



ER MESSAGE

I would like to start by thanking my Suite of Officers, Board of Directors, Home Committee, ENF, Porketta Crew and Entertainment Committee for the great work we were able to accomplish over the past year.

It has truly been an honor serving this great lodge as ER for the past year. I look forward to working with the new Officers as I have accepted the position as ER for the upcoming year.

Please join us on April 1st for our Installation of Officers. We will be having a cocktail hour and dinner following the instillation. If you plan on attending please contact myself for we do need a head count.

I challenge every member to get involved, come to a lodge event, buy a raffle ticket, buy a 50/50, suggest an event, donate time and propose a new member. All these things need to happen for the club to succeed.



You can all start helping out by attending the Spring Vendor Fundraiser on April 23rd. All you need to do is stop by have a drink and shop. Can't get any easier than that! The event is open to everyone.

I look forward to serving the lodge for the next year!

Regards

Sue Brown E.R.



GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

This year's Convention is in Reno, Nevada July 16 – 19, 2017. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Secretary for further information.



DUES...DUES...DUES

As of April 1, 2017 the door card lock will be changed and only the new Membership card will allow you entrance into our Lodge.....your Lodge. If you paid your dues your Membership Card has been left behind the bar or mailed as per your request. If you have yet to pay, please mail in your \$73.00 dues for regular Members or \$34.00 for Life Members, or leave your payment in the Secretary's mailbox in the Grill Room. Remember, to be eligible for Life Membership you must have reached the age of 65 and been 30 years a Member of our Order.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker (St, Patrick's Manor); William Casey (Marlboro); Richard Caron recuperating at home; Scott Penrod recovering from foot surgery.



If you know anyone who may be "under the weather" please inform an Officer of the Lodge.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS

The following Members were appointed by Exalted Ruler Suzanne brown for the ensuing year:

Esquire: Dan O'Rourke, PER

Chaplain: Geraldine Stevens

Inner Guard: Sheree King

Tiler: Anne Mazzola

These Members complete the suite of Officers for our Lodge. Thanks to all who have taken the initiative to be of service to our Lodge and our Order. Good luck to ER Suzanne and all her Officers.



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Spring has sprung and with it has begun the new Lodge year. Where did all the time go? As we look back we can remember many of the great accomplishments our Lodge has achieved in its charitable givings in support of veterans, in support of our youth, in support of our community. Monies raised, through our various events and through our Grants received from the Grand Lodge for our support of the Elks National Foundation, were well spent. It is thanks to you, the members, which allow all this to happen. Those who run the programs and those who take advantage of participating in the activities, help to make this Lodge the success it is. Thank you.

As we move forward this year we can look to another measure of success. Activities are already being planned. The Chairmen of our various programs are already anticipating how to attract more participation. One way you can become a more active Member is by attending our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month. It is here that ideas are developed, and ways to improve our Lodge are discussed. Your voice is important, and it is at the meeting that it will be heard. New Members are most welcome to attend and discover what goes on "behind closed doors."

I wish you all a Happy Passover and Easter.

Faternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Jerry Blanchette for his recent donations and reaching Participating Member 4 status for donating over \$400.00. In addition, I would like to thank ER Susan Brown and Ed Kelly for their donation.



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 \$6.29 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.65 per member and exceeded the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member. This goal was achieved by only 20% of our membership. Thanks for your continued support

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

\$9,810,000	Community Investment Programs
\$4,310,000	Scholarship Programs, more than any other organization in the country.
\$1,460,000	Veterans Service Commission
\$952,760	Hoop Shoot Program
\$729,330	Drug Awareness

In addition to the Grants above the ENF contributes more than \$9.10 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,

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM
Chairman

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 12. 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 1240, Team #4 came in 2nd with total of 1163 lead by Josh Ellingwood, Jim King, Mike Glazer, Danny McCarthy and Bob McCarthy. Highest single string was a tie at 104 between Joe McCarthy and Josh Ellingwood and lowest string honors went to Rhonda Moreau with a whopping (41).. The Villa Express team went South of the Border for warmer weather, but will be back in full strength next year. Mark your calendars March 11, 2018.....



Congratulations to all that 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 28th, 2017

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 by May 16

You'll go back next year

First come first served

1 Bus Only

John Villa – (508) 397-9065

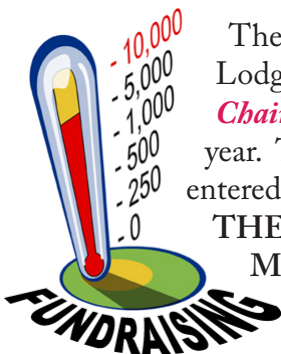
**MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE BARBEQUE FOR \$10.00.
A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE GRILL ROOM.**

CHARITY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE JUNE 10, 2017

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 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUOTE OF THE DAY... You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind. <i>Joyce Meyer</i>						1 Framingham Installation
2 Clinton Installation	3	4	5 Lodge Meeting	6	7 Maynard Installation	8 Norwood Installation
9	10	11 Passover	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	13	14	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Lodge Meeting	20	21	22 National Hoop Shoot (Chicago)
23 Cribbage Tournament (Leominster/Fitchberg)	24	25	26	27 DD Clinic (Maynard)	28	29
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MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5	6
7 Regional Meeting (Tewksbury/Wilmington)	8	9	10 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	11	12	13
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 State President's Testimonial (Maynard) Armed Services Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Bourne Trip	29 Memorial Day	30	31	QUOTE OF THE DAY... An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. <i>Benjamin Franklin</i>		

EMBLEM NEWS



HI EVERYONE,

SPRING IS HERE! Hopefully no more snow storm surprises are in our future. I'm looking forward to seeing flowers and green grass.

I hope you all enjoyed St. Patrick's Day and you had your fill of corned beef & cabbage. I know I did. We resumed our monthly meetings in February and it was nice to see all the ladies once again. Now it's back to business.

Please make sure to have all your community service reports to Pat as we will be doing our end of year reports in the next month or so.

Ginger and Jeanie are asking for costume jewelry (no pierced earrings) from your jewelry box that you no longer wear and small stuffed animals for the three nursing homes 2 in Framingham and 1 in Natick that they visit for bingo prizes. Any little trinket that you think that they might like would be appreciated. I went to target and got them some Easter socks that were a big hit last year so I got them some more. Just a suggestion Target and the Dollar store have some cute items for a dollar that would bring a smile to the Ladies after they yell BINGO!

Joanie will be drawing the "Early Bird" drawing at the April meeting. Anyone due to their hectic schedule who forgot to send in their dues there's still time.

Our next meeting is on April 12th. Collation hostesses are June and Joanie D

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson
President



SPRING CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 23th at the Leominster/Fitchburg Lodge, 134 N. Main St., Leominster, MA 01453. 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 17th.

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.net

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

We had our St Paddy's Day Dinner on March 17th. Everyone had an amazing time. The Raffle Baskets and the Silent Auctions were loved by all. Thank you all for donating these items. We want to thank Benny Ottivaini & Jerry Blanchette for cooking up a great dinner.... Thank you Paul King for MC'ing the event. Thank you to the entertainment committee: especially Sue Brown, Shari Manning, Jean Jewel and Patty Dilbarian for their time.



We could not of done this without you all.

Sheree king

FRAMINGHAM LODGE #1264

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DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

Spring Vendor Fundraiser

Framingham Elks

April 23rd

1PM - 5PM

Admission is free

LuLaRoe-Stella Dot-PartyLite-
Beauty Counter-Pampered Chef and More

Please stop by have a glass of wine while you
shop for Mothers Day!

All money raised will go to Operation Delta Dog