

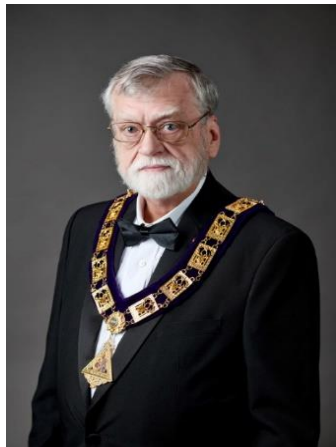


*September 2021*

# *The Elks Tale*

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## *Flemington Elks Lodge #1928*



I hope that everyone has had a safe and healthy Summer despite the resurgence of the Covid-19 and variant forms of this disease and the rainy, humid weather which may have curtailed some needed outdoor plans.

But now is the time that we, as Elks, get busy and ramp up our committees and fundraising efforts. It is time to look at our needs within the lodge so that we can provide assistance to the community. How can we do that? At the core of Elkdom are the volunteers who do something in the lodge that keep the wheels rolling. Whether it is working at our monthly breakfast or bingo or helping to clean up after an event or being a chairperson of a committee, these are all important tasks.

Over the years the Flemington Lodge has seen a decline in members willing to do the work as a committee chair. That is a common thread throughout every lodge. After years of dedication, meetings, making reports and finding ways to complete the task we experience a 'burnout'. Usually there is another member eager to take the reins of that committee and continue the good work. But this lodge is ageing out and the District Committee Chairs look to the Exalted Ruler for answers and to do the work necessary.

The Flemington Lodge needs you to roll your sleeves up and volunteer to takeover one of the committees and bring us back to be one of the top lodges in the West Central District

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

## *Lodge Officers – 2021 - 2022*

.....	Exalted Ruler	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.
.....	Est. Leading Knight	Randall Kerr, PER
.....	Est. Loyal Knight	Gene Sierp
.....	Est. Lecturing Knight	Rich Lavagno, PDD
.....	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 Keys
.....	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:  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM  
July & August: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

**Auxiliary Members:** September to June:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:15 PM

## HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

As the House Committee Chairperson I would like to thank all of the people who have helped out to keep our Lodge alive. It is a ray of sunshine at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel.

We are hoping to begin serving 'bar food' on Thursdays in September which may bring back those members who have stayed away since the pandemic started. If that becomes viable, then we may expand serving bar food on other nights. It can be a success if you stop in to enjoy and support the 'old familiar' atmosphere of the Flemington Elks Grill Room.

We are also stocking new varieties of beverages in addition to your old favorites.

All of the bartenders will maintain the safety protocols and cleaning procedures that are mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Stop in some time to enjoy your favorite beverage and join in a friendly conversation with members that you have not seen in a long time.

House Committee Chair  
Randy Kerr, PER

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

**Stop in and meet your friendly bartenders and see the changes that have occurred.**

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## PER ASSOCIATION

The PER's are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 1st 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,*

*PDD Rich Lavagno  
PER Association President*

## Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Accident Prevention	Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Americanism		
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, PER .....	908.788.5963
Better Parades	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff	
Community Affairs	Daniel Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick.....	908.797.0670
Dishwasher	Randy Sornberger .....	908.328.3432
Drug Awareness.	Daniel J Petitt, Sr. ....	201.341.3071
Elks Tale Editor	TBD	
Fraternal Committee ..	Rich Lavagno, PDD .....	908.788.2917
Friday Night Dinner		
Government Relations	Eric Anderson .....	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	TBD	
House Committee .....	William Trsentsky Randall Kerr, PER	
Lodge Accountant .....	Bragg & Karnoff.....	908.788.2998
Lodge Activities	Tiffany Quick.....	908.797.0670
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD .....	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER.	908.782.3307
National Foundation	TBD	
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Rich Lavagno, PDD .....	908.788.2917
Public Relations	TBD	
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Randall Kerr, PER	
Social/Comm. Welfare	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	908.782.5037
Standing Relief		
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD.....	908.782.4006
Youth Activities.....		
Website	TBD	

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Flemington Elks Lodge is sponsoring a benefit for Special Needs Children and other charities on September 16, 2021. With support from the Hunterdon Democrat Newspaper, 101.5 FM Radio, News12 NJ and 'Tap Into' News the 'Festival of Laughs' will be an historic event in supporting the Elks charities for our communities.

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

Bill Trstensky  
Head Trustee

## **B.P.O.E INFORMATION**

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: [www.flemingtonelks.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Hi Everyone!

Wow! Where did the summer go? September is here and the Auxiliary is back. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 7:15 pm. The Auxiliary and the Lodge are getting back up and running with fall events coming up. Don't miss the Mortgage burning ceremony on Friday September 24. There will be food and fun. Everyone is invited and it is open to the public. If anyone has any ideas on how the Auxiliary can contribute to the evening let me know. The Auxiliary also has two events scheduled. Saturday October 2 we will run a snack shack for a memorial get together and Saturday November 13 the Auxiliary will do the HCHS class of 76 reunion. Help will be needed for both of these events.

Sunday Breakfasts are starting again in September so come out and enjoy a delicious all you can eat breakfast and support the Special Needs Children Committees, or let Suzanne know if you are available to help out. Bingo will also be resuming soon. Get your dabbers ready! Will you be the one yelling BINGO!

*Patti DeLuca*

Auxiliary President



## Special Needs Children

Our monthly breakfasts have been increasing in size with an average of about 130 diners and now we will start out fresh on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Tell all your friends to come down and join us.

I just renewed the lodge registration for Bingo and I am making a checklist of everything that needs to be done to get our first Thursday of the month games started again. There is a lot to do and I will be calling on some of you for help and support. The goal for Bingo to begin again is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

In closing I would just like to remind everyone that these activities can only be a success with your help, give me a call at (609) 309-5238 to let me know your availability.

*Suzanne Lucas*  
*Chairperson*

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To All Members:

On Wednesday September 8, 2021 at our Regular Lodge Meeting beginning at 730pm, I hope that you will join us in welcoming ten (10) candidates into our family of Elkdom. It would be truly inspiring to show the strength of this lodge with a large number of members present to greet the candidates.

After the meeting there will be food served to compliment this celebrated ritual.

*Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.*  
Exalted Ruler



*Shine Bright!*★

School is starting soon, and the Somerset Children's Center is helping parents and their children prepare for the upcoming year. Because last year was unusual, expectations of the new year are causing stress for some. There are ways to alleviate some of the anxiety in order to prepare you and your child for school.

Parents of children with special needs become concerned with CST meetings, IEP implementation, behavior plans, and medical needs. These can be extremely overwhelming. Open communication between the school and yourselves is vital. Make an appointment with the teacher or the case manager to discuss your concerns. Communicating early allows both parties to better understand your child's needs. Most importantly, be an advocate for your child. Gain an understanding of what your child needs and don't be afraid to communicate them to the school. It is also very important that the teachers understand and implement the accommodations and modifications stated in the IEP.

Visit the school early. This helps the children feel more comfortable, especially if they are transitioning to a new school. Go to the bus stop, visit the playground, look at the lockers, the lunchroom, and visit their new classroom. If there are multiple classes, run through the schedule with your child to ease the anxiety of changing classrooms.

Weeks before school starts, establish a morning and bedtime routine. As parents, we know mornings can be stressful. Morning routines are important because children need time to dress, eat, and gather their belongings in order to arrive at the bus stop on time. In the evening, it is just as important to try to have the children follow a routine. Determine what happens after dinner, when they should do their homework, where they should place their belongings for the morning, and try to have them go to bed early enough in order to have a good night's sleep.

Another way to help prepare children for school is to create social stories. These stories should be personalized. Use "I am going on the bus" or "I eat my lunch in the cafeteria" for example, in order to empower them. These stories help make children feel more successful.

Once school starts it is important to stay connected to your child, especially if they are exhibiting signs of separation anxiety. Maybe send little notes in the lunchbox or backpack for example. Talk about the school day and ask your child questions. Communication is key to understanding your child's concerns.

Please enjoy the experience of school. Celebrate the little victories. Children know when their parents are stressed, so please remember to care for yourselves.

Adam Papa  
Tiler  
Lodge Rep, SCC

## Elks National Foundation

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work.

**For pledges, contact:  
Daniel J Petitt, Sr. 201.341.3071**

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## 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 A. Garbowski

David J. Miller

Stanley L. Ozimek, Jr

Louis Carl Reiner

George S. Siruas

George Blackwell

Donald C. DeLuca, Jr

James Hall

Joanne Moore

Joseph T. Peake

Vincent F. Roche IV

James G. Spinelli

Mary Lou Cartobino

William E. Dixon

Robert McCann

George D. Muller

Peter J. Plesh

Robert Schottman

Thomas Walsh



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## *Absent Members for the Elk Year 2021-2022*

Steven Kalafer 4/21/21    Matteo Sebastiano 5/16/21,    Thomas Tosco 5/19/21



## **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.

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)

**A Message from the Lodge Secretary**



## Ramblings by Rich

*Hi Everyone,*

Well, summer is almost over and I hope that everyone got out and enjoyed the fresh air and did a lot of fun things. I visited a farm and learned that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of going in one ear and out the udder.

I also took a trip down south and got a recipe for alligator stew. When I got home I couldn't make it because all that I have is a croc pot. I also applied for a few different jobs this summer. I tried working in a muffler factory but that was exhausting. After that, I tried to be a tailor but I just wasn't suited for it. It was a so-so (sew-sew) job. After that I wanted to be a barber but I just couldn't cut it. When all of those jobs fell through I tried to organize a championship Hide & Seek game but good players are hard to find.

I wasn't feeling well last month so I went to my doctor. He told me to start walking three miles a day to get fit. Two weeks later I got lost and didn't know how to get home. Sometimes I like to think back to when my Dad used to put me in a tire and roll me down the hill. Those were Goodyears!

That's it for now. Keep on smiling. Remember: doing nothing is hard; you never know when you're done.

*Keep on smiling!*

*PDD Rich*





## **Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Day during September**

1. Donald Ciotta
2. Louis Sferlazzo, William E. Dixon
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5. Vincent LaSpada
6. Richard Furlong, Douglas Brownlie
7. Lee Trautman, PDD
8. Robert Ferrence
9. Brian Strizki
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11. Carol Paige
12. Robert Hopek
- 13.
- 14.
15. Randy Sornberger, Saul Valencia
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- 17.
18. Gordon K. Johnson, Jr.
19. Thomas Walsh
20. William E. Pritchett, H. Gordon Horn
21. Lois Zarish
22. Michael McClernon
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26. Chris Ondrak
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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. Pettitt, 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  
Pettitt, 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



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**Open House**  
and  
**Mortgage Burning Ceremony**

Friday September 24, 2021

6p to 10p

at the

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

165 Route 31s

Flemington, NJ

Free Music, Free Food & soft drinks

Help us celebrate!!!