



ER MESSAGE

Greetings Members!

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and it is hard to believe the year is almost over.

I am pleased to announce our lodge passed the District Deputy inspection and was found to be in good order. The final report has not yet been received but once it is it will be read at the next lodge meeting. Thank you to all officers, Home Committee members, Board of Directors and our Bar Manager Rob Connors for ensuring our stability.

Congratulations to District Deputy Jerry Blanchette for completing the ECD pre-visits and visitations. Jerry's Homecoming was a well-attended meeting/event with dignitaries representing the Grand Lodge and the Massachusetts Elks State Association. It was a lovely evening and good luck Jerry on the remainder of your duties as District Deputy.

The Framingham Lodge hosted a Veterans Day Luncheon after a ceremony celebrating Veterans Day at Cushing Chapel. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this day of remembrance of our Veterans a very special one.

I attended the Regional Meeting on November 16, 2014 at the Tewksbury Lodge and accepted a trophy on behalf of the Framingham Lodge for 1st place U-14 for the state soccer shoot. Thank you John Villa for all your dedication to ENF programs especially the soccer shoot.

Upcoming events:

December 6, 2014 @ 7pm: ECD-PER Association fundraiser: Live Bullet: A Bob Seger Tribute Band at the Maynard Lodge. Buffet dinner and show: \$20.00. Please contact me if you'd like to buy tickets: acornrn@verizon.net or 508-308-2609 Some of the Proceeds will go to benefit our District Deputy!! Should be a great time and a great way to support Jerry. The Franklin Elks are hiring a bus and extended an invitation to the Framingham lodge for transportation to and from the event.

December 7, 2014: Memorial Sunday, Children's Christmas Party

December 9, 2014: Members Christmas Party

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and healthy Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

ER Donna



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS Kevin Horton

If you know of someone who may be "under the weather" let one of the Officers know so we can announce it.



ELKS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has set aside the first Sunday in December as Memorial Sunday. This is a day set aside to remember all our Members who have passed away since our last Memorial Sunday.

On December 7, 2014 we will gather at our Lodge at 11:00am to hold a special ceremony to commemorate this day. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. There will be a small collation following the service in the lower Grill Room.



The following will be remembered in a special way:

Eugene Beshears David Brody, LM William Crivello John C. Fiore, LM
James J. Kelley, III George Kennedy Edward Manning

YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN BUFFALO!!

Now is the time to plan your get-away. Join State President Mark Cronin and his wife Nancy and fellow Elks, family, and friends on the January 31- February 9, 2015 cruise sailing on the festive Norwegian Gem to the tropical Eastern Caribbean.

For more information see the Lodge Bulletin Board or talk with the Secretary. This trip is available to Elks and non-Elks!!



ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER

John C. Fiore

Born: Sept. 10, 1920

Initiated: Feb. 20, 1958

Life Member: Feb. 28, 1988

Died: Nov. 14, 2014

sleep my brother and peace be with you.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

The holidays are upon us and many will be facing the conflicts arising from being politically correct during this season. To that I say, "get over it and go with your gut feelings." This is a time of joy and peace in a world filled with conflict and turmoil. We busy ourselves with gift shopping and food preparations, party planning and traveling. It is hectic. Yet we need to take time to be thankful, reminding ourselves that there are many standing in harm's way so that we can go about our "busy" lives. There are people living in fear of attacks, while others struggle with disease and sickness. This is a troubled world into which we attempt to bring hope of a better place to live.

The Elks have always tried to be that example of hope. Through our local charitable giving's we do bring hope into our corner of the world. Our successful Soccer and Hoop Shoots provide kids with positive alternatives. Our Scholarship program helps kids to achieve their goals. Our Veteran's activities remind them that they are not forgotten. Our Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen has as his theme, "Elks: Elevating America!" Be proud of your Membership, and don't hesitate to invite others to join us in our campaign to be a symbol of hope in our community.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a joyous holiday season! Happy New Year!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



EMBLEM NEWS



I can't believe that its holiday time again- where did this year go?

We receive thank you notes all the time, but my favorite is how we are blessed and prayed for by the veterans. When we bring items to them they have happy faces. How they love to talk to us and ask us to please have coffee and stay awhile. Rest homes send thanks monthly for all the jewelry and small stuff animals. The nurses at the schools also say thanks for the children's hats that we donate to the grammar schools. Our mail box always has lots of thank you notes, I just wanted to share a few with you. Remember we always need small stuff animals, jewelry and yarn of any size that you don't need.

On November 9th, Emblem Sisters were invited to attend the D.D. Visitation and Homecoming. It was enjoyed by all.

The Elks and Emblem did a great job at the Turkey shoot. Many turkeys were given to Mark to cook Thanksgiving dinner for people who otherwise be alone on the holiday without a great meal.

Virginia Noonan, scholarship chair, wants to thank all who enjoyed their tea and sent in money so a college student will receive money for books or other materials.

We had a great state meeting held at the Worcester Lodge of Elks on Sunday November 16, 2014. Carlene Bennett, Framingham Press Correspondence, received an award from the Supreme Emblem Club of the United States of America for Press.

Phyllis May will light the candle at the Elks Memorial Sunday December 7th, 2014 at 11:00am for Emblem deceased Sisters.

Children Christmas party is December 7th, check at the club for details.

Sickness and Distress: Helen Gibbons has return home this week. June Roberson is on the mend. Roberta Roberti is happy to be home and needs to get stronger after her hip surgery.

Advice Column: Facts about Ebola in the US, you can't get Ebola through water or food.

Touching blood or body fluids of a person who is sick with or died from Ebola is a sure way to catch it. Be careful of sick animals too. Don't touch, always call animal control for help?

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 10, 2014 at 7:30pm. Collation Hostesses are: Joan deGrandmaison, Jeanne Ottaviani, and June Robinson.

Emblem wishes ER Donna a happy 50th birthday and many more.

Please have a safe and Happy New Year. Don't make any resolutions you can't keep.

Merry Christmas

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May President
508-879-6053



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation to date.

We are through three quarters of the year and we are currently at \$3.96 per member (GREAT JOB). We are close to meeting the Grand Lodge goal of \$4.60 and I'm sure with your continued support we will meet his goal this year and the lodges goal of \$6.00.

There are many members that are very close to their Participating Membership status of \$100.00 if you would like to know where you stand contact me.

Thank you all for your continued support and helping us provide our students with scholarships well over 3 million last year. Last Year our Lodge gave out over \$18,000 to student through the State Scholarship Grants. The Elks National Foundation also supports the Veterans and many other programs including the Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness.

If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Lodge Chairman,

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



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.**



HEADLINING – “The Italian Don Rickels”

HOST - MATT KONA

FEATURING – Thomas Mitchell



The Event will be held at the Framingham Lodge on January 24, 2015. \$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 change to win \$1,000.00. Raffle books are available at the members bar or contact 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.....

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Fund Raiser

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\$20.00

December 6, 2014

5:30pm Cocktails

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Entertainment

Maynard Elks

34 Powder Mill Road, Maynard MA 01754

For more information please contact
Donna Acorn @ acornrn@verizon.net

WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM

During the month of December, we will be collecting new personal products for the Homeless Veterans living at Larry's Place on Lincoln Street. A donation box will be placed at the lodge. Items such as combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shaving cream, brand new socks, underwear and sweats are welcome.

The Lodge received a grant for veterans initiatives, if anyone would like to participate, contact Donna Acorn or Laura Medrano



"SO LONG AS THERE ARE
VETERANS,
THE BENEVOLENT AND
PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
WILL NEVER FORGET THEM"

NOTE: HOOPSHOOT HELP NEEDED

Jim Furlong and his committee will need help for this day. Please sign up and come down to help. It is a great time to watch the children compete.



Lodge shoot - Saturday Dec 20 - sign up 2:00pm shoot begins at 3:00- 4:00pm

Snow Date - Saturday Jan 10, 2015 sign up 2:00 shoot begins at 3:00- 4:00pm

The District Shoot to be held on Saturday January 17th, 2015 @ Hudson High School. Registration @ 8:30 a.m., shoot @ 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

Congratulations to the fifteen new Members who were Initiated during District Deputy Jerry Blanchett's Homecoming. Congratulations to the Officers for a fine rendition of the Initiatory Ritual. A great night was had by all who attended, and the number of visiting dignitaries from across the State was a real tribute to DD Jerry. The meal prepared by Flo's Catering was nothing less than spectacular. Our next class is set for PER Night in February. Applications are now being accepted. Let's make this class another great class!



If you are still delinquent in your current Membership dues, please bring yourself up to date and continue to be a part of this great Order and this great Lodge! I'm waiting on 21 of you to come on board.

Remember, if you know of someone who has allowed his Membership to lapse, ask him to re-instate now. Contact the Secretary at 774-279-2796. Thanks.

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy Scholarship

For Elks Members, Children and grandchildren

The student must complete and submit the ONLINE application by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time on the January 30, 2015, deadline.

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacyfaq.cfm>



See your Lodge Chairman Jay Renzello for the Mass State Elks Scholarship Applications.

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Lodge Meeting (only 1 this month)	4	5 ECD PER Association Fundraiser (Maynard Lodge) Bob Segar Tribute Band – “Live Bullet”	6
7 Elks Memorial Sunday  Pearl Harbor Day Kid's Christmas Party	8 	9  Member's Christmas Party	10 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  Lodge Meeting  Hanukkah	18	19	20 Hoop Shoot (Keefe Tech) 
21	22	23	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve	<div> QUOTE OF THE DAY... If it's hard to remember, it'll be difficult to forget. <i>Arnold Schwarzenegger</i> </div>		

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	QUOTE OF THE DAY... Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose. <i>Lyndon B. Johnson</i>			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 	2	3
4	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting	8	9	10 Law and Order Night (Auburn/ Webster Lodge)
11	12	13	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16	17
18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	19	20	21  Lodge Meeting	22	23	24 ECD ENF Fundraiser (Framingham Lodge)
25	26	27	28	29	30 President's Mid-Winter Cruise 	31

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Framingham Exalted Ruler Donna Acorn and
Lodge Soccer Shoot Chairman John J Villa PER,
PDD, HLM presented the Lodge with the coveted
Edward J. Mahan Memorial Trophy for having a
lodge contestant that scored the highest total points
in the senior boys division at the State Soccer Shoot.
Framingham winner Anthony Moraga (U14) was the
top scorer for the day and went on to compete in the
Regionals held in Augusta, ME.