



May 2024

The Elks Tale

Our 70th Year

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



Vern Ainslie

Exalted Ruler 2024-2025

Lodge Officers – 2024 - 2025

..... Exalted Ruler	Vern Ainslie
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..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
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..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
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..... Chaplain	Andrea Kennedy
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..... 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:
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 2024-2025

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
	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.	TBD	
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	N/A
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD ..	908.996.6724
Fundraising	TBD	
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
Scholarship	Dr. Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
Social/Comm. Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers	
Youth Activities	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 Lodge Committees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No report available.

Bill Trstensky
Trustee

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

No report available.

Next House Committee meeting is not scheduled.

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

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

We are continuing to hold events that will support our efforts so that our Special Needs children can maintain a lifestyle which they deserve. Volunteers as well as donations are always welcome.

Until next time,

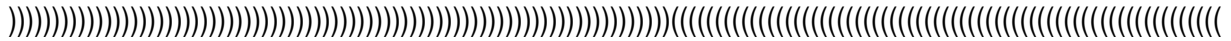
Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson

**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.

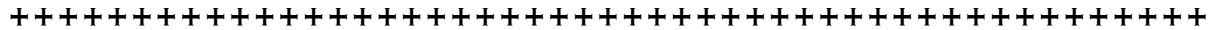
Fraternally,

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



YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

No report available.



**AUDITING & ACCOUNTING
COMMITTEE**

No report at this time.

Fraternally,

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

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

Hi All!

May is here and the flowers are blooming! This month we celebrate May Day, May 2nd Bingo, Cinco de Mayo, The Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Happy celebrations!

The Auxiliary also has celebrations and events going on this month. The Auxiliary first would like to congratulate the Flemington Elks Lodge 1928 officers for the year 2024 to 2025. Wishing you all the best in the coming year.

The Auxiliary and the Auxiliary Special Needs Committee is once again donating to \$2000. to the following organizations. NJSEA Camp Moore, Hunterdon Healthcare Child Development Center, Mane Stream, Riding with Heart, Hunterdon Outreach Program, Arc of Hunterdon, Center of Education Advancement, Hybridge Learning Center and Star Thrower. Thank you to all the volunteers throughout the year that have helped make these donations doable.

Sunday breakfast is back! Enjoy a delicious all you can eat breakfast for Mother's Day on Sunday May 12. Serving 8 am to noon. \$10 per person and kids \$5. Stay for a Mother's Day Service, conducted by the Flemington Elks Lodge officers, at 12:30.

The Auxiliary is planning a trip into NYC to see the show "THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG" on Sunday May 19. Open to Auxiliary members, their guests and lodge members. Show tickets are \$80 per person. RSVP to Patti (908-528-7328) by May 1 and money must be in by May 14.

Monday May 27 is the Flemington Memorial Day Parade. The Lodge and the Auxiliary will be joining in the celebration. There will be transportation available for anyone who wishes to join in but are unable to walk the parade route. Food and drink available at the lodge afterwards. Auxiliary members are asked to wear white shirt and black pants. Please sign up and show your support for the Auxiliary, the Lodge and for our fallen veterans.

Save the Date! The Auxiliary's annual Clam Bake & BBQ is Saturday July 20. Once again it promises to be a fun day of delicious food, and music. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Auxiliary members Carol Creighton, Jane Groff, Eileen Lavagno, Fran Riccardi, Mary Schomp, Debbie Thompson and Pat Trautman.

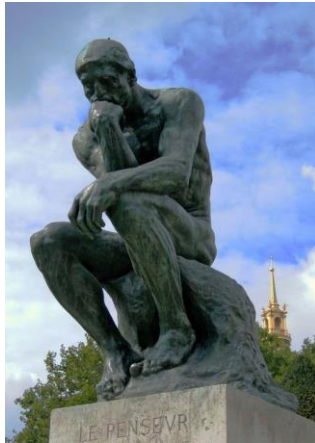
The Auxiliary's next meeting is Tuesday May 7. Come on out and bring a friend! The more the merrier!

Patti DeLuca

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

**** 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.



Do you really need to think about sending in your dues?

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
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)



Attendance at the Lodge Meetings is a very important part of being a member of the B.P.O.E.. During these lodge sessions you can participate in any discussion concerning the lodge or bring up your concerns about lodge activities or procedures. You will be able to vote on issues that will also affect the lodge and membership. Your voice can be heard and it will make a difference.

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.

Test Your Knowledge

Which U.S. President said "Mr. Gorbachev tear down this wall"

How much dirt is in a hole that is 3 feet deep by 6 feet long and 4 feet wide?

Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

It seems that the year is flying by. I was just looking at my calendar the other day and discovered that someone ripped the fifth month out of it. I was dismayed.

I started an exercise program recently. I ran around the block five times this morning but then I got tired, so I put the block back in the toy box. Did anyone see the recent eclipse? I was told I could look at it through a colander. I tried, but it strained my eyes. Speaking of the solar eclipse, did you hear about the astronaut who broke up with his girlfriend? He said that he needed space! The same astronaut found out that he had a rash on his feet similar to athlete's foot, but he later found out he was suffering from missile toe.

I went for a job interview today and they told me I'd start at \$3,000 a month. After six months I'd earn \$3,500. I told them I'd start in six months.

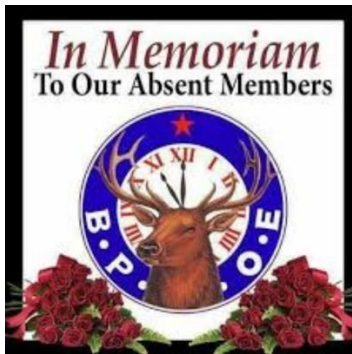
I used to work in the paper business but then it folded. I decided to train to become an ice cream man. I had to go to sundae school. The news just reported that a man wearing boxers was leading the police in a brief chase.

That's it for this month but remember, age is something that doesn't matter, unless you're cheese.

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich





*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.

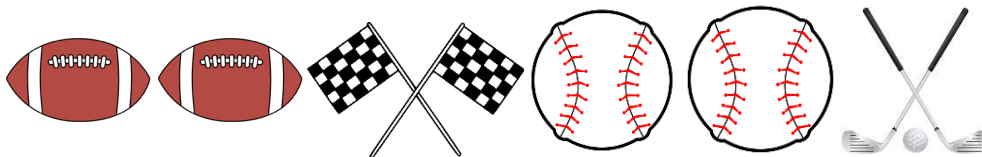
The Grill Room



**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:

Sunday

Michele

Monday

****Closed****

Tuesday

Tiffany

Wednesday

Gayle & Annie (also serving up delicious snacks and bar food)

Thursday

Sue

Friday

Saturday

Michele

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

LODGE ACTIVITIES



On April 24, 2024 the Flemington Lodge donated a combined total of \$6000.00 to the Flemington Food Pantry, America's Grow-A-Row and Family Harvest with monies received from the Beacon and Spotlight Grants.

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Join in to welcome back our members who have not been around the Lodge in some time.
We missed you!!!

May 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Bingo	3	4
5	6 Blood Bank	7 P.E.R. Meeting	8 Lodge Meeting	9 Cornhole	10	11
12 Mother's Day Breakfast	13	14 Auxiliary Meeting	15	16 Cornhole	17	18
19	20 Blood Bank	21	22 Lodge Meeting	23 Karaoke & Cornhole	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Parade	28	29	30	31	



The deadline for submitting any information for the
June 2024 Elks Tale is
Friday May 24, 2024

May 12 (Sunday) All You Can Eat Breakfast sponsored by the Lodge Auxiliary

May 27 (Monday) Flemington Boro Memorial Day Parade

June 7-9 (Friday- Sunday) NJ State Elks Association Wildwood Reunion

June 30- July 4 (Sunday-Thursday) Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas

July 20 (Saturday) Lodge Clambake & Bar-B-Que sponsored by the Lodge Auxiliary

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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Flemington Elks Auxiliary **Mother's Day Sunday Breakfast**



Sunday May 12, 2024
8:00am to Noon
\$10 Adults - \$5 kids

Celebrate Mother's Day with an "All You Can Eat" breakfast!

All are welcome to attend the Special Mother's Day Service following the breakfast at 1230pm conducted by the Flemington Elks Lodge Officers.

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Answers to 'Test Your Knowledge':

Question #1 – Ronald Reagan

Question #2 - No dirt, as it has been removed



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908 878-8746
flemingtonelks.com






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

- 1.
2. William K. Miller, Jr, Robert Storr
3. Alan Brintz
4. Bruce Kerr
- 5.
- 6.
7. Donald F. Scholl, Jr., Dawn Schenck
- 8.
9. Randall S. Kerr - **PER**
- 10.
11. Barry I. Sheppard - **PER**
- 12.
13. Angelo Coppola
14. Jay Trstensky
- 15.
16. Clarence R. Smith, John B. Smith, Craig Salmon
- 17.
18. Emil Elbaum, George D. Muller
19. Lewis J. Zapko
- 20.
21. Edward Bretka
22. William C. McCreery III
23. Richard Mansdoerfer, Jr.
24. Raymond Selmer, Linda Murphy – **PDD**, Mary Lou Cartobino, David Mann
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
28. Richard Callaman, Albert Scott Lewis
29. Anthony J. Esposito
30. John Lombardi
- 31.

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.



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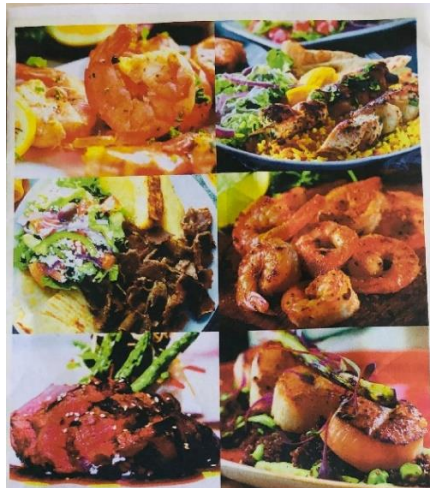
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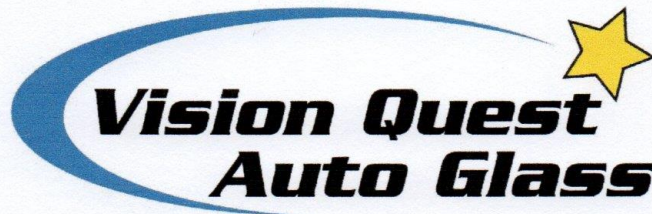


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