



ER MESSAGE

Well we are now in April, the kick off of the New Lodge Year.

Your new ER Sue Brown will be ready to hit the ground running when we have our Installation of Officers on Sunday April 10th at 2:00.

I hope to see as many Members attending our Installation and welcoming our New Elected and Appointed Officers for the upcoming year.

I wish Sue and her Suite of Officers (for the Fraternal year 2016-2017) all the best success in keeping our Lodge a strong foundation in the Heart of Elkdom.

As the Strength of our Lodge is only as Strong as it's Weakest Link, I am sure we will continue to be strong, supportive and persistent to uphold the great Works of Elkdom: by practicing the great Principles of our order; Charity' Justice' Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

I would like to thank all of my Officers, Board Of Directors and Home Committee for taking care of our Business throughout the previous year.

It has been an Honor serving you and this Lodge as your Exalted Ruler for my 3rd Time.

Thank you my Loyal Elks

Jerry Blanchette
ER, PER, PDD

Activities:

Meat Shoot has been re-scheduled for May 1 at 2:00

AED Mounted in the Grill Room: Thank you to Bennie and the Porchetta Crew for Donating an AED to the Lodge.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER

David Farrell

Born: April 3, 1948, Initiated: Feb. 10, 1977, LM: Feb. 19, 2014, Died March 19, 2016

Sleep my Brother, and peace be with you. Your name will never be forgotten.

If you know a Member who may be under the weather, please let an Officer of the Lodge know so we can inform the Membership.



DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't sent in your dues, don't delay. The lock on the Member's Entrance has been changed and you will need your new card to gain admission. Those who have paid their dues, the cards were either mailed to you or left in the 'black box' behind the bar per your request. Maintaining your Membership supports the Lodge and its charitable work. Thank you.



A REQUEST THAT OUGHT TO BE REPEATED: DVD's AND THE EMBLEM CLUB HELP KIDS



The Emblem Club is collecting DVDs to be donated to pediatric hospitals through an organization called "Kid Flicks." Your donated DVDs become a part of a movie library at various children's hospitals and pediatric ward across the US and South Africa so that young patients have a distraction from what may be a painful and /or stressful treatment experience. DVDs must be in their original boxes or individual DVD plastic or paper sleeve. We will only accept DVDs with the rating of G, PG or PG-13. To learn more about the organization go to www.kidflick.org. To donate DVDs, contact Joanie deGrandmaison at joinieandbill88@verizon.net.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

This month Framingham will have its Officers for the 2016-2017 Elk year Installed. Exalted Ruler-elect Suzanne Brown is looking forward to this opportunity to serve our Lodge. Her suite of Officers and Committees are ready to move our Lodge forward, and help to make this another banner year.

At every Orientation of new Members the Candidates are encouraged to get involved and become an active Member of the Lodge. There are numerous Committees and some may only require help at specific times, e.g., Soccer Shoot in the fall, Hoop Shoot in early winter. The Activities Committee is always looking for new ideas to bring Members into the Lodge for social gatherings and enjoyment. Many times I have heard a Member say "no one ever asked me."

Personal invitations may not always show themselves. I'm asking the Members, if you want to get involved call me: 774-279-2796. Let me help you find in Elksdom what so many of us have found: it is great to be a part of the noble work to which our Lodge is dedicated.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Passover!!

Fraternally,
Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



*Email me with your thoughts on what we can do to
improve our Lodge.*

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It's April already and a lot has happened in a short time. We have had daylight savings time. I hope everyone remembered to change their clocks and made it to work or an appointment on time. St. Patrick's Day has come and gone. Did everyone have their fill of corn beef & cabbage? Easter came early this year and the day we all have been waiting for the "first day of spring"! I know we are all hoping that any chance of snow is over but with New England weather we know anything can happen at any time.

Phyllis May and the Framingham Emblem Club would like to give a special thanks to the employees and Nuns at St. Patrick's Manor and the Ladies of the Golden Rays for all their donations of food and clothing and religious items that they give Phyllis each month. It is very much appreciated by us and the members of our community that are in need of a little help.

Our third State meeting was held on Sunday March 20 at the Tewksbury-Willington club. Joanie, Phyllis, Gladys and I went and had a very nice time. The Emblem State convention is going to be at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough in June. Anyone wishing to attend and hasn't signed up yet should see me ASAP and I will get the forms to them.

Anyone including the Elks wishing to donate coffee, nondairy creamer and snacks or anything you think they might like for our troops over in Iraq can bring them to our next meeting or get in touch with me. We would like to get a care package sent soon after our next meeting.

I hope everyone has remembered to send in their dues but if not it's not too late. The "Early Bird Drawing" will be held at our April meeting.

If you're not already in the 120 Scholarship drawing or would like to be in it Joanie deGrandmaison has some open numbers so get in touch with Joanie or me. This is how we give out at least one \$500.00 scholarships each year and children of members of the 120 club are eligible.

Our next meeting will be on April 13th. Collation hostesses are Pat Shorton, Lynn Sanderson, June Robinson

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson
President



COME TO THE MEAL OF THE MONTH/BIRTHDAY BASH

Birthday Bash

In last month's bulletin I encouraged Members, family and friends to share in the monthly meal and birthday bash held on the second Wednesday of each month. The invitation is open to the public. If you're a Member of the Elks or Emblem you could win the birthday drawing held on that night. Keep your kitchen clean and join us.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



I would like to begin by congratulating Mary Ann Quintal on her recent donation. \$100.00

A BIG thank you to all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your generous donations that we will continue to prosper and grow and to give back to our Society.

We are at the end of the year and we are currently at \$5.72 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.65 per member and will exceed the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member. This goal was achieved by only 20% of our membership.

Here are just a few of the Programs that the Elks National Foundation sponsors:

\$9,700,000	Community Investment Programs
\$3,600,000	Scholarship Programs, more than any other organization in the country.
\$1,144,000	Veterans Service Commission
\$825,160	Hoop Shoot Program
\$646,910	Drug Awareness

In addition to the Grants above the ENF contributes more than \$8.35 million to our State Associations.

Thank you for your continued support to this great cause for charity. If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

Elks Care, Elks Share

Chairman,

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM

51ST MASS ELKS NORWOOD BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

We recently had 7 teams that represented the Framingham Elks at Mass Elks Bowling Scholarship Fundraiser in Norwood on March 6. What a day, as the dust cleared from the pins, the total pins were taken by Parkers Plumbers (Brian Parker, Bob Connelly, Brian McCarthy, Paul King and Joe McCarthy) Total 1247, Georges Kitchen Crew came in 2nd with total of 1195 lead by George Zanella, Tom Zanella, Mark Tosches, BJ Ottaviani and Chris Rocci, Highest single string in our group was taken by Dave Gallavan (103) and lowest string honors went to John Lavin (47). The Villa Express team went South of the Border for warming weather, but will be back in full strength next year.



Mark your calendars March 12, 2017.....

Congratulations to all who participated and we will see you next year to support our State Scholarship Fundraiser.

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

Mark Your Calander for the Bourne National Cemetery Bus Trip



Lest We Forget

Bourne National Cemetery

Veterans Tribute – Sponsored by

Framingham Elks Lodge #1264

Sunday, May 29, 2016

10:15 AM

Box Lunch and Barbeque – all for \$ 20

10:30 am Bus leaves – ELKS Parking Lot

450 Union Ave., Framingham

1 PM Memorial Day Ceremony

4 pm return for lodge barbeque

ALL INVITED Veterans, -Friends, -Public

Send \$20 check made out to:

Framingham Lodge 1264 ELKS

PO BOX 4747, Framingham, MA 01704

Maritime Band Wreath dedications

Bring Camera

RSVP w/check May 16

You'll go back next year

First come first served

1 Bus Only

John Villa – (508) 397-9065

**MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE BARBEQUE FOR \$10.00.
A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE GRILL ROOM.**



CHARITY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE JUNE 11, 2016

This year's State Association Charity Fund Raffle books have been mailed.

\$20,000 Grand Prize, 2nd \$3000, 3rd \$2,000 and four \$500 Sellers Pool winners.





If you buy or sell a book write your name on the blue ticket. That is for the Sellers pool.

The Lodge's share of the income from this depends on your participation. Please help your Lodge and your charities by purchasing the book. Please mail the raffle books back to the State Chairman with the envelope provided in the package. We will also have the Lodge pool again this year. This means that for every 20






books sold by your lodge including mail-ins the lodge will be entered into the pool for a chance to win one or more of the four \$500.00 prizes. **"CHARITY IS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE VIRTUES" YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL.**

If you would like to purchase more raffle books contact your lodge secretary.

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE DAY... When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on. <i>Franklin D. Roosevelt</i>					1 Maynard Installation (7:00)	2
3	4	5	6  Lodge Meeting	7	8 Clinton Installation (7:00)	9
10 FRAMINGHAM INSTALLATION (2:00)	11	12	13 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	14	15 Hudson/Concord Installation (7:00)	16  National Hoop Shoot (Chicago)
17 Cribbage Tournament (Leominster/ Fitchburg Lodge)	18	19	20  Lodge Meeting	21	22	23 Passover 
24	25	26	27	28 DD Clinic (Lexington)	29	30

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Meat Shoot 4:00 pm 	2 Regional Meeting (Fall River Lodge)	3	4  Lodge Meeting	5	6	7
8  Mother's Day	9	10	11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	12	13	14 State President's Testimonial (Mansfield)
15	16	17	18  Lodge Meeting	19	20	21 Armed Services Day 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Bourne Trip 	30  Memorial Day	31	QUOTE OF THE DAY... Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best. <i>St. Jerome</i>			

FRAMINGHAM LODGE #1264

Instituted December 7, 1911

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
PO Box 4747
Framingham, MA 01704

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DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

SPRING CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 17th at the Auburn/Webster Lodge, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501. Registration at 9:30 am starts at 10:00 am. Fee is \$50.00 per team of 2 (includes lunch). Deadline to register is April 10th.

This event only requires one member of the two person team to be an Elk in good standing. Spouses and significant others will be allowed to play as partner.

NOTE: Applications are available from Linda Douglass 978-537-1879 or douglin@comcast.com



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