



ER MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far!

I would like to thank the Framingham Lodge for sending me to the National Convention in Houston on July 2-6. It was an honor to represent our Lodge.



The bulletins from each day have been placed on one of the boards down stairs in the member's lounge if anyone would like read.

During the general session on Tuesday July 5th all twelve resolutions were passed. The results of the resolutions are posted on the board in the member's lounge.

The sessions also stressed the importance of new members. I urge every member to please try and recruit. This lodge will not stay open if we do not keep the membership numbers up. I am confident that everyone will try and recruit!



I can't stress enough that every Elk needs to get involved if we are to stay open and succeed. This lodge will take many not just a few!

Please get involved! Please come see me if you have any ideas for the club.

The DD Pre-visit is scheduled for August 24th and everyone is welcome to attend. The DD Visitation / Instillation is scheduled for September 7th. Times will be posted on the bulletin.

Next Lodge meeting is August 3rd at 7pm. Reminder that the bar will be closed during the meeting so please plan on attending if you are at the club.

The First DD Clinic of the year will be held in Natick on August 18th. Some of the Lodge Officers are required to attend, and all other members are welcome to join us. There is usually some great District news and some important Elkdom updates discussed during these meetings.

Regards
Suzanne Brown
E.R.

ANNUAL SOCCER SHOOT

The lodge Soccer Shoot will be held next month. I will provide more information when we narrow down the date. More details will be provided in next month's bulletin.

Look forward to your support again this year.

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



EMBLEM NEWS



Hi everyone,

Hope you're all having a great summer so far. We have been having some crazy storms so please be careful if you see it getting dark and windy, and please stay in or get to a safe place. I don't want to hear of any one getting injuries because of a storm.

The State outing honoring incoming State President Marie Harvey was held on Sunday July 31st at the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks with a barbeque with the theme of Beach Blanket Bingo. Joanie, Phyllis, Gladys and I went and we had a lot of laughs.

At the July meal of the month our scholarship chairman Ginger Noonan awarded three scholarships and the congratulations go to:

Ryan Anthony sponsored by Jamie Romano, Kevin Noonan sponsored by Ginger Noonan, Erika Kane sponsored by John and Kathy Villa, Joanie deGrandmaison also awarded a 1/20 scholarship to Kaitlin Jenkins sponsored by LaRue Nelson.

Great Job to all!

Our next meeting will be on August 10th.

Collation hostess are Phyllis May and Lynn Sanderson

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson
President



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are one third into the New Year and have almost reached the GER's ENF goal of \$4.65 per member. We are currently at \$ 4.18 per capita, that's a fantastic start. I would also like to thank Ed + Mary Ann Quintal and Charles Villa for their automatic donations throughout the year. If you would like to know more about setting up automatic donations please let me know and I will forward you the information or go too <https://enf.elks.org/donate>.

In 2016-2017, the Elks National Foundation will distribute \$27.3 million to help Elks build stronger communities by investing \$9.8 million in Community Investment Program grants for Elks Lodges to invest directly in their local communities. The ENF will allocate \$9.1 million to help State Associations accomplish their charitable objectives.

The ENF will continue to further the education of our country's future leaders by allocating \$4.2 million in scholarship assistance. The ENF designated \$729,330 to fund Drug Awareness and \$952,760 to run the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, encouraging youth to lead healthy and active lives. In addition, the Elks National Foundation designated \$1.464 million to fund the Order's Veterans Service Program.

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

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker (St Patrick's Manor), William Casey (Broken Hip, Anna Morse Rehab, Natick)

Please inform an Officer of the Lodge if you know of anyone who may be "under the weather". Thanks

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF MEMBERS

Walter Connery

Born: Nov. 15, 1940

Initiated: June 18, 1986

LM: Dec. 2, 2015

Died: July 18, 2016



MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

How often we have heard that membership is the life's blood of any organization. The Elks are no different. As membership increases so does the potential number of volunteers for our different programs. It also broadens the base of those who may make contributions to the ENF, or participate in our fund raisers for scholarships, for our Veterans, or for food pantries for the needy and so much more.

At present we still have some 60 Members who have not paid this year's dues. Letters were sent out at the end of July with the hope that it might motivate delinquent Members to renew their commitment to our Lodge. I hope to give you a favorable update in our next bulletin.



While speaking of Membership, our next class will be during the DD Visitation in September. Applications are still being accepted. Family members or good friends are most welcome!!

SECRETARY'S CORNER

It may be hard to believe that one-third of the Elk year has already passed. As we look forward we know that there are many events already being planned: DD Visitations; Paint Nite; Scholarship Programs; Soccer Shoot; Veterans events; Thanksgiving Breakfast; Kid's Christmas Party; Member's Christmas party.....but I am getting ahead of myself. Ultimately, there is so much for which we can look forward. The summer has provided us time to vacation, make day trips, and enjoy the outdoors. Many may have taken the opportunity to visit other Elks Lodges along their travels. Being a member has its privileges.

As Elks, along with the sociability of Membership, comes the opportunity to do good for others. As we look forward to the many upcoming events, let us remember the big picture: we are a benevolent organization and we raise money to help others. I encourage you to think of ways you may be able to contribute to that noble end.

Enjoy the balance of the summer and remember school's open at the end of the month so drive a little more carefully!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



NATIONAL CONVENTION HI-LITES



The Convention in Houston had many exciting moments. Meeting the National Hoop Shoot Champions Camden Cowgill from San Antonio, Texas and Reagan Ponzer from Atchison, Kansas started off the Convention as they spoke of their journey to the National Finals held in Chicago. Then I met the Most Valuable Student winners, Nadya Okamoto of Oregon, and Jay Little of Mississippi. Nadya will be attending Harvard, and Jay will be attending the University of Alabama. Their own words sum up why they received the awards: "Becoming and Elks scholar means that I have an opportunity to give back to others and touch the lives of so many people, exemplifying service before self." Their speeches drew a standing applause from the over 7000 who were in attendance.

At the Legislative meeting there were 12 articles discussed. All passed but a few are subject to Lodge Ratification and will be posted in next month's bulletin. A few that did pass suggested that a Lodge, by By-Law, may set the reinstatement fee to any amount it wants or eliminate it altogether; a Lodge, by By-Law, may set the initiation fee to any amount it wants or eliminate it altogether; to clarify that a widow or widower of a deceased Member, who subsequently remarries, is not eligible for an identification card.

All proposals and their results are posted on the Lodge bulletin board.

One of the key events of the convention was the election of Mike Zellen of the Saugus Everett Lodge as our Grand Exalted Ruler or National President. The ceremonial parade was one of the best I've witnessed, perhaps since our own Ed Mahan was elected GER in 1995. He and Dona will represent our Commonwealth very well as the journey throughout the country. We wish them great success and they have our support.

After GER Mike's Installation came the Installation of the District Deputies. We wish Paul McClellan and his Esquire Mark Ellis the best of luck in the year ahead.

Reminder: National Conventions are open to all Elks and their guests. Next year will be in Reno. Think about coming with us. Along with the tours and visits to the different hospitality rooms from across the country, it is a great 'vacation', and one comes back renewed as a Member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.



STATE PRESIDENT'S CRUISE

The hot weather of summer may seem to be overbearing, but once winter sets in you may be looking for relief. Join our State President Harry See and his wife Rhonda on a Mid-winter cruise adventure to Aruba from January 17 – 22, 2017. For more information talk to your Secretary or read the flier on the bulletin board in the Lodge Grill Room. No time like the present to start making get-away plans!!

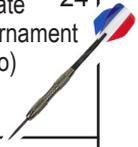
GET INVOLVED



AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Lodge Meeting (Only one this month)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	11	12	13
14	15  VJ Day	16	17	18 East Central District DD Clinic (Natick)	19	20  Balloon Fest (Hudson/Concord) 20th & 21st
 21 PER Association Cook-Out (Villa's House)	22	23	24 District Deputy Pre-Visit	25	26	27
28	29	30 Elks Night at Fenway 	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. <i>Mahatma Gandhi</i></p>		

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose. <i>Lyndon B. Johnson</i></p>				1	2	3
4	5  Labor Day	6	7  Lodge Meeting DD Visitation (Framingham)	8	9	10
11	12 Mass State Golf Tournament (Marlboro) 	13 DD Visitation (Franklin)	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16	17
18	19	20 DD Visitation (Hudson/Concord)	21  Lodge Meeting	22	23	24 Mass State Dart Tournament (Marlboro) 
25	26	27	28  Paint Nite (Framingham) DD Visitation (Natick)	29	30	

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PaintNite

At the Framingham Elks
Wednesday September 28th
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Cost : \$45.00



Sign up online only by Sept 7th:
<http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/boston/1082674>
only 100 spots available – light appetizers provided~ No experience required! You don't have to be an expert painter before you arrive: we'll teach you what you need to know.

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**All proceeds will go to :**

Operation Delta Dog is a nonprofit organization with a mission to rescue homeless dogs and train them to work as service dogs for veterans who are suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and related challenges.

