



E.R. MESSAGE

This month brings the Election of Officers. The lodge has some vacant chairs for the upcoming 2018-2019 year. Please see the Lodge Secretary or attend a meeting if you would like 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 instillations and meat shoots.

The club will be holding its annual Super Bowl party on February 4th. You are welcome to bring items for the Pot Luck and the club will also be providing some food for the event. Let Go Pats!!!

There will be a meat shoot this month on February 17th 4pm. Everyone is welcome so please support the lodge and attend.

We are looking for 5013C organizations to help out and donate time and money. Please contact me if you have any that you would like the club to help.

Coming events:

February 7th and 21st Meeting nights

February 17th, Meat Shoot 4pm-6pm

March 16th, St Paddies Day Dinner 5pm-8pm

April 14th 5pm, Instillation of Officers

April 21st, Seaglass Party Time TBD

LET'S GO PATS

Sue Brown, E.R.



DUES DUES DUES

It's that time of year when members will be receiving a dues notice (\$73.00 Regular members and \$34.00 Life and Honorary Life members) for the ensuing year 2018-2019.

Though it may be hard to believe, while some wait until the last minute to pay, others have already paid! Please check your mail for the notice shortly after Feb. 1st. Please return your payment in the envelope provided in the mailing.



Dues are due April 1, 2018. Cards will be distributed after March 18th.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey, Ron Barney, Gladys Kiley, Roger Dilbarian and Jody Mahan.

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.

It is my sad duty to report the death of Neil Ballard, a former Member of our Lodge who dimitted to Florida but had left a lasting impression upon many of our Members. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family. *Sleep my Brother and peace be with you.*



STILL RUNNING BEHIND



There are 26 Members who are delinquent in paying their dues even though letters have been sent, (and most recently by the GER Malcolm McPherson himself). Perhaps if these Members would check the Membership Card they are carrying they would realize it expires April 1, 2018. Please note that these Members will then be dropped from our roles and no longer able to enjoy the benefits of Membership.

If anyone knows of a member in this situation please encourage that Member to pay \$73.00 before it is too late. Any questions don't hesitate to call me: 774-279-2796

ON A POSITIVE NOTE

On PER Night the Past Exalted Rulers will initiate 11 (and maybe more by then) new Members. The date is set for February 24, 2018 with cocktails at 4:00, Initiation at 5:00 followed by dinner. All Members are invited to attend and renew their Obligation. I especially encourage those members who were Initiated this year to attend and witness the ceremony in which you recently participated.



Propositions for Membership: Ana DeSimone proposed by Cesar Monzo, Paul Radzik proposed by David Connolly

SECRETARY'S CORNER

February is a very significant month for all of Elksdom. For one, we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary of the Order on February 16th. Check the Lodge Bulletin Board for details on how we are celebrating. Secondly, we will be nominating and electing the Officers who will guide our Lodge during the ensuing year. History shows us that the present Lodge officers move through the chairs which would leave the Lecturing Knight's position available. Also we will be nominating a Trustee for 5 years. The Secretary and Treasurer will also be voted upon. Inner Guard, Tiler, Chaplain and Esquire will be appointed by the ER elect. Once the Officers are elected, the task of filling any openings in the various Committees will begin. This is the time to step up if you wish to get more involved. For more information on how you can help talk to a Lodge Officer.

Notes: please inform me if you are going away or if you have a change of address; watch for your dues notice in the mail and please pay it early; check the Lodge Bulletin Board for upcoming events and sign-ups. This is your Lodge...stay informed.

I wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day!

Go Pats!!

Fraternally,
Robert B. Anspach PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating, Ed and Mary Quintal, Charles Villa and Jerry Blanchette for their recent donations in December. I would also like to thank the Emblem Club for their recent donations bringing them to \$2,900.00. 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 more than three quarters into the year and we are currently at \$9.16 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.75 per member and have met 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 \$33.1 million during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

For example, the ENF's Community Investments Program invests directly to the Lodge community and know the needs of our communities best. 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 the Promise, Anniversary and Gratitude Grants worth up to \$6,000 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,

John J. Villa PER, PDD HLM
Chairman



EMBLEM NEWS



Hi everyone,

I Hope the new year has started as a good one for you. Unfortunately for three of our Emblem Sisters it has not. Phyllis May was in the hospital then rehab with complication from pneumonia and low blood pressure glad to say she is now grateful to be home. Gladys Kiley was in a very bad car accident and has a number of broken ribs. She is home recuperating since there is nothing you can do for broken ribs but time. She is a lucky lady it could have been much worse since her car was totaled. And finally Ginger Noonan fell and hurt her shoulder. We wish them all a speedy recovery. Hopefully we got all the bad luck all in one month and we sail through the rest of the year healthy and happy!

Phyllis did ask me to remind you that she is still is looking for men's clothes for Larry's Place. No matter how sick Phyllis is she still thinks of her community service as we all should.

We don't have a meeting again this month but start up again in March.

Happy Valentines Day!

Yours in Emblem

June Robinson
President

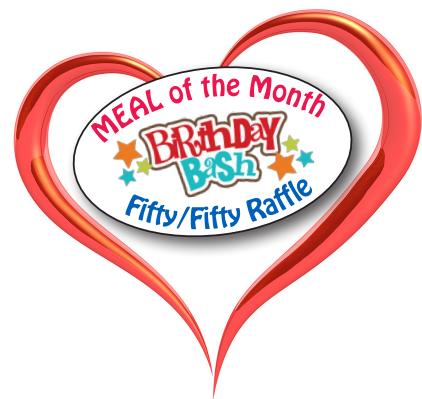


MAKE VALENTINE'S DAY A FAMILY OUTING

February 14th is our scheduled Meal of the Month/Birthday Bash. Yes, it is Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. We still have to eat! Check the Lodge bulletin board for the menu. Serving begins at 5:30.

Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids and all you can eat

....cake and ice cream included!!



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Thank you for helping us Go Green



Meat Shoot



FRAMINGHAM ELKS
February 17th, 2018
4PM – 6PM
50/50 & RAFFLE
\$20.00



St Patrick's Day Dinner

Framingham Elks
March 16th

Cocktail Hour 5pm-6pm

Dinner 6pm-8pm





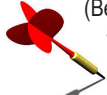








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To purchase tickets please
contact Sheree King 508-868-2637

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ground Hog Day 	2 State Hoop Shoot Contest (Maynard)  ENF Bola (Franklin Lodge)	3
4 Super Bowl Sunday 	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	8	9	10 State Dart Tournament (Beverly/Salem Lodge) 
11 Regional Meeting (Billerica)	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Meal of the Month Birthday Bash Valentine's Day  Ash Wednesday 	15 Orientation of new Members	16 150th Birthday of our Order 	17 Meat Shoot Corn Hole Tournament (Athol/Orange) 
18	19 Presidents' Day 	20	21  Lodge Meeting (Election of Officers)	22 Washington's Birthday 	23	24 PER Night
25	26	27	28			

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 State Pool Tournament 
4 Candelpin Bowling Tournament (Norwood) 	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting	8	9	10
11 Candelpin Bowling Tournament (Norwood) 	12	13	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15	16  St Patrick's Day Dinner	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18	19	20	21  Lodge Meeting	22	23	24  Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland, ME)
25 ECD PER Meeting (Framingham)	26	27	28	29	30	31 Passover 

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Hey Everyone,

We have been so busy trying to find ways to get members and friends together and support our lodge.

We, the entertainment committee want you all to save the dates for the following...

Meat Shoot – 50/50 & Raffle's, February 17th (Saturday) 4-6.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 16th (Friday 16th) 5-9, Tickets are on Sale for \$18

For more info call Sheree King 508-868-2637

Mothers Day Sea glass crafting (more info to follow), April 21st (Saturday) at 2pm.

If you have any questions or suggestions feel to talk one of our- Entertainment committee

Sheree King (Chair person)

Donna Acorn

Patty Higgins

ER-Sue Brown

Shari Manning

Laura Medrano