



## *Flemington Elks Lodge #1928*

*February 2025*

# *The Elks Sale*

*Our 71<sup>st</sup> Year*



Elks take part in donation of adult  
tricycle to Special Needs young adult  
(see [page 11](#) for story)

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Email us at [ACFKS1@gmail.com](mailto:ACFKS1@gmail.com)

PLEASE EMAIL SUBMISSIONS FOR MARCH ELKS TALE TO:  
[ACFKS1@gmail.com](mailto:ACFKS1@gmail.com) by **Friday, February 21**

# Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

## OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler .....	Vern Ainslie
Esteemed Leading Knight .....	Gregory Fritz
Esteemed Loyal Knight .....	Lee Trautman, PDD
Esteemed Lecturing Knight .....	Vincent Laspada
Secretary .....	Barry Sheppard, PER
Treasurer .....	George Upton, PER
Tiler .....	Todd Hunt
Inner Guard .....	Erik Anderson
Esquire .....	Shirley Lewis
Chaplain .....	Andrea Kennedy
Chaplain Emeritus .....	Mauro Fanelli, PER
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Trustee - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year .....	Jason Karpi
Trustee - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year .....	Bruce Totten, PDD GER
Trustee - 4 <sup>th</sup> Year .....	David Rockafellow
Trustee - 5 <sup>th</sup> Year .....	Robert Mikesh

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President .....	Patti DeLuca
Vice President .....	Deborah Keyes
Treasurer .....	Suzanne Lucas, PP
Secretary .....	Laura Karnoff
Trustee .....	Linda Upton, PP

**2024-2025:**

**Elk of the Year ~ tba**

**Citizen of the Year ~ tba**

**Officer of the Year ~ tba**

## Elks Information

### **Monthly Lodge Meetings**

#### **Lodge Members**

**Wednesdays at 7:30pm**

**February 12 and 26  
March 12 and 26**

#### **Auxiliary Members**

**Tuesdays at 7:15pm**

**February 11  
March 11**

### **WHERE TO GO ON-LINE.**

For more information on the Flemington Elks, upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures, functions and more, visit us online at:

[www.flemingtonelks.com](http://www.flemingtonelks.com)

or go to Facebook:

Flemington Elks (public):

West Central District (members only):

[Flemington Elks Lodge #1928](#)

[West Central District](#)

Additionally, there are nationwide groups where members can find information about the world of Elkdom:

[BPOE News](#)

[We Are Elks](#)

[I am an Elk from New Jersey](#)

### ***Let the Lodge Secretary know if your information changes***

*The lodge is always updating its membership files so it's vital that you send any changes to your information (i.e., change of address, new phone number or e-mail address) so that the lodge can keep you informed... Don't miss out!*

*Contact Barry Sheppard, PER Lodge Secretary  
c/o Flemington Elks Lodge #1928  
P.O. Box 261  
Flemington, NJ 08822*

*(or drop your new information in the Secretary's Mailbox at the Lodge)*

## Reminders

### Have Your Say



Attend the lodge meetings.  
Let your voice be heard.  
It will make a difference!

Lodge Officers are required to attend on a regular basis (it is what you volunteered for after all).

#### February Meetings:

Wednesday, February 12 and 26

*After the meetings, join us for dinner (prepared by Chef Shirley) in the bar/grill and spend some quality time with fellow members.*

### Life Membership Election

At a regular Lodge session (Mr. Shawn Haley, 63 Poplar Court, Bound Brook, NJ 08805-1305 and Mr. Eric Trautman, 5 Woolverton Road, Stockton, NJ 08559-2148) have requested Life Membership in Flemington Lodge. Under Grand Lodge Statue 14.260 and the Flemington Lodge By Laws, Article 111, Sec. 2, these members have met the necessary requirements. At the regular Lodge session of February 26, 2025 a secret vote will be taken concerning this matter

Barry L. Sheppard, Secretary

## \* \* \* Lapsation \* \* \*



It's never too late to send in your dues. Remember, as a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing. Additionally, dues help us to pay our bills. Everybody's membership dues help.

Please remit your dues of \$86.00 for year 2024-2025 to the Lodge Secretary.

**As of today there are 298 members of this lodge with 16 members who have yet to submit their dues.**

### Lapsation List ~ 2024-2025

Lisa Coffey

Jospeh Gherardi

Charles Miller

Dawn Schenck

John Stefanchik

Douglas Wachter

Ralph Fortunato

Michel McClernon

Thomas Mullen

John B. Smith

Gerald Troisi

Thomas Freund

David McPherson

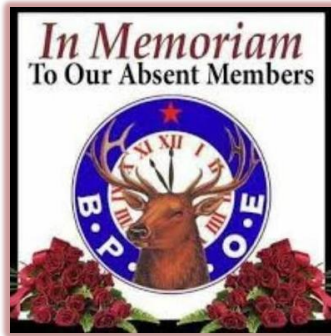
Fred Ryneerson

Scott Steele

Richard Vail



## In our Thoughts and Memories



*Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.  
Morning and noon may pass them by,  
the light of day sink heedlessly in the West,  
but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall,  
the chimes of memory will be pealing forth  
the friendly message: "To Our Absent Members."*

### Absent Member from the Past Month

*Kenneth Whalen, PER ~ 01/30/2025*

### Absent Members from the Past Year

*Thomas E. Higgins ~ 12/19/2024*

*Robert John Ferrence ~ 10/29/2024*

*Joseph M. Iselin ~ 09/29/2024*

*James Susliewicz ~ 07/25/2024*

*Daniel J. Petitt Sr., PER ~ 06/30/2024*

*John Mackay ~ 06/19/2024*

*William M. Creighton ~ 06/08/2024*

*Roger L. Cramer ~ 04/26/2024*

## Funeral Services

A reminder to all members and their families that should a Lodge Member pass away, the Lodge Officers will conduct a Funeral Service at the family's request. Please contact the Exalted Ruler or Lodge Secretary for arrangements.

## Sickness and Distress

If you know of a Lodge Member who is ill, home bound, in the hospital or going through something distressful, please notify Gregory Fritz (908) 386-0407, the Exalted Ruler or the Lodge Secretary.

Our brothers and sisters need to know that they are in our thoughts during times of illness or distress.

## Committee Chairs – 2024-2025

Accident Prevention	Robert Mikes	(908) 644-0526
Americanism	Vern Ainslie	(908) 399-2144
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, PDD	(908) 246-0526
Auditing & Accounting	Robert Paoella	(908) 303-7855
Better Parades	Gregory Fritz	(908) 386-0407
	Patti DeLuca	(908) 528-7328
Building & Grounds	Robert Mikes	(908) 644-0526
Communications	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522
Community Affairs	Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
Community Activities.	Eric Anderson	(908) 439-2532
Drug Awareness	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
Elks Tale Newsletter	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522
	Barbara Purcell	(609) 915-2324
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD	(908) 996-6724
Fundraising	John "Gemini" Lombardi	(908) 295-4345
Government Relations	Eric Anderson	(908) 439-2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
House Committee	William K. Miller, Jr.	(908) 303-1322
	Tiffany Quick	(908) 788-6737
Lodge Activities	John Lombardi	(908) 295-4345
	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522
Long Range Planning	Bruce Totten, PDD	(908) 246-0526
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD	(908) 996-6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER	(908) 963-7835
National Foundation	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
National Service	Gregory Fritz	(908) 386-0407
PER Association	Kenneth Whalen, PER	(908) 391-7290
Public Relations	Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
Scholarships	Dr. Jeff Anderson	(908) 439-2532
Sickness and Distress	Gregory Fritz	(908) 386-0407
Social/Community Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	(609) 309-5238
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers	
Youth Activities	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
Website	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522

If you would like to participate in any of these committees, please contact the Chairperson. The lodge can always use an extra hand in accomplishing our goal of supporting the community and it will make it easier for that committee to succeed.

If you wish to become a Chairperson, then contact the Exalted Ruler for more information.



## Committee Updates/Reports

### ARMY OF HOPE COMMITTEE

I THOUGHT I WOULD RELAY SOME BELATED VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR'S NEWS...

ALL OF THE NEW JERSEY CONTINGENT THAT WAS STATIONED IN HARM'S WAY HAVE BEEN SAFELY REMOVED FROM DANGER AREAS AND MANY HAVE RETURNED HOME SAFELY TO THEIR LOVING FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

MAY WE ALL SAY A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE FREEDOMS THAT WE CHERISH.

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT PRAY FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN DAILY AND LIVE IN ANQUISH UNTIL THEY DO.

WISHING EVERYONE NOT ONLY A HAPPY NEW YEAR, BUT A HAPPY ALWAYS!

*Fraternally,*

***Bruce R. Totten, PDD GER***

State Trustee, West Central District

Flemington Elks Lodge Trustee

Chair, Army of Hope Committee

## BOOKING COMMITTEE

The Booking Committee had a busy January, besides the events that we did and that fill up the weekends, the weekdays and nights saw the ever-popular bingo (organized by our Auxiliary), where everybody is a winner! This year's lodge sporting event, Cornhole (organized by the House Committee), is for those who have good wrist action and of course – and this one is close to my heart – the NY Blood Center is here on several Mondays to set up shop for blood drives. Thanks to George Upton for coordinating those. You don't know how important this is UNTIL YOU DO. No reservations needed - come have a glass of orange juice with them.

It was an unbelievable experience to be part of the donation of an adult tricycle to a special needs young adult. I want to thank Suzanne Lucas who chairs the Special Needs Children Committee for helping organize this event. See [next page \(page 11\)](#) for story and pictures.

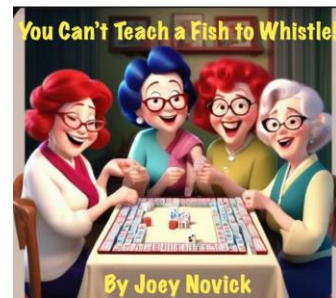
This year's banquet rooms scheduling has been exciting, uplifting but a lot of work. At the end of January, we had all of the Dignitaries from the West Central District come to this lodge for a meeting of the minds on various topics, including the rules and regulations of not only our own Elks, but also around our liquor license, which reminds us how important following the rules set down by ABC and the State is. This whole lodge thanks you for spending your time to this cause. If you want to gather some knowledge on these laws, please let me know.

Mark Sunday, April 13 on your calendar. We're having a brunch and a show...wait till you see who I got coming that day. Remember Elks and their family and guests are invited to visit our Elks on the last Friday of every month, where Gemini Entertainment helps provide comedians for an evening of laughter.

Money doesn't buy you happiness, but it does buy the things that make you happy so one of the places to spend your money, at least on the last Friday of the month, would be the Flemington Elks... we'll make you smile, laugh and be happy!

Elks supporting local comedian

On another note, last Friday's comedy night here at the Elks, included a local performer and dignitary in our community who also has a new short play premiering at the upcoming New York Theatre Festival, along with some other comedians... "You Can't Teach a Fish to Whistle" is a very funny play. It's great to just go out and laugh. We wish you much success... see you opening night. For more information go to [NY Theatre Festival](#).



*John Lombardi*  
Chair, Booking Committee

## SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Due to a technical snafu this is the January article!! Happy New Year to everyone!! Wow, we finished 2024 with a couple of wonderful events. On November 29th, with a very generous donation of an Adult Tricycle from our Trustee John Lombardi, we presented it to a Special Needs adult, Alexa Nacamuli at John's Last Friday of the Month Comedy Night here at the lodge.

Alexa is a very happy and energetic young adult who is an ambassador for GiGi's Playhouse Hillsborough by attending vendor fairs representing and promoting GiGi's. GiGi's Playhouse Hillsborough is an organization committed to increasing positive awareness of Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational programs and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

Additionally, on December 5th we held our bingo for 144 players and on December 7th The ARC of Hunterdon held a very successful bingo and a huge Tricky Tray event with an attendance of over 200 hundred.

January was a slow month historically for activity with only the sale of the semiannual Special Needs Calendars which is always a success. We have not given up on restarting our Last Sunday of the Month Breakfast and we are having the first one on February 23rd. If you are available to help in some way, please give me a call on 609-309-5238 to let me know what position you would like to help with.

Enjoy the pictures from the Adult Bicycle presentation!!.



*Until next time,*  
**Suzanne Lucas**  
Special Needs Children Committee  
Auxiliary Treasurer

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

NJ State Soccer Shoot was very competitive, our lodge sent 4 competitors who won at The District Shoot, Girls U-8 took 3rd place. Congratulations!

District Hoop Shoot was early January. We have one competitor in girls U-8 participating in NJ State Hoop Shoot Sunday 2/2. Good Luck Flemington / WCD at the state Shoot!!

2025/26 Batters Up, Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot Dates to be released April 1, 2025.

Path/Peer Leadership:

is on 2/6 middle school, sadly No one signed up under our lodge!

We are collaborating better with our school systems and hopeful for next year.

2/7-9 Peer Leadership Conference Weekend

Our Lodge has received donations to strengthen us to offer scholarships and send 3 HCRHS students.

Thank you to member Dr Lloyd Haskell, Prevention Resources and Enlyv Clinic Dr Bansal.

Our Lodge is organizing a Youth Antlers Program

We are in need of many Seasoned and New Members to enrich our communities' youth with a growing experience in volunteering.

Please contact Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl 732-966-5704

[ElksEvents.info@gmail.com](mailto:ElksEvents.info@gmail.com)

All Committees are in need of Volunteers! The more of our volunteers that participate the easier all becomes. Many Hands make light work!

***Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl***

Chair, Youth Activities Committee

(732) 966-5704 (cell)

[ElksEvents.info@gmail.com](mailto:ElksEvents.info@gmail.com) (email)

## The Grill Room



The Lodge's Grill Room is a gathering place for members and their guests/family members, a place to socialize and enjoy friendships.

Come in to watch sporting events, such as NASCAR, Golf, Basketball, Football and more.

It's open every day (except Monday) for you and your guests' enjoyment.

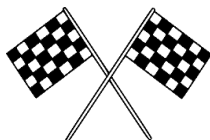
Your hosts in the Grill Room are:

Annie	Carlos
Donna	Gayle
Greg	Shirl
Sue	Tiffany

**OPEN**

**Tuesday to Saturday  
6 to 10pm**

**Sunday  
12:45pm to ?**



## Ramblings by Rich...

### Ramblings by Rich



Hello All,

Well, it's now winter and the weather is cold and snowy. Even down here in South Carolina it is snowing today. Do you know why the boy only wore one snow boot? Because there was only a 50% chance of snow. Also, where do snowmen go to dance? To a snow ball. There is another option on a snowy day and that is to stay indoors and bake. Do you know what a gingerbread man puts on his bed? A cookie sheet!

The weather has been crazy down here. It rained yesterday and the sky afterwards was beautiful. Do you know where bad rainbows go? They go to prism. Its' a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.

Just on the news - a truckload of Vicks VapoRub was spilled on the highway today. There was no congestion for eight hours.

I'm reading a book right now about Karl Marx. Few people know that he had a sister Onya, an Olympic runner. Her name is still mentioned at the start of every race. Also, on the news today a large wooden object with a pointy end was found spinning down town. That was their top story. A convicted hit man just confessed that he was once hired to beat a cow to death in a rice field using just two small porcelain figures. Police admit that this may be the first case of a knick knack paddy whack. The last news story said that a man was still in critical condition after swallowing \$250,000 in large bills. No change was expected.

That's it for this month. But, one last thought. I wonder what electric eels were called before electricity was invented.

Keep on smiling until next time!

PDDRich



## Upcoming Events



**The deadline for submitting  
any information for the  
March Elks Tale is  
Friday, February 21**

For more information on any  
below events, visit us online at:

[www.FlemingtonElks.com](http://www.FlemingtonElks.com)

**Thursday 2/6**

(always the first Thursday of the month)

**BINGO NIGHT**

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM  
GAMES BEGIN: 7:30PM

**FLEMINGTON ELKS**  
165 NJ-31 South,  
Flemington, NJ 08822

**FRIDAY 2/7-2/9/2025**

**NEW JERSEY ELKS  
PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**February 7-9, 2025**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**  
High School Students, Grades 9-12

**WHERE?**  
Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch, NJ

**WHEN?**  
Registration, Friday February 7, 7:30am - 9am  
Check Out, Sunday, February 9, 12pm

**Topics Covered :**  
Mental Health, Bullying, Drug Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Resiliency, and more

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION:**

- Advisor Name & Email
- Payment Information:
  - Who is paying (Elks, Alliance, School, Self)
  - Email Address of Person Responsible for payment

**COST?**  
\$385 per person

**SPEAKERS**  
Patrick George, Lori Hayes, Craig Jandoli, Wes Morris, Jason Queen, Ryan Stream, and Brandon White

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Email: [njelksconference@gmail.com](mailto:njelksconference@gmail.com)  
<https://sites.google.com/view/njelkspeerleadership>


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<https://form.jotform.com/njelksyouthstaff/peer2025>



**Sunday 2/9**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

**FOOTBALL GAME**



**CHIEFS VS EAGLES**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9**  
FLEMINGTON ELKS  
DOOR OPENS AT 6:30 PM  
TICKET ADULT \$5.00 CHILDREN FREE  
FOOD CHILI, HOTDOGS, ASSORT CHIPS  
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED  
MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS  
WELCOME

**Friday 2/14**

**Save the Date!**

More information at [FlemingtonElks.com](http://FlemingtonElks.com) or on Facebook [Flemington Elks Lodge #1928](#)  
or [Flemington Elks Auxiliary](#)

Flemington Elks Auxiliary's

**St. Valentine's Feast!**



Friday, February 14, 2025  
6 to 10 pm

Choice of Prime Rib... \$30  
Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp... \$30  
Pasta Primavera... \$25

Includes ... Salad, Potato, Vegetable,  
Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Music, 50/50 and Tricky Tray  
License # RA 25-03

Please get your reservations and dinner selections in by February  
12, 2025

**Save the Date!**

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[Flemington Elks Lodge #1928](#) or [Flemington Elks Auxiliary](#).

**Friday 2/28**

No Cover Charge or  
Pre-Registration  
required

Friday, February 28

**Comedy Night**

Flemington Elks Lodge

Doors  
open  
7pm

Laughs start 7:30pm

Bring your friends and family to  
join us for all the fun and laughs  
at The Flemington Elks Grill Room  
(165 Route 31 South, Flemington)

**Featuring our very own  
Gemini & Local Comedians**

Doors open: 7:00pm  
Laughs start: 7:30pm

For more info: email [Elks1928@gmail.com](mailto:Elks1928@gmail.com)

**Friday 3/14**

Flemington Elks Auxiliary's

**St. Patrick's Dinner!**



Friday, March 14, 2025  
6 to 10pm

Traditional St. Patrick's Day  
Dinner  
Corned Beef and Cabbage ... \$30  
or  
Fish & Chips

Includes, Soup, Salad, Potato,  
Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Music, Pipes and dancers

Please get your reservations and dinner choices in by March 12,  
2025



## DONATING BLOOD SAVES LIVES!

and it's easy to do at the  
**Flemington Elks Lodge** located at  
165 Route 31 South, Flemington, NJ

FOR DATES AND TIMES  
VISIT [www.FlemingtonElks.com](http://www.FlemingtonElks.com)

Walk-ins are welcome but  
Appointments are preferred.  
Schedule your donation through:  
NY Blood Center  
Call: (800) 933-2566  
or  
Visit: [www.NYBC.org](http://www.NYBC.org)

Questions: George Upton, PER (908-612-2167)



Appointments are accepted\*  
as well as walk-ins.

All safety protocols are  
enforced.

Check our Facebook page for  
updates and any changes that  
may occur.

\*You can schedule through  
the NY Blood Center by  
calling 800-933-2566 or  
visiting [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org).

## BLOOD DRIVES

### UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday 2/3, 2/10 & 2/17
- Monday 3/3 & 3/17
- Friday 4/4 & Monday 4/21
- Monday 5/5 & 5/19
- Monday 6/2, 6/16, 6/23 & 6/30
- Monday 7/14 & 7/21
- Monday 8/4, 8/18 & 8/25
- Monday 9/8, 9/15 & 9/22
- Monday 10/6 & 10/20
- Monday 11/3

### Why Donate Blood?



- ✓ Save multiple lives:
  - It's needed every two seconds in the U.S.
  - It helps patients with cancer, blood disorders, traumatic injuries and more
  - A single unit of blood can be separated into four components that can help save multiple lives
- ✓ Benefits to you:
  - A free health screening
  - A healthier heart and vascular system... donating at least 1x a year can help improve your blood flow and reduce arterial blockages
  - Lowers your risk of cancer
  - Balances your iron levels
- ✓ Added bonuses:
  - Burn calories... your body burns ~500 calories to replace the blood that was removed, so it's like burning calories without doing anything
  - A free snack for you after donating

Blood and platelets can't be manufactured, so they can only come from volunteer donors but only 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly, so it's important that people who meet the requirements donate as often as possible.



## Birthdays

**Best Wishes to our  
members who are  
celebrating their special  
day this month!**



- 1.
- 2.
3. Michael Murphy
4. Chester Dalgewicz
5. David S. McPherson; Phillis Hill
6. Robert McCann
- 7.
8. William Miller
9. Gerald Slovikowski
- 10.
11. Douglas Wachter
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
15. Robert Jablonski
- 16.
17. Erin Ready
18. Donna King
- 19.
20. Peter Cosentino; Ken Gangaware; David Murphy, PDD
21. Alexander Leist
22. Larry Johnson; Vern Ainslie
23. Kathleen Mullen
24. Hugh White
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
- 28.





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**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Where does today come before tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What tree is carried in our hand?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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