



E.R. MESSAGE

Its December and the year has gone by so quickly. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope everyone has a safe New Year. It has been a very busy year at the Lodge. We have a new roof on the building and are planning future upgrades for the exterior. On a business note, I again would like to thank the Officers and Committee Members for their hard work this year. We have received our Final Report from the District Deputy's Visit and it reflects all the hard work you've done. If anyone would like to read the report please see myself or the Lodge Secretary. The Kids Christmas Party is Dec 8th. The festivities start with pizza at noon. Also don't forget the Members Party on Dec 10th, details on the pages to follow. **On a closing note, in this season of gift giving and good cheer please remember those who are less fortunate and maybe make a donation to a Food Pantry or a charity of your choice.**

Merry Christmas

E.R. Scott



SECRETARY'S CORNER

I've heard that as one gets older, time flies by much faster! I must have reached that certain age for time has flown by. With Thanksgiving behind us, and the holiday season upon us, the New Year will be here before we know it.

With that being said, let us take time to smell the flowers along this journey. Here's a list: Memorial Sunday...a time to look back and remember those who shared our journey for a while; the Kid's Christmas Party.....a time to enjoy young people all filled with the enthusiasm of the season; the member's Christmas Party...a time to simply sit back and enjoy each other's company, and have a few laughs along the way. I think you get the idea. I'm certain we can find many other 'flowers' to enjoy in the weeks ahead.

Our District Deputy's Visitation Report was very favorable. He spoke of Framingham 1264 as a strong Lodge doing great things for the community, and very much involved with Grand Lodge Programs. We have already reached the per capita for ENF, and continue to surpass the goals we've set for ourselves. Thanks John Villa, PDD for your efforts as Chairman! Jay Renzello is pushing our Scholarship applications so we can have another successful year.

Time may be flying by, but we are not wasting a moment of it.

Have a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Faternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



MEMBERSHIP



Our next class of Members will be initiated during PER Night in February. Applications are now being accepted for that special night. Applications are behind the bar. Carry one with you so as to be ready when that friend of yours is ready to join.

There are still many Members who are delinquent. If you sponsored someone and you are aware that they have not renewed their membership for this year, please encourage that person to renew now before they are dropped from the rolls. If they don't wish to renew please try to find out why, as this information is important to know as the Lodge continues to develop and grow.

ELKS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The first Sunday in December is set aside as Elks Memorial Sunday. This year we will be remembering, in a special way, the following members who have passed since our last Memorial Sunday:

Robert Brown

Horace Fader, LM

Anthony Grillo, LM

Curtis Claflin, LM

Robert Foley, LM

Donald Logan

Joseph Costello, LM

William Gannon, LM

Thomas Lydon, LM

William Dyan, LM

Victor Golgata, LM

Michael Norton

Our service will begin at 11:00 am followed by a small collation. All are encouraged to attend this meaningful service in remembrance of all our departed Members. Remember: "an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken."

BRUINS RAFFLE TO SUPPORT THE BUILDING FUND

The raffle will be sold throughout December and January

1st Prize – 2 tickets in Loge for a game in April

2nd Place Prize – 2 tickets in the Balcony for a game in April

3rd Place Prize – Alex and Ani Bruins Bracelet

Additional prizes – sports memorabilia

Posters will be hung up in the Lodge, purchase tickets from the Bartenders.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Joyce Seariac and
Kevin Horton



If anyone knows of a Member who should be put on this list, please contact the Secretary. This is the season when a card from those who know someone who is ill would be most appreciated.



EMBLEM NEWS

I can't believe that its holiday time again- where did this year go? This is the season of giving. Emblem is always there to help out in any way possible. Emblem members have already done Christmas shopping for the teenagers who are often forgotten. Darlene Herweck will ensure that they receive the gifts in time to open them Christmas morning with their siblings. Members have shopped for the food pantry, gave warm clothes to the needy, knitted many hats for the winter and made up a huge bag of items to bring to Larry's Place for Veterans Day.

Thank you notes come to us all the time, but my favorite is how we are blessed and prayed for by these Veterans. Those that bring the items to them can see their happy faces. How they love to talk to us and ask us to please have coffee and stay awhile.

Rest Homes send thanks monthly. How happy they are when they have a winner with the lottery tickets. They also say thanks for the jewelry, small stuff animals. The nurses at school say thanks for the children hat that we share at the grammar schools. Our mail box has lots more thank you just wanted to share a few with you.

I actually have a reason for sharing the thank you notes because we need small stuffed animals and yarn of all sizes, lengths and color. Please drop it off at the lodge but be sure to ask them to call me so I can get it to the right person.

We had a great state meeting held at the Quincy Lodge of Elks on Sunday November 17, 2013.

Gladys Kiley will light the candle Memorial Sunday December 1, 2013 at 11:00am

Children Christmas Party is December 8, 2013. Please make sure you get down to the lodge and sign up the children who will be at the party. Make sure you specify the child's age, whether it's a girl or boy and please write clearly.

Sickness and Distress: Helen Juskiewicz is under a doctor for her legs. Phyllis May has also been under a doctor for flu like systems.

Advice Column: "It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 11, 2013 at 7:30pm. Collation Hostesses are: Gladys Kiley, Josie Lascano, and Pat Shorton.

Please have a safe and Happy New Year. Stays well don't make a resolution you can't keep.

Merry Christmas

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May President
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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



We are holding our annual East Central District Elks National Foundation Fundraiser. First prize is \$1,000.00, 2nd \$250.00, 3rd 100.00 and 10 chances to win \$25.00 worth of scratch tickets. The raffle book cost \$25.00 for 10 tickets or \$3.00 per ticket. The cover of the book is the entrance fee to **Dinner and Comedy show with 3 of Boston's top Comedians. Host KRIS EARLE with Johnny Joyce and Jerry Curuso.** The Event will be held at the Norwood Lodge on February 8, 2014. \$10.00 of each book sold will go to the Elks National Foundation in the seller's name. This is a great way to increase your ENF pledge and have a chance to win \$1,000.00. Raffle books are available through me. If you would like one or two books send the money to the lodge to my attention and I will fill out the tickets for you. Good Luck.

Contact: John J. Villa for tickets. 508 397-9065

Hope to see you all there..... **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THESE BOOKS IN THE MAIL...**
BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LODGE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2014



*Email me with your
thoughts on what we can do
to improve our Lodge.*

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KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 8th (please make sure everyone is signed up by Dec 4th)

Starts with Pizza and Macaroni & Cheese at Noon.

Santa will be visiting after Lunch

Please consider making a donation to help fund this event. Send donations to the Lodge in care of the Kids Christmas Party.



BASKETBALL HOOP SHOOT DEC 21ST

Keefe Tech High School

Invite all kids under 14 to come compete

A Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted at the Lodge.

Please consider helping out on that day to make sure the event is a great success.



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Tuesday night Dec 10th.

\$12 Per member

Porketta, Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, bread etc...

DECEMBER 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---|--|----------|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  Lodge Meeting (The only one this month) | 5 | 6 Pearl Harbor Day Veteran's Service Fundraiser (Westfield/West Springfield Lodge) | 7  |
| 8 Kid's Christmas Party  | 9 | 10  Member's Christmas Party | 11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Lodge Hoop Shoot (2:00 pm @ Keefe Tech)  |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Christmas Day (Lodge Closed)  | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31  <i>New Year's Eve</i> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. <i>Bob Hope</i></p> | | | |

JANUARY 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product. <i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i></p> | | | 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>  Lodge Meeting (Tentative) | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash | 9 | 10 | 11 Law and Order Night (Winthrop Lodge) |
| 12 East Central District PER Meeting (Franklin) | 13 | 14 | 15  Lodge Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19  Martin Luther King Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| President's Mid-Winter Cruise 19-26 | | | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

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Unfortunately I have lost the email distribution List of those I used to send electronic notices to.

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If you would like to receive your Electronic reminders again, please email me at jerryblanch@verizon.net with your email address.

My apologies for the inconvenience.

Jerry Blanchette PER