

BIOGRAPHY OF
MICHAEL F. ZELLEN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2016-2017

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Michael F. (MIKE) Zellen was born in Everett, Massachusetts and has resided in Peabody, Massachusetts for the past 35 years. The son of the late Charles M. Zellen and the late Gertrude J. Zellen, Mike has one sister, Claire W. Chetham and three brothers, the late Charles E. Zellen, Thomas G. Zellen and Richard C. Zellen. Mike graduated from the Everett High School in 1965. Also a graduate of Bryant & Stratton School of Business in Boston and Suffolk University in Boston where he received both his Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Business Administration.

Mike has been employed in the banking industry for the last 44 years in both a Regulatory capacity for the Massachusetts Office of the Commissioner of banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and as a banker holding the positions of Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, and is currently serving as Vice President and Community Reinvestment Officer of North Shore Bank.

Mike served both the cities of Everett and Peabody as a member of the City Council, the Everett School Committee and various local boards for many years, and he has served or is serving as an officer, director, or board member of various youth, community, civic and professional organizations.

Mike was initiated into the Everett, Massachusetts Lodge No. 642 in November, 1968. He served as Esquire before proceeding through the chairs to serve as Exalted Ruler in 1977-1978, and then served as Lodge Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer. He served on numerous committees including the House Committee, and he has been recognized a number of times for his service to the Lodge, including being named Officer-of-the-Year, Elk-of-the-Year, and having been awarded "Honorary Life" membership, and remains very active in the Lodge.

At the State Level he has served as a Director of the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Fund, State Treasurer 1984-1992, State President 1995-1996, State Charity Advisory Committee 1986-present, State Convention Chairman 1997-2007, State President's Advisory Committee 1996-present, Chairman of the Grand Exalted Ruler's reception for many years and was selected "Massachusetts State Elk-of-the-Year" in 1997-1998.

At the Grand Lodge level he served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Massachusetts East District in 1983-1984, Area Special Representative of Massachusetts Area 3 in 1996-2002, Grand Lodge Committeeman on Lodge Activities/State Associations in 1998-2000, Area 1 Representative on the Board of Grand Trustees from 2010-2014, having served as Secretary of the Board from 2010-2013 and Vice-Chairman in 2014, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2007-present.

Mike and his wife Donna (Norcott) have been married for 45 years and have four daughters: Jennifer, Susan, Michele and Amy all of whom are Members of the Saugus-Everett Lodge of Elks No. 642. Their daughter Jennifer is a Past Exalted Ruler. Donna is also active in the Lodge and serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees. Mike and Donna are also blessed to have three grandsons: Joseph, Nicholas and Michael.

