# The Bulletin



August 2013

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264

#### E.R. MESSAGE

It's August already and summer is half over. Attending the National Convention and seeing the installation of the new GER, Millard C. Pickering, who by the way is a member of the Harley Owners Group, the District Deputies and listening to the great work that the Elks do, gives one a different perspective on "What Being an Elk Is". Spending time with our new District Deputy, Ronnie Lanzoni and his wife Donna, and the rest of the Exalted Rulers in our District was a lot of fun. Ronnie's message to the District is to work as a team. For the Lodges to work together, support each other, and to foster goodwill and friendship within "Elkdom". Also congratulations to our own Jerry Blanchette for his new role as Esquire to



the District Deputy. I would like to thank Jerry and My leading Knight Donna Acorn, PDD Bob Anspach, PDD John Villa and Kathy for attending the convention with me. We met a lot of Wonderful Elks from all around the Country. I strongly recommend if in Reno you stop at the Reno Elks they are Terrific. There will be a Binder at the Lodge Detailing the Daily agendas of the convention as well as motions and Voting Results.

In closing I am Long Overdue in thanking the Framingham Police and Fire Departments As well as the National Guard for their Support of Our Flag Day Celebration. Their participation with equipment and Man power made the day great. I Hope Everyone Enjoys the rest of their summer and hope to see you at the lodge.

Thanks E.R. Scott

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

"What happens in Reno stays in Reno," may be appropriate for some things, but not the Convention hi-lights. ER Scott, PER Jerry, PDD John and Kathy, ELK Donna and I had a great taste of what Elkdom is all about. Meeting the incoming GER Millard Pickering and his wife Suzanne from Oklahoma, and witnessing the Installation of DD Ron Lanzoni from Norwood made a great ending to the five fun filled days. The speeches given by the Most Valuable Students Grace Young from New Jersey and Anish Athalye from Worcester, Massachusetts were inspiring. (Both received \$60,000.00 in scholarship.) Listening to the Hoop Shoot Contest winners also made you feel great pride in knowing how our ENF contributions are being spent in Youth Programs. We heard from the Veterans Service Commission and the Membership Program Director, and so many more who challenged us to make this year better. All in all Conventions are a great experience, and some of you might want to plan on joining us next year in New Orleans!!

My thanks to our Treasurer Laura for taking care of the Office while I was lightening my pockets in The Silver Legacy! Come to our meeting in August to hear more of the Convention.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe!

Fraternally, Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM Secretary



## **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

I would like to begin by congratulating Charles Villa and Kenneth M. Owens for their recent donation. We are through one third of the year and we are currently at \$4.11per member (GREAT JOB) and I'm sure with your continued support we will meet this year's Lodge goal of \$6.00 and the Grand Lodge goal of \$4.60. 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.

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

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## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Joyce Seariac and Kevin Horton



#### ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER

Michael Norton Born: June 17, 1953 Initiated: October 30, 1982

Died: July, 2013



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

#### **DUES ARE WAY OVERDUE**

At the National Convention the disturbing news of how Membership has continued to decline on a National level was presented. Unfortunately, Framingham 1264 was a part of that number and at present we still have 62 Members who have not paid the current year's dues. What is equally disturbing is that we can only speculate as to why

someone who joined our Lodge would decide to drop from our rolls. Our Lodge has made great strides in promoting our charitable work and in improving the condition of our Lodge to make it more attractive. These things can only be accomplished by the hard work and by the effort of our Members. If you are not carrying a 2013-2014 Membership Card then you are delinquent in paying your dues. Even if you 'thought' you paid, please let me know to rectify any problem. A cancelled check may be a determining factor. Perhaps talking to your sponsor may help in your decision.

Thank you.

## **EMBLEM NEWS**



Summer is already half over. We are having great weather, but for me too hot. I hope you had a good vacation or plan to go before 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 Jeanne Ottaviani and mail them to Framingham Emblem Club #126, P.O. Box 691, Framingham, Ma. 01704 or drop check off in our mail box at the lodge. Jeanne would also like you to bring your books and especially children books to the club so they can be brought to the library to help people. What a nice way to recycle.

We had such a great day at our State Outing, held on July 13TH. We had an Italian Buffet, Desert, coffee and/ or tea. Entertainment was a really Funny Fashion Show, also a chance to win on a Money Wheel and other Raffles. It was a really great day.

At our last meeting was voted and passed to start in 2014 not have meetings in January and February. Instead we will meet in July and August. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30P.M.

We also made changes in what a Collation Hostesses will be bring to the meetings; Appetizers and dessert due to the late hour that we can eat.

Hope you all enjoyed the Emblem Topics; Carlene Bennett did such a remarkable job. She sure does take her job as Press Secretary seriously: we are on page 5, 14, and 16. Thanks Carlene great job.

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

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses are Pat Shorton, Betty Sleczkowski, and Gloria Welsh.

Sickness and Distress: Joe Margie

Advice Colum: The point is not paying back kindness but to pass it on.

Yours in Emblem

Phyllis A. May 508-879-6053 President



#### SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED AT GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

There were twenty proposals at the grand Lodge. A copy of the proposals and the results of the voting are posted in the Lodge Room. Below is a list of just a few of the results:

01: Permits social quarters to remain open during Lodge meetings on a limited basis and without bar services. YES 1398 NO 1447 (Defeated)

04: Amends the Constitution to allow membership to citizens eighteen year of age or older, subject to State and Local laws. YES 742 NO 2099 (Defeated)

Subsequent Resolutions depended on the passage of 04 thus were also defeated.

- 13: Increases the time dropped Members may reinstate as a right. YES 2264 NO 572 (Passed)
- 14: Allows a reduced Initiation fee for up to two months during a Lodge year. YES 1544 NO 1296 (Passed)

16: Designates the Board of Directors or Trustees as the "Board" and identifies which Board members are required to attend District Deputy Clinics. YES 2493 NO 333 (Passed)

All approved resolutions are subject to Lodge approval and changes to their By-Laws.





#### **CALENDAR UPDATES**

You will notice that there are many activities coming up during the months of August and September. If you have any interest in participating in any of them and need more information, contact the Secretary. Special attention should be given to our own Golf Tournament scheduled for September 21, 2013. A sign-up sheet is in the Lounge. If you need more information regarding any Mass Elks activities contact the Secretary (774-279-2796).

# MASS ELKS MOTORCYCLE RUN - BILLERICA August 17th

Meet me at the Lodge at 9:30 and we will ride over together.

Jerry Blanchette - PER



# **AUGUST 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Honesty i	QUOTE OF s the first chapter		1	2	3	
4	5	6	7 Lodge Meeting (only meeting this month)	8	9	10
11	12	13	Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16	Mass Elks 17 Veterans Motorcycle Run (Billerica)
18 Mass Elks at Pawtucket	19	20	21	22 District Deputy Clinic (Framingham)	23	Mass Elks at Suffolk Downs
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Labor Day	3	4 Lodge Meeting	Rosh Hashanah	6	7 <b>9/11</b> Remembrance (Randolph)
Regional 8 Meeting (Billerica)	9	Mass Elks Golf Tournament Marlboro	Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	12	Yom Kippur 13	14
ENF Walk 15 Around The Lake (Wakefield)	16	17	Lodge Meeting	19	Mass Elks 20 at Fenway	Framingham Elks Golf Tournament  Mass Elks at Revolution
22	23	24	25	26	27	GER Visitation (Mansfield)
Cribbage Tournament (Weymouth)	30		The	You can't put a li	THE DAY imit on anything. n, the farther you  Michael Ph	get.

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