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Officer of Year: Peter Diamond

Lodge Meetings 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30PM
Trustee Meeting 3rd Monday @ 7:30PM

Franklin Elks Lodge Bulletin

Message from Exalted Ruler Mike Mele

Members All,

As most of you have noticed our Elks Riders Group have once again done a great job cleaning up our property. Unfortunately, there are still people littering in and around the parking lot. Please take pride in our appearance and use the trash bins if needed. There are cameras in use around our building and anyone caught littering will face disciplinary action. On a lighter note, I hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween and of course thank a veteran on November 11th for their service!

Fraternally,
Mike Mele

RIDER GROUP UPDATE:

The group cleaned up and weeded around our entire property. Thank you! Please do your part in keeping our grounds looking great by cleaning up after yourselves.

Sickness and Distress

Rosemarie & John Cugini's mother passed away. Pat Misiuk is making progress in rehab. Kristine Shanahan is home recovering from surgery. Dave Dennett's wife Tina's brother passed away.

Congratulations to our MA State Elks Scholarship recipients:

\$900 – Thomas Ballarino and Nicole Thackaberry

\$1000 – Jennifer DeWolfe, Michael Perkins and Robert Perkins

The 2022 Ryder Can Match between the Franklin Elks and the Medway Golf Team was held on Saturday, Oct. 15th at Shining Rock GC. Despite the perfect weather, the sun shone more of the Medway Golf Team, who defeated the Elks 15.5 to 12.5. The money raised by our event is given to the winning team, and Medway chose to donate the \$1,091 total to our Oil for Vets program. Our Exalted Ruler Mike Mele accepted the donation. Mike's dad started this fund several years ago. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a success!

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Bingo needs a new caller for Wednesday nights; please see Maureen or Barbara.
- *Snowplow bids are due 11/1/2022
- *Next year's Lodge Dues: \$90

MEMBERSHIP:

Proposition for Membership:

- *Rich Gately proposes Prida Wojtowicz; Michael Perkins proposes Carleen Perkins; Richard Maloney proposes Daniel Joseph Martin, Brenda Harrison proposes Rick Donaldson.
- ***Life Membership** has been approved for the following members: Larry Cullen, Ken Ogilive, Edward Lovely, Kevin Woods and Dave Fricker.
- *Lyn Harrison's reinstatement request has been approved.
- *Paul Killoy has requested Life Membership.
- *Prida Wojtowicz, Carleen Perkins, Daniel Joseph Martin, Paul and Lynn Santosola, & Jennifer Howard were approved for membership.

Veteran Flags – After 8 years of service, Mark Ellis is stepping down. If you're able to hang veteran flags around Franklin, please see Mark for more information. Thank you!

DONATIONS:

*Rider Group suggested a \$250 donation to the Salvation Army Hurricane Ian Fund. Bingo and the Lodge matched for a total donation of \$750!

*Our member Stephen Page lost everything in Hurricane Ian. A motion passed to donate \$200 to a GoFundMe page set up by his daughter Alice DeRosa. The Rider Group and Bingo are matching for a total of \$600.

*Medway Christmas Parade requested a donation; motion passed to donate \$100, The Rider Group and Bingo are matching for a total of \$300.

*On November 6th, the Brockton VA will receive 42 homemade blankets.

*Member Joe Zahn, who works within IBEW 2325 requested a donation to assist with assembling 50 Thanksgiving food baskets for 50 veterans. Motion approved; Riders Group, Bingo, Oil for Vets and Veterans Fund are matching for a total of \$500.

All are welcome to help assemble the baskets on November 18th in the small hall

NEWS & EVENTS:



Tip of the Antlers...

***Timmy Mac** for his help while Hoofy and Walker were not available. And to **Blue, Rich Gately,** and **Brian Portmann** for getting out the Friday Night Dinners!

***Karen Nicholson** for driving a group of 40 veterans on their bus trip to Hudson.

***Brenda Schmall** for helping with Bingo and Food Service.

*Bingo for contributing over \$6,000 to our Scholarship Fund!

Thank You Letters were read from Dana Farber, Wrentham Lion's Club, MA State Elks Vet Bike Run, Franklin Veteran Services, and District Deputy Al Ebeling.

We also received a Thank You letter from the Town of Franklin to **Mark Ellis** for his Monument Restoration fundraiser.

The **Boy Scouts** had their Eagle Scout dinner and thanked us for our 60 years of support!

Our Veteran of the Month is Mike Enright!

Mike was also presented with his Past District Deputy jewels. Congratulations Mike!

LOUNGE:

Sat 10/29: Jon-Paul Royer, 7-10PM

Sat 11/12: Musical Bingo, 4PM

Sat 11/26: Matt Zajac, 7-10PM



Bloody Mary Breakfasts – Sunday, 10/30 & 11/27
Breakfast 9AM, Cocktails 10AM



*No dinners on Friday, 11/4 & 11/18

Oil for Veterans: If anyone knows of a veteran in need, please reach out to Mike Mele or Michele Walker at FranklinElks2136@gmail.com

- MONDAY – NOON TIL 10:00PM
- TUESDAY – NOON TIL 10:00PM
- WEDNESDAY – NOON TIL 10:00PM
- THURSDAY – NOON TIL 10:00PM
- FRIDAY – NOON TIL 12:00AM
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