



Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

November 2024 *The Elks Sale* Our 70th Year



CASA SHaw receives Spotlight Grant from Flemington Elks (10/3/24)

Elk members and friends donate and compile treat bags for women and children at Safe Harbor and Safe in Hunterdon (10/22/24)



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PLEASE EMAIL SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER ELKS TALE TO:
ElksTaleEditor@gmail.com by **Friday, November 22**

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Vern Ainslie
Esteemed Leading Knight	Gregory Fritz
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Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Vincent Laspada
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Tiler	Todd Hunt
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Trustee - 2 nd Year	Jason Karpi
Trustee - 3 rd Year	William Trstenky
Trustee - 4 th Year	David Rockafellow
Trustee - 5 th Year	Robert Mikesh

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

2024-2025:

Elk of the Year ~ tba

Citizen of the Year ~ tba

Officer of the Year ~ tba

Elks Information

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Lodge Members

Wednesdays at 7:30pm

**November 13 and 27
December 11**

Auxiliary Members

Tuesdays at 7:15pm

**November 12
December 10**

WHERE TO GO ON-LINE.

For more information on the Flemington Elks, upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures, functions and more, visit us online at:

www.flemingtonelks.com

or go to Facebook:

Flemington Elks (public):

West Central District (members only):

[Flemington Elks Lodge #1928](#)

[West Central District](#)

Additionally, there are nationwide groups where members can find information about the world of Elkdom:

[BPOE News](#)

[We Are Elks](#)

[I am an Elk from New Jersey](#)

Let the Lodge Secretary know if your information changes

The lodge is always updating its membership files so it's vital that you send any changes to your information (i.e., change of address, new phone number or e-mail address) so that the lodge can keep you informed... Don't miss out!

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)

Our very own Hunterdon County Reserves' return from deployment has been moved to February of 2025

This means they will be away from home during the holidays.

Help us make their holidays!

Please donate:

Mini Lights

Mini Christmas Trees

Mini Holiday Décor Items

Holiday cards
(for them to send to people at home)



All donations can be dropped off by Friday November 15 in the box located in the vestibule at:

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928
165 Route 31 South
Flemington, NJ 08822
(between Flemington Department Store
And Ciocca Subaru Dealership)



* * * **Lapsation** * * *



It's never too late to send in your dues. Remember, as a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing. Additionally, dues help us to pay our bills. Everybody's membership dues help.

Please remit your dues of \$86.00 for year 2024-2025 to the Lodge Secretary.

As of today there are 298 members of this lodge with 19 members who have yet to submit their dues.

Lapsation List ~ 2024-2025

Lisa Coffey

Thomas Freund

David McPherson

Vincent Roche IV

Donald Scholl

John Stefanchik

Douglas Wachter

William Decker

Jospeh Gherardi

Charles Miller

Fred Rynearson

John B. Smith

Gerald Troisi

Ralph Fortunato

Michel McClernon

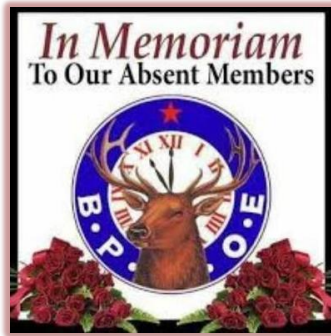
Thomas Mullen

Dawn Schenck

Scott Steele

Richard Vail

In our Thoughts and Memories



*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."*

Our Absent Members from the Past Year

Joseph M. Iselin ~ 09/29/2024

James Susliewicz ~ 07/25/2024

Daniel J. Petitt Sr., PER ~ 06/30/2024

John Mackay ~ 06/19/2024

William M. Creighton ~ 06/08/2024

Roger L. Cramer ~ 04/26/2024

Robert W. Finberg, PER ~ 11/26/2023

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, in the hospital or going through something distressful, please notify Gregory Fritz (908) 386-0407, the Exalted Ruler or the Lodge Secretary.

Our brothers and sisters need to know that they are in our thoughts during times of illness or distress.

Committee Chairs – 2024-2025

Accident Prevention	Robert Mikesh	(908) 644-0526
Americanism	Vern Ainslie	(908) 399-2144
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, PDD	(908) 246-0526
Auditing & Accounting	Bruce Totten, PDD	(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	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522
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 Newsletter	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522
	Barbara Purcell	(609) 915-2324
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD	(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, PDD	(908) 246-0526
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD	(908) 996-6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER	(908) 963-7835
National Foundation	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
National Service	Gregory Fritz	(908) 386-0407
PER Association	Kenneth Whalen, PER	(908) 391-7290
Public Relations	Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
Scholarships	Dr. Jeff Anderson	(908) 439-2532
Sickness and Distress	Gregory Fritz	(908) 386-0407
Social/Community Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	(609) 309-5238
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers	
Youth Activities	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	(732) 966-5704
Website	Andrea Kennedy	(908) 581-2522

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.

Committee Updates/Reports

ARMY OF HOPE COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Fraternally,
Bruce R. Totten, PDD G&R
State Trustee, West Central District
Chair, Army of Hope Committee

AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Fraternally,
Bruce R. Totten, PDD G&R
State Trustee, West Central District
Chair, Auditing & Accounting Committee

THE AUXILIARY OF LODGE #1928

No updates/reports at this time.

Patti DeLuca
President, The Auxiliary of Lodge #1928

BOOKING COMMITTEE

We are excited to report that a team has been formed, that will establish a simple, systemic and transparent process to booking Member and Non-Member events. The goal is to create an inclusive environment that acknowledges and brings out the strengths and unique skills of our Lodge by establishing an approved process and then educating our Members on that process. A large part of this will be taking into consideration the governance and regulations that we must follow from the State, as well as the Elks organization.

We look forward to sharing more on this as we move forward. In the meantime, feel free to contact our Chair, John Lombardi (908-295-4345) or any of our other current team members, Shirley Lewis (609-306-6201) and Andrea Kennedy (908-581-2522), with any questions or if you have any interest in joining this team.

John Lombardi
Chair, Booking Committee

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Fraternally,
Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl
Chair, Elks National Foundation

HOUSE COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

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

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Fraternally,
Bruce R. Totten, PDD GER
State Trustee, West Central District
Chair, Loong Range Planning Committee

PAST EXALTED RULERS (PER) ASSOCIATION

The PER Association Members have been working with our Lodge Officers in their ritual performances, as well as with their pronunciation and department moves. The officers are showing marked improvement with every class that we are bringing into our Lodge.

We met with our Lodge Advisor, Francis Decibus, Past Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and discussed the elements that need to be updated and/or corrected in order to follow our Grand Lodge statues and Lodge by-laws.

We will be working with our exalted ruler, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers in helping to correct and expedite these issues.

Fraternally,
Kenneth Whaler
President, PER Association

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Until next month,
Suzanne Lucas
Special Needs Children Committee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will be regularly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be Wednesday November 6. In addition to David Rockafellow (Head Trustee), other Trustees on the Board include: John Lombardi, Robert Mikesh and Jason Karpi (secretary).

David Rockafellow
Head Trustee

VETERANS COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Fraternally,
Bruce R. Totten, PDD G&R
State Trustee, West Central District
Member, Veterans Committee

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

No updates/reports at this time.

Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl
Chair, Youth Activities Committee

The Grill Room



The Lodge's Grill Room is a gathering place for members and their guests/family members, a place to socialize and enjoy friendships.

Come in to watch sporting events, such as NASCAR, Golf, Basketball, Football and more.

It's open every day (except Monday) for you and your guests' enjoyment.

Your hosts in the Grill Room are:

Annie	Donna
Gayle	Shirl
Sue	Tiffany

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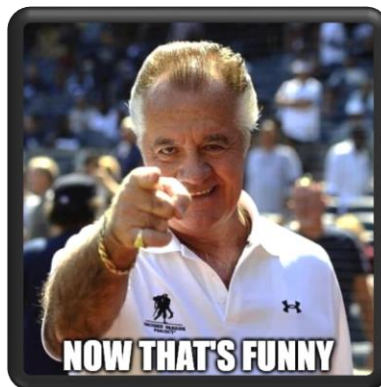
**Tuesday to Saturday
6 to 10pm**

**Sunday
12:45pm to ?**



Ramblings by Rich...

Ramblings by Rich



Hello Everyone,

Well, it's Halloween season and all of the decorations are around. Speaking of Halloween, do you know how to fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.

I recently attended my high school reunion, and I wore something from five years ago that still fits. I was so proud of myself! It was a pair of socks, but still, let's be positive here.

I had a job interview the other day. I was told one of my responsibilities would be typing out all capital letters on the computer. They warned me that this would involve a lot of shift work!

I was at the doctor's office the other day when a man rushed in saying that he lost three fingers in a work accident. He asked the doctor if he would be able to drive with this hand. The doctor replied, "Maybe, but I wouldn't count on it." I was at the doctor because I was in an accident. I was surprised when the doctor handed me a report saying that all of my fingers were broken. The news was hard to grasp.

Down here in South Carolina we live in a golfing community. The other day I was hit in the head by a golf ball and it left a big knot on my head. The guy who hit the ball apologized and gave me \$20.00. I think of it as a lump sum.

Finally, I just read an article about a couple of brothers, about 100 years ago, who stated that they could fly. I guess they were Wright!

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

Upcoming Events



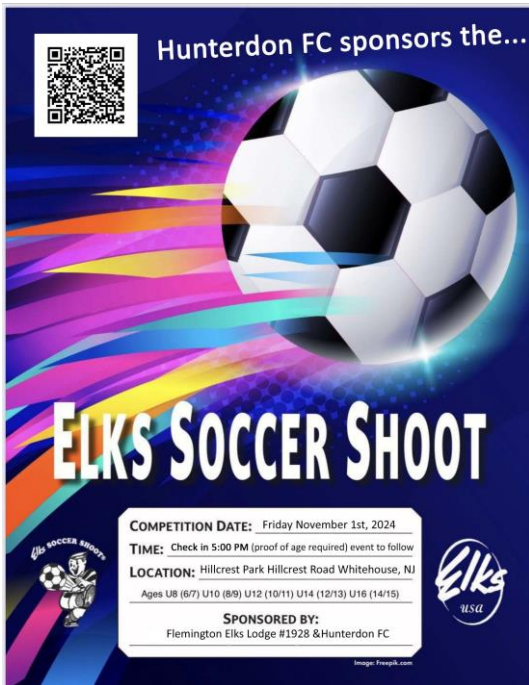
The deadline for submitting any information for the December Elks Tale is Friday, November 22, 2024

For more information on any below events, visit us online at:



www.FlemingtonElks.com



Friday 11/1




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ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

COMPETITION DATE: Friday November 1st, 2024
TIME: Check in 5:00 PM (proof of age required) event to follow
LOCATION: Hillcrest Park Hillcrest Road Whitehouse, NJ
Ages UB (6/7) U10 (8/9) U12 (10/11) U14 (12/13) U16 (14/15)

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Sunday 11/3

Flemington Elks Auxiliary's Trash & Treasures Day!

An Indoor Flea Market & Yard Sale
New & Used
Food & Beverages available at the Snack Bar

Sunday November 3, 2024
9am to 3pm



at the
Flemington Elks Lodge
165 Rt. 31
Flemington, NJ

Tables \$20 each
Outside area available \$10
(must have own table)

Contact 908-528-7328 or pattio_57@hotmail.com

Thursday 11/7
(always the first Thursday of the month)

BINGO NIGHT

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
GAMES BEGIN: 7:30PM

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Bill Leslak
908 878-8746
flemingtonelks.com

Friday 11/15

It's back!
and
Elks members & their guests are invited!



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at the Flemington Elks

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Friday 11/29

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For more info: email Elks1928@gmail.com

THURSDAY 12/5

(ALWAYS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

**BINGO
NIGHT**

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
GAMES BEGIN: 7:30PM

BINGO

FLEMINGTON ELKS

165 NJ-31 South,
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Friday 12/6



**ELKS
HOOP SHOOT**

**HOST A PRELIMINARY
HOOP SHOOT
CONTEST**

UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS

**BLOOD
DRIVES**

1:00 – 7:00pm

Upcoming dates are:

Monday 11/4

Friday 11/29

Monday 12/2

Monday 12/16

Birthdays

Best Wishes to our
members who are
celebrating their special
day this month!



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Henry W. LaVoie
7. Donald Ricard
- 8.
- 9.
10. John F. Cunningham, Jr.
11. Peter Naccarato, PER; Michael A. Sarno, PER
12. Daniel J. Petitt Jr.; James Gurski
- 13.
14. J. Richard Simpson
- 15.
16. Annie Z. Scully
17. David J. Miller
- 18.
19. Reuban C. McPherson; Harry Gano, Jr.
- 20.
21. Marty Cunningham
22. Walter Hinline; Robert Huber
23. James Tedesco
24. Arthur Shively; David A. Garboski; Joseph Gramiccioni
- 25.
26. Joel Wolff
27. Frank Cordero
- 28.
29. William Cody, PER
- 30.

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2. What flies when born, lies while living and runs while dead? _____

[\(answers on page 23\)](#)



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1. An egg
2. A snowflake

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