# The Bulletin



**AUGUST 2019** 

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264

MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH

#### **ER MESSAGE**

I hope everyone is having a great summer and I can't believe were all ready talking about August.

As you know things tend to slow down this time of year but continue to check the bulletin for events at our lodge and the bulletin board in the lounge of other lodges in our district that are hosting events through the summer. We always have the meal of the month bash on the second Wednesday of the month. This is a great chance to gather some friends give your self a night off from cooking and come to the lodge. We had a nice group of our new Elks Riders Chapter in attendance this month.

The entertainment committee gave an encouraging report of up coming events, Meat shoot's starting up again, a Pig Roast is in the planning and the restart of a 50/50 raffle to help raise funds for charity. Thanks for their hard work. Remember there does not have to be an event to come and enjoy yourselves with Friends.

I recently returned form the 155th Grand Lodge Elks Convention in St. Louis. I was amazed with the size of the convention floor and moved when thousands of like-minded Elks said the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. With the parade of Flags at the opening Ceremony there were Elks from every State and Territory represented.

Next years convention is in Baltimore, Maryland and I hope with it being closer to home more members from 1264 might go.

There were daily Business sessions and plenty of training after the formal meetings.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler was officially Introduced. Robert Duitsman and his wife Beth are off to a great Year in Elkdom. His theme for the year is "Honoring the Past - Embracing the Future". He spoke of the importance of Honoring the Order's unique history and traditions.

Bob also stressed the importance of letting our community's know all the charitable activities we do and with that we can grow membership! "If they know us and like us they will join us" this was a secondary theme of his speech. Which leads me into my closing.

I'm Happy to announce and all should be proud that for the first time in 39 Years there has been a gain in membership in Elkdom! (Jimmy Carter was President last time this occurred.) This should be encouraging at a time when most Fraternal groups are fighting to keep members let alone grow membership.

So keep up the hard work and keep your friends and new members coming. We have an Installation on August 7th so please come and experience this great night for our newest members.

I will leave a copy of all the reports and flyers that came from the convention available shortly for viewing in the lounge.

Thank you and continue to have a great summer!

God Bless Lodge 1264, The United States of America and the Flag that represents it.

Bill Osborn Exalted Ruler





### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Paul Parker, William Casey, Jody Mahan, and Peter Ivers.

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

#### **ELKS RIDERS**

Upcoming Events: Mass Elks Veterans Run, Billerica Lodge August 25th. Bikes will gather at the Framingham Elks and Depart for Billerica together at 9:30. All Motorcyclists are invited to join us on the Ride. Please spread the word.

50/50 We

The Elks Riders are holding a Lottery Raffle: "\$500 in Scratch Tickets". \$5 a ticket. We will be selling Tickets throughout the month of August and the Winner will be drawn on Sunday Sept. 1st at 5:00 p.m. 50% of the Proceeds will go to the Elks 1264 Building Fund and 50% will go to supporting the Elks Rider's start up. See any Elks

Rider for Tickets, or contact me at 508-383-5787 (Jerry Blanchette, President of the Elks Riders 1264)

Elks Riders: Alex Alpert Vice President, Geri Stevens Secretary, Scott Gills Sargent at Arms, Toni Guidi Road Captain, Bob Averil Chaplin, Sue Brown, Chris and Lisa Wozny, Rob Connors, John Lavin, Peter Pandolphino, Gerry Bradley, Matt Bradley, Steve Leach, Jim McCarthy

The Elks Riders are also considering doing some volunteer work at the Local Soup Kitchen. Let us know if you would like to join us.

#### SECRETARY'S CORNER

I hope everyone is having a great Summer. For those of you who went to the Cape for the Tornado, I hope everything worked out okay for you.

Reminder, there is only one meeting in the month of August. Aug 7th

The summer time is usually slow around the Elks Lodge with a lot of people traveling for vacations, however, we figured it would be a great idea to catch those that are around and have an Initiation in August. We have about 10 Candidates waiting to become Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We have sent the word to the District Deputy and all the Lodges in our District and invited them to join us and bring any of their waiting Candidates to make it an East Central District wide Initiation. Our Orientation Night will be Monday July 29th at 6:30 and the Initiation will be on Wednesday August 7th at 7:00. There will be a catch up Orientation the night of the 7th at 5:45 for those that could not make July 29th. We are planning a light Dinner from 6:00 – 6:45 on the 7th.

I hope to see as many Members and Sponsors there that night to welcome in our New Members.

We still have some Members who are Delinquent. Letters have been sent out by the Exalted Ruler and we hope to here back from them soon and renew their memberships.

Fraternally,

Jerry Blanchette PDD, HLM Secretary Framingham Lodge #1264



#### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Congratulations to all that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. We have met the Grand Lodge per capita and exceeded out lodge goal. We are currently at \$7.43 per capita. This makes us eligible to receive free Grants from the Elks National Foundation. The Beacon, Gratitude, Impact, Spot light, Promise and the Freedom Grant.

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

In 2019-2020, the Elks National Foundation Trustees have approved \$34.6 million to help Elks build stronger communities by investing \$13.7 million in Community Investment Program grants for Elks Lodges to invest directly in their local communities. The ENF will allocate \$9.9 million to help State Associations accomplish their charitable objectives.

The ENF will continue to further the education of our country's future leaders by allocating \$4.1 million in scholarship assistance. The ENF designated \$1.0 million to fund Drug Awareness and \$1.1 million to run the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, encouraging youth to lead healthy and active lives. In addition, the Elks National Foundation designated \$3.3 million to fund the Order's Veterans Service Program.

Keep up the great support that you all have been providing throughout the years.

Elks Care Elks Share...

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

#### ANNUAL SOCCER SHOOT

The lodge Soccer Shoot will be held in September. I will provide more information when we narrowed down the date. More details will be provided in next month's bulletin.



Look forward to your support again this year.

Elks Care Elks Share.

John J. Villa Chairman PER PDD HLM

#### LOCAL FAMILY SHELTERS NEED OUR SUPPORT

The Emblem Club is collecting items (new) to be donated to the local family shelters. Needed items include baby powder, baby wash, baby wipes, receiving blankets, bibs, Desitin, Pampers, burp cloths, and "onesies". Please help us support these shelters, and contact either Joanie deGrandmaison at joanieandbill88@verizon.net or June Robinson at jrobinson402@yahoo.com. If you don't have time to shop, we'll be glad to do it for you.

Your support will be GREATLY appreciated.



#### **EMBLEM NEWS**

Hi everyone,

I hope you all are having a great summer and doing your best to stay out of the heat.

Scholarship chairman Ginger Noonan announced the winner of the Framingham Emblem Club and it is Talon Hayes Grandson of Pat Shorten.

We also had two winner from the State and they were Talon Hayes and Alina Coffey who is Teresa Allen's Granddaughter. Congratulations Talon and Alina and good luck on your first year of college.

Joanie D, Phyllis, Gladys and I went to the 87th State convention. It was a great time and I'm happy to say that we received three awards. We got honorable mention for our community service. That is thanks to all of you who volunteered your time helping people in our community. We got 3rd place for literacy, and 2nd place for our historian book. Lynn you did a great job. Let's keep up the good work.

We are still collecting baby items for the shelter.

They need wipes, rash creams, onesies, blankets, sheets and anything else you think a baby would need.

This will be my last bulletin. I have been writing it for the past 4 years and I think it needs a new perspective. Joanie D and I made a deal that if I went in as President again for the next two years she would write the bulletin. So, if I'm elected President again Joanie will be writing the next bulletin.

The next meeting will be on August 14th.

Collation hostesses are Josie Lascano and myself.

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson President





The Lodge Needs You To Get Involved!

## **AUGUST 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
4	5	6	Lodge Meeting New Member Initiation	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 District Deputy Clinic Natick Lodge	23	24
Mass 25 Elks Veterans Motorcycle Run, Billerica	26	27	28	29	30	31

## SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lottery Raffle Winner Drawing Spm 5pm	LABOR Day	3	Lodge Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	12	13	14 District Deputy Pre Visit
15	16	17	18 District Deputy Visitation	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	MEAT SHOOT
29	30					

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

# SAVB YOUB DATES.

# MEAT SHOOT SCHEDULE IS:

SATURDAY SEPT. 28th, 4 PM - 6 PM // SATURDAY OCT. 26th, 4 PM - 6 PM

## 50/50 and RAFFLE BASKETS

So mark your calendar and bring some friends

We will also be bringing back the 50/50 to the members lounge keep your eyes open. You never know when we will show up to say 50/50.

See you all in September

EC chair person- Sheree King