



February 2023

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



We are coming to the end of another 'Elk Year' and it should be a time of renewal within the lodge. A new slate of officers will be elected this month and plans for upcoming fundraising events for our charities should be set on the calendar.

Volunteers for the Hoop Shoot and the Soccer Shoot will be working towards a successful event as well as other ways to raise money to support Camp Moor, our veterans, high school scholarships, the local food bank and whatever our community needs to stay vital and healthy.

We should now reflect on our commitment and oath that we took when we became a member of the B.P.O.E. and how we can 'up our game' to a level where more of the community joins with us to grow this lodge into a dynamic force that leads the area in charitable works. With all of the chaos that has occurred over the past few years now is the right time to renew and put an extra effort into our charitable works. We have the Elks National Foundation (ENF) which affords this lodge to donate monies to worthy organizations.

We should also work towards bringing new members into the lodge who will volunteer at our functions. The lifeblood of existence for the Elks is the membership giving their time and efforts to support our fundraising.

There are many ways to contribute and now is the time to renew your promise.

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	TBD
.....Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
.....Chaplain	Mauro Fanelli, PER
.....Esquire	JD Harvis, PER
.....Trustee - 1 Year	Michele Seber
.....Trustee - 2 Year	Robert Mikesh
.....Trustee - 3 Year	John Lombardi
.....Trustee - 4 Year	Gene Sierp
.....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	908.963.7835
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 (Past Exalted Rulers) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 14th 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

No report available

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

What's Happening in the Flemington Elks Auxiliary! Wow! January sure went by fast!

At the Auxiliary's January meeting the members brought in food donations for the Flemington Food Pantry. Along with the donations the Auxiliary will donate \$250 to the pantry. Bingo is continuing to do great! Come out and try your luck on Thursday February 2nd. It's Groundhog Day so let's hope that Punxsutawny Phil doesn't see his shadow!

The Auxiliary's Fireside Roast Beef dinner on January 17th was a great success! A great big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and made it a great night. Look for our next dinner on Tuesday February 21st. It's a Fat Tuesday Dinner with BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread & Desserts. \$12 per person. RSVP to 908-528-7328 or sign up at the lodge.

The Auxiliary is once again looking into going back into NYC for a Broadway play. It's been a couple of years so we are all looking forward to once again spending the day in NYC. We will have more info available soon. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14th at 7:15pm. Hope we see you then!

Happy Valentine's Day!

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."

RICHARD S. GRAPER SR. 1/23/22

HENRY KUHL 1/29/22

GERALD J STOCKELBERG - PER 2/5/22



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. The below listed members are currently unable to participate in any lodge functions and are missing out on the friendship of all other Elks.

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

Stephen J. Bragg
Santiago G. Cuellar
Donald C. DeLuca, Jr. – PER
Timothy J. McGivney
Robert Lamothe, Jr.
Annemarie Sidor
Bruce A. Tomb

Santiago Cuellar
Kelly DeLuca
Joseph Gherardi
Joseph Peake
Antonio C. Rubio
Anthony M. Stockelberg
Tierney Trstensky

Ernesto Cuellar
Joseph Eggert
Anthony Muglia
Scott Rogers
Scott Steele
Kiki Swenson



SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

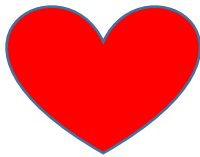
Nothing to report at this time, but the future will bring a lot of activity for our Special Needs children. And, of course, we hope to be able to conduct and participate in the Annual West Central District picnic at Camp Moore.

That is something that has been sorely missed over the past two years and it's the one time that we can see the facility that brings joy and freedom to "our kids" and makes our efforts worthwhile.

Regards,

Until next month,

*Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson*



(A Note from the Exalted Ruler)

It is a sad day when this lodge had to stop their monthly breakfast fundraiser because there aren't enough volunteers. All that is asked of you is one early morning Sunday to give of yourself so that others may enjoy a better life. Whether you can work in the kitchen or serve the diners or cleanup afterwards it is a vital part of this lodge. Please contact Suzanne Lucas and get some details on what you need to do to join the Sunday Crew.

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Something to think about

What is it?

**The maker doesn't want it;
The buyer doesn't use it;
And the user doesn't see it.**

Answer – In the March Elks Tale



By Grand Lodge Statute, all Lodges are required to update their Lodge By-Laws every five years. The Flemington Lodge has completed and updated ours in 2022.

After review by the By-Laws Committee, any changes that were found to be necessary were presented to the membership for a vote.

The Flemington Lodge By-Laws are now aligned with the Grand Lodge.



Life Membership Application

At a regular lodge session, Mr. Gregory Bodnar – PVP,
6 Dory Dilts Road, Flemington, NJ 08822, requested Life Membership in Flemington Lodge.
Under Grand Lodge Statute: 14.260 and the Flemington Lodge By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 2, this
member has met the necessary requirements.

At the regular lodge session on February 22, 2023 a secret vote will be taken
concerning this matter.

Fraternally,
Barry L. Sheppard, Secretary



The Statutes of the Grand Lodge require each lodge to hold nominations for Lodge Officers at the first Lodge Session in the Month of February. This session is also known as Past Exalted Ruler Night.

At the second Lodge Session the nominations will be closed (unless no person is nominated for an open position) and a secret ballot will be conducted to elect the Lodge Officers for the upcoming Elk Year.

The officer positions open for nomination are:

**Exalted Ruler
Esteemed Leading Knight
Esteemed Loyal Knight
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Lodge Secretary
Lodge Treasurer
5th Year Trustee**

**The meeting nights in February are:
Wednesday February 8th & Wednesday February 22nd**

Your presence will make a difference.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS



**Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 12th.
Doors open at 6:00 PM with an "all you can eat
buffet" for \$ 15.00 per person.
Come out and enjoy the game and the fellowship.**

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.*



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.



As the lodge moved through the past two years with the assistance of generous donations not only from the membership, but also from non-members, the Flemington Lodge is becoming more solvent. But we have a long way to go to guarantee that our missions of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity will be continued.

Though it is the "Holiday Season", and membership renewal is just a few weeks away, please take the time to reflect about the Elks and your support. If you can send in a check for any amount, 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. Petitt, Sr.
Exalted Ruler



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

It is a new year already and I hope everyone is doing okay. Do you know why you should stand on one leg on New Year's Eve? So you can start the new year on the right foot. On the same topic, I recently went to the bank and observed a man at the ATM standing on one leg. I asked him why he was doing this. He replied that he was checking his balance.

At my job the other day my boss said he would have to fire the person with the worst posture. I have a hunch it might be me.

While strolling through town the other day I saw an advertisement that said "Television for sale, \$100. Volume stuck on full." I thought, I can't turn that down.

Every day I say to Eileen that I just came in from jogging. She always says, "You tell me that every day and I know you don't jog." I guess it's a running joke.

A quick history fact: it's been almost a century since two brothers decided it was possible to fly. As you can see they were Wright.

That's it for this month. Always remember that you are unique, just like everyone else.

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

February 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Bingo	3	4
5	6 Blood Drive	7 PER Meeting	8 Lodge Meeting & Nominations	9	10	11 Rock & Roll Rampage Dance
12 Super Bowl Party	13 Blood Drive	14 Auxiliary Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20 Blood Drive	21 Fat Tuesday Dinner	22 Lodge Meeting & Elections	23	24	25
26	27 Blood Drive	28				



Tuesday February 21, 2023

. It's a Fat Tuesday Dinner with BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread & Desserts. \$12 per person.

RSVP to 908-528-7328 or sign up at the lodge

St. Patrick's Dinner

Friday March 17, 2023

Please contact Patti DeLuca for more information about these events

For tix & info call Debra @ 732-948-6758

Feb 11
6-10 pm

Tix
\$25 advance
\$30 door

Valentines ROCK & ROLL RAMPAGE

**Uncle
Floyd**

**Crash & Gordon
Debra
Dynamite**

**Dibbs
& THE
Detonators**
w/ Barry
Ryan

**Dave
Del Monte**



food &
drinks by

**DJ
Marcus**



Flemington Elks

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

- 1.
- 2.
3. Thomas Buxton
4. Chester Dalgewicz
- 5.
6. Robert McCann
- 7.
- 8.
9. Gerald Slovikowski
10. H.B. Thomas
11. Douglas Wachter
- 12.
13. Douglas D. Dickson, Gene Sierp
- 14.
15. Robert Jablonski, Joseph Kovi
16. Annemarie Sidor
- 17.
18. Donna King
- 19.
20. Peter Cosentino, Ken Gangaware, David Murphy - **PDD**
21. Alexander Leist, Kiki Swenson
22. James Suskiewicz, Larry Johnson
23. Kathleen Mullen
24. Fredrick DeJacma
- 25.
26. Derrold Mark – **PER**, Arthur Clark, Jeffrey Crine, Eric Anderson
27. Joanne Moore
- 28.



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.