



ER MESSAGE

I would like to start off by thanking those that do get involved, and appreciate all of you whom are faithful Members of our Lodge. Without you, we cannot continue. With this being said, I want to bring some awareness to the State of our Lodge. Yes, it's Back to our Roots discussion. As your Exalted Ruler, I am concerned.

We have 517 Members in our Lodge. A Suite of Officers is 10 and there are 5 Trustees. There are also 7 people on the Home Committee. I had trouble filling all those positions this year and now we even have an opening on the Home Committee that needs to be filled after one member resigned. Are you the next Home Committee Member? If you would like to be on the Home Committee, please let me know.

I would like to thank Joe Furlong who has been our Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman for many years of running the Hoop Shoot Program for our Framingham Elks and the Youths of our Community. You are to be commended Jim for all of your hard work and dedication, Thank you. This however, opens up another Vacancy in our Lodge and we will need to have someone fill Jim's shoes to keep our Hoop Shoot Program running. If you are interested, please contact me and I will get you all the information necessary make a seamless transition.

I attended the Grand Lodge Session a few weeks ago in Indianapolis and there were Elks and Lodges from around the Country working hard for their Lodges, their Community, their Veterans, their youths and the Grand Lodge Programs. One important thing that they kept bringing up is that the Grand Lodge may have great programs set up for us in a Cookie Cutter fashion, but it takes the Lodge and "YOU" to implement them. We need to do more as FRAMINGHAM ELKS and grow these programs. I say Grow, but some we need to introduce and start, some we need to continue, and some we need to do more with. It would be great to see "all" help with some events, rather than "some" trying to run all the events. Please ask to get involved.

As I have said in previous Bulletins, Without the Officers participating in the Grand Lodge requirements; there would be no Elks Lodge. Without a Lodge, there is no Building or Bar. Without the Bar or the Hall to Rent, we can't pay the Bills. Yes it is an endless Loop, but it all Starts (and Started by the way) with Members that wanted to be Elks! What are Elks? "American Citizens who guide their course in life by the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity"!

Jerry Blanchette
ER, DD

DD VISITATION AND INITIATION

Our DD Pre-visit with the Officers and Committee Members is scheduled for Aug 30th at 1:30. All are welcome to attend.

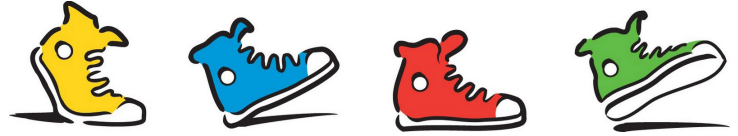
The DD Visitation and New Member Initiation will be held on Saturday September 12th. Cocktails will be at 3:30, Visitation/Initiation will be at 5:00 and Dinner will follow. There is still time to Sponsor new Members to be Initiated that Night.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Kevin Horton



If you know of someone whose name should appear in this bulletin and/or on the bulletin board in the Lodge, please inform the Secretary or another Officer.

ENF WALK AROUND THE LAKE:



The Elks ENF Walk Around the Lake will be held this year again at the Gardner Lodge for Area 1. The Date is Sunday Sept 20.

Please assist us in raising funds to support the many charitable projects that the Elks National Foundation supports. Times are difficult and even more difficult for those in need. It is only with your help that this will continue.

Please consider being a \$5 sponsor and mail it into the Lodge. (Care of The ENF Walk Around the Lake) I am sure we will have people attending and they can bring all the donations with them that day.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Another National Convention is behind me. Since my first Convention in Dallas I have attended almost 25 consecutive conventions, and traveled to places many might not select as a "vacation destination" especially at this time of year! Yet each place held its own surprises and Indianapolis was no different. From visits to Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Colts), to the Pacers home, and, of course, a visit to the home of the Indy 500. Museums and monuments added to the excitement of our visit. I dare not address the eating establishments as it would hint to the amount of food I ate. In and above the visit to a beautiful city was the Convention itself. Meeting the Hoop Shoot National Champions Brylee Lingen from Minnesota and Bryce Bolio from Iowa, and the Most Valuable Students Sarah Judice from Southampton, NY and Mark Ansell from California made me appreciate all the more what our local chairmen do in promoting those programs. Thanks Jim Furlong and John Villa, PDD doing the Hoop Shoot and Jay Renzello with Scholarships!

Meeting the Past Grands, and bringing them the greetings of our First Lady Jody Mahan is always a pleasant duty. The week also saw the transition of Officers including the swearing in of our new Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the Installation of Chris Cavanaugh from Lexington as the East Central District District Deputy. Watching our State President Jeff Hopkins place our State Flag on the stage was a proud moment. Congratulations also go to Mike Zellen from the Saugus–Everett Lodge, our Special Deputy, who is also the endorsed candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler next year.

There was so much more. I encourage you to read some of the daily bulletins regarding the Convention which are on the Lodge bulletin board.

Next year we are in Houston. If you would like to join in this adventure contact me for details.

Enjoy the balance of the summer!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



EMBLEM NEWS



I hope you all had a great 4th of July.

The Emblem State outing honoring our State President Jackie Fortier was held on July 19 at the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks Lodge. It was Christmas in July and Santa was there and had presents for all who have been good this past year. Of course all our ladies who attended have been very good all year long! Best part NO SNOW!

It's almost time to think about our Sponsor-A-Student program. Literacy Chairman Phyllis May will be collecting donations by either checks made out to Phyllis May or by gift certificates by the first week in September. Let's try to make the first day of school a little nicer for as many children as we can. You can put your donations in our mail box on the door in the guest lounge or mail it to Framingham Emblem Club P.O. box 691, Framingham MA 01704.

Joanie deGrandmaison is having a 50/50 drawing, the proceeds to go into our general fund to use for our community service projects. Ladies you most likely already received yours in the mail, try to sell them to family and friends. For those who didn't and would like to buy a ticket or two there are some behind the bar on the members side. Everyone is eligible so don't be shy and ask one of our wonderful bartenders for a ticket. They are \$5 each 3 for 10. Remember the more we sell the more you can win.

Our next meeting is August 12th. Collation hostesses are Nancy Jay and June Robinson.

Have a great August!

Yours in Emblem
June Robinson President
508-875-2339



50/50

We will be holding ongoing 50/50 raffles down on the Lodge Bulletin Board to support our main Charities.

It is designed like Football Squares. There are 100 squares each costing \$2. When all squares are sold we will pick a number from 1 – 100 and determine the winner. Please stop by and take a chance to win \$100 and support our Charities of course. The first one we will have is going to be for the Mass Elks Veterans.

When completed, we will then start a new one for a different Charity such as Mass Elks Scholarships, ENF, etc



GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION RESULTS 2015

Below is a list of a few results of the votes taken in Indianapolis:

To allow organizations other than ladies groups to be recognized as auxiliaries. (Failed)

To eliminate the requirement that an applicant for Life Membership be a member in the Lodge of application for ten years preceding application. (Passed)

To provide that the social facilities of a Lodge may remain open during Lodge meetings provided that Lodge meetings are not interfered with. (Failed)

To authorize a Lodge to only meet regularly once a month, if provided in the Lodge by-laws, (Failed)

To eliminate the requirement that the two months for a reduced reinstatement fee be consecutive. (Passed)

A full listing of all 18 resolution results are posted on the bulletin board in the Lodge.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are off and running into the New Year with approximately \$ 3.00 per capita, that's a great start. This is due to the extra money that was made from ENF BOLA Fundraiser last January. We were able to donate another \$6.00 for each book sold at that event and the money that members sent in with the 2015-2016 dues.



I would like to thank the following members for their donation: ACORN, DONNA / ACORN – ADAM / ACTON, JOHN / ADAMS, D. HUNTER / AQUINO, JOSEPH, AQUINO, MARIE / ARMITAGE, ROBERT / BAILEY, GEORGE / BAKER, PAMELA / BALLARD, MARY LOU, BALLARD, NEIL / BARBETTI / THOMAS / BATEMAN, PAUL / BATEMAN, MARY / BOURQUE, RICHARD / BRADLEY, MICHAEL / BROWN, SUZANNE / CARON, JAMES, CHASE, WILLIAM / CLARK, GLENN / CONNOLLY, CHRIS / CONNOLLY, DAVE / COOK, CHARLES W / CRANDALL, ROBERT / DAMON, MELISSA / DELANEY, WILLIAM, DILBARIAN, ROGER / EAGLES, PEARL / FAHEY, ARTHUR / FERRI, NICHOLAS, FOLEY, JANE / FRIEL, JOHN / FURLONG, JAMES / GURNEY, DOUG / HANSCON JAMES / HARTT, SEAN / HARTLEY, JOHN / HOEY, LAWRENCE / KOBBS, ANDREW / LEOMBRUNO, JOHN / MAHAN, MICHAEL / MATONDI, PAUL / MCCARTHY, JOSEPH / MCCARTHY, ROBERT / MCDONALD, KEVIN / MCINTIRE, DAVID / MEDRANO, LAURA / MORAN, MICHAEL / NUMMELA, RICHARD / O'ROURKE, KATHLEEN / OSBORNE, WILLIAM / OTTAVIANI, PHIL / OWENS, KENNETH / PETERS, REGGIE / PRIVITERA, STEVE / RAMIREZ, WARREN / RIVERS, TIM / ROONEY, DAVE / RYAN, ROB / SEYMOUR, GERALD / STONE, STEVE / TERSONI, DOUG / TRISCHITTA, DON / WHIDDEN, KEN / WILSON MILTON / WOLFE, DAVID / WOZNY, CHRIS AND WOZNY, LISA.

The Elks National Foundation and I thank you for your support throughout the year. It has been a banner year for the lodge. It is thru the generosity of almost ¼ of our membership which helps us to continue to support all the programs that the Elks National Foundation sponsors. This year the Lodge gave out over \$14,000 in Mass scholarships to the student in our area, part of this comes from the ENF contributions.

Keep up the great support that you all have been providing.

Elks Care Elks Share...

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

PARKING LOT REPAIRS

You may have noticed that our parking lot potholes have been filled. Thank you Benny Ottaviani, Roger Dilbarian and Ernie Moreau for organizing the efforts to repair our Parking Lot



DID YOU REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES?

There is still plenty of time left for the warmer weather and travelling. Having a paid up membership card could open new Lodges for you across the Commonwealth as well as the country. Contact the Secretary now.

NEW OFFICE:









Thank you to all that assisted in the "Lodge Office Make Over" Project. **OMG**, there is an Office behind that Door! *Great Job!*

Ernie – GC, Brian Parker – #2, Rich Camarata – Head Electrician, Peter Rovinelli – Painting Contractor, Joe Hansberry and Peter Pandolfino – Ceiling Installation, Bennie Ottoviani and Kevin Higgins – Muscle Movers, Junior Elks Muscle Movers – Jake Penrod, William Trischitta, Ben Stefanini and Ryan Innis









Special thanks to **Scott Penrod** (Treasurer) and **Bob Anspach** (Secretary) for File Management and Cluster Control



AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">QUOTE OF THE DAY... Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open. <i>John Barrymore</i></p>						1
2	3	4 Framingham Police Dept. Annual Night Out (Cushing Park) 	5  Lodge Meeting (The only one this month) 	6 New Member Initiation	7	8
9	10	11	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13	14	15  Hudson/Concord Lodge Balloon Festival 15 th /16 th
16  ECD PER Meeting and Cookout (The Villa's Home in Hopkinton)	17 	18	19 Elks Night at Fenway 	20 East Central District Deputy Clinic (Maynard)	21	22
23 Veterans Motorcycle Run (Randolph) 	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  Lodge Meeting	3	4	5 Denton-Fensmore Football Game (Holy Cross) 
6	7  Labor Day	8	9 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	10	11	12 DD Vistation and New Member Initiation
13 Regional Meeting (Athol/Orange)	14 Rosh Hashanah 	15 Annual Mass Elks Golf Tournament (Marlboro Country Club) 	16  Lodge Meeting	17	18	19 Veterans Motorcycle Run (Billerica) 
20 Walk for ENF (Gardner and Wakefield) 	21	22  Paint Night (Framingham Lodge)	23  Yom Kippur	24	25	26 GER Ron Hicks Reception
27	28	29	30	<p style="text-align: center;">QUOTE OF THE DAY... A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work. <i>Colin Powell</i></p>		



**At the Framingham Elks
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ANNUAL SOCCER SHOOT

The lodge Soccer Shoot will be held next month. I will provide more information when we narrow down the date (it will be held on sept 13th or the 20th. More details will be provided next month.



Look forward to you support again this year.

Elks Care Elks Share..

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

GREEN MONSTA RAFFLE

Thank you Roger Dilbarian and Donna Acorn for running the Green Monsta Raffle. Remember, it is things like this that bring extra funds to the Lodge for needed enhancements without dipping into our General Fund. Please participate.



THOUGHTS ON THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

When I first met Jimmy "The Greek" Lambros he was being interviewed as a bus driver and maintenance man for Marian High School. He was given the job and created a legacy for himself that stretched over twenty five years. He drove the students to every athletic event the school had to offer. He drove my own kids in their activities while they studied at Marian. He drove the students to field trips, and faculty to retreats. Through the years we developed a close friendship that would eventually lead him to invite me into the Elks and soon after he became my sponsor. (Now you know who to blame!!) He and his brother broke bread with my family at Thanksgiving and Christmas and many family gatherings.

I was blessed to meet his Mother (who lived to be 100) and sister who lived in Needham. I also did work on their home over the years. I meet his daughters Michelle and Missy who both live in Texas, and his older brother Charlie who still lives in Needham. When living arrangements changed for him at Marian, he moved in with me where he lived for several years. When his health began to fail, he moved to Texas and found a new lease on life living with his family. Many Members at the Lodge knew him and undoubtedly carried on questionable arguments over sports teams and athletes, and let's not forget the horses!

I have been in constant communication with his daughters and it is our hope that Jimmy will be returned to Massachusetts where he will be buried as a Marine in Bourne. A Memorial Service is in the works at a date to be determined. A notice will be placed in the Lodge. God bless you Jimmy, and as an Elk as well as my friend, your name will never be forgotten.



Bob Anspach #2691

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For the 2nd year, Framingham Elks will take part in the 2015 National Night Out, where Police and firefighters in Framingham will collaborate to promote public safety as more than 500 kids and neighbors that come together to enjoy a free barbecue, petting zoo and reptile show at Cushing Memorial Park. The Event will take place on August 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Members are welcome to attend and help during the event

The Framingham Elks will be having a table full of Elks Drug Awareness and other Grand Lodge Program Flyers.

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