



April 2023

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



*Fraternally,
Randall S. 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	JD Harvis, PER
..... Trustee - 1 Year	Robert Mikesh
..... Trustee - 2 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 3 Year	Gene Sierp
..... Trustee - 4 Year	William Trstensky
..... Trustee - 5 Year	Marc 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 2022-2023

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	TBD	
Building & Grounds	Robert Mikesh.	908.644.0526
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
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	TBD	
National Service	Gregory Fritz..	908.386.0407
PER Association	Gregory Bodnar, PVP	908.752.9988
Public Relations	Camella Shaw	908.884.3331
	Cynthia Kuhl	732.966.5704
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato, PER	
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	TBD	
Youth Activities ..	William Lesiak	908.787.8746
	Andrea Kennedy	908.581.2522
Website	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	201.341.3071

PER ASSOCIATION

The PER's (Past Exalted Rulers) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 4th 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,
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 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)

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

Its Spring! The Auxiliary is starting off with a Sunday Brunch Buffet. April 2, 2023. 10 am to 2 pm \$20 adults, \$12 kids 6 to 12 and under 6 free. RSVP at the lodge or call 908-528-7328.

Due to the inclement weather on March 14th the Auxiliary meeting was canceled. The April 11th meeting is on and will be a dinner. \$10 per person. Please RSVP to 908-528-7328.

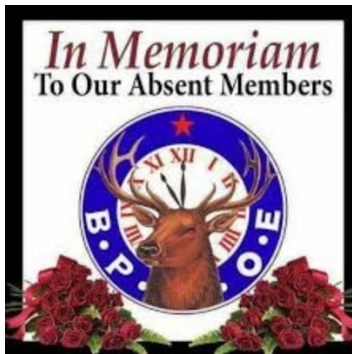
The Auxiliary is once again going to NYC to see a Broadway show on Sunday May 21. We have 25 tickets to see the show "SIX". Tickets are \$110 plus \$10 for the bus. Tickets are available to Auxiliary members, lodge members & their guests. Reserve your tickets now with payment due May 1.

The ladies room is done! It looks great! When you are at the lodge please take the time to check it out. Will try again for this year to see if anyone from the Auxiliary and the Lodge would be interested in participating in the Flemington Memorial Day Parade. Looking to line up a ride for everyone who would like to come out but don't feel they would be able to walk the parade route. Info will be posted at the lodge.

Get well wishes go out to Anna Marie Ellis & Ginny Winters. Get better soon ladies! We miss you! Our sincere condolences to Paula Melbourne on the loss of her father and to Sandy Rowe and Mary Ellen Miller on the loss of their husbands. Our thoughts are with you ladies. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!

Patti DeLuca

Auxiliary President



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

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.

****** 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

Donald C. DeLuca, Jr. – PER

Anthony M. Stockelberg

Timothy J. McGivney

Robert Lamothe, Jr.

Kelly DeLuca

Anthony Muglia

Annemarie Sidor

Bruce A. Tomb

Antonio C. Rubio

Joseph Eggert

Kiki Swenson

Tierney Trstensky

Editor's Note:

Sadly, these thirteen members were dropped from the roles of Elkdom because their dues were not paid by March 31, 2023. If you see a name of someone and you would like to assist them and keep them active as a member of the B.P.O.E., then please contact the Lodge Secretary for more information.



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Annual Flemington Memorial Day Parade

For many years the Flemington Elks Lodge has kept the tradition of marching, as a group, in this parade. For the past three years the Covid epidemic has curtailed us from participating.

So let's make 2023 our comeback year and march full strength with the Membership and the Auxiliary on Monday May 29, 2023.

Contact Mauro Fanelli (PER) for details

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

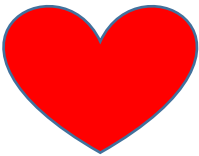
The Annual Camp Moore Picnic for each District has been cancelled again in concern for the children and the continuance of the Covid Virus. Each Lodge is asked to donate \$200.00 so that the campers can still enjoy their picnic, but with the Camp Staff.

However, the Lodge Special Needs Committee is able to send six campers to Camp Moore this year so that they may be able to enjoy some open space and experience a different world for at least one week.

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

How many birthdays does an average person have?

Answer – One every year

A clerk in the butcher shop is 5' 10" tall. What does he weigh?

Answer – Check the May issue of the Elks Tale



Who are You?????????????

These e-mails listed below have been returned as "Undeliverable". If you recognize any part of it that belongs to you please send an e-mail to Dan Petitt at dandee350@yahoo.com with the correct or new address

coleen.devlin@lcloud.com

xoxo_him@yahoo.com

mcclomon@mail.com

bycarpet@aol.com

shotgunbill14@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2023-2024

New Jersey State Elks Association

State President-Elect

Joseph Pedone

and

West Central District,

District Deputy Designate Ed Leib

and

Dan Erickson, West Central District Vice-president Elect

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS



No report available

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.



Also remember that Annie and Gayle are serving up your favorite refreshments every Wednesday. They provide some delectable snacks along with their enchanting smiles and service. Take the time to stop in and say hello.

MEETING NIGHT



Attendance at the Lodge Meetings is a very important part of being a member of the B.P.O.E.. During these lodge sessions you can participate in any discussion concerning the lodge and vote on issues that will also affect the lodge and membership. Your voice can be heard and it will make a difference.

All of the Lodge Officers are required to attend on a regular basis because that is what you volunteered for.

And, of course, after the meeting you can spend some quality time with other members.



Let's all give a warm welcome to our newest members of the Flemington Lodge:

Suzanna Gatsch Robert Kennedy Andrea Kennedy

Carmella Shaw Douglas Siebert William Lesiak

At the regular Lodge Meeting of Wednesday March 22, 2023 they have joined the

Best People On Earth



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

We're enjoying the spring weather here in March. There are some great sales too. The bed store is having a spring sale. Unfortunately, the rest of the bed is still full price!

The news just reported that a shepherd drove his sheep through downtown. He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.

I was wondering, if a mime gets arrested do the police tell him he has the right to remain silent? Three cowboys were accused of robbing a glue factory. They denied it and stuck to their guns.

It was just reported that a woman at the airport completely passed out on a baggage carousel. Good news - she's slowly coming around!

A report on the evening news said that a poker dealer at a casino lost an arm and was fitted with a prosthetic arm. He found it hard to deal with!

That's all of my rambling thoughts. Remember, if winning is everything why do we keep score?

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

April 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 Installation of Officers
2 Easter Brunch 10a-2p	3 Blood Drive	4 PER Meeting	5	6 Bingo	7	8
9	10	11 Auxiliary Meeting	12 Lodge Meeting	13	14	15
16	17 Blood Drive	18 	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Lodge Meeting	27	28	29
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The Installation Ritual of Lodge Officers will be conducted on Saturday April 1, 2023 at the Lodge. More information concerning times and the ceremony is available by contacting PER 'Randy' Kerr.



Fiesta Fun at the Flemington Elks

*****Benefitting Veteran Affairs*****

Join us at our Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Friday May 5, 2023

700pm to 1000pm

In the Grill Room

**Enjoy an authentic 'All-You-Can-Eat' Mexican Cuisine Buffet,
Festive Drink Specials, Games, Pool, Shuffleboard and Music
PLUS, the company of Fellow Elk Members and their guests**

\$25.00 for Elk Members

\$30.00 for Non-Member Guests

(includes one complimentary drink ticket)

RSVP & Questions: Call/Text Shirlee @ 609.306.6201 or e-mail:

Elks1928@gmail.com

This event was organized by New Members Greg Fritz and Shirlee Mae and assisted by Annie Scully

Please support their efforts



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

1. Charles Miller
2. Richard Nelson, Jr.
3. Thomas Stover
4. Matteo Sebastiano, Stephen Maksymovich, Jr., Robert C. Evens
- 5.
- 6.
7. Eric Trautman, James H. VanDerveer - **PER**
8. Bruce Tomb
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
12. Benjamin Vieytes, Jr., Patsy Lehman
- 13.
14. George J. Walker, Bruce Bailey – **PDD**, William C. McCreery III
15. George D. Muller
16. Michael Sniscak, Thomas P. Carr
17. Felix Rossi, Bruce R. Totten – **PDD**, Herbert B. Moore, Leslie W. Haley
18. Arthur Brannick, Dennis Tretter
- 19.
- 20.
- 21.
22. Edward J. Jamison III, Robert Lord
- 23.
- 24.
25. John Kalmbach, Matthew Lieb
26. Francis X. Brown, Jr.
- 27.
28. William Maksymovich, Thomas Teubert – **PER**, Michael J. Eannone, Guy Grignon
- 29.
- 30.

My Observations--Things are looking up

Due to the combined efforts of the Interview (Investigation) Committee consisting of PDD Lee Trautman, PER Secretary Barry Sheppard and ER Elect Randy Kerr, we are in the process of some very positive developments. The committee has encouraged new applicants that there are committee positions to be filled, namely Public Relations, National Veterans Service, Hoop Shoot and possibly others.

These committees interact with the community in many ways and are paramount to our dedication in what we represent. Many thanks go to Carmella Shaw (Public Relations-Co Chairperson), Cynthia Kuhl (Public Relations-Co Chairperson), William Lesiak Hoop Shoot and Gregory Fritz, National Veteran's

Service, all new members and highly qualified in accepting these roles. We wish them well as we do all new members. My role in this development is to pass on the objectives and overviews, sort of like the Indoctrination Committee.

Also to be commended are existing members John (Gemini) Lombardi, Mark Riccadonna, Debra (Dynamite) Abruzzi & her partner, Gordon (Crash Gordon) Johnson for their efforts and talents in bringing Musical and comedy shows to the Lodge. These shows of which my wife and I have attended are of a very high professional caliber, attracting good audiences at a very reasonable price. Please come aboard, bring your family and friends and see for yourself.

Fraternally,

Mauro N. Fanelli, PER

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame
and it's not for any personal gain

It's just for love of fellow man

It's just to lend a helping hand

It's just to give a tithe of self

It's something you can't buy with wealth

It's not the medals worn with pride

It's just for that feeling deep inside

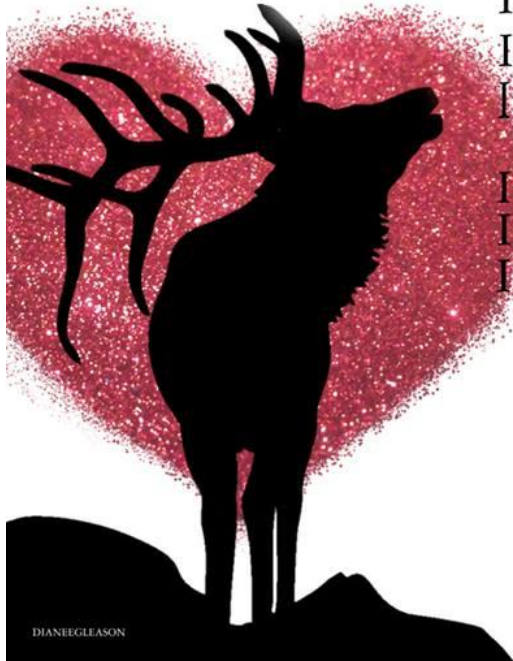
It's that reward down in your heart

feeling that you've been a part

of helping others far and near

thats what makes you

a VOLUNTEER



DIANE GLEASON



I WANT YOU



TO VOLUNTEER