



September 2023

The Elks Tale
Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



Randall Kerr, PER, Exalted Ruler

Lodge Officers – 2023 - 2024

..... Exalted Ruler	Randall S. Kerr, PER
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..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
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..... 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	Gregory Bodnar, PVP
..... 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 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	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
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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
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PER Association	Gregory Bodnar, PVP	908.752.9988
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.

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

Flemington Elks Auxiliary. Has it been hot enough for you? Come into the cool at the Flemington Elks Lodge.

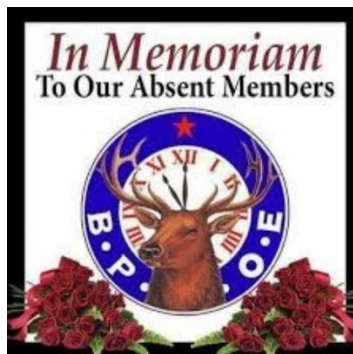
Don't forget Bingo Thursday September 7th. Come out and try your luck!

The September Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 12th, 6:30 pm. It will be a dinner meeting along with welcoming new members to the Auxiliary. This is a good meeting to come out and see old friends and make some new ones as you enjoy a delicious dinner.

We will once again be having the Witches Halloween Ball on Saturday October 21. The Auxiliary will also be helping the Lodge Veterans Committee on Saturday November 11. We will be serving a dinner for area Veterans. So stay tuned to see what's happening with these events.

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

Howard 'Kenny' Quick, Jr. 5.6.23 Ronald Cozze 7.11.23

**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.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

The continued support of the lodge members and their guests is greatly appreciated in helping our Special Needs children. It is so important that we continue to raise funds and not lose sight of our goals to care for those disabled and to those families who can appreciate our 'helping hands' from the Flemington Lodge.

Please attend the functions of the Auxiliary and enjoy the friendships of the Auxiliary and Lodge Members that have been cultivated over the years.

And with your efforts our Special Needs Children can enjoy another Summer of freedom at Camp Moore next year and the following years.



Regards,

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson



WHO ARE YOU???????????

There are a few member e-mails that we are unable to send information to. Some have been returned as "Undeliverable". If you have not received the Elks Tale or other communications then please let the Lodge Secretary know so that any misinformation can be corrected or send an e-mail to Dan Petitt at dandee350@yahoo.com with the correct or new e-mail address.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

No report available.

Next House Committee meeting is not scheduled.

House Committee Co-Chair

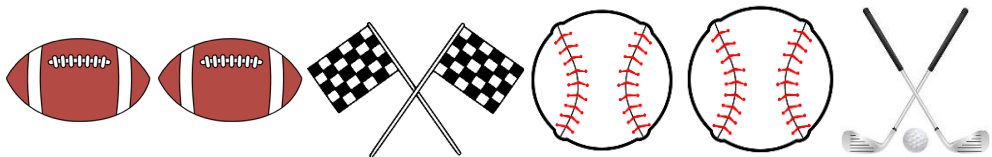
Randy Kerr, **PER**



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

The Grill Room is 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, Major League Baseball. (METS, YANKEES & PHILLIES), College Football and the NFL Games

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



Your hosts in the Grill Room are:

- Sunday Michele
- Monday ****Closed****
- Tuesday Tiffany
- Wednesday Gayle & Annie
- Thursday Sue
- Friday Patty & Marty
- Saturday Michele

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



Participation at a Lodge Meeting is a very beneficial and important part of being a member of the Elks. During these lodge sessions you can join 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 can make a difference.

It has been nice to see our newer members attending the past few meetings. It shows that there is an interest in the lodge and the members do care. If we could have at least 40 members come out for a meeting and show support for the lodge it would make a great difference and help to make decisions that will benefit the charitable works of the Elks.

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 while enjoying your favorite beverage and some homemade cooking from???



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

Summer is getting hotter every day. It's so hot that the cows are giving evaporated milk. It's so hot, I saw a bird pull a worm out of the ground with an oven mitt. It's so hot that I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking. Summer also reminds me of the time growing up when my girlfriend and I broke up at summer camp. We got into an argument over which canoe to take out on the lake. She got in one and I got in another. Then we just drifted apart!

The heat also makes me tired. The other day I overslept so I called my boss and asked if I could come in a little late. He said, "Dream on." So, I went back to sleep. I think that was really nice of him. And not to brag, but I had another job where I made six figures. I was also named the worst employee at the toy factory. After that I went to a local park but got thrown out after arranging the squirrels by height. They didn't like me critter sizing. As I was sitting in the park, I noticed a lot of mimes performing. That reminded me of an old friend I had who decided to quit his job and become a mime. I haven't heard from him since. I had an interview once for a job as a mime. Unfortunately, I didn't get it. Must have been something that I said!

That's it for now. I hope everyone is well and remember to never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

September 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 P.E.R. Meeting & Blood Bank	6	7 Bingo	8	9
10	11	12 Auxiliary Meeting	13 Lodge Meeting	14	15	16
17	18 Blood Bank	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Lodge Meeting	28	29	30



NEXT NEW CANDIDATE INITIATION, 2023

To Be Determined

More....



70th
ANNIVERSARY

Sometime during the year 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.





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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
- 3.
- 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 Ondrak
- 27.
- 28.
- 29.
- 30.

The Spotlight

Lee Trautman
Past District Deputy
and currently
Esteemed Loyal Knight



It's a family affair for Lee who has been a member of the Flemington Elks Lodge since 1987 and has served in many capacities during those years. He was elected to be the Exalted Ruler for the year 1993 and in 2004 he became the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the West Central District. Because of his dedication and volunteerism to the B.P.O.E. Lee was awarded as Elk of the Year in 2014.

He has been married to the wonderful Patricia, who also is a member of the Lodge Auxiliary and has served as the Auxiliary President. But the story continues because his son, Eric, has been a member of the lodge since 1993 and his daughter, Tracey, is also a member of the Lodge Auxiliary.

As a family, the Trautman's have contributed to the success of the lodge and its continuing efforts to serve the community. Lee has led his family to serve those in need throughout the years and we cannot be more proud of him.

They are an inspiration to us all and true members of the community that define the **Best People On Earth.**

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.



Due to the overwhelming response to the previous raffles and the outpouring of love for the Flemington Elks Lodge we were able to have another drawing for the month of August.

The winning numbers of the August Raffle are:

1st Place - 1262

2nd Place - 1378

3rd Place - 1280

Congratulations to the above winners and

Thank You for supporting the Lodge.





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*****

REPORT FROM THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION CHAIRPERSON:

ENF - Statewide (As of August 23, 2023)

Lodge	Rank	Members	Total	Per Capita
Manville/Hills	3	178	2815.00	15.81
Flemington	14	291	2130.00	7.52
Bound Brook	39	189	825.00	4.36
Middlesex	46	221	809.00	3.66
Princeton	52	170	575.00	3.38
Somerville	82	1203	1480.00	1.23
Lambertville	85	239	280.00	1.17
Clinton	97	201	100.00	0.49

108 Total Lodges in New Jersey

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

I ask that you donate to the ENF so that the Flemington Elks Lodge can invest in our community and continue the work that signifies our desire to be there to help those who need us. Our charitable gifts are the reward for volunteering and the culmination of our desires to benefit others. This lodge has stumbled over the past few years in giving, but now is the time to rise again and become a pillar of the local community.

Daniel J. Pettitt, Sr. - P.E.R.

ENF Chairperson

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members who became Elks on Wednesday August 9, 2023

Robert Paulella

David Schieni

Robert Wigand

Karen Keena

Julie Parker

Derrick Baker

John MacKay



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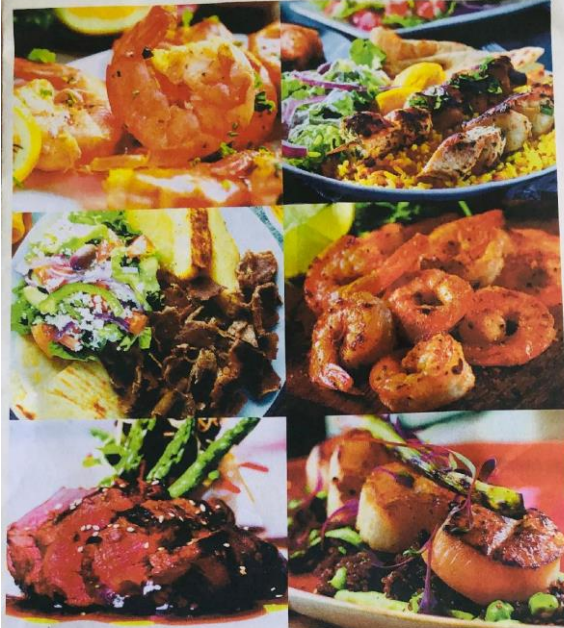


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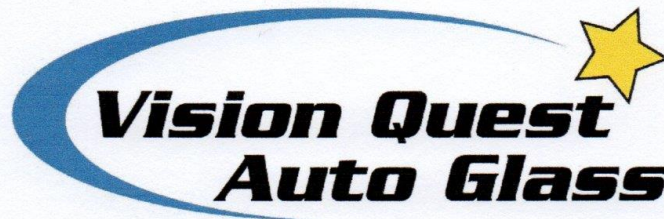


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