



January 2022

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



As we cross into another New Year, it is my hope that each and every one of you stays healthy and safe.

Since I became Exalted Ruler in April 2020 I have been witness to so many kind acts and generosity from the Lodge Membership. It warms my heart to know that, despite the pandemic, the loyal members of the Flemington Lodge have given their time and effort to keep this place 'up and running'.

It is also nice to see some members come back to the Grill Room to enjoy the fellowship that is so vital to keeping Elksdom strong. I want to thank my "advisors" for their input on matters concerning the operation and upkeep of this wonderful organization. But, as we all know, keeping the lights on and the doors open in today's ongoing pandemic atmosphere is not an easy task. We have begun a journey that has shifted to a new business model to entice the surrounding communities to utilize the space we have and so far it has been a success. We also are seeking ideas on how to increase our membership and it is a task that many other social organizations have failed at. I have confidence that the Flemington Elks Lodge will increase its membership and grow in this upcoming year.

There are many areas which need improvement and we are working towards repairing and/or replacing them as time and money permit. Which leads me to thank one member especially for his long time service to the Flemington Lodge and his fundraising idea which has greatly improved our financial health. Past Exalted Ruler, Mauro Fanelli, took his time and effort to seek donations from the membership so that this lodge would not fade away. He is the true essence of an Elk and a friend.

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

Lodge Officers – 2021 - 2022

.....	Exalted Ruler	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER
.....	Est. Leading Knight	Randall Kerr, PER
.....	Est. Loyal Knight	TBD
.....	Est. Lecturing Knight	TBD
.....	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	William Trstensky
.....	Trustee - 2 Year	Casey Hoff
.....	Trustee - 3 Year ..	TBD
.....	Trustee - 4 Year	John Lombardi
.....	Trustee - 5 Year	John Kalmbach

Officers of the Auxiliary

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

2020 - 2021

Elk of the Year: *Jeffrey Allegar*
Citizen of the Year: *John 'Jack' Cust, Jr.*
Officer of the Year: *William Trstensky*

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

As you know, the Grill Room is a place to get together with other members, family and friends. Members are slowly returning and enjoying the familiar atmosphere of the lodge. The fireplace is lit nightly so that you can sit fireside and sip your favorite beverage.

However, it is becoming difficult to maintain the 6pm to 10pm hours due to the lack of patronage. Hopefully, the low turnout is due to the membership being cautious about the Covid/Delta/Omicron Virus and/or the cold weather.

At the lodge you can 'social distance' and wear a mask to protect yourself and still enjoy your favorite beverage.

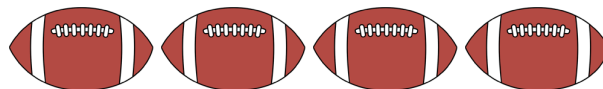
We hope to see more of you at the lodge.

House Committee Co-Chair
Randy Kerr, PER

**Grill Room Hours:
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat**

Don't forget that every Sunday the Grill Room is open for watching football. Enjoy two games with friends and your favorite beverage as well as some food. Doors open at 1245pm.

Michele is your host.



PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM in the conference room. If any lodge member has any concerns or questions, 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,

*Rich Lavagno PDD
PER Association President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

If you are interested in helping the lodge and serving as a Trustee, please contact the Exalted Ruler, Dan Petitt.

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	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
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	Randall Kerr, PER.....	908.328.4091
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	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	TBD	
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD.....	908.782.4006
Youth Activities.....	TBD	
Website	TBD	

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 by 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 out
about the world of Elkdom:**

**BPOE News
Elks Social Media Network
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

Here goes!

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday! The Auxiliary Holiday party in December was a nice evening of delicious food, brought by our members, a fun gift exchange and good chit chat by the Grill Room fire. As we look forward to the new year don't forget bingo is January 6, our meeting is January 11 and Sunday breakfast is January 30. Come out and support the Auxiliary and the Lodge at any one or all of these events. On a sad note one of Auxiliary members has passed. Elsie McCloughan passed on December 20, 2021 while visiting family in Texas. She was an Auxiliary member for many years and was always there when needed. She will be missed by her family and her many friends from the Elks Lodge and the Ringoes area.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2022

Patti DeLuca

Auxiliary President



SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to everyone and good health as well.

Our November breakfast was with Santa with 167 paid attendees and 36 children ate for free to see Santa. Everyone enjoyed themselves totally! The December 2nd bingo was slightly less players than we have been getting with only 110 in attendance with this event enjoyed as well by our players. I was sent an email from NJ State Elks Special Children's Committee that they have received four of the seven applications that I have mailed in to date.

Onward and Upward!!!

Until next month,

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson

A Message from the Lodge Secretary

Do you have a change of address or phone number or a different e-mail address?

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

**** Lapsation ****

This is a list of the Lodge Members who haven't sent in their dues as of this month. As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing.

If you know a member on this list, a phone call to them might be in order or maybe you can pay their dues as a gesture of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity.

Please remit your dues of \$71.00 for the year 2021-2022 to the Lodge Secretary.

Sean Bergin

Barry E. Creger

David J. Miller

Stanley L. Ozimek, Jr

George Blackwell

David A. Garbowski

Joanne Moore

Peter J. Plesh

James Hall

Robert Schottman

Louis Carl Reiner



Absent Members for the Elk Year 2021-2022

Steven Kalafer 4/21/21
Thomas Tosco 5/19/21
Jeffrey Allegar 10/20/2021

Matteo Sebastiano 5/16/21,
Barbara Schmitter, PER 8/20/2021



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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Ramblings by Rich

Hello All,

Christmas has come and gone now for another year. I hope that Santa brought all of the gifts you wanted. I received a copy of "A Christmas Carol." Unfortunately, I dropped it on my toe. It hurt like the Dickens. I also received a thesaurus. When I opened it I discovered all of the pages were blank. I have no words to describe how angry I am.

I just saw on the news that a farm worker was fired for stealing hay. The farmer said it was the last straw. I have a habit of losing the TV controller. It's always hidden in some remote spot. I remember when air used to be free at the gas station. Now it's \$1.50. You know why? Inflation.

That's it for this month. Eileen and I hope everyone enjoys the New Year. And remember, a pessimist sees a dark tunnel; an optimist sees a light at the end of the tunnel; a realist sees a freight train. The train driver sees three idiots standing on the tracks.

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich



January 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 Happy New Year
2	3	4	5 PER Meeting	6 Bingo	7	8
9	10 House Committee Meeting	11 Auxiliary Meeting	12 Lodge Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Lodge Meeting	27	28	29
30 Breakfast	31					



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 Day during January

1. Shawn Haley
2. Timothy Reasoner
3. George Unfried, Merrill Mellott
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5. Raymond M. Fella
6. Kenneth Thompson, James Smith
- 7.
- 8.
9. Douglas Hoff III
- 10.
11. Christine Esposito
12. Suzanne Beam
13. George Vdohakes
14. Vincent Roche III
15. James Barabas, Thomas Joyce
- 16.. Scott Semanchick, James Spinelli
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
20. Larry Walczak
21. Christine Bianchino
22. Robert Martucci
- 23.
24. William Faber
25. Vincent Roche IV
- 26.
27. Kenneth Whalen - **PER**
28. Richard Hungerford, Jr.
29. George Jorda
- 30.
- 31.



On behalf of the Flemington Lodge, I would like to thank those listed below who have given so kindly from their hearts to the 'Free Will Donation Appeal' so that the Lodge can continue to do the charitable work that is the cornerstone of Elkdom. If you haven't donated as of yet, there is still time to send in a donation and show your support.

Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.

Exalted Ruler

Albright, Patricia
Alexander, Ralph
Anderson, Edward
Anderson, Dr. Jeff
Assenheimer, Fred
Bailey, Bruce
Cahall, David
Callahan, Richard
Campbell, Walter
Cervanka, Deborah
Cestra, Louis
Ciotta, Donald
Clark, Sandy
Coppola, Angelo
Dickison, Doug & Rose
Elbaum, Emil
Ellis, Ann Marie
Esposito, Anthony
Fanelli, Mauro
Fasano, Michael
Finelli, James
Fisher, Charles
Halstead, Doris
In Memory of Kalafer, Steve
Troisi, Gerald
Kanaby, Joseph
Kopcha, Daniel
Kuhl, Henry
Lavagno, Rich & Eileen
Lucas, Suzanne
Martin, William
Martinetti, Jean
Masaitis, Richard
Maskell, Patricia
McPherson, James
Monaco, Louis
Petitt, Daniel J., Sr.

Mulligan, Donald
Muscatell, Daniel
Naccarato, Peter
Ondrak, Chris
Papa, Adam
Panko, Michael
Partak, Robert
Polhemus, Jack & Luba
Ricard, Donald
Riley, Elizabeth
Rossi, Felix & Barbara
Rowe, Robert
Rowe, Sandy
Rupell, Leslie
Rynerson, Frederick
Sornberger, Gundegard
Sornberger, Randy
Stockelberg, Barbara
Stockelberg, Gerald
Stuart III, Charles
Tedesco, James
Teubert, Thomas
Trautman, Lee
Trautman, Tracey
Strizki, Brian
Upton, Charles
Upton, George
Upton, Linda
Valencia, Saul
VanDerveer, James & Shirley
Vill, Shirley Ann
Whalen, Kenneth
Wilkinson, John
Wilson, Mary
Zapko, Louis
Zarish, Lois
In Memory of Linda Johnson

A Special Message

As per Grand Lodge Statutes, on the first meeting night in February (February 9, 2022) there will be nominations for Officers. That night is commonly known as PER Night.

On the second meeting night in February (February 23, 2022), a vote will be taken of the membership for those Officer positions.

For the Elk Year of 2022-2023 this lodge is in need of volunteers to come forward and fill the vacant positions. Please consider becoming a more active member and serving in one of these offices.





**WWI ambulance and the history
of the American Field Service**

As you know, the Elks were the first to supply ambulances to our troops in Europe during “The Great War to End All Wars”. The vehicle pictured above is what an actual field ambulance looked like. We still serve our Troops in whatever land they are deployed and at home as well.



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, no changes were found to be necessary.

During the January 26, 2022 or February 9, 2022 meeting the Lodge Membership will vote on this matter.



NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION SCC

CELEBRATES

50th Anniversary

ELKS CAMP MOORE

SATURDAY

23

APRIL

Location

5 SUSQUEANNA AVE
HASKELL NJ 07420

Info

LISA
201-364-9662



TICKETS

DONATION: \$25 (PREPAID)
AT DOOR: \$30 (ON THE DAY)
RAIN OR SHINE