



February 2014

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264

#### **ER MESSAGE**

February is here. This winter has definitely been a challenge with the extremely cold weather and snow. February also brings Elections of Lodge Officers. The Lodge has some Vacant Chairs for the 2014-2015 year. Anyone wishing to get involved with a committee or fill the role of an Officer should contact the Lodge Secretary or attend a lodge meeting on the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of any month. Hope everyone stays safe and warm.

Scott, E.R.

#### **MOVIE NIGHT**

Sunday Night, February 16th

Some may have this long weekend and with Monday being a day off we thought you might be able to stay out later on Sunday.

Come down to the Lodge and enjoy some Popcorn and a Movie.

8:00 Showtime!



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#### SECRETARY'S CORNER

This bulletin includes the names of two members who were called away from us. Though I have been a member for over twenty-five years and had the privilege of serving this Lodge in many capacities I am always surprised as to how little I know of some with whom I have shared a great deal of time. Kevin Bradley left an incredible legacy of friends and generous commitment to many people with whom he associated. His last eight years were a tribute to his strength and character. If you had the honor of attending Ed Manning's service and heard the eulogy presented by his niece, or listened to Ernie Moreau, PER's comments back at the Lodge on the celebration of Ed's life, the words brought new meaning to what it is to be a loving family member and a close friend. I hope I never take my membership for granted again, nor my association with my Members too lightly.

The month of February provides us an opportunity to exercise our right as Members to nominate and elect those who will serve our Lodge as Officers in the ensuing year. This charge we should take seriously as those who wish to hold those Offices have a grave responsibility. Please attend our meetings and participate in the process. Also, at the end of the month we will have PER Night with the initiation of new members. Come and support your past Officers and celebrate the new class, and renew your obligation with them.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM Secretary

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Joyce and Richard Seariac (Both at Concord Rehabilitation on Route 2); Kevin Horton; Marvin Teele (At Oak Knoll, due home soon); and Dave Farrell (Home recovering from hip procedure).



#### ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF MEMBERS

#### **Kevin Bradley**

Born: January 22, 1956

Initiated: September 16, 2009

Died: January 12, 2014

#### Ed Manning

Born: February 22, 1956

Initiated: October 15, 1994

Died: January 7, 2014

Sleep my brothers, your names will never be forgotten.



#### **HOOP SHOOT**

The Lodge held our Hoop Shoot on December 21st at the Keefe Tech Vocational. We had a great turn out with 39 children and 60 parents. The winners when on to the District Shoot held in Hudson on January 11. We have two winners going onto the State Hoop Shoot.

We had a great turn out for help from the Members and Non-Members. I would like to thank the following for their support.

John Villa, Kathy Morse, Bill Villa, Mike Halpin, John Luz, Jonathan Mueller, Jerry Blanchette, Scott Gillis, Conner Gillis, Mike Donnelly, Kevin Higgins, O'Rourke and Monica Trashjian

If I have missed anyone, it was not intentional.

Thanks again for your support in our Hoop Shoot.

Jim Furlong *Chairman* 



#### **MOVING?**

Many still wish to receive the bulletin by mail. What I face every month is that some of you have moved or go away for the winter, or perhaps change addresses for the summer, which results in your bulletin being returned to the Lodge as undeliverable. Since we use bulk mail rates, bulletins will not be forwarded but rather returned

at our expense. If you know you are going away, or if you have moved (or moving) please notify the Secretary to make the necessary changes in your address. This way you can continue to receive Lodge updates and notices regarding happenings around Your Lodge. Better yet, consider receiving the Bulletin on line by using the <a href="https://www.framinghamelks.com">www.framinghamelks.com</a> address! Let me know if don't wish to receive the mailed copy!

Thanks.



#### **EMBLEM NEWS**

How many of you can believe that January has come and gone. With that I am sure a lot of New Year's resolutions are a thing of the past.

We were so happy that we could help Santa fill out the wish list he had received from children of all ages. Emblem and St Patrick's Manor made sure that all children were able to receive gifts. I was able to bring many car loads of toys, clothing and gifts for teenagers to the Salvation Army. Folks donated Christmas gifts instead of returning them. I brought new clothes, slippers, hats, toys and food to organizations in need.

We didn't have a meeting so I have a list of ideas you might enjoy?

#### Health:

Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.

Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.

Take a 10-30 minutes' walk daily, and while you walk, smile.

#### Personality:

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

#### **Society:**

Call your family often.

Spend time with people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

#### Life:

Do the right thing!

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

The best is yet to come.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

Your inner most is always happy. So be happy.

Sickness and Distress: Barbara Ford is in rehab, I don't know any details

Remember there is no meeting in February. We will meet in March. So be careful with the snow and ice spots. Don't forget to wish those you love a Happy Valentine's Day.

Please keep track of your hours that you volunteer for Jamie Romano for Community Service. Don't forget to pay your annual dues early, you could be the winner of \$50.00 in the drawing.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May President 508-879-6053



#### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

I want to thank all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your help that we will continue to prosper and grow.

We are almost at the end of the year and we are currently at \$5.29 per member (GREAT JOB) we have meet the Grand Lodge per capita of \$4.50 and will meet the Lodge goal of \$6.00. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports many programs working with the Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness programs in addition over 6 million dollars in Scholarships were given out last year alone.

To our newest Elks National Foundation members. The Lodge has already started your first pledge of \$10.00 to the Elks National Foundation. If you would like to add to your donation please leave a check made out to the Elks National Foundation at the lodge to my attention and I will make sure that it is sent to your account.

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 for your continued support to this great cause for charity. If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

Elks Care, Elks Share,

John J. Villa PER, PDD, HLM Lodge Chairman

#### **DUES NOTICES**

Dues notices will be mailed to each individual this month. Return addressed envelopes will be provided to return your payment. Please use it, even if you wish to leave your payment



at the bar. Cards will be either mailed or left at the bar as you declare on the envelope. This will happen after March 15 as your present Membership Card will still be active until April 1, 2014.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me: 774-279-2796. Thanks.



#### PER/ New Member Initiation

Friday February 21st

Dinner at 6:00, Ceremony at 7:00

This is when Past Exalted Rulers perform the Initiation Ceremony for our New Members.

All Members are encouraged to attend.

Sponsors: Please accompany your Candidates.

PERs: I would especially like to see you in attendance to welcome our new Members into our Lodge.

Please let the Lodge know if you plan to attend so we can plan a headcount for the Dinner.

See you then.

Jerry Blanchette Junior PER

## FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Super Bowl	3	4	Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	6 Orientation of New Members	7	8 ENF Bola Comedy Night (Norwood)
Regional Meeting (Randolph)	10	11	Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13	Valentine's Day	15
Elk's Night @ 16 Falcon's Hockey (Springfield)  MOVIE NIGHT	President's 17 Day	18	Lodge Meeting (Election of Officers)	20	21 PER Night Initiation	22
at the ELKS	24	25	26	27	28	

# MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Candlepin 9 Bowling (Norwood)	10	11	Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13	14	15
16	St. Patrick's 17 Day	18	Lodge Meeting	20	21	Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland ME)
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