



E.R. MESSAGE

“Happy New Year to All”

Although I was away on Business I know December was a full and fun month for the Lodge. Lodge Activities, and lots of Hall Rentals filled the month.

Congratulations for having one of the biggest Members Christmas Parties in years. Thank you to everyone in the Lodge for making it Special.



I hope everyone had a great Holiday!

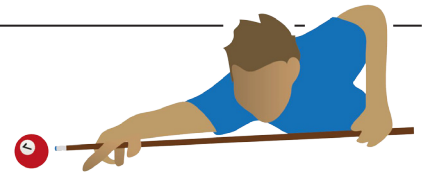
Well, with all New Years' resolutions; we need to try to keep our commitments. And even though it is a new Calendar year, we need to keep our commitments to the Lodge that we made for the Lodge year 2017 – 2018. We have a few months left to go, and we want to make sure we end on a strong note.

Thank you to all of Lodge Officers, Committee Members, and Members all. As we wind down the final months I would like to make sure you are involved with planning for the next Lodge year. The first meeting in February is Nomination of Officers, please make sure you are involved. If you have any questions or interests in becoming part of the Governing Body, don't be afraid to ask; or to get involved.

Sue Brown, E.R.

GAME ROOM

The Newly renovated Game Room is officially open.



It has been revitalized with a new Paint Job, Refurbished Pool Table, and Dart Boards on the Walls. Access to the room will be for members only, and you will need to get the key from the Bartender. Come down and practice. Looking for interest in possibly a Dart League? Or joining the Pool Team?

Special thanks to Sheree King for making this all happen. Other thank yous to PAUL King, Jerry Balnchette, Peter & Sweetie Pandolfino, Richy Cam and Ernie Moreau.

ANOTHER REMINDER: HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS? THIS BEARS REPEATING

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! (www.framinghamelks.com) Please contact the Secretary:

bobanspach@aol.com 18 bulletins were returned in December, unable to be forwarded.



Please help!!





SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey and Ron Barney.

Anyone needing specific information should contact the Secretary (bobanspach@aol.com). If you know of another member who may be under the weather please inform an Officer of the Lodge.

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER:

Edward T. Levay Sr.

Born: December 12, 1921 ~ Exalted Ruler 1979-1980 ~ Died: December 10, 2017

Ed had been living in South Harpswell, Maine.

Sleep my Member; your name will be inscribed on the tablets of love and memory.



HERE'S A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION...TAKE THE FAMILY TO DINNER

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 and kids are \$5.00. (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 January 10, 2018.



THREE MONTHS REMAIN

That's right three months remain in this current Lodge year. We still have 26 Members who have not paid their dues. I thank those Members who have tried to contact these delinquent Members. Unfortunately, if the dues aren't paid soon these delinquents will be dropped from our rolls. Next year's dues notices will be sent out in February.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Though the New (calendar) Year has begun, there is still much going on for the Elk Year which ends March 31st. In the months ahead we will be electing new Officers who will lead us through the ensuing year. There are also Committees which will be seeking volunteers to move us forward in all the Elk Programs. If you have any interest in taking on the challenges of leadership for our Lodge, please inform an Officer.

Many things were accomplished this year thanks to so many who helped coordinate activities (meat shoots, kids' Christmas Party, Members' Christmas Party, Veterans' luncheons, scholarship programs, charitable donations (Wreaths Across America and many others), Soccer and Hoop Shoots, and let's not forget the great heart of Elkdom with the Elks National Foundation). So much is done behind the scenes that to name all the people to thank would risk forgetting someone. But thankful we are. Moving forward we can only hope these members will maintain their enthusiasm and that their energy will encourage others to help. Soon our Order will be celebrating its 150th Birthday. Here is a good time to celebrate all that we are, and have been.

I wish everyone a blessed New Year filled with good health and happiness.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



A NOVEL IDEA FROM THE SAUGUS/EVERETT LODGE BULLETIN: ACTING APPROPRIATELY

Members are reminded that, when you're in the Lodge, we want you to feel at home. However, be mindful that you share that home with hundreds of other Members and their guests. Your language should always reflect the appropriate decorum. If someone else is reasonably offended by what you're saying you are taking away from their enjoyment of the Lodge. Please act and speak respectfully while you're here and know that complaints of inappropriate behavior will be addressed by the Home Committee.



Note: As we enter into a new year perhaps we could use a little reminder of our own House Rules.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Mark Hartry and Thomas Barbieri for their recent donations and reaching Participating Member 1 status for donating over \$100.00. I would also like to thank Michael Halpin and John Thomson for their donations last month. Keep up the good work.

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 \$8.80 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.

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 any time call at (508) 397-9065.

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Lodge Chairman,
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



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.

**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.

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

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a great Christmas and I hope you all have a Happy Healthy 2018.

The Elks had their memorial service in December honoring their members who had passed away this past year and they also mentioned the 2 Emblem members Helen Gibbons and Pat Kent who also past this year. One the same day the children's Christmas party was held. Santa and Mrs Claus (Dickie and Nancy Jay) arrived in style in a fire truck like old times. Phyllis May and me were Santa's helpers. The kids had fun munching on pizza and Laura's Mac and cheese and most of all their visit with Santa. A reminder that there will be no meetings in the months of January and February. Don't forget to get your community service reports to Pat Shorton.

Happy New Year!

Yours in Emblem








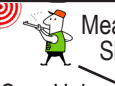




June Robinson
Emblem President



JANUARY 2018

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

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 	3 State Hoop Shoot Contest (Maynard) ENF Bola (Franklin Lodge)
4	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	8	9	10  Dart Tournament (Beverly/ Salem Lodge)
11 Regional Meeting (Billerica)	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Meal of the Month Birthday Bash  Valentine's Day	15  Ash Wednesday	16 150th Birthday of our Order 	17  Meat Shoot Corn Hole Tournament (Athol/Orange) 
18	19 President's Day 	20	21  Lodge Meeting (Election of Officers)	22 Washington's Birthday 	23	24 PER Night (Tentative)
25	26	27	28			

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Happy 2018 to all!

Congratulations to Steve Stone winner of our \$250 Snow Man Raffle. Thanks to all who supported our events in 2017!!!

We had a busy year last year. And we are looking forward to planning more events for this year.

Save the date Saturday Feb 17th at 4 pm for our meat shoot.

More events coming soon... Looking for more ideas for fundraising for the Lodge let us know your ideas. We are open for suggestions.

Thank you to Patty Higgins, Shari Manning, Donna Acorn, Sue Brown, Laura Medrano for all you do.

See you all soon

Sheree King, Chairperson

HOOP SHOOT



The Lodge Hoop Shoot was held on Dec 10 at Keefe Tech.

Thank you to all the Members that helped that day. Sheree King, Donna Acorn, Mike Donnelly, Bob Anspache, Dan O'Rourke, Scott and Connor Gillis, Roger and Patty Dilbarian, and Jim McGrath (with Keefe Tech Coach and 3 players).

It was a casual turn out of contestants and some great Free Throw Contests. We have kids advancing to the District Shoot on Jan 13th and wish them luck.



Jerry Blanchette PER, PDD
Shoot Chairman