The Bulletin



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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264

ER MESSAGE

Greetings to all and I hope every mom had a wonderful Mother's Day!

The month of May was a quieter month for me in Elkdome. I attended the State Presidents Testimonial Dinner in Mansfield and what a lovely event that was. Thank you so much to all the officers and members who attended to show their support for Joe Hickey from Framingham.

I attended the ceremony at the Bourne National Veterans Cemetery celebrating Memorial Day. It was an amazing experience and I highly recommend attendance in the future. Thank you to John Villa and Kathy Morse for organizing this event as well as Jerry Blanchette for doing all the shopping and preparation to feed our veterans who participated as well as our members. A huge thank you to all our member volunteers who helped prepare sandwiches, make salads and grill to perfection a delicious cookout after the bus trip. Thank you to our veterans for your service.

Our Flag Day Ceremony will occur on Flag Day 6/14/14, Flag raising begins at 12pm. There is a sign up list for anyone wishing to participate.

The Massachusetts Elks State Convention is at the Hyannis Resort and Convention Center 6/13/14-6/14/14. Best of luck to John Villa who is running for Second Vice President, voting will occur on 6/14/14 after the morning meeting for any PER's wishing to vote.

I'd like to wish all the dad's a Happy Father's Day!

Sincerely,

E.R. Donna

BIKE NIGHTS AT THE FRAMINGHAM ELKS

The Framingham Elks will be hosting it's first Bike Night on June 20th.

For all those that Ride and or like to see groups of Motorcycles.

Come join us and gather in the Biker Comradery.

Hamburgs and Hot dogs will be available for purchase for those that are hungry.

(If successful, we will have these every Friday through July)



JOHN VILLA, PER, PDD, HLM FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

As many of you know our own John Villa is running for Second Vice-President of the Massachusetts State Elks Association. We are proud of the time, dedication and commitment he has given to our Lodge and support him in

this endeavor. Check the Lodge Bulletin Board on ways you can support him. The election will take place at the Mass State Elks Convention on June 14, 2014.



LUNCHEON FOR BEDFORD VA PATIENTS

Saturday, June 28th 11:30am – 2:00pm



We are looking for help with cooking, serving or just want to show your support please email Janet Whitley at janetw@rcn.com. We will be serving a luncheon and playing Bingo.

Please come and support these people who have <u>served our country</u>!

THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE

By next January you will have forgotten the days of comfort and looking for an escape.

Join State President Mark Cronin and his wife Nancy and fellow Elks, family, and friends on the January 31- February 9, 2015 cruise sailing on the

festive Norwegian Gem to the tropical Eastern Caribbean. For more information see the Lodge Bulletin Board or talk with the Secretary.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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Joyce and Richard Seariac, and Kevin Horton. Steve Leach is recovering from leg surgery and doing well.

If you know of someone who should be on this list please inform the Secretary or one of the Officers.

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF OUR MEMBERS

Eugene "Geno" Beshears

Born: Feb. 10, 1934

Initiated: Dec. 12, 1986

Died: May 2, 2014

James J. Kelley III

Born: June 26, 1949 Initiated: June 23, 1877 Died: May 20, 2014



Sleep my brothers, and peace be with you.

Your names will never be forgotten.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

In order to get the bulletin to our Members in a timely fashion it needs to go to press before the previous month is over. I have waited until Memorial Day was over. Our trip to Bourne was a success even though the numbers who rode down with us has changed. The escort provided by Veteran bikers made the trip all the more special. Upon the return there was a cook out prepared by our Members welcoming back our emotionally satisfied travelers. Our thanks go to PER John Villa and PER Jerry Blanchette for coordinating this effort and all those others who helped to make the day all that it could be. Our own ER Donna also took the trip and it was quite the experience.

I was proud to be a part of the Memorial Day activities within our Town. We paid tribute to fallen comrades at six cemeteries and two Memorial sites. The morning ended with an event in the Memorial Building where five Medals of Liberty were awarded. Perhaps as we think toward Veteran's Day some of our Members may want to work on strategies as to how we may better serve our living Veterans during the months ahead.

On the business side of things, each year we spend \$100.00 in return postage. We have asked Members to accept the bulletin on line eliminating the possibility of being mailed a bulletin and having it returned because you either moved or have gone away for a period of time. Our bulletins cannot be forwarded so they are returned to us at full postal rate. If you are willing to read the bulletin on line please let me know so that I can take your name off the mailing list. If you know of someone who is not getting a bulletin please have them contact me:774-279-2796.

Happy Father's Day, and don't forget our Flag Day activity!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM *Secretary*



EMBLEM NEWS

Ladies I truly hope that Mother Day was the best ever! The winner of the Early bird drawing is Jane Jordan and she is very happy to spend her money. And she says thanks.

I first want to thank all my Emblem sisters and brothers. Their support to me and to Town of Framingham is unbelievable and is reflected in our remarkable Community report. This is the month of appreciation for all volunteers.

Due to all the hard work of our members I am proud to report that Community service for the year 2013-2014 is 4,723 miles, 3,466 hours, and \$26,956 for our local area. Please keep up the good work and we will top that figure next year.

Because of their work on our nursing home projects, Ginger Noonan and Jeanne Ottaviani were guests at a reception at Carlyle House and love their flowers. Theresa McDevitt attended an appreciation luncheon at St. Bridget. Jody Mahan, Joy Resteghini and Gloria Welch were guests of Callahan Senior Center for appreciation luncheon. I was also at a reception at St Patrick's Manor where I help with trips to doctors, Bingo and help wherever the Sisters ask of me. Barbara Marsh had a dinner at the hotel for her work at the hospital. She also receives flowers to plant at Hastings where she keeps the garden so beautiful for all to enjoy.

Just a reminder as to what we collect and what we give away. Food for food pantries, clothing for children, adults and seniors. Toys at Christmas for teenagers that are normally forgotten. Back to school supplies for those in need. We are always in need of custom jewelry, stuffed animals, yarn all color and sizes. We have donated over 200 hats to homeless, veterans and school children. We are now supplying cancer patients with hats and scarves. Good used toys, all household goods, especially mugs for Larry Place.

If you want to deliver your donation directly, you can otherwise bring to club and I will be happy to deliver. Just make sure you tell them it's from the Framingham Emblem Club. We will have new slips at next meeting for you to fill out and give to Jamie Romano with the miles and hours. Larry's Place is a shelter and not allowed to give out their address. St Patrick's Manor lets me help on all food drive and Christmas gifts to give to a Place to Turn, The Salvation Army and Housing. They have given me clothes for all the local shelters.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 11th at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses: are Colleen Kodjan, Gladys Kiley and Ginger Noonan.

Cootie party is all set for August 10, save the date. Come on down for lots of fun.

Sickness and Distress: Barbara Ford is back home.

Advice Colum: The right outlook keeps us going through the rockiest of times.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May President 508-879-6053



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Jodi Mahan for her recent donation and reaching

4th Participating Member status of over \$400.00, James Caron for his 3rd PM of \$300.00. I would also like to recognize Mary Ann Quintal on her recent donation.

We are through one quarter of the year and currently at \$1.43 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 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,

Lodge Chairman,

John J. Villa PER, PDD, HLM

CHARITABLE GIVING REPORT

Below is a summary of what your Lodge has contributed this past year thanks to your personal contributions of money as well as you contributions of time and energy:

Scholarship and Youth Activities:	\$9,180.00	Community Recognition:	\$3,200.00
Youth Athletic Programs:	\$2,750.00	ENF:	\$4,330.00
Needy/Handicapped Programs:	\$600.00	Additional Contributions:	\$4,000.00
Veteran's Service Programs:	\$1,500.00	Total	\$26,060.00
Community Service programs:	\$ 500.00		

Though we struggle to maintain Membership numbers, and each year we lose a number of Members due to non-payment of dues, our charitable work continues to show what we are all about. Our Cardinal Principles are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Charity is considered the greatest of all virtues. Remember, it is through your involvement in our fund raisers, and charitable requests that has helped to make this happen. Be proud to be an Elk, and in particular, a Framingham Lodge 1264 Member.

SPEAKING OF CHARITY

DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN YOUR COMLETED CHARITY FUND RAISING BOOKS EITHER DIRECTLY TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OR LEAVE THEM IN THE ENVELOPE SET ASIDE BEHIND THE BAR IN THE GRILL ROOM. THANK YOU!

BOURNE NATIONAL CEMETERY BUS TRIP

We recently held our annual bus trip to honor our veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice to give us the freedoms that we enjoy today. We were honored again in having one of the few surviving Pearl Harbor survivors on the bus with us again this year. Jerry Halterman. At 6:54 a.m. Sunday, December 7, 1941, the quiet midnight watch was about to end for 20-year old Gerald L. Halterman, U.S. Navy, Yeoman 3rd Class.



An urgent message came in on the teletype in the communications office at Pearl Harbor, 14th Naval District, where he was on duty for the entire Pacific Fleet. The destroyer the USS Ward had spotted an unidentified submarine in a restricted area, at the harbor's entrance. "We have attacked, fired upon, and dropped depth charges."

Immediately below Jerry's office, in a room he didn't even know existed, Jerry sensed, from the flurry of activity, the Japanese code was being broken. It was! Japan had ordered all existing codes to be destroyed at once—an ominous sign.

Jerry typed the Ward's message and handed it to the on-duty officer, unaware he had just typed the message that would plunge America into WWII. One hour later, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. The next day, President Franklin Roosevelt and Congress declared war.

When relieved of duty early, Jerry headed to the receiving station for breakfast, shower, and sleep.

"At 7:55 a.m., I had just turned into my bunk on the third (top) floor when low-flying Japanese torpedo planes began swooping down over the harbor, attacking our ships," says Halterman, now 92 and living in Sudbury. "I heard a terrible noise. My bunk was near a front window. When I looked out, I saw the planes coming toward our building—I was directly in their flight path—and flying as low as 50 to 100 feet. As they flew toward my window, then made a sharp right-angle turn, I stared right into the faces of two Japanese pilots, wearing goggles, in open cockpits. The huge red ball, Japan's symbol, was plainly visible. Forty planes dropped their torpedoes, their wakes going into our ships.

"The first to be hit was my former ship, the USS Oklahoma, taking nine torpedoes. It capsized in 8 to 12 minutes, taking 429 men to their graves, including my three closest buddies. When I ran to a back window, I saw the USS Arizona explode in a ball of flame, a blazing inferno, as bombs hit its ammunition supply—1,777 men aboard died.



Please keep our military women and men home and abroad in our thoughts and prayers.

Past District Deputy John J Villa, Jerry Halterman Pearl Harbor Survivor and ECD District Deputy Ron Lanzone

Thanks to all that helped make this trip a success. The group that came on the trip expressed their appreciation for the Elks putting this together and look forward to next years trip.

John J Villa PER PDD HLM

MASS ELKS NIGHT AT FENWAY TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

This year the Mass Elks night at Fenway will take place on Thursday August 21, 2014, 7:10pm, RED SOX vs LA ANGELS. Tickets are \$59.00 for Right Field Box seats or \$40.00 per person for Right Field Grandstand seats and \$35.00 for Bleacher seats. This game is to honor our Veterans. Tickets can be purchased by using this form. It would be a great idea to purchase a pair tickets to send a Veteran to the game.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY JUNE 16, 2014

k You" in person to all the men and rom the V.A. that will be attending!	
Please Purchase tickets for your VETERANS. Show them how much you appreciate everything they have done for our country.	

	Application	
Stephen Curtis Sr.	••	Total Tickets
534 East Falmouth Highway		Total \$
East Falmouth, MA 02536		
Right Field Box Seats @\$59		
Right Field Grandstand @\$40		
Bleacher Seats @\$35		
Fraternally Your	Lodge	Number
Contact Phone Number		
Attach this coupon to your check made payable	e to: Massachusetts Elk	s Association
Mail Tickets to:		

Once again we will be raffling off 1 set of tickets in the Right Field Box for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Drawing to be held at the State Convention in Hyannis on June 14, 2014.

If you would like to purchase any raffles tickets or tickets to the game give me a call.

I can be reached at 508-397-9065.

Come to the ball game to Honor our Veterans

District Chairman

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mary Lou Ballard proposed by David Connolly

Christian Blessing proposed by Matthew Forman

Mark D. LeFort proposed by Brett Moreau



Initiation is tentatively scheduled for Friday June 27, 2014. Orientation for new Members is scheduled for Thursday June 19, 2014. Watch the Lodge Bulletin Board for further details.

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JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Lodge Meeting			
8 Regional Meeting (Winthrop)	9	10	11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	12	13 State Convention (Hyannis)	Annual Flag Day 14 Celebration/ Cookout State Convention (Hyannis)
State Convention 15 (Hyannis)	16	17	18	19	20 Bike Night	21 Elk On The Trail
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	5		Lodge Meeting	Orientation of new Members		(Florida, MA)
Family Day 22	23	24	25	26	27 Tentative	Horseshoe Tourn. 28 (Norwood)
Picnic (Saugus/	Senior Golf Tournament				Initiation of new	
Everett Lodge)	(Wayland)				Members	Framingham Lodge Veteran's Luncheon
29	30			QUOTE OF	THE DAY	
			A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down. Arnold H. Glasow			

JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	Lodge Meeting (Only meeting this month)	3 Nite B4 the 4th	Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Convention 2014						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	30	31	QU	JOTE OF THE DA	Y
				Family is not	an important thing. I <i>Mi</i>	It's everything. It's everything.

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MASS ELKS NORWOOD BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

We were informed by the Bowling Committee that Framingham had 3 teams in the winner's circle as State Champions. 1st place in "B" Division receiving jackets – Vickie Matyi , Rob Connors, Scott McDonald, Peter Bradley and Dave Connolly. 2nd place in "B" Division receiving shirts – Dan McCarthy, Jim King, Mike Glazer, Josh Ellington and D. Muer (Big Bear) 2nd place in "C" Division receiving shirts – Donna Acorn, Cesar Monzon, Rhonda and Brett Moreau and John Donahue "Q". Nice job. Get ready for next year.

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM