



MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

As I sit here and write this, I am filled with many thoughts. As a person who has lived in and around Boston my whole life, I am proud of a city that has stood up to terrorism. Whose first responders ran into danger and its volunteers and runners who stopped to help injured spectators? We are "Boston Strong." We live in difficult times. We must be vigilant in maintaining our security, but we must also not let fear dictate our way of life. Part of being "strong" is reaching out to our neighbors and lending a hand, supporting our community and most of all making sure that our family's know that we are here and love them. May brings Memorial Day, a day to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, both military and civilian, and this year it will have more meaning than ever. Our annual bus trip to Bourne for the Veterans will take place on Sunday, May 26. There will be cook-out following the bus trip for Veterans and Lodge Members. Anyone wishing to help with either event, should contact the Lodge. Also Sunday May 12, is Mother's Day, a day to celebrate our mothers and wives.

June will bring more events. We are in the middle of planning our Flag Day for June 15. Come and spend the day eating, listening to music and being a part of the community.

ER Scott



PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

John Allekian proposed by Joshua Franklin

Brian Callahar proposed by Joshua Franklin

Richard Carl proposed by Allen Grome

James Girotti proposed by Rich Fuer

Bob Luz proposed by Brian Parker

Justin McKennon proposed by Adam Acorn

Jeff Shimelman proposed by Joshua Franklin

Joseph Tersoni proposed by Scott Penrod

Ian S. Whitcomb proposed by Rich Fuer

These Candidates will be Initiated in the June Class. Additional applications may be submitted until May 31, 2013. We dropped 32 Members last year, and that number is not easily made up.

Growth in Membership is of paramount importance to the well-being of our Lodge.



ELKS CRUISE 2014

The president's Mid-winter cruise is to San Juan and the Southern Caribbean. Leaving January 19, 2014, President Joe and his wife Diane invite you to join them on the Royal Caribbean. For more information contact the Secretary or review the notice on the Lodge Bulletin Board.



Mark Your Calendar for the Bourne National Cemetery Bus Trip

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

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.**

Cinco De Mayo Party!!



Friday night May 3rd

7:00 - ?



Specialty Drinks available all weekend.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Joyce Seariac



ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF MEMBERS:

Robert L. Brown

Born: Dec. 12, 1935

INITIATED: Nov. 18, 2011

DIED: MAR. 26, 2013

Horace Fader

Born: Feb. 16, 1921

Initiated: Feb. 26, 1959

Life Member: Feb. 18, 1992

Died: Apr. 16, 2013



"Sleep my Members, and peace be with you."

I also acknowledge the passing of Mrs. Sheehy, the mother of Dana Maskell.



EMBLEM NEWS

Congratulations to our newly Installed Exalted Ruler Scott Gillis and his corps of officers.

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

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 complete, and again we exceed \$22,000 in donated items to our local charities. Wow!

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

State Convention is close by, 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.

Our next meeting is May 8 at 7:30pm. Collation Hostesses are: Mary Anne Illman, LaRue Nelson and Jeanne Ottaviani.

Sickness and Distress: Nancy Jay could use some prayers she is going through a rough time. Also sick is Joe Margie Munro

Advice Column:

Spring is here so remember 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

President



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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. I would also like to congratulate Charles Villa and Richard Bourque for their recent donation and putting us over the top.

We finished the year at \$10.39 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. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports many programs working with the Veterans, HoopShoot, 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 CHARITY FUND RAISER

This year's State Association Charity Fund Raffle books have been mailed to you. The Lodge's share of the income from this depends on your participation. Please help you Lodge and your charities by purchasing the book.



The promoters' pool is being brought back. What this means is that for every book you sell your name will be entered into the pool to win one or more of the four \$500.00 prizes. What this means is that for every 20 books sold by your lodge including mail-ins your lodge will be entered into the pool for a chance to win one or more of the \$500.00 prizes. Please return your books to the Lodge Secretary by using








the mail box in the Lodge Grill Room.

MA ELKS DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR A TRAILER COORDINATOR

The Committee is currently looking for a member of our Association to step up and become the next 'Drug Awareness Trailer Coordinator' for the Eastern half of our State. Anyone interested in finding out more about this important position, may contact State Chairman Joe Balestrieri at harleyelk@verizon.net.



MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John F. Kennedy</i></p>			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>  Lodge Meeting	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> Cinco De Mayo Party!! 	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> Hudson Lodge Foxwoods Trip 
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> Regional Meeting (Weymouth)	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> Veterans Acupuncture Care Open House (10:00-2:00)
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> Mother's Day 	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>  Lodge Meeting	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> President's Testimonial (Venus de Milo, Swanea)
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> ECD PER Breakfast (Lexington) Emblem Installation of Officers	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> Bourne Trip 	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> Memorial Day 	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	

JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Life is a song - sing it. Life is a game - play it. Life is a challenge - meet it. Life is a dream - realize it. Life is a sacrifice - offer it. Life is love - enjoy it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sai Baba</i></p>						<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> Father's Day 	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>  Lodge Meeting	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> Tentative Initiation Date
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SECRETARY'S CORNER

These are the worst of times, and these are the best of times." With the tragedy that had befallen us on Marathon Monday, and with the events that followed, these words echo in the air. Much has been written about the horrific events which took place and then the heroic efforts of so many in the aftermath. It should come as no surprise that there were Elk Members injured as well as Elk Members who assisted in the recovery operations. Our prayers go to all the families involved.

On a lighter note, still we wait for Spring. I've not felt the weather make a clean break from winter as the mornings have been cool, and when the clouds surround us, it is cold. Soon we will complain about the heat, but for me, I say bring it on!

Our new slate of Officers is in place and committees have been reconfigured. The move is toward the State Convention in June and the National Convention in July. And there is much planned in the months ahead.....Mother's Day, Bourne Memorial Trip, Flag Day activities, Father's Day, and who knows what may develop between these events with the help of our Activities Committee.

If you are travelling South in the months ahead you may want to stop at the Elks' Home in Bedford, Virginia. Let me know and I'll provide you with information. Speaking of travelling, and more specifically "moving".....if you have a change of address, please let me know. So many bulletins get returned to me without a forwarding address. Likewise, if you plan to be away for the summer (much like the snow-birds in winter) please leave me your address so that your Lodge mail does not get interrupted.

Happy Mother's Day to the moms and expecting moms!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary

