





Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

October 2024



Our 70th Year



Photos from 70th Anniversary Open House

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Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

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President	Patti D¢Luca
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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

A message from our Exalted Ruler



Vern W. Ainslie 2024-2025 Exalted Ruler Flemington Lodge #1928

On September 14, we celebrated our 70th anniversary with an open house (pictures on the cover). The day included displays by some of our non-profit, community-oriented partners; who provided input on how we work together to help families in need in our local communities.

The Gilded Lily, of Flemington, donated beautiful floral arrangements for the tables and Doctor D Entertainment donated his time to DJ. We were happy to host and spend time with some of our State and District dignitaries, as well as Raritan Township Mayor, Scott Sipos, who were all in attendance at the event. To those who organized, volunteered, sponsored, displayed, attended, etc. to make the day as fun as it was, we thank you!

It's always great to see members who, because they've moved out of the area, we haven't seen in a while. John and Pat Wilkinson traveled from Massachusetts to see a play in Bucks County and stopped by one night to say "Hello." Rich and Eileen Lavagno, as well as Tom and Michelle Teubert joined us at the 70th Anniversary Open House.

As always, our Friday Night Comedy Night was a success and continues to draw growing crowds. Thanks to Johnny Lombardi (Gemini Entertainment) for continuing to bring entertaining comedians, including his own talents in comedy, magic and ventriloquism to our Comedy Nights.

Elks Information

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Lodge Members

Auxiliary Members

Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Tuesdays at 7:15pm

October 9 and 23 November 13 and 27 December 11 October 8 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): Flemington Elks Lodge #1928

West Central District (members only): West Central District

Additionally, there are nationwide groups where members can find We Are Elks

information about the world of Elkdom: Laman Elkfrom 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, FER Lodge Secretary c/o Flemington Elks Lodge #1928 F.O. Box 261 Flemington, NJ 08822

(or drop your new information in the Secretary's Mailbox at the Lodge)

Reminders





Attend the lodge meetings.

Let your voice be heard.

It will make a difference!

Lodge Officers are required to attend on a regular basis (it is what you volunteered for after all).

> October Lodge Meetings: Monday, October 7 and 21

After the meetings, join us for dinner (prepared by Chef Shirley) in the bar/ grill and spend some quality time with fellow members.





A simple way to help the lodge

Drop your used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys into the shed in the parking lot.

The lodge receives remuneration for all items donated from Turnkey Enterprises, LLC.

* * * 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 21 members who have yet to submit their dues.

Lapsation List ~ 2024-2025

Lisa Coffer	William Decker	Ralph Fortunato
Thomas Freund	Jospeh Gherardi	John Harvis
Douglas Hoff III	Michel McClernon	David McPherson
Charles Miller	Thomas Mullen	Vincent Roche IV
Fred Rynearson	Dawn Schenck	Donald Scholl
John B. Smith	Scott Steele	John Stefanchik
Gerald Troisi	Richard Vail	Douglas Wachter

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."

Joseph M. Iselin September 29, 2024 (funeral services were private) Obituary



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 AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Flemington Elks held it's 70th anniversary on September 14th with an open house containing table displays of our different charitable committees. We invited organizations within our community that we have supported and assisted over the years. Refreshments were served to those in attendance. We had people in our community stop by to enjoy the committee information tables and some were so impressed with our charitable work that they filled out applications for membership. It was great seeing some old friendly faces of a few PER's that are no longer in the area stop by.

Past Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Francis Decibis, Past Grand Lodge Committeeman Peter Smith and WCD Vice President Rich Turner attended our celebration.

The Veterans Committee chairman Greg Fritz talked to the Spring Reins of Life about having a function at the lodge to raise money for both the Veterans Committee and the Spring Reins of Life. They assist veterans dealing with the internal injuries of PTSD, TBI, drug and alcohol addictions as well as children with special needs.

Raritan Township brought a fire truck and an ambulance for the kids and young at heart to enjoy.

We continue to serve and assist our Special Needs Children, Veterans, Youth Activities, Scholarship and Americanism programs.

A GREAT time was had by all!!!

We are Here for the Cause and Not the Applause!!

Fraternally,

Bruce R. Jotten, FDD GER

State Trustee, West Central District Chair, Army of Hope Committee Chair, Auditing & Accounting Committee Member, Veterans Committee

THE AUXILIARY OF LODGE #1928

(continued)

Fall is in the air and the leaves are starting to fall. The Auxiliary is in full swing with several events coming up. Sunday, October 27th, the Auxiliary is hosting a Spooktacular Children's Halloween Parade & Party. Bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbor's kids to have a fun afternoon with costumes, prizes and spooky treats! Sign up at 908-528-7328.

Next up is the Auxiliary's Trash & Treasures Day on Sunday, November 3rd. Start cleaning out those closets everyone. Sign up for a table \$20 or just come and browse.

The Auxiliary's next meeting will be November 12th. Our special guest, Chris Ondrak from the Gilded Lily Florist, will once again be doing a flower demonstration. Who will win one of his beautiful arrangements this year? Guests more than welcome!

The Auxiliary will be going to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Sunday, December 15th to see their holiday show and dinner. Doors open at 2:30pm and the cost is \$92 per person. RSVP's and money must be in by the November meeting. Auxiliary members, lodge members and their families are welcome to join us.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for their purchase of a hot dog machine for the lodge's use! It was a big hit at the 70th Anniversary.

The Auxiliary will once again be donating \$300 to both the Family Promise and Safe in Hunterdon organizations for their holiday programs. Over the years the Auxiliary has done so much for the lodge and the community, and we are working to keep the good work going. If anyone is interested in what the Auxiliary does and how it helps the lodge, please feel free to ask any Auxiliary member.

Tatti DeLuca

President, The Auxiliary of Lodge #1928

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No updates/reports available at this time.

Bill Trstensky

Trustee

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Please make an extra donation on ELKS.org in the ENF donations.

Our lodge is low on our Per Capita donations. We need 50 of our members to make a nominal donation! This not only puts us in good standing for another Gratitude Grant but also Gratitude Bonuses.

If you want to make a generous donation, please consider joining our "Legacy Donors" group and spread out that amount over 12 months.

Grants:

This money is given to our lodge from Elks National Foundation to INVEST in our community. Some grants are earned just because we have met our per capita per member and other grants and bonuses are earned due to exceeding what is required.

Spotlight Grant (\$2,000) is being awarded to CASA SHaW. In Hunterdon County, CASA SHaW has 12 families that have been Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. The Flemington Elks have chosen to provide support to these children and their families for the needs of daily living. With the holidays approaching we are giving a lift to these families and their needs.

Gratitude Grant (\$3,000): \$1,500 is being awarded to the Hunterdon County portion of the Cross River YMCA to purchase a special Wheelchair for our Veterans that have the inability to stand and play basketball. This is a very special device for this activity and costs close to \$1,000. The balance of \$500 will be used in the middle school aged program which strengthens our youth's confidence, character and leadership abilities.

The other \$1,500, I am suggesting that we use in ENF approved Karen Minutella Reading Initiative Program. This program has been demonstrated through other NJ Lodges and is supported by their school Principals. The reading program targets 3rd graders, inspires children to read outside of the classroom and supports the proven research: "A child who reads will be an adult who thinks!"

Though there was a motion made for the Gratitude \$1,500 to be dispersed to the Flemington Food Pantry, I suggest that the Flemington Food Pantry and the Harvest Family Success Center be recipients of the Beacon Grant, sharing \$4,000. By doing this, the Flemington Food Pantry receives \$500 more and all money is invested throughout our community, targeting a larger demographic.

This will need two things: 1) to be brought to the floor at a meeting and 2) the collaboration of our members to donate items also for the food pantry which is a requirement of the Beacon Grant (lodge participation). That said, we could choose dates for drop-off of items and I volunteer to do the drop-off of our food drive items. This will be proposed at our next meeting. It was on the schedule for our last meeting, but I was asked to table it for another date.

Fraternally, **Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl** Chair, Elks National Foundation

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Billy Miller and I would just like to say thank you for your support as we get through our first year back behind the bar. Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated as we are here for you!

It's that time of year again and it's getting a little chilly. As we enter the fall months, we want to remind you to come by, warm up by the fireplace with a cocktail and relax after you go explore everything that the season brings. It is also football season and we have 4 TV's available for viewing your favorite team with your favorite Elk friends. And there's Popcorn!!

William K. Miller, Jr.

Tiffany Quick

Co-Chairs, House Committee

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The negotiations with the NJDOT have finally been completed. The NJDOT's initial offer of \$2,500 was increased to \$5,000 with their having the responsibility of removing our fence and the stone pillars. Our responsibility is turning off the power to the lights on the pillars and moving the illuminated sign back to be within a legal limit off the right of way. The documents have been signed by the Trustees, the Exalted Ruler and the lodge secretary.

A THANK YOU to all involved for their hard work and dedicated efforts in dealing with this matter. A very special THANK YOU to our attorney, Mark Anderson Esq. and Kirsten, his paralegal, for dealing with ALL the phone calls from NJDOT and our lodge. Their professional guidance was invaluable.

Fraternally,

Bruce R. Jotten, PDD GERState Trustee, West Central District
Chair, Loong Range Planning Committee

PAST EXALTED RULERS (PER) ASSOCIATION

No updates/reports available at this time.

Fraternally, **Kenneth Whaler**President, PER Association

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

October is the month to sign up campers for the 2025 Summer session at Elks Camp Moore!! So if any of you know of or have a child that would benefit from a week at camp, please contact me as soon as possible. Applications will be available soon and we want to get our campers in early for consideration. If a camper attended in 2024, I have their information and will be in contact with their parent or guardian. Looking forward to a very successful camp experience for all.

It is evident from inquiries that we need to start up our "Last Sunday of the Month" breakfast to benefit our Special Needs Children. Please consider giving up a little of your time by volunteering just once a month to help. No special skills are required to assist in this endeavor, just a few hours and a little effort, to set some tables or plate some food, go to the store for eggs, juice and bread (just like for a snowstorm only on a larger scale). So please give it some heartfelt thought. Just ask someone who has worked or attended one of our breakfasts how rewarding it can be. A breakfast will be scheduled sometime in November/December followed by a brief meeting to enlist all of you as volunteers. A reasonable target for the next breakfast is January 26, 2025.

Bingo continues to be a success!!

Until next month,
Suzanne Lucas
Special Needs Children Committee

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

ELKS SOCCER SHOOT IS POSTPONED DUE TO SOGGY FIELDS AND BAD WEATHER! CURRENTLY TARGETING THE DATE AND TIME BELOW!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 1:00 pm, LENAPE PARK FIELD #6

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOTH ACTIVITIES:

- Registration table
- writing points on score cards
- set up/down
- children line up
- DJ Music
- photographer
- ball retrievers

Hoop Shoot Scheduled for Sunday 10/27 at 1pm

Youth Activities 50/50 tickets available \$5 each or 10 tickets -\$40. The winners pot is over \$1000. Call Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl 732-966-5704.

Raritan Township Community Day was attended! We made great contacts with Hoop and Basketball leagues, sold lots of 50/50 tickets.

Soup Sampler \$5. Butternut/Green Apple or Moroccan Spice Soup. Order on-line or call Cynthia 732-966-5704.

November 20,2024: Live Music in the Lounge - Hit & Run Band

ALSO: Youth Activities 50/50 Drawing. Winning ticket will be over \$1000.

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



















Ramblings by Rich...

Ramblings by Rich



Hello Everyone,

Fall is here and the trees are losing their leaves. Do you know where a leaf goes when its bank is closed? To another branch. I could tell you another autumn joke, but you probably wouldn't fall for it.

I just saw a guy going up a hill with a wheelbarrow full of horseshoes, four leaf clovers and rabbit's feet. I thought, "He's pushing his luck!." I then stopped in the local café where two waitresses had a big fight over how long to leave a teabag in a cup. The argument got so bad that it ended up in violence. I asked the manager what happened and he told me it's been brewing for ages!

I had the news on TV and it was reported that a man died after falling into a giant coffee vat. His wife told reporters that he didn't suffer - it was instant. Another story that was reported, stated it had been announced that the national hide and seek

champion had an accident. He's now in the hospital being treated in the ICU.

Well, that's it for this month, but one last thing that's been bothering me - why isn't a group of squids called a squad?

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

Apcoming Events

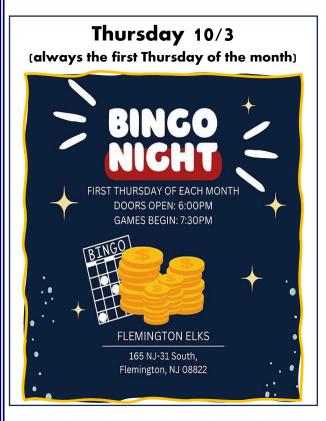


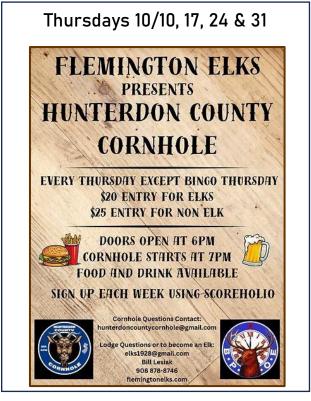
The deadline for submitting any information for the November Elks Tale is

Friday, October 25, 2024

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

www.FlemingtonElks.com



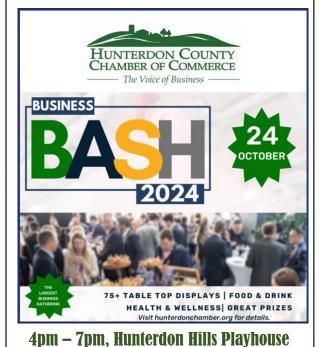


Wednesday 10/23 - Thursday 10/31 **RED RIBBON WEEK**





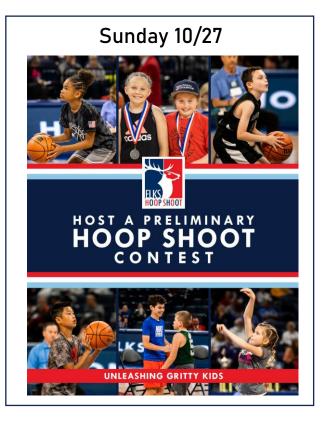
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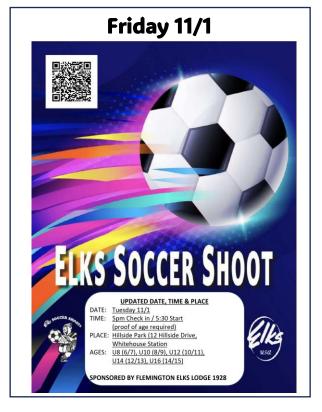


Friday 10/25



















Birthdays

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



1.	JoAnn Totten
2.	Jeffrey Anclien; Barbara Purcell
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4.	Michael Fasano; Daniel Schuster; Temma Simo
5.	James McPherson, PER; Gerald Troisi
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8.	George Upton, PER
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10.	Fred Rynearson, Jr.
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12.	Keith Wilson
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14.	Samuel Ganis
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16.	Jeffrey Jamison
17.	Joseph Iselin
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19.	Suzanna Gatsch
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23.	William Meytrott
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26.	Charles Upton, PDD
27.	Tiffany Quick; Debra Abruzzi
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Answers to "Fill in the blanks": A towel and Dates

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