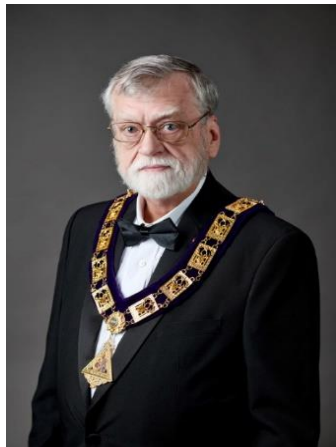




June 2022

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



So now I'm into my third year as Exalted Ruler of this great Lodge. We are moving forward, but we have a long way to go. This organization is meant to thrive on its volunteers and the work that is done 'behind the scenes'.

And, of course, there are times when some older members give way to new members that includes a transition period to get the new volunteers 'up to speed' within their respective committees. That is what is occurring now at the Flemington Lodge. We are in dire need of members to takeover such duties as cooking, cleaning, building repairs and serving food at various functions.

The Grill Room is a popular place to gather and enjoy the company of other members and guests, but the main purpose of the Elks is to provide support to the surrounding community and those in need. With each month, I am seeing less and less members coming to the Lodge Meetings. This lodge will not survive without active members. And by that I mean members who will commit to keeping our programs alive and active so that we can continue our mission. Sadly, this lodge will fade into Elks history if we don't take these steps now.

This is your lodge and we can only put out what you put in.

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

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., PER	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick...	908.797.0670
Drug Awareness.	TBD	
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	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, PDD	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	908.752.9988
Public Relations	TBD	
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato, PER	
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., PER	201.341.3071

PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 7th 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*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Lodge Trustees are in the process of finalizing the roof repairs that are so badly needed. They are also planning to replace some of the old 8' wooden tables that have outlived their usefulness with sturdy plastic tables.

Bill Trstensky
Trustee

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**

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)

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

It's June and that means Schools (Auxiliary) out for the summer! Now don't go getting too excited because there will be plenty to do all summer so keep your eyes & ears peeled to see what's happening at the lodge.

Bingo is scheduled for Thursday June 2. Maybe I'll hear you call BINGO, but you have to be there to win!

Tuesday June 14 at 7:15 is the Auxiliary meeting and to say THANK YOU for coming out and supporting the Auxiliary we are having an appetizer buffet. It will be a great night to catch up with old friends and enjoy some delicious food, so come on out! Sunday June 26 will be the last breakfast until September.

There are a lot of fun and interesting events going on at the lodge but you have to come out to be a part of it. We would love to hear any ideas that will help make the lodge a great place to be.!

Patti DeLuca

Auxiliary President

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.

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 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



SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

We had 133 players at our May 5th bingo which is continuing to grow in volume and income. The committee is in the process of reviewing and entertaining disbursement of donations soon. We have accumulated a good amount of income in the past 6-8 months and our charitable organizations are definitely in need of some help. So next month I will hopefully convey to all readers the list of our recipients.

As always, I thank everyone who volunteers to work our events and those of you who participate at them.

Regards,

Until next month,

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson

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.



Meet your bartenders



Gayle and Annie are 'on-duty' every Wednesday and serve the finest drinks as well as healthy comfort food tidbits.

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928
Present
Annual Flag Day Ceremony
and
Steamed Clam & Spaghetti Dinner



Friday June 17, 2022

Presentation of Flags begin at 600pm followed by a delicious Steamed Clam & Spaghetti Dinner that includes salad, bread, coffee/tea and dessert
\$15.00 per person



Please sign up at the lodge or call Exalted Ruler Dan Petitt @ 201.341.3071 or email at dandee350@yahoo.com to insure your reservation

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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.

MEETING NIGHT



Attendance at the Lodge Meetings has been poor and it is a shame that more members do not attend so that they can be an active part of the lodge. It is also imperative that all of the Lodge Officers attend on a regular basis because that is what you volunteered for.

As a regular lodge member it 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.



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

Summer weather is here, bringing along the hot weather and humidity. It's already hot down here in the South.

It's so hot that I saw a dog chasing a cat, but they were both walking.

I went to the store the other day and encountered the rudest, slowest, nastiest cashier. I guess it's my own fault for using the self-checkout lane.

On the way home from shopping I stopped by a roadside stand that said "Lobster Tails \$2.00." I paid my \$2.00 and the owner said, "Once upon a time there was lobster..."

The news here reported that there was a fire in the shoe factory. Many soles were lost!

Many people don't know this, but Albert Einstein had a little brother named Frank. He was an absolute monster. Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards a local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

That's it for this month. Remember: never argue with left handed people - they're never right.

Keep on smiling and stay cool. !



PDD Rich

June 2022

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



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PRO WRESTLING

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH 2022 • BELL TIME: 7:00 PM

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EGPW TELEVISION TITLE MATCH

**TREY FELIPE (C)
VS. LANCE ANOA'I WITH DESTINY**

LADIES MATCH

**ANGEL ORSINI
VS. DEBBIE KANE**

THE SAMOAN TIGER

**VS.
DREW MARSTON**

COOL GUY ZACK

**& JOHNNY CHILL
VS. LOVE IS PAIN**

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You can get your tickets from any bartender
or call ER Dan at 201.341.3071

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
FLEMINGTON ELKS PER ASSOCIATION**

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

1. Daniel Muscatell
2. Edward Anderson
3. Robert LaMothe, Jr.
4. Matthew McPherson, Daniel Kopcha
5. David Rockafellow
6. Ronald J. Daigle
- 7.
- 8.
9. Robert W. Bishop, Jr.
10. Robert D. Newland, Jr.
11. Leslie Rupell
12. Gerard C. Boon III, Thomas Welch
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.. Michael Renda, Michele Seber
- 17.
18. Robert D. Rockell, Robert Mitesh
- 19.
20. Craig R. Becker - **PER**
21. Robert Nering
- 22.
23. William M. Creighton
- 24.
25. Wilhelm J. Roethel, Gabriel Esposito, Frank Gradl
26. Brian Baumann
27. Robert L. Cole, Anthony Muglia
28. Robert D. Brunn, Thomas F. Mullen
- 29.
30. William D. Saunders, David L. Cahall

WE are FAMILY

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. Pettitt, Sr.
Exalted Ruler



By now, most of you have heard of the vandalism that was committed during the beginning of May by some unknown person. Red paint had been splashed on our beloved Elk statue in front of the lodge causing quite a stir amongst the people of Flemington and Raritan as well as our membership. But thanks to a donation from Member-in-Good-Standing, Tom Teubert, the Elk Statue received a good cleaning and once again stands proudly in front of the lodge. Thanks Tom, we are forever grateful to you.



Elk of the Year: *Louis Costar*
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.