



ER MESSAGE

The lodge is off to a great start with the Spring Vendor Fundraiser for Operation Delta Dog. We had many people attend the event and was able to raise money for this great foundation.

I want to thank the Entertainment Committee for making this event happen. Please check out the bulletin for upcoming events at the lodge.

I am honored to be elected for a second year as the E.R. of the Framingham Lodge 1264. I am looking forward to working closely with the Board of Directors, Home Committee, Trustees, Entertainment Committee, and other Lodges in our East Central District. I promise to work hard on building strong relationships with the Youth Groups, Homeless Shelters and the Veteran Services.

I encourage people to come up with new ideas to help facilitate these goals. We need to continue to grow and improve our Lodge to strive to be the best in the District; however this will take more than a few people, it will take an army!

I look forward to a great and productive year as your E.R. and will represent you and the Lodge to the best of my ability.

Regards

Sue Brown, E.R.

TEAMWORK

Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.

- Henry Ford

DUES ARE OVER DUE

We still have a little less than 100 Members who have not paid their dues for the current year. If you are still carrying a 2016-17 card it is time to renew!!

Please either mail your dues to the Lodge or better yet come on down and drop them off in the Secretary's Mail Box.



GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

This year's Convention is in Reno, Nevada July 16 – 19, 2017. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Secretary for further information.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Paul Parker, William Casey, Richard Jay (recovering from back surgery), and Nancy Jay recovering at home.



If you know anyone who may be “under the weather” please inform an Officer of the Lodge.



MASSACHUSETTS ELKS NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

Elk's Night at Fenway is an annual event run by the Mass Elks Association. Its purpose is threefold:

1. To promote activity between the lodges and give members a chance to socialize while watching America's favorite past time.
2. To allow our shut in and hospitalized Veterans the luxury of attending a Red Sox baseball game.
3. To raise money for our charities.

Tickets are \$60 per seat for Sec.B87 Right Field Box Seats, \$40 per seat for G4 Right Field Grandstand and \$35 for Sec L43 Bleacher seats. All tickets must be purchased by June 17, 2017. See your Lodge Secretary for more information or check out the poster in the Lodge Grill Room.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Lodge year is well on its way. Building on a successful year is sometimes difficult, but we have already begun. A successful fund raiser held last month is just the beginning. Upcoming activities noted on our calendar show that the Activities Committee and other programs are working toward another banner year. Please consider how you may help in promoting the event or by participating in it... like the Bourne trip.

Membership is important. A working Membership is most desirable. An increase in Membership is an imperative. If you know someone who likes to volunteer and wants to become involved in charitable work, this is the place to be. Consider inviting him or her to one of our functions and then consider handing that person an application.

This month we remember our Mother in a special way. We also have the opportunity to remember our Veterans in a special way on Memorial Day. Let's do both with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Happy Mothers' Day and may your Memorial Day be filled with meaningful retrospection.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Anspach, PER, PDD, HLM
Secretary



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

I would like to begin by congratulating Charles W. Villa for his recent donation and becoming an Honorary Founder in the Elks National Foundation for donating over \$1000.00. Shake his hand the next time you see him for his continued support of the Elks National Foundation.

I would also like to thank Bob Averill on his recent donation and reaching his 3rd Participating Member Status for donating over \$300.00, Laura Medrano for reaching PM 2 Member Status for donating over \$200.00, Michele Brigham and Chris Wozny for reaching PM1 status for donating over \$100.00

Thank you all the members that have donated to the Elks National Foundation this year. It is through your help that we will continue to prosper and grow. We finished the year at \$8.65 per member (GREAT JOB) we have met the Grand Lodge per capita of \$4.65 and exceeded our Lodge goal of \$6.00. We came in second place in the District and first place in the State for lodges between 501-700 members and 5th place overall in the State. As you are aware the Elks National Foundation supports many programs working with the Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness. In addition, over 6 million dollars in scholarships were given out last year alone.

To our newest Elks National Foundation members. The Lodge has already started your first pledge of \$10.00 to the Elks National Foundation. If you would like to add to your donation please leave a check made out to the Elks National Foundation at the lodge to my attention and I will make sure that it is sent to your account.

There are many members that are very close to their Participating Membership status of \$100.00 to get your name plate on the ENF board in the members bar. If you would like to know where you stand with your total contact me.

Thank you for your continued support to this great cause for charity. If anyone needs to get in touch with me at any time call (508) 397-9065

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Lodge Chairman,
John J. Villa PER, PDD, HLM



CHARITY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE JUNE 10, 2017

This year's State Association Charity Fund Raffle books have been mailed.

\$20,000 Grand Prize, 2nd \$3000, 3rd \$2,000 and four \$500 Sellers Pool winners.

If you buy or sell a book write your name on the blue ticket. That is for the Sellers pool.

The Lodge's share of the income from this depends on your participation. Please help your Lodge and your charities by purchasing the book. **Please mail the raffle books back to the State Chairman with the envelope provided in the package.** We will also have the Lodge pool again this year. This means that for every 20 books sold by your lodge including mail-ins the lodge will be entered into the pool for a chance to win one or more of the four \$500.00 prizes. **"CHARITY IS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE VIRTUES" YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL.**

If you would like to purchase more raffle books contact your lodge secretary.

ENF Chairman John J. Villa, PER, PDD, HLM presents Daniel O'Rourke with his ENF Honorary Founder Certificate for donating over \$1000.00 to the Elks National Foundation.



MASS ELKS VETERANS FUNDRAISING

The Mass State Elks Veteran's Fundraising Committee has created a Mass State Elks Association Challenge Coin. The coins are a fantastic way of supporting our Veterans Fundraising or for donating and giving out to existing Veterans. Please consider purchasing at least 1 for yourself and more to give to any Veterans that you know. Carry it with you all the time to show your support, and always ready to pass it onto the next Veteran you encounter that deserves all of our respect.



Coins are \$5 each. Ask the Bartender to see the coin. If you would like to order one, please contact me (Jerry Blanchette) at 508-383-5787.

Thank you for your Support to our Veterans.

Jerry Blanchette PDD, PER

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

April 1, 2016	512
Initiated.....	16
Affiliated	2
Total added	18
Dropped for non-pay	24
Transfer Dimit	6
Deceased	7
Total dropped.....	37
Total Apr.1, 217	493
Loss.....	-19
Average Age.....	58
Life members	78
Honorary LM	7
Applications on hand	15



Though we dropped 24 Members for non-payment of dues, there is still time to bring them up to date. If you sponsored a Member who has been dropped, please consider bringing that person back. See your Secretary for details.







We are still accepting applications for the upcoming class to be initiated. (Date to be Announced)



MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Lodge Meeting	4	5	6 Corn Hole Tournament  (Billerica)
7 Regional Meeting (Tewksbury/ Wilmington)	8	9	10 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	11	12	13
14  Mothers Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 State President's Testimonial (Maynard) Armed Services Day
21 Emblem Installation	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  Bourne Trip	29 Memorial Day 	30	31	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">QUOTE OF THE DAY...</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>Benjamin Franklin</i></p>		

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">QUOTE OF THE DAY...</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>Steve Jobs</i></p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7  Lodge Meeting	8	9  State Convention	10  State Convention (Hyannis) 9-11
11  State Convention (Hyannis)	12 Flag Day observed at the Lodge - 11:00 	13	14 Emblem Club Meeting Meal of the Month Birthday Bash	15  Flag Day	16	17
18 	19	20	21  Lodge Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

EMBLEM NEWS



HAPPY SPRING! With spring here we will be celebrating Mother's day and the Emblem installation which will be held on May 21st at 1:00. Everyone is invited so I hope to see a lot of you there. I will be going in as president again (yes alcohol was involved Lol) I want to thank all the ladies who agreed to take on a position and for some who took on two thank you again.

At our last meeting we pulled the "EARLY BIRD" drawing and the lucky winner of the \$50.00 was Ellie DeBasio congratulations Ellie! There are a number of you who have not sent in your money for your membership renewal but it's not too late to do so.

Ginger Noonan our scholarship chairman will soon be sending out a Phantom Tea Party letter. In it she may be going to also ask you if you have a good recipe to send it to her and we will include one each month in the bulletin. This gives you a little extra time to think about your favorite recipe.

Our next meeting is on May 10th.

Collation Hostess are: Jamie Romano and Lynn Sanderson.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

Yours in Emblem
June Robinson Emblem President



Mark Your Calander for the Bourne National Cemetery Bus Trip



Lest We Forget



Veterans Tribute – Sponsored by Framingham Elks Lodge #1264

Sunday, May 28th, 2017 10:15 AM

Box Lunch and Barbeque – all for \$20

10:30 am Bus leaves – ELKS Parking Lot

450 Union Ave., Framingham

1 PM Memorial Day Ceremony • 4 PM return for lodge barbeque

ALL INVITED Veterans, Friends, Public

Send \$20 check made out to:

Framingham Lodge 1264 ELKS

PO BOX 4747, Framingham, MA 01704

Maritime Band Wreath dedications

Bring Camera

RSVP w/check by May 16

You'll go back next year, First come first served

1 Bus Only

John Villa – (508) 397-9065

**MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE BARBEQUE FOR \$10.00.
A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE GRILL ROOM.**

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