



February 2022

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



Though I appreciate the membership putting their trust in my leadership as Exalted Ruler for the past two years, my goals for this lodge are still out of reach.

I have been told that I am wanted for another year as ER and it seems inevitable that the nomination and vote will be poured over my head like a container of Gatorade. And I feel that we, as a group, can achieve greatness in Elkdom by continuing to grow and expand. But first we must fill two vacancies that are important to the lodge. The Esteemed Lecturing Knight and the Esteemed Loyal Knight positions are vacant now. As you are aware, our valued member Rich Lavagno retired recently and moved to a warmer climate. And our other valued member Gene Sierp has moved into the vacant Trustee position so that he can better guide this lodge with the other Trustees.

So who among you will step forward on Nomination Night to help me and the membership keep the Flemington Lodge in the forefront of the West Central District and the State of New Jersey? The Lodge also needs volunteers to Chair some committees. Please take the time to learn what it takes to be on a committee and give back to the community.

In other good news, the membership continues to grow and I hope that the new members will participate and volunteer in our activities. I know that each and every one of the Best People On Earth will greet these new members with open arms and smiles and help to guide them in the charitable works that we are known for.

*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	Gene Sierp
.....	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 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.

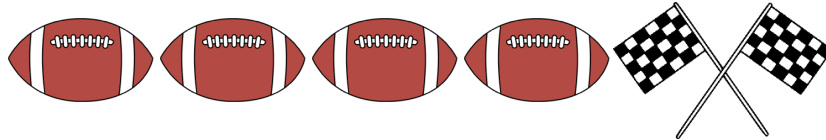
At the lodge you can 'social distance' and wear a mask to protect yourself and still enjoy your favorite beverage.

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 up to and including the Super Bowl. Beginning the following Sunday, your host and bartender, Michele, will have the TV's set to watch all of the NASCAR race action. Doors open at 1245pm.



PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 2nd 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.*

At this meeting the PER's will decide who will be the next President of the Association.

Fraternally,

Barry Shepard PER (pro tem)
PER Association President

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Trustees continue to monitor the bills and expenses and are now planning to have necessary repairs to the lodge building and equipment.

They are also seeking to have someone to clean the lodge and do the 'set up & breakdown' of the ballroom for various events. That person will be compensated for the hours that are worked. If you are interested, please contact me and I will give you the details of the position.

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 Trstensky.....	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	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 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

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

Got the winter doldrums? Come out to the lodge and enjoy a fireside St. Valentine's Feast on Saturday February 12. 6pm to 8pm. Choice of entrees Prime Rib \$28, Broccoli Stuffed Chicken \$18, Crab Cakes \$22 and Vegetable Pot Pie \$15. All entrees include soup, salad, potato, vegetable, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. RSVP with your dinner choices by either signing up at the lodge or 908-528-7328.

Are you ready to get your Irish on?! The Auxiliary is also hosting a St. Patrick's Ceili (Party) on Saturday March 12. Classic Irish dinner choices and DJ playing all your favorite Irish songs. Stop in for a bite and a pint!

The Auxiliary's next meeting is on February 8th at 7:15. Come on out and share your ideas of what you might like to see the Auxiliary accomplish in 2022.

Don't forget the Sunday Breakfast is February 27th 8am to noon. \$9 per person all you can eat. And Bingo is Thursday February 3rd. Come out and try your luck!

Think Spring, it is only 54 days away!

Patti DeLuca

Auxiliary President



SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Nothing to report this month. Check back in next month's issue for updates on our activities and fundraising efforts.

Until next month,

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson

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 ****

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.

These members are in jeopardy of being dropped from the membership rolls and ending their time as part of our family of Elks.

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

Sean Bergin

Barry E. Creger

Joanne Moore

Stanley L. Ozimek, Jr

George Blackwell

David A. Garbowski

Robert Schottman

Peter J. Plesh

James Hall

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
Richard S. Graper, Sr. 1/21/2022



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 Everyone,

Well, holiday season has officially come and gone. The other day I went to the store to see if there were any good sales. I ended up buying a wooden whistle. But it wooden whistle. So I bought a steel whistle. But it steel wooden whistle. So I bought a lead whistle. But it steel wooden lead me whistle.

After shopping I was hungry so I stopped at a McDonald's and ate a kid's meal. Boy, was his mother furious! I was outside the other day and saw a dad washing his car with his son. After a moment, I heard the son ask his father, "Do you think we could use a sponge next time?"

In the south it isn't difficult to tell alligators and crocodiles apart. One will see you later, the other will see you in a while. I was reading that we have two parts of the brain - left and right. On the left side there's nothing right. On the right side there's nothing left.

Remember, yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift. That's why we call it the present.

Keep smiling and stay warm!

PDD Rich

February 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2 PER Meeting	3 Bingo	4	5
6	7	8 Auxiliary Meeting	9 Lodge Meeting & Nominations	10	11	12 St. Valentine's Dinner
13 Super Bowl Party	14 St. Valentine's ❤️ ❤️	15	16	17	18	19
20 NASCAR Daytona 500	21	22	23 Lodge Meeting & Elections	24	25	26
27 Breakfast	28					



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.



Shine Bright!★

The Somerset Children's Center provides in-person and teletherapy for speech and language therapy, physical and occupational therapy for special needs clients ages 3-21. Our state certified therapists provide individualized therapy to their clients, and they also teach parents techniques and strategies to reinforce the skills their children are working on.

Many of our clients are children that are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Children with Autism display different strengths and challenges. Children with ASD learn differently from one another; some may require significant support while others may need less support. Diagnosing ASD is difficult because there is no medical test. It is important that children suspected with ASD be seen by a developmental pediatrician, child neurologist and child psychologist or psychiatrist.

According to the Administration for Children and Families the following are some interesting facts about ASD:

- ASD affects about 1 in 68 children in the US.
- ASD is 4 times more likely in boys than girls.
- ASD is a spectrum disorder which means every child with ASD has different skills, challenges, and needs.
- Early identification helps children get the services they need.
- While there is no cure for Autism, there are several interventions that can help children learn important skills to improve everyday life.
- The earlier children are diagnosed and receive services the better the outcome.

Therapy which focuses on behavior and communication helps with structure and organization. Often times, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) helps children learn positive behaviors while discouraging negative behaviors. Occupational therapy helps with life skills, self-regulation, and sensory processing disorders, and visual motor skills, while speech therapists work on communication skills.

I want to thank our very talented therapists who work with children with Autism. Not only do they focus on skill development, they also give them love.

Mindy Hoppe, Director of the Somerset Children's Center.

Adam Papa
Lodge Representative



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

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



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. 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. Without the proper number of officers, this lodge will not be able to operate and we will not be in compliance with Grand Lodge.



The Flemington Elks Lodge
Presents our

St. Valentine's Feast!

Saturday February 12
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Minestrone Soup

Garden Salad

Choice of ...

Prime Rib \$28.00

Broccoli Stuffed Chicken \$18.00

Crab Cakes \$22.00

Vegetable Pot Pie \$15.00

Served with choice of Baked Potato or French Fries &
vegetable



Assorted Desserts
Coffee & tea

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



New Members

On Wednesday January 12, 2022 the Flemington Elks Lodge #1928 initiated two new members and one transfer into our family.

Please give a warm welcome to:

Robert Mikesh
Kathleen Mullen
James Mullen

(pictures not available because the Exalted Ruler forgot to bring his camera)



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.



Relive those days of Rock & Roll, Sock Hops and Poodle Skirts

"Rock N' Roll Rampage Valentine's Ball at Flemington Elks on Saturday, Feb. 19th.

Starring in person NYC's popular Robert Gordon, along with Elk members, Crash Gordon and Debra Dynamite. Also featuring The Rover Boys Trio and DJ Marcus Spinning Wax!

Doors open at 6:00 pm, and there will be Vendors, Food & Drinks Available and Cash Only Bar.

>>>> Elks members get in for \$20! <<<<

Non-member tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

Call Debra for tickets at 732-948-6758 or
purchase at the Elks, Tuesday-Saturday after 6 pm.

Hope to see everyone there!"



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

GET YOUR IRISH ON!

At the

Flemington Elks Lodge

Rt. 31, Flemington

Saturday, March 12, 2022

6:00 pm

We are celebrating the Wearin' O the Green!



\$25 per person
includes
Classic Irish Dinner
Cash Bar
DJ Music

Stop in for a pint and a
bite!

RSVP:
sign up at lodge or
text 908- 528- 7328

Slainte Agus Marfaidh Sibh an Cead!

****Dinner is Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes or Fish & Chips****
(including Salad, Potato Leek soup, Irish Soda Bread, Dessert and Coffee)

Contact Exalted Ruler Dan Petitt or
Auxiliary President Patti DeLuca to reserve your seat



For your information, the 'walk-in' cooler in the kitchen has been broken for over a month now. Repairs are estimated to cost \$4000.00 because of the condenser and other parts that need replacing. The machine is quite old and the parts are difficult to get due to the "supply chain" problems the nation has been experiencing. The volunteers have been accomplishing the tasks of cooking by utilizing the 'walk-in' beer cooler, but that has also created problems.

The building has also experienced some leakage in the lower roof recently. It seems that there are many spots that are worn out and the whole section needs to be replaced before we have a major failure. Roofing companies have inspected the damage and repair estimates are being prepared. However, the work cannot be completed until the Spring so please keep your fingers crossed that we will not have bad weather that will compromise the damage any further.

In some good news, the beer cooler that conked out a few years back has been replaced with another cooler that was donated from a very special friend. We thank that family for the donation.

Also in the Good News department is that many members of the Lodge and Auxiliary have ideas on how to raise money and holding events that will draw in new members. It seems that there is a new spirit building amongst the membership that will keep this lodge a place for the "locals" to gather for many years to come.

Keep watching the lodge website for updates and stop in more often at the Grill Room.