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Guest Lounge Rentals: (I know this is somewhat new to us, but people love our new room) Remember to be courteous to those renting our Guest Lounge by entering from the Main Doors, not the Members entrance.



Language: Remember that there are other Members and Guests in the Room, This is not your "living room, it is everyone's! This means you need to know your audience, and respect your audience. If offensive language is used and you can't refrain yourself, then be prepared to be asked to leave.

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GRAND LODGE RESOLUTIONS RESULTS

1. To eliminate the position of Grand Treasurer. *Passed Conditionally*
2. To transfer the duties of the Grand Treasurer to the Grand Secretary. *Passed*
3. To allow the adoption of alternate initiation rituals. *Passed*
4. To allow a Lodge to assess its Life Members an administrative fee up to the amount of regular members. *Passed*
5. To reinstate the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee. *Passed*
6. To add flexibility to the operation of the Elks National Home. *Passed*
7. To provide authority for the Board of Directors of the Corporation which maintains the Elks National Home to sell, lease or close the Home. *Passed*
8. To provide that only one copy of the Elks Magazine be mailed to an address with multiple members unless otherwise requested by the Member. *Passed*
9. To increase the fee to appeal an Executive Order to moiré accurately reflect the cost of transcription of the record. *Failed*
10. To clarify that officers of a separate corporation are subject to discipline by the Grand Exalted Ruler. *Passed*
11. To extend the expedited expulsion to a Member who fails to disclose a prior criminal conviction on an application for membership. *Passed*
12. To clarify the circumstances under which a conflict of interest exists. *Passed*
13. To establish a whistleblower policy to protect those who report violations. *Passed.*
14. To eliminate the need for a card number to conform to CLMS. *Passed*
15. To clarify that a PER retains that status upon transfer to another Lodge.
16. To simplify the reduced fee for reinstatement. *Passed*
17. To clarify the procedure for dropping a delinquent Member. *Passed*
18. To clarify that an expelled Member cannot be admitted into any Elks facility as a guest. *Passed*

(For clarification: As Resolution 1 is a Constitutional change it must be ratified by the entire membership. Therefore we will be voting on such a change at our first meeting in September

Also note that Resolution 17 pertains to the time frame in which a Member MUST pay his dues. Up until now a Member could be on the delinquent list until March 31 of the following year, at which point the Member would be dropped for nonpayment of dues. We may now act on dropping a Member after only six months. (Please note: There are still 81 Members who have not paid this year's dues and are in that position of being dropped sooner than you may have thought.)

MASS ELKS NIGHT AT FENWAY TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

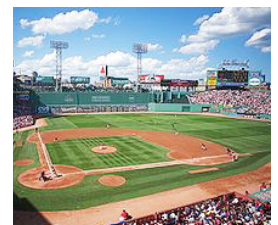
Fenway Park on Friday, August 3rd. Red Sox against Twins

Tickets are \$59.00 for Right Field Box seats or \$40.00 per person for Right Field Grandstand seats. This game is to honor our Veterans.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the game let me know. I can be reached at 508-397-9065 or call State Chairman Harry See 978 239-5798 and he will send you the tickets.

Come Out and Honor our Veterans

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Though some are of the belief that when the 4th of July ends so does the summer, given the weather we have been sharing nothing could be farther from the truth. What ER Jerry, John and Kathy, and I experienced in Austin, Texas weather was no different than what was going on here.

The results of the Resolution voting which took place at the National Convention have been placed within the bulletin. If you need to get an explanation on any particular one don't hesitate to ask me. The business session was only one event for the week. Meeting the National Hoop Shoot winners and the two Most Valuable Student Award recipients was another hi-light. Naturally, meeting the new Grand Exalted Ruler Tom Brazier and his wife Venita of California was a great opportunity to extend our Framingham Lodge congratulations. The Convention is always a great take, and for those who want to enjoy what over 6,500 of us enjoyed last month think about joining us in Reno, Nevada next year July 14-18, or plan ahead to New Orleans July 13-17, 2014.

If you are a golf enthusiast or one who likes to motorcycle around, there are still many tournaments and bike runs being held in different parts of the State. Contact me for more information.

Remember, the Lodge is a great place to beat the heat, and save on your own air conditioning. And if you are traveling, don't forget to visit other Lodges and enjoy their hospitality.

There is only one Lodge meeting on August 15, 2012. A good time to share what is happening and what is going to be happening within our Lodge. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



14th MA Elks WALK AROUND THE LAKE

To benefit the Elks National Foundation. Will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Elks Association

I will be participating again this year and will looking for donations to sponsor me in this event.

Please make checks payable to the Elks National Foundation and send them to the Lodge to my attention.

The Walk Around the Lake is a Massachusetts State Association Event and is open to all members, their families and children as well as their friends. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this charitable endeavor.

Come join us and open your hearts to the many good charitable projects that the Elks National Foundation supports. Times are difficult and even more difficult for those in need. It is only with your help that this will continue.

NOTE: All donations go directly in the donor's name to the ENF.

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EMBLEM NEWS

Summer is already half over. We are having great weather. I hope you had a good vacation or plan to go on Labor Day, which is just around the corner.

Our annual Sponsor-a-Student project is on NOW. This project buys clothes, shoes, or school supplies for a student in need. No student should go to school on the first day and not fit in. Please send your check made out to June Robinson and mail it to Framingham Emblem Club, PO Box 691, Framingham MA 01704. You can also buy gift cards so the children can go with their parents to shop for what is needed. You can drop your donation in our mail box at the club if you prefer. Our deadline is August 17th. We thank you and we know the students and their families are very appreciative.

Larry's Place was very happy with all their new clothing, and they are extremely thankful.

The Elks "Night Before the 4th" was great – good food, good times – for both Emblem and Elks.

Five of us went to Winthrop for our State Outing. The theme was "BBQ by the Ocean". We had exceptionally good time. These annual outings are always so much fun.

I hope you're keeping track of your community service. Remember to submit it to me or Community Service Chairman Joanie deGrandmaison so we can include the information on our report.

At the July Meal of the Month we gave out scholarships to four students. Two 120 Club Charity scholarships were awarded: one to Bernard Trevor Rabidou, nephew of John Villa, and one to Haylee Manning, daughter of Shari Manning. Two Emblem scholarships were also presented: one to Christopher Brienza, grandson of Josie Lascano, and one to Timothy Bates, grandson of Nancy Villa. We wish all four the very best of luck in their scholastic endeavors.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30pm. Collation Hostesses are Janice Enman, Jo Margie Munroe, Betty Slecowski, and Gloria Welch.

Sickness and Distress: Just a little hint: Be careful - more people are hurting their elbows this summer, I myself know about four people.





Advice Colum: Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May President
508-879-6053



August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength. <i>Betty Friedan</i></p>			1	2	3 Mass Elks at Fenway 	4
5 East Central District PER luncheon at John Villa's Home	6	7	8 Meal of the Month/Birthday Bash	9	10 	11 Bikers Run (Norwood Elks Scholarship Fund) Mass Elks Veterans Run (Weymouth Elks)
12	13	14	15  Lodge Meeting Only meeting in August	16	17	18 Athol-Orange Lodge Clambake
19	20	21	22	23	24	25  Mass Elks at Suffolk Downs
<p><i>Secretary's Note:</i> There are numerous Golf Tournaments and other Bike Runs being held during the summer, benefitting many different causes. These are posted in the Lodge.</p>						
26	27	28	29 East Central DD Clinic (Hudson)	30	31	

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2  Labor Day Cook Out 5:00pm Movie Night 7:30pm 	3 	4	5  Lodge Meeting	6	7	8 
9	10	11 Mass Elks Golf Tournament (Marlborough CC) 	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month/Birthday Bash	13	14	15 Mass Elks at Fenton-Densmore Memorial Football Game
16 ENF Walk Around The Lake (Wakefield Lodge) 	17 Rosh Hashanah 	18	19  Lodge Meeting	20	21	22 Mass Elks at the Revolution 
23	24	25	26 Yom Kippur 	27	28	29
30						

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are off and running into the New Year with approximately \$1.86 per capita, that's a great start. This is mainly due to the extra money that was made from ENF BOLA Fundraiser last January. We were able to donate another \$6.00 for each book sold at that event.

The Elks National Foundation and I thank you for your support throughout the year. It has been a banner year for the lodge. It is thru the generosity of almost ¼ of our membership which helps us to continue to support all the programs that the Elks National Foundation sponsors. This year the Lodge gave out over \$14,000 in Mass scholarships to the student in our area, part of this comes from the ENF contributions.

Elks Care Elks Share..

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM



LODGE SOCCER SHOOT

Lodge Soccer Shoot will be held on Sunday September 16, 2012 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Keefe Tech High School tennis court area next to the Loring Arena Ice Rink rain or shine. Sign up 12:00 -1:00 pm. Boys and Girls are invited to participate, no skills required. Ages 4 to 13 years old as of August 1, 2012. 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

LATE NOTE OF THANKS

The flower pots which were placed on our Lodge front steps just prior to our Flag Day/ 100th Anniversary Party were donated by Jenna Porter of River's Edge Garden Shop on Auburn Street Extension. She said she was pleased to do it given what we do for Veterans and the Community. Thank you, Jenna, for adding the color to our Lodge. We'll see you when you re-open next spring!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Curtis Clafin, Victor Golgota, Cesar Monzon PER, and Joyce Seariac. Victor has been in St. Patrick's Manor, and Cesar is recuperating at home, while Joyce is in Concord Health Care on Route 2. A call or a visit would be most welcomed.



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