



BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS FRAMINGHAM LODGE NO. 1264

MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH



ER MESSAGE

While the Sand in the Hourglass is quickly passing and the year is coming to an end we are very Thankful for the year it has been. We can all look back and remember some good times had at the Lodge and Elkdom as a whole.

I'm sure everyone had a great Thanksgiving with our Family's. The Turkey Shoot was an amazing experience & thanks to all that put so much time into the night.

As always, it was quickly backed up by the infamous Members Christmas Party! The Camaraderie & Friendship we all experienced is a perfect example of what Elkdom is all about.

A Big thanks to those who helped make this year's party a success and a not-to-miss event.

There was a perfect mix of New Members from our most recent Installation along with junior & senior members all having fun.

Other successes during this very busy time of year were our Annual Children's Christmas party and our Hoop Shoot contest that are both truly a not to miss events. We hope that more children get to experience these opportunities next Year!

During all this Fun we cannot forget the Very Important Memorial Sunday. The first Sunday in December is a time when we stop to remember our Brothers & Sisters that have passed in the preceding year. Thanks to all who came and I challenge more to attend next year.

This is a Somber time of the year.

Remember an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken and The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory.

The Order of Elks is distinctively American linking the destiny of our Order with the destiny of our country we have made its Flag the symbol of the crowning virtue.

I am proud to represent Framingham Lodge 1264 of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America as your Exalted Ruler.

Have a Happy New Year! Have Fun and be Safe!

Remember.....

We can never turn back the pages of time, though we may wish to relive a happy moment, or say good-bye just one last time, we never can, because the sands of time continue to fall, and we can't turn the hourglass over.

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

Proudly Your Exalted

Big Bill Osborn





SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey, Peter Ivers.

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

ELKS RIDERS

Thank you for supporting the Clothing Drive for our Homeless Vets!

Meeting was held on Dec 11. New Associate Member John Furey was voted in. Remember you don't have to Own or Ride a Motorcycle to be part of our Association within the Lodge.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Happy New Year

only 1 Meeting in January – January 15

Congratulations to our newest members! Wow, what a class. 12 New Members in December. (Picture hanging on the Bulletin Board)

December was a another busy month at the Elks. We started the month off on Dec 1 with the Memorial Service for all our members who have left us in the past year. It was followed by the kids Christmas Party. All who attended said they and their kids had a great time. Thank you to Laura, Sheree, the Emblem Club and of course; Santa Claus for attending.

The Members Christmas Party was again a great big hit. I believe there were 90 people signed up to attend. Thank you to all that helped with that. Benny, George. Mike Forman, Ernie, Brian, Bob Mac, Paul k, Sheree, Rhonda and Shari.

The Toys for Tots box was overflowing and was delivered on Dec 13th. Thank you to all that donated gifts.

Thank you to all that made donations to the Clothing Drive for the Homeless Veterans run by the Elks riders. This was held during the Army Navy Game on Sat Dec 13th. We donated the clothes to a Veterans group in Holliston that was delivering them to the Worchester, VA facility.

Hoop shoot was held on Dec 15th with a very low turnout. We hope to find other ways to promote it next year. Thank you to all that showed up an Volunteered. Donna Acorn. Sheree King, Bill Osborn and his 2 daughters, Dan O'Rourke, Alex Alpert, Chris Wozny, Scott Gillis and Red luoma.

Reminder that there is only 1 meeting in January as the first Wednesday of the month is actually New Year's Day.

February we should be planning another Initiation which will be performed by the PERs.

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 Jan, Jan 15th. If no nominations for a particular office are received that night, Nominations for that position will stay open through February; including Election night. Election night will be held at the 2nd meeting in February on February 19th.

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

I hope you stay worm during our upcoming expected cold months. Stay busy and frequent our Lodge!

Jerry Blanchette, Secretary PER, PDD, HLM



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 \$9.29 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 through your generosity that the Elks National Foundation will distribute \$33.7 million during the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Community Investments Program	\$17,700,000
State Grants	\$9,900,000
Scholarships	\$4,300,000
Veterans Service	\$3,300,000
Youth Programs	\$1,100,000
Veterans Memorial	\$817,480

For example, the Elks National Foundations' 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 Elksdom.

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Chairman,

John J. Villa PER, PDD HLM



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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

GRAND LODGE ELK NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

ENF also offers Legacy awards for seniors in high school for any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2017. (Elks Members Only). These are also \$4,000 awards. The application process is done completely online, www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm. Contests starts September 1, 2019. **DEADLINE IS January 31, 2020 11.59 am Central Time**

A third ENF program is the **Emergency Educational Grant Program**. This is open to students of deceased or totally disabled Elks members. Please contact the scholarship chairman for an application. **New and renewal applications should be filed between May 1 and October 31.**

The Gunther & Lee Weigle Medical School Scholarship Award: This year, six (6) \$20,000 scholarships are offered exclusively to Elks scholars (current or alum)* entering their first year of medical school in 2020. **Applications are due by May 15.**

If you have questions on scholarships, please email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.





EMBLEM NEWS

Hi to all.

We helped the Elks with their annual Kids' Christmas Party. President June and Member Sheree dressed up as elves, and Past President Phyllis dressed up as Mrs. Clause. They helped Santa (Bob Anspach) hand out gifts to the children. Other Elks members pitched in as well. A great time was had by all.

On behalf of our club, Josie Lascano bought large containers for the mothers at the family shelter. They use them for storage, and to pack their personal items when they move out on their own. They were very grateful for these items.

DID YOU KNOW??

There's a law in Massachusetts and most of the other states in this country called the Move Over Law. This law aims to make police, firefighters, paramedics, tow truck drivers, and all roadside emergency and maintenance professionals safer on the job. The Move Over Law, which took effect March 22, 2009 in Massachusetts, requires drivers approaching a stationary emergency or maintenance vehicle with flashing lights to move to the next adjacent lane and slow down, if it is safe to do so. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$100.

According to a national poll referenced on moveoveramerica.com, 71% of Americans have not heard of this law. Every year, first responders across the country are injured or killed on the job while providing emergency help. Let's remember to keep our first responders safe as they help us on the roadsides.

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 January are Gladys Kiley, Jean Hill, Sandy Melish, Darlene Herweck, June Robinson and Barbara Smith. Happy Birthday, ladies! If your birthday is in January 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, we do not meet in the months of January and February.

President June Robinson extends her sincerest wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Happy New Year!

Yours in Emblem,

Joanie deGrandmaison, PP, Financial Secretary

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WELCOME 2020

What a year we had thank you to all that participate in all of our fundraiser's for the lodge. Welcome to all of the new members that have come aboard too.

So Saturday January 18th is our Family Feud.

It's important that you sign up with your team's name and get the \$50 to Jerry Blanchette. There is 5 people to a team. Any questions see Sheree King or Laura Medrano. Guest are invited to come watch and root for your favorite team. There is a \$10 fee. Seating starts at 6 Game starts at 7. Hope to see you there

SAVE THE DATE - FEB 15th is our Luau. We had so much fun last year we are bringing it back.

MARCH 13TH IS OUR ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARON PRIOR WHO WON THE SNOWMAN \$250 SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE WHICH WAS DRAWN BY OUR ER BILL OSBOURNE. I would also like to take the time to thank our bartenders and Shari Manning and Jean Jewel for helping selling those raffle tickets and making it a huge success.

Again thank you to the EC people you are all amazing,

Hope to see you on Jan 18th

Sheree King, EC chairperson

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



The Lodge Needs You To Get Involved!

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4 District Hoop Shoot (Hudson) 
5	6	7	8 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month	9	10	11
12	13	14	15  Lodge Meeting Nomination	16	17	18  Family Feud
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ENF Bolla Norwood
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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	10	11	12 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month	13	14	15  Luau
16	17	18	19  Lodge Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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