



October 2023

The Elks Tale
Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



Randall 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
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..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
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..... 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 2023-2024

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
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD ..	908.996.6724
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
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	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	201.341.3071
National Service	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
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.

Reports from the Committees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No report available.

Bill Trstensky
Trustee

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HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

No report available.

Next House Committee meeting is not scheduled.

House Committee Co-Chair
Randy Kerr, **PER**

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

The Summer of 2023 is over and thanks to our loyal supporters the Flemington Lodge was able to send some of our Special Needs Children to a weeks' vacation at Camp Moore. They enjoyed some freedom and new experiences that have enhanced their growth and well-being.

The continued support of the lodge members and their guests is greatly appreciated and 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.

I am hoping that the Lodge and the West Central District, as well as all of the lodges in New Jersey, will be able to resume our annual visit to Camp Moore next year and provide a much needed and worthy picnic for the campers.

Please attend the functions that support the Special Needs Committee and enjoy the friendships of the 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



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 September 25, 2023)

Lodge	Rank	Members	Total	Per Capita
Manville/Hills	3	178	2865.00	16.09
Flemington	17	283	2130.00	7.52
Bound Brook	33	189	1060.00	5.60
Middlesex	54	221	839.00	3.79
Princeton	58	170	575.00	3.38
Somerville	61	1203	3753.00	3.12
Lambertville	91	239	290.00	1.21
Clinton	100	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



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 just may be that you have a solution to a problem that would be better for the lodge.

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. There is no dress code for members, but all Officers should be in a suit jacket and tie. That is a Flemington Lodge tradition that dates back many years.

There are some important votes in the coming months that require a discussion and you should be a part of that.

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???

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.

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**

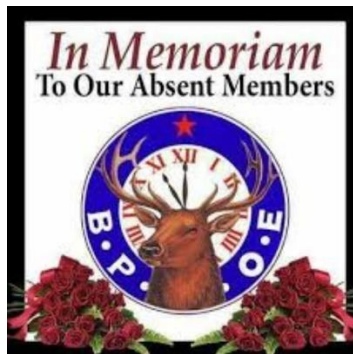
A Message from the Lodge Secretary

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)

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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.

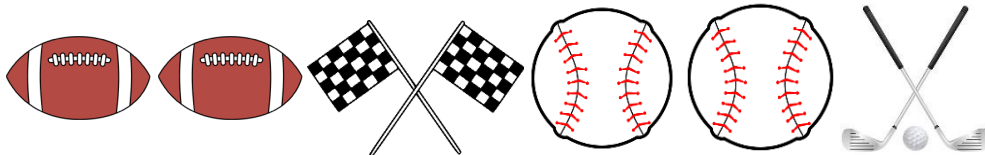
Our Brothers and Sisters need to know that we care about them during their time of illness.

The Grill Room



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, 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>	<i>**Closed**</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Tiffany</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Gayle & Annie (also serving up delicious snacks and bar food)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Sue</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Patty & Marty</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Michele</i>

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



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

Well, it's Fall and Football season! Do you know what the football coach said to the broken candy machine? Give me my quarterback! Cinderella got kicked off the football team because she kept running away from the ball. 😊

As the weather turns colder I guess planting season is over. Do you know why you shouldn't tell secrets in the garden? Because the potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and the beanstalk. Recently there was an eclipse. You should never use a colander to view an eclipse. You will strain your eyes!

There was a rumor going around about butter, but I'm not going to spread it. I wanted to start making my own honey so I went to the beekeeper to get 12 bees. He counted and gave me 13. When I told him he gave me too many, he said, "No problem, that's a free bee." I can cut a piece of wood in half by just looking at it. I know it's hard to believe, but I saw it with my own eyes.

That's my rambling for this month. But one last thought: I often wonder who Pete is and why do we do things for his sake?

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

October 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Blood Bank	3	4	5 Bingo	6	7
8	9	10	11 Lodge Meeting & Initiation	12 Cornhole Games	13	14
15 Motown Music Fundraiser	16 Blood Bank	17 Auxiliary Meeting	18 Raffle Night	19 Cornhole Games	20 Line Dancing Karaoke in the Grill Room	21 Witches Ball
22	23	24	25 Lodge Meeting	26 Cornhole Games	27	28 Rock & Roll Rampage
29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 				



NEXT
NEW CANDIDATE
INITIATION
OCTOBER 11, 2023
 <LODGE OFFICERS IN TUXEDOS>

More....

BINGO NIGHT

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



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Saturday, October 21st, 2023

Witches Halloween Ball sponsored by the Lodge Auxiliary



Event is 7:00-11:00 PM; \$25.00 per person

**Contact Auxiliary President Patti DeLuca for more information
and tickets (908.528.7328)**



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MYSTERY, MAYHEM, AND MURDER!**

DATE: 11/18/23 TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: Flemington Elks Lodge

**ADDRESS: 165 Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ
Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Costume Contest,
Cash Bar Available - \$40 per person**

RSVP: quicktiffany4@gmail.com



GUIDE ON

WHAT TO WEAR
FOR

BEST LAID PLANS



- Pinstripe Suits
- Fedora Hats
- Halter Necklines
- Floor-Length Dresses
- Elbow-Length Gloves
- Accessories (*Vests, Bow-ties, Mink Stoles, Cigarette Holders*)



FILM EXAMPLES

- CLUE
- The Aviator
- Dick Tracy
- The Rocketeer
- Who Framed Roger Rabbit
- The Artist



70th
ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday September 14, 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.





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

1. JoAnn Totten
2. Jeffrey Anclien
- 3.
4. Michael Fasano, Temma Simo
5. James McPherson – **PER**, Gerald Troisi
- 6.
- 7.
8. George Upton - **PER**
- 9.
10. Fred Rynearson, Jr.
- 11.
12. Keith Wilson
- 13.
14. Samuel Ganis
- 15.
16. Jeffrey Jamison
17. Joseph Iselin
- 18.
19. Suzanna Gatsch
- 20.
- 21.
- 22.
23. William Meytrott
- 24.
- 25.
26. Charles Upton - **PDD**
27. Tiffany Quick, Debra Abruzzi
- 28.
29. Joseph A. Gramiccioni
- 30.
- 31.

The Spotlight

Mauro Fanelli
Past Exalted Ruler
and currently
Lodge Chaplain



Mauro was initiated into the Flemington Lodge #1928 of the B.P.O.E. in 1980 and has since also become a Life Member of the organization. He has served in many roles through the Officer Chairs and has been proudly serving the lodge as our beloved Chaplain.

Mauro has been and will continue to be a deep well of knowledge about the lodge and its history. He is always available to answer any question and give his opinion in matters that will make the lodge a better and friendly place

He was elected to be the Exalted Ruler for the year 1992 and in 2004 he was awarded as Elk of the Year.

Mauro has been married to the wonderful Frances, who has been by his side throughout his working career and as his time as a proud member of the Elks.

He is an inspiration to us all and Mauro is also one of 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 September.

The winning numbers of the September Raffle are:

1st Place - #1798

2nd Place - #1693

3rd Place - #1862

Congratulations on another successful fundraiser. Elks and guests enjoyed a great night on September 20th for the 4th Raffle Evening of the year! The food was delicious and it was great to enjoy such fun and wonderful music while being with old friends and making new friends! The raffles have been a great fundraiser for the Elks and we encourage everyone to purchase your tickets and join us for the next Raffle evenings on Wednesday, October 18th and Wednesday, November 15th! Hats off to Cynthia Orsi who has run the raffle fundraiser, her excellent menu, skills in the kitchen and thanks to all who worked to make the night such a success!

*Congratulations to the above winners and
Thanks to everyone for supporting the Lodge.*



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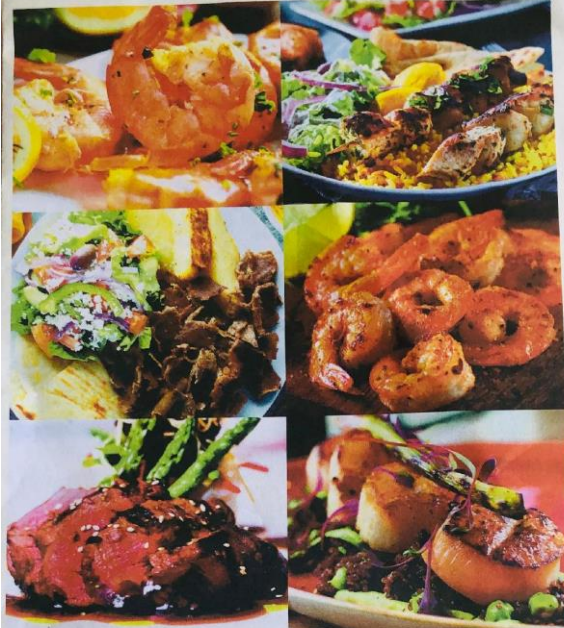


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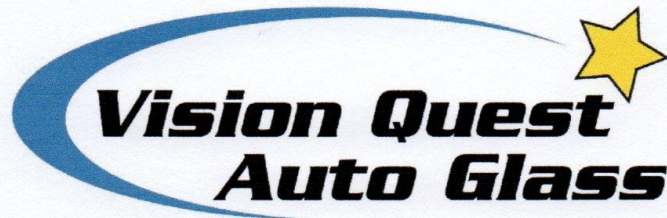


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