



June 2024

The Elks Tale

Our 70th Year

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



Vern Ainslie

Exalted Ruler 2024-2025

A Message from the Exalted Ruler:

My first full month as Exalted Ruler has been interesting to say the least.

We initiated six new members, we replaced the Pictures of all the Officers in the Entry Hall.

May 12th the Women's Auxiliary put on a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast.

It was good to see friends of the breakfast. The Officers of the Elks performed the Mother's Day service. Flowers were handed out to all Mothers, white flowers for who mothers have passed, Red Flowers for Mothers whose Moms are still with us, as per Elks Tradition! The turnout in the kitchen was very good, Thank You All who helped make this possible!

Despite setbacks from unsettled weather The Members of the Elks Lodge and Women's Auxiliary assembled a float and participated in the Flemington Annual Parade. The turnout was very good, the weather held out for the parade, the wind did not hold back though!

Next Breakfast planned will be Father's Day June 16th, Calling all Members to come Join Us That Day! Women's Auxiliary will be Serving Breakfast 8am till 12pm, Come Out and Enjoy All You Can Eat! And the Public is Invited as Well, Tell All Your Friends! Omelets, Eggs about 5 different ways! pancakes, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage, pork roll, toast, juices, coffee and tea! (Did I miss anything?) Kids Under 7 free, Kids 7-12 \$5 and Adults \$10 !!!All You Can Eat!!!

The Flemington Elks Lodge 1928 donated ENF Grant Money to Flemington Food Pantry, which is sharing community service with Clinton, Clinton's Food Pantry burned down recently. Grow a Row, a Farm which grows crops and donates them to Food Pantry, Family Harvest Success Center which supplies food, teaches cooking and providing a meal to those less fortunate. Incredible number of volunteers make this work!

Lodge Officers – 2024 - 2025

..... Exalted Ruler	Vern Ainslie
..... Est. Leading Knight	Gregory Fritz
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
..... Treasurer	George Upton, PER
..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
..... Tiler	Todd Hunt
..... Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
..... Chaplain	Andrea Kennedy
..... Esquire	Shirley Lewis
..... Trustee - 1 Year	John Lombardi
..... 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: TBA

Citizen of the Year: TBA

Officer of the Year: TBA

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

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

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)



Your voice can be heard and it will make a difference by attending a Regular Lodge Meeting.

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.



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.



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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.	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER ...	N/A
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD	908.996.6724
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Government Relations	Eric Anderson.....	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
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	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
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National Foundation	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
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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	Cynthia Orsi- Kuhl	732.966.5704
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.

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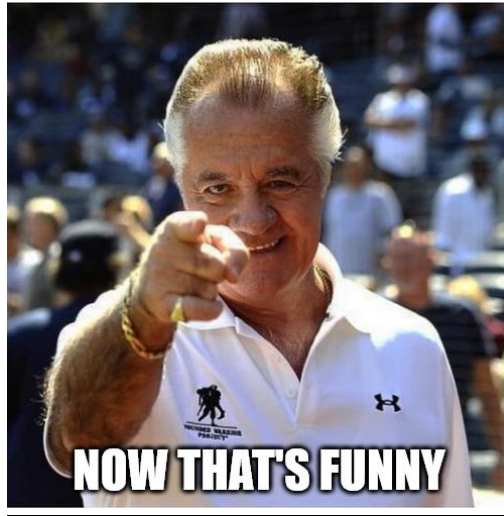
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Note: B & B Press is now printing the Elks Tale as well as other items for the Flemington Lodge.



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

Summer is approaching fast, along with the warmer weather and sunny days. Do you know why the sun went to school? To get a little brighter. Summer is also a great time for the beach. Do you know what you get when you cross an elephant with a fish? Swimming trunks! Down here in the south we get a lot of storms. My wife thinks it's weird that I stare at the window during a heavy rainstorm. I guess it would be a lot less weird if she would just let me come inside.

Walking down the street the other day, I saw a sign outside of a shop saying "50% off men's trousers." It turns out they were selling shorts. I then passed a hardware store selling ladders. It made me realize that spaces between ladder rungs have increased because Americans are getting taller. Manufacturers claim it's due to climb it change! Following that, I went home and put on the news. There was a report that two ships collided. One had red paint; the other had blue paint. At last report the survivors were marooned. Another report stated that scientists were studying the earth's revolutions in a 24-hour cycle. After the research was completed, they called it a day. The last story was a report about how alligators can grow up to 15 feet. All this time I thought they could have four.

One last thought: I've been thinking about my father lately, and how he worked 12 hours a day to put food on the table. He was a great man, but a slow cook. That's all for this month.

Keep on laughing!

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

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28. Robert D. Brunn, Thomas F. Mullen
- 29.
30. William D. Saunders, David L. Cahall

Reports from the Lodge Committees

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Bill Trstensky

Trustee

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HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Hello All Elk Members,

I would like to start off by letting you know that the Flemington Elks Lodge now has a new House Committee. Let me introduce William Miller as our new Chairperson and myself, Tiffany Quick as the Co-Chair.

We had our first meeting on May 15th in the Grill Room. We have a new phone list of bartenders in the Grill Room. If you would like to add your name and number, please send me your info and I will add it to the list.

If you are interested in bartending, please let us know and we will get you trained and added to the schedule. If you just want to be a member of our committee that is great too. We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

We are also excited to let you know that there is COORS Banquet beer included in the bottled beer selection. There are also two new bourbons added to the bar menu including Knob Creek and Henry McKenna.

Come on down and give them a "shot". We look forward to seeing you at the lodge.

William K. Miller, Jr.

Tiffany Quick

House Committee Co-Chairs

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

We were very busy with catering events for two of our Special Needs groups on March 23rd & April 12th. Also our bingo attendance on April 4th was 209 players. Thank you very much to everyone who worked very hard at all of these happenings. Good Job!!!

As a result of all of the volunteers that worked very hard over the past 2 years with all of our endeavors, we are proud to disburse \$2,000 to the following Hunterdon County charities: ARC of Hunterdon County, CEA, Certified Fitness for Special Needs Inc., Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation f/b/o The Child Development Center, Hunterdon Outreach Programs, Hybridge Learning Group, Mane Stream, NJ State Elks Assoc. Special Needs f/b/o Camp Moore, Riding with Heart, Star Throwers Group Inc. In addition, we paid \$2,000 for 2023 & \$2,900 for therapy for the Hydro twins for 2024. So in total our contributions amounted to \$24,900. A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to all of the volunteers that worked diligently to make this happen.

Until next time,
Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson

**All proceeds from the bingo games
benefit the Lodge Special Needs Children**



PER ASSOCIATION

The PER's (Past Exalted Rulers) are scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, June 5th** at 7:00 PM in the conference room. If any lodge member has any concerns or questions or even a great idea, please don't hesitate to ask any active **PER** for answers, since we work with the Exalted Ruler and the lodge officers. Our thanks to all who support our lodge.

We ask that all available PER's try to attend these meetings.

Fraternally,

Kenneth Whalen

PER Association President

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee is working on fulfilling the items to be purchased from the Freedom Grant which will be given to North Haven Homeless Vets in Glen Gardner who are in transition.

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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

Batters Up- Our "Elks Logo board" is up at the FRB field #1. We have communicated with FRB to coordinate this year's Batters Up Event and are waiting for their response on hosting.

Soccer and Hoop Shoot sign up will be available at the August 4 Car Show and Pig Roast.

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AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

No report at this time.

Fraternally,

Bruce R. Totten - PDDGER

State Trustee - WCD

Auditing & Accounting Committee - Chairperson

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THE AUXILIARY OF LODGE # 1928

No Report at this time

Patti DeLuca

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The Freedom Grant has been applied for and accepted. The committee is shopping for the below items to be donated.

Air Mattress	\$250.00
Pillows	\$250.00
Bed Sheet Sets	\$150.00
Comforters	\$150.00
Towels	\$200.00

Fraternally,

Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl

ENF Chairperson

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM (DAP) COMMITTEE

The Walk Out on Drugs is penciled in for Saturday September 7, 2024 at 9am

Fraternally,

Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl

DAP Chairperson

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Life Membership Election

At a Regular Lodge Session, Mr. Charles A. Smith of 24 Masters Court in Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087-2043 has requested Life Membership in the Flemington Elks Lodge. Under Grand Lodge Statute 14.260 and the Flemington Lodge By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 2, this member has met the necessary requirements.

At the Regular Lodge Session on June 12, 2024 a secret vote will be taken concerning this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

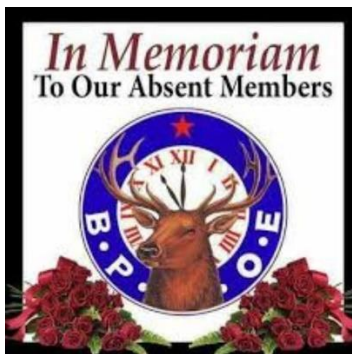
Barry L. Sheppard

Lodge Secretary

**** 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.





*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.

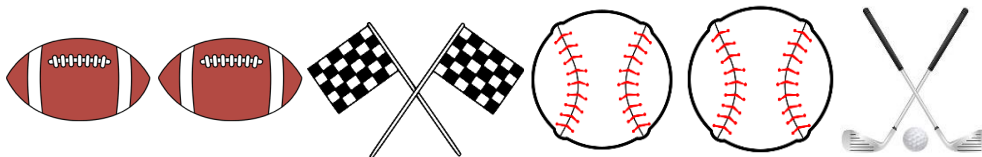
The Grill Room



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:

<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>Donna</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Michele</i>

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

LODGE ACTIVITIES

June 2024

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2	3 Blood Bank	4	5 P.E.R. Meeting	6 Bingo	7 Wildwood Reunion →	8
9 →	10	11 Auxiliary Meeting	12 Lodge Meeting	13 Cornhole	14	15
16 Father's Day Breakfast	17 Blood Bank	18	19	20 Karaoke & Cornhole	21	22
23	24	25	26 Lodge Meeting	27 Cornhole	28	29
30 Grand Lodge Convention						

BRAIN TWIZZLERS

What has to be broken before it can be used?

What goes up, but never comes down?



The deadline for submitting any information for the
July 2024 Elks Tale is
Friday June 28, 2024

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

June 8 (Saturday) Hunterdon County Community Day –
Flemington Elks will have an Information Table -
Meet and Greet the Community
Come for part of the day or the entire day
Contact Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl 732-966-5704 to Schedule Volunteering

June 16 (Sunday) Father’s Day Breakfast

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

August 4 (Saturday) Pig Roast & Car Show sponsored by the Youth Activities
Committee – Tickets are \$20.00
Contact Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl 732-966-5704 to Schedule Volunteering

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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Answers to ‘Brain Twizzlers’:

Question #1 – An egg

Question #2 - Your age

PIG ROAST

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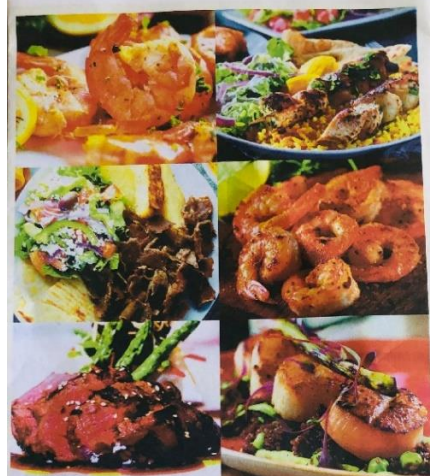
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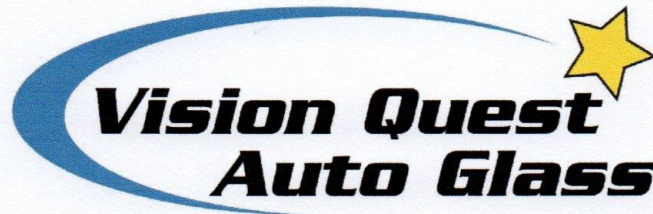
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