



ER MESSAGE

Hopefully we can start May off with the warm weather finally settling in. We are getting the New Lodge Year underway. The Home Com and BODs are electing their Chairperson and are off and running with our Lodge Budget and list of things to concentrate on.

We plan to always have activities in the works and things going on at the Lodge this year. (Karaoke night and Chicken Shoot planned for May) I am hoping to see everyone getting involved and participating in as much as you can.

Reminder that our Lodge Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:00, and the Bar is closed during these Business meetings. All members attending the Lodge Meetings have the right to vote on what we do as a Club and how we spend our time and Money. Come help us make the right decisions.

Thank you for being members in this great Fraternal Organization.

I am also happy to report that during Donna's year as ER the Framingham Lodge had a Net Gain in Membership. Framingham also exceeded the ENF Per Capita goal set by the Grand Lodge. Thank you Donna and Chairman John Villa.

Jerry Blanchette
District Deputy East Central District & your Exalted Ruler

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S OUTSTANDING ELKS

Junior Past Exalted Ruler Donna Acorn announced the following awards at the Installation of Officers:

Elk of the Year John Villa, PDD, HLM
Officer of the Year Jerry Blanchette, DDGER Trustee
Citizen of the Year Susan Petrini



And GER Special Commendation Awards were given to: Suzanne Brown and Patty Higgins.

PER Donna also gave out two ER Awards to: Laura Medrano and Kevin Higgins. PER Donna also received a GER Special Citation Award, and accepted an award on behalf of the Lodge.

In her speech Donna indicated how she wished she had more awards because there were so many Members who helped to make this year the success it was. She expressed her gratitude to everyone for making Framingham Lodge 1264 the stellar Lodge it is!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Kevin Horton



Announcing the Death of a Member:



Norman R. Levesque

Born: August 4 1924

Initiated: Nov. 2, 1959

Life Member: Feb. 2, 1989

Died: Mar. 26, 2015

It is my sad duty to also report the loss of two other wonderful people in Elkdom: Diane Hickey on April 8, 2015 the beloved wife of Past State President Joseph Hickey, and Past State President Fred Cohen, President of the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Program. Our thoughts and prayers go to the families and to all those who mourn their loss.

EARTH DAY

The lodge participated in the town-wide Earth's day Celebration, the Textile recycling collection was very successful over 500 lbs of used clothing and other items were dropped off at the lodge.

At Commons we had a booth promoting the Elks as a community partner and educating children on healthy living.

Thanks to our great volunteers, Michelle Brigham, Jean Jewel and Cesar Monzon for all your work. See you next year!

Donna Acorn and Laura Medrano, Coordinators.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Time continues to fly by, and already we have finished the first month of the Elk year. So much has been going on with Installation of Officers, Lodge meetings, Earth Day events and all the regular business of running a Lodge. We look forward to the months ahead and working with the newly Installed Lodge Officers. ER Jerry is no stranger to the position, and I am confident he will guide our Lodge well, and that he will have the full support of his committees. We can anticipate another successful year in completing all the Elks programs. None of this can happen without you the Members. Activities may be planned but it will take Membership participation to make them truly successful. The work of an Elk is a labor of love. The Bourne Trip for our Veterans is but one example. Keep up with the events scheduled and stop in the Lodge to read about activities which may have missed this bulletin. Pledge to yourself to make a renewed commitment to your Lodge and become active!!

In this bulletin I announced the death of three people. Norman Levesque was a Life member who lived in Hopedale. He lived to the age of 90, and paid his dues to a Lodge where few who frequent the Club may have known him today. He was faithful to us and so we will place his name on the tablets of love and memory. Diane Hickey was a devoted First Lady of the Massachusetts State Elks Association and wife of Past State President Joseph Hickey of the Winthrop Lodge. Together they travelled throughout the state promoting Elkdom and setting an example for all of us. Lastly there was Fred Cohen, Past State President and President of the Mass Elks Scholarship Program. I have known Freddie for as long as I have been an Elk, and his dedication and commitment to our State Association may best be seen in his work with the Scholarship Program. Hundreds of students have received aid and thousands of dollars have been given out each year thanks to his leadership and energy in promoting the program. Some Elks may be in the spotlight and others may not. But each took the oath before the Altar, and each will be remembered when the eleventh hour comes. Our prayers go to their families.

Happy Mother's Day and may you have a blessed Memorial Day!

Faternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



EMBLEM NEWS



Our sympathy goes out to June Robinson and her family on the death of her Brother.

I can't believe this is my final bulletin. It only took seven years to get to this sad and happy time in my life. You do know that Emblem is in my blood, so I'm here to stay but in a less active position. Congratulations to June Robinson and her crew of officers. I know you will do a great job for Framingham Emblem #126.

We enjoyed Our Testimonial Luncheon Honoring State President Phillip Begeal held at Gloucester House Restaurant.

May is the month to show appreciation for volunteers. Your commitment to others makes you someone that I have treasured. You all have positive impact in way beyond measure. Please accept my thanks for the superb things you all do. We Emblem members have accomplished much more because we are volunteers that do so much.

Easter Sunday was again great for Larry's Place thanks to Temple Beth Am. They donated Ham dinners for all of them. St Patrick's Manor gave a large jar of jelly beans. Lots of men clothing and can goods was also given to them.

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

Clothing is needed for men, women and children for the shelters and veterans. So while you are 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 May13th at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses are Helen Juskiewicz, Sandy Mulish, and June Robinson.

Sickness and Distress - Phyllis May and Terry McDevitt had a taste of this year's bug. Sure more members also haven't been feeling great this winter.

Advice Colum: Sit less and move, even if you exercise too. People, who sit less, stand and move around more have a lower risk for such conditions as heart disease, diabetes and various cancers. Just standing more often makes a difference in health and quality of life, say professors at Kansas State University.

Before I close, I would like to thank all the Elks and Emblem for their support shown to me in my term as President. Without it I would have never been able to remain for so many years.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May
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DUES ARE COMING IN.....BUT WE NEED YOU TO ACT NOW

We are only one month into the new year and we have approximately 150 Members who have not paid this year's dues. Let's not wait for a second billing, and mail in your dues payment now, or drop it off at the Lodge in the Secretary mail box. I'll either mail you your card or leave it at the Lodge upon your request. If you plan to travel in the months ahead it is a good card to have with you!!

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 \$7.53 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 301-500 members and 7th 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



MEAT/CHICKEN SHOOT:



The Lodge will be hosting a Meat/Chicken shoot 6:00pm Saturday night May 23th.

Tell your friends and come on down for a couple of hours of Fun.

You may even win a cooked dinner to take home, or use our grill to cook your own dinner that you just won.



Join your fellow Elks at the Guest Lounge for **Night of Karaoke.**

Friday, May 8th, 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
DJ Butch Wetherell will be playing country classics & old and new hits.

Free admission; bring your family and friends.

Mark Your Calendar for the Bourne National Cemetery Bus Trip



Least We Forget



Bourne National Cemetery

Veterans Tribute – Sponsored by

Framingham Elks Lodge #1264

Sunday, May 24th, 2015

10:15 AM

Box Lunch and Barbeque – all for \$20

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 16

You'll go back next year

First come first served

1 Bus Only

John 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.

PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Renee MacDonald proposed by Donna Acorn, PER

THIS YEAR'S STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 1, 2015:

April 1, 2014	491
Initiated	37
Affiliated by dimit	2
Reinstatements	9
Dropped for non-payment	13
Transfer Dimit	3
Deceased	6
Total April 1, 2015	517
Net Gain	26
Life Members	80
Honorary Life Members	7

Our Lodge had a very good year. Showing a net gain in membership is a tribute to those Members who "asked someone" to join. Sometimes that's all it takes...a family member, a friend, a business associate! Let's keep the momentum going and work toward making this year another successful year in Membership. Applications may be found at the bar. Take one, and carry it with you. You never know when someone may ask you, "How can I join?" Be ready to offer the opportunity.

Charity Fundraising Raffle June 6, 2015

This year's State Association Charity Fund Raffle books have been mailed.

\$20,000 Grand Prize, 2nd \$3000, 3rd \$2,000 and four \$500 Sellers Pool winners.

If you buy or sell a book, write your name on the blue ticket. That is for the Sellers pool.

The Lodge's share of the income from this depends on your participation. Please help your Lodge and your charities by purchasing the book. **Please mail the raffle books back to the State Chairman with the envelope provided in the package.** We will also have the Lodge pool again this year. This means that for every 20 books sold by your lodge including mail-ins the lodge will be entered into the pool for a chance to win one or more of the four \$500.00 prizes. **"CHARITY IS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE VIRTUES" YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL.**

If you would like to purchase more raffle books contact your lodge secretary.

MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE DAY... Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. <i>Winston Churchill</i>					1	2
3 Regional Meeting (Auburn/Webster Lodge)	4	5	6  Lodge Meeting	7	8 Karaoke Night 	9 John Villa and Kathy Morse Wedding 
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	14	15	16 State President's Testimonial (Best Western/Marlboro) Armed Services Day
17 Emblem Installation of Officers (3:00pm)	18	19	20  Lodge Meeting	21	22	23 Chicken Shoot 
24 Bourne Trip 	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30
31 ECD PER Meeting (Lexington)						

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Lodge Meeting	4	5 Mass State Convention (Hyannis) 	6 Mass State Convention (Hyannis) 
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14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17  Lodge Meeting	18	19	20 State President's Testimonial (Best Western/Marlboro)
21  Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	QUOTE OF THE DAY... Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open. <i>John Barrymore</i>			

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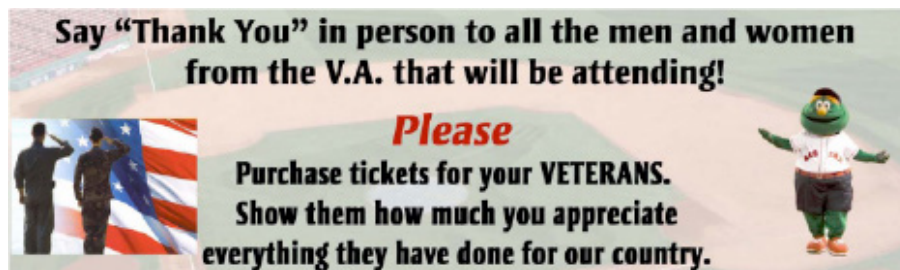


DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

MASS ELKS NIGHT AT FENWAY TO HONOR OUR VETERANS.

This year the Mass Elks night at Fenway will take place on Wednesday August 19, 2015, 7:05pm, **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 6, 2015



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 6, 2015.

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. Please purchase a ticket to the ball game to Honor our Veterans. If any Veterans from our lodge are interested in going to the game please let me know.

District Chairman
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM