



## ER MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all! I hope all our members and their families had a wonderful holiday.

December was a very busy month and I would like to thank all our member volunteers and the Emblem Club for making our Memorial Sunday, Children's Christmas Party and Member's Christmas Party a wonderful success. It was great to see so many people come out, spend time together and celebrate the holiday season.

Thank you to Laura Medrano and Cesar Monzon for donating their time and providing Hoops and Homework with a Children's Christmas Party December 19, 2014. Funding was provided from grant monies from the Elks National Foundation. Nice job!

A big thank you to Jimmy Furlong and his family for running the annual Hoop Shoot at Keefe Tech. 12/20/14. Thank you to Kevin Higgins, Mike Donnelly and Jerry Blanchette for volunteering as score keepers and runners. It was a lot of fun to participate in this competition and best of luck to the top scorers as they move on to the district competition in January.

The New Year brings about officer elections in the next month and there will be vacancies. This year we will have at least 4 positions open that need to be filled. 5 year Trustee, Chaplin, Loyal Knight and Lecturing Knight. Any member interested in becoming an officer, a chair officer or interested in joining a committee; please feel free to contact myself (acornrn@verizon.net) or our Leading Knight; Cesar Monzon (cmonzon11@verizon.net). To quote a Past Exalted Ruler, "decisions for our future are made at lodge meetings, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 7pm, please attend and be part of our success".

The East Central District ENF Fundraiser will be held at the Framingham Lodge 1/24/15. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 7pm and Comedy Show at 8pm. Please see John Villa for tickets. Sounds like a fun time!

There will be a Meat Shoot on Valentine's Day February 14, 2015 7pm. Come on down, support our lodge and have some fun!!

Sincerely,

Donna ER

## Things that are Important to ELKS:

**Becoming** a Member is Important! **Attending** Lodge Meetings are important! **Nominating** Officers is Important! **Becoming** an Officer is important! **Being** on a Committee is important! **Remember** you are Member of our Lodge, not just a member of the Bar. **Without** Officers, there is no Lodge! **Without** a Lodge, there is no Bar! **This** is important to understand! **It** is important during Nomination of Officers that we fill our Obligation to the Elks and have a full suite of Officers.

It is also just as important to have the right people Nominated and Elected as our Officers to keep our Lodge moving in the right direction. The Elks is a great Organization of people that enjoy socializing with others while supporting Youths, Charities and our local Community. Please get more involved. Come to a Meeting and ask our Exalted Ruler or an Officer what it takes to become an Officer. Thank you for your understanding of these Important messages.

Jerry Blanchette

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

East Central District



## ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER

JOHN AYLARD

Born: April 28, 1934

Initiated: October 21, 1965

Life Member: December 12, 1998

Died: December 15, 2014

Sleep my Brother and Peace be with you.



## PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dan Fritz proposed by Jason Heggs

Applications are being accepted for the PER Night Class which will take place at the end of February.

Applications are available with the Secretary or behind the bar in the Grill Room.

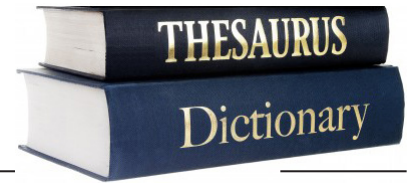


## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS Kevin Horton

If you know of someone who is ill, let an Officer know so we can acknowledge the Member.

## THE DICTIONARY PROJECT IS ALIVE AND WELL

Recently the Lodge donated 216 Student Thesaurus and Dictionaries to the third grade students at Mindess School in Ashland. The thank you notes from the teachers and students express a truly grateful school. This is what makes the Project so valuable as it shows our interest in the educational development of young people. So far the Elks have given out almost 8000 dictionaries across the State. For more information on how you can become a part of this Project contact your Secretary.



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

For many, the month of January marks a time of new beginnings. It is a time to make resolutions. A time to set new goals.....did I hear someone say "lose weight?" We all need a month like January in our lives to evaluate our past and focus on our future.

With Elks there are three more months in the Lodge year. Our new year begins April 1, 2015. There is still time to focus on this current year, and work on the projects that are known to make the Order of Elks so successful. Membership is everyone's responsibility, and there is still time to bring in a new member for this year. There is still time to run a function to benefit our Lodge, or our Veteran's Program. Still time to plan a social to bring our Members together for a good time. (Did someone mention Super Bowl Sunday?)

This is also a time to be thinking about how you may contribute to the Lodge by becoming a member of a Committee, or an Officer of the Lodge. In February we will be accepting nominations for Officers.....your name could be on the slate of Officers who will carry us through the upcoming year. If you want to know how to get involved contact our Exalted Ruler Donna Acorn or any present Officer for details.

I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Faternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM  
Secretary





## EMBLEM NEWS

Happy New Years to one and all. The Christmas season is over. I hope you all had a great holiday. If you have already broken your New Year resolution, it's not too late to start over.

I was honored to light the candle for all our past deceased Emblem members at the Elks' Memorial Sunday held on December 7th.

The Elks Children's Christmas Party turned out great. The elves, Mrs. Claus and Santa were the hit of the party. Elks and Emblem worked very hard together to make sure the kids had a great time. Larry's Place enjoyed all the leftover pizza from the party.

The Elks and Emblem do exist because we give so much back to the community. Take a look at our community service reports that are given each month. Excellent job everyone!

If you have a question regarding community service, please ask me. I'll be glad to answer it. Remember there is no such thing as a dumb question.

There will be a Cootie party held for MSAEC KT/DA FUND on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 1:30PM at Newton Lodge of Elks. They are sponsoring their first Cootie/tea Party. There will be prizes given for the best tea party hat. Bring your favorite tea cup and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and the game. The cost is \$10.00 and all proceeds will go the state KT/DA FUND.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how great the staff at St Patrick's Manor has been to Emblem. They collected and donated food and gifts for the Salvation Army to give out during the holidays for those in need. Also donated clothing, blankets and pillows for the veterans at Larry's Place. I often receive dinners from St Patrick's Manor to feed the seniors. Our Emblem has the best community report due to their generosity to us. I would like to thank the staff for all they have done for Emblem.

Sickness and distress: Sorry to report that Helen Gibbons is back in a rest home, but hoping to return home soon. Carlene Bennett and June Robinson are under doctor's care. Terry McDevitt had eye surgery.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses will be announced in the March bulletin.

Advice Colum: Now that winter weather is upon us, I would like to remind all Elks and Emblem to be extremely careful when walking to their cars everywhere they go. Even though the parking lots are cleared and salted, it can still be slippery. Please use caution when walking on snow and ice. I don't want anyone to get injured.

To all Elks and Emblem, please have a safe winter and stay healthy. I just want to say thanks to all of you who have given me support and help all year long.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May President  
508-879-6053



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Mary Ann Quintal for her recent donation and reaching Participating Member 1 status for donating over \$100.00. I would also like to thank Pearl Eagles on her recent donation.



We are through three quarters of the year and we are currently at \$4.37 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 this year's Lodge 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 please 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 students 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

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## EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

# LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

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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## 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.

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## THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications have been accepted for the Most Valuable Student, Vocational Scholarships, State Association Scholarships and Legacy Awards. Our Scholarship Chairman Jay Renzello has worked diligently to provide students in the surrounding schools an opportunity to apply for the scholarships offered by the Elks. For more information log on to BPOElks.org

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## ELKS HOOPSHOOT



The Lodge Hoopshoot was held at Keefe Tech High School on December 20, 2014. There were 33 children that participated. 6 children will advance to the District competition in January.



I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with this event. Elk Members - **District Deputy Jerry Blanchette, Exalted Ruler Donna Acorn, Kevin Higgins and Mike Donnelly.** Non-Elk Members – **Jim Jr., Mike, Jillian Furlong, John, Tim, Jack Luz, Mike Halpin, Jonathan Mueller, Greg and Steve Mueller.**

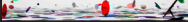






If I have missed anyone I apologize in advance. Thanks again for your support in this program.

*“Elks: Elevating America”*






Elks Care Elks Share.

Jim Furlong Lodge Chairman

# JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u>                      Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.  <i>Lyndon B. Johnson</i></p>				<p>1  <i>New Year's Day</i></p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4                      PER Assoc Meeting                      10:00am                      (Framingham)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7                        Lodge Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10                      Law and Order Night (Auburn/ Webster Lodge)</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14                      Emblem Club Meeting                      Meal of the Month                      Birthday Bash</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17                        District Hoop Shoot                      9:00am                      (Hudson)</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19                      Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  </p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21                        Lodge Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24                      ECD ENF Fundraiser                      (Framingham Lodge)</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29                      President's Mid-Winter Cruise                      Jan 30- Feb 9</p>	<p>30  </p>	<p>31                        State Hoop Shoot                      (Maynard)</p>

# FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4                        Lodge Meeting                      (Nomination of Officers)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
		<p>President's Mid-Winter Cruise</p>	<p>11                      Emblem Club Meeting                      Meal of the Month                      Birthday Bash</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14                      Valentine's Day                        Meat Shoot                      7pm</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16                      Birthday of the Order of Elk's 1868                        President's Day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18                        Lodge Meeting                      Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21                      Veterans Appreciation Night                      (Worcester Sharks)  </p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
						<p><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u>                      People won't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining.  <i>Stephen Hawking</i></p>

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