



## ER MESSAGE

Happy July, and summer is finale here. June was a busy but amazing month In Elkdom.



Our Lodge was Honored to host on May 29th an Officers Training up Stairs. Every new ER from the East Central District attended. The theme was **“Knowledge is Power”** and a detailed list of responsibilities were supplied. I must admit I learned a lot.

I also attended the 109th Massachusetts Elks Associations State convention in Hyannis Ma. There was more helpful training focusing on Insurance and the Importance of growing membership and keeping the ENF solvent and relevant for years to come.

The convention was very moving and informative to say the least. I met so many good Elks from all over the State. Where this was my First Convention I attended the Memorial Service and can say it is something that at some time every Elk should experience. Hyannis Lodge 1549 put on a great Fish Fry that was well attend. I encourage as many members as possible to attend next year's convention.

A surprise that I should have expected but did not was the 11:00 O'clock Toast. This is something that was amazing to be a part of in such a large group. I was well taken care of with my Escort John Villa and Bob Anspach attending the convention on Saturday.

I'm happy to announce that our Lodge received a Certificate of Appreciation for exceeding the GER's goal for per member giving to the ENF for 2018-19. Thanks to all who donated and to Johnny V and all his hard work. We were also given a report and asked to share that the States ENF account is very solvent with total assets of over 9 mil.

The State also saw another year of Growth in membership as well as announcing a special Pin for those who sponsor a family member as new Elk.

I would like to also say thank you to everyone who attend the extremely successful Flag Day Parade. A huge crowd came back to the Lodge at the end of the parade to enjoy a BBQ and 1264's Hospitality. I cannot list all that helped out! Thank you to all those who walked and carried the Flag, all those who worked the grill, the wait staff and home committee who kept order and made sure all had fun.

I'm happy to say that there were many new members in attendance and the Emblem Clubs was there once again helping out. I also understand more than a few new application where handed out. Our success is growth in Membership, Please read the bulletin and the boards in the lounge for events at 1264 and other ECD lodges and meet some new friends.

A report to follow next month of my attendance at the upcoming National convention.

God Bless Lodge 1264, The United States and the Flag that represents it.

Bill Osborn  
Exalted Ruler



## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey, Jody Mahan, and Peter Ivers.

If you know of a member who may be under the weather please inform an Officer of the Lodge.

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### 11 O'CLOCK TOAST

Where did the 11 O'clock toast come from? Here's some history of the toast.

At every meeting of the BPOE, and every social function, when the hour of 11:00 p.m. tolls, the Lodge conducts a charming ceremonial known as the "Eleven O'clock Toast." In fact, the clock tolling the eleventh hour is part of the BPOE official emblem and is directly behind the representation of an elk's head in the emblem of the Order.

Regular meetings of Subordinate Lodges have always been held at night. In the earlier days, they were usually held on Sunday nights and were concluded about eleven o'clock. As the participants departed, the Brothers made inquiries about the absent Brothers and expressed sympathetic interest in the causes of their absence. It soon became a custom for some member to propose a toast to the Brothers who were not present. And in the course of time, this custom was quite generally observed whenever a group of Elks were together at eleven o'clock. Eventually, the Grand Lodge specifically provided for such a ceremonial to be observed during Lodge sessions; and designated it as "The Eleven O'clock Toast." Under this provision, whenever a Lodge was in session at that hour, the regular order of business was suspended for a few moments while the Exalted Ruler recited the beautiful ritual prescribed, concluded with the words: "To our absent Brothers."

Since women were permitted to join the Elks since 1995, the toast is now pronounced as "To our absent Members."

*You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.*

*This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.*

*Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.*

*It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.*

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.*

*Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members."*

**This can be performed any night in the Lodge at the hour of 11, or at any other time when showing Respect before adjourning a gathering of Elks and Friends.**

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### SECRETARY'S CORNER

We still have 65 Delinquent Members. There is no penalty, just a reminder. Please submit your Dues payment.

Summer time is the time to enjoy the warm weather, family and vacations.

I hope you all take some time off to do all of that. Because we understand many of you will be enjoying your time off there is only 1 meeting in July and August. July 17th and August 7th.

Enjoy your Summer.

Jerry Blanchette PDD, HLM  
Secretary



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Sue Brown for reaching her 3rd Permanent Benefactor for donating over \$3000.00 I would also like to thank the following for their donation's this year. James Caron 9th Participating Member status of over \$900.00, James Quinlan 6th Participating Member status of over \$600.00 and Gladys Kiley 3rd Participating Member status of over \$300.00

We are off and running into the New Year and currently at \$4.69 per capita, that's a (GREAT) start. We close to the Grand Lodge goal of \$4.75 per member; attaining this goal will makes us eligible for many Elks National Foundation Grants to help the community, keep up the good work.

I would also like to that the following members for their donations sent in with their dues: Donna Acorn, John Acton, Hunter Adams, Joe Aquino, Marie Aquino, Robert Armitage, Shirley Atwell, Pamela Baker, Stephen Balduci, John Ball, Tom Barbieri, Michael Barbieri, Sue Brown, James Burke, Richard Cammarata, James Caron. Robert Chambelain, Frank Chase, Peter Collotta, Walter Connery, David Connolly, Charles Cook IV, James Curely, Mellisa Damon, Michael Degnan, Robert DiBella, Roger Dilbarian, Angelica Duphily, Nicholas Ferri, Shiela Finnerty, Jane Foley, Lisa Forman, Tara Foynes-Baia, John Friel, Ann Genovese, John Genovese, Scott Gibons, Stephan Griffin, Christopher Hendry, Sheree King, Peter Laincz, Phil Lapenta, George Lavin, Andrew Lewis, Rober Lewis, Tom Mahan, Richard Maher, Erin Martino, Nichols Martino, Joe McCarthy, Kevin McDonald, Jim McGrath, David McIntire, Laura Medrano, MIchael Moran, Robert Moro, william Morrill, Richard Naughton, Richard Nummela, Dick Olsen, Kathleen O'Rourke, Bill Osborn, Ken Owens, Brian Parker, Jennifer Parker, Leonard Pike, Steve Privitera, Tim Rivers, Dave Rooney, Paul Sanford, Jerry Seymour, Geraldine Stevens, Matthew Stevens, Stephan Stone, Nicholas Stournaras, Doug Tersoni, John Thomson, Donald Trischitta, Maureen Valentino, Liz Nanette Vara, Tiel Wadland, David Wolfe, Chris Wozny and Lisa Wozny.

NOTE: There are others that have send in donations with their dues, these will be updated next month.

The Elks National Foundation and I thank you for your support throughout the year. It has been a banner year for the lodge. It is thru the generosity of almost ¼ of our membership which helps us to continue to support all the programs that the Elks National Foundation sponsors. This year the Lodge gave out over \$21,000 in Mass scholarships to the student in our area, part of this comes from the Elks National Foundation contributions provide to our State's Major Project "Scholarships".

Keep up the great support that you all have been providing.

Elks Care Elks Share,

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

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### JOIN THE FIDELITY CLUB

Do you donate to the Elks National Foundation often? Did you know there's a club for members who donate monthly or quarterly called the Fidelity Club?

The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Eligible donors have a monthly (minimum \$5) or quarterly (minimum \$15) payment can automatically be debited from a donor's bank account or charged to a credit card on a recurring basis. It's safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Not to mention, members receive Fidelity Club stickers, pins, and pin attachments depending on their level of giving. Visit [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) to enroll today.

The Elks National Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charity and is tax deductible.



## HOME COMMITTEE

Sunday Summer Hours:

Beginning July 7th and continuing through Sept 1st, the Sunday hours of Operation will be 12:00 – 9:00pm.

Extended Sunday Hours will begin again on Sept 8th.

The Lodge will be closing on the 4th of July at 5:00pm

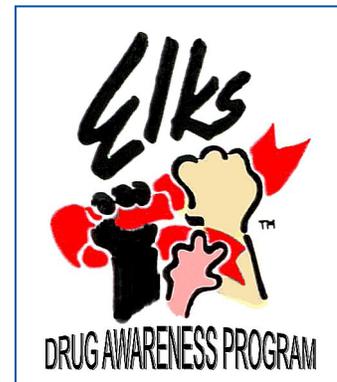
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## DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM POSTER WINNERS

All winners were presented their awards at the David Mindess School Ashland on 6/14/2019.



Back row - John J Villa PER PDD HLM.



Front row – 1st boy, Coilin Turner 1st girl, Abigail Amershek, 2nd boy, Braeden Meade, 2nd girl, Shruthika Senthilkumar, 3rd boy, Michael Bonilla Ventura and 3rd girl, Meara Donald



Coilin Turner and Abigail Amershek came in first place in the District.

Abigail Amershek won first place at the State level and was awarded a check for \$250.00

Congratulations to all that participated.

## EMBLEM NEWS



Happy 4th of July everyone.

The town had the Flag Day Parade and it went well and everyone had a great time. It was nice to see old friends and make new ones. The Elks walked in the parade carrying the big flag which is always a big hit. The Emblem Ladies helped the Elks with Jean, Gladys, Ginger, Pat and Josie helping out selling the tickets for the food and drinks. I helped passing out the food. Joanie and Lynn had fun running the paper game. I think Lynn had more fun than anyone by the looks at how many paper slips she bought.

The Elks were very appreciative for the Emblem Ladies help.

For our next community service project we are going to be collecting baby items for a local shelter. Items such as wipes, rash cream, sheets and anything you think a baby may need. Anyone can donate. Bring your items to our meetings or call me if you would like to donate anything.

At our July meeting scholarship chairman Ginger Noonan will present a \$500.00 check to the scholarship winner. I'll let you know the name of the person next month.

Also at our next meeting we will be picking a nominating committee for our next slate of officers.

Joanie, Gladys Phyllis and myself will be going to the 87 annual State Convention. I'll give a report next month.

Our next meeting is on July 10th.

Collation hostesses are Lynn Sanderson and myself.

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson President



# The Lodge Needs You To Get Involved!

## JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4  Closing at 5pm	5	6
National Elks Convention / St Louis June 30th - July 3rd						
7	8	9	10 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  Lodge Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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The Entertainment Committee wants to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July. We know everyone is busy enjoying their summer vacations, families and friends. We are busy trying to put our schedule of events together, for the Lodge, starting in September.

We will be bringing back the 50/50 all proceeds will be going to the lodge's building and grounds. We could use a few volunteers to help sell the raffle tickets. Please see Sheree King for info.

Mark your calendar,

Our first Meat shoot is scheduled for Sat Sept 28th at 4 pm Hope to see you all there. Big shout out to all that helped with the Flag Day event.



We are always welcoming ideas to help make the lodge a success.

Have a Great Summer

EC-Chair person  
Sheree King