



MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

November was a fun month with the Annual Turkey Shoot and Thanksgiving Breakfast.

Thanks to all that helped each event and making it another successful year.

As we move into December we have a few events going on in the Lodge. First is Memorial Sunday Dec 2 at 11:00, next will be the Kids Christmas Party on Dec 9th starting at 1:00, then we have the Members Christmas Party on Tuesday Night Dec 11th, cocktails at 5:00. Signup sheets for both Parties are posted in the Lounge.

It is always great to have things going on at the Club.

Our New Guest Lounge is a great facility and we need to fill it more with Fun nights for our Members. I am open for suggestions and new ideas. Cribbage nights, pitch nights, music nights etc...

The night time lights on our Elks sign out front makes us more noticeable. Thank you Richie, Ernie, and Brett for making this happen.

I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone to enjoy the **Holiday Season**, **Merry Christmas**, and a **Happy New Year**.

The Holidays are all about spending time with your Family. Being together and supporting one another.

We as Elks are Family. We need to keep these same rules.

One of the keys to our Organization is Membership. We need that Membership to be strong and supporting of one another, and (most importantly) as Active as Possible.

I put this in the Bulletin to bring to your attention that we currently have an Empty Officer's Chair.

We also seem to always hold our bi-monthly meetings with minimal attendance. Decisions for our future success are made at the Lodge Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Please try to attend.

We need the Officers Chairs filled and as many Members possible upstairs at the meetings to make sure we "All" are making the right decisions for the future of the Framingham Elks.

There is currently one Lodge in our District that will be closing. I do not want to see our Lodge ever mentioned with those words next to it. But it wasn't that long ago when we had considerable Financial concerns. We worked our way through that period and are more stable for now.

Let's keep our Club alive. Ask to join a committee, run an event or become an Officer.

Home Committee Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of every month at 6:00, right before the Lodge Meeting.

Board of Directors usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday right after the Lodge Meeting.



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Feel free to contact me or either of those committees if you would like to have anything added to the Agendas for discussion.

To get involved, contact me anytime on my cell at 617-967-5733.

Thanks for being a Member!

E.R. Jerry Blanchette

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF MEMBERS

August Jose

Born: March 23, 1920
Initiated: November 9, 1964
Life Member: August 9, 1999
Died: November 9, 2012

Jimmy LeBlanc

Born: August 9, 1934
Initiated: November 9, 1964
Life Member: August 9, 1999
Died: October 29, 2012

Eugene Myers

Born: October 11, 1922
Initiated: November 2, 1985
Died: November 6, 2012

Sleep in peace my Members. Your name shall never be forgotten.



MEMORIAL SUNDAY

As Elks, we traditionally set aside the first Sunday in December to honor our Departed Members. On that day we pay special tribute to those members who have passed away since our last memorial Sunday in 2011.

This year we will gather on December 2, 2012 at 11:00am to remember:

August Jose, LM

Robert LaFrance

Jimmy LeBlanc

Joe McManus

Eugene Myers

A small collation will be provided at the conclusion of the Service.

Red Solo Cup Party

Saturday Dec 29th 7:00 till Close.

Members and Guest Lounges.

Now that Christmas is over, what better way to use the Christmas tree than to hang our Red Solo Cups.

Red Solo Cup Ornaments,
Red Solo Cup Draft Beer,
and Red Solo Cup Specialty Drinks.

Come Celebrate the Weekend
In-between the Holidays.



PartyLite BINGO

Date: December 16, 2012
Location: Framingham Elks
Time: Noon-4pm



Cost: \$10 for 21 single game sheets
(may purchase more than one set of cards)

Over \$800 in PartyLite Prizes

Also, Door Prizes - Cash & Carry items- Raffle

Everyone Welcome

Please RSVP to: Sue Brown 508-820-8813
or gurney902@aol.com

Michele Brigham 508-361-2886
or mbrigham@aol.com

Cash Bar available





EMBLEM NEWS

Please welcome our newest member, **Jane Jordon**. We are so pleased she has joined us.

I can't believe that it's holiday time again - where did this year go? This is the season of giving, and Emblem is always there to help out in any way possible.

Literacy Chairman June Robinson and **Darlene Herweck** thank everyone for the gifts donated for the teenagers. We had a nice variety of gifts for both girls and boys. Darlene will ensure that needy children receive them at Christmas. We also collected much needed canned goods for the pantry. And **Nancy Jay** kept her hands busy knitting hats for our veterans.

If you have any winter jackets or coats you are no longer using, please bring them to the lodge and I will get them to a needy cold person. If you didn't wear it last year, you probably won't wear it this year, so please donate it. I will be more than happy to take any winter items to help those less fortunate than us.

Food for the pantry is an on-going project, so please bring food to the lodge at any time. I will make sure it is delivered to a shelter.

Larry's Place has blessed Emblem and Elk members over and over again. We bring the smallest or largest amount of food, household's items, clothing, and personal items to them all year long. It is fun to visit see these men, and sometimes we even have coffee with them. One of the veterans is from World War II - he is a favorite of Jeanne and me.

So remember, if you have anything you no longer need or use, you can bet your life on it that Emblem can find a home for it.

The election is over - some are happy and some are sad. But please remember to show respect for those that won, and maybe a prayer to help them to do the right job for our beloved country - the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

Just a reminder that December 2, 2012 is Memorial Sunday for the Elks. Please attend if you can. I proudly light a candle in memory of our deceased Emblem members.

Winter meetings are at the mercy of Mother Nature. If cancelled, we meet the following Monday at 7:30 P.M. Please drive carefully.

Sickness and Distress: **Joyce Seariac** would like a card from you.

Advice Column: "It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Collation Hostesses are **Nancy Jay, Josie Lascano, and Pat Shorton**.

Please have a safe and Happy New Year. Stay well don't make a resolution you can't keep.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May
508-879-6053



December 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| QUOTE OF THE DAY... Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship. <i>Buddha</i> | | | | | | 1 |
| Elks' Memorial Sunday (11:00am)  | | |  Lodge Meeting (Only one this month) | | | |
|  Hanukkah | Kids Christmas Party  |  Member's Christmas Party (tentative date) | Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash | | | |
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| |  New Year's Eve |  Christmas Day (Lodge Closed) | | | | |

January 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Note: The ECD ENF Bola is coming up. Buy your chances and plan to attend the event in Lexington!! Date TBA. | | New Year's Day  |  Lodge Meeting | |  East Central District Hoop Shoot | |
| | | | Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash | | | |
| ECD PER Breakfast (Hudson/10:00am) | | |  Lodge Meeting | | | |
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| QUOTE OF THE DAY... Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having, except as a result of hard work. <i>Booker T. Washington</i> | | | | | | |

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

As in the past we are collecting money to off-set the cost of the kid's Christmas party in December. Please send any donation to the Lodge, attention Kid's Christmas Party. There will be a sing-up sheet in the Lodge on which you should list the name and age of your children or grandchildren. The cutoff date will soon be approaching!



MEMBERSHIP

We are accepting applications for those who wish to be a part of the PER Class in February. Dues are pro-rated, and though the cost is \$68.00 for Dues and \$50 for Fees (Total of \$118.00)



Dues are paid though April 1, 2014!!

At present we have many who have not paid the current year's dues. Treat yourself this Christmas and get your current Membership card! Dues notices for next year will be going out soon, and let's hope you aren't dropped from the Membership roster.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Curtis Claflin, Victor Golgota, Joyce Seariac, Donald Logan, Cesar Monzon, PER.

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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER BOLA

We are holding our annual East Central District ENF BOLA Fundraiser. First prize is \$1,000.00, 2nd \$250.00, 3rd 100.00 and 10 chances to win \$25.00 worth of scratch tickets. The raffle book cost \$25.00 for 10 tickets or \$3.00 per ticket. The cover of the book is the entrance fee to Dinner and Dancing. This year the event will be held in Lexington.

Tentative date is Saturday, Feb 23, 2013. Mark your calendars.

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



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SECRETARY'S CORNER

It is always a sad duty to report the death of a Member. We might consider ourselves lucky this Memorial Year as we have lost only five Members, with three passing within a month's time. Ours is a Lodge whose mean age is 57 years old, and we have ninety Life Members which means they have been Members for thirty years and have reached sixty-five years of age. For the most part, a young Member at our Lodge may be in the late thirties or forties. Some of us remember when hitting forty was going over the hill! I encourage all the Members to be a part of the Membership Committee and seek out qualified new Members to join us in our charitable work.

We are in the final quarter of our Lodge year. Nothing stops with the changing of the Guard. If you are interested in becoming more involved and would like to start in an Officer's Chair, please let ER Jerry know. We have many activities going on this month and help is always needed. Come on down to the Lodge and join in the fun... especially the Members' Christmas Party.

On behalf of all the Officers and Committeemen let me extend to you a Merry Christmas and a joyous Holiday Season. Good health and prosperity to you all in the year ahead.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM

Secretary

