



ER MESSAGE

Greetings to all and I hope you had a Happy Passover, Happy Easter and Happy Patriots Day. Marathon Monday turned out to be a gorgeous day and I hope all had a chance to enjoy!

April proved to be a busy month in Elk-dome for me. I attended several installations for the East Central District and was greeted with incredible hospitality. I thank all the officers and members who attended these functions with me. On April 26 we held a textile/clothing collection in honor of the Framingham Earth Day Festival. The weather did not cooperate but the collection was a big success and many thanks to all the volunteers who donated and manned the outside collection site with me.

In honor of Memorial Day our annual Bourne Bus Trip to the Bourne National Cemetery is scheduled for May 25th and we are looking for volunteers to help make bagged lunches and man the grill upon return for a post trip BBQ. A sign up volunteer list will be posted on the bulletin board.

I am looking for volunteers for Flag Day. Flag Day falls on Saturday June 14 and in honor of Flag Day we'd like to have a modest ceremony with the Boy and Girl Scouts in attendance. The Elks State Convention is that same weekend and many officers and members will be attending and therefore not in Framingham for Flag Day. Anyone wishing to help out let myself or Jerry Blanchette know.

Happy Mother's Day to all and have a great month of May!

Sincerely,

Donna



SECRETARY'S CORNER

As we await May flowers, many of which will be given to Moms on Mother's Day, we also anticipate Memorial Day, once called Decoration Day. We put aside a few hours of our hectic lives to decorate grave markers of those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. We stop, and with gratitude, we remember that Freedom is not free and that many have suffered and died so that we can enjoy the liberties we share. We should also take time to remember the living.....those in our Veteran's Hospital or local nursing homes.... those men and women who still suffer with the scars of war either mentally or physically. Our Lodge should be congratulated for the efforts shown to commemorate that weekend by bringing so many to Bourne National Cemetery on Memorial weekend.

As we look to the months ahead, there are many activities being planned which can use your help. Stop in the Lodge and keep up with the happenings which may not make this bulletin.

It is your presence at these activities that helps us measure the success of the event.

Enjoy the anticipated good weather to come.

Happy Mother's Day!

God bless those who serve in our Armed Forces.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April 1, 2013	500
Initiated	17
Affiliated	1
Re-instatements	3
Total Adds	21
Dropped for non-payment	20
Transfer Dimit	1
Deceased	9
Dropped	30
Loss	-9
April 1, 2014	491

At present we have 90 Members who have **not paid** the current year's dues. Our Lodge depends upon its Members for more than just dues. We need your ideas and contribution of time to help with our activities. Please make your payment today.

DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN
YOUR COMPLETED **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!!!



PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Anthony Corrado proposed by Clifford Corrado

Francis Haley proposed by Stephan Seariac

Lisa Wozny proposed by Chris Wozny



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Joyce and Richard Seariac and Kevin Horton,

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

ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering has requested all local Lodges to set aside May 1-7 2014 as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged to sponsor programs dedicated to the youth of our country. Framingham Lodge has chosen to support the John Garrahan Prayer Breakfast which, on May 2, 2014, will honor 15 students from the MetroWest schools for their work in promoting diversity within their schools and/or community. The event will be held at the Sheraton Framingham.

The program is under the direction of The Alliance for MetroWest Unity.



DON'T LET A FEW DAYS OF WARMTH FOOL YOU

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.



EMBLEM NEWS



Please welcome our newest member Colleen Kodjan, so glad you joined us. Look forward to working with you.

We enjoyed Our Testimonial Luncheon Honoring State President Doris MacDonald. It is amazing to see the fellowship with Emblem members from all of Massachusetts as well as other states in the northwest region.

Some of us went to Billerica Emblem Club to play Buffalo Bingo and Polish Poker.

It was a fun afternoon and a great roast beef luncheon. We had a fun time.

May is a month to show appreciation for volunteers. I give us five stars for what we do. Our community service continues to astound me. Our annual report is almost completed

Easter Sunday was again great for Larry Place thanks to Temple Beth Am. They donated Ham dinners for them all. I was so happy to deliver them along with a huge batch of jelly beans donated by St. Pat's Manor. All was consumed as fast as food could be eaten, they wished us all a great Easter.

State Convention will soon be upon us and we look forward to having a great time with all our Emblem friends from Massachusetts.

Clothing is needed: men clothing for veterans, women's and children's clothing for shelters. So while cleaning out your drawers or closets please keep them in mind.

Used costume jewelry and small stuffed animals are always needed for residents of our local nursing homes. Yarn all color and sizes needed too.

Our next meeting is May14th at 7:30pm. Collation Hostesses are: Joan deGrandmaison,

Barbara Smith and Jamie Romano

Sickness and Distress: Jeanne Ottaviani is feeling better. Phyllis A, May is going through some medical problems. Doctors are great when one needs them.

Advice Colum: Spring is here but remembers that exercise is very important. What feels moderate to you is different from what it feels like to someone else. You breathe a little harder, but you don't feel out of breath. You can talk to a friend but might have trouble singing a song. You sweat a little bit, but aren't soaked with sweat. Your muscles feel a little tired, but they don't hurt. Any duration of physical activity counts over the course of the day. The total amount of routine activity can easily add up to 10 minutes or more and you can add minutes to it you think about it. Try parking as far as you can from the entrance to your workplace or the grocery store; pacing or doing jumping jacks in the living room during TV commercials; taking the stairs whenever possible, and gardening or mowing the lawn with a push-mover. Or just plan walk.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May
508-879-6053



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 finished the year at \$8.66 per member (GREAT JOB) we have met the Grand Lodge per capita of \$4.50 and exceeded our Lodge goal of \$6.00. We came in first place in our District and first place in the State for lodges between 500-999 members and 2nd place overall in the State. 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.

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 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**



RED SOX RAFFLE

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



Mark Your Calander for the Bourne National Cemetery Bus Trip



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We
Forget*



Bourne National Cemetery Veterans Tribute

– Sponsored by

Framingham Lodge 1264 B.P.O. ELKS

Sunday, May 26, 2013

10:30 AM

Box Lunch and Barbeque – all for \$20.00

10:30 am Bus leaves – ELKS Parking Lot

450 Union Ave., Framingham

1 PM Memorial Day Ceremony

4 pm return for lodge barbeque



ALL INVITED VETERANS – FRIENDS – PUBLIC

Send \$20 check made out to:

Framingham Lodge 1264 ELKS

PO BOX 4747, Framingham, MA 01704

Maritime Band Wreath dedications

Bring Camera

RSVP w/check by May 17, 2013

You'll go back next year

First come first served

1 Bus Only

John J. Villa (508) 397-9065



**MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE BARBEQUE FOR \$10.00
A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE GRILL ROOM**

MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</div> <div>Smile, it's free therapy.</div> <div>Douglas Horton</div>				1	2	3
4 Regional Meeting (Winthrop)	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day  Happy Mother's Day	12	13	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16	17 State President's Testimonial (Mansfield)
18	19	20	21  Lodge Meeting	22	23	24
25 Bourne Trip 	26  Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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15 State Convention (Hyannis) 	16	17	18  Lodge Meeting	19	20	21 Elk On The Trail (Florida, MA) 
22 Family Day Picnic (Saugus/ Everett Lodge) 	23 Senior Golf Tournament (Wayland) 	24	25	26	27	28 Horseshoe Tournament (Norwood) 
29	30		<div>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</div> <div>A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.</div> <div>Arnold H. Glasow</div>			

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thoughts on what we can
do to improve our Lodge.*

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