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Arlington Lodge No. 1435

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Instituted February 8, 1922
On the Shores of Spy Pond at 56 Pond Lane
Arlington, Massachusetts 02474-6527



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Secretary

February 2009

Message from the ER

Dear Members,

You can breathe a sigh of relief that this is officially my second-to-last long winded letter to all of you, as my tenure as Exalted Ruler is quickly coming to an end. We're not quite there yet, however, so please bear with me! Despite the weather, we've stayed pretty busy in January. I attended a District Deputy Clinic at the Waltham Lodge, and I pass forward the greetings and well-wishes of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Wilbur C. "Ziggy" Davies, Jr. The focus of this particular clinic was on membership. In keeping with that theme, I'd like to take this opportunity to implore you, as members, to help in growing Elkdom; not only through new members, but in reinstatements. I personally pledge to take the time to speak with any new candidate, or reinstated member, any one of you would like to consider bringing into (or back into) our lodge. Send me an E-mail at ameliusjr@yahoo.com and I will gladly make time to meet with you.

We have a few exciting activities coming up in February; starting off with our very own DERBY NIGHT on Saturday, February 7th. For those of you who haven't already, get down to the lounge and submit horse-names so we can make "bettin' on the ponies" a little more entertaining than it already is. At least attempt to keep it clean, ok? Then, on Friday the 13th (dun, dun, dunnnnn) we're hosting an "Anti-Valentine's Day" Karaoke Party in the members lounge, a.k.a.-The Heartbreak Hotel. No tears in your beers allowed. The night of music with Sandy Casey has been re-scheduled for February 28th. Don't forget that dinner is included with your ticket purchase! Finally, keep March 13th open in your calendars for a night of 50's music, dinner, and dancing. Along with bidding you all farewell before I head off to basic training, we will also be awarding the Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year on this evening. Please consider coming down on this action-packed evening.

As we bid farewell to 2008, I am happy to report that a lot of the people included in our sickness & distress reports are now showing signs of improvement in 2009. You are all still in our thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally Yours,
Anthony Melius, Jr. ER

The 1823rd meeting of The Arlington Lodge will be held on Feb. 4th @7:30
The 1824th meeting of The Arlington Lodge will be held on Feb. 18th @7:30
Trustee's and House Committee meet at 6:30 prior to the first meeting of the month

Hall Rentals
Joe Schanda – Club Manager
781-646-1392
Lounge Phone – 781-648-9868

Secretary's Message:
Application Fee for Arlington is \$60.00 half of which must accompany the form.
The Remainder is due before initiation.
Secretary Phone # 781-646-7152 from 2pm-4pm daily

- ❖ The Grand Lodge assessment is scheduled to increase \$4.00 per member in our next dues year 2009-2010. Grand Lodge statutes and our own by-laws state that we must collect the entire assessment from every member. We have no control over this and must pay the extra \$4.00.
- ❖ At the February 21st meeting a vote will take place on transfer demit membership of Mike Coutoumas from Watertown lodge.
- ❖ At the February 4th meeting the nominations for officers will be held along with the initiation of our newest members.
- ❖ The next regional meeting will take place on February 8th at 12:30 at the Saugus lodge.
- ❖ **DERBY NIGHT**- Saturday, February 7th in the member lounge. This is sure to be a fun filled night. How does it work? There are several horse races, horses move up the track based upon a roll of the dice. The first horse to the end wins. You can bet as much or a little as you like. There is a sign up sheet at the member lounge to help pick the names of the horses. See if you can recognize any of the names. Lot's of money prizes. A big thanks to Watertown lodge for agreeing to run it for us.
- ❖ Don't miss the next "Anti-Valentine's Day" Friday Karaoke Night with Dennis Richard on Friday, February 13th. There will definitely be some laughs and lots of fun. A raffle for \$75 worth of scratch tickets will be held.
- ❖ **RESCHEDULED**-February 28th –Enjoy a roast beef dinner followed by a night of entertainment with Sandy Casey. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are available at lodge. Seating is limited. Cost \$12.00
- ❖ **ER Going Away Party** - Friday, March 13th at 8:00- Enjoy a 50's themed party. The night is to include dinner music and dancing. On this night the awards for Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year will be given. Tickets will cost \$10.00.
- ❖ **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!!** - February 1st. Come by and watch the game. Food and Fun will be had by all. Be there or be square. ☺

State Happenings.

Metro-West PER Association Beach Party – Saturday, February 21st at 7:00 P.M. at the Waltham Lodge. Tickets are \$20.00. This is a fund raiser event for the ENF. Raffle ticket books are available. 20 for \$20.00. Prizes are 7 \$150 gift certificates to local stores, restaurants and gas stations. See Frank Fitzgerald for tickets.

A big round of thanks to Arlington members Cladio Carrera, Butch Edgecomb, Frank Fitzgerald, PER, Tony Melius, Jr., ER, Karen Norton, PER, and Steve Santosuosso, PER for their help with the Hoop Shoot on January 25th. Thanks are also due to those from other lodges who were there to help. Thanks to Bettie Fitzgerald for cooking away in the kitchen.

Many members are unaware that Elkdom has a very solemn ritual that can be performed at the funeral home upon the passing of a member. It is a "tuxedoed" rite that the Lodge officers take part in. All the family of the deceased has to do is call the Lodge secretary and request that it be done. There is also a ritual that can be performed at the grave site if so requested.

2009 Metro-West Installation Schedule

Saturday, March 21 5:00	Boston by Brighton
Sunday, March 22 1:00	Arlington by Brookline
Saturday, March 28 5:00	Brighton by Boston
Sunday, March 29 1:00	Newton by Waltham
Friday, April 3 7:00	Brookline by Newton *At Newton*
Saturday, April 4 5:00	Waltham by Watertown
Saturday, April 11 5:00	Watertown by Arlington

Cocktail begins 1 hour prior to installation

Happy Birthday to all those born in February ~ Have a Great Day!

2	Charles Kent	7	Osbourne Gardner	15	James Reardon	24	Richard Daily
3	Patrick Dignan	8	James Denn	15	John Schanda	25	Stephen Tuden
3	Paul Trischitta	9	Paul Capobianco	15	Francis Stone	25	Thomas Kenna
7	Daniel Bond	11	Paul McCarthy	15	Ronald Yusam	27	David Perry
7	John Shea	14	Charles Zuccala	17	Bernard Scannell	27	John Campbell
				21	John Lyons	28	Billy Smith

Arlington Lodge Activities

**February 1st
Superbowl
Sunday**

**DERBY
NIGHT
Saturday,
February 7th
At 7:30**

Upcoming Lodge Events

**February 13
8:00 P.M.
Friday
Karaoke**

**RESCHEDULED
February 28
A Night of Music
with Sandy Casey**

**Tickets \$12.00
Roast Beef Dinner
included**

**50's Night
ER Going Away
Party
Friday, March
13th at 8:00**

Medieval Manor anyone????

If you are interested in getting a group together and attending a show and dinner at The Medieval Manor, on a Sunday in April. Please contact Kerry at the lodge Wed -Fri 3-7. We are trying to get a group together. Cost of the show is \$33. If there is a large enough group then we can get a bus. Cost will increase if that is the case. There is a sign up sheet in the member lounge.



Restaurant review by the Phantom Elks (we all know who they are) ☺

~ Review is based upon a 7 point scoring system (7 being best) ~

Bocelli's Ristorante Italiano - 374 Main Street, Medford
Appetizer- Asparagus and Prosciutto 6 very tasty .

Dinner prices are reasonable. Cost was around \$63.
This included a carafe of Chianti wine.
Overall score is a 7. Great friendly service

.Reviews are performed by members at their own cost

Dinner- Chicken Saltimboca- 6 fantastic – chicken breast stuffed w/ ham and mozzarella in a sherry wine sauce, served w/ziti and sautéed spinach

Shrimp and Sirloin Steak -7 scampi style shrimp served w/ potatoes and sautéed spinach - decent steak shrimp was excellent

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() April 1, 2009 through September 31st 2010	\$37.00
() Life Member April 2009 through March 31, 2010	\$39.00

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