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The Bulletin



BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264 MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH

### ER MESSAGE

Halloween has passed and The Holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving Is fast approaching and Christmas and New Years are right around the corner. This a time of getting together with family, friends and slowing down a bit to share this special season with the ones we love.

This is also a great time to tell the stories of our friends and family In Elkdom encouraging them to join our lodge. The Holidays are a time of giving and sharing with others while the Elks Care Elks Share motto fits right in to the theme of The Holiday Season.

This leads me into a repeated theme and the most important role as your Exalted Ruler to push for new membership and more as importantly our delinquent Brothers and Sister that have not been to the lodge in some time or paid their dues this year.

Why? is what we should be asking, are they shut In with little family to help? Are they in the Hospital or Nursing home? Or maybe they have moved?

Whatever the reason, they are names of Friends, Family, Brothers, Sisters and members we have sponsored that have not paid their dues as of yet this year. Please look at the list of delinquent members and help us out if possible.

Last year was the first year of a net gain in National Membership since Jimmy Carter was President and Massachusetts could see its first two year gain this year since 1983 - 1984 if we work together.

I want to Thank Everyone that helped out in so many way's this past November remembering the sacrifice and service of our current and past Veterans. As long as there are Veterans the Elks will be there to help and never forget.

Please remember to read the bulletin board for upcoming events and come support the Lodge. We have Memorial Sunday coming up Dec 1 and an Initiation of new members on December 4th.

With my year as your Exalted Ruler winding down it is a great time to ask you to think about taking the next step In Elkdom yourself, You Have skills we need, think about how you could help us out. Join a committee or take the step and help by taking a bigger role upstairs.

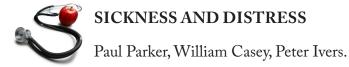
Just ask and there are plenty of senior members that are here to help.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God Bless 1264, America and the Flag that represents it.

Bill Osborn ER





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

#### **ELKS RIDERS**

Framingham Elks Donate 500.00 to the Framingham Police Athletic League.

Framingham Elks have always donated to Local and National Charities in its long history here in Framingham. The Framingham Elks has been in Framingham for over 108 years. Recently this year the Elks have a new Association within it's Lodge called the Elks Riders. The Elks Riders are a group of Elks



Members who ride Motorcycles. What better way to enjoy yourself than combine some of the things you love; riding Motorcycles while still being an Elk who loves to volunteer one's time and raise monies for Charities! The Riders were looking for a truly Local Charity that benefits the Youths within our Community. We are looking forward to our new relationship between the Elks, Elks Riders and the PAL will continue to be a great match for the future.

#### SECRETARY'S NOTES

As we move out of November I would like to thank all of our Veterans for their Service and thank you to all of you who supported our Veterans activities throughout the Month..

### "As long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never Forget them"

On behalf of my fellow Marines from the Metrowest Marine Corps League I would like to thank the Lodge for allowing us to hold our Annual Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on Nov 10th.

Early morning on the 10th the Lodge was smelling delicious. There were about 6 different groups of people learning how to cook a variety of meals in their Instapots.

The Turkey Shoot was a great night. The whole upstairs hall was full. Report for that will be read at the next Lodge meeting.

Memorial Sunday is coming up on Dec 1st. We will honor and pay respect to 6 of our fallen members and our Former First Lady of Elkdom that have passed since our last memorial Service in 2018.

The Kids Christmas Party will be at 2:00 on the 1st following the Memorial Service.

Members Christmas Party is Dec 10th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Grill Room..

Membership and Interest in becoming a member, has been growing at the Lodge. This is great news. Our next Initiation will be on Dec 4th and I hope to have 13 Candidates attending. Just the other night at the Turkey Shoot we had 1 Reinstate and 4 other people ask for applications. Keep up the good work as sponsors and advocates of our great Brotherhood.

I hope you all have a great Holliday, and a happy New Year.

Lodge Secretary

Jerry Blanchette PER, PDD, HLM



### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

I would like to begin by congratulating Sue Brown on her recent donation reaching over \$3,500 in donations. Great Job.

Many employers will match gifts given to non-profit organizations by employees and spouses, meaning that for every dollar you donate to the ENF, your company will donate another dollar! Some employers even match gifts from retirees. **Double the impact of your gift today!** To find out if your company sponsors a matching gift program. Check with your employer's human resource department to find out more. The Elks National Foundation is a 501c3 tax deductible organization.

To all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your donations that we will continue to prosper and grow to be able to give back to our Society.

We are through two thirds of the year and based on my calculations we are currently at \$9.24 per member (GREAT JOB). We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.75 per member and have exceeded the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member.

We are now eligible for multiple grants from the Elk National Foundation to help others in our community.

If you would like to send your donation directly to the Elks National Foundation, there address is: Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago IL 60614. Make sure you add your membership number and Lodge Name and Number. "Framingham Elks #1264" to your check

If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

Thank you again for your continued support to the Great Heart of Elkdom.

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Lodge Chairman,

John J. Villa PER PDD HLM



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### Thank you for helping us Go Green

### **"KEEPING OUR HOMELESS VETERANS WARM"**





The Elks Riders have accepted a Challenge to help our Homeless Veterans ARMY vs NAVY Game For our Veterans Dec 14th 3:00

Please come down to watch the Army vs Navy Game and bring something warm for a Homeless Vet.

A donation box will be in the Lodge 1 week before the game.

New under clothing and Sox or slightly used outerwear Jackets, Sweatshirts, hats and gloves will be accepted.

Thank you for your support!

### **REGIONAL SOCCER SHOOT**

The State held their Soccer Shoot on October 20, 2019. We had 1 first place winner Isaac Reis U10 and 2 second place winners Marianna Reis U8 Girls and Joao Gabriel Reis U14 Boys.



Isaac Reis went on to compete in the Regionals in Rhoda Island and came in second. Isaac Reis was the highest point scorer at the State and we won the coveted Ed Mahan Trophy for the year for the year. Congratulations to all....

Isaac Reis receiving his Trophy from State Chairmen Stacy Rice and Pat Kimmett.

Soccer Shoot Chairman John J Villa PER PDD HLM

### EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

We are holding our annual East Central District Elks National Foundation Fundraiser. First prize is \$1,000.00, 2nd \$250.00, 3rd 100.00 and 10 chances to win \$25.00 worth of scratch tickets. The raffle book cost \$25.00 for 10 tickets or \$3.00 per ticket. The cover of the book is the entrance fee to Dinner and Live entertainment featuring "BACK PAGES". The Event will be held at the Norwood Lodge on January 25, 2020. \$10.00 of each book sold will go to the Elks National Foundation in the seller's name. This is a great way to increase your ENF pledge and have a chance to win \$1,600.00 in prizes. Raffle books are available through me. If you would like one or two books send the money to the lodge to my attention and I will fill out the tickets for you. Good Luck.

Contact: John J. Villa for tickets. 508 397-9065

Hope to see you all there...... YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THESE BOOKS IN THE MAIL ...

### BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LODGE BY JANUARY 17, 2020

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### EMBLEM NEWS

Hi to all.

We held our Memorial Service at the November meeting, remembering all members passed before us.

The Elks will have their Memorial Service on Sunday, December 1st. Please attend, if possible.

The Annual Turkey Shoot was a huge success, as always. A big THANKS goes out to all Elks and Emblem that helped to plan the event, as well as all of those that attended and supported the event. You are all amazing.

### DID YOU KNOW??

The KTDA was the major charity of our State Association. KTDA stands for Kidney Transplant Dialysis Association. Sadly, the KTDA is now defunct, for reasons unknown at this time. The State Association's Executive Board has appointed a committee to determine which kidney-related organizations will receive the money in the "KTDA Fund". Going forward, it was voted at the November State Meeting that the committee will accept nominations from the clubs annually, and decide what charity will be the beneficiary of the charity fund that year. We in Framingham have submitted the Doug Flutie Foundation for consideration for this year's convention in June. This foundation helps people and families affected by autism live life to its fullest. Since 1998, they have helped over 10,000 individuals and families. We hope the Executive Board decides to accept this charity. We will find out at the March State Meeting.

### ONGOING

We collect aluminum pull tabs for the Shriners Hospitals. They can be turned in to Joanie deGrandmaison.

Jeanne Ottaviani and Ginger Noonan are always looking for items for the local nursing homes, such as costume jewelry, large-piece jigsaw puzzles, large print crossword and word search books.

Jean Jewell continues to collect your old prescription bottles, with the labels removed.

Josie Lascano will continue to collect baby items for the local family shelters. In addition to baby items, they also need frying pans and large plastic storage containers with lids. All items are greatly appreciated.

Members celebrating their birthday in December are Eleanor DeBassio, Rita Carly, Pearl Eagles, Carlene Bennett, Dot Fitch, Pat Shorton, Ellie Bolduc and Ann Cuddy. Happy Birthday, ladies! If your birthday is in December but your name is not listed, it's because I don't have that information. You can email me to update our records.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm. Collation Hostesses are Sheree King and June Robinson.

President June Robinson extends her sincerest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

Yours in Emblem,

Joanie deGrandmaison, PP, Financial Secretary

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# **ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

#### HAPPY HOLIDAY'S AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR ENTERTAINEMENT COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Turkey Shoot. Thank you to the volunteers also

The Snow man Lottery ticket Raffle are still selling... See your bartenders or someone from our EC will be to happy to sell you

The Lucky Ticket. Lucky winner will be pulled at The ELKS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!!!

#### January 18th 2020 7p.m. Family Feud is Coming

Come support your Lodge Champions that's right Our Lodge has won two events of the Family Feud, and they are ready for another challenge

There is an entry fee of \$10 per person if you want to set up a team of 5 people. (at least two people must be elk members). There are other lodges invited too. You could also just for \$10 come see the game being played and support your members who are playing, We do have a limit of 14 teams we can have Play, For more info or to sign up

See Sheree King, Jerry Blanchette, Laura Mendrano

### SAVE THE DATE : THE ELKS LUA IS COMING FEB 15TH

I would like to take this time to thank our EC

Patty Higgins, Shari Manning, Donna Acorn, Sue Brown, Laura Medrano, Kathy Corado, Lisa Forman and a shout out to Jean Jewel. With these people the Entertainment Committee would not be so successful as we are.

I also want to take the time to say thank you to our Bartender Maureen and Jen Parker for our Instant Pot Class. We had a great time and some great food ideas. Plus some peoples (meaning me) fears were taken away learning how easy it is to use this way of cooking a great meal.

Again Happy Holidays and a Healthy New year.

See you all Next Year

Sheree King

The Lodge Needs You To Get Involved!

### DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Memorial Sunday <u>11:00</u> Kids Christmas Party 2:00	2	3	4 Lodge Meeting Initiation Dinner 6:00 Initiation 7:00	5	6	Pearl Harbor Day			
8	9	10 Members Christmas Party 6:00 Dinner-Snowman Raffle Winner	Emblem 11 Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash Elks Riders Meeting	12	13	Army/Navy Game for Veterans Clothing			
15 Hoop Shoot Keefe Tech 11:00-2:00	16	17	18 Lodge Meeting	19	20	21			
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28			
29	30	Happy 31 New Year							

# JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			New Year's			
			Day			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Lodge Meeting			FEUD
			Lodge meeting			Family Feud
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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PRESENTS

SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020 CASH BAR, LIGHT SNACKS DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.

\$10.00 spectators and players

Team registration 6:30-7:00 • Games will start at 7:30

1st 14 Teams to Enter

Team Name and names of players

Teams of 5 at \$10.00 PP (\$50.00)

### 50/50 RAFFLE

SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE



Mail check to Framingham Elks 1264 Attn: lodge secretary P.O. Box 4747 Framingham, MA 01704

Or pay at the lodge, checks payable to: Framingham Elks

Email team names and players to: <u>jerryblanch@verizon.net</u>