District  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
5:00 p.m. at  
Framingham Lodge of Elks #1264  
450 Union Ave  
Framingham, MA 01702  
Cocktails 3:30 p.m.  
Dinner to follow Installation  
Please RSVP by April 5, 2015  
617-967-5733 / jerryblanch@verizon.net

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Kevin Horton

Sometimes a Member may be sick for a short time while others may have a prolonged illness. Some Members may have a surgery from which they recover quickly while others take an extended period of time. On occasion a Member may ask why s/he didn't see their name in the bulletin. One simple answer is.....no one told me!! The other answer is that some Members don't wish to have their name publicized. If you want to let others know how you are doing, don't hesitate to contact the Leading Knight or me.



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## TRUSTEES ELECTED

Congratulations to PER Donna Acorn and Robert McCarthy who were elected to the four year and two year positions on the Board of Trustees. All our Lodge Officers will be installed on Saturday April 11, 2015 at 5:00pm. All Members are invited to attend and asked to sign up on the sheet in the Grill Room of the Lodge so that we may have an indication of how many will be attending this special occasion. Cocktail hour begins at 3:30pm.



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Congratulations to Paul Dodos, Dan Fritz and Thomas Leone who were also initiated on PER night but omitted from last month's bulletin. Also congratulations to Peter Collotta and Jennifer Papas Keefe who were proposed by Henry Boyle and initiated by Maynard Lodge and are now Members of Framingham 1264.

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## THINK SPRING BUT DON'T FORGET

Join State President Jeff Hopkins on next year's Mid-Winter Cruise through the Caribbean. Details are on the bulletin board in the Grill Room of the Lodge, or through the Secretary. Plan now while the winter snows are fresh in your mind.



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## SECRETARY'S CORNER

This is the time of year when we give special thanks to Exalted Ruler Donna Acorn and her slate of Officers and Committee Members who guided our Lodge during this past year. It was a successful year. We are economically solvent and our Membership has increased. All Grand Lodge programs were successfully carried out, and we held great Lodge activities to promote the sociability of our Lodge. Our Charitable donations were outstanding, and will be posted in a future bulletin. We end the year on a very positive note, and transfer to ER Elect Jerry Blanchette a serious challenge to maintain our progress and advance the Lodge in the ensuing year. I have every confidence that he will meet that challenge.

Every Lodge's success is built upon the involvement and commitment of its Members.....that's you! Your planning or participating in a Lodge activity is vital to our growth and prosperity. Every Program we run or every function we hold requires workers (helpers) and participants who wish to enjoy the time together. As we end the year on a positive note, let us maintain that positive direction in the months ahead.

Happy Passover and Easter!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM  
Secretary





## EMBLEM NEWS

Congratulations to our Exalted Ruler Jerry Blanchette, DDGER, PER and his corps of officers. Jerry has invited Emblem members to attend the Installation of elected officers on April 11 at 5pm. Please let me know or call the club if you plan on attending. He needs a count for ordering food.

Here it is only April and so much has been happening this year. Holiday's, daylight savings time and March came in like a lamb. So hopefully won't go out like a lion, we can only hope. Aren't we all so tired of dirty snow?

We had a very good State meeting in Winthrop. The next thing for us will be the 82nd Annual Convention. This is being held at the Inn & Conference Center at UMass Lowell, There are several types of packages if you'd like to attend (1 to 3 nights). You can spend the day if you would like. If anyone is interested in attending please call me for details.

The winner of the Early Bird Drawing for dues being paid early will be held at our April meeting. Financial Secretary Joan deGrandmaison sends a reminder to please pay your dues and she says thanks for renewing your membership.

Larry's Place was very grateful to us for their Easter diner we brought to them on Easter Sunday April 5th. The hard work was done by the members of Temple Beth Am. Just a reminder, while you are doing your spring cleaning please remember these men. Clothing is always very much needed. We also collect for woman too.

A special thank you to the club members that bring food each and every time they visit the club. Elks and Emblem working together is always great.

Please if you have a question on what we do and how things are done, ask me. There are no stupid questions and I will be sure my answers are correct, please challenge me.

Sickness and Distress: Jean Race is in rehab, but is doing better. Jody Mahan is recuperating with a broken wrist.

Remember costume jewelry, small stuffed animals and yarn is needed for the residents at local nursing homes, schools and hospital. Just a quick thank you to Nancy Jay who has knitted over 200 hats for us to give out to the homeless, schools and now for the cancer center patients. She also knits scarves for them. Super job Nancy, keep up the great work.

Advice Column: Have some OPTIMISM, greet every morning with enthusiasm and the day will shine.

Our next meeting will be on May 13th at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses are Joan deGrandmaison, Nancy Jay, and Jamie Romano.

Yours in Emblem,

Phyllis A. May  
President  
508-879-6053



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Mary Ann Quintal on her recent donation. \$100.00

A BIG thank you to all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your generous donations that we will continue to prosper and grow and to give back to our Society.



We are at the end of the year and we are currently at \$5.09 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.60 per member and will exceed the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member. This goal was achieved by only 20% of our membership.

Here are just a few of the Programs that the Elks National Foundation sponsors:

\$ 8,680,000	Community Investment Programs
\$ 4,050,000	Scholarship Programs, more than any other organization in the country.
\$ 1,144,000	Veterans Service Commission
\$ 825,160	Hoop Shoot Program
\$ 646,910	Drug Awareness

In addition to the Grants above the ENF contributes more than \$8.35 million to our State Associations.

Thank you for your continued support to this great cause for charity. If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

NOTE: I would like to thank Bob Averill III for purchasing a book to the ENF BOLA. I inadvertently missed his name in last month's bulletin.

Elks Care, Elks Share,  
Chairman,  
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM

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## 50th MASS ELKS NORWOOD BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

We recently had 7 teams that represented the Framingham Elks at Mass Elks Bowling Scholarship Fundraiser in Norwood on March 8. What a day, as the dust cleared from the pins, the total pins were taken by Parkers Plumbers (Brian Parker, Bob Connelly, Brian McCarthy, Paul King and Joe McCarthy) Total 1246, edging out the Shelly's Angels by only 8 pins. Shelly Hughes, George Zanella, Tom Zanella, Mark Toste and Chris Rocci with a total pin score of 1238, Highest single string in our group was taken by Josh Ellingwood (102) and lowest string honors went to Lori Connolly (43) taking it away from her husband Bob with a whopping low of 51. The Villa Express team went South of the Border for warming weather, but will be back in full strength next year. Mark your calendars March 6, 2016.....



Shari Manning won the raffle for \$100.00 in Scratch tickets.

*State President, Mark W. Cronin, Shari Manning and State Bowling Chairman Bob Evers*

Congratulations to all that participated and we will see you next year to support our State Scholarship Fundraiser.

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM



## Mark Your Calander for the Bourne National Cemetery Bus Trip



*Lest We Forget*



### **Bourne National Cemetery**

Veterans Tribute – Sponsored by  
Framingham Elks Lodge #1264  
Sunday, May 24th, 2015

**10:15 AM**

Box Lunch and Barbeque – all for \$20  
10:30 am Bus leaves – ELKS Parking Lot  
450 Union Ave., Framingham  
1 PM Memorial Day Ceremony  
4 PM return for lodge barbeque  
**ALL INVITED Veterans, Friends, Public**

Send \$20 check made out to:  
Framingham Lodge 1264 ELKS  
PO BOX 4747, Framingham, MA 01704  
Maritime Band Wreath dedications  
Bring Camera

RSVP w/check by May 16

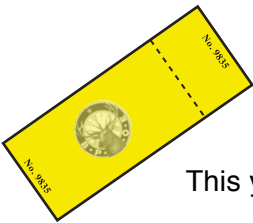
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First come first served

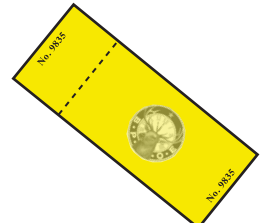
**1 Bus Only**

John Villa – (508) 397-9065

**MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE BARBEQUE FOR \$10.00.  
A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE GRILL ROOM.**



## **Charity Fundraising Raffle June 6, 2015**



This year's State Association Charity Fund Raffle books have been mailed.

**\$20,000 Grand Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3000, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$2,000 and four \$500 Sellers Pool winners.**

**If you buy or sell a book write your name on the blue ticket. That is for the Sellers pool.**

The Lodge's share of the income from this depends on your participation. Please help your Lodge and your charities by purchasing the book. **Please mail the raffle books back to the State Chairman with the envelope provided in the package.** We will also have the Lodge pool again this year. This means that for every 20 books sold by your lodge including mail-ins the lodge will be entered into the pool for a chance to win one or more of the four \$500.00 prizes. "CHARITY IS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE VIRTUES" YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

If you would like to purchase more raffle books contact your lodge secretary.

## APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</b> Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction. <i>John F. Kennedy</i>			1  Lodge Meeting April Fools' Day 	2	3 Good Friday  Maynard Installation (7:30)	4 Passover 
5 Easter Sunday 	6 Norwood Installation (7:00)	7	8 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	9	10	11 Framingham Installation (5:00)
12 Natick Installation (4:00)	13	14	15  Lodge Meeting	16 ECD District Deputy Clinic (Framingham)	17	18  National Hoop Shoot (Springfield)
19 Spring Cribbage Tournament (Auburn/Webster) 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</b> Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. <i>Winston Churchill</i>					1	2
3 Regional Meeting (Auburn/Webster Lodge)	4	5	6  Lodge Meeting	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	14	15	16 State President's Testimonial (Best Western/Marlboro)
17	18	19	20  Lodge Meeting	21	22	23
24 Bourne Trip 	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 ECD PER Meeting (Lexington)						

# FRAMINGHAM LODGE #1264

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## DUES ARE DUE

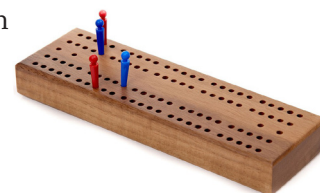
My thanks to all those Members who have made their commitment and paid this year's dues. Unfortunately we dropped thirteen Members this past year for non-payment. Don't delay! Pay your dues now so that I don't have to remind you again.... and again...and again! Save us the postage! Thanks. Door locks will be changed April 6, 2015, giving everyone a little grace period.



## SPRING CRIBBAGE TOURNEYMENT

The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 19th at the Auburn/Webster Lodge, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501. Registration at 9:30 am starts at 10:00 am. Fee is \$50.00 per team of 2 (includes lunch). Deadline to register is April 12th.

This event only requires one member of the two person team to be an Elk in good standing. Spouses and significant others will be allowed to play as partner.



NOTE: Applications are available from Annmarie Haggerty at 774-242-8184 or [elksbowling@yahoo.com](mailto:elksbowling@yahoo.com)