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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264

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MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH

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## E.R. MESSAGE



### 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 been a true honor to serve as your ER for the past two years. I am truly grateful for everyone that has helped me in the past two years. I have accepted the roll of Five year Trustee and look forward to helping the lodge.

I wanted to thank everyone so much for making our lodge #3 in the state for the ENF and 87th in the country. This is a great honor and we should be proud of all the members for making this happen.

April will kick off of the New Lodge Year. Your new ER Laura Medrano will be ready to hit the ground running when we have our Installation of Officers on Sunday April 14th at 5:00. I hope to see many Members attending our Installation and welcoming our New Elected and Appointed Officers for the upcoming year. I wish Laura and her Suite of Officers (for the Fraternal year 2018-2019) all the best success in keeping our Lodge a strong foundation in the Heart of Elksdom. As the Strength of our Lodge is only as Strong as its Weakest Link, I am sure we will continue to be strong, supportive and persistent to uphold the great Work of Elksdom by practicing the great Principles of our order; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

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 start by attending the Seaglass night on April 21st. All proceeds will be donated to the Veterans Hospital. See Flyer for all the information. You must sign up online for event.

ER  
Suzanne Brown

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## DUES ARE NOW OVER-DUE

On March 31st I had the unfortunate duty of dropping 20 Members from our rolls for non-payment of dues for the 2017-18 year. It is my hope that some of these Members will take advantage of the grace period and re-instate themselves during this month. At this point there are 200 Members who are delinquent. Please make your payment as soon as possible and avoid my tracking you down. It would be great if we could have all Members paid by the end of this month thus avoiding any delinquents for the year. Please send in your dues of \$73.00 or better still drop it off at the Lodge and use my Secretary's Mail Box while visiting other Members. Thanks to all of you who took advantage of donating to the ENF with your dues payment!



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## IF YOU'RE NOT EATING OUT YET.... EAT IN AT THE LODGE

On Wednesday April 11th we will hold our Meal of the Month/Birthday Bash for all our Members and guests. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and will get an "all you can eat" dinner provided by TJ's Spirits of Ashland, with cake and ice cream for dessert. (Menu will be posted on the Lodge Bulletin Boards a week before.) If it's your birthday month then you stand a chance to win our monthly drawing. You also have a chance to participate in the 50/50 drawing. Dinner starts serving at 5:30 until 6:30.





## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey, Ron Barney, Jody Mahan, Flash Harper. Bernie Kane PER is home and recovering.

Anyone needing specific information should contact the Secretary (bobanspach@aol.com). If you know of another member who may be under the weather please inform an Officer of the Lodge.

## ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER

Robert E. Sebastian, LM

Born: June 23, 1929

Initiated: Feb. 10, 1956

Life Member: Feb. 3, 1994

Died: Feb. 19, 2018

*Sleep in peace my Members,  
your names will be inscribed  
on the Tablets of Love and  
Memory.*



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## THE FLAG DAY PARADE IS BACK IN FRAMINGHAM

By the direction of our City's Mayor Yvonne Spicer the Flag Day Parade has been reinstated and will take place on Sunday June 10th. The Framingham Elks were instrumental in starting this Flag Day event many years ago and there are readers of this bulletin who may remember the reviewing stand here at the Elks and the cook out held under our tents. A committee has been established to determine our role in this year's event. Volunteers will be needed to assist on that day.....not the least of which may include marching while carrying our huge Flag. Save the date and please make yourself available to volunteer. (See Jerry Blanchette PDD, Bob Anspach PDD, Suzanne Brown PER, Laura Medrano ER, or Sheree King Entertainment Chair.)



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## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Much like the beginning of the New Year the Elk Year provides us time to reflect on the past year with all its accomplishments, all the programs and all the effort put in by many to achieve the successes of those programs. It also provides a time to plan for the year ahead. We thank the Officers who served during the past year and we congratulate the newly elected Officers who will serve in the ensuing year. Though the Programs of the Grand Lodge and the State Association remain the same our approach to engage in those programs may change. With increased Membership brings the possibility of new volunteers with new ideas. This is a very positive time for Elklod as we have the opportunity to plan events which will further our involvement in our community and increase our charitable giving.

As Elks let us renew our Obligation and renew our commitment to the Principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. This is our new beginning. Let us make the best of it.

May you have a blessed Easter, and to all you runners, good luck in the Marathon!!

Faternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PDD, PER, HLM  
Secretary



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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 \$10.03 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.75 per member and exceeded the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member. This goal was achieved by 26% of our membership. Thanks for your continued support.

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

\$12,530,000	Community Investment Programs
\$4,680,000	Scholarship Programs, more than any other organization in the country.
\$1,500,000	Veterans Service Commission
\$974,880	Hoop Shoot Program
\$729,340	Drug Awareness

In addition to the Grants above the ENF contributes more than \$9.35 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



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### 52nd 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 11. What a day, as the dust cleared from the pins, the total pins were taken by Parkers Plumbers (Brian Parker, Bob Connelly, Brian McCarthy, Mike O'Grady and Joe McCarthy) Total 1242, Team #6 Shelly's Angles came in 2nd with total of 1170 lead by Shelly Hughes, George Zanella, Tom Zanella and Mark Tosches. Highest single string 112 by Brian McCarthy and lowest string honors went to John Lavin with a whopping (34).. 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 10, 2019.....



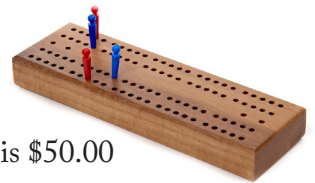
Congratulations to all that participated and we will see you next year to support our States Scholarship Fundraiser.

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

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### 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 at 978-537-1879 or [douglin@comcast.net](mailto:douglin@comcast.net)

# 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 27th, 2018

**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.**

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## **CHARITY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE JUNE 09, 2018**

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.







## EMBLEM NEWS

Hi everyone,

Hope you all have recovered from your St. Patrick's Day festivities. Our meetings have started up again. The first one was on the first day of spring but we had to cancel the meeting because of another snow storm! I can't believe how much snow we got in the last month. Hopefully spring is finally here.

There are still some of you who have not renewed your membership and it's not too late. Joanie will be drawing the "early bird" drawing at the April meeting. It will soon be scholarship time and Scholarship Chairman Ginger Noonan will soon have the applications for you to fill out. Please don't forget to send Pat your community service report.

Our next meeting will be on April 11. Collation hostesses are Pat Shorton and me.

Happy Easter to you all.

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson  
President



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## INSTALLATION OF FRAMINGHAM OFFICERS

On Saturday April 14th Hudson/Concord Officers will be installing our own Officers here in Framingham. It will be an evening designed to congratulate the outgoing Officers along with special recognitions which include Citizen of the Year, Officer of the Year and the prestigious Elk of the Year.



All Members are invited to attend and it is an open ceremony for families and guests. Many Elks from around the District and the State will be in attendance. I encourage our newest members who were initiated this year to attend. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Grill Room so that we can estimate the number in attendance.

Cocktails begin at 3:30 with the ceremony beginning at 5:00. A dinner will follow the Installation.

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## APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

As we begin our new Lodge year we look forward to initiating new Members. The following applications have been received:



Karen Dempsey proposed by Mark Dempsey  
John Duffy proposed by Richard Finlay  
Karen Duffy proposed by Richard Finlay  
Mary Kate Feeney proposed by John Stefanini  
Lisa Forman proposed by Michael Forman

Richard Petroni proposed by Richard Finlay  
Susan Petroni proposed by Richard Finlay  
Priscila Sousa proposed by Michael Cannon  
Cecilia Stefanini proposed by John Stefanini

Applications are available on the bar. Let's make this an even better year by increasing Membership.

## E.R. ELECT MESSAGE

Spring is here! And a new Elk year has begun. I am honored to serve as Exalter Ruler for the upcoming year. Join me in thanking Sue Brown for her hard work, countless meetings, hundreds of miles traveled, fires that she put out and the time out of her personal life dedicated to the Lodge. Also a huge thank you to the officers, trustees, committee members and volunteers that made this a successful year, I look forward to working with you all this year.

It is not until you attend a meeting or serve in a committee that you realize the impact the Elks have in a community and the endless opportunities to do more.

During the last few years we have gained a number of new members because of our role in the community. We should be proud of the support we provide our veterans and our youth through grant-funded programs and scholarships.

Our first priority is to continue to have a financially stable and well operated Lodge. Our Lodge is the backbone of our charitable work and will help us continue to do great work, especially with seniors (I know a lot of us are "seniors" now) and in doing our part by helping combat the opioid epidemic by utilizing the resources provided by the ENF Foundation in partnership with the D.A.R.E. Program. There will be more to come about this initiative.

We are still in need of a Tiler and have vacancies in various committees. If you're interested in becoming more involved, please feel free to reach out.

In Brotherly Love,

Laura Medrano  
Exalted Ruler Elect

### ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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Spring is just around the corner wishing everybody a Happy Easter and Passover.

March was a busy month with planning the St Patrick's Day Dinner, I would like to thank the following people if it were not for them the dinner would not have been a huge success.

Bennie Ottaviani, Jerry Blanchette and Paul King for preparing our delicious meal, Shari Manning and Patty Higgins for making sure everyone's plate was full, Jean Jewell for helping me check every one in and grabbing their tickets for the raffle.

To the following people who donated items for our raffle's and silent auction, Mike Forman, ER Sue Brown, Laura Medrano, Jeff Brigham, Roger and Patty Dilbarian, Paul King, Thank you all.

And a huge thank you to all that participated that night. It would not have been a great success with out you.

We cancelled the meat shoot on March 31st as it was too close the holiday's, but will be planning our next one in May. We (The Entertainment Committee) are planning some new things for the month of April.

**TRIVIA NITE- SATURDAY APRIL 7TH** at 7pm (admission is free) hosted by Chris Wozney. Everyone is welcomed. For more info, feel free to call Patty Higgins (508-620-6206)

**SEAGLASS NITE- SATURDAY APRIL 21ST** 4-6 Cost is \$50.








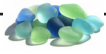




Please see the flyer in this bulletin and go to the link to register to come. And questions call Sheree King 508-868-2637 or Sue Brown. With Mother's Day and Graduations close by what a great way to give a gift.

#### HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT THESE EVENTS

Entertainment Committee Chair person

Sheree King

## APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>Easter Sunday</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>April Fools Day</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div> <div>Lodge Meeting</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Maynard Installation (7:00)</div>	<div>7</div> <div></div> <div>Trivia Night Framingham (7:00)</div> <div>Natick Installation (5:00)</div>
<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Emblem Club Meeting</div> <div>Meal of the Month</div> <div>Birthday Bash</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Framingham Installation (5:00)</div>
<div>15</div> <div></div> <div>tax day!</div>	<div>16</div> <div></div> <div>Patriot's Day</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div></div> <div>Lodge Meeting</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div></div> <div>Seaglass Art Party 4-6:00pm (Framingham)</div>	<div></div> <div>National 21 Hoop Shoot (Chicago)</div> <div></div> <div>Dart Tournament (Beverly/Salem)</div>
<div>22</div> <div></div> <div>Cribbage Tournament (Leominster/Fitchburg)</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>ECD District Deputy Clinic (7:00)</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Ten Pin Bowling Tournament (North Attleboro)</div> <div></div>	<div>30</div>	<div>Note: A list of all Installations is posted on the Lodge Bulletin Board.</div>				

## MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>Lodge Meeting</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div> <div>Corn Hole Tournament (Billerica)</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>Kentucky Derby</div> <div></div> <div>Cinco de Mayo</div>
<div>6</div> <div>Regional Meeting (Hudson/Concord)</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Emblem Club Meeting</div> <div>Meal of the Month</div> <div>Birthday Bash</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>Horseshoe Tournament (Auburn/Webster)</div>
<div>13</div> <div></div> <div>Mother's Day</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div></div> <div>Lodge Meeting</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div></div> <div>ARMED FORCES DAY</div> <div>State President's Testimonial (Maynard)</div>
<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Bourne Trip</div> <div></div>	<div>28</div> <div></div> <div>memorial DAY</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>		

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DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

**Join us at the Framingham Elks for an ocean-themed art party to support the Veterans Hospital!**

**Sat, April 21, 2018**

**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Cost \$50**

Please go to the below link to register for the event

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/421-seascape-fundraiserthe-framingham-elks-club-tickets-42954761849>



All supplies are provided. However, you are welcome to bring your own sea glass and beach treasures to personalize your creation.

Not artistic? No problem! When you are working with sea glass and other natural treasures, it's easy to de-stress, unwind, and create a beautiful masterpiece. The instructor will walk around and answer any question you may have. If you need more hands-on guidance or advice, we can help! We will keep you on track to completion of your masterpiece.

**Framingham Elks Club  
450 Union Ave.  
Framingham, MA 01702**