



Dear Members,

January is over and it wasn't all that bad! As I was looking for positive things to write about February, the only things that I came out with was frigid temperatures, ice, six-foot piles of snow and blizzards. But I read somewhere that "February is the Month of Love", so here we go "Happy Valentine's Day".

But also February is the month of Nominations and Elections. It takes dedicated volunteers, hard work and good management to run a successful lodge.

One may think, that by electing an E.R, fill the officer's chairs and having an Installation ceremony most of the work is done. But running a lodge is like running a business with different departments.

It is the work of the Trustees who oversee the physical structure and equipment. A Secretary who record minutes, manage the bulletin, collects dues, fill membership reports among many more duties.

A Treasure, who pays the bills and has a handle on the financial affairs.

A Home Committee that manages the day to day operations of the club, the Chairpersons of the committees and the members who participate in these committees. It sounds like a lot of people, but they are not. Often they are the same volunteers different committees. We need new members running for officer seats and new members in committees. Without more participating members we cannot operate a successful lodge.



Please consider becoming one, and trust me it is a lot of fun!

All of you are welcome to attend PER Night and the Initiation of new members on February 22nd.

Fraternally Yours,
Laura Medrano, ER

JANUARY MEMBERS THAT ROCK!!!!

Fun Trivia Night

Chris Wazny, who is becoming a pro, Patty Higgins and Shari Manning for all the assistance, Bill for bartending both sizes and all the members who attended.

Porketta

Beeny Ottaviani, George Zanella and kitchen helpers.

Cleaning of Storage Closets

Sheree King and Dan O'Rourke

District Hoop Shoot

Gerald Blanchette

Bar Food Cooking and delicious tailgate food

Ernie Moreau and all the members who cook or bring food to share.

Working on functions for the next couple of months

The Entertainment Committee
All officers, Committee members and all the members that support our lodge, and if I left someone out, let me now for the next time.

We need more members that

ROCK!!!!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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

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

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER

ROGER GERSBACH

Born: July 4, 1926

Initiated: Dec. 13, 1962

LM: Feb. 27, 1996

Died: December, 2018

Sleep in peace my Brother

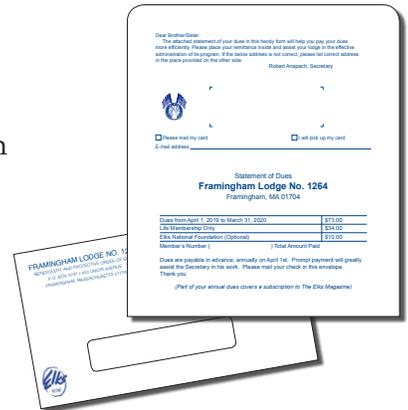


DUES NOTICES

Dues notices will be mailed to each individual this month. Return addressed envelopes will be provided to return your payment. Please use it, even if you wish to leave your payment at the bar. Cards will be either mailed or left at the bar as you declare on the envelope. This will happen after March 15 as your present Membership Card will still be active until April 1, 2019.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me: 774-279-2796.

Thanks.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

This is a very important month. We nominate and later elect Officers who will lead our Lodge during the ensuing year. ER-elect will appoint a Home Committee, Tiler, Inner Guard, Chaplain and Esquire. It is a time to review the past year and develop a plan to improve our Lodge for the year ahead. We give thanks for those who have served and give thanks to those who will carry the torch during the 2019-2020 Elk Year.

This month we will also initiate new Members during PER Night. Though our numbers appear to look good, we still have 30 Members who are delinquent in paying the current year's dues and will be dropped from Membership on March 31st. If you are one of those Members please consider making your payment today.

Speaking of payment.....dues notices will also be going out this month. The method of payment is the same... please use the envelope you will receive when making your payment. Remember to check off if you want your card mailed or left behind the bar. Once again there is a place for you to make a donation to the Elks National Foundation. Last year 150 Members took the opportunity to donate in this fashion which helped us to achieve the Grand Lodge goal and our Lodge Goal of \$6.00 per Member. Please consider making your contribution in this easy method.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



MOVING ?

Many still wish to receive the bulletin by mail. What I face every month is that some of you have moved or go away for the winter, or perhaps change addresses for the summer, which results in your bulletin being returned to the Lodge as undeliverable. Since we use bulk mail rates, bulletins will not be forwarded but rather returned at our expense. If you know you are going away, or if you have moved (or moving) please notify the Secretary to make the necessary changes in your address. This way you can continue to receive Lodge updates and notices regarding happenings around Your Lodge. Better yet, consider receiving the Bulletin on line by using the www.framinghamelks.com address! Let me know if you don't wish to receive the mailed copy!



Thanks.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN BEING A FRAMINGHAM ELK

The tee shirts worn proudly during the Flag Day festivities are on sale for \$10.00. We now have long sleeve shirts available for \$15.00. You may purchase them through our bar manager, or contact Sue Brown PER at sbrownie@gmail.com.



WHY NOT TAKE THE ONE YOU CARE ABOUT OUT FOR A PRE-VALANTINE'S DINNER

Come down to the Lodge on February 13th for the Meal of the Month/Birthday Bash for all our Members and guests. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and you 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. These dinners are open to non-members so bring a friend and enjoy the fine hospitality. How about a meal or two to go!!



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Thank you for helping us Go Green

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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 \$10.15 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 Elks National Foundation will distribute \$33.7 million during the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Community Investments Program	\$12,370,000
State Elks Association Grants	\$9,600,000
Scholarship Programs	\$4,790,000
Elks National Veterans Service Program	\$2,010,000
Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest	\$1,010,000
Elks Drug Awareness Program	\$709,340
Elks Memorial Building Maintenance	\$772,680

For example, the Elks National Foundations'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 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 Elks National Foundation, 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



EMBLEM NEWS



Hi Everyone,

This is going to be a short article since we don't have meetings in January and February.

Please remember to keep track of your community service amounts and send them to Pat.

I hope we all get through the next couple of months healthy and safe although I have heard through the grapevine that Phyllis, Gladys and Nancy have had some health problems. I hope they all have a swift recovery.

Yours in Emblem
June Robinson President



The Lodge Needs You To Get Involved!

LIVING OR DEAD AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN

This bulletin announced the death of a member, Roger Gersbach. His obituary listed him as a member of Framingham 1264. This is the story of a 55 year Life member who lived to the age of 92. I went to the wake and sadly announced to his relatives present that I never met the man nor did I know any of his family. As there were very few in attendance they shared with me the kind of man he was.....and that he was active and "with it" right up to the last month when his health failed. He was affiliated to our Lodge in 2001 after his Lodge closed which is why he has a number showing him in the same era as Jerry Blanchette PER, and Treasurer Scott Penrod. He paid his dues but to the best of my knowledge never came down to the Lodge.

How many more Elks are out there in the same situation? How many may have passed away and we were never notified.

This month's segment is dedicated to those Elks I never met and only communicate with them by a dues envelope and a dues payment. If you are one of those Members and you're reading this bulletin.....

This bulletin is dedicated to you. Thank you for remaining faithful to us. Let us remain faithful to you.

MEET OUR **Elk** MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	ECD ENF Fundraiser 2 (Hudson/Concord) State Hoop Shoot (Maynard)
3	4	5	6 Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	7	8 	9 Dart Tournament (Beverly/Salem)
10 Regional Meeting (Lawrence) Providence Bruins Elks Veterans Night	11	12	13 Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	14 Valentine's Day	15 Elks Birthday 1868	16 Luuu Night Cornhole Tournament (Auburn/Webster)
17	18 President's Day 	19	20 Lodge Meeting (Election of Officers)	21	22 PER Night	23 Chili Cook Off DD Fund Raiser "Family Feud" (Hudson/Concord)
24	25	26	27	28		

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 State Pool Tournament
3 Candlepin Bowling (Norwood)	4	5 Lodge Meeting 	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9 Meat Shoot
10 Daylight Savings Candlepin Bowling (Norwood)	11	12	13 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	14	15 St. Paddy's Dinner 	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Natick Installation	18	19	20 Lodge Meeting	21	22 Hudson/Concord Installation	23 NE Regional Hoop Shoot (Portland) Franklin Installation
24 Norwood Installation	25	26	27	28	29	30 Clinton Installation
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Happy February

Well January went by pretty fast. Yet the snow storm didn't stop some of our members from coming to Trivia Nite... Congratulations to our Trivia Champions, Carol Bradley and Becca Cadmus. Also big thank you to Patty Higgins and Chris Wonzy for making sure that everyone had fun!!

Come join us for some fun on February 16th 2019 starting at 7pm with our First Lodge first Luau. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers and games and specialty drinks made by our wonderful bartender Maureen. Thank you to Lisa Forman for planning this event.

SAVE THE DATES:

Luau Nite Saturday Feb 16th 2019 starting at 7pm

Chili Cook Off Saturday Feb 23rd 2019 (See Brian Parker for details)

Meat Shoot Saturday March 9th 4-6

St Paddy's Day Dinner Friday March 15th 2019 — Cocktails and appetizers 5-6, Dinner is at 6. **TICKETS GO ON SALE FEB 1ST** Any questions or want to buy tickets see Sheree King 508-868-2637.

April 7th Sunday Vendors day starting at 2pm. More info to follow.

Thank you

Sheree King -EC chairperson