



ER MESSAGE

Greetings to all:

Congratulations and welcome to our newest members initiated on PER Night February 27th. Thank you very much to PER Scott Gillis for arranging the evening and Laura Medrano for cooking up a spectacular meal and thank you to our lodges PER's for participating in this annual event.

Congratulations to Jerry Blanchette DD, PER who has been elected as Exalted Ruler for the year 2015-2016 and his suite of officers. Installation of Officers will occur 4/11/15. Please plan to attend.

I'd like to thank all of our members, officers, the Home Committee and Trustees for continuing to volunteer their time to ensure the lodge's survival. So many lodges' in this state have closed or merged and it takes a dedicated group to keep a lodge alive.

I'd like to thank Janet Whitley, our chaplain, Laura Medrano, our treasurer and Cesar Monzon, our Leading Knight who have done a spectacular job in organizing and executing numerous events that support our veterans, youth and community in the name of Elkdome. **Great job!!**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Framingham Lodge for allowing me to serve as ER for the past year. It has been a great experience; I've logged a lot of miles and met the best people. It truly has been an honor.

Sincerely,
ER Donna

CONVENTIONS ARE DOWN THE ROAD

If anyone is interested in attending the Mass State Elks Convention being held at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis June 5-7, please contact the Secretary for applications.



The National Convention is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 5 – 9, 2015. We'll be staying at the Westin Indianapolis. Cost is \$1090.00 double occupancy, and it includes the New England Dinner. Contact the Secretary for more information.



MASS ELKS CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

A box will be found in the Lodge Grill Room to collect old cell phones. It does not matter what the condition. They can be broken or just old and used. The program is designed to take old cell phones and convert them into equivalent value for calling cards to be used by our troops standing in harm's way. It is a great way to make calls home affordable. For more information contact the Secretary.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Kevin Horton



It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Past State President Kenneth Paradise (1992-1993) of Haverhill Lodge. Ken served our order well over the years and was a strong advocate for the Elks National Home. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Our prayers go to his family.



GET ME AWAY FROM HERE

That's right! While the winter snows are fresh on your mind think about next year and picture Hopkins on next year's Mid-Winter Cruise through the Caribbean. Contact the Secretary for more information.



MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

On February 27 we had an Initiation of new members performed mostly by PERs. The meal was prepared by PER Scott Gillis and Laura Medrano. Congratulations to Derek Bilton, Carrie Correa, Peter DeVito, Maureen Missaggia, Nick Mulcahy, Max Neustadt, Jennifer Parker, Alexander Perez and Robert Simonetta.



Membership is the life's blood of any organization. Applications may be found in the Grill Room. If you would invite someone into your home, consider inviting them to join Framingham Elks!!

SECRETARY'S CORNER

I'm not big on saying which suggest, "March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion," or "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Mother Nature has played some nasty tricks on us the winter and what will be, will be!!

One thing is certain: Lodges throughout the country will be Installing Officers for the ensuing year. We are fortunate to have some Officers with experience coming back into the chairs, and guiding us. Lodges all over the country are having difficulty sustaining themselves and merges are no stranger to our own District. Having an active and vibrant Lodge is the work of all the Members. When there is a request for help in running an activity, it is an open invitation to all Members. Running an activity is one aspect of having a successful Lodge. The next step is getting everyone to participate in the activity. Coming together for a social function helps to improve the relationship we have with one another. It makes us more willing to come to the Lodge and become even more involved. The Officers need the support of the Membership. Let's make this year a banner year for #1264!

Dues notices have been mailed, and I look forward to receiving your payments in a timely fashion. This year we are looking to drop 13 Members for non-payment of dues. Make your commitment to your Lodge and please make your payment now. Cards will be mailed or left behind the bar per your request after March 20th.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary





EMBLEM NEWS

Valentine's Day, the Mardi Gras and Presidents Day have come and gone. Can anyone tell me where January and February went? The snow storms have sure landed here in Framingham. A good thing is, spring is only 30 days away.

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

The third State Meeting is March 15th at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, 12 to 4pm. If any one would like to come and see what a State Meeting is all about, contact me. We need to know so they have a count for lunch which is only \$3.

Sunday April 12th is the State President's Testimonial honoring State President Phillip Begeal held at Gloucester House Restaurant.

State Convention is at the Inn & Conference Center at U Mass Lowell. June 4-7th, any one may attend but, if interested contact Phyllis.

Just a reminder that we need small stuffed animals, costume jewelry and any size yarn of all colors. This is for rest homes to keep people warm till spring with home made 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 11th at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses are: Colleen Kodjan, Virginia Noonan, and Pat Shorton

Sickness and Distress: Pearl Egel, Jean Jewel and Jean Racey are all sick and we still have a few under doctor care. Those are Rose Catenacci, Gladys Kiley, Terry McDevitt and June Robinson. We want all of you to get better real soon.

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, 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. Thanks to all of you for what you do for Emblem.

Happy St. Patrick Day to all.

Yours in Emblem:

Phyllis A. May President
508-879-6053



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

The following were voted into Office to guide our Lodge in the ensuing 2015-16 Lodge year:

Exalted Ruler	Jerry Blanchette, DDGER, PER
E Leading knight	Suzanne Brown
E Loyal Knight	Michele Brigham
E Lecturing Knight	Steven Blanchette
Secretary	Robert Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Treasurer	Scott Penrod
5 year Trustee	Steve leach



The positions of Tiler, Chaplain and Inner Guard will be appointed by the Exalted Ruler-elect. As a result of the elections the positions of 2 year Trustee and 4 year Trustee become vacant. Nominations and election will take place at the next meeting in March. Congratulations and the best of luck to all the elected and appointed Officers.

We did have a big boost at the end of the year due to the East Central District ENF Bola. This year we sold 115 books, which meant we donated another \$1,150.00 to the ENF. **Great Job** to all that supported the fundraiser this year.

Here is the list of winners from the Elks National Foundation BOLA. This year we had 8 winners from Framingham. If you would like to know how good the comedians were just ask Shari Manning. She was the star of the show.

\$1000.00 Karen Hill, Framingham — \$250.00 Lisa Wozny, Framingham — \$100.00 Ruth Lupien, Framingham

10 winners for \$25.00 in scratch tickets. Framingham's, Donald Villa, Jeff Penders, Brian Parker, Jerry Blanchette and Framingham 1264, Maynard, Steve Ferranti, Franklin, Chris Huang, and Lexington, Peter Garvey and Chris Cavanaugh.

I would also like to thank the following individuals on their recent donations to the Elks National Foundation and for their support in the East Central District ENF BOLA Fundraiser. Donna Acorn, John Ahearn, Bob Anspach, Bob Averill, Jerry Blanchette, Diane Bosworth, Richard Bourque, Jerry Bradley, Michele Brigham, Jeff Brigham, Susan Brown, Bob Connolly, David Connolly, Joanie DeGrandmaison, Roger Dillberian, Ed Doherty, Mike Donnelly, Paula Griffiths, John Griffiths, Kevin Higgins, Patricia Higgins, Codi Hill, Nancy Jay, Jean Jewell, Tom (TK) Keilty, Gladys Kiely, Paul King, Andrew Kobbs, Colleen Leach, Tom Manguso, Ruth Lupien, Tom Lupien, Sahri Manning, James McGrath, Michael McPhee, Laura Medrano, Cesar Monzon, Rhonda Moreau, Ernie Moreau, Kathy Morse, Nick Mulcahy, Dan O'Rourke, Nick Paganella, , Brian Parker, Dennis Parker, Jeff Penders, Ann Pratt, Tim Rivers, Bob Roberti, Jamie Romano, Dave Rooney, Betty Sleczkowski, Dominic Villa, Donald Villa, John J. Villa, Paul Villa, Walter Villa, Bill Villa, Lisa Wonzy, Chris Wozny, and George Zanella.

I would also like to thank William Barry from Woburn lodge and Marie Barry Saugus/Everett for supporting the East Central District fundraiser.

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,

Chairman,
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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 \$5.07 per member (GREAT JOB) we have met the Grand Lodge per capita of \$4.60 and will meet the Lodge goal of \$6.00. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports many programs working with the Veterans, HoopShoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness programs in addition over 4 million dollars in scholarships were given out last year alone and over 8 million in Community Investment Programs.



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.

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Lodge Chairman,
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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	Anastasia Ponyrko	\$50 Gift Certificate
2nd place girls	Sneha Yadav	\$25 Gift Certificate
3rd place girls	Kiera Justice	Gift certificate at Papa Gino's
1st place boys	Zachary Fuellhart	\$50 Gift Certificate
2nd place boys	James Proia	\$25 Gift Certificate
3rd place boys	Zachary Shurtleff	Gift certificate at Papa Gino's

Great job by all that participated.

Lodge Chairman
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



BY-LAW CHANGES

At our last meeting two By-Law changes were approved:




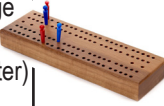
The Lodge will now be open at 11:00am Monday through Saturday.

The Dues will now read \$50.50 plus per capita assessment for a total of \$68.00.

MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Candlepin Bowling (Norwood) 	2	3	4  Lodge Meeting	5	6	7  Pool Tournament (Worcester)
8 Candlepin Bowling 	9	10	11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	12	13	14
15 ECD PER Meeting (10:00am Franklin)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day  Hudson/Concord Installation (7:30)	18  Lodge Meeting	19	20	21 Lexington Installation (5:00)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28  Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland, Maine)
29 Palm Sunday  Clinton Installation (4:30)	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u> Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life. <i>Confucius</i></p> </div>			

APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u> Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction. <i>John F. Kennedy</i></p> </div>			1  Lodge Meeting April Fools' Day 	2	3  Good Friday Maynard Installation (7:30)	4 Passover 
5 Easter Sunday 	6 Norwood Installation (7:00)	7	8 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	9	10	11 Framingham Installation (5:00)
12 Natick Installation (7:00)	13	14	15  Lodge Meeting	16 ECD District Deputy Clinic (Framingham)	17	18  National Hoop Shoot (Springfield)
19 Spring Cribbage Tournament (Auburn/Webster) 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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