



ER MESSAGE

Another month, wow time is flying.

There are lots of things going on at the Club and I want to thank everyone who either helps keep our daily business running, planning and running events, or just attending the events and supporting the Club.

It's great to see everyone down at the Club, and now that the Summer is finally here; it is always nice and cool in our Basement!

The State convention in June was fun and by the time you get this Bulletin, Myself and some others will be attending the National Convention in Indianapolis IN. I look forward to learning from others while at the Convention and will provide our Membership an update when I return and in next month's Bulletin.

When returning from the National Convention I will have ended my term as the District Deputy and look forward to concentrating on just Framingham.

Thank you to all that helped the Elks and the Town of Framingham Honor our Flag on Flag Day. It is important that as Elks, we Honor our Flag; and just as important to not let Framingham forget about Flag Day. Let's keep this going, and hopefully growing. You may have noticed we have raised the POW MIA Flag on our Pole. This is to remind us that those who were captured or missing will never be forgotten. Thank you to Robert A Burke from the Norwood Lodge who donated the Flag to us.

Be safe in your travels over the Summer and stop in whenever you are in the area.

Jerry Blanchette
ER, DD



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Kevin Horton,

DEATH OF A MEMBER: James "The Greek" Lambros, Born: Aug 26, 1930 Initiated: Oct 30, 1982
LM: Feb 1, 2012 Died: June 24, 2015



A SECRETARY'S DILEMMA

Often I have asked if anyone knows of someone who may be ill to please inform me or one of the Officers. Sometimes the illness or an operation recovery may be brief, the results of which a name may not appear in the bulletin. It is also important to note that material for the next month's bulletin needs to be submitted by the 21st of each month. Then there is the fact that some members prefer to have their lives kept private. Herein lies the dilemma: when and who should have their name posted? In order to facilitate an answer our Leading Knight Suzanne Brown has posted a new bulletin board in the Grill Room which will allow names to be posted more quickly. I ask that you tell the Bar Manager or one of his staff who can post the name quickly, and that information can be updated as we learn of the Member's recovery. Should that Member still be ill by the time the bulletin goes to press, that name will appear in the next bulletin. My thanks to everyone for your cooperation and understanding.



MEMBERSHIP

Our next class will be initiated in August which gives everyone ample time to submit applications. The applications may be found at the bar in the Grill Room and completed applications should be put in the Secretary's Mail Box in the Grill Room. Let's keep last year's momentum and look for another increase in Membership this year!



DUES ARE OVERDUE

My thanks to the over 450 Members who have taken advantage of their current Membership Card. That means there are still some 55 Members who are delinquent. The summer is a great time to travel and your Membership Card can give you access to over 2000 Lodges across this great Nation of ours. And as has been learned, the hall rental is reduced by half which made it much more affordable for graduation parties for member families. Your Membership Card also makes you a part of all the charitable givings in which your Lodge is engaged. Either mail your dues in or better still drop it off at the Lodge.



Email me with your thoughts on what we can do to improve our Lodge.

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SECRETARY'S CORNER

Summer is finally here, and the cold weather is far behind. Snow blowers become lawn mowers; snow shovels turn into garden spades; long sleeves and pants become tank tops and swim suites (present company excluded!!) It is a time for some relaxation and a time to enjoy the outdoors.

As Elks the Lodge continues to develop activities to entertain the membership. Some of us will travel to Indianapolis for the Grand Lodge Convention. This will be my 23rd Convention and I look forward to it every year. Meeting Members from all across the country, learning about their Lodges, learning about their activities, and being inspired by the presentations made on the Grand Lodge level make the journey worth the time. We should all be proud to be an Elk. The money we raise and the money we give away on a Lodge level, when combined with all the other Lodges, shows us to be a truly "Benevolent" Order. Next year it's Houston, Texas. It's not too early to start planning.

Enjoy your summer, and drive a little more carefully as there are bikes on the road, and more kids at play.

Happy Fourth of July!

Faternally,

Robert Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



EMBLEM NEWS



Here I am writing my first article for the bulletin in a very long time so bear with me.

We had our installation June 17th, and it takes a lot of work to put it together and have it turn out so well. I want to thank Joanie deGrandmaison, Nancy Jay and Phyllis May for doing such a great job. Thanks also to the ladies who stepped up and took either an officer or a committee chairman position. It was nice to see two of our newest members Colleen Kodjian and Judith Briggs being installed as new officers.

As always it was nice to have the Elks involved in our installation as escorts, as it adds a special touch. Thank you Exalted Ruler Jerry and his core of officers for taking part, and I look forward to working with you throughout the next year.

The biggest thanks goes to Phyllis May who was our President for the last 7 years and did such a great job, not only for our club but for the Emblem organization. I know I have big shoes to fill and I look forward with every ones help to having a great two years. Don't get any Ideas because it won't be for 7 years!

Emblems 83rd State convention was held at U Mass Lowell on June 4th – 7th and Joanie, Phyllis, Gladys and Sandy attended and had a great time. Our Club won 3 awards for literacy, publicity and community service.

Two of our members were installed as state officers, Phyllis for state press correspondent and Gladys for state assistant organist. Joanie became co-editor of the Bay Stater which is the Emblem State newsletter. Congratulations ladies!

For now I am taking over community service, but I'm hoping someone will step up and take it over. Until then your monthly reports need to be sent to me by either email at jrobinson402@yahoo.com or calling me at 508-875-2339 with your figures. You all do such a great job with your time and donations which is why we always have such a great report each year.

We are also looking for new ways to help out in our community so if you know of anything, either bring it up at our meeting or call or email me with any suggestions you might have.

Our next meeting will be on July 8th at 7:30 pm. Collation hostesses are: Jamie Romano, Ginger Noonan, and Jean Ottaviani.

Enjoy the great weather which a couple of months ago we thought would never come. Have a fun but safe 4th of July.

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson President



LODGE ACTIVITIES

We have held two Karaoke Nights and they are increasing in participation. It is a fun night, whether you join in the singing or simply enjoy the entertainment. To watch Roger Dilbarian perform suggests we ought to charge admission....but the night is open to all! Watch for the next Framingham's Got Talent and join in the festivities.

Meat Shoots are also a good time as you wait anxiously for that one card to be called to win!

Members and guests come together to have fun, a chance to win the next night's dinner, and to help in our charitable fund raising efforts.

Look for notices in the Grill Room for the next event.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are through one quarter of the year and currently at \$1.41 per member (GREAT JOB) and I'm sure with your continued support we will meet this year's Lodge goal of \$6.00. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports all of our programs working with the Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness programs in addition over 3.7 million dollars in scholarships were given out last year alone.



To the new members over the last several years, the Lodge donated your first \$10.00 when you became an Elk member to get you started in the Elks National Foundation. This initial payment starts you off to complete a total payment of \$100.00 over a period of 10 years. The ENF sends you a statement once a year requesting a \$10.00 payment, I know that we get overwhelmed with ELKS mail and this request may have been discarded inadvertently. I am reaching out to the new members over the past few years that have not sent in their \$10.00 toward their Participating Member status to send a \$10.00 donation or whatever you can afford to the lodge to my attention and I will send it directly to the ENF in your name.



THIS IS LESS THAN 3 CENTS A DAY. SEND IN THE \$10.00 AND I WILL SEND IT TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION IN YOUR NAME.

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 \$27,000 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.

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,

Lodge Chairman,
John J. Villa PER, PDD, HLM



DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM POSTER WINNERS



All winners were presented their awards at the David Mindess School in Ashland on 6/19/14.

Front row - 3rd girl, Kiera Justice, 1st boy, Zachary Fuellhart, 2nd girl, Sneha Yadav, 2nd boy, James Proia 1st girl, Anastasia Ponyrko and 3rd boy, Zachary Shurtliff

Back row - John J Villa PER PDD HLM, Mr. Irvin, Mindess School Principle



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JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE DAY... Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open. <i>John Barrymore</i>			 1 Lodge Meeting (The only one this month)	2 Canada Day 	3 Night B4 the 4th	 4 Independence Day
Grand Lodge 5 Convention (Indianapolis)	Grand Lodge 6 Convention (Indianapolis)	Grand Lodge 7 Convention (Indianapolis)	8 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	Grand Lodge 9 Convention (Indianapolis)	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 26 Mass Elks Family Picnick (Saugus/ Everett Lodge)	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	 5 Lodge Meeting (The only one this month)	6 Tentative Initiation	7	8
9	10	11	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Elks Night at Fenway 	20 East Central District Deputy Clinic (Maynard)	21	22
23 Veterans Motorcycle Run (Randolph) 	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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