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December 23, 1982

To: All Exalted Rulers and
Lodge Americanism Chairmen

Dear Brothers:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Brother George Malekian, Grand Lodge Americanism Committeeman. We on the State Committee hope you do all in your power to see that this request from the Grand Lodge is acted upon in a manner proving once again the leadership in Patriotism of every Massachusetts Elk, characteristic of the original "American Patriots" who nurtured and helped give birth to this "Great Nation". I am therefore, enclosing a sample proclamation for your use in this matter.

I also wish to ask you once again to consult your Americanism Brochure to aid you in all other Americanism Activities and hope you will submit a Brochure to me or my Vice-Chairman by ~~February~~ ^{April} 7, 1983 for judging in the State Contest. Winners to be sent to Grand Lodge in ~~March~~ ^{May} for entry in Nationals. Brochures should be sent to the following:

Bernard T. Ranahan, Chairman
560 Boston Street,
Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

Gideon T. Miles, Vice-Chairman
19 Calumet Road,
Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040

The committee sincerely hopes every Exalted Ruler and Lodge Chairman will participate in all our future endeavors, proving once again, "ELKS CARE".

Wishing you and yours a Joyous Holiday Season and a Fruitful New Year.

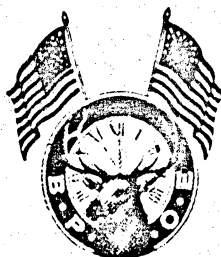
Sincerely and fraternally,


BERNARD T. RANAHAN,
Chairman, State Committee

Encl.(2)

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ORDER OF ELKS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE
—
GEORGE MALEKIAN

169 East Melrose Street
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December 15, 1982

To: All State Presidents and
State Americanism Chairmen - Area 1

Dear Brothers:

The week of February 21-27, 1983 has been declared National Patriotism Week under Public Law No. 96-421, a joint resolution by the United States Congress.

Enclosed you will find the sample Proclamation. In cases where a city issues the Proclamation merely substitute the words "Mayor" and "City" for "Governor" and "State."

With this letter, I am requesting you to give full support to this program by immediately contacting government officials at all levels to insure their participation.

Since our Grand Lodge considers this one of the most important Americanism programs, I am asking to hear from each State Chairman as to the action he has taken and the results of that action.

Dr. Bristol has asked me to inform him should a State Chairman fail to respond.

We sincerely hope, that under your direction and leadership, we will attain 100% participation of all the lodges in your jurisdiction.

We are proud to refer to ourselves as "American Gentlemen" and "Patriots", now once again as Elks we can prove it by our response and efforts on behalf of "National Patriotism Week."

ELKS CARE



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 1983

MAYOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS:** The citizens of this nation live in freedom won through great sacrifice and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life; and
- WHEREAS:** Each generation, in turn, must work to maintain this freedom otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation which provides that all people were born and created equal; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That I, Alfred E. Vellucci, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, do hereby proclaim February 21-27, 1983 as "National Patriotism Week" and in commemoration of this event, urge all citizens to express gratitude for the privilege of American Citizenship with appropriate celebrations and observances.

In City Council January 31, 1983.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy".

Order # 6

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Mayor Vellucci re: proclamation of the
week of February 21-27, 1983 as "National
Patriotism Week".

In City Council,

January 31, 1983

1/31/1983

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Send copy to Mr
- Monahan -

Copy sent to Mr. Marchant 2/3/83