

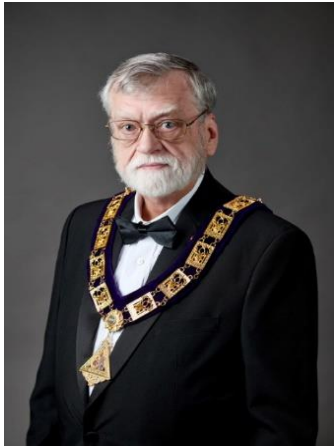


*August 2021*

# *The Elks Tale*

*Issue No. 67 – 12*

## *Flemington Elks Lodge #1928*



First, I would like to apologize for not publishing this monthly newsletter as it should have been. I have been ill and at one point I was in the hospital and then a rehab center. But I am feeling well enough to get the communication link back to its rightful place.

I am especially grateful to the members of both the Lodge and the Auxiliary who have kept the Flemington Elks thriving during the Covid-19 crisis and my recent absence. It has been an example of the four principles of our Order which are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We should all be proud of those who have given their time, their efforts and their money to bring back this lodge.

But the work is not over, and it seems like it never is, and we must continue to support this lodge by attending the events that the lodge sponsors. Not only by attending the monthly breakfast, but also coming out for the car shows, pig roasts, the grab & go dinners and most importantly the Lodge Meetings. There are a few committees that need someone as a Chairperson or an extra hand. The Lodge also needs some new members that will continue our legacy to the surrounding community. I look forward to having the membership return to a bevy of activity and making this building burst at the seams with joy, laughter and friendship and working as a family once again.

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

# Lodge Officers – 2021 - 2022

..... Exalted Ruler	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.
..... Est. Leading Knight	Randall Kerr, PER
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Gene Sierp
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Rich Lavagno, PDD
..... 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	William Trstensky
..... Trustee - 2 Year	Casey Hoff
..... Trustee - 3 Year	TBD
..... Trustee - 4 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 5 Year	John Kalmbach

## Officers of the Auxiliary

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

### 2020 - 2021

**Elk of the Year:** *Jeffrey Allegar*  
**Citizen of the Year:** *John 'Jack' Cust, Jr.*  
**Officer of the Year:** *William Trstensky*

## *Monthly Lodge Meetings*

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

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

**Grill Room Hours:  
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat**

**Stop in and meet your friendly bartenders and see the changes that have occurred.**

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## **PER ASSOCIATION**

*The PER's will meet again on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The PER's would like to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the lodge and auxiliary members throughout the pandemic. Our thanks to all for supporting our lodge.*

*Fraternally,*

**PDD Rich Lavagno**  
**PER Association President**

## Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Accident Prevention	Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Americanism		
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, PER	908.788.5963
Better Parades	Daniel J Petitt, Sr...	201.341.3071
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff	
Community Affairs	Daniel Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick .....	908.797.0670
Dishwasher	Randy Sornberger .	908.328.3432
Drug Awareness.	Daniel J Petitt, Sr...	201.341.3071
Elks Tale Editor	TBD	
Fraternal Committee	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Friday Night Dinner		
Government Relations	Eric Anderson.....	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	TBD	
House Committee	William Trsentsky Randall Kerr, PER	
Lodge Accountant	Bragg & Karnoff.....	908.788.2998
Lodge Activities	Tiffany Quick .....	908.797.0670
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER.	908.782.3307
National Foundation	TBD	
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Public Relations		
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Randall Kerr, PER	
Social/Comm. Welfare	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas .....	908.782.5037
Standing Relief		
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD ..	908.782.4006
Youth Activities....		
Website	TBD	

## **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 by 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 out about the world of Elkdom:**

**BPOE News**  
**Elks Social Media Network**  
**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**

## **State Trustee**

I am proud to be the West Central District's Representative to the State Trustees. As of this writing, we have not met yet, but there is a meeting planned for the near future. I am excited to have this position and learn how New Jersey as a State uses its funds. I will try to report on anything that is important and affects our Lodge.

PDD Rich



## Special Needs Children

Welcome Home ER Dan, wishing you continued improvement with your health. We made it through the “pandemic” and are looking forward to a good recovery of lodge activities.

Camp Moore was again held as a zoom session and I was happy to deliver the craft backpacks of items to work on during the sessions, it was so good to see some of the campers when I delivered the backpacks, I miss them so much. We are all looking forward to an actual camp stay for the Summer of 2022. Breakfasts have been increasing in size with an average of about 130 diners and now we will start out fresh on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Tell all your friends to come down and join us. I just renewed the lodge registration for Bingo and I am gathering my thoughts and making a checklist of everything that needs to be done to get our first Thursday of the month games started again. There is a lot to do and I will be calling on some of you for help and support. The goal for Bingo to begin again is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

In closing I would just like to remind everyone that these activities can only be a success with your help, give me a call at (609) 309-5238 to let me know your availability.

*Suzanne Lucas*  
*Chairperson*



*Shine Bright!* 

The Somerset Children's Center has offered some exciting programs this summer! Thanks to the Somerset Elks Special Children's Committee, we ran an Art Therapy program. In this course, children were encouraged to be creative and thus use their artwork to explore their own personal feelings, reconcile emotional conflicts, manage behaviors, reduce anxiety, while increasing self-esteem. For children who struggle developing friendships and social abilities intuitively, art therapy provides direct instruction and guidance to help learn these skills.

We also offered a course called Pragmatically Speaking which targeted children who have difficulties in the area of pragmatic language. The children were able to learn, practice, and develop communication and life skills in the areas of conversation, social thinking, friendship skills and social problem solving. Thanks to the Princeton Elks Special Children's Committee, we were able to offer this to our clients.

The support we have gotten from these lodges has been incredible and is so deeply appreciated. Being a non-profit, charitable organization, the Somerset Children's Center relies on donations and funding to run these special, educational programs. The Somerset Children's Center continues to grow offering speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy for children with special needs.

Adam Papa  
Tiler  
Lodge Rep, SCC

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Flemington Elks Lodge is sponsoring a benefit for Special Needs Children and other charities on September 16, 2021. With support from the Hunterdon Democrat Newspaper, 101.5 FM Radio, News12 NJ and 'Tap Into' News the 'Festival of Laughs' will be an historic event in supporting the Elks charities for our communities.

If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, please contact the Exalted Ruler, Dan Pettit

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

As the House Committee Chairperson I would like to thank all of the people who have "stepped up to the plate" to help out to keep our Lodge alive. It is a ray of sunshine at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel.

We have added three new bartenders (members) who will attempt to bring back those members who have stayed away since the pandemic. All of the bartenders will maintain the safety protocols and cleaning procedures that are mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Stop in some time to enjoy your favorite beverage and join in a friendly conversation with members that you have not seen in a long time.

House Committee Chair  
Bill Trstensky

### Elks National Foundation

The [mission of the ENF](#) is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work.

For pledges, contact:  
Daniel J Petitt, Sr. 201.341.3071

## 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.

\*\*\*\* **Lapsation** \*\*\*\*

This is a list of the Lodge Members who haven't sent in their dues as of this month. 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 \$71.00 for the year 2021-2022 to the Lodge Secretary.

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Suzanne Beam           | George Blackwell   | Mary Lou Cartobino  |
| William Decker         | William E. Dixon   | Joseph Gherardi     |
| James Hall             | David J. Miller    | Carl C. Ondrak      |
| Joseph T. Peake        | Louis Carl Reiner  | Vincent F. Roche IV |
| George S. Siruas       | Sean Bergin        | Gerald C. Boon III  |
| Donald C. DeLuca, Jr.  | David A. Garbowski | Thomas Walsh        |
| James N. Gurski        | Robert McCann      | Joanne Moore        |
| Stanley L. Ozimek, Jr. | Peter J. Plesh     | Michael Stager      |
| Michael A. Renda       | Robert Schottman   | James G. Spinell    |
| Anthony M. Stockelberg |                    |                     |

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*Absent Members for the Elk Year 2021-2022*

Steven Kalafer 4/21/21   Matteo Sebastiano 5/16/21,   Thomas Tosco 5/19/21



**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.





## Ramblings by Rich

*Hi Everyone,*

*It's been a while since I wrote a rambling and I hope everyone is well. Since the last time we talked I got a job at a factory where they make calendars. I can't believe they fired me. All I did was take a day off! I got another job working in the woods as a lumber jack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax. My friend broke his finger today, but on the other hand he is completely fine. Another friend's house was robbed, and his lamps were stolen. He couldn't be more de-lighted. Did you hear that the police have arrested the world tongue twister champion? I imagine he will be given a tough sentence.*

*When I met Eileen, she worked at a zoo. I knew then she was a keeper. Did you know that the invention of the shovel was groundbreaking, but the invention of the broom was the one that truly swept the nation? I think it was the invention of the wheel that really got things rolling.*

*I hope you enjoyed this rambling after all this time quarantining. Remember, if you see everything coming your way, you are probably in the wrong lane.*

*Keep on smiling!*

***PDD Rich***





## **Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Day during August**

1. Walter Williams
2. James Bush
- 3.
4. Gerald Stockelberg, PER
- 5.
6. Thomas Higgins
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
13. Charlene Santo
14. Howard Quick
15. Floyd Evans, Jr., Arthur Rockerfellow
- 16.. Chris Gacos, Scott Cleary, David McPherson, Anthony Srubjan
17. William T. Pritchett
- 18.
19. Donald Mulligan
- 20.
- 21.
22. Carmen Garfole
23. James Santonastaso
24. Jeffrey Anderson, JD Harvis,PER, George Sirusas
25. Douglas Allen, Donald Fitzpatrick
- 26.
- 27.
28. Walter Campbell. Michael Panko
29. San Powell
- 30.
31. Nicholas Gurski, PER

# WE are FAMILY

On behalf of the Flemington Lodge, I would like to thank those listed who have given so kindly from their hearts so that the Lodge can continue to do the charitable work that is the cornerstone of Elkdom.

*Daniel J. Pettit, 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  
Dickison, Doug & Rose  
Elbaum, Emil  
Ellis, Ann Marie  
Esposito, Anthony  
Fanelli, Mauro  
Fasano, Michael  
Finelli, James  
Fisher, Charles  
Halstead, Doris  
In Memory of  
    Kalafer, Steve  
Kanaby, Joseph  
Kopcha, Daniel  
Kuhl, Henry  
Lavagno, Rich & Eileen  
Lucas, Suzanne  
Martin, William  
Martinetti, Jean  
Masaitis, Richard  
Maskell, Patricia  
McPherson, James  
Monaco, Louis

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  
Rynearson, frederick  
Sornberger, Gundegard  
Sornberger, Randy  
Stockelberg, Barbara  
Stockelberg, Gerald  
Stuart III, Charles  
Tedesco, James  
Teubert, Thomas  
Trautman, Lee  
Trautman, Tracey  
Troisi, Gerald  
Upton, Charles  
Upton, George  
Upton, Linda  
Valencia, Saul  
VanDerveer, James & Shirley  
Vill, Shirley Ann  
Whalen, Kenneth  
Wilkinson, John  
Wilson, Mary  
Zapko, Louis  
Zarish, Lois

Do you have a change of address or phone number or a different e-mail address?

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)



A Message from the Lodge Secretary