



May 2022

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



I don't have much to say in this edition of the Lodge Newsletter. As I have stated many, many times in the past two years that we need volunteers to guide the various committees that are a big part of Elkdom. This lodge has been lax in maintaining the Hoop Shoot Program as well as other committees. A lot of the members are 'ageing out' and new members are needed to take that one step forward and lead a committee. One such program is Drug Awareness. I am no longer physically able to do the work which means that our communities will lose a resource for information about drug abuse. Being a part of a committee or even a chairperson leads to meeting many various people and being able to talk to

them about what it is like to be an Elk. That leads to new members joining the Elks and that leads to many more hands to volunteer.

Take a look at the list of committees and pick one. There are plenty of District Chairpersons to help you along and it is very rewarding to accomplish something that will help the Flemington-Raritan population.

This is your lodge and we look forward to your return.

*Fraternally,
Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.
Exalted Ruler*

Lodge Officers – 2022 - 2023

..... Exalted Ruler	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER
..... Est. Leading Knight	Randall Kerr, PER
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
..... Treasurer	George Upton, PER
..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
..... Tiler	Adam Papa
..... Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
..... Chaplain	Mauro Fanelli, PER
..... Esquire	JD Harvis, PER
..... Trustee - 1 Year	Casey Hoff
..... Trustee - 2 Year	Gene Sierp
..... Trustee - 3 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 4 Year	John Kalmbach
..... Trustee - 5 Year	William Trstensky

Officers of the Auxiliary

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

2021 - 2022

Elk of the Year: *Louis Cestra*

Citizen of the Year: *Arthur C. Clark*

Officer of the Year: *Mauro Fanelli, PER*

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Lodge Members: September to June:

2nd & 4th Wednesday - 7:30 PM

July, August & December: 2nd Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

Auxiliary Members: September to June:

2nd Tuesday - 7:15 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS



If you're not interested in watching TV or having a conversation, then try your hand at the pool table or the shuffleboard. Show your skill or at least practice some of your great shots. It's a fun way to get out of the house for a while and also enjoy your favorite beverage.

House Committee Co-Chair
Randy Kerr, PER

**Grill Room Hours:
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat
Sunday 1245pm to???**

Don't forget that every Sunday the Grill Room is open for watching the NASCAR races and now the USFL Football League is playing as well as Major League Baseball. (METS, YANKEES & PHILLIES)

Your host and bartender, Michele, will have the TV's set to watch all of the sports action. Doors open at 1245pm.



PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the conference room. If any lodge member has any concerns or questions or even a great idea, please don't hesitate to ask any active **PER** for answers, since we work with Exalted Ruler Dan and the lodge officers. Our thanks to all who support our lodge.*

*Fraternally,
Greg Bodnar PVP
PER Association President*

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As of this time there is nothing to report.

Bill Trstensky
Head Trustee

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Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Accident Prevention	Casey Hoff	908.507.5977
Americanism	TBD	
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, PDD	908.246.0526
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, PER....	908.788.5963
Better Parades	TBD	
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff.....	908.507.5977
Community Affairs	Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick	908.797.0670
Drug Awareness.	TBD	
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD	908.996.6724
Government Relations	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	TBD	
House Committee ..	William Trsentsky	908.334.7661
	Randall Kerr, PER ...	908.328.4091
Lodge Activities	Tiffany Quick	908.797.0670
Long Range Planning	Bruce Totten, PER ...	908.246.0526
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD.	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER.	908.782.3307
National Foundation	TBD	
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Gregory Bodnar, PVP	
Public Relations	TBD	
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Randall Kerr, PER....	908.328.4091
Social/Comm. Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	TBD	
Veterans	TBD	
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD.....	908.782.4006
Youth Activities	TBD	
Website	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071

B.P.O.E INFORMATION

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: www.flemingtonelks.com for information on upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures, functions, and general lodge information.

The Elks Tale is posted on our website on the 1st of each month!

We also have a Facebook Page (public): **Flemington Elks Lodge #1928**
and a West Central District Group (members only): **West Central District**

**There are also nationwide groups where members can
find information about the world of Elkdom:**

BPOE News

We Are Elks

I am an Elk from New Jersey

**Please visit these Facebook pages for more information from the Grand Lodge
and other Lodges that pertain to all Members of the Elks**

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

Welcome to the new Flemington Elks Auxiliary year! The Auxiliary first wants to congratulate all the lodge officers that were installed on April 3. Thank you for all the time you put into helping this lodge remain a great place to meet old and new friends! Sad to say, it was disappointing to see such a poor turn out of lodge and Auxiliary members though. This lodge is for everyone and our officers need the support of the membership to keep it up and running. Ok small rant over!

So for April the Auxiliary did not have an installation of officers since all of the officers have chosen to stay in their positions another year. A big Thank You to them! At the April meeting the Auxiliary voted to use the money we have to finish the ladies room. So make sure you stop by and check out the progress that is made in the coming weeks. The Auxiliary is still busy working on events so save the dates.

Tuesday May 3. Taco Tuesday Taco Bar. \$12. 6 to 8pm. - Thursday May 5. Bingo.- Tuesday May 10. Monthly meeting. 7:15 pm. - Sunday May 22. "The Producers" show at Music Mountain Theater. Tickets \$25, carpooling from lodge to theater. Tickets still available. Contact Patti at pattio57@hotmail.com or text 908-528-7328.- Sunday May 29. Monthly breakfast. \$9. 8 am to noon.- Monday May 30. Memorial Day Parade in Flemington. We are looking into getting a trailer for non-marchers to ride on. More info to come.

Please think about coming out and joining in the fun!

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day to all!

Patti DeLuca

Auxiliary President

A Message from the Lodge Secretary

The lodge is updating the membership files and it is vital to send in any new information if you have a change of address or phone number or a different e-mail address so that the lodge can keep you informed.

Contact Barry Sheppard, PER
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)



Sickness and Distress

If you know of a Lodge Member who is ill, home bound or in the hospital please notify the Exalted Ruler or the Lodge Secretary so that information can be posted on the 'Sickness and Distress' board and a visitation can be arranged.

Our Brothers and Sisters need to know that we care about them during their time of illness.

**** Lapsation ****

It's never too late to send in your dues.

As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing.

Please remit your dues of \$76.00 for the year 2022-2023 to the Lodge Secretary.



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By Grand Lodge Statutes all Lodges are required to update their Lodge By-Laws every five years. The Flemington Lodge is scheduled to revise/update ours in 2022. After review by the By-Laws Committee, any changes that are found to be necessary will be presented to the membership before a vote is taken.

Absent Members for the Elk Year 2022-2023

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."



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.

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SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Congratulations to all our Lodge Officers on the installation to your stations for the Elk year 2022-2023!!

Our April breakfast was attended by 142 diners which is kind of light probably because everyone thought there was another Sunday in April. Volunteerism for breakfast participation is tapering off. Which provides opportunities for those of you who are like the guy in the Twizzler commercial "Pondering if" you could flip pancakes & French toast, sling an omelet, fry some eggs, set tables on Saturday morning, serve, clear & reset tables. All of this and more can be yours with just a phone call to me @ (609) 309-5238, we also need dishwasher help. The best and easiest part of this is that it only takes 5 to 6 hours a month of your time.

April 7th bingo brought out 115 players, enjoying the games called by 'yours truly'. What a Treat for them!!

Until next month,

Suzanne Lucas

Chairperson



Shine Bright!★

Nothing to report this month.

Adam Papa
Lodge Representative



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

Spring is finally here, with summer on its way soon. As a matter of fact, I was on the beach the other day. Did you know what the ocean said to the shore? Nothing. It just waved.

I just started a new job where I have to get up early. That made me wonder why it's said that the alarm clock is going off, when it's really turning on. Hhhmmm

Did you hear about the cannibal who was late for dinner? He got the cold shoulder. Also, do you know why cannibals don't eat clowns? They taste funny.

Eileen asked me the other day, "What is the purpose of reindeer?" I replied that it makes the grass grow, honey.

The news here is a little strange. The cops said they found a little boy sleeping on a chandelier. I guess he was a light sleeper.

There are also some people here who collect strange things. I know a guy who collected candy canes. They were all in mint condition.

Do you know the quickest way to make antifreeze? Just steal her blanket!

That's it for this edition. Keep smiling and remember - don't think that you have to know everything. It's better not to know some things.

It's time for me to go back to the beach and relax. Until next time, keep laughing!

PDD Rich



May 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Blood Drive	3	4	5 Bingo	6	7
8	9 Blood Drive	10 PER Meeting Auxiliary Meeting	11 Lodge Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 Blood Drive	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Blood Drive	24	25 Lodge Meeting	26	27 Friday Night Comedy	28
29 Breakfast	30 Memorial Day 	31				

MEETING NIGHT



Attendance at a Lodge Meeting is not mandatory, but it is a great way to learn what is happening at the lodge first hand. It gives you a chance to participate and 'say your piece' about the business of the lodge and, of course, after the meeting spending some quality time with other members.



Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Special Day during May

- 1.
2. William K. Miller Jr., Robert Storr, Santiago G. Cuellar
3. Alan Brintz
4. Bruce Kerr
- 5.
- 6.
7. Donald F. Scholl Jr., Dawn Schenck
- 8.
9. Randell S. Kerr- **PER**,
- 10.
11. Barry L. Sheppard- **PER**
12. Mark Riccadonna
13. Angelo Coppola
14. Jay Trstensky
- 15.
16. Clarence R. Smith, John B. Smith Jr.
- 17.
18. Emil Elbaum
19. Joseph Eggert
- 20.
21. Edward Bretka
22. William C. McCreery III
23. Richard Mansdoerfer Jr.
24. Raymond Selmer, Linda Murphy-**PDD**, Mary Lou Cartobino, David Mann
25. Joseph Peake
- 26.
- 27.
28. Richard Callanan
29. Anthony J. Esposito
30. John Lombardi
31. Patricia Seckrettar



2021 was a difficult year and your donations helped keep the lodge solvent. But this is a new year and we still need your financial support.

If you still care about the lodge you can send in a check for any amount and it will go a long way to keeping the Flemington Lodge alive. And, once again, I thank you for your support and everlasting love of this organization.

Daniel J. Pettit, Sr.
Exalted Ruler



2022 Officer Installation

Finally, after a two-year absence, the Officers, Members and Guests of Flemington Lodge #1928 were able to celebrate the Installation of Officers in a proper manner.

On Sunday April 3, 2022, led by the West Central District's District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William Rose, the Officers put on their tuxedos and took their Obligation to serve the Lodge and continue to assist the community in helping those in need. Awards were given to very deserving members and following the ceremony a splendid repast was enjoyed by all.

This occasion was a significant sign that the Flemington Lodge has returned to "normal" after the Covid-19 epidemic and we were able to survive a very deadly period in the history of Elkdom. It also proved that we are 'Flemington Strong'.



Elk of the Year: *Louis Cestra*
Citizen of the Year: *Arthur C. 'Sandy' Clark*
Officer of the Year: *Mauro Fanelli, PER*



Lou



'Sandy'



Mauro

And a 'round of applause' to Casey Hoff and Patti DeLuca for receiving a Special Award for their continued service and dedication to the Flemington Elks Lodge.