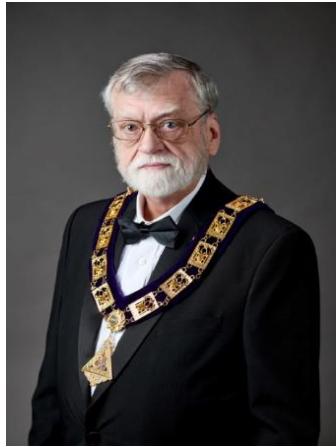




*April 2022*

## *The Elks Tale*

### *Flemington Elks Lodge #1928*



Welcome to Spring 2022, and also to a new year in Elkdom. It's that time when lodges across the country emerge from the Winter doldrums and begin to blossom with their true calling. That is Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

We begin again to put to work fundraising efforts to support our local communities and those in need. We can help by being a part of the Flemington-Raritan landscape and conducting events such as dinners, car washes, flea markets and anything that will draw the area residents to the lodge.

Working together as a solid membership, this lodge will continue to be a central point for the community and we will thrive again just like the "old days". I have seen the smiles on the faces of the Lodge members and the Auxiliary members when our future is discussed. It is very encouraging to know that we, as a community and a social lodge, have survived a very tough two years. Now I suggest that each of you get on board and give as much as you can to keep the momentum going. I'm not asking for money (but a little donation might be helpful) just an idea for an event or helping to take out a bag of garbage or coming out for a dinner or even coming to the Grill Room for a refreshment.

There is so much going on nowadays and we want you to be a part of it. The St. Valentine's Dinner, the St. Patrick's Dinner, the Comedy Shows and, of course, our Friday Night Dinners are returning because our lodge members want to socialize again.

It has been a very tough two years dealing with the pandemic and we understand if you are still skeptical about being in a crowd. If you prefer wearing a mask and sitting away from other members there is room for you to enjoy each event. The Flemington Lodge is here and we will continue to beckon your return to a place of comfort.

This is your lodge and we look forward to your return.

*Fraternally,  
Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.  
Exalted Ruler*

## Lodge Officers – 2022 - 2023

..... Exalted Ruler	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER
..... Est. Leading Knight	Randall Kerr, PER
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
..... Treasurer	George Upton, PER
..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
..... Tiler	Adam Papa
..... Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
..... Chaplain	Mauro Fanelli, PER
..... Esquire	JD Harvis, PER
..... Trustee - 1 Year	Casey Hoff
..... Trustee - 2 Year	Gene Sierp
..... Trustee - 3 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 4 Year	John Kalmbach
..... Trustee - 5 Year	William Trstensky

## Officers of the Auxiliary

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

**2021 - 2022**  
**Elk of the Year:**  
**Citizen of the Year:**  
**Officer of the Year:**

## Monthly Lodge Meetings

**Lodge Members:** September to June:  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM  
July, August & December: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

**Auxiliary Members:** September to June:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:15 PM

# HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

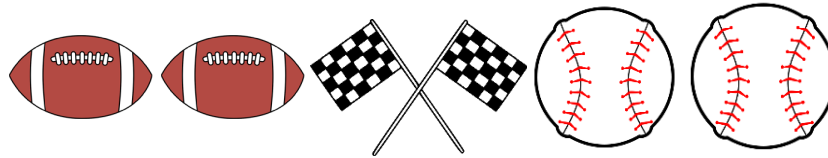
Nothing to report.

House Committee Co-Chair  
Randy Kerr, PER

**Grill Room Hours:  
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat  
Sunday 1245pm to???**

*Don't forget that every Sunday the Grill Room is open for watching the NASCAR races and in the Spring we will have the new football league playing as well as Major League Baseball.*

*Your host and bartender, Michele, will have the TV's set to watch all of the sports action. Doors open at 1245pm.*



## PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 PM in the conference room. If any lodge member has any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to ask any active **PER** for answers, since we work with Exalted Ruler Dan and the lodge officers. Our thanks to all who support our lodge.*

At this meeting the PER's will decide who will be the next President of the Association.

*Fraternally,  
Barry Shepard PER  
PER Association President (pro tem)*

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As of this time there is nothing to report.

Bill Trstensky  
Head Trustee

## Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Accident Prevention	Casey Hoff	908.507.5977
Americanism	TBD	
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, PDD	908.246.0526
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, PER .....	908.788.5963
Better Parades	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff .....	908.507.5977
Community Affairs	Daniel J. Petitt, Sr. ....	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick	908.797.0670
Drug Awareness.	Daniel J Petitt, Sr. ....	201.341.3071
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr. ....	201.341.3071
Fraternal Committee ....	Lee Trautman, PDD.....	908.996.6724
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	Tiffany Quick	908.797.0670
Long Range Planning	Bruce Totten, PER.....	908.246.0526
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD .....	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER.	908.782.3307
National Foundation	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Randall Kerr, PER .....	908.328.4091
Public Relations	TBD	
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Randall Kerr, PER.....	908.328.4091
Social/Comm. Welfare	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	TBD	
Veterans.....	TBD	
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD .....	908.782.4006
Youth Activities .....	TBD	
Website	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071

### **B.P.O.E INFORMATION**

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: [www.flemingtonelks.com](http://www.flemingtonelks.com) for information on upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures, functions, and general lodge information.

The Elks Tale is posted on our website on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month!

**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**

# The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

It's Spring! And we hope to see more members coming out to enjoy the Auxiliary and Lodge events.

The Auxiliary has been working hard these past few months and we are slowly getting back in the black. If you get a chance to get to the lodge check out the ladies' room floor. We had the old wood floor replaced with a beautiful gray tile and new baseboard. It looks great! Now onto the rest of the ladies' room.

A great big THANK YOU goes out to Chris Ondrak and the Gilded Lily Florist for coming to our March meeting and doing his beautiful flower arrangements. The St. Patrick's Dinner was a big success in spite of the cold, snow and icy weather. Thank you to all who came out and braved the weather conditions to join us. And welcome back to some old lodge members who we haven't seen in a while.

Don't forget to come out and enjoy the Sunday breakfast on April 24th. A delicious all you can eat breakfast for \$9. April 7 is Bingo, can't win if you don't come and play! April 12 will be our meeting night. 7:15 start. We will not be having an installation this year since the current officers are staying on for another year.

Tuesday May 24 there will be a memorial service for PER Gerry Stockelberg at the Wright and Ford Funeral Home at 10 am. Gerry's wife has been a long time member and past president of the Auxiliary. Please come out and give her our support.

The Auxiliary is going to Music Mountain in Lambertville Sunday May 22 to see the show "The Producers" Tickets are \$25 per person and we will be getting a car pool going for anyone interested. Show time is 3:00pm. Will also be looking into somewhere in the area to go have dinner afterwards. RSVP's and ticket money are due at the April meeting. RSVP by signing up at the Lodge or text me at 908-528-7328. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and hope to see everyone soon!

*Patti DeLuca*

Auxiliary President



## *A Message from the Lodge Secretary*

The lodge is 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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Let's wELKome our new members who were initiated  
on March 23, 2022.

Coleen Devlin Eugene Kelly



## 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.

## \*\*\*\* Lapsation \*\*\*\*

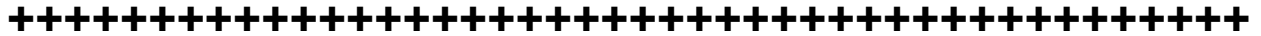
It's never too late to send in your dues.

As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing.

Please remit your dues of \$76.00 for the year 2022-2023 to the Lodge Secretary.







By Grand Lodge Statutes all Lodges are required to update their Lodge By-Laws every five years. The Flemington Lodge is scheduled to revise/update ours in 2022. After review by the By-Laws Committee, any changes that are found to be necessary will be presented to the membership before a vote is taken.

*Absent Members for the Elk Year 2022-2023*

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.



# SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

We were not able to catch the elusive bunny rabbit so there will be no breakfast with the Easter Bunny this year. However, we did have an opportunity to prepare a plated breakfast fundraiser for the Hunterdon Central Boys Lacrosse team on March 20th which was well attended.

Our February breakfast was also a success with 160 paid diners. Thank you to all who worked both breakfasts. Good news, the March 3rd bingo was back to a more normal attendance and we raised some money for the Special Needs kids.

I have heard that Camp Moore is only taking campers that are fully vaccinated & boosted, as a result so far, one of our attendees has had to relinquish his reservation. Unfortunately, rules must be made and followed.

Happy Easter

Until next month,

*Suzanne Lucas*  
*Chairperson*



*Shine Bright!*★

Nothing to report this month.

Adam Papa  
Lodge Representative



It was great to see many members come out in the cold and ice to enjoy the St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Grill Room was filled with joy and friendship while diners enjoyed a scrumptious meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Fish & Chips. Chef George Upton once again supplied a mouth-watering repast. And many thanks for Auxiliary President Patti DeLuca for her assistance in the kitchen and serving the patrons in the Grill Room.





## Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, and I hope everyone had a good day. Do you know why you shouldn't iron a shamrock? Because you don't want to press your luck! Since I seem to have a lot of time relaxing on the beach (right ER Dan? LOL) I was wondering about the following items:

- Why is it that English is the only language where you drive on the parkway and park in the driveway?
- English is also the only language where you recite in a play and play in recital.
- Why is it that when you transport something by car it's called a shipment but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?
- Our fingers have fingertips but our toes don't have toe tips. Why can you tip toe but not tip finger?

I recently saw on the news here that a truck carrying toupees crashed on the highway. The police are combing the area. Another story said that the police are trying to locate a gang that steals shirts by size. They are currently at large. A final reminder: always be kind to people who wear spectacles. They paid good money to see you!

It's time for me to go back to the beach and relax. Until next time, keep laughing!



*PDD Rich*

# April 2022

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3 Officer Installation	4 Blood Drive	5	6	7 Bingo	8	9
10	11 Blood Drive	12 Auxiliary Meeting	13 Lodge Meeting	14	15	16
17	18 Blood Drive	19	20	21	22	23
24 Breakfast	25 Blood Drive	26	27 Lodge Meeting	28	29 Friday Night Comedy	30



Attendance at a Lodge Meeting is not mandatory, but it is a great way to learn what is happening at the lodge first hand. It gives you a chance to participate and 'say your piece' about the business of the lodge and, of course, after the meeting spending some quality time with other members.



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

1. Charles Miller
2. Richard Nelson Jr.
3. Thomas Stover
4. Matteo Sebastiano, Stephen Maksymovich Jr., Robert C. Evans
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- 6.
7. Eric Trautman, George Blackwell
8. Bruce A. Tomb
- 9.
- 10.
11. Michael Stover
12. Benjamin Vieytes Jr., Patsy Lehman
- 13.
14. George J. Walker, Bruce A. Bailey – **PDD**, William C. McCreery III
15. George D. Muller
16. Michael Sniscak, Thomas P. Carr
17. Felix Rossi, Bruce R. Totten – **PDD**, Herbert B. Moore, Leslie W. Haley
18. Arthur Brannick, Dennis Tretter
- 19.
- 20.
- 21.
22. Edward J. Jamison III
- 23.
- 24.
25. John Kalmbach, Theodore P. Seal
26. Francis X. Brown Jr., Charles A. Smith
27. Richard Woolf
28. William Maksymovich, Thomas Teubert – **PER**, Michael J. Eannone, Guy Grignon
29. Robert E. Rowe
- 30.



2021 was a difficult year and your donations helped keep the lodge solvent. But this is a new year and we still need your financial support.

If you still care about the lodge you can send in a check for any amount and it will go a long way to keeping the Flemington Lodge alive. And, once again, I thank you for your support and everlasting love of this organization.

*Daniel J. Pettitt, Sr.*

Exalted Ruler

Albright, Patricia  
Alexander, Ralph  
Anderson, Edward  
Anderson, Dr. Jeff  
Assenheimer, Fred  
Bailey, Bruce  
Cahall, David  
Callahan, Richard  
Campbell, Walter  
Cervanka, Deborah  
Cestra, Louis  
Ciotta, Donald  
Clark, Sandy  
Coppola, Angelo  
Dickson, Doug & Rose  
Elbaum, Emil  
Ellis, Ann Marie  
Esposito, Anthony  
Fanelli, Mauro  
Fasano, Michael  
Finelli, James  
Fisher, Charles  
Halstead, Doris  
In Memory of Kalafer, Steve  
Troisi, Gerald  
Kanaby, Joseph  
Kopcha, Daniel  
Kuhl, Henry  
Lavagno, Rich & Eileen  
Lucas, Suzanne  
Martin, William  
Martinetti, Jean  
Masaitis, Richard  
Maskell, Patricia  
McPherson, James  
Monaco, Louis  
Pettitt, Daniel J., Sr.

Mulligan, Donald  
Muscatell, Daniel  
Naccarato, Peter  
Ondrak, Chris  
Papa, Adam  
Panko, Michael  
Partak, Robert  
Polhemus, Jack & Luba  
Ricard, Donald  
Riley, Elizabeth  
Rossi, Felix & Barbara  
Rowe, Robert  
Rowe, Sandy  
Rupell, Leslie  
Rynerson, Frederick  
Sornberger, Gundegard  
Sornberger, Randy  
Stockelberg, Barbara  
Stockelberg, Gerald  
Stuart III, Charles  
Tedesco, James  
Teubert, Thomas  
Trautman, Lee  
Trautman, Tracey  
Strizki, Brian  
Upton, Charles  
Upton, George  
Upton, Linda  
Valencia, Saul  
VanDerveer, James & Shirley  
Vill, Shirley Ann  
Whalen, Kenneth  
Wilkinson, John  
Wilson, Mary  
Zapko, Louis  
Zarish, Lois  
In Memory of Linda Johnson

*Elks National Foundation  
Fundraiser -  
For the opportunity to cut off the  
Exalted Ruler's Ponytail*



*Put your name in the bucket with a \$5.00 donation  
and on April 3, 2022 at the Officer Installation a  
name will be drawn to determine the winner.*

*Donation bucket is located in the Grill Room*



*The Flemington Elks Lodge #1928  
of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
cordially invites all members and their guests  
to celebrate the installation of the  
Lodge Officers for the year of 2022 to 2023*

*The Installation Ceremony will be conducted on  
Sunday April 3, 2022  
At the Flemington Lodge  
165 Route 31 South  
Flemington, NJ 08822*

*Cocktail Hour from 200pm to 300pm  
followed by the  
Traditional Ritual and Installation of  
Exalted Ruler Daniel J. Pettit, Sr  
and the Officers of the Lodge*

*\*\* A cash bar and a light repast will be available \*\**





NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION SCC

CELEBRATES

50th Anniversary

ELKS CAMP MOORE

SATURDAY

23

APRIL

*Location*

5 SUSQUEANNA AVE  
HASKELL NJ 07420

*Info*

LISA  
201-364-9662



**TICKETS**

DONATION: \$25 (PREPAID)  
AT DOOR: \$30 (ON THE DAY)  
RAIN OR SHINE



## Life Membership Election

Congratulations to Past District Deputy Bruce Totten (and current State Trustee representing the West Central District) as he becomes a Life Member of the B.P.O.E..

Bruce, your Life Membership is only overshadowed by your dedication to this lodge, to Elkdom and to the many Veterans whom you have supported through the years.

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*For some more good news, the 'walk-in' cooler in the kitchen has been repaired and part of the cost of those repairs has been paid by an anonymous benefactor from the Flemington Elks Lodge. We are grateful for their generosity and love of this lodge and cannot thank them enough for such a thoughtful gesture.*

The building has also experienced some leakage in the lower roof recently. It seems that there are many spots that are worn out and the whole section needs to be replaced before we have a major failure. Some temporary repairs were made in February and an estimate received recently is in the amount of \$22,000.00.

However, the work cannot be completed until the Spring so please keeps your fingers crossed that we will not have bad weather that will compromise the damage any further. Of course, the process of making these repairs must follow the Grand Lodge Statutes before any activity can proceed forward and we need at least two other contractors to bid on the repairs.

Keep watching the lodge website for updates and stop in more often at the Grill Room.



## **Did You Know?**



New Brunswick, NJ Lodge # 324

40 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, New Jersey

After looking for many years we have found a home in the heart of New Jersey for our museum. New Brunswick Lodge 324, being over 100 years old and rich in Tradition was dedicated on March 18, 2007 as the site for "THE NEW JERSEY STATE HISTORICAL HOME".

This is a location where we and future ELKS and their Families can witness our proud Heritage and see examples of our past. Displayed in our showcases are ELK artifacts dating back over one hundred years while some date back to yesterday. Some of our displays will keep changing, some being removed and some being added. So when you stop by and look one day you may see something of yours or your loved ones.

It should be noted that all present realize that you are now part of that HISTORY

THANKS to New Brunswick Lodge 324 and all those Past and Present that made this day possible.

Cliff Lenox  
NJ State Historical Chairman 2006-2007