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Dear Members,

As the New Year begins I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and let us be thankful for the gifts He bestows on us every day this year. Most of all let us be thankful that God thought we were worthy to be saved and sent His Son for our Salvation. Without that act none of us would have a chance at Redemption.

Well, there has been a lot of activity at the Lodge this past month. The Veteran's party was a success and I know they did appreciate our efforts. The dinner that was prepared by Joe Lac, Geno, Stan and Jack was delicious as always and we thank you and the servers who helped as well.

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by folk singers who also made an appearance at the Member's Christmas Party. Speaking of the Member's Christmas Party, that was another occasion of note. We have our own Martha Stewart decoration team of Sheila and Peg and the room looked lovely. Our chefs whipped up several different types of food and it was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to all who put that party together and I know the members had a really good time.

The Christmas baskets went out on the 18th to 115 needy area families. The parking lot was full as you drove by this morning. These were Elks who came to give their time and effort to unload a truck and pack up 115 boxes with all the necessities for a nice dinner. These Elks then loaded up cars and trucks and delivered the food to the families in need in the Hudson and Marlboro area. This is a great community service and just one of the services we provide. This is what Elks do.

The Children's party was held Sunday the 18th as well. Santa (thank you Mr. T) made his appearance with the help of the Hudson Fire Department as they gave him a ride from the North Pole and stopped in front to the delight of all the children. Some children I saw were so excited to see him they were dragging their parents to the front door to see him. We had 2 mechanical animals that could be ridden. Santa made his entrance on Rudolph's back and the really set the children off. The 2 rides were a polar bear (whom I wanted to kidnap) and Rudolph. The children were able to ride these animals and they were thrilled. The smiles from the children were from ear to ear and their parents had cameras at the ready. Mike King was again our head Elf and did a great job in bringing the children up for their time with Santa and to receive a gift. Peg and Barbara were assisting with the gift giving. Thanks to the Elf Brigade!

In closing I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be Merry, be Joyous and Love one Another.

Fraternally,
Mary Dube,
Exalted Ruler

ENF NOTES

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION
FUND RAISING BOLA

PLACE: Maynard Lodge on February 4, 2012.

TIME: 5:30 to 7:00 PM Cocktails.

DINNER: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The raffle book cost \$25.00 for 10 tickets or \$3.00 per ticket.

Grand Prize \$1,000.00, Second Prize \$200.00, Third Prize \$100.00

10 Prizes of \$25.00 worth of scratch tickets.

The cover of the book is the entrance fee to Dinner and Dancing to the Renown's.

\$10.00 of each book sold will go to the Elks National

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This is a great way to increase your ENF pledge and have a chance to win \$1,000.00. Raffle books available from Janice Pack, Leading Knight & ENF Chairperson

Scholarship Update

The MA State Elks scholarship applications are in the High schools if your son or daughter or grandchild are seniors and attend Marlboro High, Hudson High, or Assabet Valley tell them to go to the Guidance office and pick up an application if they attend a different school see Bob Collins at the Lodge.

Thanks for your help!
Bob Collins

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**Please send details of planned Elk's events /
Committee meetings to mike.flynn@verizon.net by
the 3rd Tuesday of the month and they will be
posted in the upcoming bulletin. Thank you.**

Activities Meeting

Committee Meeting on January 10th at 7:00.

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978-567-1984 (home) and 508-269-7220 (cell)

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ACTIVE MEMBERS 587

LIFE/HONORARY LIFE 179

DELINQUENT MEMBERS 69

THE NEXT CLASS OF NEW CANDIDATES WILL BE THE SECOND MEETING IN FEBRUARY SO IF YOU HAVE ANY PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES PLEASE GET THEIR APPLICATIONS IN NOW.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP:

MARK E. ROUSSEAU PROPOSES ARTHUR LAMBERT
ANGELA GOVATSOS PROPOSES KATHLEEN WELLEN
ANGELA GOVATSOS PROPOSES KATE WELLEN
ANGELA GOVATSOS PROPOSES THOMAS H. WELLEN

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN THEIR XMAS BASKETS ENVELOPES, YOU MADE QUITE A DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR IN DEFERRING EXPENSES FOR THE 115 XMAS BASKETS WE DELIVERED ON DECEMBER 18, 2011

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2012-13 WILL BE HELD AT THE SECOND MEETING IN JANUARY, (JANUARY 17, 2012) WITH ELECTION OF OFFICER BEING THE SECOND MEETING IN FEBRUARY, (FEBRUARY 17, 2012.)

Fraternally,
Bill Hopkins, PDD, PSP, GLC
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting:

#2243 t Tues, Jan. 3rd at 7 PM

#2244 t Tues, Jan. 17th at 7 PM

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME/REHAB

Charlie Tanner t Beaumont in Westboro

To Santa's (Christmas Tree) Helpers:

A special **THANK YOU** and a job well done goes out to all that Helped with the Christmas trees this Year. The students at the High Schools will definitely benefit from your efforts. We will have raised over \$ 7,000 when the final tally comes in from selling 540 trees in roughly 4 weeks.

Mark Ahearn	Mary Dube	Gene Johnson	Michael & Brian McNiff
Tony Albertini	Joe Graceffa	Dick Kelleher	Robin McNiff
Andrea Anderson	Stanley Durand	Michael King	Scott Nisbet
Michael Andrade	Dan Fahey	Kevin (Red) Kittredge	Charles (Chuck) Ripley
Paul Buteau	Robert Facticeau	Paul Kerrigan	Paul Sargent
Brian Butkas	Mike Flynn	Joe Lacouture	Dick Tracy
Herb Butland	Robin Frank	Terry Lacouture	Ed Vorce
Andrew Cabral	David Frank	Arthur Lambert	Jack Pimentall
Ron Chiasson	Jack Geary	Bob Loblaw	Jason Wardwell
Ernie Chiasson	Steve Geldart	Chris McLellan	Ryan Wardwell
Bob Collins	Angela Govatsos	Michael McLellan	Jake Wardwell
Skeets Downey	Charlene Hollum	Jim McKeenan	Patty Zilembo
Raymond Dube	Bill Hurley	Michael McNiff	Dennis Zilembo

I apologize if I have forgotten anyone's name or misspelled a name, at my age and all that has been going on this time of year; I hope you will forgive me.

Again, thank you all, it was a lot of fun as well as a successful fund raiser for the Elks Scholarship program.

Santa

OFFICERS 2011 – 2012

Exalted Ruler

Mary Dube, PER

Esteemed Leading Knight

Janice Pack

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Andrew Cabral

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Mike Flynn

Secretary

Bill Hopkins PDD, PSP, GLC

Treasurer

Mike King, PER

Tiler

Joanne McNally

Esquire

Richard Tucker, PDD

Chaplain

Ray Dube

Inner Guard

Donald Jewett, PER

Trustees

Donna Shaw, PER (1 yrs.)

Robert Moraes, PER (2 yrs.)

David Frank, PER (3 yrs.)

Janet Davenport, PER (4 yrs.)

Robert Collins, PER (5 yrs.)

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