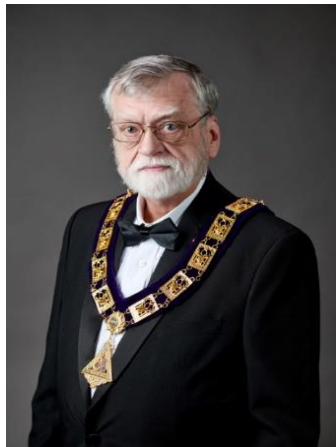




*January 2023*

# *The Elks Tale*

## *Flemington Elks Lodge #1928*



As most of you are aware, I have been incapacitated since early September. My medical issues have caused me to be in and out of the hospital and a long stint in a rehab facility. PER and Esteemed Leading Knight Randall Kerr has 'stepped up' to take over for me and has continued to conduct the good works that we do as Elks. I want to personally thank him for his sacrifice.

I have not fully recovered and my mobility is severely limited. Which precludes me from attending any meetings or functions at the lodge. So, I ask that my tenure continue to the end of my term in March and that this lodge will give much thought to electing a slate of officers that will propel the Flemington Lodge to the top of the West Central District.

I also hope that the new year will see more new candidates come into the lodge and participate in the many programs that serve our community.

I hope to return to the lodge in the near future and raise a glass to all of the men and women who keep the lodge a vibrant and happy place.



*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:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM

July, August & December: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

**Auxiliary Members:** September to June:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:15 PM

# Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Accident Prevention	Casey Hoff	908.507.5977
Americanism	TBD	
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, <b>PDD</b>	908.246.0526
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, <b>PER</b>	908.788.5963
Better Parades	TBD	
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff .....	908.507.5977
Community Affairs	Daniel J. Petitt, Sr., <b>PER</b>	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick...	908.797.0670
Drug Awareness.	TBD	
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., <b>PER</b>	201.341.3071
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, <b>PDD</b>	908.996.6724
Government Relations	Eric Anderson.	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	TBD	
House Committee	William Trsentsky	908.334.7661
	Randall Kerr, <b>PER</b>	908.328.4091
Lodge Activities	Tiffany Quick..	908.797.0670
Long Range Planning	Bruce Totten, <b>PDD</b>	908.246.0526
Mediator	Lee Trautman, <b>PDD</b>	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, <b>PER</b>	908.963.7835
National Foundation	TBD	
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Gregory Bodnar, <b>PVP</b>	908.752.9988
Public Relations	TBD	
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato, <b>PER</b>	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Randall Kerr, <b>PER</b>	908.328.4091
Social/Comm. Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	TBD	
Veterans .....	TBD	
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, <b>PDD</b>	908.782.4006
Youth Activities ..	TBD	
Website	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., <b>PER</b>	201.341.3071

## PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's (Past Exalted Rulers) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 10th 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](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 on 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 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)

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## **The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928**

Happy New Year!

I want to give a shout out to all the Auxiliary and Lodge members who have been putting in their time to keep the Lodge open for business. The Auxiliary has hosted some great events during 2022 and look forward to doing many more in 2023.

We are starting out with a Roast beef dinner on Tuesday January 17 at 6pm for just \$10 a person. So come on down and enjoy a delicious dinner by the fire.

We also are in the process of renovating the ladies room at the lodge. Floors and ceilings are done now it's on to the walls. The work will be done the end of January. Maybe we will have a grand opening!

At the January meeting the Auxiliary will be collecting for the food pantry. There will be a box left in the coat room for donations. Come on out and enjoy your lodge in 2023!

*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**

Happy New Year to everyone!!

It has been a while since we have been able to share our happenings with you, so I am going to recap as best I can. In June we disbursed a total \$7,500.00 to 10 of our Special Needs organizations from money raised through our bingo and breakfast events, after the COVID shut down.

On a sad note, we had to discontinue the monthly breakfast as of our November 27th serving. It was a busy day with 203 diners being served and extending their well wishes to the lodge. A very special thank you to all who worked tirelessly at the breakfast over the years and to every one of you who supported it by attending faithfully.

Bingo has been very well attended by 191 players in October, 195 in November and 169 players in December. We are in the process of getting applications to Camp Moore filed on-line this year. If you know of any Special Needs child who would like to attend the camp this summer, have their parent or guardian, contact me at (609) 309-5238 or email at [suzlucas13@gmail.com](mailto:suzlucas13@gmail.com), the sooner the better.

We (lodge & auxiliary members) just catered the holiday party for The ARC of Hunterdon County. It was fun getting back into the routine of cooking & catering for outside affairs and it was a great success. So I think that covers it.

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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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 Election*

At a regular lodge session, Mr. William Trstensky, 410 Saddle Court, 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 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Your presence will make a difference.**

## 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 bartender*



*Michele is your friendly server 'on-duty' every Sunday and provides the finest beverages as well as healthy comfort food tidbits.*

# 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,

Happy 2023! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Do you know the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has noel (no L)! I received the best present this year. It was a broken drum - you can't beat it!

I recently decided to get a part time job. When the job application asked who is to be notified in case of an emergency I always write "a very good doctor!" I finally got a job at the sand paper factory. After a smooth start, it ended with a rough finish. I rubbed the boss the wrong way and was fired of coarse.

A friend of mine told me that his dog brought back a stick to him that was thrown 100 miles away. I think that sounds farfetched.

I've started to cook more down here. I was going to cook alligator for dinner but realized that I only have a crock pot. I ordered some German food over the internet. The sauerkraut has arrived but the wurst is yet to come.

It's been a while since I wrote some rambling thoughts, but once again I hope I brought a smile to everyone and hope to continue to do so. In conclusion, just remember that life is like homemade ice cream: sweet and seasonal. Enjoy it before it melts.

It's time for me to go back to the beach and relax. Until next time, stay warm and keep laughing!

*PDD Rich*

# January 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5 Bingo	6	7
8	9 Blood Drive	10 PER Meeting Auxiliary Meeting	11 Lodge Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 Blood Drive	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Blood Drive	24	25 Lodge Meeting	26	27 Friday Night Comedy	28
29	30 Blood Drive	31				



**January 17, 2023 Tuesday**  
**Roast Beef Dinner**

**Valentine's Day Dinner** (Date to be determined)

**St. Patrick's Dinner**  
**Friday March 17, 2023**

Please contact Patti DeLuca for more information about these events



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

1. Shawn Haley
2. Timothy Reasoner
3. George Unfried, Merrill Mellott
- 4.
5. Raymond M. Fella
6. Kenneth Thompson, James Smith
- 7.
- 8.
9. 'Casey' Hoff III
- 10.
11. Christine Esposito
12. Suzanne Beam
13. George Vdohakes
14. Vincent Roche III
15. Jamaes Barabas, Thomas Joyce
- 16.. Scott Semanchik, James Spinelli
17. Arthur Rockafellow
- 18.
- 19.
20. Larry Walczak
- 21.
22. Robert Martucci
- 23.
- 24.
25. Vincent Roche IV, Kurt wade
26. Emil Elbaum
27. Kenneth Whalen - **PER**
28. Richard Hungerford, Jr.
29. George Jorda
- 30.
- 31.





**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.**