



January 2024

The Elks Tale
Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

Our 70th Year



Randall Kerr, PER, Exalted Ruler



Lodge Officers – 2023 - 2024

..... Exalted Ruler	Randall S. Kerr, PER
..... Est. Leading Knight	Michele Seber
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
..... Treasurer	George Upton, PER
..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
..... Tiler	Todd Hunt
..... Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
..... Chaplain	Mauro Fanelli, PER
..... Esquire	Gregory Fritz
..... Trustee - 1 Year	Robert Mikesh
..... Trustee - 2 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 3 Year	TBD
..... Trustee - 4 Year	William Trstensky
..... Trustee - 5 Year	Marty Cunningham

Officers of the Auxiliary

..... President	Patti DeLuca
..... Vice President	Deborah Keyes
..... Treasurer	Suzanne Lucas, PP
..... Secretary	Laura Karnoff
..... Trustee	Linda Upton, PP

2022 - 2023

**Elk of the Year:
Citizen of the Year:
Officer of the Year:**

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 2023-2024

Accident Prevention	Robert Mikesh	908.644.0526
Americanism	TBD	
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, PDD	908.246.0526
Auditing & Accounting	Bruce Totten, PDD	908.246.0526
Better Parades	Gregory Fritz.....	908.386.0407
Building & Grounds	Robert Mikesh	908.644.0526
Communications	Carmella Shaw	N/A
Community Affairs	TBD	
Community Activities.	TBD	
Drug Awareness.	TBD	
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	201.341.3071
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD ..	908.996.6724
Fundraising	Carmella Shaw	N/A
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	John Lombardi.....	908.295.4345
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	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	201.341.3071
National Service	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
PER Association	TBD	
Public Relations	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Michele Seber	908.442.1499
Social/Comm. Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers	
Youth Activities	William Lesiak	908.787.8746
.....	Andrea Kennedy	908.581.2522
Website	Carmella Shaw	N/A

The above are listed as the Committee Chairpersons. If you would like to participate in any of these committees, please contact the Chairperson. The lodge can always use an extra hand in accomplishing our goal of supporting the community and it will make it easier for that committee to succeed. If you wish to become a Chairperson, then contact the Exalted Ruler for more information.

Reports from the Committees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No report available.

Bill Trstensky
Trustee

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HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

No report available.

Next House Committee meeting is not scheduled.

House Committee Co-Chair
Randy Kerr, **PER**

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to Everyone!!!

Bingo is still thriving with December attendance of 187 players and \$1445 raised for Special Needs. By the way, there is no cost to the Special Needs committee for the children to attend Camp Moore this year.

I have "For Sale" at \$20 each, the January through June Calendar raffle tickets sponsored by the New Jersey State Elks Association for the benefit of Special Needs Children. I won twice in the last six months on my ticket! Call me at (908) 328-4926 or catch me at the lodge to buy a ticket.

Until next year,

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson



PER ASSOCIATION

The PER's (Past Exalted Rulers) are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 3rd 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 the Exalted Ruler and the lodge officers. Our thanks to all who support our lodge.

Fraternally,
Barry Sheppard
PER Association President, Pro-Tem

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

I talked to the surveying firm that is surveying our property frontage to determine exactly where our property line is located. Since the survey provided to us from Van Cleef Engineering Associates was last done in 1989, we are waiting for NJDOT to furnish us with the construction maps. Since they are extremely back logged with projects throughout the state the normal two week wait has become six plus weeks. The surveyor should have this information by the middle of January and should be able to determine what responsibilities we may have concerning our sign, fencing and the two stone lighted pillars on each side of the driveway as to moving them if they are not within our "right-of-way". Our hope is that we are within our "right-of-way" and the expense to move anything, if necessary, will be on NJDOT.

Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024.

Fraternally,
Bruce R. Totten – PDDGER
State Trustee – WCD
Lodge Long Range Committee - Chairperson

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

No report available.

Patti DeLuca
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Volunteers needed for these committees:

Americanism

A program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. The Americanism essay contest is based on a patriotic theme for students in 5th through 8th grade to promote patriotism.

Community Affairs & Activities

Liaison between the lodge and the local communities to ensure that their needs are provided for by our commitments

Drug Awareness

The Elks Drug Awareness Program distributes literature and organizes events to make kids and their parents aware of the dangers posed by alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

Lodge Activities

Some of the activities the Flemington Lodge conducts are a Flag Day Ceremony, participating in a local Memorial Day Parade or celebration, having a regularly scheduled Blood Bank, Bingo games each month and an Elk of the Year Celebration.

*****Of course, if you wish to help out on any other committee please contact that Committee Chairperson or the Exalted Ruler for more information*****



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.

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 always 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)

Life Membership Election

At a Regular Lodge session, Daniel J. Petitt Sr. of 922 High St. #1, Alpha, NJ 08865 Requested Life Membership in the Flemington Lodge.

Under Grand Lodge Statute 14.260 and the Flemington Lodge By-Laws, Article III, Section 2 this member has met the necessary requirements.

At the Regular Lodge session on January 10, 2024, a secret vote will be taken concerning this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barry L. Sheppard
Lodge Secretary

**** **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 \$81.00 for the year 2023-2024 to the Lodge Secretary

As of today there are 298 members of this lodge with 14 members who have yet to submit their dues

Ernesto Cuellar
Coleen Devlin
Robert McCann
Joseph Moncada
Mark Riccadonna

Santiago Cuellar
Joyce Joyce
David J. Miller
Michael Sniscak
Gene Sierp

George S. Sirusas
Thomas Joyce
Michael F. McClernon
Richard Whitelaw

In March of 2024 the above listed members will be dropped from the roles for non-payment of dues and stricken from the records of the lodge.

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Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

The holiday season is now over and Eileen and I hope everyone enjoyed it. I got a nice Christmas sweater as a gift. Speaking of sweaters, did you know that it takes three sheep to make just one? I didn't know they knew how to knit! During the holidays my neighbor's dog ate an entire string of Christmas lights. Thankfully the vet removed them. The dog is doing good. As a matter of fact he's delighted! Another gift that I received was a copy of the book "A Christmas Carol." I dropped it on my foot and it hurt like the Dickens!

We went to the theatre last week. Unfortunately, the lead actor broke his leg on stage. Thankfully he's still in the cast. Eileen asked me to go to the store to get six cans of Sprite. I realized when I got home that I had picked 7 up. We later went out to eat at our favorite Italian restaurant. When we got there we were told that they ran out of pasta. I guess that made them penne less.

I just fired a guy who I hired to mow my lawn. He just didn't cut it! Did you hear about the guy who was fired from his job at the M&M factory? He kept throwing away all of the candies that had W's on them.

I took a walk last night and I passed a slice of apple pie, an ice cream sundae and a piece of cheesecake. I thought to myself that the streets seemed strangely deserted.

That's it for now, but one last thought. Every time you clean something you just make something else dirty.

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich



Robert E. Rowe 3.5.23 Floyd L. Evans, Jr 3.13.23
David B. Miller 3.14.23 Arthur W. Rockafellow 3.17.23
Howard 'Kenny' Quick, Jr. 5.6.23 Ronald Cozze 7.11.23
Bruce A. Bailey - PDD - 10.25.2023

*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.

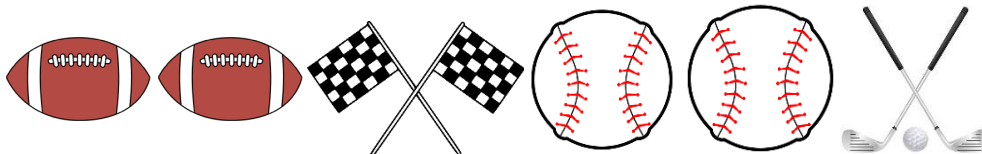
The Grill Room



**Grill Room Hours:
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat
Sunday 1245pm to???**

The Grill Room is a gathering place for members and their guests to enjoy friendship and socially interact. Open every day, except Monday, for you and your guest's enjoyment as well as watching the most important sporting events available such as the NASCAR races, Golf Tournaments, College Football and the NFL Games as well as the Pickleball Tournaments.

Your hosts will have the TV's set to watch all of the sports action.



Your hosts in the Grill Room are:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Michele</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>**Closed**</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Tiffany</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Gayle & Annie (also serving up delicious snacks and bar food)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Sue</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Patty & Marty</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Michele</i>

Just a Reminder that the Grill Room is for members and their guests only

Due to the success of the previous monthly raffles and the outpouring of love for the Flemington Elks Lodge we were able to have another drawing for this past month.

The winning numbers of the December Raffle are:

1st Place - #

2nd Place - # No Report Available

3rd Place - #

Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Hats off to Cynthia Orsi who has run the raffle fundraiser and thanks to all who worked to make the night such a success!

*Congratulations to the above winners and
Thanks to everyone for supporting the Lodge.*



January 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 PER Meeting	4 Bingo	5	6
7	8 Blood Bank	9 Auxiliary Meeting	10 Lodge Meeting	11 Cornhole Games	12	13
14	15	16	17 Raffle Night & Auxiliary Pasta Dinner	18 Cornhole Games & Karaoke	19 Line Dancing	20
21	22 Blood Bank	23	24 Lodge Meeting	25 Cornhole Games	26	27
28	29	30	31			



 The deadline for submitting any information for the
 February 2024 Elks Tale is
 Friday January 26, 2024

2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

May your New Year be bright and peaceful!!



Here is a big wELKcome to our new members:

Antje Doyle

Michael J. Nalence

Dominick A. Ragno

THEY WERE INITIATED AT THE LODGE MEETING ON
DECEMBER 13, 2023

BINGO NIGHT

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Bill Lesiak
908 878-8746
flemingtonelks.com






Past Exalted Ruler Night

The first Regular Lodge Meeting in February each year is designated as P.E.R. Night. This year it occurs on Wednesday February 14, 2024.

It is the meeting where Past Exalted Rulers have the honor of replacing the current Officers in the Officer Chairs and conducting the Lodge Meeting whereby members in good standing are nominated to various officer chairs for the upcoming year.

Section 3.080. Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after the 1st day of January if meetings are held monthly, or after the 1st day of February and prior to the date of the annual election, provided, however, that if no nomination for an office shall have been made prior to the date of the election, or if all candidates previously nominated for an office, shall have declined or withdrawn, nominations for that office may be made on the date of election.



On Saturday September 14, 2024, the Flemington Elks Lodge will celebrate 70 years serving the Flemington-Raritan Community.

Keep an eye and an ear open for more information in the coming months.





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, Eugene Kelly
6. Kenneth Thompson, James Smith
- 7.
- 8.
9. Douglas Hoff III
- 10.
11. Christine Esposito, Mina Nace
12. Suzanne Beam
13. George Vdokakes, Michael Stover
14. Vincent Roche III
15. Thomas Joyce
16. Scott Semanchik
17. James G. Spinelli
- 18.
19. Andrea Kennedy
20. Larry Walczak
21. Christine Bianchino
22. Robert Martucci
- 23.
- 24.
25. Vincent Roche IV, Kurt Wade
26. Emil Elbaum
27. Kenneth Whalen – **PER**, Coleen Devlin
28. Richard Hungerford, Jr.
29. George Jorda
- 30.
- 31.

The Flemington Elks Lodge will benefit from your used clothing and books.

The lodge will receive remuneration for all items that are donated.

A used clothing drop-off shed is in the lodge parking lot with the help of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC. Items accepted: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. Please do not leave any other items.



Drop off old hard cover or paperbacks in the book bin.



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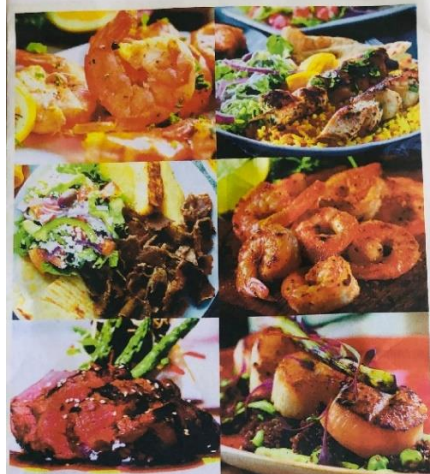
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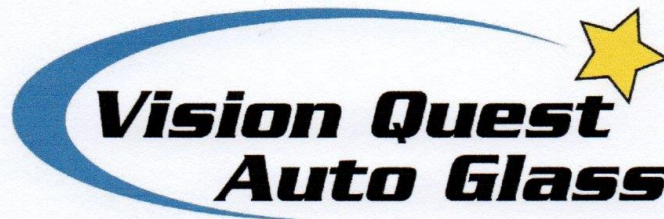
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