



ER MESSAGE



I attended the first DD clinic in Natick on August 17th. They stressed the importance of membership in every lodge. I urge every member to please try and recruit. Membership is how we keep every lodge running.

Our Super Bowl Champion Patriots season has started back up. The lodge is a great place to watch the game with friends.

September 16th we will be having a meat shoot. Please bring your friends and family for a fun night out.

Lodge meetings are going to be on September 6th and 20th. The DD visitation will be held on September 20th during our lodge meeting. If you would like attend please let us know. The Regional meeting will be at the Leominster/Fitchburg lodge on September 10th at 10am.

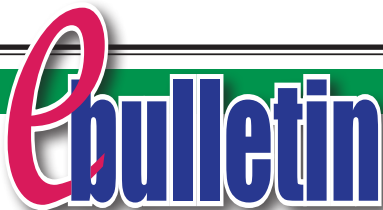
The lodge is holding its first Bike and Scooter Drive. All bikes will be donated to the Beaver Park Community center. This is a great way to clean out your garage with unwanted bikes and help children in the process. Stay tuned for a bike drop off date.

Room Rental season is approaching. Please make sure to contact Cliff if you have any Holiday, Birthday or any other occasions you would like to rent a room. Dates are filling up fast for the upcoming months. Please remember to respect those private Parties downstairs. Look on the Door first before entering through the Members entrance so you don't interrupt anything.

On October 15th the lodge will be hosting the 1ST annual Fire and Police appreciation BBQ from noon-4pm. The Framingham Fire and Framingham Police Departments work very hard to protect and save us every day. Please help us give back by donating items for the BBQ. Please call me at 508-320-3217 with any donations or if you would like to volunteer to help at the BBQ. Let's make this a great annual event!



E.R
Suzanne Brown



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Thank you for helping us Go Green



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker and William Casey.

If you know anyone who may be “under the weather” please inform an Officer of the Lodge. We also welcome information regarding the loss of a family member so that we may include the Member’s family in our prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Patty Higgins and her family on the loss of her brother.

SECRETARY’S CONCERN WITH SNOWBIRDS

Many bulletins have been returned to our Lodge due to a change of address or because the Member is “Temporarily Away”. Please inform the Secretary if you are moving or have any plans to be away for an extended period of time. Remember, you may opt to receive the Bulletin on line and we will take your name off the mailing list! (www.framinghamelks.com) Please contact the Secretary: bobanspach@aol.com Note: Based on the emails received on your dues bill I will attempt to mail the bulletin to those who provided an email. Please respond to the email and let me know if you would prefer to receive it that way or if you still want the hard copy.



Thank you.

SECRETARY’S CORNER

With the end of summer we reach September which marks almost half of the Lodge year. It comes as no surprise that much of what happens is during the months ahead: Soccer Shoot; District Deputy Visitations; Veterans’ activities; Elks’ Scholarship Applications; of course the weekly viewing of Patriots Football; and let us not forget the excitement caused by the Red Sox.

Then there are activities planned by the activities committee. All of these things don’t “just happen.” Members work hard to promote successful programs. What is needed is your help in support of what is planned. Volunteering is important, but so is participation in the activity. For the Lodge to be successful, we need YOU. Contact an Officer or Chairman of a Committee to see how you can help.

As I look back on the Life Members’ luncheon I realized that they represented almost 500 years of service to our Lodge. These proud few, along with the other 65 Life members, helped to make our Lodge what it is today. As some would say, “They paid their dues”, and continue to do so. The question is: will you, the reader, someday be in a picture that will tell our history?

Remember, the more you get involved, the more you can get out of the work we do.

Have a safe Labor Day weekend, and remember schools are open so drive a little more carefully!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



LODGE BULLETIN BOARDS



Very often events at the Lodge may come in a spontaneous way, or may be planned after the bulletin has been printed and mailed. In order to keep yourself better informed of these happenings I encourage you to come down to the Lodge and look over the bulletin boards. Golf Tournaments, Motorcycle Runs for Veteran Fund Raisers and other causes, and tailgating events are often posted there during football season!! Come on down and catch up on the news!

LIFE/HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS' GATHERING

Below is a picture of those who attended the luncheon held at the Lodge. We also received eight letters / emails from members unable to attend. One in particular that needs mention is the email from 50 year member John Siipola who now lives in Wisconsin. He recently published a book entitled "Tears of a Patriot" about the Vietnam War and some of the difficulties facing our returning vets. We showed an album containing many quite old pictures. It was great to hear stories from those present regarding the "good old days" and recalling the names of those who are now inscribed on the Tablets of Love and Memory. Past State President Donald Podgurski of Norwood came to share his memories of the history of Framingham Lodge. Veterans' pins as well as Years of Membership pins (Bernie McKenzie has been a member for 71 years!!) were distributed. The luncheon was a wonderful trip down memory lane.



Front row: Benny Ottaviani, PER Bernie Kane, Bernie McKenzie, Joe Tomasi, Ed Doherty
Back Row: PER, PDD John Villa, Jim Divver, PER, PDD Bob Anspach, Ted Langmeyer,
PER Kevin Crotty, PER, ER Suzanne Brown. Not shown, PER Bill Sullivan

LODGE SOCCER SHOOT

Lodge Soccer Shoot is scheduled to be held on Sunday September 24, 2017 from 11:00 pm - 3:00pm at the Keefe Tech High School Soccer Field next to the Loring Arena Ice Rink **rain or shine**. Sign up 11:00am -12:00 pm. Boys and Girls are invited to participate, no skills required. Ages 4 to 13 years old as of August 1, 2017. Bring your grandchildren nieces, nephews and all their friends. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each category.

We need your help so please mark your calendars and sign up at the Lodge.

Lodge Chairman,
John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to thank all the members that have contributed to date. I would also like to thank Michael Halpin, Ken Owens, Michael Barbieri and Tom Barbieri for their recent donations.

We are half way through the year and we are currently at \$5.07 per member (GREAT JOB) we have met the Grand Lodge goal of \$4.65 and eligible for the Gratitude Grant. I'm sure with your continued support we will meet this year's Lodge goal of \$6.00. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports all of our programs working with the Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness programs in addition over 3.7 million dollars in scholarships were given out last year alone.

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.

Please send in your ENF donations to my attention and I will send it to them in your name.

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



GRAND LODGE ENF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship season has started with the **Elks Most Valuable Student** scholarship, now open for seniors in high school. Applications are only available on line at ENF website at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. The ENF MVS awards range from \$4,000 to \$50,000 so well worth applying for. **DEADLINE IS 11/27/2017**

ENF also offers **Legacy awards** for seniors in high school for children and grandchildren of Elks members. (Elks Members Only). These are also \$4,000 awards. The application process is done completely online, www.elks.org/enf with a deadline of 1/29/16. **DEADLINE IS 2/02/2018**

A third ENF program is the **Emergency Educational Grant Program**. This is open to students of deceased or totally disabled Elks members. Please contact the scholarship chairman for an application. New and renewal applications should be filed **between May 1 and October 31**.



MEAL OF THE MONTH CONTINUES

On the second Wednesday of each month the Lodge holds a "meal of the month/birthday bash" for all Members and guests. It is an all you can eat dinner followed by cake and ice cream for only \$8.00. (Menu for the meal of the month is posted on the Lodge bulletin boards.) Then if you are present and your birthday is during that month you have a chance to win the birthday drawing. A fifty/fifty raffle is also held. Dinner starts at 5:30 until 6:45. Come and enjoy the Lodge hospitality on September 13th.





EMBLEM NEWS

My hope is that you had a great summer, and perhaps you had a chance to get away for vacation. Recently I spent some time in the Cape and visited with some of our Sisters in Emblem. It was great to be with them.

As we look to the fall I remind you to keep track of your charitable work and the hours you have donated. Each year we submit our charity report to the Supreme Emblem President and she is always impressed with the amount of time and amount of money we donate. Our Membership may be small, but our generosity is huge!!

Our next meeting is September 13th. I will contact the collation hostesses by phone.

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing about your summer activities.

Yours in Emblem,
June Robinson
Emblem President



ENTERTAINMENT

Hope everyone had an Amazing Summer.

Well its time again to start marking your calendar's.

The entertainment committee has been very busy trying to come up with ideas for the lodge. Please save the dates for the next two meat shoots for SEPTEMBER 16TH and OCT 14TH. We have changed the days to Saturday's at 6:00 P.M.



We are in the process of setting up other events too. Anyone with an idea please feel free to email me Sheree King at pking62@verizon.net.

Last year was an amazing adventure for us. We had paint night and a vendor fundraiser for Delta Dog. We also brought back the St Patt's Day Dinner and raffled off lots of cool stuff, which was a huge success. But we could not do it without our member's and guest. Thank you all for the support.












And finally a big thank you to Donna Acorn, Patty Higgins, Shari Manning and Paul King who will be helping to make these Meat shoots a great success this year.

Hope to see you all soon

Sheree King
Entertainment Chairman



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>QUOTE OF THE DAY... There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship. <i>Thomas Aquinas</i></p>						
3	 LABOR DAY	5	 Lodge Meeting	 Patriots vs. Chiefs (8:30) Orientation	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Regional Meeting (Leominster/ Fitchburg)		DD Pre-Visit	Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash		 Lodge MEAT SHOOT 6pm	ENF Walk (Wareham/ New Bedford) 
 Patriots @ Saints (1:00) ENF Walk (Wakefield)	18	19	 Lodge Meeting Initiation/ DD Visitation	21	22	23
Annual Walk for ENF (Gardner Lodge)	 Patriots vs. Texans (1:00)	25	26	27	28	29
	 Lodge Soccer Shoot	Maynard Visitation				GER Dinner (Mansfield)  Franklin Lodge 5 mile Road Race in support of Veterans

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Patriots vs Panthers (1:00)	2	3	 Lodge Meeting	 Patriots vs Panthers (8:25)	6	7
ECD Soccer Shoot	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Clinton Visitation	Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash		 Lodge MEAT SHOOT 6pm	 Mass Elks Dart Tournament (Auburn/Webster)
 Patriots @ Jets (1:00)	16	17	 Lodge Meeting Lexington Visitation	19	20	21
 Patriots vs Falcons (8:30)	23	24	25	26	27	28
 Patriots vs Chargers (1:00)	30	31	Halloween	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Note: Franklin DD Homecoming November 4 @ 5:00; Cocktails 3:30. </div>		

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Meat Shoot



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September 16th, 2017
6PM – 9PM
50/50 & RAFFLE
\$20.00

