



## ER MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate our new members initiated on P.E.R night. I encourage you all to get involved with a committee and maybe bring some new ideas to the Organization. Also I would like to Congratulate E.R. Elect Donna Acorn and her Suite of Officers. I know they will do a great job. I would like to thank all of those who helped in the past year making the operation run. I would like to thank my Officers and Members of the Home Committee, they did an outstanding job. It takes a lot of effort from volunteers and staff to keep the lodge finances and operation going strong. I would like to congratulate Jerry Blanchette on his appointment as District Deputy and wish John Villa the best of luck on his election to become Second V.P. for the State Association. In closing, I would like to thank the Members of Framingham Lodge No. 1264 for giving me the opportunity to be your E.R., it's been a great year.

Fraternally  
E.R. Scott Gillis



## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Joyce and Richard Seariac both at Concord Rehab; Kevin Horton; both Marvin Teel and Dave Farrell both recovering well.

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Lodge year is quickly coming to a close. It is time to thank Scott Gillis, ER for his year of dedicated service to our Lodge. And thank you to all his Officers and Committees who served to improve our Lodge and keep it solvent during this past year. We also wish ER elect Donna Acorn and her Officers and Committees a successful year ahead. I want to congratulate PER Jerry Blanchette on his appointment as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. I also wish the best to PDD John Villa as he continues his quest for Second Vice-President of the Mass State Elks Association.

With the changing of the guard comes an opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to Elldom and in particular to our Lodge. As you can appreciate, without the efforts of so many Members we could not do the charitable work we do, make contributions to various causes, provide entertainment and events of our Members, and be the outstanding Lodge that has been in our community for over 100 years. My hope is that more Members will step up to the plate this year, with new ideas and new activities, to do more than maintain our Lodge, but to make us more successful in the years ahead.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM



## DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM POSTER WINNERS

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks conducts a yearly Drug Awareness Poster/Essay Program. The winners from this year's participants from the **Framingham Elks Lodge #1264** are as follows:

All winners were from the David Mindess School in Ashland

### POSTER WINNERS

1st place girls	Barbara Salgado	\$50 Gift Certificate
2nd place girls	Lauren Marc	\$25 Gift Certificate
3rd place girls	Anastasia Ponyrko	Gift certificate at Papa Gino's
1st place boys	Nate Levine	\$50 Gift Certificate
2nd place boys	Mason Dybanowitz	\$25 Gift Certificate
3rd place boys	Brady McQuire	Gift certificate at Papa Gino's

In Addition,

Barbara Salgado and Nate Levine went on to win First Place in the District. Nate Levine won first place at the State, winning a custom made bicycle and helmet donated by the MASS State Elks Assn.

Lodge Chairman

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



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### ANTLER TALK FEEDBACK

**Topic:** The Grand Lodge magazine recommends we share our Magazine with the Public so they know what the Elks is all about.

**Idea/request:** When you are done reading your Elks Magazine that is mailed to your house, please drop it off at the Lodge and we will make sure it is distributed to outside locations for future reading.

Or possibly you could help sprinkle them around to any public area that you can think of that usually has a variety of magazines laying around.

Examples are Barber Shops, Hair Salons, Dentists and Dr's Offices.

Thank you for promoting Elksdom.



### PAST DUE MEMBERSHIP

Over forty letters were sent to Members who have not paid this year's dues. I received only two Members who chose to pay, two came back undeliverable, and there was no response from the rest, even though I asked for a call. At the end of this month we will drop more Members than we initiated this year. Combining that figure with those who died this year, our Membership will fall below 500. If you know of someone who has not paid this year, please encourage them to do so before they are dropped on March 31, 2014.

My thanks to all Members who have mailed in their 2014-2015 dues. Cards will become available after March 17, 2014.



## EMBLEM NEWS



Valentine's Day, the Mardi Gras, President's Birthday have all come and gone. Can anyone tell me where January and February went? The snow storms sure landed here in Framingham. A good thing is spring is only 20 days away.

Financial Secretary Joan deGrandmaison reminds you to send in your dues.

The third State Meeting is March 16th at the Maynard Lodge. If anyone would like to go and see what a State Meeting is all about this is the best time. Let me know so we can have a head count. The cost is \$3.00 dollars.

Sunday April 6th is the State President's Testimonial at Billerica Lodge of Elks.

The State Convention is at the Holiday Inn at Boxborough, Ma again this year June 5th-8. Anyone may attend, but if interested check with Phyllis.

Just a reminder that we need small stuffed animals, costume jewelry and yarn of all colors and sizes. This is for the rest home residents to keep warm till spring with homemade hats. Clothing for all ages is still needed at shelters. Food for the food pantry is always needed.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 12th at 7:30 pm.

Collation Hostesses are: Virginia Noonan, Jeanne Ottaviani and June Robinson.

Sickness and Distress: No news at this time.

Advice Colum: Every type of work environment has its own unique hazards and risks. This also means the work one does in their home and not the workplace. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 76,000 fractures, dislocations, sprains, strains and contusions occur in office and home each year. The leading types of disabling accidents are falls, strains or over exertions and being struck by a falling object. A fall can be caused by slipping on a wet floor or not noticing when a floor has a step down or up, tripping over a drawer that left open or an object left in a walkway. Any of these may not be noticed if you are in a hurry and walking fast or thinking about something other than your pathway. DON'T DO IT.

Material and equipment handling takes a lot of thought. Never lift a heavy object by yourself. Know how-to lift with your legs, keep an object close to you, and don't twist or turn while lifting.

Please bring all your community service papers and give them to Jamie Romano. I am sure everyone has helped someone this winter so please record it for us, and thanks for doing all you do for Emblem and the town.

Happy St. Patrick Day to all.

Yours in Emblem:

Phyllis A. May President

508-879-6053



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to congratulate the Emblem Club for their recent donation bring them up to \$2700.00. I would also like to congratulate Ed Quintel on achieving his Participating Member status of \$100.00. In addition, I want to thank all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your help that we will continue to prosper and grow.

We are almost at the end of the year and we are currently at \$5.53 per member (GREAT JOB) we have meet the Grand Lodge per capita of \$4.50 and will meet the Lodge goal of \$6.00. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports many programs working with the Veterans, Hoop Shoot , Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness programs in addition over 6 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.

We held our Annual East Central District ENF BOLA fundraiser on Feb 08 and we were able to raise over \$3,500 for the district. A detailed summary will be sent out next month.

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



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## GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

The Elks National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA July 12 through 18, 2014. The New England delegation has been assigned to the Sheraton, New Orleans on Canal Street in New Orleans. Room accommodations are \$1200.00 double occupancy. Flights are relatively inexpensive at this time. Anyone wishing to join ER Donna, Laura Medrano, John Villa and Kathy, Cesar and me and witness the Installation of Jerry Blanchette, PER as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler should contact the Secretary for an application ASAP.



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## ELKS STATE PRESIDENT'S CRUISE 2015 NEW YORK CITY TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Join State President Mark Cronin and his wife Nancy and fellow Elks, family, and friends on the July 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.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

The following is a list of the newly elected Officers for Framingham 1264 in the ensuing year 2014-2015:

ER Elect: Donna Acorn

Leading Knight elect: Cesar Monzon, PER

Loyal Knight elect: Michelle Brigham

Lecturing Knight elect: Suzanne Brown

Secretary elect: Robert Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM

Treasurer elect: Laura Medrano

Trustee Five Years: Scott Penrod

Trustee Two Years: Brian Parker

Tiler is open.

Inner Guard, Chaplain and Esquire to be named by ER Elect Donna



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to our newest Members, Initiated on PER Night: Anders Carlson, Craig Coombes, Tara Foynes-Baia, Carol Hughes, Christopher Rocci and Thomas Viall. Congratulations to the PERs who performed the Initiatory Ritual in the presence of our District Deputy Ron Lanzoni from Norwood. And our thanks to ER Scott Gillis and Treasurer Laura Medrano who prepared a scrumptious meal fitting for the occasion.

### ALSO

Congratulations to our newly elected **LIFE MEMBERS** who have been members for thirty years and are 65 or older: Arthur Cunningham, James Curley, Kevin Devlin, David Farrell, Joe Gately, William Hoey, Mike O'Neil and Gene Sebastian. Thank you for years of commitment to Framingham 1264.



## PORKETTA DINNER

Thursday March 6, 2014

6:30 PM

All Welcome Sign up sheet at the Bar.

\$25



## WANTED!

"Webmaster"









Looking for anyone that has Website creation and updating skills that would like to give our Site a Face Lift and continual TLC it deserves.

Please contact Jerry at [jerryblanchette@framinghamelks.com](mailto:jerryblanchette@framinghamelks.com)

## MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u>  Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.  <i>George Bernard Shaw</i></p>						1 Pool Tournament (Worcester) 
2	3	4	5  Lodge Meeting Ash Wednesday 	6 <b>PORKETTA Feed</b>	7	8
Candlepin Bowling (Norwood) 	9  Daylight Savings (Spring Ahead)	10	11	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13	14
16 Norwood Installation (11:00am) ECD PER Assoc. Meeting (10:00am)	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19  Lodge Meeting	20	21  Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland ME)	22 Framingham Installation of Officers Ceremony 5 o'clock dinner to follow it is open and installed by Natick
23 Clinton Installation (2:00pm) 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Franklin Installation (5:00pm)

## APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  Lodge Meeting	3	4 Maynard Installation (7:00pm)	5
6 Lexington Installation (2:00pm)	7	8	9 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	10	11	12  National Hoop Shoot (Springfield) Natick Installation (4:00pm)
13	14	15 Passover   Tax Day	16  Lodge Meeting	17	18	19
20 Easter 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Cribbage Tournament (Auburn/Webster)	28	29	30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u>  When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves.  <i>Viktor E. Frankl</i></p>		

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