



*September 2024*

# *The Elks Tale*

*Our 70<sup>th</sup> Year*

## *Flemington Elks Lodge #1928*



**Vern Ainslie Exalted Ruler 2024-2025**

## A Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Through our Elks grants, we improve and strengthen the community. And we do it for the Cause, not the Applause, and the only way this works is through Involvement! You have heard many hands make light work, same goes for the footwork needed to knock on doors and canvas the public to develop a strong communication with the community.

Recently two of our members, did just that! Knocking on doors, visiting businesses, collecting data and promoting channels to acquire sponsors for our 70th anniversary booklet. Many Thanks to Andrea Kennedy and Shirley Lewis for taking the initiative to do just that!

I enjoyed my first National Convention in Austin Tx. I witnessed Randy Shook stepping down after a great Year as Grand Exalted ruler. Congratulations to the New Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Schiefer being Installed as Grand Exalted Ruler and Our own Liz Sorenson being installed as District Deputy GER for our West Central District. I witnessed the Investiture of Jewels for Liz Sorenson at Bound Brook Elks 1488, quite the Ceremony!

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Together, we add Members. Together, we grow. Let's Soar in 2024!

Exalted Ruler,  
Vern Ainslie

## *Lodge Officers – 2024 – 2025*

Exalted Ruler	Vern Ainslie
Est. Leading Knight	Gregory Fritz
Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, <b>PDD</b>
Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
Treasurer	George Upton, <b>PER</b>
Secretary	Barry Sheppard, <b>PER</b>
Tiler	Todd Hunt
Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
Chaplain	Andrea Kennedy
Esquire	Shirley Lewis
Trustee - 1 Year	John Lombardi
Trustee - 2 Year	David Rockafellow
Trustee - 3 Year	William Trstensky
Trustee - 4 Year	Marty Cunningham
Trustee - 5 Year	Robert Mikesh

## *Officers of the Auxiliary*

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

**2023 - 2024**

**Elk of the Year: TBA**

**Citizen of the Year: TBA**

**Officer of the Year: TBA**

## *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

## **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.

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**

## *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 Lodge Secretary

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)



Your voice can be heard and it will make a difference by attending a Regular Lodge Meeting.

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.



## **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.



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Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, <b>PDD</b>	908.246.0526
Auditing & Accounting	Bruce Totten, <b>PDD</b>	908.246.0526
	Suzanna Gatsch	484-542-1725
Better Parades	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
	Patti DeLuca	908.528.7328
Building & Grounds	Robert Mikesh	908.644.0526
Communications	Carmella Shaw	N/A
Community Affairs	Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl	732.966.5704
Community Activities.	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Drug Awareness.	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., <b>PER</b>	N/A
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, <b>PDD</b>	908.996.6724
Fundraising	John "Gemini" Lombardi	908-295-4345
Government Relations	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
House Committee .....	William K. Miller, Jr	908.303.1322
	Tiffany Quick	908.788.6737
Lodge Activities	John Lombardi	908.295.4345
	Andrea Kennedy	908.581.2522
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	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
National Service	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
PER Association	Kenneth Whalen, <b>PER</b>	908.391.7290
Public Relations	Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl	732.966.5704
Scholarship	Dr. Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
Social/Comm. Welfare	<b>TBD</b>	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers	
Youth Activities	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
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.



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## Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

Summer is almost over, and boy was it a hot one! I saw two birds relaxing in the sun and eating ice cream cones on my patio. They appeared to be baskin robins. I also saw two huge black birds in my garden this morning. They were stuck together. It turns out they were velcrows! I have elderly neighbors who have one of those chair lifts for their second-floor stairs. I told them that I would give them \$20.00 for a ride. I think they are going to take me up on it! I recently started taking steps to overcome my hiking addiction. I'm not out of the woods yet.

I was watching the evening news the other day. A cement truck collided with a prison bus. Police are on the look out for 20 hardened criminals.

My wife, Eileen, just told me that she saw a fox on the way to work. I asked her how she knew it was on its way to work? I think my wife is putting glue on my firearms. She denies it but I'm sticking to my guns.

I remember when I was a boy my mother would send me to the store with \$2.00. I would come back with a bag of potatoes, a loaf of bread, three bottles of milk, a block of cheese, and six eggs. You can't do that today. Too many security cameras. Another happy thought from my childhood was when my dad used to put me in a tire and roll me down the hill. They were good years.

That's it for this month. Just one more thought – how did the people who invented the clock know what time it was?

Keep on laughing!

**Keep on smiling!**

*PDD Rich*

# The Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



would like to invite  
you, your family, friends and members of the community  
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## **OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, September 14, 2024  
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## **Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Special Day during September**

1. Gordon Johnson
2. Louis Sferlazzo, William E. Dixon
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- 4.
5. Vincent LaSpada
6. Richard Furlong, Douglas Brownlie
7. Lee Trautman - PDD
8. Robert Ferrance
- 9.
- 10.
11. Carol Paige
12. Robert Hopek
- 13.
- 14.
15. Randy Sornberger, Saul Valencia
- 16.
- 17.
18. Gordon K. Johnson, Jr.
19. Thomas Walsh
20. William E. Pritchett, H. Gordon Horn, Brian Strizki
21. Lois Zarish
22. Michael McClernon
- 23.
- 24.
- 25.
26. Chris Ondra

# Reports from the Lodge Committees

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No report available.

*Bill Trstensky*  
Trustee

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

No report available.

*William H. Miller, Jr.*  
*Tiffany Quick*  
House Committee Co-Chairs

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## SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Hello everyone, it's been awhile. We were all saddened by the passing of PER Dan Petitt, the most recent Elks Tale editor and a fun guy.

June & August bingo were moderately attended, netting together \$1663, not too shabby!

We would like to reinstate the Last Sunday of the Month Breakfast so we will be holding a meeting soon to discuss all aspects of it. The previous crew members who manned the breakfasts are exhausted but will help with the training of the new crew. The money raised by Bingo & Breakfast are the major fundraisers supporting the Special Needs Children community. Please give this endeavor your heartfelt consideration by volunteering for kitchen or dining room assignments when we reach out for help.

Until next time,

*Suzanne Lucas*  
Special Needs Children Committee

**All proceeds from the bingo games benefit the Lodge  
Special Needs Children**



**PER ASSOCIATION**

No report available.

*Fraternally,  
Kenneth Whalen  
PER Association President*



**VETERAN'S COMMITTEE**

No report available.



**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Long Range Planning Committee continues to coordinate all efforts to minimize the loss of Lodge property due to the construction of Route 31 and its expansion into a 4 lane roadway.

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

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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## AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

No report at this time.

Fraternally, *Bruce R. Totten* – PDDGER  
State Trustee – WCD  
Auditing & Accounting Committee - Chairperson

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## THE AUXILIARY OF LODGE # 1928

Sadly, summer is coming to a close and it sure has been a hot one! Even though the Auxiliary was on break but we were still keeping active. Our 50/50 was a success! The winner was our very own Mary Ann Faethe's son Frank and he received \$1205. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets!

The Clam Bake & BBQ was another summer success. The Spring Hill Band was great and everyone had a good time and enjoyed the buffet and the clams.



Don't miss the Auxiliary's September meeting! Tuesday, September 10th at 7:15pm

We will have another Pizza Party to start the rest of the Elk year off. Please send in RSVPs by Friday September 6th.

Save the Dates!

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Kids Halloween Parade & Party on Sunday, October 27th.

There will be more info coming on these events as they are confirmed.

Trash & Treasures day! Sunday November 3rd.

Indoor flea market and yard sale. 9am to 3pm Tables \$20.00 each. Start cleaning out those closets!

The Auxiliary wants to send Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to our July members: Dale Bellai, Barbara Dezendorf, Katie Finch, Luba Polhemus, Gundegard Sornberger and Patti Kerr.

August Birthday Wishes go out to Misty Brewer, Patricia Jablonski, Laura Karnoff, Jean Ann LaSpada, Jacqueline Muscatell, Joan Purdy, Barbara Stockelberg, Barbara Zapko. Happy Birthday to everyone!

Remember, we can't do what we do without the support of the membership, whether it is helping at an event, coming to a meeting or enjoying an evening at the lodge with friends and family. Hope to see you at the September meeting!

*Patti DeLuca*  
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

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# NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The Freedom Grant has been applied for and accepted. The committee is shopping for the below items to be donated

Air Mattress	\$250.00
Pillows	\$250.00
Bed Sheet Sets	\$150.00
Comforters	\$150.00
Towels	\$200.00

Fraternally,  
*Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl*  
 ENF Chairperson

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# DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM (DAP) COMMITTEE

The Walk Out on Drugs is penciled in for Saturday September 7, 2024 at 9am

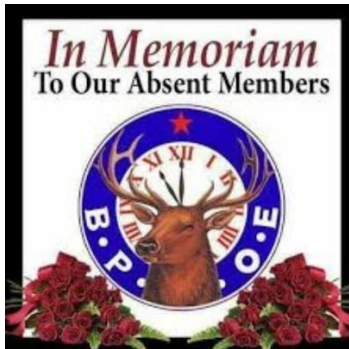
Fraternally,  
*Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl*  
 DAP Chairperson

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## \*\*\*\* Lapsation \*\*\*\*

This is a new Elk Year and we encourage all members to send in their **2024-2025** Dues. The Lapsation list will not be posted until later in the year.





*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.*



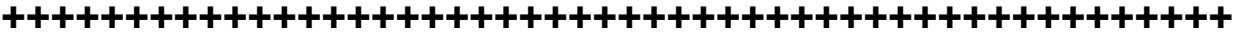
Your hosts in the Grill Room are:

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



The deadline for submitting any information for the July 2024 Elks Tale is  
Friday June 28, 2024

September 14 (Saturday) the Flemington Elks Lodge will celebrate **70 years** serving the  
Flemington-Raritan Community. More information will follow in the coming months.



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