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MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH

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### ER MESSAGE

I can say I'm OK with the major Holiday season being over. I hope everyone enjoyed the time with friends and family. It is a busy of year for us all. Thanks to everyone that had a hand in helping out at the hall to keep us entertained. The winter will soon be coming to an end and spring will be here before we know it. Thursday, March 19. This event marks the astronomical **first day of spring** in the Northern Hemisphere warmer days are coming.



There are ten weeks left in the 2019 -2020 year of Elkdom. There is still work to be done, We are once again leading the ECD with raising money for the ENF. If you have already made a contribution Thank YOU! If you have not please consider doing so this is of major importance to all of Elkdom and our lodge.

I will repeat what has been a focus point in my year as your ER, membership, without growth in membership where would we be. New members mean new friends and new ideas. I challenge all our new members who have come on board over the past two years to step up and join a committee, bring us your new ideas and voices. Attend at least one of our two monthly meetings who knows you may like it.

With regards to membership Framingham lodge is currently one of only two lodges In the district with a plus gain in membership. **Out Standing work!** Not my words but a comment from the State on the last report received. Keep up the hard work.

Please remember to check the board in the Grill room for opportunity's to come down with a Friend and enjoy the Camaraderie. There are some good times ahead at our Lodge and those nearby, you are always welcome to visit any Lodge in Elkdom. Hope to see you around soon.

Thank you!

God Bless Lodge 1264, America and the Flag that represents it!

Proudly Your Exalted Ruler

Big Bill Osborn



### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey

### DEATH OF A MEMBER

Peter Ivers and John Carr

*To our absent Members! We shall never forget you and will always remember you when the dial of night Chimes 11.*

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



## ELKS RIDERS

The Elks Riders are working on the Plans for our first Motorcycle Run on July 18th, Supporting the Framingham Police Athletic League. More to come!

GET YOUR CHALLENGE COIN TODAY AND SHOW YOUR ALLEGIANCE



**Massachusetts  
Elks Riders  
Challenge  
Coin**

**\$10.00 EACH**

CONTACT JERRY BLANCHETTE 508-383-5787  
OR ASK ANY FRAMINGHAM ELKS RIDER

The challenge coin has become a highly collectible and long-lasting way for people to show their allegiance anytime and anywhere.

The Elks Riders have created an Elks Riders Challenge Coin. This is very similar to the Mass Elks Veterans Coin.

Soon to be available for purchase. Buy a coin and Support the Elks Riders, or better yet; buy a Challenge Coin to give to the next Veteran you see.



## FAMILY FEUD

Congratulations to the Winning Team of the First Framingham Elks Family Feud Night.

It was a snowy night but a full house none the less. It appeared everyone had a great time, Thank you Ent Comm for making this happen.

The Winning Team was "Win or Booze". Steve Balduci, Jeanie Balduci, Andrew Lewis, Jaymie Savill, and Scott Argir.



## CHILI CHALLENGE COOK-OFF: DATE FEB 8TH

Calling all Chili Masters, Enter your Chili! Be a cook and enter the Contest

"Come taste the best of the Metrowest"

\$5 pp, to come eat and vote for your favorite Chili

(See Brian Parker or Ernie Moreau to enter) Chili ready to taste, eat and Vote on at 1:00

**Hang out and watch the Bruins vs the Coyotes at Game at 3:00**

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Please think about our upcoming Lodge year and consider running for a Chair or any other Elected Position. Nominations will be held on the 1st meeting in Feb, Feb 5th. If no nominations for a particular office are received that night, Nominations for that position will stay open through to the next meeting; which is Election night. Election night will be held at the 2nd meeting in February on February 19th.

The 2nd Meeting in Feb will be suspended at the end and continue on Friday Feb 21st for New Member Initiation. Initiation Night will be performed by the Past Exalted Rulers of our Lodge. We are expecting another big Initiation Class, please plan to attend and welcome our New Members.

Lots of things coming in the next couple of months. Check the Calendar and Entertainment News.



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Laura Panella on her recent donation. 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 \$9.87 per member. We have achieved the GER's goal of \$4.75 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 \$34.6 million during the 2019-20 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 \$2,500 in reimbursement this year, imagine what our Lodge can do!

I would like to thank Laura Medrano and Bob Anspach for doing the necessary work on get these grant's processed for our lodge.

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 Elksdom.

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Chairman,

John J. Villa PER, PDD HLM



# The Lodge Needs You To Get Involved!



## EMBLEM NEWS

Hi to all.

Emblem had our own team for the Elks' Family Feud night on January 18. Our team was called Emblem Strong, led by President June Robinson. The other 4 team members were Pat Shorton, Josie Lascano, Jamie Romano and Joanie deGrandmaison. Unfortunately, Mother Nature dumped several inches of snow that evening, so we backed out. But we're waiting in the wings for the next time!

## DID YOU KNOW??

A new law takes effect in Massachusetts on February 23, 2020: The Massachusetts Distracted Driving Law.

This new law bans drivers from the use of electronic devices, including cellphones and tablets, while driving, unless the technology being used is "hands-free." Penalties will be a \$100 fine for a first offense, \$250 fine for a second offense, and a \$500 fine for subsequent offenses.

Exceptions include the following: 1) If you are in a stopped vehicle, and the vehicle is not in a public way intended for travel by motor vehicles or bicycles, 2) If you are in or responding to an emergency situation, 3) If you are using your device to view a map for navigation purposes and the device is mounted to the vehicle's windshield, dashboard or center console.

Spread the word: distracted driving is dangerous – and against the law. Stay safe!

## 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. All items are greatly appreciated.

Members celebrating their birthday in February are Claudia Allen, Helen Juskiewicz, Sheree King and Ginger Noonan. Happy Birthday, ladies! If your birthday is in February but your name is not listed, it's because I don't have that information. You can email me to update our records.

As a reminder again, we do not meet in the months of January and February.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Yours in Emblem,

Joanie deGrandmaison, PP, Financial Secretary  
joanieandbill88@verizon.net







## HAPPY FEBRUARY TO YOU ALL

We got thru January with a heat wave of almost 70 degrees. And not too much snow. Speaking of snow, How about the Family Feud Night.

A storm was coming and the Elks members decided it wasn't going to stop them from coming to the event. We had a great turnout.

Thank you to the 2 teams from Natick and 1 team from Watertown/Waltham Elks who showed up despite the storm warnings. The teams came up with some amazing names for their groups. We had the Gamed of Throws-Ins, The Misfits, the Redman and Red Hawks, 4 Ladies and Chris, to just name a few.

A big congratulations to the winner of Steve Balduci's team – Win or Booze. They took home the Crowns and a \$5 scratch ticket.....

Still haven't heard if anyone scratched and won any cash.

## SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR FEBRUARY HMMM .....

So your entertainment committee wanted to bring back the Lua.

**Saturday February 15th, 2020 at 7 PM**

Drinks, Games and Food. Look for the flyer in our Lounge.



**Friday March 13th is our St Paddy's Dinner**

5-6 cocktails 7-8 Dinner

Tickets go on sale Feb 1st 2020

See Sheree King for tickets or call her 508-868-2637



**Saturday April 18th we will be bringing back the meat shoot**

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*Happy Valentines Day to all*

EC chairperson Sheree King



# **WINTER BREAK LUAU**

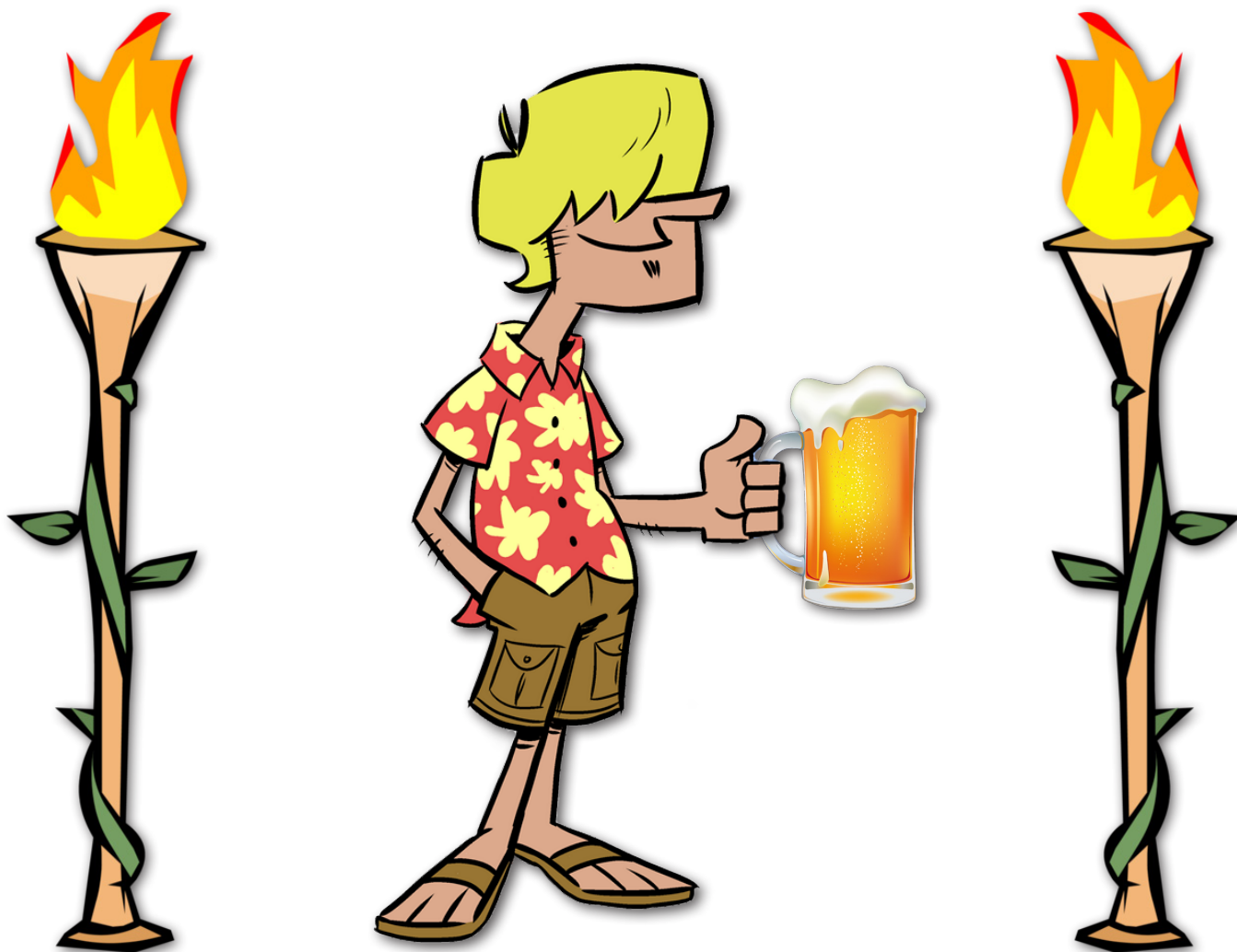
**Framingham Elks**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**7PM-11PM**

**Appetizers will be provided  
50/50**



**Hawaiian Attire Encouraged**



## FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1 State Hoop Shoot (Maynard)
2	3	4	 5 Lodge Meeting Nomination continued for open positions	6	7	 8 Chili Challenge
9 Regional Meeting Attleboro	10	11	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Elks Rides Meeting	13	 14	 15 Luau
16	17	18	 19 Lodge Meeting Elections/Voting	20	21 PER Night/ Initiation	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	 4 Lodge Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Elks Rides Meeting	12	13 St. Patrick's Day Dinner	14
15	16	 17	 18 Lodge Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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