



ER MESSAGE


This month brings the Election of Officers. The lodge has some vacant chairs for the 2016-2017 year that need to be filled. Please see the Lodge Secretary or attend a meeting if you wish to get involved.

I would like to thank the Porketta crew: Patty Higgins, Kevin Higgins, BJ Ottaviani, Bennie Ottaviani, Alex Marcoaldi, Mike Donnelly and George Zanella.

The porketta money has funded the following projects at our lodge, new foot railings in the members lounge, new ceiling tiles in the upstairs kitchen, dance floor project and some ongoing projects to update the lodge. This team of people are incredibly important to the longevity of this lodge. They volunteer their time not only during the Porketta nights but for other functions like the members Christmas Party, lodge installations and meat shoots.



The club will be holding its annual Super Bowl party on February 5th. You are welcome to bring items for the Pot Luck and the club will also be providing some food for the event. Let's Go Pats!!

We will be holding a  raffle for the Super Bowl. We will be preselling tickets to the 50/50 that you can purchase from the bartenders. All processed will go to purchasing items for the Veterans Hospital.

There will be a meat shoot this month on February 26th at 2pm. Everyone is welcome so please support the lodge and attend.



March 17th The Lodge will be holding a St Patrick's corn beef and cabbage dinner from 5:30 pm – 8 pm. Tickets will be \$15 and only 70 tickets will be sold. To purchase tickets please see Sheree King cell # 508-868-2637.

Last month the lodge donated \$250 to Warrior Thunder and \$240 to Operation Delta Dog. If anyone has a project near and dear to them please let us know. We are always looking for 501-3c charities.

LET'S GO PATS!!!

Suzanne Brown
E.R.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Paul Parker and William Casey. Cards and well wishes are welcomed.

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



MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Congratulations to Christopher Connelly, Richard Finlay, Mark Hartry, Jill Heggs, Phyllis Kaplowitz, Eileen Keefe, Thomas King Sr., Thomas King, Joseph Norton and Scott Vachon who were elected to Membership this month. These and four other candidates previously voted upon will be Initiated on PER Night February 25, 2017. Cocktails 5:00, Dinner 6:00, Ceremony 7:00pm. Orientation is set for February 16, 2017 at 6:00pm.



Applications are still being accepted for this class.

Special CONGRATULATIONS to Richard Jay and Peter Laincz who were elected to Life Membership. Richard has been a Member for 30 years and Peter has been a Member for 39 years and finally reached the age of 65!! (Remember, to be eligible for Life Membership you have to be a Member for thirty years and have reached the age of sixty-five.)

SECRETARY'S CORNER

This past month has taught us much about transition....peaceful in some ways and in many ways, not so peaceful. We as Elks undergo transition every year. The Grand Lodge Officers and the National President transition in July and our own local Lodges will do so in March and April. This month of February is the time to nominate and elect those Officers who will govern our Lodge for the ensuing year. The outcome of this process has considerable impact upon the future of our Lodge as well as our Order. We need leadership that can be the "able mariners" who guide our Lodge through calm and stormy seas. The Exalted Ruler (Lodge President) must provide direction and encourage increased participation in Grand Lodge Programs which in essence become our own agenda. We need Officers who take an active role in the activities and events of the Lodge. Because of this, the title of Lodge Officer should be taken seriously and with a willingness to commit time. It is not an easy task.

We in Framingham Lodge should be grateful to those Members who are willing to take on this challenge. We also know that there are many committees who can use the help of Members who may want to get further involved. Please talk to one of the Officers if you want to become active in your Lodge.

February is a month during which we remember the great history of our Nation as we reflect on the accomplishments of those Presidents who have gone before us. I encourage you to take the time to look over the Exalted Ruler list in your Lodge and remember we owe them a debt of gratitude.

It is also a time to express our love for those who are near to us on Valentine's Day.

I wish you all a happy Valentine's Day. May we all move forward in peace, love and hope.

Faternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



DUES NOTIFICATION

Dues envelopes will be mailed this month to each member. Regular Membership is \$73.00 and Life Membership is \$34.00. There is an opportunity to check whether you want your card mailed or left behind the bar in our black box for this purpose. If you do not mark a specific box, your card will be mailed.

Also, you will have an opportunity to make a donation to the Elks National Foundation along with your dues payment. Many Members use this option as an opportunity to increase their participation in the Foundation. It is thanks to your contributions that we reach our per capita requirement to become eligible for the Grants we have received, which in turn enables us to support our veterans, our youth, and local charities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Robert Simonetta, James Curley, Ed and Mary Quintal and Charles Villa for their recent donation. I would also like to thank the Emblem Club for their recent donations bring them to \$2850.00. 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 Communities.

We are three quarters into the year and we are currently at \$5.11 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.65 per member and will meet or exceed the Lodge's goal of \$6.00 per member.

I was asked what the Elks National Foundation is about. Here are some of the programs that our donations support.

The Elks National Foundation has upheld its commitment to helping Elks build stronger communities for more than 80 years. Our extraordinary donors help students realize their dreams of attending college; provide youth with constructive activities; and help the Elks fulfill their pledge to our nation's veterans.

So many people depend on the Elks National Foundation's benevolence, and they couldn't do so without you! It is only through your generosity that the ENF will distribute \$29.5 million during the 2016-17 fiscal year.

For example, the ENF's Community Investments Program invests directly in Lodge communities to have a lasting impact in the areas where Elks live and work. Lodges know and understand the needs of our community's best, that's why we decide how to use these grants. Last year, Elks hosted dinners for veterans and military families; provided support to local food pantries; and many others. With both Promise Grants and Gratitude Grants worth up to \$2,000 in reimbursement this year, imagine what our Lodge can do!

Remember, Gratitude Grants are awarded based on our Lodge's per-member donations, so the gift you make will contribute to our chance to make a difference right here in our neighborhood. I hope you'll renew your support of the ENF, so that together, we can keep improving our community. Thank you again for your past support.

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,
Chairman,
John J. Villa PER, PDD HLM



FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1 Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	2	3	 4 State Hoop Shoot (Maynard)
 5 Super Bowl 2017	6	7	8 Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	 9	10	11
12 Regional Meeting (Attleboro Lodge)	13	 14 Valentine's Day	 15 Lodge Meeting (Election of Officers)	 16 Birthday of the Order of Elks 1868	17	 18 Corn Hole Tournament (Athol/Orange Lodge)
19	 20 President's Day	21	22	23	 PER Night 25 New Member initiation Cocktails 5:00 • Dinner 6:00 Ceremony 7:00	
Meat Shoot 26 (2:00pm)  Daytona 500 	27	28		<div>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</div> <div>Our attitude towards others determines their attitude towards us.</div> <div><i>Earl Nightingale</i></div>		

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>QUOTE OF THE DAY...</div> <div>People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.</div> <div><i>John C. Maxwell</i></div>			 1 Lodge Meeting	2	3	 4 Pool Tournament (Worcester)
Candlepin Bowling 5 (Norwood) 	6	7	8 Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	9	10	11
Candlepin Bowling 12 (Norwood) 	13	14	 15 Lodge Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day (Dinner served 5:30-8:00pm) 	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	 25 Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<div>Note: Installation of Officers begins this month. The schedule will be posted in the next bulletin and may be found on the Lodge Bulletin Board.</div>						

EMBLEM NEWS



Hi everyone,

I hope you're all enjoying the mild winter we have been having. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it continues until April. I know but I can dream can't I!

As I hope all of you know by now that the 1/20 club has ended due to lack of membership. It was first started by Jody Mahan, Pat Donohue and Jo Gibson which for those of you who still recognize those names you know that it was started many years ago. We could not find out just when it was started but we do know a lot of young students starting college received numerous scholarships because of it. Joanie D took it over and continued the tradition and did a great job also. Thanks Joanie! It gave us a little something to look forward to each month. We are all sad to see it end.

Joanie will be sending out the new membership forms very soon so return them as soon as you can and be eligible for the "early bird" drawing. The prize is \$50.00.

A reminder there is no meeting in February. Meetings will start again in March.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson
President



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to one of our active Lodge Members, Bennie Ottaviani, who will be receiving one of three "Salute to Framingham Awards" on March 30th, 2017 at the Sheraton Framingham. Bennie is being recognized for his outstanding work within our community and while serving as Resource Officer at Framingham High School.



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