



ER MESSAGE

The Lodge year is coming to a close and we have new Elected Officers anxiously ready to start the new year off right.

As I transition out, I thank you all for your loyalty throughout my term as your Exalted Ruler and especially thank all of my Officers and Committee Members for taking care of business during the year.

As we have heard the words when we were Initiated:

"Our time upon the stage of action is but brief, yet in the drama each must play a part".

I know we can stretch the imagination on the "Drama" word, but we all must play a part for the success of the Lodge and help our Elected and Installed Officers throughout the year.

We are all members, and we all need to play a part. Ask yourself, why did I become a member? and as a member how can I contribute?.

Thank you for being Members of the great Framingham Lodge #1264

ER Jerry Blanchette

As many may have heard and for those that have not; The Lodge was broken into on the night of Feb 22nd between the hours of closing and opening. There was damage to many doors in the club as well as an estimated cash value of \$6000 taken from us. The Police had their Forensic Team their and are continuing with an ongoing investigation.

Thank you to all of our Retired and Full Time Police Offers that I know will make sure the investigation will be solved. Also thank you to Scotty Parker for re-securing our Building.

Activities:

The Meat Shoot on 2/21/16 went very well. We had great participation! We earned \$683.00 after expenses! Thank you to Butcher Mike Glick who donated over \$200 of steaks! Thank you Benny Ottaviani for donating 2 Porkettas. Thank you to the entertainment committee who's hard work made the event a success!!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey (home), Dave Seariac (home) and Reggie Peters (home).

If you know a Member who may be under the weather, please let an Officer of the Lodge know so we can inform the Membership.

We extend our condolences to Mark Cronin, PSP, Massachusetts Elks Association Secretary, and his wife Nancy on the loss of their son Mark Cronin Junior. Our prayers are with you.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The calendar shows the upcoming Installations for the East Central District. Other than Norwood, these Installations are open to all. If you are interested in attending any or all of these Installations contact an Officer to make your plans. Note: Our Installation is scheduled for April 10, 2016. A sign- up sheet will be found in the Grill Room later this month.



DVDs AND THE EMBLEM CLUB HELP KIDS



The Emblem Club is collecting DVDs to be donated to pediatric hospitals through an organization called “Kid Flicks.” Your donated DVDs become a part of a movie library at various children’s hospitals and pediatric ward across the US and South Africa so that young patients have a distraction from what may be a painful and /or stressful treatment experience. DVDs must be in their original boxes or individual DVD plastic or paper sleeve. We will only accept DVDs with the rating of G, PG or

PG-13. To learn more about the organization go to www.kidflick.org. To donate DVDs, contact Joanie deGrandmaison at joinieandbill88@verizon.net.



SECRETARY’S CORNER

The National campaign for President has created a great deal of controversy. Fortunately for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks such controversy is very rare. Our system provides a training ground for the one who will hold the title of President (Exalted Ruler) of our Lodge. It is great to see a Member progress through the Chairs and then be elected to that position....” the highest Office a Lodge can bestow upon one of its Members.” In the months ahead many of us will be attending the Installation of Officers at various Lodges. We will congratulate the outgoing Officers, and wish the incoming Officers the best of luck in the ensuing year. This is a wonderful time of year as we see a renewed spirit coming into our Lodges.

This is also an opportunity for Members to become more involved by becoming an active participant in one of the many Committees we offer, or a participant in the activities provided.

I encourage you to use your Membership by becoming more active. Over and over you hear the words....” the more you get involved, the more you get out of your Membership.”

As we move ourselves into spring, may we all feel that sense of awakening as the earth opens up new life in nature.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Officers in Lodges across this great country of ours, and we pray for your continued success. We are all in this together, as “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

Happy Easter, Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Happy Spring!

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





I hope you all had a nice Valentines Day. By the time you receive your bulletin will be in March and we will be ready for St. Patrick's Day festivities to begin. We can't complain about the weather we have been having so far. What a difference from last year!

We have a couple of new community service items. Joanie D is collecting children DVD'S that will be sent to children's hospitals so if you have any DVD'S that your kids or Grand kids don't watch any longer here's a good reason to get rid of them to make room for new ones.

I now have contact with a soldier who was sent over to Iraq two months ago. His Father is one of my co-workers and I thought this is a good way for us to help our troops. Right now I know that they could use ground coffee and non refrigerated creamer. I'm sure they wouldn't mind some snacks to go with the coffee. I'll find out more of what they could use in the following months and I'll let you know thru the bulletin so if you would like to help out that would be great just let me know.

It's membership renewal time so if you haven't already sent yours in March 15th is the deadline for the "EARLY BIRD" drawing which will be drawn April meeting.

Our next meeting is March 9 and the collation hostesses are Ginger Noonan and Jamie Romano.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

Yours in Emblem
June Robinson President



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR FRAMINGHAM 1264

Exalted Ruler: **Suzanne Brown**
E. Leading Knight: **Steve Blanchette**
E. Loyal Knight: **Michele Brigham**
E. Lecturing Knight: **William Osborne**
Secretary: **Robert Anspach, PDD, HLM**
Treasurer: **Scott Penrod**
Trustee 5 Years: **Brian Parker**

Appointed by the Exalted Ruler-elect
Chaplain: **Geraldine Stevens**
Esquire: **Dan O'Rourke, PER**
Inner Guard: **Sharee King**
Tiler: **Jean Jewell**

ER-elect Suzanne will be needing help on her Committees. Interested members should contact her and express your interest. Good luck to the Officers in the ensuing year.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION FUND-RAISER



Area 1 will hold its fund-raiser for Endorsed Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Zellen on Sunday March 13, 2016 from 1 PM to 4 pm at the Hudson/Concord Lodge. Cost is \$25.00 and tickets include two free drinks and appetizers. Dress is business casual. If you are interested in attending to support this great cause for Massachusetts contact the Secretary or one of the other Officers. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the Grill Room.





DUES DUES DUES

My thanks to those members who have paid their dues for the upcoming year 2016-2017. Cards will be either mailed or left at the Lodge after March 20th. Marking your preference on how you want to receive your card should be made on your envelope.

Unfortunately we have 29 delinquent members for this current year. These members will be dropped from our rolls at the end of this month. If you know someone who is delinquent in their dues please encourage them to make their payment today!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY INITIATED MEMBERS

The following were recently initiated into our Lodge on PER Night: Wayne Assencoa, Carol Bradley, Michael Chagrin, Michael Clark, Ronald Green, Josefina Lascano, Ean Lorimar, Robert Moro, Stephen Stanechewski, Liz Vara, Miguel Vara and Justin Waters.



Congratulations to these new Members and to the PERs who performed the Initiatory Ritual.

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 \$5.39 per member (GREAT JOB) we have met the Grand Lodge per capita of \$4.65 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.

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

MASS ELKS CHARITY FUND RAISER BOOKS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS AND RETURNS MAY BE MAILED BACK OR BROUGHT TO THE LODGE.

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 6 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	Mike Lalli ER	Maynard
\$250.00	Joe Gallerani	Framingham
\$100.00	Beverly Gaw	Franklin

10 winners for \$25.00 in scratch tickets. Framingham's, Donald Villa, Walter Villa, Patti Higgins, Reggie Smith and Dennis Mauro, Norwood, Ron Lanzoni, Natick, Ralph Fuller and Lexington, Craig Turlick.

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, ROBERT B. ANSPACH, ROBERT AVERILL, BOB BLACKADAR, JERRY BLANCHETTE, STEPHEN BLANCHETTE, MICHELE BRIGHAM, SUZETTE BROWN, DAVE CONNOLLY, BOB CONNOLLY, JOANIE DE GRANDMAISON, ROGER DILLBERIAN, ED DOHERTY, JOHN DONAHUE, MICHAEL DONNELLY, EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT PER ASSN, FRAMINGHAM ELKS #1264, JIM GREEN, JOE HANSBURY, PATTY & KEVIN HIGGINS, LARRY HOEY, SHELLY HUGHES, NANCY & DICKY JAY, TOM (TK) KEILTY, SHEREE & PAUL KING, TOM MANGUSO, SHARI MANNING, DANA MASKELL, JOE McCARTHY, BOB McCARTHY, LAURA MEDRANO, CESAR MONZON, RHONDA & ERNIE MOREAU, KATHY MORSE-VILLA, NICHOLIS MULCAHY, DANIEL O'ROUKE, PETER PANDOLFINO, BRIAN & JENIFIER PARKER, SCOTT PARKER, JEFF PENDERS, TIM RIVERS, JAMIE ROMANO, DAVE ROONEY, PAUL SANFORD, GERALDINE STEVENS, WILLIAM SULLIVAN, CHARLES VILLA, DOMINIC R VILLA, DONALD R VILLA, JOHN J VILLA, PAUL M VILLA, WALTER C VILLA, WILLIAM D VILLA, PAUL WALTER, JANET WHITLEY, LISA & CHRIS WOZNY and GEORGE ZANELLA.

I would also like to thank PSP Joe Hickey from Winthrop lodge, DD Ed Tucker Tewksbury/ Wilmington, PDD Warren Costa Medford/Malden, Wayne Bearce Marshfield and PSP James Strojny Taunton Lodge 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

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	Maya Dickinson	\$50 Gift Certificate
2nd place girls	Samisha Irizarry	\$25 Gift Certificate
3rd place girls	Samantha Kahn	Gift certificate at Papa Gino's
1st place boys	Matthew Shuhy	\$50 Gift Certificate
2nd place boys	Jack Sipniewski	\$25 Gift Certificate
3rd place boys	Anthony Rodrigues	Gift certificate at Papa Gino's

Matthew Shuhy also won the District competition to move on to the State level.

Great job by all that participated.

Lodge Chairman
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM




MEAL OF THE MONTH/BIRTHDAY BASH

Every month you read in the calendar that on the second Wednesday there is a Meal of the Month/ Birthday Bash just prior to the Emblem Club meeting. For \$8.00 anyone can purchase a meal with salad, rolls butter, and ice cream and cake for dessert. The main course changes each month and it is posted in the Lodge. Serving goes from 5:30pm to 6:45pm and it is an 'all you can eat' buffet. You may also order for take out. There is a 50/50 raffle held to generate revenue for the Lodge. There is also a birthday drawing. If your birthday occurs during that particular month, and you are present for the meal, your name could be drawn and win \$25.00. It is a good time to socialize as well as enjoy a great meal. Bring your family and friends Children's meals are discounted!













Join us for the
Framingham Elks
Meat Shoot
April 30th
4:00 pm









See Bulletin Board
for more details.

MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE DAY... Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. <i>Charles R. Swindoll</i>			1 2 Lodge Meeting 	3	4	5 
6 Candlepin Bowling Tournament (Norwood) 	ECD PER Association Meeting (Natick) 7	8	9 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	10	11 Mass Elks at the Celtics 	12
13 Candlepin Bowling (Norwood) 	Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Ahead) 14 	15	16 Lodge Meeting 	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 Natick Installation (5:00)
20 Lexington Installation (2:00)	21 Norwood Installation (7:30 closed)	22	23	24	25	26 Franklin Installation (5:00) Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland, ME) 
27 Easter Sunday 	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE DAY... When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on. <i>Franklin D. Roosevelt</i>					1 Maynard Installation (7:00)	2 Hudson/Concord Installation (5:00)
3 Clinton Installation (2:00)	4	5	6 Lodge Meeting 	7	8	9 
10 FRAMINGHAM INSTALLATION (2:00)	11	12	13 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	14	15	16 National Hoop Shoot (Chicago)
17 Cribbage Tournament (Leominster/Fitchburg Lodge) 	18	19	20 Lodge Meeting 	21	22	23 Passover 
24	25	26	27	28 DD Clinic (Lexington)	29	30 Meat Shoot 4:00 pm 

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