



E.R. MESSAGE

Greetings All !

I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

The Lodge hosted a Veterans Day Luncheon after the ceremony at Town Hall. We had a fantastic turn out for the event.

Thanks to everyone who helped out and made this event a success for the lodge.

I attending the Regional meeting held at the Randolph Lodge on November 12th. During the meeting I was able to accept the trophy for the First place in the Boys group which is on display in the members lounge. A huge THANK YOU to John Villa for making this possible. John we are grateful that you step up every year and make it possible for our lodge to have this event.

December is a very busy month for the lodge. Please sign up for the Kids Christmas Party and Memorial Day Sunday on Dec 3rd.

The members Christmas party is on December 12th and a sign-up sheet will be available in the members lounge. I encourage everyone to participate for this event is so much fun!

On November 18th we held our annual Turkey Shoot which was moved to the upstairs hall. This event was a complete success. We raised more money than ever before. Thanks to the Entertainment committee and the Emblems for making the baskets and organizing the event. I would also like to thank Brian Parker and the rest of the crew for picking up the turkeys.



I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy holidays and Happy New Year.

Sue Brown, E.R.

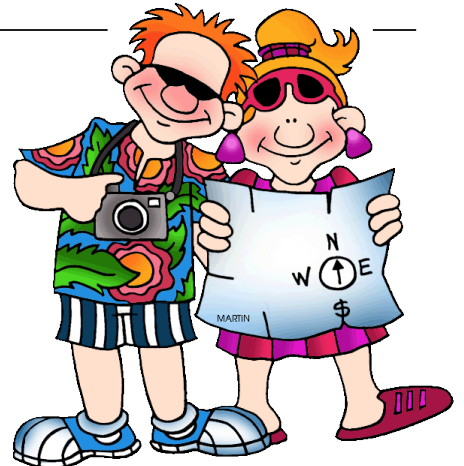


ANOTHER REMINDER: HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

Many bulletins have been returned to our Lodge due to a change of address or because the Member is "Temporarily Away". Please inform the Secretary if you are moving or have any plans to be away for an extended period of time (that's you snowbirds!!) Remember, you may opt to receive the Bulletin on line and we will take your name off the mailing list!

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Please contact the Secretary: bobanspach@aol.com





SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The following Members are in assisted living facilities and take visitors and calls. Anyone needing specific information should contact the Secretary (bobanspach@aol.com): Paul Parker, William Casey, Ron Barney and Jody Mahan.

ELKS' MEMORIAL SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2017

The first Sunday of December is declared Elks Memorial Sunday. It is marked by a service beginning at 11:00am followed by a light collation. All Members and their families are invited to attend. This year we will remember in a special way the following Members who have passed since our last Memorial Sunday:

HAROLD HACKANSSON

CHARLES HICKSON LM

MARIO SANNICANDRO LM



RENOVATIONS TO THE GAME ROOM HAVE BEGUN:



Thank you to Peter Pandolfino for installing the door. Now that the door is on, we can schedule to have the Table leveled and repaired. Painting crew expected soon to put a new coat on the walls. Rumor has it we might even have new Dart Boards installed. As members, please make sure you take advantage of our Game Room.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Please, no more complaints about Christmas music being played too early! We all know with the commercialization of the season there is the quest to get it started as soon as possible. Whoever would have thought that major stores would be opening on Thanksgiving Day leading into something called Black Friday? Yes, we can all get absorbed into the hecivity of the season.

As Elks we know that Charity is the greatest of virtues and it is not only practiced during a particular time of year but it is practiced throughout the year. Our support of youth programs, our scholarship donations, our support of local Veterans as well as various Veterans' Organizations, our support of food pantries and a variety of assorted needs within our community are a testimony to our commitment to Charity.

This month we will remember those Members who have gone before us and whose names are inscribed on our "Tablets of Love and Memory." Memorial Sunday provides us a time to recall those who helped to make our Lodge what it is today and it reminds us that they are never forgotten. We also will hold our Kids' Christmas Party and Santa will once more distribute presents to all the children who attend. As Charity begins at home we will also hold our Members' Party and celebrate the season together.

On behalf of all the Officers I extend to you a Happy Holiday, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Christmas and Joyful Kwanza!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



TIRED OF EATING LEFTOVERS AND TOO RUSHED TO COOK

On the second Wednesday of each month the Lodge holds a “meal of the month/birthday bash” for all Members and guests. It is an all you can eat dinner followed by cake and ice cream for only \$8.00. (Menu for the meal of the month is posted on the Lodge bulletin boards.) Then if you are present and your birthday is during that month you have a chance to win the birthday drawing. A fifty/fifty raffle is also held. Dinner starts at 5:30 until 6:45. Come and enjoy the Lodge hospitality on December 13, 2017.



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ACTION

While most activities are posted in this bulletin often events at the Lodge may come in a spontaneous way, or may be planned after the bulletin has been printed and mailed. In order to keep yourself better informed of these happenings I encourage you to come down to the Lodge and look over the bulletin boards.



CANDIDATES AWAITING INITIATION

The following Candidates are awaiting Initiation and they are looking for others to share in the celebration. Michael Cannon, Anthony Corrado and Mike King. Applications are being accepted for our next class. Please drop them off in the Secretary's Mailbox in the Grill Room.

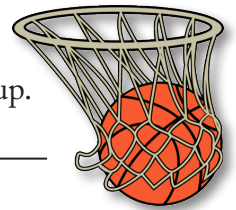
LIONS' AND ELKS' VETERANS' BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

The first collaboration of the Framingham Lions and Framingham Elks came in holding a Veterans' Breakfast last month. Over thirty-five Veterans enjoyed a free breakfast along with local politicians and other families. We collected \$210.00 in donations which will be given to a local Veterans' organization. Our thanks go to all who attended and to Bennie Ottaviani and his crew of workers who provided an excellent breakfast for all to enjoy.



HOOP SHOOT

This year's Hoop Shoot will be on Dec 10th at Keefe Tech. Registration will be at 12:00. Please volunteer to Help out, it is only a couple of hours. Sign up at the Lodge, or just show up.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating PER, ER Suzanne Brown on her recent donation and reaching Honorary Founder level for donating over \$1000.00 to the Elks National Foundation. I would also like to thank Jerry Blanchett for his monthly donation with a matching pledge through his company.

Many employers will match gifts given to non-profit organizations by employees and spouses, meaning that for every dollar you donate to the ENF, your company will donate another dollar! Some employers even match gifts from retirees. Double the impact of your gift today! To find out if your company sponsors a matching gift program. Check with your employer's human resource department to find out more.

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To all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your donations that we will continue to prosper and grow to be able to give back to our Society.

We are through three quarters of the year and based on my calculations we are currently at \$8.36 per member (GREAT JOB). We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.75 per member and have exceeded the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member. We are now eligible for multiple grants from the ENF to help others in our community.

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. Once you have reached this plateau, I can add your name to the Elk National Foundation board in the members lounge.

Thank you all for your continued support and helping us provide our students with scholarships well over \$4.68 million last year. Last Year our Lodge gave out over \$18,000 to students through the State Scholarship Grants. The Elks National Foundation donated \$1.5 million to our Veterans and over \$14.5 million to other programs including the Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Drug Awareness and Community Investment Program's.

Please send in any ENF donation to my attention and I will send it in your name.

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.

HEADLING - John Perrotta "The Italian Don Rickles"
Host - Dave DiLorenzo and Hugo Maienza



The Event will be held at the Franklin Lodge on February 3, 2018. \$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 \$1,500.00 in prizes. 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 JANUARY 27, 2018



EMBLEM NEWS

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We had the annual "TURKEY SHOOT" and I'm happy to say it was a big success for both the Elks and Emblem. Thanks to all who helped Sheri King, Shari Manning, Patty Higgins, Joanie D and the "Gobbler" himself Paul King. Great job all.

In the spirit of giving I want to remind people that we are still looking for donations for the school kids and teachers such as pencils, pens, notebooks, tissues, hand sanitizer rulers etc. Phyllis May is literacy chairman who is collecting for the schools. We are also collecting bingo prizes for the 3 nursing homes we go to such as jewelry but no pierced earrings please. The ladies love anything that sparkles. There are also men so if you think of things they might like please let Jean Ottaviani or Ginger Noonan know. A thank you goes out to Barbara Smith for donating a new set of silverware to Larry's place for Veterans day.

Recipe of the month from Eleanor DeBassio: 1 cup chopped cranberries 1 cup sugar. Mix these two together and let sit 1/4 cup shortening. 2 cups flour 3/4 cup orange juice. 1 1/2 tsp baking powder 1 egg. 1 tsp salt 1 tsp vanilla. 1/2 tsp baking soda 1/2 cup nuts (if desired) Mix dry ingredients together. Mix shortening, egg, vanilla and orange juice together. Stir in cranberries and nuts. Bake at 325 degrees for approximately one hour in a lightly greased bread pan.

Happy Holidays. Our next meeting is one December 13th. This is our last meeting until March. Collation hostesses are Jamie Romano and myself.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson
President



ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy awards for seniors in high school. Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The application process is done completely online, www.elks.org/enf **DUE ON LINE 02/01/2018**

MA Elks Vocational scholarship \$1000 Award is for student's enrolled in a full time 2 year vocational technical course. Applications can be found at the Lodge or by contacting the Lodge Chairperson. **DEADLINE IS 3/1/18**

The MA Elks Scholarship is for seniors in high school and students already enrolled in a 4 year college program. This scholarship can be renewed each of the 4 years of college by re-applying each year. Hard copy applications can be found at the Lodge or by contacting the Lodge Chairperson. **DEADLINE IS 2/1/18**

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





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DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Dart Tournament (Arlington) 
 Patriots vs Bills (1pm)	3 Memorial Sunday (11am) 4 Kid's Christmas Party (1pm) 	5	6  Lodge Meeting	7	8	9
 Hoop Shoot (Keefe Tech 12:00)	10  Patriots vs Miami (8:30)	11  Members' Christmas Party	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13  Hanukkah	14 Holiday Raffle Drawing 	15 16
17  Patriots vs Steelers (4:25)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  Patriots vs Bills (1:00)	25  Christmas Day (Lodge Closed)	26	27	28	29	30
31  Patriots vs Jets (1:00)	 New Year's Eve					

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Lodge Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	11	12	13
14	15 State President's Getaway to Jamaica 16th-22nd	16 	17  Lodge Meeting	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25	26 Elk's Veterans' Night with Providence Bruins 	27  Public Safety Night (Franklin)
28	29	30	31			

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Emblem and the Entertainment Committee worked real hard at the Turkey Shoot, A couple of shout outs to Brian Parker and Ernie Moreau for getting the Turkeys. Paul King for calling the cards, Maureen our amazing bartender. Thank you to the following people for donating the baskets and our door prize.

Patty Higgins, Sheree King, Shari Manning, June Robinson, Joanie DeGrandmaison, Phylis May, Gladys Kiley, Donna Acorn, Laura Medrano, Bob Anspach, and our favorite bar manager Cliff Corado.

The entertainment Committee is also busy setting up dates for 2018 !!!! Save some dates everyone. We have scheduled our next two Meat Shoots for Saturday Feb 17 and March 31st. Our time starting will be at 4pm.

We are still selling raffled tickets for our SNOWMAN LOTTERY TICKETS at the lodge, see our bartenders or Sheree King to get your tickets. Drawing is Dec 15th at 6pm.

If anyone has any suggestions to help the lodge with fundraiser ideas let us know. We are working on a couple of ideas now but always room for more. We have had a great year with our committee and fundraising, Looking forward to 2018.

Your Entertainment Committee Staff: Chair Person -Sheree King, Patty Higgins, Shari Manning, Donna Acorn, Laura Medrano, Jerry Blanchette and Sue Brown